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Cong hits streets on price rise, unemployment, GST

Rahul, Priyanka detained with 60 Cong MPs and workers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday staged a countrywide protest against price rise, GST and unemployment, but the party leaders were more vocal on criticising the Centre alleging that the Government unleashed the Enforcement Directorate against the Gandhis in the National Herald case.

The epicentre of the protest was Delhi where Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi led from the front, but the party also mobilised its cadre in several States to give it a shape of pan-India agitation against the policies of the Modi Government.

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi led the protest inside Parliament premises but did not attend the march due to health issues.

Wearing black outfits, Rahul, Priyanka, and nearly 60 Congress MPs from both Houses of Parliament and hundreds of Congress work-

ers were detained when they tried to march to Rashtrapati Bhavan from Parliament.

Ahead of the protest, Rahul addressed a Press conference during which he alleged that India is witnessing the "death of democracy" and anybody who stands against the onset of dictatorship is "viciously attacked".

He said the Gandhi family is attacked because it fights for democracy and for communal harmony.

He charged that the sole agenda of the Government is that people's issues such as price rise, unemployment and violence in society must not be raised.

"What we are witnessing is the death of democracy. That is what India is witnessing. What India has built brick by brick, starting almost a century ago, is basically being destroyed in front of your eyes," said Rahul, who was flanked by party leaders Jairam Ramesh and Ashok Gehlot.

Asked about the questioning by the Enforcement Directorate of Congress president Sonia and him in the National Herald case, Rahul said, "Question all you want, there is absolutely nothing there, everybody knows it. We are not going to be intimidated by such tactics."



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi during a protest in New Delhi on Friday PTI

RBI hikes repo rate by 50 bps, EMLs to rise

PNS ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday hiked the key lending (repo) rate by 50 basis points. This is the third increase since May to tackle rising inflation. The rate hike will mean home, auto and other loan EMLs will rise further.

The hike by 50 bps to 5.40 per cent is 25 bps higher than the pre-pandemic repo level.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das indicated that this may not be the end of the tightening regime. The RBI, however, did not revise its existing economic growth or inflation forecast despite indications of a global slowdown. **See P10**

Away from Delhi stir, Mamata calls on PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

While her party has been attacking the Modi Government over actions by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against the TMC leaders in West Bengal, State Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national Capital on Friday and raised a host of issues concerning her State, including GST dues and the timely release of funds by the Centre under various schemes.

Mamata's meeting with the Prime Minister and later with President Droupadi Murmu came a day ahead of

the Vice President's election in which her party has broken ranks with the Opposition and decided to abstain.

The meeting came against the backdrop of the arrest of her Minister Partha Chatterjee by the ED.

The Prime Minister's Office shared a picture of the meeting, which lasted about an hour. In a memorandum to the PM, Mamata said she had repeatedly sought his intervention for urgent release of funds due to the State on account of the implementation of MGNREGA, PM Awas Yojana and PM Gramin Sadak Yojana. The amount due under these schemes stood at ₹17,996.32 crore, she said.

CAPSULE**DELHI RECORDS 2,419 COVID CASES, 2 DEATHS**

New Delhi: Delhi on Friday recorded 2,419 Covid cases, the highest in six months, with the positivity rate rising to 12.95 per cent, while two more people died due to the disease, according to health department data. It was the third consecutive day that the daily count of Covid-19 cases crossed the 2,000-mark.

SEER ENDS LIFE, BJP MLA BOOKED FOR ABETMENT

Jodhpur: A seer committed suicide in Rajasthan's Jalore after he was allegedly pressured by a BJP MLA to give way through his hermitage to the land where the legislator wanted to build a resort, according to police. Police also recovered a suicide note from the spot but did not disclose its content.

Cong's stir subtle message of its appeasement politics: Shah

BJP calls Cong drama a ploy to shield Gandhis

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

While the BJP called the Congress protest on Friday a ploy to shield the Gandhis from the National Herald corruption probe, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath linked the agitation by

Congress leaders in black clothes to the "appeasement" politics alleging the protest was planned on the day Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation of Ram Janambhoomi temple in 2020.

"The Congress chose this day for protest and wore black clothes because they want to give a subtle message to further promote their appeasement politics," said Shah.

Only sick mind can link protests to Ram temple foundation day: Cong

New Delhi: The Congress hit back at the BJP saying only a sick mind can link the protests to the Ram temple foundation day. "It's only a sick mind which can produce such bogus arguments. Clearly the protests have hit home!" tweeted party leader Jairam Ramesh.

New VP today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Members of Parliament will vote on Saturday to elect the next Vice President of India in an election where NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar is pitted against Opposition pick Margaret Alva. With numbers stacked in favour of the NDA, Dhankhar, a former Governor of West Bengal, is set for an easy win.

Cracks were visible in the Opposition camp as Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress decided to abstain from voting alleging lack of consultations in deciding on the name of Alva.

Foreign powers ruled us by belittling our feats: HM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said foreign powers could keep India under their rule as they succeeded in creating an inferiority complex among Indians which should be uprooted to achieve Independence in its truest sense.

He said that the foreign rulers created a myth that Indians were illiterate, ignoring the fact that the Gita, the

Vedas, astronomy, and zero were given to this world by our country. Shah was speaking after the launch of a mega serial "Swaraj — Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha", produced by Doordarshan to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence. The 75-episode mega show chronicles lesser-known tales about Indian history and would be telecast from August 14 on Doordarshan in Hindi and regional languages.

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I, Gurbhje Singh S/o No 3362314 Late Sep Jaswant Singh resident of House No 2-B, A-Block, Punjab University, Sector 14, Chandigarh have declare that name of my mother changed from Leela Kaur to Lakhbir Kaur for matching in defence and civil documents vide affidavit dated 24-May-2022 before Notary Chandigarh.

I, Ramesh Chand Bhatia s/o Sita Ram Bhatia r/o 1658-A, Sector-6, Karnal declare that my son Manoj Bhatia & his wife Poonam Bhatia are out of control. I disown them from my movable and immovable properties. My family will not be responsible for their action/ transaction in future.

I, Jagmohan Singh s/o Sh. Ajit Singh, R/o # 583, Sector 22-A, Chandigarh declare that my son Damanpreet Singh is out of my control. So, I disown him from all my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deals with him will do so at own risk. I and my other family members shall not be responsible for any his act.

I, Jagjit Singh Chahal S/O Sh. Ranjit Singh R/O # 3579, Sector 35D, Chandigarh hereby disown my Son Sirat Singh Chahal from all my moveable and immovable properties. He is out of my control, If anybody deal with him will do so at own risk, I shall not be responsible for his any deeds.

I, Indro W/o Late Mahendra R/o Jyoti Colony Noorwala Tehsil and Distt. Panipat declare that my son Vicky, his wife Kamla and my girl Seema, Rekha thesare out of my control. So I disown them from my movable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with, then at own risk. I and my family are not responsible for any type of there legal or illegal acts.

I, Harbhajan Singh S/o Chuhd Singh R/o 2B, Sector 8, Defence Colony, Vill Tundla, Ambala Cantt declare that my son Gurdhyan Singh and his wife Maninder Kaur are out of my Control. So I Disown them from my all Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Satya Bhamra w/o Shri Bharat R/o H-4 University Campus, Kurukshetra, have disown my son Gaurav from all my movable immovable properties, as he is out of my control.

I, Balbir Ram S/O Chintu Ram R/O 1031, Mohalla B.M.K Manimajra U.T Chandigarh, Declared That My Son Dalip Kumar And His Wife Anju Bala Is Out Of My Control. So I Disown Both From All My Movable /Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Krishan Kumar S/O Dalbir Singh R/O #560 Vill. Lehraada Tehsil & Distt Sonapat Declared My Son Ashish & His Wife Jyoti Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Both From All My Movable Or Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Sukhi Sheikh S/o Jaswant Singh R/o Ghanauri Kalan, Sangrur, Punjab-148024. do hereby solemnly affirm and declare That I have embraced Sikh religion and renounced Muslim w.e.f. 26/7/2022. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sukhjwan Singh.

I, No. 4477480M Hav Rajesh Singh S / O Beli Ram Vill - Akhwana PO GHO Tehsil And Distt. Pathankot declared that in my service record in my Address written District as Gurdaspur instead of Pathankot.

I, Piyaara Lal S/O Arjan Ram R/o Vil Basma Teh & distt SAS Nagar Mohali declare that piyaara Lal, Piyaara Singh And Player Ram All Name are same and the one person only.

I, No. 15139223P Rank Hav (GNR) Gurdeep Singh S/O Lal Singh Resident of VPO Dholan, Tehsil Patli District Tarn Taran (Punjab) declare that in my army record my minor daughter's name was wrongly mentioned as Pardeep Kaur & her Date of Birth was also wrongly written as 25/12/2005. But my daughter's correct name is Prabdeep Kaur and her correct Date of Birth is 14/03/2006 as per my other documents. Please correction this mistake in army record.

I, Navdeep Singh Son of No. 15139223P Rank Hav (GNR) Gurdeep Singh Resident of VPO Dholan, Tehsil Patli District Tarn Taran (Punjab) declare that in my father's army record my Date of Birth was wrongly written as 14/09/2003. But my correct Date of Birth is 19/09/2003 as per my other documents. Please correction this mistake in my father's army record.

I, Balwinder Kaur Spouse of No. 15139223P Rank Hav (GNR) Gurdeep Singh Resident of VPO Dholan, Tehsil Patli District Tarn Taran (Punjab) declare that in my husband army record my Date of Birth was wrongly written as 26/01/1979. But my correct Date of Birth is 01/01/1981 as per my other documents. Please correction this mistake in my husband's army record.

I, Balwinder Kaur Spouse of No. 15139223P Rank Hav (GNR) Gurdeep Singh Resident of VPO Dholan, Tehsil Patli District Tarn Taran (Punjab) declare that in my husband army record my Date of Birth was wrongly written as 26/01/1979. But my correct Date of Birth is 01/01/1981 as per my other documents. Please correction this mistake in my husband's army record.

I, Balwinder Kaur Spouse of No. 15139223P Rank Hav (GNR) Gurdeep Singh Resident of VPO Dholan, Tehsil Patli District Tarn Taran (Punjab) declare that in my husband army record my Date of Birth was wrongly written as 26/01/1979. But my correct Date of Birth is 01/01/1981 as per my other documents. Please correction this mistake in my husband's army record.

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We, Ram Lal S/o Late Sh. Gokal Ram and Parmjeet Kaur Wife of Sh. Ram Lal, R/o #1137-A, Ranjit Nagar, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali declared that our sons Amarpreet Alias Amarpreet Singh and Ramanpreet Alias Ramanpreet Singh and daughter- in-laws Krianaapreet Kaur and Hardeep Kaur are out of our control, so we Disowned them from our moveable & immoveable properties. Anybody who deals with them shall do it at their own risk.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gurjit Kaur D/o Late Army No.13721244 Hav / Clerk Rawal Singh Village Sarhala PO Garhiwala, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.) declare that my birth date written wrongly 10-08-1965 in army record of my father. According to my Govt. Primary School Certificate my correct birth date is 22-05-1965 be amended in my father's army record.

I, Anjna Rani W/o Sh. Krishan Lal R/o House No. 20, HighLand-Society, Ballana-Zirakpur (Mohali) PB. Declare that, I have Changed my name Anjna Rani to Anjna Rani. My DOB 17-03-1980 is Wrong. But My Correct DOB is 17-07-1980. Concerned note.

I, Ragni Devi W/o Dinesh Singh R/O House no. 2034, Sector 52, Chandigarh have changed her minor son name from Meghnath to Gautam.

I, Sanjana W/o Rajan Gujral R/o 2145 C, Shri Nagar Colony, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Sanjana Gujral.

I, Rajan S/O Om Parkash R/o 2145 C, Shri Nagar Colony, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Rajan Gujral.

I, Kirti Sharma W/o Arun Kumar R/O Sunder Vihar Colony, V.P.O & Tehsil Chhachhrauli, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Kirti Bakshi.

I, No. 146319334M Rank Ex Hav. Rambir S/O Omparkash R/O Village Shamri (Buran), Tehsil Khanpur Kalan, Distt. Sonapat, declared that have changed my son name from Vivek Khokhar and 15-08-2003 (exiting name & DOB) to Vivek and 20-12-2004 (proposed new name & DOB) as per my son document in future my son shall may be known called as Vivek and Dob-20-12-2004 for all work purposes.

I, Ravi Kumar S/o Kimti Lal R/o 220, Sarajiti Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Ravi Kumar Dua.

I, Shivani D/o Anuj Kumar Kansal R/O 41-A, Yogesh Nagar, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Shivani Kansal.

I, Sonia Rani W/O Sumit Kumar R/O 1049 (9452/6) Kalai Majri, Ambala city declare that in my daughter Garima Arora documents my name is mentioned as Sonia Arora instead of Sonia Rani. Sonia Rani and Sonia Arora is only one and the same person.

I, P Ramakrishna resident of 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt have changed my Mother name from Pushpa to Palmati Pushpa and date of birth from 01 Jul 1965 to 14 FEB 1959 vide Affidavit dated 05 AUG 2022 before Executive Magistrate, Panchkula, Haryana.

I, Arun Bansal S/o Sh.Naresh Kumar R/o H.No.7-P, Sector-6, Jind, have changed my name from Arun to Arun Bansal for all future purposes.

I, Sandeep Kumar Sethi S/o Satinder Kumar Sethi R/o Opp. Session House, DC Road Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that I Sandeep Kumar Sethi and Sandeep K Sethi one and the same Person.

I, Smt. Kamaljit Kaur W/o No 1583661P Ex NK Jaswinder Singh R/O VPO Kandhali Narangpur Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Kamaljit Kaur to Kamaljeet Kaur and my date of birth from 25-04-1977 to 25-04-1975.

I, JC-521688N Ex Sub (Hony Capt) Jagjit Singh R/O Vill. Bari PO Rajwal Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Kuljeet Singh to Kuljit Singh.

I, Jaspreet Kaur Kalyana W/o S. Kunwar Deep Singh R/O Village Newal near Commando Complex, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Jaspreet Kaur Kalyana to Jaspreet Kaur. Please note for future.

I, Surinder Kaur Kalyana W/o S. Kulbir Singh R/O Village Newal near Commando Complex, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Surinder Kaur Kalyana to Surinder Kaur. Please note for future.

I, Kulbir Singh Kalyana S/o S. Hardaman Singh R/o Village Newal near Commando Complex, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Kulbir Singh Kalyana to Kulbir Singh. Please note for future.

I, Rekha Rani W/o Pramod Kumar R/o E-57, Street No. 2, East Vinod Nagar, Delhi have changed my daughter name from Aradhya to Aradhya Singhria. In future my daughter should be known as Aradhya Singharia.

I, Gurvinder Singh s/o Buta Singh r/o Dera Dachar Road, Sub Tehsil Nissing (Karnal) declare that my passport no. S 1836102 My Mother name is Satwinder Kaur and my father name is written Butta Singh, which is wrong. While the correct name of my mother should be entered as Sukhwinder Kaur and the correct name of my father as Buta Singh.

I, Prem Prakash Bhargav S/o Nanu Ram R/O H.No- 1885/131, Near Sharma Atta Chakki Ranjit Nagar Ambala city have changed my name from Prem Prakash Bhargava to Prem Prakash Bhargav.

I, Ranjeet Singh S/o Mohan Singh R/O H.No 29, New Durga Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Ranjit Singh to Ranjeet Singh.

I, Jaya Sharma D/o Ram Singh Kalyan R/O H.No- 56-57, Phase-1 Near Guru Dham, Jaggi Garden Ambala City have changed my name from Jaya Sharma to Jaipreet Kalyan. All concerned note.

I, Priyanka Rana W/O Yogender Singh R/O Hno. 3459, Manmohan Nagar, Ambala City Have Changed My Name Priyanka Tomar.

I, Jagmal Sharma S/O Chander Pal R/O Village Begampur Distt . Karnal Have Changed My Name Jagmal.

I, Suman Sharma W/O Vinod Kumar R/O 1108/12, Gali No.6, Shanti Nagar, Tehsil Thanesar Distt.Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Suman Basor.

I, Parveen Kumar S/o Sh. Madan Lal R/o Flat No. 301, GHS - 104G, sector 20, Panchkula have changed my name from Parveen Kumar to Parveen Kumar Monga. In future known by Parveen Kumar Monga.

I, Ranjit Kaur W/O Kuldip Ram Vill.Narangpur Tehsil. Bholaht distt. Kapurthala declare that in my passport no. R3464305 my husband's name is wrongly mentioned as Kuldeep Ram, but his correct name is Kuldip Ram. Please note.

I, Shivam Garg S/O Sh. Raman B Garg #169, Sector 49-A, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Shivam.

I, Jaswinder Kaur w/o Late Naik Jasbir Singh (Army No 10466256-N) R/O Theh Newal, Guhla, Kaithal have Changed the name from Jasmindar Kaur to Jaswinder Kaur. concern Noted.

I, Daljeet Kaur W/O Sardool Singh R/O Village Kuralian Po Chavinda Devi Ps Kathunangal Amritsar Have Declere That Kaur Is Mu Sumarn And Daljeet Is My Given Name.

Sardool Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/O Village Kuralian Po Chavinda Devi Ps Kathunangal Amritsar Have Declere That Singh Is Mu Sumarn And Sardool Is My Given Name.

I, Amit Mittal S/O Ramesh Mittal R/O 529/1-D,2r.B Parkash Chand Road,Police Line Lawrence Road Amritsar Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Jhanvi Mittal To Janhvi Mittal All Concerned May Please Note.

