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India's retail inflation spikes to 6.01% in Jan

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New Delhi: The retail inflation rate breached the 6 per cent upper tolerance limit of the RBI for the first time in seven months in January, while the wholesale price index stayed in double-digits for the 10th month in a row, showed two sets of data released by the government on Monday. Retail inflation, the key input for the RBI while reviewing the repo rate every two months, soared during the month mainly because of a spike in certain food items. The previous high for retail inflation was 6.26 per cent in June 2021. However, the wholesale price-based inflation in January showed a softening trend for the second straight month, as prices grew at a slower pace at 12.96 per cent.



The government also revised upwards the CPI inflation for December 2021 to 5.66 per cent from 5.59 per cent. In the year-ago month of January 2021, the retail inflation stood at 4.06 per cent. The inflation in the food basket was 5.43 per cent in January 2022 as against 4.05 per cent in the preceding month, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI). The rate of price rise in 'cereals and products' quickened to 3.39 per cent during the month

which mainly factors in the CPI-based inflation, has been tasked by the government to keep the inflation at 4 per cent, with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. Earlier in the day, data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry showed that the wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation eased for the second consecutive month during January at 12.96 per cent, even though the food prices hardened. Notably, WPI inflation has remained in double digits for the 10th consecutive month beginning April 2021. Inflation in December 2021 was 13.56 per cent, while in January 2021, it was 2.51 per cent. Also, earlier in the day, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das said it is primarily the statistical reasons which has resulted in higher inflation, especially in the third quarter of 2021-22, and the same base effect will play in different ways in the coming months. Agencies

Cryptocurrencies akin to Ponzi schemes: RBI Deputy Guv

Mumbai: Making a strong case for banning cryptocurrencies, Reserve Bank Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar on Monday said they are even worse than Ponzi schemes and threaten the financial sovereignty of a country. Observing that crypto-technology is underpinned by a philosophy to evade government controls, he said they have been specifically developed to bypass the regulated financial system.



More substantially, he added, cryptocurrencies can wreck the currency system, monetary authority, banking system, and in general the government's ability to control the economy. "All these factors lead to the conclusion that banning cryptocurrency is perhaps the most advisable choice open to India," Sankar said while delivering a keynote address at the Indian Banks Association 17th Annual Banking Technology Conference and Awards. The Deputy Governor said crypto-technology is underpinned by a philosophy to evade government controls. "Cryptocurrencies have specifically been developed to bypass the regulated financial system. These should be treated with caution. "We have also seen that cryptocurrencies are not amenable to definition as a currency, asset or commodity; they have no underlying cash flows, they have no intrinsic value; that they are akin to Ponzi schemes, and may even be worse. These should be reason enough to keep them away from the formal financial system," he noted. Additionally, they undermine financial integrity, especially the KYC regime and AML/CFT (anti-money laundering/combating the financing of terrorism) regulations and at least potentially facilitate anti-social activities, Sankar said. Agencies

ASSEMBLY POLLS

Goa reports 75.29 pc voting, UP 60.44 pc and U'khand 62.5 pc

New Delhi: From ferrying the elderly and differently-abled in 'dolies' to making arrangements for Covid patients, the Election Commission on Monday ensured people in Goa, Uttarakhand and parts of Uttar Pradesh do not miss out on voting in the assembly elections.



The voter turnout reported at 5 pm was 75.29 per cent in Goa and 60.44 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, the poll panel said, while Uttarakhand till 6 pm reported 62.5 per cent. Voting was held peacefully in all the three states, officials said. While on Monday, assembly polls in Goa and Uttarakhand were completed in a single phase, for Uttar Pradesh, this was the second of a seven-phase election. The results will be declared

on March 10. According to the commission, special 'diyung dolis' were deployed in Uttarakhand with the help of volunteers from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) for assisting people with disabilities (PwD) and senior citizens to polling stations. In the three states, over 2.19 lakh PwD voters and 4.67 lakh people above 80 years of age were registered to vote across 165 assembly constituencies. Cracking down on electoral malpractices, the commission had made seizures worth Rs 224.71 crores from the three states since the elections were announced on January 8. Agencies

Only BJP can save Punjab from the scourge of drugs, says Modi

Chandigarh: Prime Minister Narendra Modi pitched the National Democratic Alliance on Monday as the only option that could help shut down mafias and resolve the state's drug crisis. Addressing a rally in Jalandhar on Monday, Punjab, PM Modi said that Punjab needs a Govt that works seriously for the security of the country. He added that there was only one thing in my heart that whatever would be good for Punjab, he would do it. Urging the people to give a chance to BJP, Modi said, "For the first



time, BJP has come in front of Punjab today as the biggest and most reliable option. Once Punjab gives a chance to BJP, then BJP will give welfare to Punjab, I assure you." He asserted that the BJP government fights elections on the basis of its work. Those who

do not have account of work, some such people have also come to play the game of lies in Punjab. They talk about making Punjab drug-free. And these people themselves are experts in opening liquor contracts in the street, locality. Expressing his pleasure

for getting a chance to visit Punjab, Modi said, "It is a great pleasure in itself to come to the land of gurus, pirs, mystics, great revolutionaries and generals." Modi added that while bowing down to all the gurus, I bow down from the land of Jalandhar to Mother Tripuramalni, the deity of Shaktipeeth Devi. The land of Punjab is the land which has given direction to the country, has given courage to the country. He highlighted, "When darkness came in our society, then a guru like Guru Nanak Dev ji came. Gurus like Guru Arjun CONTD ON PAGE 2

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Only BJP can save Punjab from the scourge of drugs: Modi

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Dev and Guru Gobind Singh Ji protected the country and religion. On one side there is BJP and NDA whose ideology is related to Punjab and Punjabiyat."

He added that we celebrated the 550th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the 400th Prakash Parv of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji with pride in the whole country and all over the world. We celebrated the 125th birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar ji all over the world.

Remembering the Pulwama incident, Modi said "Today is the third anniversary of the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Puhwama, our brave martyrs. I bow my head reverently at the feet of the brave martyrs of Mother India from the soil of Punjab."

Expressing the concept of New Punjab, Modi said that New Punjab - which will also have heritage, development will also happen. Nawa Punjab - which will be free from debt, will be full of opportunities. Nawa Punjab - Where every Dalit brother and sister will get respect, there will be proper participation at every level. New India will be made when 'New Punjab' will be formed in this decade.

Slamming the Congress Party, Modi said that the history of Congress is witness that it can never work for Punjab and whoever wants to work, it puts a thousand obstacles in front of him.

Stating that on the present day the congress party is disintegrating itself, PM Modi said that the people of Congress are revealing all the belts of their leaders.

Modi said that people fighting among themselves cannot give stable government to Punjab. These people who are trying to save their chair cannot develop Punjab.

Modi alleged that all the governments of Congress run by a family from Delhi with remote control. Those governments do not run on the basis of the constitution. The family, which is in control of the Congress, removes its old enmity from Punjab. As long as Congress is in possession of that family, Congress can never do good for Punjab.

Reminding the people about 1984 riots, Modi said, "Entire Punjab is witness that we formed 1984 to investigate the 1984 Sikh riots, helped its victims. But the Congress has always done the work of sprinkling salt on your wounds by giving big posts in the party to the accused of riots."

Attacking congress for encouraging mafia, Modi alleged, "Right now, the business in Punjab has been given to the mafia, this game will not be allowed to run in the BJP government."

He asserted that under the BJP government, the businessman here will do his business without any tyranny, without any fear. After independence, Punjab had very few options in so many decades.

Telling about the support given to Akali Dal, Modi divulged that there was a time when Akali Dal did not have absolute majority, their government could not run without the support of BJP. In that situation, the natural justice used to say that the Deputy CM should have been of BJP. But at that time also injustice was done to us and Badal sahib made his son as Deputy Chief Minister. When we were with Akali Dal, we always accepted our small role by considering him as an elder brother.

Digital learning should not lead to digital divide, says VP Naidu

TSN/Chennai:

With the pandemic altering the education scenario, there is a need to increase access to internet especially in rural and remote areas to prevent a digital divide and also to upgrade teachers' skills in e-learning, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu said on Monday.

Though the Central and State governments have taken measures to promote digital learning, it is important to ensure nil digital divide, he said. "To achieve this, we need to increase access to the internet, especially in rural areas and remote places," the Vice-President said after inaugurating the Sports Centre and Open Educational Resource (OER) at the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Chennai.

In a country like India with diversity and inequities, inclusivity is at the heart of the educational experience, he said. "The mantra should be to embrace, engage, en-

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lighten and empower," he said. In addition to creating the facilities, it is important to upgrade the skills of teachers in e-learning. "This is where institutions like yours play a vital role by equipping them to be tech-savvy to meet local and global challenges," the Vice-President said.

The NITTTR, the flagship project of Ministry of Education, enjoys a unique position in the academic landscape and was established to empower technical teachers, especially in rural India. Over the past two years, over 60,000 learners enrolled themselves in eight modules of learning, he said.

Describing teachers as the intellectual lifeline, who play a critical role in charting development,



he said there was a need for them as learners and creators of knowledge - teachers who touch lives and seek to uplift them. "We need inspirational, transformational leaders in our classrooms, especially in rural India. Great teachers redefine the educational eco system and build the foundation for the progress," Naidu said.

As technical teachers, they must leverage technology towards fast-track development.

In this context, the National Education Policy 2020 seeks to transform the education eco system and underline the importance of energising and motivating young faculty. It stresses on innovation apart from underscoring the need for faculty to be equipped with skills to design their own curricular and teaching strategies within the approved framework.

Teachers should adopt innovative strategies

and their vision must address the important national and global challenges and opportunities in an intellectually vibrant, collaborative environment. Innovation must lend itself to application and must have a transformative impact on the ground, he said.

Complimenting the institute for having trained participants from 107 international countries, the Vice-President said NITTTR, Chennai, is involved in the devel-

opment of a tri-lingual (English, Tamil and Hindi) dictionary for technical subjects. "I have always been highlighting the importance of imparting education in the mother tongue up to the primary or high school-level. It is my conviction and studies have also shown that learning the content in the mother tongue will result in better comprehension," he said.

Quoting a report of World Bank, UNESCO and UNICEF, he said the pandemic has impacted education worldwide. The report said school closures affected girls, children from disadvantaged backgrounds, those living in rural areas, children with disabilities and children from ethnic minorities more than their peers.

Teachers are the pivots of society. In the highest human traditions, they are personifications of divinity. "To match these ideals, teachers must realise the primacy of their role and perform it with a sense of national commitment," he said.

Security forces launch massive cordon & search op at Pattan in Baramulla

TSN/Baramulla:
Security Forces on Monday morning launched a massive cordon and search operation in Pattan town of Baramulla district of Kashmir Valley.

However, no contacts with terrorists were established so far, said officials sources.

According to reports, Security Forces comprising 29 RR and SOG Pattan on early Monday morning have launched a massive cordon & search Operation in Arm Mohalla, Pattan. During the search and combing operation, all the entry and exit points have been closed and house to house search was conducted, official sources said.

The search operation by the security forces and police has continued to look for terrorists, however, there was no success.

Sources also indicated that the terrorists were likely to have escaped from the specified area where the operation was launched, and may have gone into their hideouts.

