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Thought for today
A Person who is crooked can never enjoy real peace of mind. His tricks tie him into knots.

NTA to conduct UGC-NET December 2022

National Testing Agency will conduct UGC-NET in December 2022 for 'Junior Research Fellowship' and eligibility for 'Assistant Professor' in 83 subjects in Computer Based Test mode. Online Application Form can be submitted from today to 17th January. The Dates of the Examination are between 21st February to 10th March next year.

Insensitive Tourism dept.

ITF-2023: An open invitation to Covid-19 pandemic, putting citizen lives in danger again

AE Correspondent
Port Blair, Dec 29: At a time when due to unprecedented increase in Covid-19 cases in some foreign countries, the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi has called upon State/UT government to take all precautionary measures to check the reemergence of Covid-19, the decision of the Tourism department to conduct the Island Tourism Festival-2023 has been drawing flak from the general public. While many States are putting restrictions on the citizens as a precautionary measures to check the spread of the corona virus, the Tourism department of the UT

administration on the contrary is finding out a way to spread the deadly virus in the islands. It may be recalled that the administration after taking a slew of hard measures has been able to check Covid-19 in the islands. But at the same time, it is again putting the lives of its citizens in danger by organizing the Tourism fest. The Island Tourism Festival is scheduled to start from January 14th 2023. Many cultural troupes from mainland as well as the islands will participate and perform in this mega event. Since ITF will be held after a gap of about two years, it is likely that thousands of people will throng the ITF venues



which will increase the chances of spread of Covid-19 in the islands. As per previous records, it is not easy to keep a check on Covid-19 as this disease has its own way of spreading and avoiding events like ITF is the only way of keeping the people safe from Covid-19.

LG to hoist National flag on Dec 30

Port Blair, Dec. 29: Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency will hoist the National Flag at Flag Point on 30th December, 2022 at 8 am to commemorate the First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhas

Chandra Bose in the year 1943. In this regard, the A&N Administration has chalked out befitting programmes ensuring Jan Bhagidari at Block, District and UT level. These programmes are being organized as part of 'AzadiKaAmritMahotsav'. The programmes highlighting the contribution of Netaji Subhas

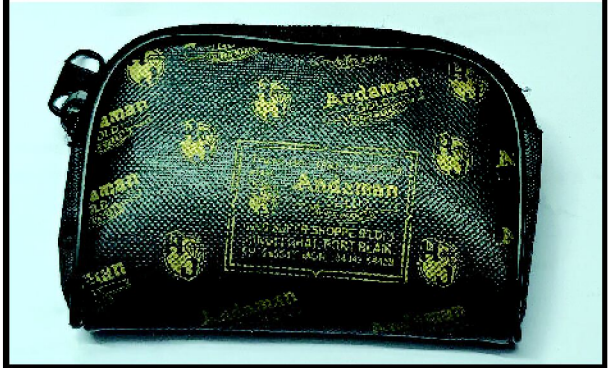
Chandra Bose and INA in the freedom struggle is being organized by respective Deputy Commissioners throughout the Islands involving schools, PRLs and others from December 28 to Dec. 30, 2022. All Islanders have been requested to participate in these events. (Source: IP Division)



Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, GoI currently on visit to A&N Islands from 27th - 30th December, 2022 to review medical infrastructure & preparedness for COVID-19 by A&N Administration met Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Hon'ble Lt Governor briefed the steps being taken by Directorate of Health Services for overall readiness of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in Fight against COVID and upgrading of healthcare framework.

Black colored money purse found in an Auto

Port Blair, Dec 29: A black cored money purse has been found in an auto bearing number AN-01 K 6152. The honest driver of the auto Shri. N. Jia UI Haq approached this daily with the purse and requested to find and handover the purse to the owner. Genuine owner of the purse may contact No: 9434280981/ 9932080982 the office of this The Andaman Express daily Newspaper at Phoenix Bay Back side of VMR Store and collect the same after establishing the ownership of the purse.



Seat vacant in TGCE

Port Blair, Dec 29: One seat under Category V in Chemistry for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme has fallen vacant in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair. The counseling for admission to this seat shall be held on 3rd January 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the College. Eligible candidates who have already applied for the course and are desirous of availing the above seat are directed to attend the counseling on the above-mentioned date and time positively. Those who fail to attend the counseling session in time, will not be considered for admission to the course and the next eligible candidate available will be considered for admission. - Source : TGCE

Mela Moments Photography contest

Port Blair, Dec. 29: Mela Moments Photography Contest is being organized by Ministry of Culture, New Delhi in partnership with MyGov as part of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav. The contest will run from Sharad Navarathri to Chaitra Navarathri (March 31, 2023). Every month, three best photos will be awarded under following categories with a cash prize.

- Mela vibes which is an ode to unique & colourful nature of Indian fairs
- Chatori Gully which celebrates best mela food.
- Mela Faces which captures the happy faces / portraits from fair visits.
- Mela stalls showcasing best of items displayed in fairs.