I, Akshay Sharma S/O Manoj Sharma R/O 1205, Gali Mahavir Chowk Bijli Amritsar Have Changed My Minor Grand Daughter's Name From Aradhya To Aadrysha Sharma

I, Hitherto Known As Satpal Singh Son Of Daljit Singh Residing At H.No.2028, St.No.1, Amarpura, Ludhiana-141001 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ekjot Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Leela Shankar Son Of Joginder Singh Residing At H.No.2895/5, Near Old Improvement Trust, Pakki Gali, Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Satya Shiv.

I, Balwinder Kaur W/O S. Gurminder Singh Aulakh R/O Vpo. Butari, Teh. Baba Bakala, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Balwinder Kaur To Balwinder Kaur Aulakh. All Please Note.

I, Hitherto Known As Kuldip Singh S/O Ram Singh, Residing At Vill. Wariana, Distt. Jalandhar-144013, Punjab, India, have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kuldeep Singh.

I, Neeraj S/O Bhajan Lal R/O 54-B, Gali No.15 New Pawan Nagar Batala Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Neeraj To Neeraj Kumar.

I, Suman W/O Neeraj Kumar R/O 54-B, Gali No.15 New Pawan Nagar Batala Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Suman To Suman Bala.

I, Hitherto Known As Sumesh Kumar Sharma Son Of Rajinder Pal Sharma Residing At H.No.85, Labh Nagar, Gali No. 4, Ram Tirath Road, Amritsar-143002 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sumesh Kumar.

I, Bakhshish Kaur W/O Joginder Singh R/O Vill.Jalal Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Bakhshish Kaur.

I, Simarjit Kaur W/o Ranjit Singh R/o Dharawal, Tehsil/Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my Name from Simarjit Kaur to Simranjeet Kaur. All Concered please note.

I, Raj Kumar S/o Sukh Lal House 157A/2, sector 30-B, Chandigarh. Have changed my minor son name Aditya to Aditya Kumar.

I, Sameer S/O Ramesh Kumar r/o Near Veterinary Hospital, Village Partaggarh, Tehsil Thanesar (Kurukshetra) have changed my name from Sameer Saini to Sameer.

I, Charanjeet Singh Labana s/o Naninder Singh R/o H. No. 44, Nand Vihar Ambala city Haryana declare that have changed my son name from Gurjot Singh to Gurjot Singh Labana. Plz note.

I, Charanjeet Singh Labana s/o Naninder Singh R/o H. No. 44, Nand Vihar Ambala city Haryana declare that have changed my name from Charanjeet Singh to Charanjeet Singh Labana. Plz note.

I, Davinder Thareja W/o Bhagwan Dass R/O Flat no. 114, First Floor, Tower GT-2, Omaxe Green Jharnai, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab. Have Changed my Name from Davender Thareja To Davinder Thareja.

I, Harsha Thareja W/o Davinder Thareja R/O Flat no. 114,First Floor, Tower GT-2, Omaxe Green Jharnai, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab. Have Changed my Name from Harsha Rani To Harsha Thareja.

I, Priti Singh S/O Service No. JC-779669X Rank Nb/Sub Dileep Kumar Singh R/O 122, Bhrrhat, Ghazipur,Pin 233311 WPSent Residing at Unit 148 FD WKPSC Coy 56 APO, Ambala Cantt. Have Changed my Name from Preeti Singh To Priti Singh.

I, Rajesh Chopra S/o Krishan Lal R/o House No. 1031 Sector 7, Panchkula, I am Father of Sukhesh Chopra (Minor) Declare that his date of birth is 24/11/2008 and I have changed his name Sukhesh to Sukhesh Chopra.

I, Raj Bala w/o Ramchander r/o Village Bhiwani Khera Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, declare that I am known by both names: Raj Bala and Saroj Bala.

I, Ashok Kumar S/O Banarsi Dass R/O H.No. 128, Bhagwan Nagar Colony Pipli, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Sharma.

I, Rajwant Kaur W/O Swaran Gindoor Singh # 217 VPO Mouli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Rajwinder Kaur.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Swarn Singh # 217 VPO Mouli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Mandeep Kaur.

I, Nirmal Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh, VPO Kangthali, Kaithal, have changed my name to Nirmal Singh Ghotra.

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Gurdyal Singh R/o Kharkan Kaithal. i have changed my name from Paramjeet Kaur to Parmjeet Kaur.

I, Neeru Tayal W/o Sh. Mukesh Tayal R/O H.No. 162, Sector 9-11, Hisar declare that in my passport my daughter's name is Vanshika, which is wrong. Her correct name is Vanshika Tayal for all future purposes.

I, Neeru Tayal W/o Sh. Mukesh Tayal R/O H.No. 162, Sector 9-11, Hisar declare that in my passport my son's name is Kartik, which is wrong. His correct name is Kartik Tayal for all future purposes.

I, Neeru Tayal W/o Sh. Mukesh Tayal R/O H.No. 162, Sector 9-11, Hisar declare that my name in my passport is Neeru, which is wrong. My correct name is Neeru Tayal for all purposes.

I, Piyaal Rakshit Wife of No. 170006888 Rank NK Name Bappa Rakshit R/O VPO Agarda, Distt. Bakkura (W.B.) Pin-722144 have changed in army record my date of birth from 02-09-1995 to 14-01-1995 vide affidavit dated 05-08-2022 before Session Court Hisar.

I, No. 22052900A Rank SEP DVR Name Shrirame Premraj Kisansa R/O VPO Mowad, Distt. Nagpur (Maharashtra) Pin-441303 have changed in army record my name from Shrirame Premraj Kisansa to Shrirame Premraj Kisansa vide affidavit dated 04-08-2022 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Garima Mann / Garima W/o Sh. Pawan Singh R/O H. No. 1274, Sector-3, Rohtak (Haryana) hereby declare that I have changed my name from Garima Mann / Garima to Garima Singh for all future purposes.

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Satpal Jindal R/O House no. 1078, first floor, Sector 37-B, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Samarth to Samarth Jindal.

I, Vakil s/o Ram bhaji r/o village Assand Distt jhriyana inform that in my army service record my wife name wrongly recorded Pratibha Devi. my wife correct name is Pratibha.

I, Lakhwinder Kaur Bal W/o Baldev Singh resident of Village Lodhi Nangal, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Lakhwinder Kaur Bal to Lakhwinder Kaur. Concerned noted.

I, Jagdeep Singh Dhona S/o Sh. Rajwant Singh R/O Village Ailpur, S.A.S Nagar Mohali, Punjab have changed my name from Jagdeep Singh Dhona to Jagdeep Singh.

I, Ranjit Kumar Shaw S/o Shamshu Shaw R/O 217/1, Bana Enclave, 5117 ASC Bn. Mamun Cantt Pathankot. In School Record of My Son Manas Kumar & Daughter Sona Kumari & Service Record My Wife Name is Wrongly Entered Reena Devi Instead of Reena Kumar, So Kindly Correct It. Vide Affidavit AL-348400 Date:25-7-2022

I, Harpreet Singh S/O Tarsen Singh R/O Vpo. Binjon, Tehsil Garhshankar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Singh Harpreet.

I, Sanveer Kaur W/O Navpreet Singh R/O Vpo. Binjon, Tehsil Garshankar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kaur Sanveer.

I, Om Parkash S/O Pritam Dass R/O Village Kanshi Nagar, P.O. Mehat, Tehsil Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Om Parkash To Om Parkash Gaoht.

I, Gursewak S/O Dalbir Singh R/O H.No. 183 Village Mankian Ramgarh, Panchkula Have Changed My Name From Gursewak To Gursewak Singh.

I, Lalati Pal Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. Jc-7005991 Rank Subedar Major Name Ram Kirpal Pal R/O H.No. 368, Village Barigaon, Meerpur, Jaunpur, Up Have Changed My Name Form Lalati Pal (In Service Record) To Lalti Devi Due To (Wrong Publication Of Part 2 Order).

I, Ashok Kumar Sundaray R/O Street No 3 Tilak Nagar, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Aditya Sundaray's , Name To Aditya Kumar Sundaray. All Concern Note It.

I, Sanjeev Singh S/O Balbir Singh R/O Village Issapur Tehsil Derabassi Distt Sas Nagar Declared In Jamabandi My Father Name Is Wrongly Recorded As Balbir Chand S/O Ram Saroop. His Correct Name Is Balbir Singh S/O Sarup Singh. Please Read As Balbir Singh S/O Saroop Singh.

I, Ronald Mario S/O David R/O Near Mount Carmel School Village Dhahe Po Jindwari Tehsil Nangal Distt Ropar, Hereby Declare That In My Daughter's School Record, My Name Is Recorded As Ronald Mario Jhakhra But My Correct Name Is Ronald Mario.

I, Jagdeep Singh Bhatti S/O Kapoor Singh R/O House-107 Phase-9, Mohali (Pb.) Have Changed My Name To Jagdeep Singh.

I, Nirmaljeet Singh Alias Lal Singh S/O Jarnail Singh R/O Tara Singh Lalpuri Gali, Rayya, Amritsar-1, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Nirmaljeet Singh.

I, Har Gainder Kaur W/O Dilbag Singh R/O Village Bal Sarai, Teh Baba Bakala Jila Amritsar, Balsearai, Amritsar, Bal Sarai, Punjab-143204 have changed my name as Harjinder Kaur.

I, Inderjit Singh S/o Dyal Singh R/O 34/4, Raj Nagar, Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son From Manvir Singh To Manvir Singh Veerpal.

I, Balvir Kaur W/o Gurmit Singh R/O VPO. Kalra, Tehsil & Distt. Jalandhar Certified that Balvir Kaur as well as Balbir Kaur is one and same person.

I, Pooja Rani W/o Karan Wadhwa R/O 12 H/7, New Harbans Nagar, Jalandhar have changed my name from Pooja Rani to Pooja Rani Wadhwa, after marriage.

I, Ram Sharan S/O Mehnga Ram R/O 840, New Gopal Nagar, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Ram Sharan To Ram Saran.

I, Kamaljit Thapar S/o Lt. Shri Son Dutt Thapar R/O H.No.(PNJ-65, Bashirpura, Jalandhar (Bambaj) Change date of birth of my son Pratham Thapar 6-11-2005 is not correct. Correct date of birth is 11-6-2005.

I, Muliya Minaxiben wife of Army No.14833515X Rank NK / MT Name Muliya Gishil Vrajil Posted with Unit 501 ASC Battalion HQ COY C / o 56 APO , resident of 125/7 , Kulwant Singh Enclave , Patiala have changed my name from Meena Ben PG to my correct name Muliya Minaxiben.

I, SDeep Singh s/o kulwinder singh r/o Village dhir, Teh . batala, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from SDEEP Singh to Deep Singh. Concerned note.

I, Amarjeet Kaur W/ o Jaswinder Singh R/O Village Galwati (Patiala) have changed my name to Amarjit Kaur.

I, No-15477719m, DFR Shiv Pal Bajya S/O Parbhat Lal, R/O Village Bagawas, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Pin Code - 303603, Declare That In My Army Records My Son Name Sachin Baiya Which Is Wrong. But My Son Name Sachin Baiyya Which Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No- 5564, Dated 05-08-2022. Before Notory Public Gurdaspur Punjab, India.

I, Sohan Lal S/O Nanak Chand, R/O Village Sohaura Kalan, Tehsil/ Distt Pathankot. Have Changed My Name To Sohan Lal Saini.

I, Jasveer Singh Son of Sh Hira Nand resident of Ward No.4 Krishna Colony District Kathua (J&K) have changed my name from Jasveer to Jasveer Singh Vide affidavit No. -IN-JK 75438874850361U dated 05 Aug 2022 before notary Kathua (J&K).

I, Jagdeep Singh Dhona S/o Sh. Rajwant Singh R/O Village Ailpur, S.A.S Nagar Mohali, Punjab have changed my name from Jagdeep Singh Dhona to Jagdeep Singh.

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I, Rahul Padda S/O Ajay Kumar R/O Vpo. Gobindpur Khun Khun District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Rahul Kumar.

I, Rekha Nijjar W/O Amarjit Singh Nijjar R/O House No.326, Lane No.2, New Satnampura, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Known By Two Names I.E. Rekha & Rekha Nijjar. Rekha & Rekha Nijjar Is One And The Same Person.

I, Baljit Singh Sandhu S/O Tehal Singh R/O Village Daulewala Kalan Disttt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Baljeet Singh.

I, Shabnam W/O Yudhvir Bansal R/O Nihal Singh Wala Disttt. Moga Have Changed My Name From Shabnam To Shabnam Bansal After Marriage.

I, Mnuail Bansal S/O Dev Raj R/O Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name From Munilal Bansal To Muni Lal.

I, Krishan Kumar S/o Hakam Singh R/O Baraf Wala Gali, Aggarwal Colony, Gidderbaha (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed the name of my Minor Son Molik Garg to Maulik Garg.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Ram Krishan R/O # 2491 Phase-11 Sector-65 (SAS Nagar, Mohali) Punjab, India, have known by both names Manmeet Singh Boparai and Manmeet Singh one and the same person.

I, Diya D/O Ramesh Gogna R/O Village Panj Dhera, Jagatpura, Tehsil Phillaurl District Jalandhar Punjab have Changed my name to Diya Gogna concerned note.

I, Simranjit Kaur W/o Ram Singh R/O 361, Guru Ka Khooch, Tarn Taran, Tehsil & Distt: Tarn Taran have changed my name to Sim

GST 'not applicable' on room rent in religious precincts by charitable/religious trusts: CBIC

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With the BJP leaders from Punjab also raising a banner of revolt against their own party-led Central Government, along with all opposition parties, over the decision to impose 12 per cent GST on sarais (inns) of the Golden Temple, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has made it clear that the GST was “not applicable” on room rent in religious precincts by charitable or religious trusts.

At the same time, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) on Friday sought clarification from the Union Finance Ministry over the 12 per cent GST on sarais.

Issuing a detailed clarification through a series of tweets on Thursday night, CBIC clarified that the

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has been charging the Goods and Services Tax (GST) "on its own" whereas no such directions were issued. It stated that the Sikh body has started collecting the GST on its own.

It added that since July 18, 2022, the SGPC has been charging 12 per cent GST from the devotees who have been staying in its three sarais — Baba Deep Singh Yatri Niwas, Mata Bhag Kaur Niwas, and Sri Guru Gobind Singh NRI Niwas.

The Finance Ministry's clarification came following a demand from various quarters, including BJP leaders. AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha had also met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman a day before and submitted a memorandum regarding withdrawal of the decision of imposing 12 per

cent GST on sarais (inns) located near the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Notably, the GST Council, in June, had decided that a 12 per cent tax will be levied on all hotel rooms that cost below Rs 1,000 per day.

Certain sarais, managed by the SGPC, started collecting GST for rents up to Rs 1,000 per day “on their own” after the GST proposal on room rents below Rs 1,000 per day came into force on July 18, 2022.

As per the recommendation of 47th GST Council, hotel rooms having room rents up to Rs 1,000 per day were brought under the GST rate slab of 12 per cent from the earlier exempt category. However, the GST is not applicable on room rent in religious precincts by charitable or religious trusts, clarified the CBIC, under the Finance Ministry.

It added that there was

another exemption on renting of rooms in religious precincts by a charitable or religious trust, where the amount charged for the room is less than Rs 1,000 per day, it said, adding that this exemption continues to be in force without any change.

“The precincts of a religious place, in terms of above notification, has to be given broader meaning to include a Sarai even if it is located outside the

boundary wall of a complex of a religious place, in the surrounding area, and managed by the same trust or management,” it added.

Seeking clarification from the Finance Ministry, the SGPC contended that since these sarais

were located outside the premises of the Golden Temple, the GST was being charged after receiving a notification, dated July 13, 2022.

Punjab CM lays foundation stone of Sant Attar Singh SIMS

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/SANGRUR

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday laid the foundation stone of Sant Attar Singh State Institute of Medical Sciences at Mastuana Sahib to come up over an area of 25 acres with an estimated cost of nearly Rs 345 crores.

Reiterating the state government's firm commitment to provide quality medical facilities to the people, the Chief Minister said that this Institute will be a step forward towards this direction. “This project will be a humble and befitting tribute to the great religious leader Sant Attar Singh, who propagated the message of universal love, peace, and communal harmony to the people,” said Mann while recalling Sant Attar Singh's immense contribution in spreading the light of education in the entire region.

The Chief Minister envisioned that this college, with MBBS seats, will make Sangrur as a hub of medical education in the entire region. “Apart from construction of

Academic block, the project will include upgradation of existing Civil Hospital Sangrur from 220-bedded to 360-bedded, construction of Nursing School, separate hostels for Senior and Junior Girls and Boys, Sports Track and Pavilion for students, open Air Theatre for extracurricular activities, faculty residence and shopping complex,” he said.

Mann slams Akali, Cong leaderships for living in a ‘fool’s paradise’

Slamming the Congress and Akalis for their “anti-people” stance, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday said that the leaders of both these political parties are living in a ‘fool’s paradise’ assuming that they are still in power. Mann said that the leadership of both these parties is yet to overcome the trauma of crushing defeat inflicted upon them by the people during assembly elections. “They still behave in the way they are running the Government in the state.

Haryana announces One Time Settlement scheme 2022 for indebted farmers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government on Friday announced One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme 2022 for the indebted farmers and members of cooperative credit consumers.

State Cooperative Minister Banwari Lal said that In the scheme announced for the loanee members of the District Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank, 100 percent rebate in the overdue interest will be provided mainly in the loan account of the deceased borrowers till March 31, 2022. For this, 100% waiver of overdue interest will be provided by the heirs of the deceased borrower on depositing the entire principal amount in the loan account and penalty interest and other expenses will also be waived, he added.