Indian farmers must reap benefits of booming floriculture

Shimla:

Flowers are used on a large scale for religious rituals, celebrations, party decorations, gifting, extractions for fragrance and aromatherapy, for herbal and medicinal purposes too. The demand for ornamental flowers is on the rise as people are spending a good amount on improving aesthetic value. There is a huge scope for exporting flowers too as the demand in the global international market is increasing. Indian farmers must see floriculture as an important agricultural activity that can enhance their remuneration significantly. Government schemes can be used by farmers to build the required infrastructure to grow flowers with higher returns and even to process and export them.

The value of the global floriculture market was USD 49 billion in 2020, and with an annual growth rate of 6 percent, it is expected to reach USD 70 billion by 2026. More than 90 percent of demand comes from the developed countries in Europe, America and Asia. India has exported 15,695.31 MT of floriculture products to the world, which is worth 77.84 USD Million (Rs. 575.98 Crores) in 2020-21. Increasingly, Indian farmers are exporting flowers, especially roses that meet international standards. Floriculture is market-driven and a specialised agro-industry. India can produce almost all varieties of exotic flowers due to the different agro-climatic zones and it makes a conducive environment for the cultivation of sensitive and delicate floriculture products. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, West Bengal have emerged as major floriculture centers in India.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) too has asserted that floriculture has the potential to double



Dr Shivendra Bajaj, Executive Director, Federation of Seed Industry of India and Alliance for Agri Innovation

farm income. In India, a majority of farmers are small and marginal, which means they do not hold land more than five acres. The small landholding is not considered good for agriculture production. However, it comes as an advantage for floriculture due to its low volume high value character. Besides the diverse and adequate favourable climatic conditions, India has a few more advantages over other countries. Labour is cheaper and cost of production is also low.

Floriculture is a labour-intensive industry and can be a great tool to create employment opportunities for the rural population. As it is environment-friendly with zero pollution, it can help develop the local rural economy and also offer high chances of earning foreign exchange through exports. In addition, production of flower seeds, creation of new ornamentals flowers like cut flowers and pot plants can help in additional earnings.

There have been serious efforts by the government to improve the floriculture sector. It has allowed 100 percent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in floriculture. FDI helps in forging international collaborations, joint ventures, facilitate the introduction of modern technology and infrastructure in the country.

Reliance Jewels celebrates the season of love with special Valentine collection 'Floreo'

New Delhi:

Reliance Jewels, India's leading jewellery brand, has launched 'Floreo' - a special Valentine's Day collection for those who help love grow. With the concept of love growing and becoming stronger with time, Reliance Jewels embraces the season of love with the launch of this exquisite diamond jewellery collection with minimalistic and modern designs to celebrate Valentine's Day.

The designs in the collection are inspired by plants and flowers that grow so gracefully day

after day. Just as a newly planted seed turns into a beautiful plant, it is the brewing love story that blooms into a beautiful relationship. All good things see the light of growth with time. Each piece in this elegant diamond collection is carefully designed to spread the true meaning of love - to remind you to be there for your loved one and to grow together with love.

The special collection, 'Floreo', is available in the form of contemporary rings & pendants in rose gold and yellow



gold with intricate design detailing starting from Rs 12000. It is the perfect expression of love and strong bonds that fondly grow together over time. It will prove to be a great addition to personal jewellery collections and also act as a token of appreciation for

your loved ones.

In addition to the new collection, Reliance Jewels has announced a special offer called the 'Dream Diamond Sale' till February 28, which includes up to 25% off on invoice value of diamond products at Reliance Jewels. Patrons can also avail up to 25% off on making charges of gold jewellery.

The stunning collection will be exclusively available at all Reliance Jewels flagship showrooms across the country, and a select range will be available on the

Reliance Jewels website www.reliancejewels.com

Commenting about the new collection, Sunil Nayak, CEO of Reliance Jewels said, "This season of love, we want to imbibe and share the true meaning of love with our valued customers through our newest collection 'Floreo'. Our aim has always been to bring out the best in our customers. With these designs inspired by the philosophy 'Grow in Love', we hope to inspire the world to love one another and grow together, building stronger bonds."

Cell-based therapy gives miraculous recovery of vision in Boy

New Delhi:

Research in the medical field is advancing rapidly. In Mumbai, a team headed by Dr Pradeep Mahajan (Regenerative Medicine Researcher, Stem Rx Bioscience Solutions Pvt. Ltd.), proudly report the case of an 11-year-old boy from Punjab who regained his vision completely and showed significant improvement in fits after cell-based therapy.

It was a long-term battle for the patient and his family against a neurological condition called Sturge-Weber Syndrome without any success in treatments. The patient was 4-years-old when he had his first seizure (fits) in mid-2015. He was taken to the hospital and given medicines after which he recovered. However, at the end of the same month, he had a convulsion again and this time, all related investigations were done. The specialists in the city did not notice any specific abnormality and advised the family to continue the seizure medications. Subsequently, his family consulted the top hospitals and doctors in Delhi but he was not diagnosed with any specific condition. Again, he was asked to continue the seizure medicines as the frequency of seizures was increasing and the family was not able to understand what was wrong with the child. The patient was unable to do his daily activities with ease, could not focus on studies, and



needed assistance for everything. He stopped going to school because his seizures were frequent and was confined at home. In 2018, he was mistakenly diagnosed with tuberculosis, and treatment was started. However, after just one dose of the medicine, the severity of fits increased and he lost his vision. He was admitted for 4 days at a hospital and his vision was regained after 27 days. His medicines were changed after every 8-9 months, as he would stop responding to them. Finally, in December 2021, he was diagnosed with Sturge-Weber Syndrome but the doctors said that there is no treatment for this and only his symptoms can be managed to the best possible extent

through medicines. The family was shaken, as it was the worst they could imagine for the young child. They were willing to go to any lengths for advanced treatments; however, were met with disappointment everywhere. In the first week of January 2022, the patient had another seizure attack along with complete vision loss. Although the doctors here and even from abroad had told that this would be the pattern always, the patient's family started searching for more advanced treatments for the patient's condition and came across a patient treated in Mumbai at StemRx under Dr. Pradeep Mahajan. His family approached him and decided to come to Mumbai.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

EDMC primary schools open with full capacity

Staff Reporter New Delhi All primary schools, Pratibha Vidyalayas, aided and recognized schools under the EDMC were opened with full capacity on Monday.

Commissioner of EDMC Vikas Anand said that the consent letter of the parents is mandatory for allowing the child to come to school. The principal of the school will ensure that the Covid-appropriate behaviour is followed in his school.

Teachers should keep informing the children about wearing masks, maintaining social distance, washing hands regularly and using sanitizers and ensure that children follow the same.

Along with this, the parents of the children have been requested that if the child is unwell, if he has cold, cough or fever, then do not send him to school and must tell the teacher of the child in this regard.

Anand said that although the schools of the EDMC are opening, classes will also be continued on online mode so that the education of the children who are unable to come to school cannot be interrupted due to any reason.

He informed that the district administration has been requested to properly close the area of vaccination, ration distribution and Covid testing centres in schools. If it is not possible to segregate such centres from the school, then such centres have been asked to be shifted to some other suitable place.

EDMC launches awareness campaign against single use plastic

Staff Reporter New Delhi

The EDMC launched month-long awareness campaign against single use plastic here on Monday in collaboration with the Indian Pollution Control Association to make East Delhi's markets a plastic waste-free zone.

Under this campaign plastic exchange-kiosks will be installed in different markets of East Delhi. In these kiosks, local people and shopkeepers will be given cloth bags in exchange of plastic waste and citizens will also be educated about the plastic waste management.

EDMC commissioner Vikas Anand said that plastic is very harmful for our environment and we cannot change the trend of plastic but we can change our habits.

The commissioner further said that by joining the plastic free campaign, we have to remove plastic from our lifestyle so that we can save our environment. He said that the East Delhi area can be made plastic free only on the basis of public participation.

DPCC attack Kejriwal on electric vehicles policy

Staff Reporter New Delhi

Delhi Congress president Ch. Anil Kumar here on Monday said that the Arvind government's bid to invite suggestions from the public for encouraging taxi aggregators and delivery platforms to turn to electric vehicles for pollution control is yet another gimmick.

Kumar alleged that chief minister Arvind Kejriwal who has been playing the blame-game for the past seven years for Delhi's dangerous air pollution without

SDMC will regularise contractual employees if Delhi govt gives nod: Mayor

New Delhi

South Delhi Mayor Mukesh Suryan on Monday said the SDMC "will regularise" all its contractual employees if the Delhi government approves the creation and regularisation of posts and makes budgetary provision.

At a press conference here, Suryan denied allegations made by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders on Sunday regarding regularisation of services of dengue breeding checking (DBC) workers.

The AAP had alleged that BJP-ruled civic bodies in Delhi had been "repeatedly cheating" DBC workers by giving them "false hope" of permanent jobs.

Suryan said the "SDMC is



ready to regularise services of all contractual employees if the Delhi government is ready to make budgetary provision, give approval of post creation and regularisation". Leader of House in SDMC Indarjeet Sehrawat was also present at the press conference.

The mayor claimed the Delhi government was making false allegations with the motive to "mislead people of Delhi". The SDMC has regularised services of 1,446 contractual employees in the last five years, he said.

The war of words between the two parties over DBC workers comes ahead of the civic polls due in April.

Recently, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had announced regularisation of 700 DJB employees.

The Delhi government is making announcements in view of the upcoming municipal elections while the civic agency is working on ground level, and has regularized services of employees despite facing financial crisis, Suryan claimed during the press conference on Monday.

He said the SDMC, after approval of the House, has forwarded files related to regularisation of services of 1,350 DBC workers to Delhi government, "three times but the Delhi government,

showing their stepmotherly behaviour, has not replied yet", he alleged.

If the Delhi government allocates funds, then we can regularise all contractual teachers, DBC workers, field workers, gardeners, nallah beldars, school chowkidars, clerks, safai sainiks and data entry operators, the mayor claimed.

Sehrawat alleged that the AAP is involved in "politics of lies, and is tarnishing the image of SDMC".

The AAP-led Delhi government has "allowed opening of illegal liquor shops to increase its revenue, while it has deliberately stopped the outstanding amount of Rs 13,000 crore due to the three civic bodies", he claimed.

Man found dead with head injury in Delhi

Staff Reporter New Delhi

A 20-year-old man was found dead with a head injury at his rented accommodation in Delhi's Bawana area, police said on Monday.

The deceased was identified as Adarsh, a resident of Vijay Nagar in Bawana. He was unemployed, they said.

According to police, Adarsh was arrested in June last year for allegedly marrying a minor girl. He was booked under the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and released from jail in November.

Police said they received information about the murder around 4.30 pm on Sunday.

Adarsh was found lying on the floor in his room with a head injury. The room was locked from outside and it was opened using a duplicate key. There were bloodstains on the floor and a wall, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Brijendra Kumar Yadav said.

The crime scene was also inspected by a Forensic Science Laboratory team, he said.

"On the statement of the deceased's father, we have registered a case of murder under Section 302 of Indian Penal Code. Our five teams have been working to solve the case. Suspects are being interrogated as the investigation is underway," Yadav said.

