

Govt announces 27 per cent reservation for OBCs, 10 per cent quota for EWS in medical, dental courses

NEW DELHI, JULY 29 /- The government today announced a 27 per cent quota for OBCs and 10 per cent reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category in the All-India Quota (AIQ) scheme for undergraduate and postgraduate medical and dental courses from the current academic year, 2021-22.

Hailing the "landmark decision" taken by his government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "This will immensely help thousands of our youth every year get better opportunities and create a new paradigm of social justice in our country." Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya also lauded the "historic decision". "A historic decision has been taken by the government in the field of medical education in the country. Under All India Quota, 27 per cent reservation will be given to OBC students and 10 per cent to weaker income group (EWS) students in undergraduate/post graduate, medical and dental education," he said in a tweet.

The prime minister, at a meeting held on Monday, had directed the Union ministries concerned to facilitate an effective solution to this long-pending issue, a statement issued by the health ministry said. "This decision would benefit nearly 1,500 OBC students in MBBS and 2,500 OBC students in postgraduation and also around 550 EWS students in MBBS and around 1,000 EWS students in postgraduation," it added.

"The present government is committed to providing due reservation both to the backward category as well as the EWS category. The Union government has now taken a historic decision to provide 27 per cent reservation for OBCs and 10 per cent reservation for EWS in the AIQ scheme," the ministry stated. OBC students from across the country shall now be able to take the benefit of this reservation in the AIQ scheme to compete for seats in any

state. Being a central scheme, the Central List of OBCs shall be used for the purpose. The AIQ scheme was introduced in 1986 under the Supreme Court's directions to provide for domicile-free merit-based opportunities to students from any state aspiring to study in a good medical college in another state.

When the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act became effective in 2007, providing for a uniform 27 per cent reservation to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), the same was implemented in all the central educational institutions such as the Safdarjung Hospital, the Lady Hardinge Medical College, the Aligarh Muslim University and the Banaras Hindu University. However, it was not extended to the AIQ seats of the state medical and dental colleges. In order to provide benefits to students belonging to the EWS category in admission to higher educational institutions, a constitutional amendment was made in 2019, which enabled the provision of 10 per cent reservation for the category, the statement said.

Accordingly, the number of seats in the medical and dental colleges was increased over the next two years (2019-20 and 2020-21) to accommodate this additional 10 per cent EWS reservation so that the total number of seats available for the unreserved category does not reduce. In the AIQ seats, however, this benefit was not extended so far, the statement said.

"Therefore, along with the 27 per cent reservation for OBCs, 10 per cent reservation for EWS is also being extended in AIQ seats for all the undergraduate/post graduate medical/dental courses from the current academic year 2021-22. Over the last six years, the number of MBBS seats in the country has increased by 56 per cent from 54,348 in 2014 to 84,649 in 2020 and that of PG seats has gone up by 80 per cent from 30,191 in 2014 to 54,275 in 2020. (PTI)

We support all peace initiatives aimed at lasting political settlement: India on Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, JULY 29 /- / India today said it has a steadfast policy to support a sovereign, democratic and peaceful Afghanistan and it is in touch with various stakeholders within and outside Afghanistan including regional and international partners. The comments by the Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan in Rajya Sabha came a day after India and the US strongly pitched for an immediate intra-Afghan peace process to end the violence in Afghanistan and find a political settlement.

Muraleedharan said India supports peace initiatives leading towards a lasting political settlement through an inclusive Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled process. The Taliban has been making rapid advances across Afghanistan by resorting to widespread violence since

the US began withdrawing its troops on May 1.

The US has already pulled back the majority of its forces and is looking to complete the drawdown by August 31. "As a contiguous neighbour and strategic partner, India has a steadfast policy to support sovereign, democratic and peaceful Afghanistan, where the interest of all sections of Afghan society including women, children and minorities are protected," he said. "India supports all peace initiatives leading towards a lasting political settlement through an inclusive Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled process which would lead to peace and stability in the region," the minister said.

He also referred to External Affairs Minister Jaishankar's online participation in September last year in the inaugural



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session of the intra-Afghan negotiations in Doha. "The external affairs minister participated in the inaugural session of the intra-Afghan negotiations in Doha held in September 2020. The government is in touch with various stakeholders within and

outside Afghanistan, including regional and international partners," Muraleedharan said.