The Cooperation Minister said that the total number of dead loan holders of the bank is 17,863 whose total amount is Rs. 445.29 crore including principal amount of Rs. 174.38 crore and interest of Rs. 241.45 crore and panel interest of Rs. 29.46 crore. Apart from this, 50 percent interest will also be given to all other overdue borrowers under OTS Scheme-2022 and their penalty interest and other expenses will also be waived. This scheme will be applicable on all types of loans of the bank. According to the scheme, if the loan holder could not pay his loan due to any reason and was declared a defaulter by the bank on March 31, 2022 he can take advantage of this scheme.

BRIEFS

MCC Commissioner addresses students under Swachhata Ki Paathshala



Chandigarh: Anindita Mitra, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on Friday addressed the students of Govt Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 27, under the theme Swachhata Ki Paathshala. During the programme the Commissioner sensitized students regarding segregation of waste at source, stop single use plastic products and home composting.

Punjab Guv Purohit among 126 people in Chandigarh tested Covid-19 positive

Chandigarh: Amid the rising Covid-19 cases over the last few weeks, Chandigarh on Friday recorded 126 cases. The Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator UT Banwari Lal Purohit also tested positive for Covid-19. According to officials, the Governor, however, is not showing any serious symptoms and is recuperating at his official residence. “All those who have come in contact with him should please isolate and get themselves tested,” said the official. With 126 fresh Covid-19 cases on Friday, the total number of cases in the city has risen to 97,135.

Necessary to curb road accidents: Khattar

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday said that road accidents are the leading cause of death across the world. Therefore, it is necessary to curb road accidents. Institute of Driving Training and Research, Karnal, which will be dedicated to the people of the State on Saturday, will play an important role to check road accidents in the State, he added. Khattar said that the State Government is committed to ensure road safety in the State. To curb road accidents in the state, the Government has been establishing the Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR) in Karnal in collaboration with Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India Pvt. Ltd. The construction work of IDTR on about 9.25 acres of land near the new bus stand has been completed.

Ex-Haryana minister to rejoin Congress

Chandigarh: Former Haryana minister Sampat Singh will be rejoining the Congress, a step which the senior leader said he is taking as he felt the party could protect better interests of farmers. Earlier, he met senior Congress leader K C Venugopal in Delhi in this regard. The meeting was arranged by Congress Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda. After meeting Venugopal, Hooda tweeted,

Punjab Govt to prepare roadmap for direct marketing of fruits, vegetables

Chandigarh: Punjab Government on Friday invited agriculture experts from all over the country and the world to suggest to the state's farmers for alternative remunerative solutions to wheat and paddy, which would be implemented by the government.

On Centre's directive, PGIMER re-starts treating patients from Punjab under Ayushman Bharat scheme

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research here on Friday re-started treating patients from Punjab under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana on a directive from the Centre.

The treatment facility in the institute was stopped after the state government had allegedly failed to clear dues of more than Rs 15 crore under the insurance scheme. The Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme provides cashless treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh to a family per year whose cost of implementation is shared by the state government.

The Punjab government has also assured PGIMER to clear the pending dues shortly. PGIMER's Director Prof Vivek Lal

said though the Punjab government has still not cleared the pending dues, they have again started treating patients under the Ayushman scheme after a directive from the Centre while keeping the interests of the patients in mind. “We had sent repeated requests to the Punjab government that their dues are not settled, but despite written reminders, we did not get any response after which we were forced to temporarily suspend the facility,” Prof Lal said.

Before taking the decision, the institute brought the matter to the notice of the national and state health authorities on April 1, May 13, and June 7. “Later the matter was even brought to the attention of senior officers of the Punjab government,” PGIMER said in a statement. PGIMER has restarted the benefits of the

Ayushman Bharat scheme for beneficiaries from Punjab with immediate effect from Friday, Kumar Gaurav Dhawan, Deputy Director, Administration and Official Spokesperson, PGIMER, said. The institute has taken this decision so that the patients should not suffer.

Dhawan said, the statement said. Communication has also been received from the Secretary Health, Government of Punjab, stating that in the next few days all pending dues will be cleared, Dhawan said.

On average, around 1,400 patients from Punjab avail treatment every month under the scheme, sources said. Opposition parties including Congress had also hit out at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led government for not clearing the pending dues.

Pb Police, BSF conducts 10-hr long midnight domination, search in seven border districts

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR

Punjab Police, in a joint operation with the Border Security Force (BSF), conducted 10-hour long midnight domination or checking near the second line of defence in all the seven border districts of the state — Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Batala, Amritsar-Rural, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Fazilka — followed by search and cordon operation in the border villages on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday.

“At least 10-hour long midnight operation was held in all the seven border districts of Punjab to strengthen the security in these districts,” said the state Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav.

The operation took place at a time when Punjab, which shares 553 kms of international border with Pakistan, has been seeing a huge influx of consignments of drugs (hero-



in), arms and ammunition, explosives, grenades etc through drones and other means. This signals that major attempts are being made by anti-national elements to disturb the peace and communal harmony in the border state, said Yadav.

The state ADGP (Law and Order) Dr Naresh Arora,

accompanied by IGP Border Range Mohnish Chawla and Amritsar Rural Senior Superintendent of Police Swapan Sharma, led the operation in different villages of Amritsar Rural, while seven more senior officers of Punjab Police, of the rank of Inspector Generals of Police (IGPs), Deputy Inspector Generals

(DIGs), or Assistant Inspector Generals (AIGs), personally supervised the operation in seven border districts and guided the SSPs of these districts.

Sharing more details, DGP Yadav said that the operation included all-nights nakas at around 100 places in the border districts, followed by special search and cordon operations of the suspected houses and villages.

All the SSPs of the concerned districts have mobilised maximum manpower for this operation, he said, adding that as many as 60 Gazetted Officers and 2500 NGOs or EPOs, including 28 Armed Police Coys, were deputed to conduct this operation.

Calling for total synergy and teamwork between the BSF and Punjab Police, Yadav said that it is time that both the elite forces should work as one team to counter this new threat from across the borders.

Punjab, Haryana units of Cong stage protests against price rise, unemployment

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab and Haryana units of the Congress on Friday staged protests in Chandigarh as part of the party's nationwide stir against price rise, unemployment and the GST hike on essential items. The Punjab unit staged a protest under the leadership of state Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa. In Haryana, the protest was led by former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and state Congress president Udai Bhan.

Several Congress MLAs from the two states also took part in the protest. The protesting leaders and party workers raised slogans against the government and said the police did not allow them to march towards the Governor's house of the two states citing that prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) are in place.

Police used water cannon to prevent the Punjab unit leaders and workers from marching to the Punjab Raj Bhavan. Later, they were briefly detained by the police. When the Haryana Congress leaders and workers tried to take out a march from the state Congress office here to lay siege to the State Governor's house, they were stopped by the Chandigarh police which had put up barricades at a short



distance from the opposition party's office.

Later, many leaders and party MLAs including Hooda and several Congress workers were briefly detained by the police here after being evicted from the protest site and put in a police bus. At a separate protest by the Punjab unit, police had put up barricades near Punjab Congress office here to prevent them from marching to the Raj Bhavan. Punjab Congress leaders said they wanted to submit a memorandum to the Governor on the issues on which they were staging the protest. Warring said prices of petrol, diesel, cooking gas and other essential commodities have gone up.

“The rupee's value against the dollar is falling. There are several burning issues, which

are affecting the common public, but the government is in slumber,” Warring later told reporters here. Warring warned that if price rise continues unchecked, it may at some stage lead to a “civil war” kind of a situation. He said the worry is that the country may then face a “Sri Lanka type situation”. Similar protests were held by the Congress at all district headquarters in the two states. Earlier, Hooda said their protest was against the “burning issues” which were affecting the lives of the common people. Hooda, who is Leader of the Opposition in Haryana Assembly, said there has been a manifold increase in prices of essential commodities while unemployment is increasing. He said the Congress will continue to fight on issues of pub-

lic interest from the parliament to streets. Many other Haryana Congress leaders lashed out at the BJP-led dispensation at the Centre, alleging that instead of taking steps to bring down prices and check growing unemployment, they are busy in targeting the opposition.

Speaking to reporters at a separate protest by the Punjab unit, senior leader Partap Singh Bajwa said prices of all essential commodities have gone up adversely impacting the common people. “Rather than taking steps to check price rise, the government is busy targeting opposition parties’ leaders and trying to suppress their voice,” Bajwa said. What action has the Centre taken against fugitive business tycoons who indulged in loot and fled the country, Bajwa asked?



HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice RE-INVIATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-II, HPPWD Shimla-2 on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms. Eligible bidders are the Principal manufacturer or the authorized agency/firm of the Principal Manufacturer. The bidder shall have to fulfil the criteria as specified in Technical Qualification Criteria (TQC) contained in Form 8 page 53 available online in tender document.

S. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time	Cost of form
1	Providing 26 passenger elevator near block -D at IGMC Shimla.	92,14,579	170,000/-	6 months	5000/-NR

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender
3. **Key Dates:**
- 1. Date of Online Publication **18.08.2022 17:00 HRS**
 - 2. Document Download Start and End Date **18.08.2022 17:30 HRS up to 29.08.2022 17:00 HRS**
 - 3. Bid Submission Start and End Date **18.08.2022 17:30 HRS up to 29.08.2022 17:00 HRS**
 - 4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document **30.08.2022 up to 11:00 HRS**
 - 5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid. **30.08.2022 11:30 HRS**
4. **Tender details:**
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:
Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".
Cover 2: shall contain "BQO/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
5. **Submission of original documents:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-II, HPPWD Shimla-2 as specified in Key dates under Sr. No. 3 on the Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
6. **Bid opening details:** The bids shall be opened on **30.08.2022 at 11:30 Hrs** in the office Executive Engineer Electrical Division No-II, HPPWD Shimla-2 by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders
7. If it happens to be holiday on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue and no separate notice will be given in this regard.
8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer-inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
10. The competent authority on behalf of Governor of H.P reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason.
11. Registration with HP Sales Tax is essential. If the bidder has not registered and found to be the lowest bidder he is supposed to register him on award of work. He shall submit the sales tax paper to the employer, before any payment is made to him.

Executive Engineer,
Electrical Division No.II
HPPWD Shimla-3.
-HIM SUCHNA AVAM JANSAMPARK-

RO NO. 2995/22-23 Dt. 05-08-2022

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-procurement Notice INVITATION FORM BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HP.PWD, Division Sarahan District Simrour H.P on behalf of the Governor of H.P invites item, bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractor/Firms registered with HP.PWD for the works as detailed in the table.

S. No.1, Providing CGI roofing on first floor slab of Sub Treasury building at Sarahan. **Estimated cost (Rs):-** 1509161/- **Starting date for downloading Bid:-** 06-08-2022 **Earnest money:-** 30500/- **Deadline for submission bid:-** 16-08-2022

S. No.2, C/O Naina Tikker Dhangray road Km 0/0 to 9/0 (SH:- Providing and laying wearing coat 63 mm to 45 mm size G-II in km 1/0 to 3/0) **Estimated cost (Rs):-** 1133384/- **Starting date for downloading Bid:-** 06-08-2022 **Earnest money:-** 23000/- **Deadline for submission bid:-** 16-08-2022

S. No.3, C/O Sarahan Charech Mandi Kharana Road km 0/0 to 7/00 (SH:- ROFD in Km 5/00 to 5/450, Soling (G-I) at RD 4/645 to 5/450, R/Vall at RD 5/007 to 5/022) Under SCSP Deposit. **Estimated cost (Rs):-** 918296/- **Starting date for downloading Bid:-** 06-08-2022 **Earnest money:-** 18500/- **Deadline for submission bid:-** 16-08-2022

S. No.4, C/O Dhamkari Ki Johri Bagthan road Km 0/0 to 13/00 (SH:- M/T on Dhamkari Ki Johri Bagthan road Km 9/0 to 9/500) Under MNP. **Estimated cost (Rs):-** 700665/- **Starting date for downloading Bid:-** 06-08-2022 **Earnest money:-** 15000/- **Deadline for submission bid:-** 16-08-2022

The Bidders are advised to note other details for tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer,
Sarahan B&R Division;
HPPWD; Sarahan.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

RO NO. 2983/22-23 Dt. 05-08-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sita Rani W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o 2106, Barara, Near Goyal Cold Store, Tehsil Barara, Distt. Ambala declares that rest page except the first page of Conveyance Deed No. 2472 dated 11.03.2010 holder Jagpreet Singh S/o Buta Singh has been lost on Dt. 05.07.2022 from my Home or may be my Shop. It has not been mortgaged with any Person / Bank / Financial Institution.

कायलिय तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर
इस पब्लिक नोटिस के माफ़े जन-साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नलिखित कायलिय म.न. 2661/401, हरी पल्ले, अंबाला शहर से मुकद. ख. भीम सैन सिंह के कानूनी वारिस को रिपोर्ट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलन हल्कन्याय व रिपोर्ट नगर पार्क व अधीक्षक नगर निगम अंबाला अनुसार मुकद. ख. भीम सैन सिंह के निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस है:- 1. विमला - पत्नी 2. सतीश सहजल-पुत्र 3. अनिता-पुत्री 4. ज्योति-पुत्री। यदि इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिकेशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज करा सकता है। तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर

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मैं राहुल गोयल पुत्र स्व. सुरील कुमार गोयल निवासी 412/1, सुभाष गली, अंबाला शहर से सूचित करता हूँ मैं न. नं. 410/394 व पुत्र न. 122/1 (Property ID 114C345U72) सुभाष गली, दो खाम्बा चौक, अंबाला शहर व 3 इकत नं. 278 (Property ID 114C180U123P1) व इकत नं. 378 (Property ID 114C309U133) चरखी मोहल्ले, गोबिंद विहार नवदेव टिन्कर मार्किट, सकुलर रोड, अंबाला शहर के मालिक व काबिज मेरी माता सीमा गुप्ता है उनका देहान्त दिनांक 09.05.2021 को हो चुका है अपनी माता के देहान्त के बाद उपरोक्त सारी प्रार्थी को हम दोनों नाम पर निगम कार्यालय अंबाला शहर में अपने नाम पर दर्ज करवाना चाहते हैं। इस बारे किसी को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह पब्लिकेशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर-2 अपने आपत्ति नगर निगम कार्यालय अंबाला शहर में दर्ज करा सकता है।

LOST & FOUND

Transfer deed vide no. 3758 dated 15.07.2016 as executed by Namit Dua S/o Narender Dua S/o Ram Parkash Dua in favour of Narender Dua S/o Ram Parkash Dua in respect of 93.5 Sq.Yard of the said property. Has been lost anywhere. Finder pls Contact.

LOST & FOUND

Transfer deed vide no. 4943 dt. 02.09.2016 as executed by Narender Dua S/o Ram Parkash Dua S/o Diwan Chand Dua in favour of Sumit Dua has been lost anywhere. Finder pls Contact.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg. Plot No. 73-74, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate Samalkha, Distt. Panipat; Plot No 73-74, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate, Samalkha, measuring 1600 sq. meters was re-allotted by the Corporation in favour of Sh. Prem Chand Mittal Prop. M/s Haryana Udyog vide Re-allotment Letter No. HSIIDC-2399 dated 01.01.2015. The Corporation has been informed that original allottee Sh. Prem Chand Mittal had demised on 11.04.2022. The legal heir of the deceased allottee namely Smt. Santosh Mittal (wife), Sh. Ashish Mittal (son) and Sh. Nitin Mittal (son) have approached the Corporation for transfer of Plot of Sh. Prem Chand Mittal in question, in favour of, Sh. Ashish Mittal and Sh. Nitin Mittal (both) sons of Late Sh. Prem Chand Mittal (original allottee) in this regard. The Corporation is in process of considering their request for transfer of plot as a right of succession by transferring the plot of deceased in favour of Sh. Ashish Mittal and Sh. Nitin Mittal (both) sons of Late Sh. Prem Chand Mittal. Through this public notice it is hereby informed that any person having reservation / objection to said transfer may file his / her objection in writing before the undersigned alongwith an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that nobody has any objection to the transfer of the said plot/shed and the corporation shall go ahead with transfer of plot as a right of succession by transferring the plot of Late Sh. Prem Chand Mittal in favour of Sh. Ashish Mittal and Sh. Nitin Mittal (within family). The Estate Manager For & On Behalf of HSIIDC Dev. Corpn.Ltd. Branch Office, Industrial Estate, Barhi, Distt Sonapat. Ph. 0130-2474736, E-mail: contactus@hsiidc.org.in estate.barhi@hsiidc.org.in

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Reg. Plot No. 69, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate Samalkha, Distt. Panipat; Plot No 69, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate, Samalkha, measuring 800 sq. meters was re-allotted by the Corporation in favour of Sh. Prem Chand Mittal Prop. M/s Haryana Udyog vide Re-allotment Letter No. HSIIDC-3252 dated 18.12.2014. The Corporation has been informed that original allottee Sh. Prem Chand Mittal had demised on 11.04.2022. The legal heir of the deceased allottee namely Smt. Santosh Mittal (wife), Sh. Ashish Mittal (son) and Sh. Nitin Mittal (son) have approached the Corporation for transfer of Plot of Sh. Prem Chand Mittal in question, in favour of, Sh. Ashish Mittal and Sh. Nitin Mittal (both) sons of Late Sh. Prem Chand Mittal (original allottee) in this regard. The Corporation is in process of considering their request for transfer of plot as a right of succession by transferring the plot of deceased in favour of Sh. Ashish Mittal and Sh. Nitin Mittal (both) sons of Late Sh. Prem Chand Mittal. Through this public notice it is hereby informed that any person having reservation / objection to said transfer of plot may file his / her objection in writing before the undersigned along with an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that nobody has any objection to the transfer of the said plot/shed and the corporation shall go ahead with transfer of plot as a right of succession by transferring the plot of Late Sh. Prem Chand Mittal in favour of Sh. Ashish Mittal and Sh. Nitin Mittal (within family). The Estate Manager For & On Behalf of HSIIDC Dev. Corpn.Ltd. Branch Office, Industrial Estate, Barhi, Distt Sonapat. Ph. 0130-2474736, E-mail: contactus@hsiidc.org.in estate.barhi@hsiidc.org.in

साईजनामिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहताक की एक शाखा के सनरीफर के रेकार्ड में प्रोपर्टी आई.डी. नं. 132C310U473 खर्च नं. 09 श्रीनरि प्रमोटी, प्रमिला कुमारी के नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रेकार्ड में इस आई.डी. नं. नें प्रार्थी कृष्ण नाम प्रमिला कुमारी, अजमेर, कलर सिंह, कुष्ण कुमार अपने नाम तब्दील करवाना चाहते हैं, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तब्दील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा यह नगरनिगम उसके नाम तब्दील कर दे जायेगी। शिखर लिए नगर निगम, रोहताक कोर्ट उत्तर दर्ज नहीं होगा। क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहताक

The Chandigarh Sector 10 Cooperative House Building (First) Society Ltd., Plot No. 5, Sector 50D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of general public and all the concerned that the following member has applied for permission for transfer of share/Flat and execution of Sale Deed before the Managing Committee of the Society as per notification issued by Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration:-
Name of Original Allottee/ Transferor: Sh. Baljit Kularia S/o Sh. Hansruk Rai, **Name of Transferee:** Sh. Suchin Gupta S/o Sh. Bal Krishan Gupta and Smt. Shashi Gupta W/o Sh. Bal Krishan Gupta, Flat No.: 3176, 2nd Floor, Category-A, Remarks: On the basis of Sale Agreement.
If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flats of the Society in favour of the applicant, then, he/she/they may submit the objections in writing along with relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favour of the applicant. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on.
(President)

ICICI Home Finance

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Branch Office: 1st Floor, SCO No. 397, Sector-20, Urban Estate, Panchkula, Haryana -134116
Branch Office: 2nd Floor, SF-3&4, Opposite Vodafone Office, Central Mall 32, Mall Road, Amritsar (Punjab)- 143001
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Branch Office: 1st Floor, SCO-146-147, Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana -141001
Branch Office: 2nd Floor, SCO 337-38, Sector 35- B, Chandigarh- 160022
Branch Office: 1st Floor, 3-A, City Center Building, Massand Chowk, Model Town, Jalandhar- 144003
Branch Office: 1st Floor, JTS Estate, Showroom No. 3, Bhupindra Road, Patiala - 147001

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Daljit Singh (Borrower), Amandeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), Near Govt School, Raniwala, Muktsar, Govt High School, Muktsar, Punjab, India, 152026 Faridkot- 152026. LHBTN00001288038	New Defence Colony, Phase -2, Plot No 129, Ferozepur 152001. Bounded By- North: Street 20 Wide, South: Plot No. 130, East: Plot No. 128, West: Street 24 Wide.	18-07-2022 Rs. 29,74,727/-	23-03-2021
2.	Arjun Singh (Borrower), Prashant Chauhan (Co-Borrower), Rajni Chauhan (Co-Borrower), House No 2317- A Sector 19 C, Chandigarh-160019 LHPNC00001344115	32 Measuring 3 Marle 3-1/2 Sarsahi/ 102.22 Sq. Yrds. Being 30 1/2/2880 Share of Land Measuring 16 Kanal Comprised In Khewat/ Khatoni No. 186/195 Khasra No. 16/13(8-0), 16/14 (8-0), Pieces (Kite)- 2 Balaji Homes Kharar-140301. Bounded By- North: Na, South: Na, East: Na, West: Na.	08-07-2022 Rs. 23,06,622/-	04-07-2022
3.	Ravinderpal Singh (Borrower), Kawaljit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Rani Wala Road, Midway Sri Muktsar Midda Malout Muktsar-151210 LHBTN00001302543	Khewat 627 Khatoni 777 Kila No 150 2 Wakya Rakha Janta Colony Near Chhabra Motors Malout Backside Pappu Dhaba Muktsar- 152107. Bounded By- North: Vacant Plot, South: Owner, East: Street, West: Street.	08-07-2022 Rs. 23,35,558/-	04-07-2022
4.	Sukhjitt Singh (Borrower), Kawaljit Kaur (Co-Borrower), 245 Loharka Kalan Amritsar - 143001 LHAMT00001312049	Shop No 27 And 28 Gurmatala Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Plot No. 29, South: Plot No. 26, East: Other Owner, West: Street.	08-07-2022 Rs. 17,12,793/-	04-07-2022
5.	Vikas Sharma (Borrower), Joti, (Co-Borrower), House No. 711 OBC Bank Street, Ward No. 12 Jalalabad-152024 NHJLB00001274835	Killa No.202(1-16) Muraba No 40, FF Road, Old Sharma Petrol Pump Near Harkishan Resorts Jalalabad- 152024. Bounded By- North: Road 15ft, South: Harkishan Resort 15 Ft, East: Asha Rani 100ft,west: Rakesh Kumar 100ft.	08-07-2022 Rs. 23,96,659/-	04-07-2022
6.	Charanjit Singh (Borrower), Sarabjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Vill Toemakhowal PO Ghogra, Dasuya- 144205 LHHPR00001327925	Khasra No 10/25/3/ (2-9) Ward No 7 Near Hajji Pur Road Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Pincode 144205 Jalandhar-144206. Bounded By- North: Other,south: Gurwinder Kaur, East: Other, West: Rasta.	08-07-2022 Rs. 27,54,509/-	04-07-2022
7.	Kanwarjeet Singh (Borrower), Kuldeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), H No. B Xiii 1464, Karimpura Bazar Ludhiana Karimpura Bazar Ludhiana-141001 LHJLUD00001329560	HB No 78 M.C No. B-2-1744/ A-28, M.C No. B-2-1744/ A-37 Gt Road Ludhiana-141001. Bounded By- North: Chaura Bazar Side, Street House, South: G T Road, East: Ganda Naala, West: Chaura Bazar.	08-07-2022 Rs. 49,76,885/-	04-07-2022
8.	Sunil Kumar (Borrower), Harpreet Saxena (Co-Borrower), H No 484/1 Sec 40 A Chandigarh-160036 LHCHD00001341742	Freehold Property No. B005/ 00570/01, Khewat/ Khatoni No. 3161/3411, Khasra Nos 24/1/ (8-0) Hadbst No.184, M.C Kharar, Mohali Na Kharar-140301. Bounded By- North: Other, South: Road, East: House of Swaran Singh, West: Other.	08-07-2022 Rs. 86,969/-	04-07-2022
9.	Sunil Kumar (Borrower), Harpreet Saxena (Co-Borrower), H No 484/1 Sec 40 A Chandigarh-160036 LHCHD00001341740	Freehold Property No. B005/ 00570/ 01, Khewat/ Khatoni No 3161/3411, Khasra Nos 24/1/ (8-0) Hadbst No.184, M.C Kharar, Mohali Na Kharar-140301. Bounded By- North: Other, South: Road,east: House of Swaran Singh, West: Other.	08-07-2022 Rs. 25,18,519/-	04-07-2022
10.	Sunny Kumar (Borrower), Meenu. (Co-Borrower), House No 683/2 Village Daria, Chandigarh-160102 LHPNC00001346070	355 Measuring 1 Marla 8 Sarsahi (58 Sq. Yrds.) Being 17/1422 Share Of Land Measuring 7 Kanal 18 Marle Comprised In Khewat/ Khatoni No. 554/568 Khasra Nos. 46/9/12(7-18), Pieces (Kite) 1, (Jamabandi Mannat Enclave 2 Na Zirakpur-140603. Bounded By- North: House No. 354, south: House No. 356, East: House No. 366, West: Road.	08-07-2022 Rs. 18,22,169/-	04-07-2022
11.	Sunny Kumar (Borrower), Meenu. (Co-Borrower), House No 683/2 Village Daria, Chandigarh-160102 LHPNC00001346071	355 Measuring 1 Marla 8 Sarsahi (58 Sq. Yrds.) Being 17/1422 Share of Land Measuring 7 Kanal 18 Marle Comprised In Khewat/ Khatoni No. 554/568 Khasra Nos. 46/9/12(7-18), Pieces (Kite) 1, (Jamabandi Mannat Enclave 2 Na Zirakpur-140603. Bounded By- North: House No. 354, South: House No. 356, east: House No. 366, West: Road.	08-07-2022 Rs. 61,549/-	04-07-2022
12.	Raja. (Borrower), Rajbeer Kaur (Co-Borrower), M7 522 Gali No 1 Bohar Wali Gali, Gate Hakima Angar Amritsar-143001 LHAMT00001386021	H No Pvt No 121- A Jhasra No 1114 Min Khata Khatoni 497/630 Amritsar Urban Cycle No 108 Fakir Singh Avenue Near Annghar Teh And Distt Amritsar Gali Sarpanch Wali Na Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Road, 45 Ft, South: Plot No. 124 And 125, 45 Ft, East: Plot No. 122, 60 Ft, West: Plot No. 119, 60ft.	08-07-2022 Rs. 20,64,625/-	04-07-2022
13.	Raja. (Borrower), Rajbeer Kaur (Co-Borrower), M7 522 Gali No 1 Bohar Wali Gali, Gate Hakima Angar Amritsar-143001 LHAMT00001386024	H No Pvt No 121- A Jhasra No 1114 Min Khata Khatoni 497/630 Amritsar Urban Cycle No 108 Fakir Singh Avenue Near Annghar Teh And Distt Amritsar Gali Sarpanch Wali Na Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Road, 45 Ft,south: Plot No. 124 And 125, 45 Ft, East: Plot No. 122, 60ft, West: Plot No. 119, 60ft.	08-07-2022 Rs. 72,877/-	04-07-2022
14.	Gurpreet Singh (Borrower), Palvi (Co-Borrower), H No. 42 Street No 3 Sas Enclave Ajnala Amritsar Ajnala-143102 LHAMT00001401587	Khasra No 511/11/2 (5-10), 62/24/1(1-15), 66/10/10 (0-4) H No 42 Village Ajnala Colony Sahibzada Ajit Singh Enclave Fategarh Churian Road Ajnala Amritsar Na Na Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Street, 30ft,south: Gurinderbir Singh 30 Fts, East: Gurbinderjit Kaur 51 Fts, West: Amandeep Singh 51 Fts.	08-07-2022 Rs. 21,76,708/-	04-07-2022
15.	Gurpreet Singh (Borrower), Palvi (Co-Borrower), H No 42 Street No 3 Sas Enclave Ajnala Amritsar Ajnala-143102 LHAMT00001401588	Khasra No 511/11/2 (5-10), 62/24/1(1-15), 66/10/10 (0-4) H No 42 Village Ajnala Colony Sahibzada Ajit Singh Enclave Fategarh Churian Road Ajnala Amritsar Na Na Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Street, 30ft,south: Gurinderbir Singh 30 Fts, East: Gurbinderjit Kaur 51 Fts, West: Amandeep Singh 51 Fts.	08-07-2022 Rs. 81,382/-	04-07-2022
16.	Sachin Trehan (Borrower), Kirti Trehan (Co-Borrower), Neelam Trehan (Co-Borrower), Ritika Trehan (Co-Borrower), Sidharth Trehan (Co-Borrower), 78 A Near Congress Bhavan Hall, Bazar Amritsar Bazar Amritsar 143001 . LHAMT00001328892	House No-25 Golden City Amritsar- 143001. Bounded By- North: Open, South: Open, East: Open, West: Open.	08-07-2022 Rs. 52,38,305/-	04-07-2022
17.	Sachin Trehan (Borrower), Kirti Trehan (Co-Borrower), Neelam Trehan (Co-Borrower), Ritika Trehan (Co-Borrower), Sidharth Trehan (Co-Borrower), 78 A Near Congress Bhavan Hall, Bazar Amritsar Amritsar-143001 LHAMT00001360050	No 893/1-12 Vakia Rakha Hall Bazar Amritsar Na Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Open, South: Open, East: Open, West: Open.	08-07-2022 Rs. 15,22,393/-	04-07-2022
18.	Sachin Trehan (Borrower), Kirti Trehan (Co-Borrower), Neelam Trehan (Co-Borrower), Ritika Trehan (Co-Borrower), Sidharth Trehan (Co-Borrower), 78 A Near Congress Bhavan Hall, Bazar Amritsar Amritsar-143001 LHAMT00001328815	Plot No-1 Hall Bazar Near Congress Bhavan Dst Asr Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Multiple Sale Deed, South: Multiple Sale Deed, East: Multiple Sale Deed, West: Multiple Sale Deed.	08-07-2022 Rs. 1,71,40,188/-	04-07-2022
19.	Sachin Trehan (Borrower), Kirti Trehan (Co-Borrower), Neelam Trehan (Co-Borrower), Ritika Trehan (Co-Borrower), Sidharth Trehan (Co-Borrower), 78 A Near Congress Bhavan Hall, Bazar Amritsar Amritsar 143001. LHAMT00001328891	House No-25 Golden City Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Gali 4ft Wide And Ram Part Of Owner And H No 228,south: Property Of Mahajan And Hall Bazar Road, East: Pro Of Charan Das Plot No 203 204/1 and Plot No 77, West: Pro Of Neelam Trehan And Charan Singh And H No 78a.	08-07-2022 Rs. 41,33,781/-	04-07-2022
20.	Bhupinder Singh (Borrower), Chamandeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), Chak Bakhtu, Distt Bathinda, 0 Bathinda-151314 LHBTN00001285321	Raikot Road Khewat No. 283 Khatoni No. 404 Near Sekha Chowk/ Bamala Bamala Punjab 148024. Bounded By- North: Surjit Singh Side 60, South: Street Side 60, East: Owner Land Side 75, West: Land of Lakhwinder Singh Side 75.	11-07-2022 Rs. 10,42,823/-	09-07-2022
21.	Satish Kumar (Borrower), Lovely Kumar (Co-Borrower), Sanita Rani (Co-Borrower), Tony Kumar (Co-Borrower), H. No -490 Ward - 1 Dera Road Shukar Pura Batala- 143505 NHBAT00000836813	Plot No B 49 /490 Shukarpura Batala Pincode-143505 Batala-143505. Bounded By- North: Others, South: Others, East: Others,west: Road.	11-07-2022 Rs. 10,78,248/-	04-07-2022
22.	Satish Kumar (Borrower), Lovely Kumar (Co-Borrower), Sanita Rani (Co-Borrower), Tony Kumar (Co-Borrower), H. No -490 Ward - 1 Dera Road Shukar Pura Batala-143505 NHBAT00000836814	Plot No B 49 /490 Shukarpura Batala Pincode-143505 Batala-143505. Bounded By- North: Others, South: Others,east: Others, West: Road.	11-07-2022 Rs. 13,21,473/-	04-07-2022
23.	Shama Masih (Borrower), Promila. (Co-Borrower), Bandia Wala Nawan Pind Bandianwala, Gurdaspur Gurdas Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143520LHAMT00001326530	Ward No 7 Old Amritsar-143001. Bounded By- North: Cemetary Bahi 27 Feet 6 Inch, South: Galibahi 27 Feet 6 Inch, East: House of Jalal Masih Bahi 52 Feet, West: House of Peter Masih 52 Feet.	29-07-2022 Rs. 4,95,972/-	05-05-2022
24.	Gurpreet Singh (Borrower), Ravinderpal Kaur (Co-Borrower), V P O Rani Wala, Saimuktsar Sahib, Muktsar, 151210 Punjab 151211. LHBTN00001287539	Near Dhira Singh Dhani Village Gadhan Dhab Wala Road P.O. Rani Wala Tehsil Malout Distt- Muktsar. Muktsar Muktsar Punjab 152026. Bounded By- North: 94'-5' Pakka Khal, South: 94'-5' Land of Rashpal Singh, East: 73' Passage And Rashpal Singh, West: 73' Land of Rashpal Singh.	29-07-2022 Rs. 11,89,147/-	07-02-2022
25.	Amit Kumar (Borrower), Santosh Kumari (Co-Borrower), PO Chohal, Baroti, 0 Punjab-146024 LHJAL00001289630	Vpo Chohal/ 494, Hoshiarpur, Hoshiarpur Hoshiarpur Punjab 146024. Bounded By- North: 37' Ankit, South: 37' Ankit,east: 58' Tursem Ram, West: 58' Road Wide.	29-07-2022 Rs. 5,01,959/-	07-11-2021
26.	Santra S (Borrower), Arjun Kumar Co-Borrower), St No 2, Maha Singh Nagar, Daba Lohara Road, Ludhiana Punjab 141001 LHJLUD00001289432	Near Lohara Colony, Sundar Nagar Ludhiana Ludhiana Punjab 141007. Bounded By- North: Neighbour Adm 32', South: Neighbour Adm 32', East: Street Adm 14', West: Neighbour Adm 14'.	29-07-2022 Rs. 51,901/-	10-09-2



Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059

Branch Office: 1st floor, Garg Tower, Mas Laxmi, Near Deep Branch Office: Plot No. 45-46, 1st floor, Sat Kartar Complex, 45, Wazir Chand Colony, Opp Mughal Canal Fountain Chowk, Kamal- 132001
Branch Office: SCO 154, 1st floor, Red Square Market, UE-1, Near Telephone Exchange, Hisar- 125001
Branch Office: Shanti Complex, 1st floor, Building No. 4307/12-14, Jagadhari Road, Opposite Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt- 133001
Branch Office: City Square, 1st floor, Plot No. 932/935, Opposite IB Collage, GT Road, Panipat- 132103
Branch Office: SCO No.-121, Sector 17, 1st floor, Commercial Belt, Jagadhari Road, Yamuna Nagar- 135003