Police said they are also scanning footage of CCTV cameras in and around the building in which Adarsh stayed to establish the sequence of events that unfolded on the day of the incident.

The body has been kept at a mortuary and will be handed over to the



deceased's family after an autopsy, they said

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Suspended IPS officer Setia denied bail again in Gurugram multi-crore heist case

Gurgaon

A local court on Monday for the third time dismissed the bail plea of suspended IPS officer Dheeraj Setia, who is accused of being involved in a multi-crore heist. He who continues to remain at large. "As a cumulative implication of the above discussed peculiar facts and circumstances of the matter in hand, it becomes clear that this was not the simple case of cycle theft but a big multi-crore burglary.

The complainant company as well as the Gurugram police initially tried to hush up the whole matter due to their ulterior motives. However, any one may not be spared whatever the post he adorns as this is the country ruled by the law not by the gangsters or the burglars.

"Accordingly, due to reasons mentioned herein and placing reliance on the above

mentioned authorities, this court is not inclined to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Hence, the application moved by the petitioner is hereby dismissed," the order of the additional sessions court judge Amit Sahrawat read.

The incident dates back to August 4 last year when gangster Lagarpuriya's men broke into a flat from where the office of a private company was being run. They had decamped with crores of rupees in cash. As per the chargesheet filed by the special task force, the theft could be of around Rs 30-40 crore.

The key accused in the theft case Dr Sachinder Jain Naval had alleged that he had given gold, cash, and currency in US dollars, worth Rs 2.5 crore, to Setia to hush up the case as he was posted as the Gurugram DCP.

87-year-old woman raped by house burglar in Delhi's Tilak Nagar

Staff Reporter New Delhi

An 87-year-old bed-ridden woman here has alleged that she was sexually assaulted by a man, who broke into her house attacked her and fled with her mobile phone, police said on Monday.

The incident took place on Sunday night when her daughter (65) had gone out to meet a friend, they said. Officials said a case has been registered under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including those pertaining to sexual assault and theft.

The elderly woman's family members have alleged that police delayed action and did not take their complaint, a charge denied by officials, who said FIR was registered based on the complaint received.

Tagging the Delhi Police, a close friend of the family tweeted, "My friend's 87-year-old bed ridden grand-



mother was raped in Delhi's Tilak Nagar yesterday. She has injuries too. The @DelhiPolice has not been cooperative and is refusing to file an FIR." Police said on Sunday night, only a complaint of theft was lodged and a case was registered "promptly" on its basis at the Tilak Nagar Police Station.

On Monday, the complainant alleged that she was also sexually assaulted, and IPC sections pertaining to it have been added to the case, they said.

The Delhi Police tweeted: "On Sunday, a written com-

plaint of theft of mobile phone from a house in Tilak Nagar was received from the daughter of a senior citizen, after which FIR under relevant sections was promptly registered." "Today, sexual assault has been further alleged by the complainant. Relevant sections of law have been added in the FIR and investigation taken up. Victim being provided counselling and all necessary assistance," it said.

Police said according to family members, the man broke into the house and when he was spotted by the elderly woman and questioned, he said he worked for a gas agency and was called for at the house for work.

When the woman found him to be suspicious and tried to raise an alarm, he attacked her, sexually assaulted her and stole her mobile phone, they told police. Police said that family members have alleged rape.

More than a hundred research papers will be presented in 2nd int'n'l Sanskrit Conference

TSN/New Delhi

More than a hundred research papers will be presented during the 2nd International Sanskrit conference on "Sanskrit Studies Across the World", jointly organized by Maitreyi College (University of Delhi), New Delhi and Institute of Advanced Studies, USA and other Indian affiliated institutions, Government College, Mau and Government College, Lakhimpur Kheri, UP from 1st to 2nd March.

About 144 scholars from many countries including India showed interest in presenting research papers for the conference. Out of these, 105 scholarly articles have been selected with the pre-determined standard and the recommendation of the reviewers.

It is noteworthy that the last date for sending the research summary for this

conference is February 2, while the last date for sending the complete research paper is February 17, 2022. There is tremendous enthusiasm among the scholars of Sanskrit regarding the conference.

Interestingly, in less than twenty days a huge number of research manuscripts were received. The organising committee is still receiving requests from all parts of the country to extend the last date.

Keeping this in view, a meeting of the conference organizing committee was held through google meet, in which elected officials from many universities including DU, BHU, Kanpur University, Purvanchal University, Magadh University participated.

Giving information about the meeting, conference convener Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh said that it was unanimously

decided that both the abstract and the complete research paper would be accepted together till February 17.

Along with this, the organizing committee has also ensured that the International Sanskrit Conference (ISC) will be organized twice a year on different themes. Once in February-March on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri and the second time in August-September on the auspicious occasion of World Sanskrit Day.

"In view of the request of the participants from remote areas of the country, it was decided in the meeting of ISC (International Sanskrit Conference) held on 8th February, 2022 that the last date for sending the abstracts along with full length papers should be extended till 17th February, 2022".

FIR against councillor for posting objectionable pic UP CM

Ghaziabad

An FIR has been registered against a municipal councillor here for posting an objectionable picture of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, police said on Monday.

According to the police complaint filed by the residents of Pasonda village here, Mustkeem Chaudhary of Ward 66, Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam, had allegedly posted Adityanath's picture on social media in which he was portrayed as a bearded man wearing a skull cap.

An objectionable caption had also been written along with the picture, the complaint stated. Chaudhary had contested the municipal elections as an independent candidate.

However, he joined the Samajwadi Party after winning. He has been booked under the Information Technology Act and the Indian Penal Code.

Gurugram to have first woman police chief from Tuesday

Gurugram

The Millennium City is all set to have its first woman police chief from Tuesday when 1994-batch, Haryana-cadre IPS officer Kala Ramachandran will assume the charge of the city police commissioner. Ramachandran will take over the charge from outgoing Police Commissioner K K Rao who has been transferred to the Centre for Police Training and Research at Bhandsi near Gurugram. Talking to PTI, Ra-

machandran listed managing traffic, providing safety and security to city residents and enhancing the ease of doing business among her priorities, besides focussing on basic policing.

"I will spell out my detailed plans when I join and meet my team but my basic goal of strengthening basic policing is very clear. As police personnel, I would ensure that the entire force works towards making the city and its residents safe and secure," she said.

DPCC attack Kejriwal on electric vehicles policy

Staff Reporter New Delhi

Delhi Congress president Ch. Anil Kumar here on Monday said that the Arvind government's bid to invite suggestions from the public for encouraging taxi aggregators and delivery platforms to turn to electric vehicles for pollution control is yet another gimmick. Kumar alleged that chief minister Arvind Kejriwal who has been playing the blame-game for the past seven years for Delhi's dangerous air pollution without

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Mamata facing challenge from Abhishek on ideological lines

Bengal civic polls nominations expose faultlines in party organisation

Never before in Bengal's recent history have state-wide civic elections become politically as consequential as the present round of polls now being held on February 12 and 27. Intriguingly, the probable outcome of these elections, a clean sweep for the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC), could well be no more than a minor footnote in the post-poll scenario. The contours of present political alignments in Bengal are changing and the new emerging trends do not bring cheers for the TMC.

No wonder there are worried faces among senior TMC leaders, even if some are already crowing over their success well ahead of the expected outcome.

After a decade of unchallenged TMC rule in Bengal, there are first signs that party supremo Mamata Banerjee faces the danger of a split within the ranks. There are strong indications that already, her wishes no longer count as her royal command among her followers. As of now, there are two broad divisions within the TMC: Originally there was — and is — the incumbent loyalist camp of Mamata Banerjee followers like Partha Chatterjee, Firdad Hakim, Arup Biswas, Subrata Baxi and others. But now, there are new pro-change followers of Mr Abhishek Banerjee, Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha MP and General secretary of the TMC, the nephew of Ms Banerjee. Among them are Saugata Ray, Madan Mitra, Anubrata Mondal, young Debanshu Bhattacharya and others. However Mitra and Mondal are also known fence sitters who bend as the blowing winds dictate.



They are in effect the new challengers to the throne. In hiring the expensive polling expertise offered by psephologist/poll consultant Mr Prashant Kishor aka PK and his IPAC team for the TMC, Mr Banerjee had played the decisive role. The move succeeded beyond expectations. The TMC using valuable IPAC inputs not only beat back the strong BJP challenge to its supremacy in the 2021 assembly polls, it also decimated the BJP state unit's political base. It is not surprising that following the TMC's resounding victory in the Assembly elections in 2021, Mr Banerjee's stock rose higher than ever. Naturally services of the IPAC were retained by the TMC for the Kolkata Corporation polls and the state civic elections as well.

The IPAC, as hinted by veteran TMC MP Mr. Saugata Ray, preferred to project new, better educated youths as party candidate for the polls for Kolkata Corporation and the remaining 108 civic bodies (excluding Howrah) in the state. The reason: there

would be no allegations of corruption or criminal activities against the newcomers. The anti-incumbency factor would be marginalised in the process. But this approach upset the calculations of the deep-rooted local TMC leadership and hierarchies in most places. Some of his other proposals only added to their gloom.

Mr. Banerjee spoke of the need for (a) practising politicians to retire after a certain age; (b) to introduce the one-man-in-one-post formula; and (c) to pave the way for a new generation of younger untainted educated political activists to serve the TMC in the future.

He also pressed for civic elections to be fought as normally as possible, unlike what had happened during the scandalous 2018 Panchayat polls. Interestingly, even hardliners like Mr Anubrata Mondal and Mr. Debanshu Bhattacharya supported him.

They reasoned that the TMC had won 34% of the Panchayat seats in 2018 unopposed, as its lower level

leaders and supporters launched a massive terror campaign. But such malpractices also paved the way for the BJP's major electoral success in Bengal during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls!

Sound as such proposals were, they scared the old loyalists of Mamata Banerjee. As political commentator Biswanath Chakravarty explained at a recent TV chat show, old veterans of civic level politics felt insecure. Worse, there was a widespread practice, thanks to the notorious 'cut-money' (bribery) culture propagated by the TMC in Bengal where any aspirant for a government job, for a party nomination or for the admission to a prestigious educational institution, simply had to pay the local TMC boss a few lakhs of rupees before getting the party's support!

The IPAC/Banerjee formula to present as many new faces as possible in the civic elections was rejected by Mamata Banerjee herself prior to the Kolkata Corporation elections, where older incumbent people were re-

tained as candidates. This naturally ranked with the IPAC/Banerjee team, which retaliated by putting up more promising newcomers for the next round 108 civic body elections. In the process many old names proposed by established local leaders were rejected.

It also led to the reported resignation of Mr. PK himself along with the IPAC in a recent letter to Ms Banerjee, who promptly released him. Since many aspirants had already paid 'cut-money' to the incumbent local leadership, they were desperate to (a) either win official nomination or (b) to recover their money.

This was the major reason for recent the state-wide unrest and agitations conducted mainly by established TMC leaders and followers against the new set of party leaders!

Alarmingly for the old pro-Mamata leadership, inner party support for the new IPAC/Banerjee group is not confined only to the senior levels of decision-making. Even within the lower level TMC organisation, its word is law in some areas.