The top 3 winners (every month) under each category will get a chance to win prizes of Rs. 10,000 (1st winner), Rs. 7500/- (2nd winner), and Rs. 5000/- (3rd winner). The grand finale winners in each category will get a chance to win Rs. 1,00,000 (1st winner), Rs. 75,000/- (2nd winner), and Rs. 50,000/- (3rd winner). Winners of campaign will be featured on Social Media handles of Ministry of Culture. The winning pictures will be exhibited in galleries of Lalit Kala Akademi. Interested persons may participate in the programme. For more information, the website of Ministry of Culture may be seen. (Source: IP Division)

BrahMos' extended range test successful, Sukhoi aircraft attacked 'target'



Brahmos Air Launched Missile: India is continuously increasing its military strength. To teach a lesson to China and Pakistan more strongly, India is engaged in improving its missile capability. In this episode, the Indian Air Force has successfully tested the extended range of BrahMos Air-Launched Missile. The missile achieved the mission

objectives by accurately striking the target from the Su-30 MKI aircraft in the Bay of Bengal. The launch from the Sukhoi aircraft went as planned and the missile directly attacked the target in the Bay of Bengal region. Successful test of BrahMos missile extended range. The extended range capability of the air-launched

Brahmos missile along with the improved performance of the Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft will give the Indian Air Force a strategic edge. Earlier, on 29 November, the Western Command of the Indian Army had tested the surface-to-surface BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. This test was done by the Andaman. See... Page No. 02

VYF conducts 'Global Warming & Awareness campaign'

Port Blair Dec 29: Vidya Yuvakendra Foundation, Bathu Basthi, Port Blair organized a program on "Global Warming and awareness campaign" on Plastic Ban, Solid waste Management

and Rain water Harvesting on 28/12/22 at 10.00am in the conference hall of Kendra with the support of NABARD. Smt. Kavitha Uday Kumar, Chairperson PBMC was the Chief



Guest to grace the occasion along with Shri. Uday Kumar Former Chairperson PBMC. Shri. H. Manoj General Manager, Nabard and Shri. Dinesh Kumar Joint secretary ACCL, Port Blair are the distinguished guest attended the program and delivered an informative speech on Global Warming and its adverse impact for the entire mankind Globally due to man made mistakes by burning fossil fuel heavily utilized in Industrial Sector of manufacturing, Electricity, Generation, Transportation sectors, Infrastructure development, deforestation and

TRAI issues recommendations on Renewal of Multi-System Operators Registration

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, TRAI has today issued its recommendations on the "Renewal of Multi-System Operators Registration". It has recommended that the renewal of MSO registration should be done over a period of ten years. The Authority recommended that the processing fee should be kept as one lakh rupees at the time of renewal. TRAI has finalized its recommendations after considering all comments and counter-comments received from stakeholders during the



consultation process and further analysis of the issues. The full text of the recommendations is available on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in

Amit Shah held Conference Over Development Work in UT



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in Delhi chairs the conference on development work in the Union Territories. Lieutenant Governors (LGs) and UT Administrators, including those from Delhi, Chandigarh, Andaman & Nicobar, Puducherry, Ladakh, and Jammu and Kashmir, attended the conference. In another programme, Shah also

inaugurated the Border Security Force's BSF App and BSF Manuals. This meeting comes a day after the home minister on Wednesday reviewed the security situation and development issues in Jammu and Kashmir, where four heavily-armed terrorists who had come from Pakistan were killed early yesterday.

During the pre-scheduled meeting, the home minister reviewed the current security situation in the Union Territory, as well as steps taken to deal with Pakistan-backed terrorists and maintain peace. An official said that the development programmes being carried out in the UT were also

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Over 28.75 crore Aadhaar-based transactions carried out in November

Aadhaar-based e-KYC transactions have seen a 22 per cent hike in the month of November as compared to October this year. The Electronics and Information Technology Ministry has informed that 28.75 crore e-KYC transactions were executed using Aadhaar in the last month. It further stated that 195.39 crore Aadhaar authentication transactions were carried out during the period which is over 11 per cent more than in October. By the end of November, the cumulative number of e-KYC transactions had gone up to 1350.24 crore. So far, cumulatively 8621.19 crore Aadhaar authentication transactions have been executed by the end of last month.

EDITORIAL

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30 December 2022

Securing homeland

The deaths of a Russian businessman-politician – who was a known critic of Putin – and his friend in Odisha under mysterious circumstances should alert India's intelligence and security apparatus. As of now, the politician's death is being termed accidental, although the fact that the local police didn't preserve the viscera after post-mortem, as is the SOP, has raised many questions. Let's note that the chairman of Russia's second largest oil company fell to his death from a hospital window in Moscow. He too had called for an end to Russia's military operation.