On September 12, an Indian delegation attended the inaugural ceremony of the intra-Afghan negotiations featuring various stakeholders including the Afghan government and the Taliban in Doha. Jaishankar joined it through video conference. The evolving situation in Afghanistan figured prominently during talks between Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken here on Wednesday.

Blinken said there can be no military solution to the Afghan conflict and India has and will continue to make vital contributions to Afghanistan's stability and development as a leader and a critical American partner in the region. The US Secretary of State said that both India and the US "largely" see Afghan conflict in the same light, warning that an Afghanistan that does not respect the rights of its people and commits atrocities against them would become a "pariah state".

India has been a major stakeholder in the peace and stability of Afghanistan. It has already invested nearly USD 3 billion in aid and reconstruction activities in the country. India has been supporting a national peace and reconciliation process which is Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled. It has also been calling upon all sections of the political spectrum in Afghanistan to work together to meet the aspirations of all people in that country including those from the minority community for a prosperous and safe future. (PTI)

Karnataka CM Bommai indicates cabinet expansion would take some time

BENGALURU / HUBBALLI, JULY 29 /- Indicating that expansion of his cabinet may take some time, Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai today said he will discuss it with the party's central leadership and decide in the days to come. "I'm going to Delhi tomorrow morning, there I will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP National President JP Nadra. This is my first visit (as CM), this will be to greet them and take their blessings," Bommai said.

Speaking to reporters on his arrival at Hubballi on his way to flood and rain-ravaged Uttara Kannada district, he said after this visit in two or three days he will seek the leadership's time to discuss the cabinet expansion and during that visit things may be finalised. Meanwhile, Ministerial aspirants have already begun lobbying to secure a berth in the new cabinet. Earlier in the day speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, in response to a question about pressure on him from Ministerial aspirants, he said, "It is common. Once someone becomes the CM and has to expand the cabinet, it is common." He also said that the Prime Minister spoke to him over phone on Wednesday and wished him all the best, as he also expressed hopes of good working relations with him.

"When I go to Delhi to meet the party leadership, I will also try to meet our Members of Parliament and central Ministers from Karnataka on the pending projects and issues concerning the state," he



Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai

added. Bommai, who was elected as the new leader of the BJP legislative party on Tuesday, following B S Yediyurappa's resignation, took oath as the Chief Minister on Wednesday. Stating that he has spoken to senior BJP leader and former chief minister Jagadish Shettar, who has decided not to be part of the new cabinet, Bommai said, he will talk to him personally and discuss it with the party leadership. "I have told him (Shettar) that I will come and speak to him personally.

We have close bonding as we have grown together. We were friends even before we came to politics, so I have good regard, love and affection towards him and he too has similar feelings for me. We had a good relationship even when we were in different parties," he said.

Shettar said, as he is a senior leader and a former

Mayawati urges Supreme Court to take suo motu cognisance of Pegasus row

LUCKNOW, JULY 29 /- / Today, Chief Minister Mayawati urged the Supreme Court to take suo motu cognisance of the Pegasus snooping row and said that "mistrust and confrontation" between the government and the Opposition over the most important issues of the country, public interest and farmers etc. The Pegasus espionage scandal is also heating up yet the Centre is not ready to get the matter investigated. The country is worried," she said in a tweet in Hindi. "Under such circumstances, the BSP urges the Hon'ble Supreme Court to take cognisance of the much-discussed Pegasus espionage scandal and get it investigated under its supervision so that the truth about before the public. (PTI)

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Intensity of severe cyclonic storms increasing in North Indian Ocean region: Study