For instance, the TMC has already emerged as unofficial winners of civic bodies at Dinhatra, Budge Budge and Sainthia, as opposition candidates could not file their nominations in time. The reason: TMC's terror tactics — never mind the formal announcements made by the state Government or the Election Commission.

There is a strong possibility, feel observers that what has happened at Budge Budge might have happened at Sainthia as well because Mr Mondal calls the tune in the area.

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Breaking Time Sudoku

What to do

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digit 1 to 9. Every puzzle has only correct solution.

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Solution, Sudoku

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THE WISDOM TREE

By Suveen Kumar

WHAT TO DO

Life is not to do anything and everything, it is to do a few things, and to know what those few things are, you might have to try many things. Everything you do has its own charm, fascination and taste but to feel things deep within, you don't just have to do it, you will have to live in it. Select few things what you want to do in life and then live in them, live with them and live for them. Trying everything and finishing nothing is like licking all the sweets and eating none of them. If trying is the only thing that you

you are only aware of things and when you let yourself know you, you actually get to know things. Not everything that looks worth doing is worth doing, not everything that looks worth fighting is worth fighting, not everything that looks worth saving is worth saving. And before weighing the worth of things, weigh your worth and see how much it weighs. Before understanding the worth of things you will have to understand the worth of worth that you are measuring by. Measuring the worth of things is the only measure that you



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do them may doing is the only thing you should try. Things are to use, people are to live with, emotions are to feel, relations are to maintain, ambitions are to achieve so don't just try them and leave them else you will have all the things but nothing, else you will be everyone but no one, else you will do everything but nothing. Being aware of everything and trying to know everything is not the same thing. When you let people know you,

ment, manage the management and settle the settlement and fit the fitment before you use them to help you scale.

Moral: There are countless things to do but do the only things that count!

RBI warns belt tightening

The persistent increase in international commodity prices, surge in volatility of global financial markets and global supply bottlenecks can exacerbate risks to the outlook

The definition of "vikas" (development) apparently changes as Uttar Pradesh goes to the polls, hard-pressed voters harp on myriad problems, including junking of ten-year-old tractors, scarce jobs, high prices, low farm MSP and even interest rates.

Interestingly enough as polling begins the Reserve Bank of India almost agreeing to the rising prices and other uncertainties at its monetary policy committee (MPC), lowers growth forecasts to 7.8 per cent in 2022-23, against Finance Minister's 8 to 8.5 per cent in the bi-monthly Monetary Policy meeting. A belt-tightening forecast! It has kept the interest rates unchanged at a low of 4 per cent repo rate, RBI lending rate to banks, and 3.5 per cent reverse repo rate, at which RBI borrows from banks.

Former Chief Economic Advisor Kaushik Basu notes that growth has been decelerating. It was 8.2 per cent in 2016-17; 7.2 per cent 2017-18; 4.2 per cent 2018-19; and minus 7.3 per cent 2020-21, each year growing less, a first since 1947.

The MPC presumes retail price inflation this year to be at 4.5 per cent but cautions about hardening of global crude prices on inflation. Overall it has retained its inflation projection at 5.3 per cent and with closing at 5.7 per cent by March on account of unfavourable base effects. However, it ignores 13 plus per cent of wholesale inflation. The US agrees to one



per cent rate rise. The RBI too could have incentivised deposits and ensure better banking health.

The voters are not bothered about the nitty gritty but changed their perception of development to mean whosoever they are voting would help them grow. Almost uniformly the voters in UP say that they are voting for vikas and further quizzed they say that they are voting for "our own vikas" and name an opposition SP-RLD candidate. For the other voter it means following the call of Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The vikas itself has changed its political colour.

Though it signals a change, it is to be seen how the incumbent BJP fares. The BJP as per the new manifesto is no more contesting the poll on doubling of farmers' income, announced in 2017 or ensuring MSP to all, demand that the agitating farmers had harped on. But people

also are voting for temples, and communal issues though agree to be hit by rising prices.

The contrary lines are reflecting in the lone MPC dissenting voice of Prof Jayanth R Varma. He had disagreed with the MPC resolution on August 20, 2021 saying, "By creating the erroneous perception that the MPC is no longer concerned about inflation and is focused exclusively on growth, the MPC may be inadvertently aggravating the risk that inflationary expectations will be dis-anchored. In that scenario, rising risk premia could cause long-term rates to rise".

The voters may not have read it, but with their practical intuition, seem to agree to the perception. The mood for change is there for a better living condition. Even the main MPC discourse does not belie the perception of Varma. Governor Shaktikant Das says that next year's

Centre's borrowings would not be as high as projected in the budget. It means shrinkage of borrowings, deposits, uncertain expenses and growth. It is a bit eerie.

Consumption is not rising. That seems to be the concern of the voters, RBI and the government alike. The voters realise that the economy would be shaky whatever the official rhetoric. The BJP had overwhelmingly benefited in UP riding on high expectation in 2017. Its manifesto speaks of MSP but does not guarantee, and repeats payment to cane growers in 14 days as does the SP in 15 days.

One interesting aspect is that in the budget, minorities have been given priority in allotment of PM Awas Yojana, free food doles and increase in minority affairs allocation to Rs 5,000 crore, Rs 674 crore more than the revised estimates of Rs 4346 crore. The minority youth get Rs 2431 crore for scholarships and skill development. And most interestingly minorities have been given Rs 10 crore for containing population decline despite many harping on its unusual increases. These issues are being propagated by the Rashtriya Muslim Morcha in dose interactions with minority religious groups.

But this does not give much of reprieve to the common man. Governor Das says that rising inflation would continue to peak till the second half of 2022-23 "within the tolerance band of RBI providing room for policy to remain accommodative".

Overall, the MPC notes loss in momentum of near-term growth even as global factors turn adverse. It assesses that owing to Ukraine-Russia conflict, Iran-US quagmire, fluid Afghanistan and uncertain Middle East the economic situation may deteriorate. In such circumstances, expecting improvement in domestic growth drivers is bit optimistic. These have been the concern for lowering growth to 7.8 per cent. It expects a very high growth in the first quarter and then gradually tapering off to 4.5 per cent in the last quarter of 2022-23, according to Das.

Though the Indian voters need not understand the phenomenon emerging in the distant West, it can hit India hard. Considering it, the MPC has concern over stagnant private consumption, which has yet to touch the pre-pandemic level. The global problem may hit India harder in tune possibly with the pessimistic Indian voters. The World Bank warns of fragile economy infested with daunting challenges. The world growth may be hit by the difficult situation in the United States.

Despite ton-tomming of high growth, the US suffers from the China syndrome. China has bought none of the \$200 billion it promised from the US under 'phase-I' trade deal. It can lead the US to choppy regime impacting global economy. A global inflation and unstable US economy can create turbulence. Everything is getting expensive in the US.

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BATTLE FOR PUNJAB

Cong rebels fight party candidates in at least 10 seats, damage imminent

Rajesh Moudgil
Chandigarh

A potential threat of severe damage is staring at Congress in Punjab this election with some of the party leaders who have been denied tickets for themselves or their favourite ones, rebelling in at least 10 assembly constituencies and are fighting as independents or have joined the rivals against the party candidates.

Sources in the party said a few ticket aspirants who did not get the ticket have, however, been pacified. The sources further held that there is no rebellion in the party as was feared after the former chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh floated his Punjab Lok Congress (PLC). The ones who have rebelled against the party selection for the candidates include chief minister Channi's brother Dr Manohar who is contesting as an inde-

SP synonymous with 'corruption, commission and crime': Nadda

Lakhimpurkheri

BJP president J P Nadda targeted the Samajwadi Party on Monday and said it was synonymous with "corruption, commission and crime" as he canvassed for his party candidates in the ongoing assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

Nadda addressed election rallies in favour of his party candidates in Kasta, Dhaurahara and Kursi assembly constituencies of Barabanki and Lakhimpur Kheri districts.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav is making lofty promises to farmers nowadays, but he had done nothing for them when in power, the BJP president charged.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given Rs 1.80 lakh crore to more than 10 crore farmers of the country under the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

He also listed various achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

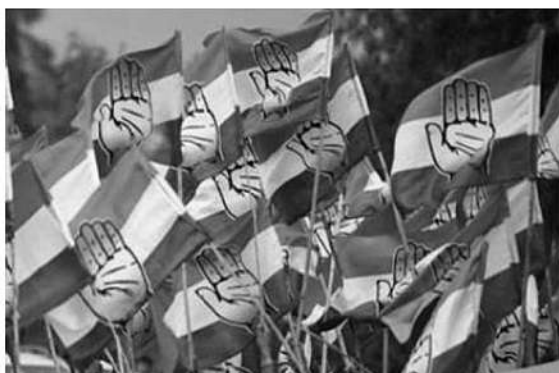
Nadda alleged that the erstwhile governments led by the SP and the Bahujan Samaj Party encouraged "mafia raj" in Uttar Pradesh and allowed goons to unleash a reign of terror, but the BJP dispensation led by Adityanath eliminated them.

Today people like Mukhtar Ansari, Atiq Ahmed and Azam Khan are behind bars but they still have been made candidates by the parties which pushed Uttar Pradesh towards "goonda raj and mafia raj". Half of the Samajwadi Party candidates are in jail and another half on bail, he alleged. He warned that such people will again push Uttar Pradesh into riots.

"Another name of Samajwadi Party is corruption, commission and crime," he said.

"They (Samajwadis) are the same people who got devotees of Lord Shri Ram fired upon while in power. Today these people are taking the rounds of temples," he said.

The BJP president said that on the third anniversary of the Pulwama terror attack "we pay heartfelt tributes to our brave soldiers but we need to remember that our Prime Minister had given a clear warning saying that Pakistan has made a big mistake and Pakistan will have to bear the brunt of this."



pendent candidate in Bassi Pathana constituency (district Fatehgarh Sahib) against sitting MLA Gurbet Singh, leaving the Congress leadership embarrassed.

In Samrala (district Ludhiana) constituency, the four-

time MLA Amrik Singh Dhillon is contesting as independent after the Congress decided to field Rupinder Singh Raja Gill, a prominent realtor from nearby Khanna segment and who is the son of former minister Karam Singh Gill.

Another threat of severe damage to the party candidate is from three-time former MLA Harminder Singh Jassi, a relative of jailed Dera Sacha Sauda head Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, who is contesting from Talwandi Sabo seat (district Bathinda)

against party candidate Khushbaj Singh Jattana.

In the Nawanshahr constituency, the Congress' sitting MLA Angad Singh is contesting as independent after being replaced by Satvir Singh Pali Jhikki. He was denied a ticket by state Congress as his wife Aditi Singh, MLA from Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh, joined the BJP.

Likewise, cabinet minister Rana Gurjeet's son RanaINDER Partap Singh is contesting from Sultanpur Lodhi in Kapurthala district as an independent against the party candidate Navtej Singh Cheema. Interestingly, the minister is the Congress candidate from Kapurthala!

Besides, there are also some other senior leaders like former state Congress president Mohinder Singh Kaypee and former minister Jagan Singh Kang, who are anguished over Congress' candidate selection at their

respective seats.