Suspicious deaths are of course as old as international intrigue and conflict. And that various intelligence agencies occasionally target individuals in other countries for what Americans call extreme rendition is known. The point is countries, at least major countries, try to raise the cost of such back operations by foreign agencies through superior counterintelligence. As India's strategic profile increases and New Delhi is seen as a key player in hot-button geopolitical issues – from the Ukraine conflict to the Taiwan Strait tensions – there is a danger of foreign agents bringing their battles to this country.

Recall that in 2012 a car with the wife of the Israeli defence attaché in India was attacked with a sticky bomb in Delhi. This was when Israel and Iran were reportedly targeting each other's diplomats and scientists through covert operations on foreign soil. Or note recent reports that China has been setting up secret police stations in other countries to coerce or intimidate Chinese nationals there. This especially should deeply worry India. Apparently, more than 100 such overseas Chinese police stations have been established in countries such as the Netherlands, Ireland, South Korea, Japan, Germany and the US among others. The same *modus operandi* could be used by Beijing in India too, not just to monitor Chinese nationals here but to also execute plans that may have bigger security implications for New Delhi.

Since very little is in public domain about India's intelligence and counterintelligence capabilities, we can only hope that given newer challenges, its counterintelligence is upgraded or will get upgraded. So far, India's security apparatus has been largely geared towards fighting and preventing terrorism. But we may have to increasingly deal with far more sophisticated threats. Well-resourced, highly trained spionists are part of becoming a major power.

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Nicobar Islands Command of the Indian Army.

How did BrahMos get its name?

BrahMos has been developed under a joint agreement between India's Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Russia's Federal State Unitary Enterprise NPOM. BrahMos is a medium range stealth ramjet supersonic cruise missile. This missile can be launched from ship, submarine, aircraft or land. The missile has been named after two rivers, the

Brahmaputra of India and the Moskva River of Russia. It is believed that it is the fastest in the world as an anti-ship cruise missile.

Can destroy enemy bases in a moment India's security cycle has been greatly strengthened through Brahmos Missile in water, land and sky. This missile has the power to destroy enemy bases in a jiffy. The air-launched version of this missile was revealed in 2012 and in 2019 it was inducted into the service of the Indian Air Force. There is a plan to further increase the range of this missile.

Ami Shah held...

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discussed threadbare at the meeting, an official said. Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, senior

officials of the ministry, paramilitary forces, the Jammu and Kashmir administration and police had attended the meeting.

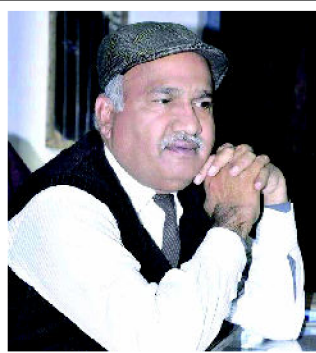
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technology advancement etc. In front of the gathering of more than 150 trainees of Kendra who are undergoing skill development programme. A demonstration programme on solid waste management was conducted by a team of sanitary wing, PBMC headed by Shri. Vijay Kumar. The demonstration presented by Shri. Vijaya Kumar was very informative and motivational for the gathering and it was appealed for follow simple method to segregate the waste by the people in their residence by keeping two (2) dustbin colored Blue & Green, which will help the PBMC because the segregation of waste of entire Municipal ward is great challenge. People should adopt the policy of "0" waste by avoiding the usage of plastic carry bags and single used plastic products to keep on society eco friendly. Miss. Aishwarya & Miss. Rithika trainees of Beautician course of the Kendra presented their views on Global Warming and its adverse impact of climate change becoming a destructive

cause of the entire world in the form of severe storm, drought, loss of food productivity, health risk & air pollution etc. Shri. Uday Kumar former chair person appreciated the efforts of organizing such type of awareness program on Global warming to sensitize all walk of life to prepare themselves to be safe and secured in a clean and hygienic environment by following Do's and Don'ts which are repeated by advised through various medias. The main event of the programme arranged by Vidya Yuvakendra Foundation with the support of NABARD was to sensitize the general public of municipal wards and other area by distributing 2000 cloth bags printed with awareness of Global Warming and notice containing information of various methods to reduce global warming. The team formed among the trainees of Yuvakendra was flagged off by Smt. Kavitha Uday Kumar, Chairperson for public campaign on Global warming on various places of Port Blair Municipal areas.

WHAT IS RIGHT TO EDUCATION (RTE)



Vijay GarG

The Right to Education Act 2009, also known as the RTE Act 2009, was enacted by the Parliament of India on 4 August 2009. It describes modalities of the importance of free and compulsory education for children aged between 6-14 years in India under Article 21 (A) of the Constitution of India. This act came into effect on 1 April 2010 and made India one of the 135 countries to have made education a fundamental right for every child. It prescribes minimum norms for elementary schools, prohibits unrecognised schools from practice and advocates against donation fees and interviews of children at the time of admission. The Right to Education Act keeps a check on all neighbourhoods through regular surveys and identifies children who are eligible for receiving an education but do not have the means to. Educational challenges have been prevalent at both the centre and states for many years in India. The Right to Education Act 2009 maps out roles and responsibilities for the centre, state and all local bodies to rectify gaps in their education system in order to enhance the quality of education in the country.