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sanjay Verma (Borrower), Santosh. (Co-borrower), #110 Ward No16, Nejadela Kalan Sirsa 125055. NHSIR00001265860	Sq No 56 Kila No 17/1/2 Village Chhatargarh Sirsa-125055. Bounded By- North: Other, South: Galli, East: Property Of Parveen Kumar, West: Galli.	08-07-2022 Rs. 11,29,942/-	04-07-2022
2.	Kalyani. (Borrower), Ashok Kumar (Co-borrower), Kailhal Oil Mill (Co-borrower), Mukesh Malik (Co-borrower), Mukesh Kumar S/o Uday Singh, Khurana Kailhal H No 384 Khurana Kailhal 136027. LHKNL00001315165	Ek Kita Makan M C K N 635 62 14 Waka Chiranjeev Colony Patti Kaysh Seth Khewat No 650 Itkaal No 2699 Kailthal-136027. Bounded By- North: Property of Melha Ram, South: Property of Gulab Singh, East: Street, West: Rksd College.	08-07-2022 Rs. 54,25,699/-	04-07-2022
3.	Sanjeev Kumar (Borrower), Anita Rani (Co-borrower), H No 151 Ward No 1 Cheeka Kailthal 136034. LHKTL00001277736	Khewat No 1326 Murabba No 63 Kila No 24 1 Bhumi Sithar Village Cheeka Teh Culha Andar Sima Nagar Palika Kailthal-136027. Bounded By- North: Na, Asouth: Na, East: Na, West: Na.	08-07-2022 Rs. 33,66,756/-	04-07-2022
4.	Gaurav Kumar (Borrower), Rachna. (Bo-borrower), H No 493 Telian, Street Sirsa 125055. LHSIR00001331009	House Tax No. Srs/b11/3110 Khewat No. 822 Khasra No. 419/45 Rakaba 1 Kanal 8 Marie Ka 20/252 302 1 Kanal 2 Marie 2 Sarsal 66 Varg Gaj Grewal Basti Sirsa-125055 Sirsa-125055. Bounded By- North: Remaining Part Of Plot 33 Feet, South: Hargovind 33 Feet, East: Ishwar 18 Feet, West: Galli 18 Feet.	08-07-2022 Rs. 9,50,475/-	04-07-2022
5.	Naresh Kumar (Borrower), Krishna Devi (Co-borrower), H.No.206/3 Gali Nai Bhattan Jawahar Chowk Halu Bazar, Bhiwani 127021. NHBWA00001218956	Unit No F-247 Ka Part Gall Rum Dutt Kan Jawahar Chowk Bhiwani-127021. Bounded By- North: Prop of Sh Subhash, South: Prop of Sh om Parkash, East: Street, West: Prop of other.	08-07-2022 Rs. 16,60,931/-	04-07-2022
6.	Naresh Kumar (Borrower), Krishna Devi (Co-borrower), H.No.206/3 Gali Nai Bhattan Jawahar Chowk Halu Bazar, Bhiwani 127021. LHBWA00001255750	Unit No F-247 KA Part Gall Rum Dutt Kan Jawahar Chowk Bhiwani-127021. Bounded By- North: Prop of Sh Subhash, South: Prop of Sh om Parkash, East: Street, West: Prop of Other.	08-07-2022 Rs. 7,72,789/-	04-07-2022
7.	Harish Batra (Borrower), Ishan Batra (Co-borrower), Jatni Batra (Co-borrower), Renu Batra (Co-borrower), House No 302 Ward No 1, Insar Chowk Panipat 132103. LHKNL00001345602	Na Sukhdev Part House No 303 Ward No 1 Insar Bazar Panipat Property Id Pan/wd8/8137/0164 302 1/302/ Panipat-132103. Bounded By- North: House Of Devi Dass, South: House Of Ram Narayan, East: Galli, West: House Of Loku Ram & Janak Dass.	08-07-2022 Rs. 33,06,112/-	04-07-2022
8.	Harish Batra (Borrower), Ishan Batra (Co-borrower), Jatni Batra (Co-borrower), Renu Batra (Co-borrower), House No 302 Ward No 1, Insar Chowk Panipat 132103. LHKNL00001345603	Na Sukhdev Part House No 303 Ward No 1 Insar Bazar Panipat Property Id Pan/wd8/8137/0164 302 1/302/ Panipat-132103. Bounded By- North: House of Devi Dass, South: House of Ram Narayan, East: Galli, West: House of Loku Ram & Janak Dass.	08-07-2022 Rs. 69,930/-	04-07-2022
9.	Sandeep Kumar (Borrower), Ram Chander (Co-borrower), House No 476, 05 Ward No 10 Mohan Nagar Thanesar Kurushetra Haryana 136118 Kurukshetra 136118. NHHKR00001261535	Old Plot No 87 New Plot No 476 Property Id Htmcw1102577 Ward No 5 New Ward No 8 Mohan Nagar Near Santoshi Mata Mandir Waka Darakhurd Thanesar Kurukshetra-136118. Bounded By- North: Plot Of Atma Singh, South: Plot of Vigyan Singh, East: other, West: Street.	08-07-2022 Rs. 17,91,117/-	04-07-2022
10.	Sandeep Kumar (Borrower), Ram Chander (Co-borrower), House No 476, 05 Ward No 10 Mohan Nagar Thanesar Kurushetra Haryana 136118 Kurukshetra 136118. NHHKR00001262989	Old Plot No 87 New Plot No 476 Property Id Htmcw1102577 Ward No 5 New Ward No 8 Mohan Nagar Near Santoshi Mata Mandir Waka Darakhurd Thanesar Kurukshetra-136118. Bounded By- North: Plot of Atma Singh, South: Plot of Vigyan Singh, East: Other, West: Street.	08-07-2022 Rs. 11,34,119/-	04-07-2022
11.	Dharam Prakash (Borrower), Krishana Devi (Co-borrower), Naveen. (Co-borrower), Parveen Kumar (Co-borrower), Ward No. 1 Rajive Colony Samalkha Panipat 132101. LHPNP00001349172	Na Khata No 292/342 Killa No 14/25-19) 14/3(1-4) Waka Samalkha Manana Road Samalkha Na Panipat-132103. bounded By- North: 30ft Prop. of Randhir Singh, South: 30ft Prop. of Pale Ram, East: 15ft Prop. of Malik Ram, West: 15ft Street.	08-07-2022 Rs. 5,97,910/-	04-07-2022
12.	Dharam Prakash (Borrower), Krishana Devi (Co-borrower), Naveen. (Co-borrower), Parveen Kumar (Co-borrower), Ward No. 1 Rajive Colony Samalkha Panipat 132101. LHPNP00001349551	Na Khata No 292/342 Killa No 14/25-19) 14/3(1-4) Waka Samalkha Manana Road Samalkha Na Panipat-132103. bounded By- North: 30ft Prop. of Randhir Singh, South: 30ft Prop. of Pale Ram, East: 15ft Prop. of Malik Ram, West: 15ft Street.	08-07-2022 Rs. 38,323/-	04-07-2022
13.	Abhishek Kansal (Borrower), Neelam Kansal (Co-borrower), Ramesh Kansal (Co-borrower), Ward No. 1 Rajiv Colony Safidon Jind 126112. LHSFA00001275020	Shop Situated At Khewat No 336 Khata No 467 Waka Singhpura Safidon Old Bus Stand Se Hansi Branch Pull Shop At Railway Road Jind-126102. Bounded By- North: Road, South: Godown Anil, East: Deep, West: Sanjay Bharat Elect..	08-07-2022 Rs. 43,66,946/-	04-07-2022
14.	Abhishek Kansal (Borrower), Neelam Kansal (Co-borrower), Ramesh Kansal (Co-borrower), Ward No. 1 Rajiv Colony Safidon Jind 126112. LHSFA00001275021	Shop Situated At Khewat No 336 Khata No 467 Waka Singhpura Safidon Old Bus Stand Se Hansi Branch Pull Shop At Railway Road Jind-126102. Bounded By- North: Road, South: Godown Anil, East: Deep, West: Sanjay Bharat Elect..	08-07-2022 Rs. 7,72,425/-	04-07-2022
15.	Abhishek Kansal (Borrower), Neelam Kansal (Co-borrower), Ramesh Kansal (Co-borrower), Ward No. 1 Rajiv Colony Safidon Jind 126112. LHPNP00001365407	Shop Situated At Khewat No 336 Khata No 467 Waka Singhpura Safidon Old Bus Stand Se Hansi Branch Pull Shop At Railway Road Jind-126102. Bounded By- North: Road, South: Godown Anil, East: Deep, West: Sanjay Bharat Elect..	08-07-2022 Rs. 7,65,539/-	04-07-2022
16.	Krishan Kumar (Borrower), Neelam Devi (Co-borrower), H No 257, Block No 2, Andeshral Colony, Near New Ramesh Nagar, Panipat 132103. LHKNL00001291038	Near Bangali Clinic, Desraj Colony, Samshan Road, Near New Ramesh Nagar, Panipat Panipat Haryana 132103. Bounded By- North: House of Suresh, South: House of Anand, East: Sadak, West: Iswar And Shkunatal.	11-07-2022 Rs. 11,55,628/-	09-07-2022
17.	Saran Jeet Singh (Borrower), Palvinder Kaur (Co-borrower), House No 12 A New Shakti Nagar Patiala Punjab 147202. LHAMB00001261791	House No 12 A Khewat/ Khatori No 304/329, Moti Nagar Waka Patti Kala Khasra No 33/6(6-14) Tehsil And Distt Ambala-134003. Bounded By- North: Plot of Dhvantravti, South: Street, East: Plot of Vinod Kumar, West: Plot of Tirath Ram.	29-07-2022 Rs. 18,94,240/-	05-05-2022
18.	Rahul. (Borrower), Saroj. (Co-borrower), Nitisha . (Co-borrower), V P O Nihalgarh Bhiwani Haryana 127021. LHBWA00001276799	MC Unit No 128 Jawahar Chowk Bhiwani-127021. Bounded By- North: Stairs And Property of om Prakash, South: Plot of Bola Ram Dalmia, East: Road, West: Plot of Manoj Kumar.	29-07-2022 Rs. 36,45,556/-	05-05-2022
19.	Satbir Singh (Borrower), Kanta Devi (Co-borrower), House No 224, VPO Mehnda, Block No 1, Tehsil Hansi, Distt Hissar Haryana 125033. LHHIS00001285737	Khewat No.461 Min khasra No.1188(1-0) KA 1 Near Smadhi Bhagwan Daas-vpo -mehnda Gadhri Road Hansi-dhani Mehnda-VPO Hansi Haryana 125033. Bounded By- North: Street 17 Feet, South: Plot of Mahabir 17 Ft, East: Plot of om Prakash 55ft, West: House of Ramehar 55 Ft.	29-07-2022 Rs. 9,72,469/-	07-11-2021
20.	Karamvir K (Borrower), Krishana K (Co-borrower), Ward No 03, Shiv Nagar, Sonipat Haryana 131001. LHKNL00001289602	Khewat No. 464 Khata 529 Killa No. 178/ Ward No. 4 Jind Road, Shiv Colony Gohana Back Side of Railway Quarter Gohana Gohana Haryana 131301. Bounded By- North: Galli, South: H/o Ramkumar, East: H/o Krishan, West: H/o Rajender.	29-07-2022 Rs. 7,24,864/-	08-12-2021
21.	Rakesh Kumar (Borrower), Sushma. (Co-borrower), VPO Rajaurd, Rajput Mohalla Rajput Mohalla Kailthal, Haryana 136044. LHPNP00001329079	Khewat No 161 Intkal No 12325 Kamal-132001. Bounded By- North: Plot Of Meera, South: Street 25 Ft Wide, East: Other's Plot, West: Street 24 Ft Wide.	29-07-2022 Rs. 25,37,084/-	04-04-2022
22.	Anil Kumar (Borrower), Pooja P (Co-borrower), 57, Bank Colony, Kansarpur, Ward No 20, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana 135001. LHYGR00001286895	Maya Puri Colony, Kansa Pur, Near Sharma Atta Chakki Behind Guga Mari, Yamunanager Yamunanager Haryana 135001. Bounded By- North: House of Nareah, South: Plot of Digar, East: Plot of Digar, West: Road.	29-07-2022 Rs. 10,16,775/-	10-09-2021
23.	Nafe Singh (Borrower), Yog Nagar Block No 10 Near Govt, Tobewell Fatehabad Haryana 125050. LHSIR00001369568	Khewat No. 891 Khasra No. 169/1(8-0) Tadadai 8 Kanal Ka 11/960 Bakdar 1 Marie 7 Sarsai Vakya Mouja Basti Bhiwa Mouja Basti Bhiwa Tehsil & Distt Sirsa-125055 Fatehabad-125050. Bounded By- North: Side 30ft And Surrender, South: Side 30ft And Galli, East: Side 34 Ft And Chander, West: Side 34 Ft And Raja Ram.	28-07-2022 Rs. 15,16,410/-	02-06-2022
24.	Nafe Singh (Borrower), Yog Nagar Block No 10 Near Govt, Tobewell Fatehabad Haryana 125050. LHSIR00001369569	Khewat No. 891 Khasra No. 169/1(8-0) Tadadai 8 Kanal Ka 11/960 Bakdar 1 Marie 7 Sarsai Vakya Mouja Basti Bhiwa Mouja Basti Bhiwa Tehsil & Distt Sirsa-125055 Fatehabad-125050. Bounded By- North: Side 30ft And Surrender, South: Side 30ft And Galli, East: Side 34 Ft And Chander, West: Side 34 Ft And Raja Ram.	28-07-2022 Rs. 66,982/-	02-06-2022
25.	Amit. (Borrower), Ved Vati (Co-borrower), Priyanka Devi (Co-borrower), 787 12 Vishnu Nagar, Gohana Haryana 131301. LHPNP00001301088	Khewat No 800/1 Khata No 933 Kila No 247/127/1/1 Ward No 13 Vishnu Nagar Tehsil Gohana Sonapat-131001. Bounded By- North: Plot Satbir Singh, South: House Vedverth, East: Plot Manohar Lal, West: House Somnath And Galli.	28-07-2022 Rs. 12,35,712/-	05-05-2022
26.	Amit. (Borrower), Priyanka Devi (Co-borrower), Ved Vati (Co-borrower), 787 12 Vishnu Nagar, Gohana Haryana 131301. LHPNP00001301128	Khewat No 800/1 Khata No 933 Kila No 247/127/1/1 Ward No 13 Vishnu Nagar Tehsil Gohana Sonapat-131001. Bounded By- North: Plot Satbir Singh, South: House Vedverth, East: Plot Manohar Lal, West: House Somnath And Galli.	28-07-2022 Rs. 13,42,233/-	05-04-2022

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : August 06, 2022
Place: Haryana
Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

PIONEER AGRO EXTRACTS LIMITED
CIN: L1519PB1993PLC012975
Registered office: ChottiNehar, Malakpur,
Pathankot-145025 (Punjab), Tel: +91-186-234532/53/55
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Extract of unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended June 30th, 2022
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE			
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	31.03.2022 (Audited)	30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	31.03.2022 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	7.91	62.21	7.50	85.40
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2.99)	2.50	(1.99)	0.33
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2.99)	2.50	(1.99)	0.33
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2.99)	2.39	(1.99)	0.22
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(2.99)	2.39	(1.99)	0.22
6.	Equity Share Capital	435.85	435.85	435.85	435.85
7.	Other Equity	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	1. Basic (not annualised)	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01
	2. Diluted: (not annualised)	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01

NOTES:
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results is available on the website of the Stock Exchange www.sebiindia.com and on the Company's website www.pioneeragro.co.in.

For Pioneer Agro Extracts Limited
Sd/-
Jagat Mohan Aggarwal
Managing Director
DIN: 00750120

Date: 05/08/2022
Place: Pathankot

Lost & Found
I, Balwinder Kumar S/o Kastoor Chand R/o Jyoti Nagar, District Yamuna Nagar, Declare that I have lost the original Registry Document No. 8973 dated 12.03.2010. In which the seller is Mrs. Rani, has gone missing somewhere in Jagadhri on 12.07.2022. Whose FIR No. 132400302201265, anyone can find it, contact on 9812347686 or above address.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Varun Chhabra S/o Kewal Krishan Chhabra R/o H.No. 807-B, Patel Nagar, Civil Lines, Ludhiana declare that I have lost Payment receipts offer of possession, Fitouts Letter, Demand Letter of my flat address Tower 3, Flat No. 801 at Acme Eden Court Mohali, Sector 91. If any person finds the same please contact above mentioned address.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I Ram Niwas S/o Ram Karan R/o Kahi Devi Road Colony, Hansi , Teh. Hansi Distt. Hisar declares that I want to correct my name from Ramniwas S/o Ramkar to Ram Niwas S/o Ram Karan in my Passport.
Deponent

Office of the Market Committee, Bhattu Kalan(Fatehabad)

Public Notice

It is informed to all the General Public and concerned persons that our office has received an application with concerned documents to submit the entry of Booth No. 11, Situated at New Anaj Mandi, Bhattu Mandi, Tehsil and Dist. Fatehabad. That Manphool S/o Sh. Mallu Ram R/o Bhattu Mandi, Tehsil & Dist. Fatehabad was owner of the above Booth No. 11 through sale deed No. 5739 dated 02-02-1977. Manphool S/o Mallu Ram registered as will deed No. 44 dated 14-10-1997 in favor of his legal heirs Hari Singh & Om Parkash S/o Manphool S/o Mallu Ram R/o Bhattu Mandi in equal share and Manphool expired on dated 04-12-2021 after that Hari Singh & Om Parkash S/o Manphool S/o Sh. Mallu Ram are the owners of the above booth through will deed in equal share. Now according to the concerned documents the concerned ownership of above booth will be entered in favor of all above Hari Singh & Om Parkash S/o Manphool S/o Sh. Mallu Ram in equal share. So if in this matter any general public and concerned person have any objection he/they will submit his/their objections in this office with his/their documentary proofs within 30 days of issue of this notice otherwise the above matter will be decided in favor of above legal heir & no objection will be entered in this regard after the above time in our office. This information is issued with my signature and my office seal.