Kang, who is a three-time MLA, had lost to Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP's) candidate Kanwar Sandhu in 2017 in Kharar constituency (district Mohali). Kang, but, has his influence in the constituency has joined AAP along with his two sons after Congress gave the party ticket to Vijay Sharma.

Also, there are a few other leaders also including Amarjit Singh Tikka and his nephew Sukhwinder Singh Bindra who wanted tickets for Jalandhar (south) and Sahnewal (Ludhiana) seats, respectively but were denied.

Likewise, a firebrand leader and national secretary of Youth Congress, Daman Bajwa was denied a ticket for Sunam (district Sangrur), and sources in the party say she could cause a dent to the party candidate. The three named above have joined BJP.

Civil Defense take out rally for creating voter awareness

TSN/Gorakhpur

In the series of Gorakhpur ongoing voter awareness campaign and Covid-19 vaccination awareness campaign on behalf of Civil Defense, people were made aware about voting and vaccination by taking out a awareness rally at Gorakhnath block on Monday.

The rally started from Gorakhnath North Gate, house to house in the temple premises, outskirts of the temple, people were made aware, leaflets were distributed and slogans related to voting awareness were raised through sound amplifier.

The devotees who came to the temple were made aware about voter awareness and Covid-19 vaccination. Senior Assistant Deputy Controller of Rally Ved Prakash, Chief Unpaid Staff Officer Mehboob Sayeed and Di-



visional Warden Rajesh Chandra Choudhary flagged off the rally.

Deputy Divisional Warden Dr. Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Ashutosh Dwivedi, Staff Officer, Incident Control Officer Vrindavan Sharma and Atul Mittal encouraged the wardens.

Among those present in the program were Jitendra Kumar Singh, Post Warden Dr. Anamath Jaiswal, Vijay Pathak, Chiranjeev Singh

Rekhi, Deputy Post Warden Prem Prakash and Swayam Prakash Sharma, Sector Warden Satya Prakash, Abhishek Kumar, Saddam Hussain, Amalash, Neelu Bhasini, Keshav Mehrotra, Sudh Kumar, Akhtar Ahmed, Awadhesh Srivastava, Pramit Kumar Srivastava Abhinav Chand, Saurabh Bharti, Amit Mangalam, Kailash Singh, Imamuddin Ali and many other members.

'Goons' of Akhilesh encroached on land of poor during SP rule in UP: Shah

Jhansi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday launched a blistering attack on Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, saying his "goons" encroached on land belonging to the poor in five years, while the Yogi Adityanath government used bulldozers and freed land worth over Rs 2,000 crore.

Addressing an election rally in support of BJP's ally Apna Dal (S) candidate in Mauranipur, Shah said, "In five years, Akhilesh's goons occupied government and poor people's land, but Yogi Adityanath got land worth Rs 2,000 crore freed by using bulldozers." "He (Akhilesh) provided different posts to 45 members of his family in the five years, while Prime Minister Modi sent 45 schemes to your houses," he said.

Highlighting the work done by the Prime Minister for the Bundelkhand region, the Home Minister said, "We have decided that we will do all-round development of Bundelkhand. For this, Modi ji has brought Defense Corridor in Bundelkhand. Earlier people used to collect pellets in Bundelkhand but now under the leadership of Modi ji, the work of making shells will be done here

and they (shells) will be used to deal with Pakistan." On water scarcity problem in the region, Shah said "Modi and Yogi" have well understood the water crisis of Bundelkhand and took initiative to solve it.

"Five exhibition centres are about to come up in Uttar Pradesh and one of them will come up in Bundelkhand and a mega leather park will come up in Kanpur. This will provide employment to the Dalits associated with the leather business. The BJP government has thought of building two IT parks in Bundelkhand," he said.

Shah said that in Uttar Pradesh, the governments of SP-BSP "bua and babu" (Akhilesh and Mayawati) worked to destroy the economy, but the BJP worked to bring the economy of the state to number second spot from seventh place in the country.

He said that in the next five years, Uttar Pradesh will be at number one position in terms of economy. He said the voters here have to decide whether they want the party of Narendra Modi for the development of the country or a party that develops its own family adding that "parivarwadi" (dynastic) parties cannot do betterment of the state.

Schools to reopen from February 17; pensions enhanced in HP



Sushil Kumar Sharma
Shimla

While reviewing Covid-19 situation in the State, the State Cabinet decided to open all the educational institutions in the State from 17th February, 2022. It also decided that all gyms and cinema halls would be opened and all kind of langars would be allowed.

The meeting of State Cabinet held here on Monday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur decided to grant revised pension/family pension to about 1.73 lakh pensioners/family pensioners of the State from 1st February, 2022. This decision would ensure revision of pension/family pension of 1.30 lakh pensioners/family pensioners from 1st January, 2016.

In addition to it, about 43,000 employees, who have retired between 1st January, 2016 and 31st December, 2021 would also get revised pension and gratuity. Now

Protium becomes the official financing partner for NISA

Noida

Protium, a pre-eminent engineering-led, risk-focused lending platform, becomes the official financing partner for the National Independent Schools Alliance (NISA). Protium will offer financial solutions to the 55,400 affiliated schools of NISA. Protium had earlier announced that it has joined hands with the Telangana Recognised School Managements Association (TRSMA) to assist effective financial management at schools at the 'EdEx School Leadership Summit 2021'.

In December, the company had also announced its plans to provide financial lending to more than 500 schools affected by the pandemic at the 'School Leadership Summit 2021 - Manhattan', a summit organised by NISA.

Protium believes that the ripple effects of the pan-

demie on schools may undermine the chances of millions of students attending college and ultimately being successful in life in order to support a family. In many ways, the effect of the pandemic on schools has depressed the present generation's prospects far into adulthood. Protium wants to address the situation by helping schools get back on their feet.

Dhruv Suri, Managing Director, Protium, said, "The pandemic has wreaked havoc across countries, industries and sectors; education is no exception. Our vision is to provide low or middle-income schools affected by the pandemic with the opportunity and time to rebuild and restructure, to ensure inclusive education for all. With NISA as a partner, we are sure of achieving this vision."

the pensioners as interim relief.

It also gave its nod for Governor Address to be delivered in H.P. Vidhan Sabha.

The Cabinet gave its approval for creation and filling up of 8 posts of Sub Fire Officers in the Himachal Pradesh Fire Services Department on contract basis through Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission.

Not allowed to fly to Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, claims Channi

Chandigarh

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Monday claimed that his chopper was not allowed to fly to Hoshiarpur and Jalandhar because areas were declared as no-fly zones amid Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the state.

Channi was to attend a poll rally along with former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at Hoshiarpur. Channi was to attend a second rally alone in Gurdaspur which he attended. PM Modi came to Jalandhar to address his first physical rally for the February 20 Punjab polls.

Channi claimed that the permission given to his chopper to fly to Hoshiarpur from Chandigarh was cancelled.

Channi was to fly to Hoshiarpur in a chopper shortly after addressing a press conference in Chandigarh to attend a poll rally there with Rahul Gandhi.

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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The Borrower 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 Shriram City Union Finance Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein below with interest thereon.

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Mr. Pramed Yadav H.No. 87, Noida Sector - 122, Parthala Khanjarpur Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 201304	Rs. 50,11,360/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Only) as on 20th September, 2021 Loan A/c No- RSSLDTF190206 0010 Demand Notice Dated- 24.09.2021	Lease hold Plot Bearing No. 55 F, measuring 201.40 sq. Meter, situated at PKB, Sector - 122, New Okhla Industrial Development Area, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. Bounded on- East - Road West - O T H E R PROPERTY North - PLOT NO. PKB-55G South - O T H E R PROPERTY
Mr. Jaypal Singh Yadav Village Parthala Khanjarpur, Noida Sector - 122, Chhajarsi, Gautam Rudhha Nalar, Uttar Pradesh - 201307	Dated- 24.09.2021	Symbolic Possession Dated- 11-02-2022
Mrs. Sumitra Yadav H.No. 87, Noida Sector - 122, Parthala Khanjarpur Gautam Rudhha Nalar, Uttar Pradesh - 201304	Symbolic Possession Dated- 11-02-2022	
Mr. Samay Pal Yadav Village Parthala Khanjarpur, Noida Sector - 122, Chhajarsi, Gautam Rudhha Nalar, Uttar Pradesh - 201307		
M/s. Aman Trading Co. Rep. by its Proprietor Mr. Rajesh Kumar G - 42, Lalpat Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201005	Rs. 23,93,359/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Only) as on 19th October, 2021 Loan A/c No- RSSLDTF190404 0009 Demand Notice Dated- 29.10.2021	Flat No. SM-2 on Second Floor (MIG) with roof rights measuring 750 sq. ft., situated in Sunrise Homes of Property No. 29, Navin Park, Hadab, Village Jagra, Tehsil and Distt., Ghaziabad. Boundaries: North : Open South : Entry East : Open West : Other Property Within the office of Sub-Registrar - Ghaziabad (UP).
Mr. Rajesh Kumar 29 SM 2, Naveen Park, Shahihabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201005		
Mr. Aman Rathore 29 SM 2, Naveen Park, Shahihabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201005		
Mrs. Kamlesh Rathore 29 SM 2, Naveen Park, Shahihabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201005	Symbolic Possession Dated- 11.02.2022	

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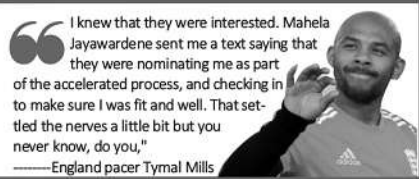
EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year Ended
		31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1.	Other Income	-	12.26	9.03	30.58	37.91
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and Exceptional items)	12.53	1.55	(0.47)	13.07	15.96
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	5.61	1.55	(0.47)	13.07	15.96
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional items	4.18	0.52	0.54	29.43	11.68
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the year (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	4.18	0.52	0.54	29.43	11.68
6.	Equity Share Capital	179.35	179.35	179.35	179.35	179.35
7.	Earnings per share of Rs 10 each:					
(a)	Basic (Rs)	0.23	0.03	0.03	1.64	0.65
(b)	Diluted (Rs)	0.23	0.03	0.03	1.64	0.65

Notes:
1. The above Unaudited standalone financial results were reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14th February, 2022. The review report of the Statutory Auditors is being filed with the Calcutta Stock Exchange.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed form of the unaudited Standalone financial results for the quarter and Nine months ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full form of the unaudited financial results for the quarter and Nine months ended December 31, 2021 alongwith review report of the Statutory Auditors is available under Investors section of our website at www.jaintubes.com and under Financial Results at Corporate section of www.cse-india.com.

By Order of the Board
For Jain Tube Company Limited
Sd/-
(SUSHIL JAIN)
Director
DIN 00329562

Place : New Delhi
Date : 14th February, 2022



"I knew that they were interested. Mahela Jayawardene sent me a text saying that they were nominating me as part of the accelerated process, and checking in to make sure I was fit and well. That settled the nerves a little bit but you never know, do you,"
—England pacer Tymal Mills

NEWS IN BRIEF

Court rules Russian skater Valieva can compete

Beijing
Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva will be allowed to compete for a second gold medal at the Winter Olympics despite failing a pre-Games drug test.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled Monday that the 15-year-old Valieva, the favorite for the women's individual gold, does not need to be provisionally suspended ahead of a full hearing into her positive test for the heart drug trimetazidine. The positive test was Dec. 25.