1. Compulsory and free education for all

It is obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education to each and every child, in a neighbourhood school within 1 km, up to class 8 in India. No child is liable to pay fees or any other charges that may prevent him or her from pursuing and completing elementary education. Free education also includes the provisions of textbooks, uniforms, stationery items and special educational material for children with disabilities in order to reduce the burden of school expenses. 2. The benchmark mandate

The Right to Education Act lays down norms and standards relating to Pupil-Teacher-Ratios (number of children per teacher), classrooms, separate toilets for girls and boys, drinking water facility, number of school-working days, working hours of teachers, etc. Each and every elementary school (Primary school + Middle School) in India has to comply with this set of norms to maintain a minimum standard set by the Right to Education Act.

3. Special provisions for special cases

The Right to Education Act mandates that an out of school child should be admitted to an age-appropriate class and provided with special training to enable the child to come up to age-appropriate learning level.

4. Quantity and quality of teachers

The Right to Education Act provides for rational deployment of teachers by ensuring that the specified Pupil-Teacher-Ratio is maintained in every school with no urban-rural imbalance whatsoever. It also mandates appointing appropriately trained teachers i.e. teachers with the requisite entry and academic qualifications.

5. Zero tolerance against discrimination and harassment

The Right to Education Act 2009 prohibits all kinds of physical punishment and mental harassment, discrimination based on gender, caste, class and religion, screening procedures for admission of children capitation fee, private tuition centres, and functioning of unrecognised schools. The Right to Education (RTE) Forum's Stocktaking Report 2014 suggested that across the country, less than 10 per cent of schools comply with all of the Right to Education Act norms and standards. While the enactment of the Right to Education Act 2009 triggered significant improvements, concerns regarding the privatisation of education remain. Educational inequalities have held a strong ground

in India for many years. While the Right to Education Act offers the first step towards an inclusive education system in India, effective implementation of the same still remains to be a challenge.

6. Ensuring all-round development of children

The Right to Education Act 2009 provides for the development of a curriculum, which would ensure the all-around development of every child. Build a child's knowledge, human potential and talent.

7. Improving learning outcomes to minimise detention

The Right to Education Act mandates that no child can be held back or expelled from school till Class 8. To improve the performances of children in schools, the Right to Education Act introduced the Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) system in 2009 to ensure grade-appropriate learning outcomes in schools. Another reason why this system was initiated was to evaluate every aspect of the child during their time in school so that gaps could be identified and worked on well in time.

8. Monitoring compliance of RTE norms

School Management Committees (SMCs) play a crucial role in strengthening participatory democracy and governance in elementary education. All schools covered under the Right to Education Act 2009 are obligated to constitute a School Management Committee comprising of a headteacher, local elected representative, parents, community members etc. The committees have been empowered to monitor the functioning of schools and to prepare a school development plan.

9. Right to Education Act is justiciable

The Right to Education Act is justiciable and is backed by a Grievance Redressal (GR) mechanism that allows people to take action against non-compliance of provisions of the Right to Education Act 2009. To ensure all schools follow this mandate, Oxfam India in collaboration with JOSH filed a complaint at the Central Information Commission (CIC) in 2011 evoking Section 4 of the Right to

Information Act (RTI Act) 2005. Section 4 of the RTI Act is a proactive disclosure section mandating all public authorities to share information with citizens about their functioning. Since schools are public authorities, compliance to Section 4 was demanded.

10. Creating inclusive spaces for all

The Right to Education Act 2009 mandates for all private schools to reserve 25 per cent of their seats for children belonging to socially disadvantaged and economically weaker sections. This provision of the Act is aimed at boosting social inclusion to provide for a more just and equal nation.

Why should we support Education for Girls?

As per UNICEF data records the adjusted primary net enrolment rate for the year 2014-15 was 91 and 90 for girls. About 31 million girls across the globe do not have access to primary education. Equality in the sexes in terms of their access to education and health has an intrinsic value in its own right. In India, the total enrolment in primary schools in India during the year 2014-15 was 1, 97, 666 where only 95,556 of them were girls. Young girls in India are often forced to or voluntarily drop out of schools since they either have to look after their younger siblings or have to contribute to the household chores. Centres opened by Oxfam India in different areas in priority and priority plus states help both schools going and non-school going kids to be at par with the school curriculum. The non-school going kids are prepared so that they are able to appear for the admission tests in schools and get enrolled in an age-appropriate class. A child who was unable to read or write is also taught in a manner that suits his interests leading to maximum learning. If a child fails or is unable to clear her tests or exams she becomes demotivated to continue her studies. Community organizations help these children to complete their schooling through registrations with NIOS. These community-based organizations also offer various vocational courses like English speaking, stitching, BPO service calling for the girls to be able to be economically