NEW DELHI, JULY 29 /- The intensity of severe cyclonic storms in the North Indian Ocean region has shown an increasing trend in the past four decades, according to a recent study by Indian scientists. The increasing intensity of severe cyclonic storms with major socioeconomic implications was due to atmospheric parameters like higher relative humidity, especially at mid-atmospheric level, weak vertical wind shear as well as warm sea surface temperature (SST). This indicates the role of global warming in bringing about this increasing trend, the study suggests. A team of scientists, including Jyoti Albert, Athira Krishnan, and Prasad K Bhaskaran from the Department of Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture, IIT Kharagpur, jointly with KS Singh, Centre for Disaster Mitigation and Management, VIT University, Vellore, studied the role and influence of critical atmospheric parameters in large-scale environmental flow and El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) tropical cyclone activity in the North Indian Ocean. They were supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Climate Change Programme (CCP). Findings from the study indicated that strong mid-level relative humidity (RH), positive low-level relative vorticity and a weak vertical wind shear (VWS), warm sea surface temperature (SST), and suppressed outgoing longwave radiation (OLR) are responsible for the increased tropical cyclone activity in the North Indian Ocean. Environmental

variables such as SST, wind streamlines, vertical velocity, and specific humidity exhibited comparable contributions towards cyclone genesis in both El Niño and La Niña phases. Investigation of the role of additional parameters such as water vapour and zonal sea-level pressure gradients revealed the possible linkage of La Niña years on increased severity of tropical cyclones. The study reported an increased amount of water vapour content in the troposphere, and during the past 38 years at 1.93 times as compared to the base year 1979.

An increasing trend in the climatological distribution of water vapour content was also seen during these years, with peaks in winter and Navaratri. The study also found that the Indian Ocean and the China Sea regions in conjunction with the increased frequency of severe cyclones. The new findings from this study are expected to augment advanced research in tropical cyclone activity for the North Indian Ocean region and also provide the scope for a detailed investigation on the possible linkages with other climate indices over the North Indian Ocean. "The impact of global warming due to climate change and its effect on extreme weather events such as frequency and high-intensity tropical cyclones formed over global oceans and basins is a matter of concern. High-intensity cyclones have become more frequent in the North Indian Ocean, causing significant risk and vulnerability to the coastal regions," the DST said. (PTI)

Indian women's nutrition suffered during last year's Covid lockdown: Study

NEW DELHI, JULY 29 /- The nationwide lockdown in India last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic caused disruptions in agricultural supply chains that negatively impacted the nutrition of women in the country, according to a study. The research, published in the journal *Economia Politica*, shows that although food value chains and allied activities were exempted from the lockdown, women's dietary diversity - the number of food groups consumed - declined during the period compared to 2019.

The researchers at Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI), New Delhi, found that the drop was due to decreased consumption of foods like meats, eggs, vegetables and fruits, which are rich in micronutrients that are crucial to good health and development. "Women's diets were lacking in diverse foods even before the pandemic, but COVID-19 has further exacerbated the situation," said Soumya Gupta, a research economist at TCI who co-authored the study. The nationwide lockdown was enforced to slow down the spread of

COVID-19 on March 24, 2020. The lockdown was lifted on May 30, last year, though some restrictions remained in certain areas of the country. The researchers, including TCI director Prabhu Pingali, Mathew Abraham, assistant director, and consultant Payal Seth, analysed surveys of food expenditures, dietary diversity and other nutrition indicators at the national, state and district levels in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Odisha. They found that unequal burden on women was also caused in part due to the closure of anganwadi centers during the lockdown. The centers, which provide take-home rations and hot cooked meals to nursing and expecting mothers, are an important source of nutrition for women and children.

Data from 155 households surveyed showed 72 per cent of eligible households lost access to anganwadi services during the pandemic. The study found that disruptions to agricultural supply chains subsequently led to price fluctuations especially for non-staple foods. Nearly 90 per cent of survey respondents reported having less food, while 95 per cent said they consumed fewer types of food. The largest drop in food expenditures was for micronutrient-rich fresh and dried fruits, as well as animal products such as meat, fish and eggs, and according to the researchers. Expenditures returned to pre-lockdown levels in June 2020 at the national and state levels but remained low at the district level, they said. The study suggests that underdeveloped regions were disproportionately affected by access and availability constraints, the researchers said. Surveys also suggest a decrease in the quantity and quality of nutritious foods consumed by women during the pandemic.