The Russian team can still aim for the first women's figure skating podium sweep in Olympic history. The event starts with the short program Tuesday and concludes Thursday with the free skate. Valieva is the favorite to win gold.

The ruling only addresses whether Valieva can keep skating before her case is resolved. It doesn't decide the fate of the one gold medal that she has already won.

Raees Muhammad of famed Raees clan passes away

Karachi
Raees Muhammad, the only member of the famous Muhammad brothers cricket family who couldn't play for Pakistan, passed away here on Monday.

His younger brother and Test cricketer, Sadiq Muhammad confirmed that Raees, 89, had passed away after an illness.

"Raees bhai passed away early this morning," he said.

Raees is the second eldest of the five Muhammad siblings four of whom played Test cricket for Pakistan with two of them, Hanif and Mushtaq also captaining the national team.

The Muhammad brothers who migrated from Junagadh in India to Pakistan in 1947 carved a unique place for themselves in International and Pakistan cricket history.

Wazir the eldest at 92, Hanif the most famous of the four and Mushtaq and Sadiq all played for Pakistan in Test cricket with the latter three also appearing together in a Test in the 60s.

Raees, who played 30 first class matches, never got a chance to play for Pakistan although he was well known as a top batsman and leg-spinner who toured with eagles and other sides.

Wazir who is based in Birmingham is said to be the oldest living Pakistan cricketer now.

Spirited FC Goa aim to halt ATK Mohun Bagan charge

Bambolim
FC Goa will look to carry forward their momentum from the last game and stop ATK Mohun Bagan from completing a hat-trick of wins when the two sides meet in an Indian Super League match here on Tuesday.

FC Goa registered their biggest margin victory in the last game against Chennaiyin FC, thrashing them 5-0. They still need to win their remaining four matches to harbour any slim hopes of a semi-finals berth depending on other results to go their way too.

Jorge Ortig has been at the heart of FC Goa's resurgence, scoring his first ever hat-trick in the previous encounter. His goal tally for the season now stands at seven. ATK Mohun Bagan climbed to second spot after their win over NorthEast United FC in the last game, stretching their unbeaten run to 10 matches.

Sandesh Jhingam made his first appearance this season and the star centre-back will be ready for his 100th appearance in the ISL. Joni Kauko was brilliant for the Mariners in the last game, scoring a goal and providing an assist in his first start after five consecutive substitute appearances, while Liston Colaco has been in the form of his life.

"Our aim is to help him improve more."

IPL AUCTION

Franchises cautious while going for U-19 stars; uncapped players strike it big

Chennai
Cricket is a lot about timing and the Under-19 cricket team got it just right by lifting the World Cup triumph before IPL's mega-auction. But did that translate into big bucks for the stars of that triumph? At the end of two days of bidding wars, it seems the franchises chose to tread on the side of caution when it came to loosening the purse strings for the newest batch of young talent in Indian cricket.

While some uncapped, but proven performers like Avesh Khan, were laughing all their way to the bank with bids as high as Rs 10 crore, only a few of the Under-19 stars, skipper Yash Dhull included, managed to land deals with IPL teams in the two-day mega auction held in Bengaluru.

Dhull, a product of the academy run by Delhi Capitals and top-scorer of the U-19 World Cup, was picked up for Rs 50 lakh by the franchise that groomed him.

Exciting all-rounder Raj Bawa won a Rs 2 crore bid from Punjab Kings, while Rajvardhan Hangargekar (with a base price Rs 30 lakh) was roped in by four-time IPL champions Chennai Super Kings for Rs 1.50 crore.

Dhull's teammate Vicky Ostwal was snapped up by Delhi Capitals later in the auction at his base price of Rs 20 lakh. Hangargekar, the new entrant into the CSK stable, will hope to learn tricks of the trade from the legendary M S Dhoni, skipper of the four-time champion franchise.

The talented Maharashtra all-rounder is known for the ability to bowl yorkers at will, not so easy at any level, and can only get better by rubbing shoulders with Dhoni and the other big names at Super Kings.

It must be said that the various IPL teams seemed to be cautious while bidding for the under-19 players and did not appear ready to splurge. Bawa, who is rated highly for his all-round skills, won the biggest bid among his U-



19 teammates.

While the teams did not go after Indian under-19 aces in a big way, South African Dewald Brevis, nicknamed 'Baby AB' and tipped to be the country's future cricket superstar, was snapped up by Mumbai Indians for Rs 3 crore where he would line up along side Indian white ball captain Rohit Sharma, Kieron Pollard and others.

Unlike in previous years when the under-19 players were in focus and even got lucrative offers, this time the franchises were rather subdued when it came to locking in the junior stars as evidently, it takes for them to be mature enough for top-flight cricket.

In previous years, under-19 stars like Prithvi Shaw and Shubman Gill, among others, have earned IPL contracts following their exploits at the marquee junior tournament.

Shaw, who was roped in by Delhi for Rs 1.2 crore in 2018 and Gill have since graduated to the senior team and established themselves as names to be reckoned with.

Like Shaw, Gill was signed up by Kolkata Knight Riders while he was in New Zealand for the under-19 World

Cup and has since made a name for himself with some noteworthy performances for the national senior team.

While some of the members of the 2018 under-19 World Cup side like Shaw and Gill have made it big, some others like Shivam Mavi, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Ishan Porel and Rivan Parag have been on the fringes. They featured in the IPL but not a regular basis.

Mavi, who is rated highly, got lucky and was picked by Kolkata Knight Riders for Rs 7.75 crore (base price Rs 40 lakh) while Kartik Tyagi, a key performer in the under-19 World Cup in 2020, was netted by Sunrisers Hyderabad for Rs 4 crore.

Ashdeep Singh, a member of the victorious under-19 WC team in 2018, has struck it rich after being retained ahead of the auctions by Punjab Kings for Rs 4 crore after impressing in IPL 2021.

Left-handed batter Yashvi Jaiswal is another of those from the under-19 teams to have been in the spotlight.

The star of India's campaign in 2020, which the saw the team lose to Bangladesh in the final, the Mumbai

was bought by Rajasthan Royals in 2020 auction at Rs 2.4 crore and was retained by the same franchise ahead of the mega auction for Rs 4 crore.

Jaiswal's teammate in the 2020 under-19 WC, Ravi Bishnoi is another name who has hit paydirt already.

The leg-spinner, who was highest wicket-taker in the event in South Africa, was picked by Punjab Kings in 2020 for Rs 2 crore but was released before this season only to be roped in by new team Lucknow Super Giants for Rs 4 crore.

While the Indian players from previous under-19 World Cups have been able to get big-ticket deals, the current bunch, which was considered a notch lower when compared to teams of the past, got lukewarm response at the IPL auction this time.

As for the uncapped players, Avesh (base price Rs 20 lakh) got a Rs 10 crore contract with Lucknow Super Giants and became the most expensive uncapped Indian buy at the auction.

Avesh's auction price was 50 times his base price and beat K Gowtham's price of Rs 9.25 crore (by CSK) in 2021.

That's not all, Tamil Nadu power-hitter Shahrukh Khan earned a Rs 9 crore bid from Punjab Kings after having been purchased by the same team for Rs 5.25 crore last year.

One season wonder Rahul Tewatia went for Rs 9 crore to Gujarat Titans and Rahul Tripathi earned a Rs 8.50 crore contract with Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Nippy left-arm pacer Yash Dayal from Uttar Pradesh, who went to new team Gujarat Titans for Rs 3.2 crore and Himachal Pradesh bowler Vaibhav Arora bought for Rs 2 crore by Punjab Kings were the other uncapped players who got good deals.

Tamil Nadu spinner R Sai Kishore (snapped up by Gujarat Titans for Rs 3 crore) was another big deal grabber among those who haven't yet donned the India colours.

After they spent 13 crore on me, I actually wanted the bidding to stop: Deepak Chahar

New Delhi

Pacer Deepak Chahar "actually wanted" Chennai Super Kings to stop bidding for him after it had hurtled past Rs 13 crore during the IPL auction as he was afraid that it may come in the way of building a strong team.

Bought back by his old franchise for a staggering Rs 14 crore, making him the most expensive Indian bowler at an IPL auction, Chahar said he couldn't imagine playing for any team apart from CSK.

"I wanted to play for CSK because I haven't imagined myself playing in other colour than yellow," Chahar told Star Sports. "At one point, I thought it (the bid price) was too much. As a CSK player, I also want to build a good team. So after they spent 13 crore, I actually wanted the bidding to stop so I can go to CSK quickly and then we can buy some others (with the money saved)," he added.

A part of the Indian white-ball team currently, Chahar said in 2018, he was told by franchise owner N Srinivasan that "you will play in yellow always". Since then, Chahar said, he had never brought up the topic of retention with the team management or its talisman Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"I've never spoken about all this to Mahi bhai (captain MS Dhoni) or CSK management," Chahar said. "In 2018, I had met Srinivasan sir, and he has said, 'you will play in yellow always'. So I took his word that day and since then I have never spoken about retention. I knew CSK would bid (for me)." As the two-day mega auction progressed, he said the Indian players engaged in the ongoing limited overs series against the West Indies kept themselves updated on news from Bengaluru, where they were going under the hammer.

"We (India's T20i squad) were travelling from Ahmedabad to Kolkata, and the whole team was watching the auction. Everyone was saying kitna ho gaya (what's the bid price?) and all that." The 29-year-old Chahar will represent the Super Kings for a fifth season in a row, having been bought by the franchise before IPL 2018 for Rs 80 lakh.

Amazon Prime Video unveils integrated campaign for India-New Zealand women cricket series

New Delhi
Amazon Prime Video, India's most loved entertainment hub, is bringing a high-octane cricket series between India and New Zealand, live and exclusive.

The Indian women's cricket team will face the New Zealand women's team in a series comprising of five (5) ODIs at John Davies Oval, Queenstown in New Zealand. Streaming exclusively on Prime Video, the ODI matches are scheduled to begin on 12th February and end on 24th February.

The only T20i of the series was held on 9th February. In November 2020, Prime Video secured exclusive live cricket rights from New Zealand Cricket board. As a part of the multi-year partnership, international men's and women's cricket matches played in New Zealand across all formats – will be available exclusively on Prime Video India.

To celebrate the spirit of cricket, Prime Video also unveiled an integrated campaign showcasing the exciting brand of cricket played by the Women in Blue. The campaign highlights that it is the game that is paramount, irrespective of who is playing on the ground. The only thing that matters on the pitch is the passion, earnestness and skills of the player as the cricketer represents the country, a fact that unites, binds and swells every Indian's heart with pride.

"We received an encouraging response to the debut of live cricket on our service earlier this year, and are looking forward to giving our customers an engaging and immersive experience with every new cricket series," said Chaitanya Divan, head of Prime Video Channels & Sports, Amazon Prime Video India. "Our Women in Blue have gone from strength to strength with every tournament and I am certain that each one of us will be rooting for them as they take on the WHITE FERNS on their home turf. Women's cricket has gained momentum not just in India but around the world, and we are thrilled to offer our viewers an exciting clash between two of the most admired teams, live and exclusive on Prime Video."