dependent. If educated, girls can contribute equally to economic development thus reducing gender imbalances in terms of education which enhances human capital formation. An extensive study on the human capital theory suggests that education plays a major role in increasing the productivity of the economy by increasing the factor output per worker. Education and human resource development are at the centre of long-term economic developmental plans. The lack of safety and security also leads to girls discontinuing school. Morning school for girl students is followed by afternoon school for boys. Senior students often complain that the boys tease and follow them home at the time when their school is over. Due to they are earlier complaints police patrolling had increased when the girls came out of school however as soon as the number of policemen decreased the boys continued to harass them. Many girls had dropped out of school because their parents believed that it was no longer safe to send their daughters to school. Despite continuous complaints to both the police as well as SMC members the problem still persists. The NCPDR has introduced new guidelines for the health, hygiene, safety, and security of students both in private and government schools. The new guidelines point out that girls must be taught about menstrual hygiene and be supported so that they do not miss school. They also state that schools should ensure zero tolerance on any matter related to sexual abuse of a child and stringent action shall be taken against the perpetrators of law. An educated girl also understands the high importance of education for her future generations and is able to create a better lifestyle and provide better healthcare to her children. Apart from this, educating a girl child will directly reduce infant and maternal mortality rates, child marriages, domestic and sexual violence in families. An educated girl is also more likely to participate in political discussions, meetings, and decision-making leading to the formation of a more representative and democratic governments.

Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab

Memory tips for Class 10 & 12 students for Board Exam 2023

By: Vijay Garg

With less than a month to go for the Class 10 Board Exams, students must be well-prepared by this time. Board exam preparation can be a stressful time and one of the biggest challenges is memorizing a lot of information across subjects and topics.

1) Written practice is importance: Some students might struggle to memorize information properly, despite preparing and revising well. Lack of written practice could be one of the reasons behind this. So, students can write as they read to memorize better; also highlighting important words and lines can help. For such students, reading aloud while studying something could also help them retain the lessons and information for long.

2) Practice and revise as many times as possible: The importance of regular practice and proper revision cannot be

emphasized enough. Students may not be able to remember what they have studied if it is not registered in their mind properly. But if they practice and revise regularly, retaining and retrieving information becomes easier. Also, written practice and solving previous papers or sample papers can help them train their brain to retain information.

3) Students can try studying in a group: Studying in a group can also help students enhance their learning experience as it allows interacting with others, discussing ideas, and improving retention power. To ensure that they understand and remember everything, students can also teach or explain concepts to others.

4) Mind mapping and preparing flashcards, notes, and charts can help: Students should make notes of important points while studying something as it can be useful in quick revision. Mind

mapping to visually organize information and preparing charts, flash cards, and diagrams can help remember important concepts, figures, formulae, historical events, definitions, and other data. Watching videos or documentaries on the topics or subjects they are studying can help students remember key details better.

5) Maintain good health, overcome stress to boost memory: Maintaining good health and eating healthy food while preparing for exams is important to enhance memory. Students should overcome stress to concentrate properly and boost their memory. They must avoid studying continuously for long hours and take breaks, relax, and get sufficient sleep. They can include memory-boosting food items like almonds, walnuts, green and leafy vegetables, berries, and dark chocolate in their diet.

Mausam damini Lightning app

Port Blair, Dec. 29: Andaman & Nicobar Islands are prone to Geological and Hydro-meteorological disasters. These Islands also falls in cyclogenesis zone and significant number of cyclones gets generated every year in the Andaman Sea. Heavy rainfall due to monsoon leads to localized flooding also occurs frequently in low lying areas. To provide localised information about such Natural Phenomena various mobile applications have been developed. MAUSAM, a Mobile App of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is providing seamless and user-friendly access to weather products available on <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/>



MAUSAM App



DAMINI LIGHTNING App

Users can access observed weather forecasts, radar images and be proactively warned of impending weather events. Damini Lightning Apps has also been developed by IITM-Pune and ESSO where monitoring of all lightning activity happening specifically in India and alert is generated, if lightning

happens nearby through GPS notification under 20KM and 40KM. All residents of A&N Islands have been requested to download the MAUSAM App and Damini Lightning App from the Google Play Store or iOS and install the same in mobiles to get timely information. (Source: IP Division)

Post pandemic pent-up demand surge

A surge in post-pandemic pent-up demand helped India's property market overcome risks from rising interest rates this year but the dream run might face hurdles from global headwinds in 2023.

Any moderation in growth will mark a premature end to what industry watchers believe to be the start of a "long-term upcycle" in the Indian real estate sector.

The optimism emanates from record housing sales this year, surpassing the pre-COVID 2019 numbers and the previous high of 2014.

With the inflation battle yet to be won, economists expect the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to raise interest rates further at least in the first half of next year. According to Anarock, 2022 housing sales in primary markets (fresh sales) across seven major cities stood at nearly 3.65 lakh units, an all-time high, up 54 per cent from 2.36, 500 units last year. Sales of residential properties stood at 2,61,360 units in 2019 (pre-Covid) and 3,42,980 units in 2014 across seven cities -- Delhi-NCR, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Pune.