Secretary-cum-E.O., Market Committee, Bhattu Kalan

ਦੀ ਨਵਾਂਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਕੋ-ਆਪਰੇਟਿਵ ਸੁਗਰ ਮਿਲਜ਼ ਲਿਮਟਿਡ
ਨਵਾਂਸ਼ਹਿਰ-144514, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ (ਪੰਜਾਬ) ਫੋਨ ਨੰ: 01823-222021
ਈ-ਟੈਕਸਟ ਨੋਟਿਸ
BISS ਬਰਾਉਨ ਸੁਗਰ ਦੀ ਵਿਕਰੀ ਬਾਝਤ
ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਬੰਡ ਮਿਲਜ਼ ਲਿਮਟਿਡ ਇਸ ਨਵਾਂਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੰਜੋਤ 22-08-22 ਦੀ ਪੈਦਾਵਾਰ ਵਾਲੀ ਬਰਾਉਨ ਸੁਗਰ ਦੀ ਵਿਕਰੀ ਈ-ਟੈਕਸਟ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ੀ ਗੱਦੀ ਨਿੱਤੀ 08-08-2022 ਤੋਂ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਬਰਾਉਨ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ/ਬੰਡ ਵਪਾਰੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਗੱਦੀ ਈ-ਟੈਕਸਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਰਾਏ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਬਰਾਉਨ ਸੁਗਰ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਐਨ-ਆਈ.ਟੀ. ਨਿਯਮ ਅਤੇ ਭਰਾਏ ਅਤੇ ਸੇਲ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।
ਸਹੀ/-
ਜਨਰਲ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE HARJEET SINGH SANDHU, PCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.

Subject: Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 25% share in respect of House No.1414, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh (RPD-16821) in the name of 1) Smt. Sunita Chhabra W/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra, 2) Ms. Kavita Chhabra D/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra, 3) Ms. Suruchi Chhabra D/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra, 4) Sh. Saurabh Chhabra S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra, on the basis of Intestate Death of Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra who expired on dated 03.12.2010.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office, the ownership of the property known as House No.1414, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh bearing file no. RPD-16821 to the extent of 25% share stands in the name of Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra

It has been intimated by 1) Smt. Sunita Chhabra, 2) Ms. Kavita Chhabra, 3) Ms. Suruchi Chhabra and 4) Sh. Saurabh Chhabra that Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra who was the owner of the property/house has expired/ died on 03.12.2010. It has further been intimated that Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra has left behind the following legal heirs:

1. Smt. Sunita Chhabra Wife
2. Ms. Kavita Chhabra Daughter
3. Ms. Suruchi Chhabra Daughter
4. Sh. Saurabh Chhabra Son

Now, 1) Smt. Sunita Chhabra W/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra & 2) Ms. Kavita Chhabra D/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra & 3) Ms. Suruchi Chhabra D/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra & 4) Sh. Saurabh Chhabra S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra has applied to this office for the transfer of ownership rights of 25% share of the above said Plot/House in his name on the basis of Intestate Death of Sh. Madan Lal Chhabra who expired on dated 03.12.2010

If anybody has any information about any legal heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated in writing to the Estate Officer, Sector 17, Chandigarh immediately.

If anybody have any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of the above named applicants then he/she may furnish the same in writing along with supporting documents in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this property shall be mutated accordingly and no and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

Harjeet Singh Sandhu, PCS,
Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

ESTATE OFFICE, U.T., CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. HARJEET SINGH SANDHU, PCS, ASST. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH

Subject: Transfer of LEASE HOLD RIGHTS in respect of COMMERCIAL SCO No. 102, SECTOR 35, Chandigarh (PL 2515) to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late DR. SUJATA GROVER.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Smt. DR. SUJATA GROVER is the owner/lessee of COMMERCIAL SCO No.102, SECTOR 35, Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% Share.

It has been informed by ROHIT GROVER, RISHABH GROVER that Sh. Smt. DR. SUJATA GROVER expired on 24/10/2021 and he/she/they has/have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:-

Sr. Name of Legal Heir Relation with deceased

1. RISHABH GROVER SON
2. ROHIT GROVER HUSBAND

Now, ROHIT GROVER, RISHABH GROVER has/have applied for the transfer of Lease Rights in respect of COMMERCIAL SCO No.102, SECTOR 35, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50.00% Share held by Late DR. SUJATA GROVER in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased owner than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Harjeet Singh Sandhu, PCS,
Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

Please take notice that I, Sh. Harish Jain S/o Sh. Bhawar Lal Jain Munot has lost original Sale deed dated 19.11.2012 bearing vasika No. 9808, pertaining to Property No. B-22-3245, measuring 23.33 Sq yards, Khasra No. 3516/247, 3519/247, 3518/247, 3531/258, 3532/258, 6161/259/1, 6161/259/1, 6161/259/3/1, 259/2, 6161/259/2, Situated at Village "Gill No-1" H.B. No. 263, Abaddi known as "Chet Singh Nagar", Tehsil & District, Ludhiana. I have purchased vide transfer deed dated 08.09.2020 bearing vasika No. 3010 a DDR dated 04.08.2022 LR No. 260083/2022 was lodged with PSOC Division No. 6, Ludhiana I am availing a Loan facility from Fullerton India Credit Company Ltd. against this property. If anyone have any objection please contact Mr. Sherry Sandhu Advocate @ 9814493393 within 7 days of the publication of this notice otherwise no claim shall be entertained.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Notice inviting Tender

Sealed item rate tenders on form 688 are invited by the Executive Engineer, Gohar Division, H.P.PWD: Gohar for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in H.P.PWD so as to reach in his office on or before 18-08-2022 up to 11.00 A.M. and will be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The D.N.I./T/ tender documents can be had from this office against cash payment (Non refundable) up to 5.00 P.M. on 17-08-2022. The applications for issue of tender forms will be received up to 2.00 P.M. on 16-08-2022.

The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/ Time deposit accounts/Saving account/F.D.Rs in any of the Post Office/Nationalized Banks in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer must accompany the request for issue of tender form for each work. Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The offer of the tenders shall be kept open for 90 days. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject the tenders without assigning any reason. It is further added that the rates be quoted both in words and figures for proper checking to avoid any complications. If the date of opening will be holiday, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form	Time Limit	Class of contract or
1	RR Damages Baggi Dayargi Sianji Jaidevi road km 0/00 to 9/00 (SH:- PCC B/Wall in km 0/769. 50 to 0/784.50)	168,718.00	3,500.00	350/-	Three Month	D & C
2	C/o Link road from main road to village Katti km. 0/00 to 1/500 (SH:- C/O U-Shape drain, earthen filling and P/L P.C.C Pavement in km 0/00 to 0/200) Under OTMNP	358,701.00	7,500.00	350/-	Three Month	D & C
3	C/o Kanaid vai Bhaur Halel Sai Sagahan near Baba Balknath mandir road km. 0/00 to 3/225 (Raju Ram ke Ghar tak)(SH:- Providing and laying G-II for correction layer under PCC M-25 in km 0/840 to 0/940) Under SCSP	236,883.00	5,000.00	350/-	Three Month	D & C
4	C/o Link road from Dugrain to Samih road km. 0/00 to 4/00 (SH:- C/O R/Wall at RD 0/095 to 0/115) Under OTMNP	476,067.00	10,000.00	350/-	Three Month	D & C
5	RR Damages on Jaidevi Sanji road km 0/00 to 5/00 (SH:- C/O PCC R/Wall at RD 0/850.50 to 0/857.50 and 1/075 to 1/085)	199,722.00	40,000.00	350/-	Three Month	D & C
6	RR Damages on Nalani Shangri road km 0/00 to 5/00 (SH:- C/O PCC R/Wall at RD 4/750 to 4/765)	423,342.00	8,500.0			



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PAPER WITH PASSION

On expected lines

RBI hikes repo rate by 50 basis points, taking it to 5.4 per cent, which is higher than pre-COVID level

The Reserve Bank of India's repo rate increase on Friday by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.4 per cent was not surprising, given the persistence of inflation—remaining above 7 per cent in the last three months. The stock market had already factored in the rise, so the Sensex ended at 58,388, 89 points or 0.15 per cent higher. Throughout the day, it moved in a range of 405 points. The third rate hike in a row this fiscal suggests that the central bank will remain hawkish for some time. In fact, the recent hike is more than what the market had expected. In all the three revisions, the RBI's monetary policy committee has increased the repo rate by 140 basis points, which is above the pre-pandemic rate of 5.15 per cent. The central bank expects the retail inflation to slide downward as 2022-23 progresses. It estimates inflation for the entire fiscal at 6.7 per cent—7.1 per cent in Q2, 6.4 per cent in Q3, and 5.8 per cent in the last quarter. The RBI's tolerance band for inflation is 4-6 per cent. Even as the RBI revised the repo rate upwards, it has retained GDP growth projection at 7.2 per cent; it is lower than the International Monetary Fund's 7.4 per cent though. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das blamed the global economic situation for the downturn in the Indian economy.

He went on to highlight the robustness of the Indian economy, calling it "an island of macro-economic and financial stability" in "an ocean of high turbulence and uncertainty." It has withstood two black swan events and multiple shocks, he added. A black swan event is an absolutely unpredictable incident. Apparently, he was referring to

Covid-19, which killed millions and badly damaged the global economy, and the Russian-Ukrainian war; while wars are not unprecedented, few expected one Eastern Europe. In his interaction with the media, Das tended to paint a rosy picture about the economy: inflation has peaked and will go down even though it is very high at this moment; the current account deficit (CAD) can be managed; and the forex reserves are adequate. A few good things did happen. The fiscal situation is improving—the fiscal deficit is estimated to be 6.5 per cent in 2022-23, against 6.7 per cent in 2021-22—despite the shocks of the coronavirus and the ensuing lockdowns. Gross non-performing assets or GNPA's of scheduled commercial banks have come down a six-year low of 5.9 per cent, and are estimated to decline further. Evidently, the economic situation in the country is not as bad as it is made out to be by some people; we surely are not a Sri Lanka in the making. But there is still a lot that needs to be done at the monetary and policy levels. The RBI has to ensure that inflation is reined in soon and GNPA's continue to move southwards. And the government must expedite economic reforms to maintain the momentum.

PICTALK



Followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr attend open-air Friday prayers at Grand Festivities Square, in Baghdad, Iraq

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God's country faces His wrath

Kerala is facing monsoon fury like never before, and only human intervention is to blame

Monsoon fury has peaked in Kerala claiming at least ten lives across the State. The impact of the Monsoon was not unexpected as the situation in Kerala is conducive to flash floods, landslides, and heavy downpours. Though politicians describe it as the consequences of global warming, many local factors have contributed to the transformation in the pattern of the Monsoon. The unique weather pattern enters the subcontinent through Kerala which has become the Gateway of Monsoon. Gone are the rain forests in the Western Ghats passing through the western border of the State. Uncontrolled exploitation of the pristine forests in the Ghats for mining and cutting down of trees has played havoc with the fragile weather system. The switching over to cash crops which command a premium in the global market led to the clearing of forest lands that were notified as no-go areas by environmentalists and ecologists. Vast stretches of paddy fields that were home to three crops every year have disappeared altogether. The land sharks enjoying political patronage have usurped the farmlands to build concrete jungles, jungles of five-star grade apartments, and shopping complexes.

Since the malls and residential apartments are owned by the financiers of political parties, persons in power find some easy excuses for nature's fury. A note by the Government says that in the

1970s farming was done on 9 lakh hectares of land and this has come down to less than 2 lakh hectares by 2021. What has happened is that many tributaries that brought water to the main rivers have disappeared. The Flat mafias' decision to construct penthouse apartments along the river banks and build roads along the river stretch has swallowed rivers. The rainwater received by the State does not have an exit route. This year is not an exception and the years to come would see the same phenomenon. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan blames the weather forecasting system in the country for not correctly predicting the pattern of rain. Those who follow the advisories of INCOIS, the Indian Meteorological Department, and the Department of Atmospheric Studies of Cochin University know well that the weathermen's forecasts are sharp and to the dot. The fact is that the State Government has failed to evolve a mechanism to mitigate floods and natural disasters. Kerala has not conceived a plan to counter floods. The nature's fury is here to stay.



Reboot bureaucracy to make it effectual

The mantra to make bureaucracy pro-people and proactive is, 'Refurbish, reform and restructure'



SANGRAM MISHRA

The dilemma perpetual has of late affected the mandarins critically, posing the conundrum worst confounded. Being targeted from most corners as inefficient, corrupt, and negative-minded; Indian bureaucracy has exhibited signs of wilting under the pressure of diatribes and vitriolic sophistry. More so it has prompted both insiders and outsiders to question what ails the bureaucracy.

The incisive comments may not be fair for all the officers, as still, some officers maintain the cardinal virtues of administration like sincerity, honesty integrity, and alacrity but it can't wipe off the smeared image that has engulfed the mandarins labeling that they are seldom pro-people, pro-poor and proactive and as such are a bunch self-centered officers more interested in in-service (plum postings and sundry benefits) and post-retirement benefits rather than growth of the nation or people.

A little in-depth study would discern that the imbroglia as to responsiveness to people's cause vis a vis personal materialistic aspirations has left the civil service at the crossroads. Needless to say that a significant number of bureaucrats are still industrious and sincere but it is revealed that the steel frame has begun wilting under the pressure of unscrupulous aspirations. If merit is relegated to the background and excellence is rendered unexpected or unwanted by the 'own senior tribesmen' i.e. the senior officers, then the young lots lose the direction and succumb to bureaucracy's first ever malady which is corruption. As an insider, I have felt that the concept of camaraderie has vanished. No support is forthcoming for the honest officers when needed as unethical ones marvel at others' sufferings!

Not surprised when John Kerry states that Indian bureaucracy lacks internal cohesion. The formation of small power groups at the highest level has left the young ones in quandary.

With fast changing societal



values, and intrusion of materialistic aspirations-driven visions, the standard (especially moral) of administration has seen many a subversion (paradigm shift from value-based administration to vice-imbuéd governance). The result is that the cardinal principles of administration like honesty, integrity, sincerity, etc have started taking the backseats. It is astonishing that even some young bureaucrats are falling prey to the lures of material comforts and lucrative postings.

The intricate social calculus and material morbidity have also come to affect young mandarins' minds. The most deplorable aspect is that some young officers are starting their careers with a touch of corruption, whether in form of malfeasance misfeasance, or nonfeasance. Then who is responsible for this unhealthy and insalubrious trend?

A tryst with the prevailing conditions would reveal that the bureaucracy has to squarely take the blame for losing its sheen. Some of the senior mandarins have forgotten the golden commandments of ethics of civil services and at the same time have ceased to be the philosopher, guides, and pathfinders for



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young entrants. The Achilles heel is exposed. Multiple factors like lack of appropriate and relevant training so as to adapt to changing circumstances, lack of proper posting policy, absence of the concept of reward and punishment, the role of political dynamics and power, and materialistic aspirations are responsible for its denigration.

Attitudinal /emotional ramifications and skewed cognitive perception held by some of the senior bureaucrats have resulted in its distorted image projection on the silhouette of societal expectation. The paradigm shift (negative) ushering in the attitudinal crisis and perceptual blunder associated with aspiration for material comfort of bureaucracy have already witnessed the rust and wilt in the steel frame.

Though easier to tell than to give effect to it, it is time for the bureaucracy to mend itself to return to the golden era and rewrite the saga of its own glory. A little change in mindset can usher in a plethora of positivity for the civil services. Other factors would fall in line as nothing deters or hinders a positive mind to initiate a change. The bureaucracy should never forget to understand that they all are

functioning in a democracy, where people are the masters however illiterate or simple they might be. Public servants are servants to serve the cause of people (taking salary money) and never their masters. The sooner mandarins become pro-people, proactive, and pro-poor the better.

The civil servants are appointed to implement laws not hinder them. Yes, when there are illegalities they can raise voices. Sans ego, sans lure for plum postings (and post-retirement benefits) they should work with dedication to salvage the lost glory.

All the sermons or solutions can't be delineated in a short space but as an insider, I want to profess that it is time for the bureaucracy to mold itself for the new role to gain the confidence of the system and of the people. The saying 'bend it like Beckham' from the soccer world may be applied to administration as it may have relevance. It can be said, to bend it to change and change it to perfection. Bureaucracy today should lead again with service to people (sans ego) keeping spatial and temporal aspects in mind.

(The author is a superannuated senior IAS officer. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHINESE BUILD-UP IN SRI LANKA

Sir —As per the report, the Chinese research and survey ship has left and is expected to reach the China-run Hambantota Port in southern Sri Lanka on August 11, which is a very serious and dangerous issue and India must closely monitor the situation and must be on alert. The report quoted Sri Lanka's Defence Ministry media spokesman Colonel Nalin Herath have confirmed that it is the cause for concern for India as the ship is capable of monitoring military installations. Naval ships from India, China Russia, Japan, and Malaysia from time to time have requested Sir Lanka but they have granted permission to China. With this China is trying to enter Sri Lanka like Pakistan, Nepal, Taiwan, and Indian territories in eastern India to corner it from all sides. It is high time the Indian leadership seriously concentrate on these issues for the safety of the country.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN IN DENIAL MODE

Sir — It is quite surprising to see that everything appears quite well for our finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The common man is most worried about the rise of prices and GST on food items, the common man facing the brunt of inflation but still, our finance minister is not accepting that the prices of food items have increased.