Valieva remains in Olympics; Shiffrin preps for downhill

Beijing

Teen sensation Kamila Valieva has been cleared for takeoff in women's figure skating in a ruling in a Russian doping case that has caused havoc with one of the marquee events of the Beijing Olympics.

Valieva will have a chance for a second gold medal at this year's Olympics after the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled Monday she can compete this week despite failing a previous drug test.

The 15-year-old Valieva already set Beijing a buzz when she landed the first quadruple jumps by a woman at the Olympics during her thrilling performance that helped the Russians win the gold medal in the team event. She is the favorite in the women's individual competition that starts Tuesday with the short program and concludes Thursday with the free skate.

Valieva has been practicing regularly since the doping scandal broke and skated in her allotted practice time slot shortly after CAS released its ruling. The ruling came less than 12 hours after a hastily arranged hearing that lasted into early Monday morning. CAS decided that she does not need to be provisionally suspended ahead of a full investigation. She tested positive for a banned heart drug on Dec. 25.

The court gave her a favorable decision in part because she was a minor — a "protected person" — and was subject to different rules from an adult athlete. Now, Valieva and her fellow Russian skaters can aim for the first podium sweep of women's figure skating in Olympic history.

The ruling doesn't decide the fate of the gold medal she won as part of the team competition. The United States won silver and would be in line for gold if the Russian medal is revoked.

The International Olympic Committee said there will be no medal ceremony if Valieva places in the top three in the women's individual event. U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Com-



mittee CEO Sarah Hirshland said the committee is disappointed by the message the ruling sends. She said athletes are being denied the right to know they're competing on a level playing field and that it's part of a systemic and pervasive disregard for clean sport by Russia.

SHIFFRIN TO ENTER DOWNHILL
Mikaela Shiffrin will race in Tuesday's downhill, her fourth event at the Beijing Games and the first time she's competed in that event in her Olympic career.

She finished a second training session at the Yanqing Alpine Skiing Center with the 15th-fastest time among the women who didn't miss a gate.

The two-time gold medalist in Alpine skiing did not finish her opening runs in either of her first two events, the two-leg giant slalom and slalom. She then finished ninth in the super-G, another race she hadn't previously entered at an Olympics.

MONOBOB HISTORY
Kaillie Humphries of the United States made history by winning the Olympic debut of monobob, the one-woman bobsled.

Humphries became the first woman

to win Olympic gold for two different countries, and the first Olympian to win gold for both the United States and Canada. She also is the first woman to win three golds in bobsledding, with a chance for a fourth later this week in the two-person bobsled.

Humphries won two gold medals and one bronze for Canada. She joined the U.S. team in 2019 after saying she had suffered mental and emotional trauma and no longer felt safe being a part of that program.

When she crossed the finish line, she waved an American flag and chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!" "As I age, I've learned life is always unpredictable and we don't always know our path forward and what the future holds," Humphries said. "We do the best we can with each and every obstacle or path change that gets thrown at us. What's important is to fight for ourselves." American teammate Elana Meyers Taylor finished second, winning her fourth Olympic medal.

KISSING THE GAMES GOODBYE
American ice dancers Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue won the bronze medal and then bent down and kissed the ice where the Olympic rings are painted.

President Xi orders combat testing of Chinese military equipment



Beijing:

The Chinese military has begun combat-oriented testing and assessment of its weapon systems following President Xi Jinping's order to perform in the real battle conditions, the official media here reported on Monday.

Xi, 68, who heads the powerful Central Military Commission (CMC) the overall high command of the two million-strong People's Liberation Army (PLA), recently signed an order promulgating a set of regulations on the testing and assessment of military equipment, which stressed efficient, combat-oriented tests under the development trend of "informatization and intelligentisation" throughout the equipment's entire life spans.

The regulations raised higher requirements for weapons and equipment to be used by the PLA and will contribute to boosting the troops' combat capabilities, the official media reported.

The new regulations come at a time when China is facing a drastic change in global security structures and is forced to enhance preparedness for possible military conflicts, Song Zhongping, a Chinese military expert and TV commentator, told the state-run Global Times.

Election fraud trial of Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi begins

Bangkok: Ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi went on trial on Monday on election fraud charges, the latest in a series of criminal prosecutions by the military-run government in which she has already been sentenced to six years in prison.

The army seized power and arrested Suu Kyi in February last year, claiming widespread voter fraud in the 2020 general election, an allegation not corroborated by independent election observers. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party won the election by a landslide, while the military-backed party did poorly. The military's takeover prompted widespread peaceful protests and civil disobedience that security forces suppressed with lethal force. About 1,500 civilians have been killed, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners. Some opponents of the military

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have turned to armed resistance in response.

Suu Kyi, 76, has faced a raft of charges since she was taken into custody. Her supporters and human rights groups say the cases against her are baseless and have been contrived to bar her return to politics and participation in a new election the army has promised by 2023. All of the trials are closed, and a gag order has been placed on the defense lawyers.

The election fraud charge against Suu Kyi was filed in November last year by the state election commission,



whose members were appointed by the military government. Former President Win Myint and former Minister of the President's Office Min Thu are co-defendants in this case. A conviction in the case could lead to Suu Kyi's party being dissolved and unable to participate in a new election.

The Union Election Commission said the defendants, including the former chair-

man of the commission, were "involved in electoral processes, election fraud and lawless actions" related to the polls.

A legal official familiar with Monday's proceedings said Aung Myo Lwin, a director of the election commission, testified that Suu Kyi and her co-defendants illegally organised election committees in which state and regional ministers were

included. The legal official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorised to release information, said Suu Kyi and the other defendants appeared to be in good health in court.

The trial is being held in the capital, Naypyitaw, and the penalty for the offense is three years' imprisonment. The case is being prosecuted not under the Election Law, but under Section 130(A) of the Penal Code covering abuse of power in violation of provisions in the constitution and acts of Parliament.

Suu Kyi has already been sentenced to six years' imprisonment after being convicted of illegally importing and possessing walkie-talkies and violating coronavirus restrictions.

She is also being tried on the charge of violating the Official Secrets Act, which carries a maximum sentence of 14 years, and five cases under anti-corruption laws, which carry a maximum sentence of 15 years each.

Jury to be seated for hate crimes trial in Arbery killing

Savannah: The federal judge presiding over the hate crimes trial of three white men who chased and killed Ahmaud Arbery said she would seat a jury Monday after a week spent asking potential jurors what they already know about the Black man's death as well as their views on racism in America. US District Court Judge Lisa Godby Wood said she's ready to start the trial once a pool of 64 people deemed qualified to serve as impartial jurors is narrowed to a panel of 12 plus four alternates on Monday. She said Friday that attorneys should also be prepared to make opening statements.

It will be the second time the port city of Brunswick, on the Georgia coast south of Savannah, has held a trial in Arbery's killing since November, when the same three defendants were convicted of murder in a Georgia state court.

Father and son Greg and Travis McMichael armed themselves and chased 25-year-old Arbery in a pickup truck after spotting him running in their neighbourhood on Feb. 23, 2020. A neigh-

bour, William "Roddie" Bryan, joined the pursuit in his own truck and recorded cellphone video of Travis McMichael blasting Arbery with a shotgun. No arrests were made in the case until the video leaked online two months later. A judge last month sentenced the McMichaels and Bryan to life in prison for their murder convictions. But they still face a federal trial on hate crime charges, which allege that they violated Arbery's civil rights and targeted him because he was Black. All three men have pleaded not guilty in the federal case. The judge said she expects the hate crimes trial to last between seven and 12 days.

The judge and attorneys worked last week to interview more than 160 potential jurors pulled from 43 counties across southern and eastern Georgia. Nearly two-thirds were dismissed for having strong opinions about the case after watching portions of the state murder trial or news reports about it.

Some of the 64 jury pool members returning to the courthouse Monday said they knew little about the case.

As Iran talks stall, Israeli PM makes snap trip to Bahrain

Jerusalem: Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett is flying to the Gulf state of Bahrain on Monday, cementing ties between the new allies in a clear message of cooperation aimed at regional archival Iran.

Bennett's trip to the Gulf is the first public visit by an Israeli prime minister to Bahrain, and comes less than two weeks after the countries signed a defense agreement with an eye on rising tensions in the Gulf. The visit also comes as nuclear talks between world

powers and Iran are dragging on in Vienna.

Israel and Bahrain agreed to normalise ties in 2020 as part of the US-brokered "Abraham Accords," which also saw Israel establish relations with the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Sudan. Bennett travelled to the UAE late last year.

Bennett's office said he would meet with Bahrain's crown prince and prime minister and discuss "the importance of peace, advancement and prosperity in the region, and especially the advancement of diplomatic

The Vienna negotiations are working to revive the 2015 nuclear accord between Iran and six world powers.

and economic issues, with an emphasis on technology and innovation." Overhauling Bennett's trip to Bahrain are rising regional tensions. The US and Israel have accused Iran of attacking commercial shipping in the Gulf, and Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen have recently



launched missile strikes against the UAE. Israel has stepped up its naval presence in the Red Sea, a criti-

cal artery for world trade and Israeli strategic interests.

Israel, along with its new Gulf allies, is watching closely as diplomats from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, China and Russia are currently negotiating with Iran in the Austrian capital over its nuclear program. American diplomats are indirectly involved in the talks.

The Vienna negotiations are working to revive the 2015 nuclear accord between Iran and six world powers. That agreement,

launched by President Barack Obama, granted Iran relief from stifling sanctions in exchange for curbs on its nuclear programme. But three years later, President Donald Trump, with strong encouragement from then-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, withdrew from the deal, causing it to unravel. Since then, the US has reimposed sanctions and Iran has stepped up its nuclear activities — amassing a stockpile of highly enriched uranium that goes well beyond the bounds of the accord.

BUSINESS

RattanIndia Enterprises launches financial aggregator platform 'BankSe'

TSN/New Delhi:

RattanIndia Enterprises (REL), a leading company that is building businesses in new-age sectors including electric motorcycles, drone solutions, e-commerce and fintech, announced the launch of its all-digital, financial aggregator platform, BankSe on the popular android mobile platform and through the web portal www.bankse.in

BankSe, a one-stop financial solutions provider, is designed with a tech-driven approach, to analyze multiple life-stage and financial parameters of customers and to come up with tailored solutions, that are well-priced for their individual requirements. It has developed a platform which connects with the defined processes of the lenders, thereby offering them instant visibility of customer's background and their historical financial records. At launch, it is partnering with large commercial banks and NBFCs in India to present maiden offerings in the personal loans, 2W-loans and credit card segments, with several more categories to be added subsequently. Prospective customers will



now have the convenience of logging onto the app or website and uploading requisite documentation digitally to experience outcomes in real, quick time. Hitherto used to multi-step, offline processes involving 3rd party intermediaries, BankSe will usher in convenience like never before. As an additional feature any customer using BankSe will be able to get personalized credit score, entirely free of cost.

Commenting on the occasion, Anjali Rattan Nashier, Business Chairperson of RattanIndia Enterprises Limited said,

"BankSe fulfills the basic tenet of universal financial inclusion, by providing credit, when and where it is most required. With the formal launch of India's premier, digital one-stop financial solution provider, REL seeks to create a vibrant model bringing established sector behemoths together on a common platform, where customers can access financing as per their own terms and pace.