The demand growth was secular and broad-based in nature, as sales increased across all price points, from low-cost homes to luxury villas, undeterred by hardening of interest rates on home loans as well as property prices.

Home loan rates have gone up since May this year from a decade-low of around 6.5 per cent. Resurgence in demand coupled with rise in input costs, prompted real estate developers, who were working on a very thin margin from the last several years, to increase their selling prices. Housing prices, which remained stagnant for the last several years, saw a modest appreciation of an average of 4-7 per cent across these top seven cities.

There was a sharp increase in prices of key raw materials like

cement and steel in the first half of this year because of geopolitical concerns amid the war between Russia and Ukraine. Prices of steel have eased now but many other commodities remain costlier.

The residential real estate market saw further consolidation this year in both demand and supply towards branded and trusted developers. Real estate projects from reputed corporate houses like Tata, Mahindra, Godrej, Piramal Group and Adani gained further traction.

Almost all listed realty firms reported a sharp rise in their annual sales bookings in every quarter this year, encouraging them to aggressively expand their land bank for future development through outright land purchases and partnerships with landowners.

Bengaluru-based Prestige Group, Mumbai-based Macroflex Developers (Lodha Group), Godrej Properties and DLF are in the race to become the top listed entity in terms of sales bookings this fiscal year. Struggle for unbranded players, lacking credibility, further exacerbated. Many of those realty firms became bankrupt as well and went into insolvency proceedings. The resolution of debt-laden Jaypee InfraTech did not see light of the day even this year. Like the housing segment, the other verticals of Indian real estate -- office, malls, co-working, co-living and industrial & warehousing spaces -- witnessed a strong revival. As per property consultancy JLL India data, net absorption or leasing of office space rose 46 per cent to 38.25 million square feet this year from 26.2 million square feet in 2021. The net leasing, however, could not reach the pre-Covid level of record 47 million square feet in 2019. The gross leasing of office space, as per property consultancy Colliers India data, is likely to rise 52 per cent to 50.1 million square feet in 2022 across six major cities as demand from

corporates rose. Large enterprises also actively took office space in co-working centres as part of their strategy to save on capital expenditure and adopt flexibility.

However, the gross absorption of office space may fall to 35-38 million square feet as corporates, both foreign and domestic, have become cautious in expanding business amid global headwinds.

In the co-living segment, the operators heaved a sigh of relief with the opening of offices and educational institutions after Covid cases receded sharply earlier this year.

To make up for the loss of business in the last two years, the co-living operators are expanding their operations aggressively.

Meanwhile, this year saw a 17 per cent drop in private equity investment in real estate to USD 5.13 billion as investors turned cautious amid geopolitical and inflationary concerns. The real estate sector saw many big deals, especially in the office and warehousing segment.

In 2022, builders had a reason to smile as the real estate sector remained strong after overcoming a plethora of disruptions during the past six years in the form of demonetisation, implementation of RERA and GST, NBFC crisis and the pandemic.

The domestic realty sector, which is projected to be worth USD 1 trillion by 2030, is the second biggest employer after agriculture and supports around 200 other industries.

Builders are confident of not only repeating their performance but bettering it, if the pandemic and inflation remain under control in the country. "The sustained home buying demand buoyancy may dip if interest rates cross the upper tolerance limit of 9.5 per cent, leading to demand contractions," Niranjana Hiranandani, National Vice Chairman of realtors apex body NAREDCO, said.



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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

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Authorised Officer

A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd

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Several countries announce new measures for travelers from mainland China

Several countries have announced new measures for travelers from mainland China, including increased tracking and surveillance and PCR testing. The move comes after China relaxed its strict COVID-19 measures announcing on Monday that it will end quarantine requirements for international arrivals on January 8. The Biden administration yesterday announced that travelers from China will be required to produce a negative COVID-19 test starting next week.

In a statement, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that airline passengers will be required to show a negative test taken no more than two days before their departure starting 5th Jan. Travelers who tested positive for COVID-19 more than 10 days before the flight can provide documentation of recovery instead of a negative test result, the agency said. The decision comes after other countries have implemented similar strategies, with Japan on Tuesday requiring travelers from China to be tested upon arrival.

Malaysia and Taiwan has also announced new measures for travelers from mainland China, including increased tracking and surveillance and PCR testing. India has also announced safety measures like testing and medical scrutiny of passengers, coming from China and other countries where the virus is prevalent. A statement by the Foreign Ministry said, inbound travellers to China are advised to take a nucleic acid test within 48 hours before their departure.