"The decline in women's diets and dietary diversity, with a likely decrease in quantities consumed points to a greater risk for micronutrient malnutrition as compared to before the pandemic, Gupta said. "Due to the spillover effects of maternal malnutrition, that risk poses a threat not only to women's productivity and well-being, but also that of their children," she said. (PTI)

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STATEMENTS OF UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2021

Sl. No	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Current year ended
		3 Months ended 30th June 2021 (UnAudited)	Previous 3 Months ended 30th June 2020 (UnAudited)	Corresponding 3 months ended 30th June 2021 (UnAudited)	
1.	Income				
a.	Revenue from operations	7.00	7.01	6.11	26.87
b.	Other Income	95.87	83.88	81.41	369.01
	Total Income (a+b)	102.87	100.89	87.52	395.88
2.	Expenditure				
a.	Operating costs	1.10	(34.33)	0.33	20.68
b.	Changes in inventories	(0.71)	42.77	0.00	(10.83)
c.	Finance and beneficial expenses	25.81	65.15	3.33	166.51
d.	Finance cost	21.72	21.82	22.99	87.82
e.	Depreciation and amortisation	6.02	6.01	5.43	24.07
f.	Other expenditure	28.86	87.93	6.64	167.89
	Total (a+b+c+d+e+f)	83.74	109.15	43.77	455.64
3.	Profit from Operations before Extraordinary Items (1-2)	18.83	(88.26)	43.75	(59.76)
4.	Exceptional Item (net of tax expense)	0.08	65.98	-	65.98
5.	Profit before taxes (3+4)	18.91	(22.28)	43.75	6.22
6.	Tax expenses				
a.	Current tax	5.27	(6.20)	-	1.73
b.	Deferred tax	-	(5.08)	-	(5.08)
c.	Dividend Tax Paid	-	-	-	-
	Total Tax expenses	5.27	(11.28)	-	(3.35)
7.	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period (5-6)	13.64	(11.00)	43.75	9.57
8.	Other comprehensive income				
a.	Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-
b.	Items that will be reclassified to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-
9.	Total comprehensive income for the period				
10.	Paid up equity share capital (Face value of Rs. 10/- each)	515.39	515.39	515.39	515.39
11.	Reserve and surplus (including revaluation reserves)	-	-	-	3295.89
12.	Revaluation reserves	-	-	-	843.22
13.	Profit for Shareholders (1-12)				
a.	Basic and diluted EPS before Extraordinary Items for the period (per share to be allocated) (per share for net to be allocated)	0.26	(0.21)	0.85	0.19
b.	Basic and diluted EPS including Extraordinary Items for the period (per share to be allocated) (per share for net to be allocated)	0.26	(0.21)	0.85	0.19

Notes:
1. Other operating income represents rental income from the property.
2. The Un-Audited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June 2021 have been reviewed by the Auditor Company and approved by the Board of Directors on 28th July 2021. These results have been reviewed by the Auditor in accordance with the ICAI-ASAs prescribed as 13/2018 Co-AS 2013.
3. As the Company's business activity falls within a single primary business segment viz. Real Estate, the segment wise reporting is not applicable to the Company.
4. As it is an ongoing Real Estate concern, Sales figures are non-comparable. The company is working under an ongoing sales agreement.
5. None of the Director/Officers are a pledgee/creditor as far as informed by the promoter.
6. Previous year figures have been re-arranged/cropped wherever necessary.
7. Tax to be calculated on financial year basis.
8. The consolidated figures have been furnished, since the company does not have any associates/subsidiary company.

For MARTIN BURN LIMITED
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CHANGE OF NAME
IASHASEN (Existing Name of spouse of per change of Next of Kin, Record/Service Document), spouse of Sukumar Chandra Sen (Name of the husband) resident of vill- Rajpur, P.O.- Paratipur, P.S.- Balurghat, Dist- Dakshin Dinajpur have changed my name from ASHA LATA (Existing Name of spouse as per change of Next of Kin, Record/Service Documents to ASHA_SEN (proposed/adopted New Name) vide Affidavit dated 19/07/2021 Before The L.D. Executive Magistrate, Dakshin Dinajpur.

CHANGE OF NAME
IIMRMOYES Das, MinmayDas and Sahana Begum D/O Balaram Das, w/o SK Sarafat, residing at Chandannagar Khan Para, Vill Vivekananda pally PS Mahatila 24 pgs(south) pin 700139, well be known as same and identical Personal and Identical Documents Form the Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Kolkata court vide Affidavit (no 183) on 1.3.2021. My Original Name is Sahana Begum

RATNAM INDUSTRIAL LIMITED
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