FM defends time taken to file fraud complaint in ABG Shipyard, says less than normal

New Delhi:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday defended five years taken to file the first fraud complaint in the Rs 22,842 loan default by Gujarat-based ABG Shipyard, saying the time taken to detect the fraud was less than normal.

She said the loans were given under the Congress-led UPA regime and the account became a non-performing asset (NPA) in November 2013 and the debt was restructured in March 2014 by all lenders but it could not be recused.

Opposition Congress has accused those sitting in the highest echelons of power in the Narendra Modi government of complicity, collusion and connivance in what it described as "India's biggest bank fraud" - Rs 22,842 crore being bigger than the Rs 14,000 crore PNB scam by Nirav Modi and his uncle Mehul Choksi.

Asserting that a bank follows a certain process to declare an account fraud, Sitharaman said banks almost take 52-54 months to



complete intensive work before a decision is taken. "In this particular case (ABG Shipyard)...I should say to the credit to the banks, they've taken less than what is normally an average time to detect these kinds of frauds...Normally, it takes I said 56 months and off-late it is taking far less time to detect such things," she said after customary post Budget address to RBI board members here.

State Bank of India (SBI) in a statement on Sunday stated that the loans given to ABG Shipyard had become NPA on November 30, 2013, but after a failed debt restructuring, it was "classified as NPA in July 2016 with backdated effect from November 30, 2013." Congress has questioned why the government took five years after the liquidation proceedings of ABG Shipyard to lodge an FIR in con-

nection with the alleged duping of 28 banks.

According to SBI, the first complaint was filed with CBI in November 2019 and "a fresh and comprehensive second complaint was filed in December 2020." E&Y was appointed as forensic auditor by lenders in April 2018 and they submitted their report in January 2019. E&Y report was placed before the Fraud Identification Committee of

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18 lenders in 2019. Fraud is mainly attributed to diversion of funds, misappropriation and criminal breach of trust.

"I am sitting in RBI premises, so I don't want to talk too much of politics, but I am sorry the kind of noise coming biggest 'ghotala' in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's time. Not at all. This was a loan given well prior to 2013 and it had become even an NPA by 2013. So people dig holes into which they themselves fall," the finance minister said.

"They made the noise, not realizing that it was all then (UPA regime) and we have taken lesser time to detect it take action...So action is happening here like the way it happened for every other major bank defaults," Sitharaman said.

Turtle Wax India teams up with celestial rides to strengthen its presence in Delhi



TSN/New Delhi:

Turtle Wax, Inc., an award-winning Chicago-based car care company, today announced the launch of its co-branded car-care studio in New Delhi in partnership with Celestial Rides; located Near, C1, Shivaji Park, Punjabi Bagh, 110026. Equipped with ultra-modern Turtle Wax detailing technologies and a team of highly qualified and trained service personnel, this Turtle Wax Car Care Studio offers a wide range of car detailing services and products specifically designed to cater to the personalized taste of car enthusiasts.

From the last 4 years, Celestial Rides has brought expertise in reviving total loss of cars, body kits, aesthetic customizations, paint works, mechanical servicing, PPF, etc. Aimed at offering superior value through best-in-class quality & service to its customers, Turtle Wax Car Care Studio co-branded with Celestial Rides caters to consumer demands for professional vehicle maintenance and hygiene. The studio offers a multitude of car care packages from Turtle Wax's ceramic and graphene range, the latest technologies to deliver unsurpassed results.

Customers at the car care studio will experience the professional results delivered by the world's favourite detailing products of Turtle Wax like Hybrid Solutions Pro with graphene technology.

Indian farmers must reap benefits of booming floriculture

New Delhi:

Flowers are used on a large scale for religious rituals, celebrations, party decorations, gifting, extractions for fragrance and aromatherapy, for herbal and medicinal purposes too. The demand for ornamental flowers is on the rise as people are spending a good amount on improving aesthetic value. There is a huge scope for exporting flowers too as the demand in the global international market is increasing. Indian farmers must see floriculture as an important agricultural activity that can

enhance their remuneration significantly. Government schemes can be used by farmers to build the required infrastructure to grow flowers with higher returns and even to process and export them.

The value of the global floriculture market was USD 49 billion in 2020, and with an annual growth rate of 6 percent, it is expected to reach USD 70 billion by 2026. More than 90 percent of demand comes from the developed countries in Europe, America and Asia. India has exported 15,695.31 MT of



floriculture products to the world, which is worth 77.84

- Dr Shivendra Bajaj, Executive Director, Federation of Seed Industry of India and Alliance for Agri Innovation

USD Million (Rs. 575.98 Crores) in 2020-21. Increasingly, Indian farmers are exporting flowers, especially roses that meet international standards. Floriculture is market-driven and a specialised agro-industry. India can produce almost all varieties of exotic flowers due to the different agro-climatic zones and it makes a conducive environment for the cultivation of sensitive and delicate floriculture products. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, West Bengal have emerged as major floriculture centers in India. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) too has asserted that floriculture has the potential to double farm income. In India, a majority of farmers are small and marginal, which means they do not hold land more than five acres. The

small landholding is not considered good for agriculture production. However, it comes as an advantage for floriculture due to its low volume high value character. Besides the diverse and adequately favourable climatic conditions, India has a few more advantages over other countries. Labour is cheaper and cost of production is also low. Floriculture is a labour-intensive industry and can be a great tool to create employment opportunities for the rural population. Agencies.



Katrina Kaif shares a beautiful love note for husband Vicky Kaushal this Valentine's Day

Mumbai
 Newly weds Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal are ensuring they have a memorable Valentine's Day. Katrina took to Instagram to share mushy pictures and a love note for husband Vicky. The actress posted, "We may not have been able to have the romantic dinners this year, but we make the difficult moments better and that's what matters." While Vicky is seen dressed in a white cardigan and pants, Kat is seen in a black jacket. In the first picture the couple is seen lovingly gazing at each other. In the second they share a hug and Vicky seals it with a kiss on the forehead in the third photo. Friends and colleagues were quick to drop in heart emojis and cheer for the couple.



Sonam Kapoor, Anand Ahuja mark Valentine's Day with these heartfelt posts on Instagram

Mumbai
 Valentine's Day is finally here, and our star couple Sonam Kapoor Ahuja and Anand Ahuja is making sure to seize the special occasion. On Monday morning, the two took to their respective Instagram handles and penned heartfelt posts for each other. Sharing an adorable photograph with Anand, the 'Delhi 6' actor wrote, "Happy Valentine's Day. Nothing more important than love." On the other hand, Anand dropped a string of his throwback images with Sonam. In all the pictures, we can see Sonam and Anand holding each other's hands.

Kelly Clarkson and Snoop Dogg to host American Song Contest



Los Angeles
 The 'Drop It Like It's Hot' hitmaker and the 'Kelly Clarkson Show Host' are to take the helm of 'American Song Contest', NBC's take on the long-running 'Eurovision Song Contest' which will feature new music performances representing all 50 states, five US territories and the American capital. A solo artist, duo or band will represent each location and perform an original track in three rounds in a bid to win the vote for the best hit song. The 56 competitors will be named at a later date. Both Snoop and Kelly are delighted to be involved with the show. The 50-year-old rapper said: "I am honoured to host 'American Song Contest' alongside my lil sis Kelly Clarkson, aka Miss Texas." Kelly, 39, added: "I have been a fan and love the concept of Eurovision and am thrilled to bring

Alia Bhatt: Had self-doubt when the film came my way



Mumbai
 In 2012, Alia Bhatt stepped into Bollywood, playing a rich brat in Karan Johar's *Student of the Year*. Cut to 2022: she is gearing up for the release of *Gangubai Kathiawadi*, the movie that the trade is pinning its hopes on this month. The past 10 years have been quite a journey for Bhatt as she grew from film to film, to emerge as one of the finest artistes of the current generation.

Now, as she headlines a Sanjay Leela Bhansali movie, the actor says her first reaction was fear. "I was scared. I was meant to do a love story with sir [Inshallah starring Salman Khan was called off]. Till that point, I hadn't read the book [Mafia Queens of Mumbai] or known the story of Gangubai. I didn't expect a film of this nature at all. So, when I heard the narration, I asked sir everything I feared: Do you think I can do this? Don't you think I am a little young? He said, 'I will make you do it.' It was then I told myself that there should be no

scope of doubt in my head when a film like this comes my way. I had self-doubt. So, I put in all the extra effort I could. But in this case, doubt was the key to knowledge, which made me explore the extremes of what I can do with this part." Bhatt knew Gangubai Kathiawadi would be an opportunity of a lifetime. "Ek mauka tha, maine dil khol ke perform kiya," she smiles, adding that she is unable to shake off the character even months after the shoot. "I have lived in Gangu's world for two years. Even after we were done shooting, I would land up at sir's office to watch

the film's visuals. I have never been this consumed by a character. SLB is the director I wanted to work with since I was nine." She is, in some ways, glad that Inshallah didn't work out. "Ranveer [Singh] told me recently, 'In Gangubai, you are in and as. You can't ask for more.'" With her film choices, she is making a statement on where she stands as an artiste. "I am unafraid to take that leap into unknown universes. I want to try everything. I walk into every film believing I'm meant for special things, and that powers me through."

Madhuri Dixit shows us why 'dance is joy' in latest Instagram video



Mumbai
 The dancing queen of Bollywood, Madhuri Dixit, shared a fun video on social media, leaving us all mesmerized once again with her moves. The actress' video will surely leave you motivated and amp up your Monday blues on Valentine's Day. On this day of love, when we celebrate affection, Madhuri too has given us one more reason to dance in joy. Take a look! Madhuri Dixit and her husband Sriram Nene celebrated the latter's birthday on February 13, and the celebration was huge! Several videos and pictures from the birthday bash have been doing the rounds on the internet. In one of the clips, the couple is seen dancing to the recreated version of Madhuri's hit song 'Tamma Tamma'. For the occasion, Madhuri and Sriram twinned in black outfits. Actor Sanjay Kapoor, Riteish Deshmukh and Genelia Deshmukh also marked their presence at the star-studded party. Madhuri and Sriram got married in 1999. They are dotting parents to two sons -- Arin and Ryan.

Lindsay Lohan pokes fun at her past in Super Bowl ad



Los Angeles
 The 35-year-old actress returned to TV screens during the Super Bowl broadcast, when she appeared in a commercial for Planet Fitness that joked about her party-loving lifestyle of the past. During the ad, a group of gym-goers ask: "What's gotten into Lindsay?" Then, it's claimed that the 'Mean Girls' star has "never been sharp", as she's seen beating basketball legend Dennis Rodman at a game of 'Jeopardy!'. Lindsay is also seen getting a regular night of sleep, which prompts a group of paparazzi to burst into tears, and is then seen turning her "DIUs to DIYS". However, it subsequently becomes clear that Lindsay - whose career was overshadowed by personal struggles and legal troubles for a number of years - has man-

aged to transform herself by going to the gym. William Shatner - who played Captain James T. Kirk in the 'Star Trek' franchise - says: "Maybe it's not what's gotten into Lindsay - but what Lindsay has gotten into." Elsewhere, a star-studded list of celebrities featured in a new advert for Uber Eats.