AFFIDAVIT

By this deed I, the undersigned K. PRABHAKARAN (New Name) previously called PRABHAKARAN (Old Name), doing PRIVATE WORK (give profession or vocation) and resident of INDIRA NAGAR, VILL-MANGLUTAN, POST-HUMFREYGUNJ under FERRARGUNJ Tehsil, in the District of SOUTH ANDAMAN (address) solemnly declare:

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ITBP Recruitment 2022 | Constable / Tradesman Posts | 287 Vacancies | Application Last Date: 22-12-2022

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IN CONVERSATION

COUGH-SYRUP DEATHS IN UZBEKISTAN: DRUG REGULATORY BODY STARTS PROBE

Drug regulatory body CDSCO has initiated a probe in connection with the death of 18 children in Uzbekistan allegedly linked to a cough syrup made by an Indian firm, with Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya saying further action would be taken based on the inspection of the pharma company.

Mandaviya said the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) is in regular contact with the national drug regulator of Uzbekistan regarding the matter since December 27.

The health ministry of Uzbekistan has claimed that 18 children have died after consuming the cough syrup 'Dok-1-Max'.

"Immediately on receipt of information, joint inspection of the NOIDA facility of the manufacturer, Marion Biotech, was carried out by UP Drug Control and CDSCO team and further action as appropriate would be initiated based on the inspection report," Mandaviya said in a series of tweets.

Marion Biotech is a licenced manufacturer and holds licence for manufacturing of 'Dok-1 Max' syrup and tablet for export purpose granted by drug controller, Uttar Pradesh, the health ministry said in a statement.

The samples of the cough syrup have been taken from the manufacturing premises and sent to the Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory (RDTL), Chandigarh for testing, Mandaviya said.

Hasan Harris, legal representative of Marion Biotech, said the governments of

manufactured by Haryana-based Maiden Pharmaceuticals following which the unit was shut for violation of manufacturing standards.

However, later the samples tested in a government laboratory in India were found to be complying with specifications.

India's drug regulator had told the World Health Organisation (WHO) earlier this month that the global health body drew a premature link between the deaths of children in Gambia and the four India-made cough syrups which adversely impacted the image of the country's pharmaceutical products across the globe.

In a letter to Dr Rogerio Gaspar, Director (Regulation and Prequalification) at WHO, Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Dr V.G. Somani had said that a statement issued by the global health body in October in the wake of the deaths "was unfortunately amplified by the global media which led to a narrative being built internationally targeting the quality of Indian pharmaceutical products".

The DCGI had said that India has been committed to rigorous monitoring and oversight to ensure that the highest standards of manufacture are maintained in quality control of drugs and cosmetics.

- Source : Theweek

both countries are looking into the matter and inquiring.

"There is no problem from our end and no issue in testing. We have been there for the past ten years. Once the government report will come, we will look into it. For now the manufacturing has stopped," Harris said.

According to the ministry, chemical ethylene glycol was found in a batch of syrup during laboratory tests.

Earlier this year, death of 70 children in Gambia was linked to cough syrups



Is two-front war our creation, asks former Army chief Gen Naravane

One of the key architects of the ongoing theatreisation effort of the Indian military, former Army chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane, has come out strongly on the till-now-elusive National Security Strategy (NSS) and National Defence Strategy (NDS).

Speaking at the Gen K.V. Krishna Rao Memorial Centre at the Manekshaw Centre in Delhi on Thursday, Gen Naravane, who retired on April 30, said, "Theaterisation is not an end. It is a means to an end. That end has to be specified first in the form of a NDS and that in turn has to flow out from a NSS."

Most countries have a NSS. The NSS is an overarching and all-encompassing 360-degree document that would spell out the country's security challenges, both internal and external, keeping in mind the constitutional boundaries and the democratic ethos in its peculiar political, social and economic milieu.

The former army chief said, "Unless there is a NSS in place, to talk about theatreisation is actually like putting the cart before the horse."

"What is the charter? What is the depth? Is the charter only the defence of the land and the territorial waters? Or do we have to go deeper?"

"Only after these two pillars are in place—NDS and NSS—can we think about theatre commands. The role they have to play has to come from the top. We cannot on our own say we have to fight a two-front war. Did anybody say that? Or is it just our own creation?"

"We cannot abrogate to ourselves these responsibilities. Once that is done, it would make our job of theatreisation a lot easier," Gen Naravane said.

The former chief also batted strongly for a higher defence organisation that will be the pivotal link between the government and the military commanders on the

ground.

"So with the NSS in place, we also need a higher defence organisation (HDO) to act as the interface between the government and the (military) commanders on the ground. This higher defence organisation has to reflect the whole of the nation because it is the nation that fights wars, not just the ministry of defence. It has to have representatives of all ministries."