It is ridiculous that she is comparing current prices of tomatoes, onion, potatoes, etc with the rates in 2013, but she has forgotten that the rates of other commodities have raised ten times more than in 2013. Boasting that Centre has collected more than 1.49 crores in July on GST proves that how common man has been forced to pay this amount on GST. We are having an ignorant finance minister. When the price of onions rose, she said that she doesn't eat onions. Unemployment, joblessness, and frustration among our youth are increasing, and food inflation is hurting the poor

STOP BRIBING PEOPLE WITH FREEBIES

Thanks to the Supreme Court's earnest intervention in recent days, the topic of political parties offering 'freebies' to voters has been gaining significance and weight. The culture of freebies practiced and perfected by various political parties in India, feigning as 'populist schemes', has largely indoctrinated the rural voters and has affected a well-rounded welfare ideology. ('Freebies lead to eco-disaster, Centre tells SC', Aug. 4). Dole-outs are nothing short of bribes, and a government has no imperium to create private assets out of public funds. Free distribution of goods is not a substitute for a truer welfare model that seeks to achieve growth through enhancing productive resources in the economy. Conventional wisdom dictates that unbribed populism and widespread corruption are not only endemic to politics but are antithetical to economic growth and human development. States in India



need higher per capita income, not higher per capita usage of free goods and services. And, we need politicians and political parties to view us as 'citizens' and not just as 'voters' willing to reward those who offer maximum 'muff' schemes. The Election Commission of India must prohibit political parties from announcing freebies in their election manifestos and treat them as a violation of the model code of conduct.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

with the rise of prices but our Finance minister and Government is least bothered. The Opposition parties are protesting and saying that Government is helping Ambanis and Adanis and the common man is suffering. The opposition leaders are getting suspended from both houses still all is well for our finance minister and the Government.

Zeeshaan | Kazipet

CJI RAMANA IS A BOON FOR INDIA

Sir — Progressive CJI Ramana and team are a boon to India. His forward steps include speedier justice to people, friendly courts, modern solutions suitable to modern needs, etc. Now CJI is right in saying 'setting of the expert body' for regulation of freebies.

Our first request to CJI is that many nations of Europe have free education for the poor ... provide various scholarships to poor and middle-class students. Also, they provide many comforts and care to citizens. In many European nations, rich people voluntarily do not accept freebies

SOUNDBITE

They can't silence our voice by pressuring us. Whatever Modi and Amit Shahji are doing is against democracy.



Congress leader
—Rahul Gandhi



It's become clear to all of us that we're at a critical inflection point, dictating the need for additional solutions to address the rise in (Monkeypox) infection.

US Food & Drug Commissioner

—Dr Robert Califf

I think all the negativity around *Laal Singh Chaddha* is skillfully curated by mastermind Aamir Khan Ji himself. This year, no Hindi films have worked.



Actor
—Kangana Ranaut

We look up to Mirabai for inspiration. We feel so proud of her when she won the silver at the Tokyo Olympics.



Pakistani Weightlifter

—Nooh-Dastagir Butt



My entire family was heartbroken. It was a 'Biswasgathi' to the Bengali people. Why can a Bengali not be a Cabinet Minister in Delhi? I don't need any acknowledgment. I have been elected from Asansol twice.

TMC Minister
—Babul Supriyo

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INFLATION-LED STRONG DOLLAR WILL SOON SLIDE

Once global turmoil subsides, the dollar will cool off fast



ASHWANI MAHAJAN

The Indian rupee has depreciated, as it went from the level of Rs 74.5 per dollar in February 2022 to almost Rs 80, before appreciating again to Rs 78.69 on August 2, 2022. Due to this weakness, there is a natural concern among the policy makers.

If we calculate from 1991 till now, the rupee has been depreciating against the dollar at an average rate of 3.03 percent annually. Significantly, the rupee has depreciated by 7.28 per cent in the last 5 months. In the past, the rupee had been weakening not only against the dollar, but also against many important currencies, including the euro, pound, yen, yuan.

Since 1991, the rupee has depreciated 137 per cent against the pound sterling, 489 per cent against the euro, and 241 per cent against the yen, while the depreciation against the dollar has been 252 per cent. This means that in the long run, the rupee has weakened against all the important currencies.

But there has been a change in the depreciation trend of the rupee in the last five months till July 2022. While the rupee has weakened by 7.28 per cent against the dollar, it has gained 6.31 per cent against the pound sterling, 10.77 per cent against the yen and 4.72 per cent against the euro.



When the dollar is getting stronger against all the major currencies of the world, the question arises whether the winning streak of the dollar will continue in future also? The US economy is the most indebted in the world. Today, the US has an external debt of \$30.4 trillion, China and the UK hold \$13 trillion and \$9.02 trillion, respectively.

External debt on India is only \$614.9 billion, which is hardly 20 per cent of our GDP. America's foreign debt is 102 per cent of its GDP, while that of England is 345 per cent.

History is witness that whenever there is turmoil in the world, the dollar gets stronger. This is because investors around the world believe that the US is the safest destination for them. This process is called 'run for safe haven' in business parlance. It is being said by market experts that since inflation is on rise across the world, worries about growth have increased and interest rates are also rising, hence the dollar is strengthening.

Dollar has risen by 10 per cent in the past one year and has reached an all-time high in 20 years. Countries, especially smaller ones, who have borrowed heavily, are finding it difficult to repay interest and principal. But countries producing oil and exporting countries or which are suppliers of agricultural commodities have more stable currencies. Russia's ruble continues to get strengthened. The reason for this is the increasing export of oil and gas by Russia and the control on capital flows imposed by the Russian government.

The USD is strengthening due to global turmoil and rising interest rates in the US, but it may not last long. Such situations in the world are considered to be short-lived. In such a situation, when there will be an uptick in other currencies of the world and the investors who have deserted India in search of safe havens will again come back in search of markets, then a downfall of the dollar would be inevitable.

All the global institutions are expecting India to be the fastest growing economy in the world. Global investors will be compelled to turn to India. The ever-increasing foreign direct investment and strong fundamentals have the potential to propel the rupee towards strength.

(The author is a professor at DAV College, Delhi University)

Peace in Palestine still remains an elusive dream

The Western world continues to aid and abet Israel making it aggressive, which undermines lasting peace in Palestine



KC TYAGI

Israel is all set to go for the unprecedented fifth election in three years as the ruling coalition is no more ready to run the joint government. The Arab League, which was a part of the current government, withdrew its support citing Israeli aggressive settlements over the Palestinians land. This is not the only reason but one important among others.

Naftali Bennett had ousted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last year, ending his 12 years in power. The right-wing leader and former Netanyahu ally's eight-party coalition consisted of his own nationalist party, as well as right-wing, centrist and leftist parties and of course an Arab-Israeli party for the first time.

The Bennett government before taking over Israel had been showcasing itself as a government for change but its stand on many fronts remained the same as that of Netanyahu; be it the issue of expansion of West Bank settlements or the opposition to Palestinian State, the new government walked the Benjamin's way. There were hopes that the new governments in the USA and Israel will seriously think over the crisis in West Asia but nothing changed.

In a report released last week, the UN Commission set up for the Israel-Palestine conflict reiterated that Israel wants 'complete control' of the land owned by Palestinians. Israel has been occupying Palestine in bits and pieces after its initial occupation in 1967. The Commission also highlighted that Israel has been 'acting to alter the demography through the maintenance of a repressive environment for Palestinians and a favourable environment for Israeli settlers'.

This is certainly not the first report by an intentional human rights entity or watchdog underlining the Israeli zeal to occupy areas inhabited by Palestinians. Any individual with an elementary school learning of geopolitics understands that it is not Israel that itself is the central power working behind the redundant mission to occupy Palestine, rather the source of power lies in the West, especially in the USA. The world knows that the policies of Washington DC are largely made on the streets of Tel Aviv - this is how mighty the Jewish lobby in the USA is! From corporate to politics and from academia to cinema, the Jewish lobby dominates almost every field in the USA.

If truth be told, the USA was one of the very first countries to publicly express its sympathy and tacit support for the Jewish state when it began to be created in 1948. By being the first country to officially recognise Israel, it played cunningly to further its interests in the MENA region. Additionally, it has also provided a few hundred billion dollars as aid to the rogue nation and has provided the very base of its economy by roughly accounting for almost one-fourth of imports and half of its exports.



THE UN COMMISSION SET UP FOR THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT IN ITS REPORT REITERATED THAT ISRAEL WANTS 'COMPLETE CONTROL' OF THE LAND OWNED BY PALESTINIANS. ISRAEL HAS BEEN OCCUPYING PALESTINE IN BITS AND PIECES AFTER ITS INITIAL OCCUPATION IN 1967

(The author is a senior JD(U) leader and former Rajya Sabha MP)



Another reason behind the failure of back-to-back optics is the acts of the international community, masquerading as efforts to secure the human rights of Palestinians, while most of the European Union nations have strong ties with Israel, mentored by the USA. After all, who can forget that these were the first few nations to recognise the Jewish State within a few months after its creation?

The nation which suffers from 'Big Brother' syndrome and is super quick to impose unilateral sanctions on nations itself grossly violates the United Nations Charter and customary international law principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force by supporting Israel and poking nose into affairs of Palestine by use of force.

The Israeli aggression has become graver with the increasing rift between the OIC countries, especially the Gulf nations. The tussle between the Saudi-led block and the Qatar-led group has pushed the Saudi and the UAE closer toward Israel, and the UAE along with a few other nations of the same block even went to the extent of establishing diplomatic ties with the Jewish nations just a few months ago.

The desperation to prevent Iran's nuclear program and bulwark its dominance in the region has also compelled Saudi Arabia to play hands in gloves with its one-time foe, Israel. Besides, the entire world is aware of the rift between Turkey and Saudi Arabia, preventing the Muslim world to collectively call out Israeli aggression.

Given its geographic position, military might, and intelligence capabilities, Israel has become an irresistible ally for the Saudi-led alliance now. To secure their interests through a common minimum agenda, the nations led by Saudi Arabia have now turned their eyes away from the Palestinian massacre and have buried their heads in the sand like an ostrich to unsee the truth.

Nevertheless, the Israeli aggression of 2021 after which the said UN Commission was constituted has reflected the delay and collective failure of the global community to solve the conflict. Out of many possible ways, the first prerogative for striking a solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict is an outlook entirely based on human rights and not on interests. Through my personal observations and decades-long political career, I could confidently say that interest-based solutions are never sustainable, but human-centric ones certainly are.

Further, the global community should urgently restrict the US from becoming a stakeholder or a party to the conflict, as it has always ignited it and added fuel to the fire without contributing even two cents. The USA should remember the quote by one of its brightest minds Wayne Dyer, who said, "conflicts cannot survive without your participation".

Most importantly, the world will have to recognise and realise the fact that what has been done cannot be undone in a nuclear-weaponized world. The world should try to establish an environment of tranquility by striking

ing a seemingly perfect equilibrium between the Jewish and the Palestinian people and ensure that Israel keeps guns down, practices a ceasefire, and pledges not to further invade the remaining territory. Peace negotiations can then take place between the two nations, by involving deserving nations as parties to those negotiations.

However, the most immediate requirement is to compel Israel to follow the 'Fourth Geneva Convention' by securing the human rights of the Palestinians, especially those trapped in the Gaza strip. Along with the Conventions, it should also abide by the 2004 ruling of the International Court of Justice that asked it to protect the rights of the citizens of Palestine under its occupation as per humanitarian and human rights law.

Conclusively, the global North should come out of hypocrisy and stop defending Israel and refrain from giving it shelter and refuge to keep abusing the human rights of Palestinians under the Sun and ensure deniability at the same time. The North needs to own accountability as well as make the Jewish nation a state accountable for its actions.

It is high time for the world to ask itself: has it done enough for the human rights of Palestinians? Has it handled the situation efficiently and with integrity? It is indeed a time to introspect and ponder over what Ronald Reagan had once said: "Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means".

POINT COUNTERPOINT

I MADE NO PERSONAL ATTACK AGAINST ANYONE. I DID NOT KNOW THAT KHARGEJI WILL START MAKING PERSONAL ATTACKS. —UNION MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL



YOU (GOYAL) HAVE NOT WON A LOCAL ELECTION BUT WERE BROUGHT TO THE RAJYA SABHA AND MADE THE FINANCE MINISTER. — CONGRESS LEADER MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

Defence 'Atmanirbharta' key to robust Indian economy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for stepping up indigenous defence goods production is timely



PK VASUDEVA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 July, while addressing a naval seminar Swavlamban, said that the national defence is no longer limited to borders, but has a broader ambit, and the armed forces and other stakeholders must work together to bolster the country's military capabilities. Attempts from within the country or abroad to harm India's interests must be thwarted effectively, cautioned Modi, asking the armed forces to be alert against new challenges, including disinformation campaigns.

He battled for combatting a myriad of security challenges, saying they are no longer limited to land, sea and sky, and asserted that the armed forces must work together to bolster the country's military capabilities.

ties. The seminar was organised by the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM).

The NSA Ajit Doval, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar attended the seminar among others. The concern of the prime minister is very genuine but unfortunately he is not getting the support from the opposition parties even on national security and defence matters. A disintegrated opposition with poor leadership is a disaster for the nation.

The Opposition's right and duty, if it believes the public interest is at stake, is to oppose the government's policies and actions by every legitimate parliamentary means. In doing so,

the Opposition tries to convince the electorate that they should change places with the government, which is impossible unless it changes its attitude on issues of national interest.

Highlighting the importance of self-reliance in the defence sector, the prime minister said dependence on imports for small requirements of the armed forces could pose serious strategic challenges. Cautioning the armed forces against new threats, Modi said contours of national security have become widespread and the challenges are moving towards space, cyberspace, social space and the economic sphere.

We also have to intensify our war against forces challenging India's self-confidence, self-reliance, said Modi, adding as India is establishing itself on

the global stage, there are constant attacks through misinformation, disinformation and false publicity. Keeping faith, the forces harming India's interests, whether in the country or abroad, have to be thwarted in their every effort, he added.

Defence is a principal component of national power. Defence policy is an integral part of national security policies. The role of the armed forces is to preserve the core values of survival and political independence against any external or internal threats by deterrence or by waging a war. In his address, the prime minister said his government has developed a new defence ecosystem in the country to boost domestic manufacturing. In the last 4-5 years, Modi said, the defence imports have come down by about 21

per cent and the country is moving fast from being the biggest defence importer to becoming a big exporter.

The prime minister said Rs 13,000 crore worth of defence export was achieved last year and more than 70 per cent of it was from the private sector.

Talking about long delays in defence acquisition, Modi said most of the procurement programmes kept facing questions and abusing politicians became very easy. Recalling the glorious maritime tradition of the country, Modi said that the defence sector of India used to be very strong even before independence. At the time of independence, there were 18 ordnance factories in the country, where many types of military equipment, including artillery guns, were made. He said India was an

important supplier of defence equipment in World War II.

Referring to the importance of oceans and coasts in India's economy, Prime Minister Modi said that the role of the Indian Navy is continuously increasing and therefore self-reliance of the force is of critical importance.

Today, a large part of the budget earmarked for the purchase of defence equipment is being spent on procurement from Indian companies, said Modi, while complementing the defence forces for preparing a list of 300 items that will not be imported.

Modi's mission is to make the country Atmanirbhar so that the defence budget is further reduced and the benefits go to domestic industry. In the era of economic globalization with more interdependence among

the countries and the facilities of digital marketing and communication available, it is difficult to think that any country can survive in isolation.

A country is said to be Atmanirbhar (self-reliant), if it produces sufficient amounts of goods and services for its domestic needs along with surplus for export to earn foreign exchange. An Atmanirbhar country need not necessarily manufacture each and every product required by it. Rather, it will prefer manufacturing and processing more such products which it can do with expertise at low cost and the demand of which is globally more. At the same time, it cannot indefinitely depend on such countries that are dumping their low quality goods and are destroying the industrial growth of the importing country.

China slaps sanctions against Pelosi, family for Taiwan visit

White House summons Chinese envoy

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Friday announced sanctions on US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her immediate family in retaliation to her high-profile visit to Taiwan this week and cancelled talks with Washington on defence, climate change and a range of other issues.

Meanwhile, White House summoned Chinese envoy over Taiwan provocations.

Pelosi, 82, the highest-ranking US official to visit Taiwan in 25 years, visited the island on Tuesday, which Beijing claims as part of it and vows to integrate with the Chinese mainland.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry, which stridently criticised her visit and lodged stern protests against the US by summoning its Ambassador to China Chris Burns and announced four-day high-intensity military drills in Taiwan Strait, issued a statement on Friday imposing sanctions against Pelosi and her family. "In disregard of China's grave concerns and firm opposition, Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi insisted on visiting China's Taiwan region," the statement said. "This constitutes gross interference in China's internal affairs. It gravely undermines China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, seriously tramples on the one-China principle and severely threatens peace and stability across the Taiwan



Strait," it said.

"In response to Pelosi's egregious provocation, China decides to adopt sanctions on Pelosi and her immediate family members in accordance with relevant laws of the People's Republic of China," it said. The sanctions against Pelosi were regarded as symbolic and it bans her and her family members from travelling to China. Earlier, China had imposed sanctions against 28 former Trump administration officials, including the then US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

In another statement, the Chinese Foreign Ministry announced countermeasures against the US, which included cancellation of the China-US Theatre Commanders Talk, China-US Defence Policy Coordination Talks (DPCT), and the China-US Military Maritime Consultative Agreement (MMCA) meetings.

The ministry also announced the suspension of the China-US cooperation on the repatriation of illegal immi-

grants, the China-US cooperation on legal assistance in criminal matters, China-US cooperation against transnational crimes, China-US counter-narcotics cooperation, and China-US talks on climate change.