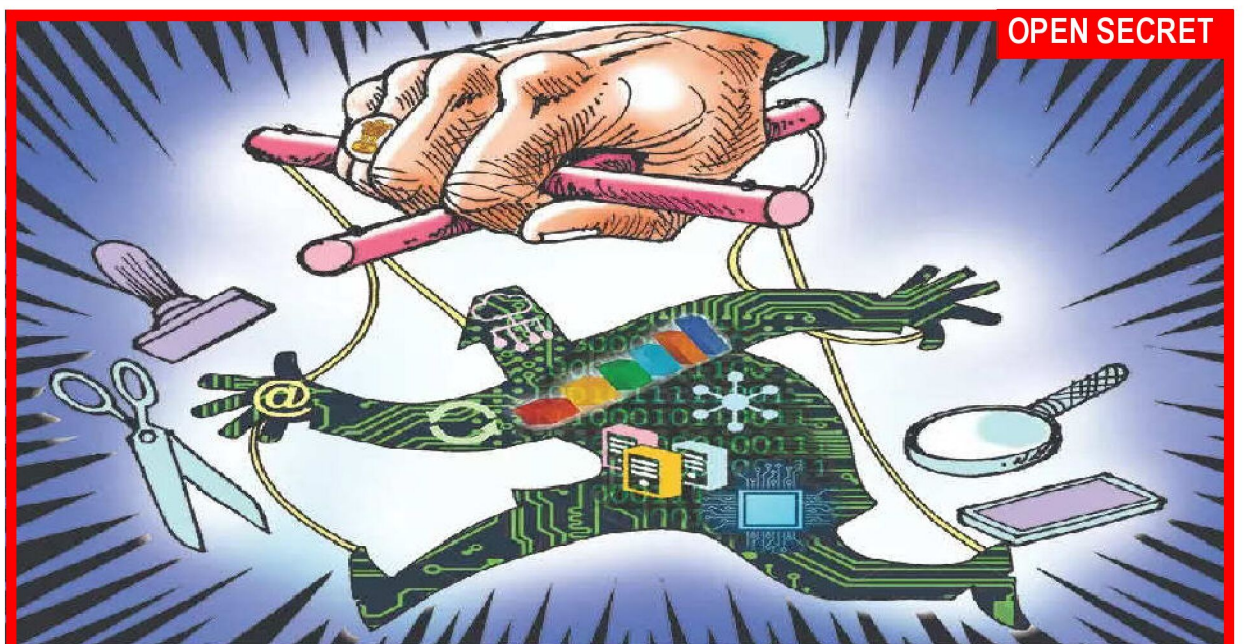
"Once decisions are arrived at, the armed forces are free to do their job and all the other coordination has to be carried out by this organisation."

The Indian military is undertaking a huge modernisation and reform effort by doing away with the functional commands

system and replacing it with theatre command architecture.

At the basic level, it means that a single commander in a designated zone will command all the assets and resources of all the three forces—Army, Navy and Air Force—stationed in that zone.

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Hockey India announces cash prizes for Indian team & support staff ahead of WC

Hockey India today announced cash prizes for the Indian team and support staff ahead of next month's FIH men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.

India will begin its campaign against Spain on the 13th of January and HI decided to reward the team members with 25 lakh rupees each and the support staff with five lakh rupees each for a gold medal-winning feat at the prestigious quadrennial event.

A silver medal would see the players walk away with 15 lakh rupees and the support staff would be awarded three lakh rupees, while a bronze medal will

see them being awarded 10 lakh rupees each, while the support staff would be entitled to a prize of two lakh rupees. The decision was made by Hockey India Executive Board in a virtual meeting on the 24th of December. Finishing on the podium at a Senior Men's World Cup is not an easy task, and we hope this announcement will further increase the motivation levels of the already glory-hungry Indian Men's Hockey Team, said HI president Dilip Tirkey. India last stood on the World Cup podium in 1975 where it lifted the coveted title, beating Pakistan in the final held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

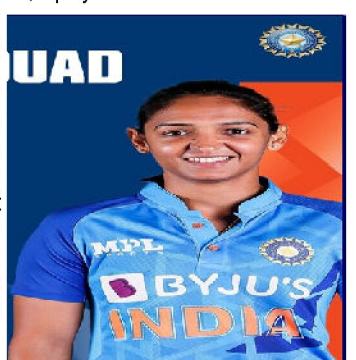
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India's squad announced for tri-series in South Africa & ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023

Women's Selection Committee has announced India's squad for the tri-series in South Africa starting in January and the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023. The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 is scheduled to begin on 10th February. Team India is scheduled to meet Pakistan in their opening match on 12th February in Cape Town.

Team India is in Group 2 with England, West Indies, Pakistan, and Ireland. The top two teams in each group at the end of the group stage will play the semi-finals. The final will be held on 26th February in Cape Town. Ahead of the T20 World Cup, India will play a tri-series tournament that will begin from January 19 with India Women taking on South Africa Women in the opening game. West Indies is the third team.

India's squad includes Harmanpreet Kaur (Captain), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-Captain), Shafali Verma, Yastika Bhatia (wicket keepers), Jemimah Rodrigues, Harleen Deol, Deepti Sharma, Devika Vaidya, Radha Yadav, Renuka Thakur, Anjali Sarvani, Pooja Vastrakar, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Shikha Pandey and Sabbhineni Meghana, Sneha Rana and Meghana Singh are reserved players.



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