The cancellation of the defence dialogue between the two countries was regarded significant here as the major powers currently involved in intense strategic rivalry held periodic consultations, which observers say helped in avoiding accidental conflicts in hotspot areas like the disputed South China Sea, where the US has stepped up naval and aerial expeditions to assert freedom of navigation.

China's claims to most of the South China Sea are closely contested by the Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia and Taiwan.

China's sanctions against Pelosi and the other countermeasures came amid rare vocal criticism by the Chinese, especially in the local media, on Beijing's failure to stop Pelosi's visit to Taiwan.

China summons European diplomats over statement on Taiwan

AP ■ BEIJING

China says it summoned European diplomats in the country to protest statements issued by the Group of Seven nations and the European Union criticising threatening Chinese military exercises surrounding Taiwan.

The Foreign Ministry on Friday said Vice Minister Deng Li made "solemn representations" over what he called "wanton interference in China's internal affairs".

Pelosi's visit was regarded as a setback for the image of Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is widely expected to get an unprecedented third-five-year term, unlike his predecessors.

He is expected to be endorsed in the once-in-a-five-year Congress of the ruling Communist Party of China in the next few months.

Besides the diplomatic offensive against Pelosi, China has announced four-day military drills since Thursday in which the Chinese military fired ballistic missiles and flew fighter aircraft into the Taiwan Strait in a major show of strength. Beijing also pressed its aircraft carrier group which included a nuclear submarine into the drills.

UK PM race: Sunak wins over voters in TV debate

PTI ■ LONDON

Former Chancellor Rishi Sunak convincingly won over an audience of Conservative Party members in a head-to-head television debate with rival Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in the leadership contest to elect a new Tory party leader and British Prime Minister.

The 'Battle for Number 10' on 'Sky News' on Thursday night brought the finalists face to face with Conservative members who are entitled to vote in the election but are mostly undecided on their choice. After the two contenders put forward their arguments for why they should replace Boris Johnson at 10 Downing Street, the audience members were asked who they thought had won the argument and they picked Sunak in a show of hands.

It will come as a boost for the British Indian ex-minister who has been trailing Truss in most recent opinion polls, with the last survey putting her around 32 percentage points ahead of Sunak among Tory members. He was asked by an audience member and potential voter if he planned to step aside in the race at any point, given the polling figures.

"The quick answer is no, and that's



because I'm fighting for something I really believe in and I'm taking my ideas around the country," Sunak replied.

"I'm going to fight incredibly hard until the last day of this campaign for each and every one of your votes. The stakes are really high," he declared. He was also asked why so many senior Tory ministers and figures were endorsing Liz Truss. "Every stage of the parliamentary process, I had the broadest and biggest support," Sunak pointed out. "We're all one team, we're all one family, we're going to come together

after this and we're going to take it to [Opposition Labour Leader] Keir Starmer and win the next election, because that's the real prize. Plenty of people sat around the Cabinet table also support me. I've been really humbled actually," he said.

The former finance minister stuck to his central plank and focussed his message on the need to get a grip on soaring inflation before cutting taxes. "But it all starts with not making the situation worse. Because if we just put fuel on the fire of this inflation spiral, all of us, all of you, are just going to end up with higher mortgage rates, savings and pensions that are eaten away, and misery for millions," he said.

It came just hours after the Bank of England warned of a looming recession as it hiked interest rates. Truss insisted a recession is "not inevitable" and promised "bold" action compared with her rival's caution. However, Sunak dismissed accusations that it is the tax burden which is causing the recession, saying: "That's simply wrong. What's causing the recession is inflation." Both candidates received a heavy grilling on their various policy planks, including Brexit, immigration and support for the state-funded National Health Service (NHS).

Cheney calls Trump 'coward' in ad for daughter Liz

AP ■ WYOMING

Former Vice President Dick Cheney excoriated Donald Trump in a new campaign video for his daughter Rep. Liz Cheney, calling the former president a "coward" and saying there has never been anyone who is a "greater threat to our republic."

The video was released on Thursday by Rep. Cheney's re-



election campaign, two weeks before a Republican primary election in Wyoming that the three-term congresswoman is bracing to lose.

Blinken: China drills 'significant escalation'

AP ■ PHNOM PENH

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Friday that China's military exercises aimed at Taiwan, including missiles fired into Japan's exclusive economic zone, represent a "significant escalation" and that he has urged Beijing to back down. China launched the drills following a visit by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan that infuriated Beijing, which claims the self-governed island as its own territory.

Blinken told reporters on the sidelines of a meeting with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Cambodia, however, that Pelosi's visit was peaceful and did not represent a change in American policy toward Taiwan, accusing China of using it as a pretext to increase provocative military activity in and around the Taiwan Strait.

He said the situation had led to a "vigorous communication" during East Asia Summit meetings in Phnom Penh in which both he and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi took part along with the ASEAN nations, Russia and others.

"I reiterated the points that we made publicly as well as directly to Chinese counterparts in recent days, again, about the fact that they should not use the visit as a pretext for war, escalation, for



'China cannot stop US officials from visiting Taiwan'

AP ■ TOKYO

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Friday that China will not isolate Taiwan by preventing US officials from travelling there. She made the remarks in Tokyo on the final leg of an Asia tour highlighted by a visit to Taiwan that infuriated China.

The Chinese have tried to isolate Taiwan, Pelosi said, including most recently by preventing the self-governing island from joining the World Health Organization.

provocative actions, that there is no possible justification for what they've done and urge them to cease these actions," he said.

UN experts: North Korea paving way for new nuke tests

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

UN experts say North Korea is paving the way for additional nuclear tests with new preparations at its northeastern test site and continues to develop its capability to produce a key ingredient for nuclear weapons.

The experts also said in key excerpts from their latest report obtained late Thursday by The Associated Press that North Korea conducted two major hacks this year, resulting in the theft of cryptocurrency assets worth "hundreds of millions of dollars."

They said Pyongyang also continues illicitly importing oil and exporting coal in violation of UN sanctions, using the same companies, networks and vessels.

South Korean and US intelligence officials have said they detected North Korean efforts to prepare its northeastern Punggye-ri testing ground for another nuclear test. It would be



the North's seventh since 2006 and the first since September 2017, when it claimed to have detonated a thermonuclear bomb to fit on its intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The panel of experts' report to the UN Security Council provides some details of the work being carried out at the site by the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea, the country's official name.

The experts said they observed that the DPRK started re-excavation work in March at the entrance to Tunnel 3 at Punggye-ri "and reconstructed support buildings originally dismantled in May 2018."

"Satellite imagery showed increased numbers of vehicle

tracks around this secondary entrance from mid-February 2022, followed by construction of a new building adjacent to the entrance at the beginning of March," the panel said. "A pile of lumber, for possible use in the construction of the tunnel structure, was also detected around the same time."

It added that, "Piles of soil from the tunnel excavation around the entrance were observed during this period."

"Work at the Punggye-ri nuclear test site paves the way for additional nuclear tests for the development of nuclear weapons," the experts said, adding that this is an objective stated at the Eighth Congress of the country's ruling Workers' Party of Korea in January 2021.

In another aspect of the DPRK's nuclear program, analysts said satellite images last September showed that North Korea was expanding a uranium enrichment plant at its main

Yongbyon nuclear complex, a sign that it wanted to boost production of the key bomb material.

The UN experts said in the new report: "DPRK continued to develop its capability for the production of nuclear fissile materials at the Yongbyon site."

Nuclear negotiations between the United States and North Korea have stalled since 2019 over disagreements over the DPRK demand to lift crippling US-led sanctions and Washington's demand for significant steps by Pyongyang toward nuclear disarmament.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has expanded his ballistic missile programme amid the diplomatic pause, and analysts say another nuclear test would escalate his brinkmanship aimed at cementing the North's status as a nuclear power, and negotiating economic and security concessions from a position of strength.

France going through its most severe drought ever, says PM



AP ■ PARIS

French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne warned that France is facing the "most severe drought" ever recorded in the country and announced the activation of a government crisis unit.

Borne said in a written statement on Friday that many areas in France are going through a "historic situation" as the country endures its third heatwave this summer.

"The exceptional drought we are currently experiencing is depriving many municipalities of water and is a tragedy for our farmers, our ecosystems and biodiversity," the statement said.

Weather forecasts suggest that the heat, which increases evaporation and water needs, could continue for the next 15 days, possibly making the situation even more worrying, the

statement stressed.

The government's crisis unit will be in charge of monitoring the situation in the hardest-hit areas and coordinate measures like bringing drinking water to some places.

It will also monitor the impact of the drought on France's energy production, transport infrastructure and agriculture.

The drought may force French energy giant EDF to cut power production at nuclear plants which use river water to cool reactors.

France now has 62 regions with restrictions on water usage due to the lack of rain.

The minister for ecological transition, Christophe Béchu, said during a visit to southeastern France that more than 100 municipalities are not able to provide drinking water to the tap anymore and need to get supplied by truck.

Hundreds of thousands gather for mass prayer in Baghdad

AP ■ BAGHDAD

Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis heeded the call of an influential Shiite cleric to gather in a show of strength for a mass prayer in the heart of Baghdad's government zone on Friday.

The gathering took place amid an escalating political crisis that has put the country's capital on edge.

The powerful cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, had called on his followers from across Iraq to come to pray inside Baghdad's Green Zone — a heavily fortified area in the heart of the city that houses government buildings and foreign embassies.

They arrived and stood outside in the scorching summer heat, with temperatures reaching 48 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, in the holy southern city of Najaf, the head of Iraq's U.N. Mission, Jeannine Henniss-Plasschaert, met with al-Sadr Friday.

She told reporters afterward that they discussed the importance of finding a solution to the political crisis.

Friday's mass prayer was the latest display of strength by the cleric, whose political power derives from his strong grassroots support base.



The crowds stretched for miles, spilling into the streets outside the square.

Several people fainted after waiting for hours for the prayer to start and were taken to hospital in ambulances.

Al-Sadr has used his large grassroots following as a pressure tactic against his rivals after his party was unable to form a government despite having won the largest number of seats in federal elections last October.

He abandoned efforts to form the next government in June.

His followers gathered facing the Victory Arch, a monument erected during Saddam Hussein's regime to commemorate the Iran-Iraq war and for holding military parades.

Farid Jaafar, 16, arrived from southern Babylon

province to show his support for al-Sadr. His transport was paid by al-Sadr's party.

"I love Muqtada," he said.

Holding the prayer within the highly restrictive zone closed off to most Iraqis points to the cleric's power and influence.

Last Saturday, thousands of his followers stormed parliament in a bid to derail attempts by al-Sadr's Shiite rivals to form a government.

Around 125 people were injured in the violence, most of them protesters and 25 members of the security forces.

Al-Sadr's followers camped out inside the parliament until he ordered them, after four days, to withdraw from the assembly building but maintain a sit-in outside. He's calling for the dissolution of parliament and early elections.

Unique 'Buddha pendant' discovered at Mohenjo-daro after heavy downpour



PTI ■ KARACHI

A unique antique object, termed "Buddha pendant", has been found very close to the archaeological site of Mohenjo-daro in Pakistan's Sindh province after the area was lashed by heavy rains, according to a media report on Friday.

Believed to be of archaeological importance, the object was found in the Dikshit South area of Mohenjo-daro after a downpour on August 3, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Irshad Ahmed Solangi, a private tour guide and a resident of Dhand village located very close to the archaeological

site, said on Thursday that he had found the object in a ditch that was developed during the recent rainfall on Wednesday.

After he discovered the object, he immediately reported it to site officer and conservator Naveed Sangah, the report said.

Ali Haider Gadhi, a senior conservationist at the archaeology department, reaffirmed that heavy rainfall led to the surfacing of the antique object. After examining the object, Mohan Lal, a former chief engineer of the department of archaeology and museums and currently working as project director of the Endowment

Fund Trust (EFT) identified it as "Buddha pendant" and suggested it to be a "unique antiquity."

"This rare discovery demands further studies to find out the missing history links," the report quoted him as saying.

An unnamed senior official at the culture department while describing the object said that it appeared like a pendant often worn around the neck by people.

He said further examination of the discovery will reveal more insights into the make and age of the object, and will help in knowing its historic and prehistoric value.

We have approached an expert working in the culture department to know about the object's make and age," he said.

Mohenjo-daro is an archaeological heritage site discovered by Indian archaeologist R D Banerji in 1922. It is located on the east of the Indus River in the semi-arid region of Sindh province. Extending over 618 acres, it is the largest and best-preserved urban centre of the Indus Civilisation (2600-1900 BC).

Lanka to hold crucial talks on formation of all-party Govt

To combat economic meltdown

PTI ■ COLOMBO

The crucial talks on the possibility of forming an all-party government to tackle Sri Lanka's economic meltdown will take place on Friday evening, officials and political leaders here said.

Sri Lanka's newly-elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday invited the political parties to form an all-party government to overcome the current economic crisis as the Parliament reconvened after a seven-day adjournment.

The talks will take place on Friday evening, officials and political leaders said.

"We expect the president to take a new approach, the country will get destroyed if there is no collective action," former president Maithripala Sirisena told reporters here.

Vasudeva Nanayakkara, a veteran leader from the ruling coalition's 10-party breakaway group, said they would be looking at Wickremesinghe's approach closely.

"Wickremesinghe has said that he was formulating a plan to find solutions to the economic and political impasse. He is going to seek our views, let's hope the talks will be successful," Nanayakkara said.

However, the main opposition party Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) said their approach is to form a common all-party programme rather than an all-party government.

"We are willing to strengthen the oversight committee system and make our contribution," SJB national organiser



Tissa Attanayake said.

Wickremesinghe, the leader of the United National Party (UNP), was elected president by lawmakers on July 20 - the first such occasion since 1978. The 73-year-old President was appointed for the rest of the term of Gotabaya Rajapaksa who fled the country and resigned on July 13 in the face

of a popular uprising against his government for mismanaging the island nation's economy.

The majority of his support in the 225-member Parliament came from Rajapaksa's Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party.

A constitutional amendment has been recently gazetted to make Parliament's role

stronger, while an interim budget to be presented early next month is expected to announce much needed reforms in the economy.

Sri Lanka has seen months of mass unrest over the worst economic crisis, with the government declaring bankruptcy in mid-April by refusing to honour its international debt.

Lanka protesters get court reprieve

Anti-Govt demonstrations can go on till August 10

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Defiant anti-government demonstrations near the Sri Lankan presidential office can go on for another week following an assurance by the Attorney General in a top court here on Friday that no action to remove the protesters from the Galle Face protest site will be taken until August 10. The development comes a day after protesters vowed to defy an order from the police to vacate the area by Friday evening.

The protesters said the police had not obtained a court order to remove them from the Galle Face area, which was the epicenter of anti-government protests here against the previous Rajapaksa regime. Three writ applications were filed at the Court of Appeal on Thursday on behalf of the protesters after the police ordered the protesters to leave the protest site.

The Attorney General told the court on Friday that the structures will not be removed without following the proper legal procedure.

The Sri Lankan police on Wednesday set an August 5 deadline for the protesters to remove all illegal tents and camps at Galle Face near the presidential office. The police claim the structures were illegal and need removing according to the law as the site is the property of the Urban Development Authority. Some of the structures were removed by the protesters on Wednesday and Friday following the police order to quit.

The protesters have been occupying the area, including the gate of the presidential secretariat, since April 9. They also claimed that the area was designated as an agitation site by the previous government headed by former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and there is no need for them to quit the protest site. Protesters in March began demonstrating against the Rajapaksa family and demanded the resignation of the entire Rajapaksa family, leading to the resignation of then-Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on



May 9, and his brother, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who fled the country on July 13 and resigned the following day from Singapore.

After the resignation of Rajapaksa and the appointment of his successor Ranil Wickremesinghe, the protesters were forcibly evicted from the presidential secretariat and the gate on Jul 22, drawing widespread international condemnation.

According to the Human Rights Watch group's statement, Sri Lankan security forces on July 22, Friday, forcibly dispersed people at a peaceful protest site near President's Secretariat, assaulted them leaving more than 50 persons injured. Sri Lanka has been witnessing one of the worst economic crises since Independence in 1948. They have defaulted on international loans as well. The United Nations has warned that 5.7 million people "require immediate humanitarian assistance," with Sri Lankans experiencing extreme shortages of essentials including food, fuel and medicines.

The new Sri Lankan government faces the task of leading the country out of its economic collapse and restoring order. Sri Lanka has seen months of mass unrest over the worst economic crisis, with the government declaring bankruptcy in mid-April by refusing to honour its international debt.

3 more ships with grain depart Ukraine ports under UN deal

AP ■ ISTANBUL

Three more ships carrying thousands of tons of corn left Ukrainian ports Friday, in the latest sign that a negotiated deal to export grain trapped since Russia invaded Ukraine nearly six months ago is slowly moving forward. But major hurdles lie ahead to get food to the countries that need it most.

The ships bound for Ireland, the United Kingdom and Turkey follow the first grain shipment to pass through the Black Sea since the start of the war. The passage of that vessel heading for Lebanon earlier this week was the first under the breakthrough deal brokered by Turkey and the United Nations with Russia and Ukraine.

The Black Sea region is dubbed the world's breadbasket, with Ukraine and Russia key global suppliers of wheat, corn, barley and sunflower oil that millions of impoverished people in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia rely on for survival.

While the shipments have raised hopes of easing a global food crisis, much of the grain that Ukraine is trying to export is used for animal feed, not for people to eat, experts say. The first vessels to leave are among more than a dozen bulk carriers and cargo ships that had been loaded with grain but stuck in ports since Russia invaded in late February. And the cargoes are not expected to have a significant impact on the global price of corn, wheat and soybeans for several reasons.

For starters, the exports under the deal are off to a slow, cautious start due to the threat of explosive mines floating off Ukraine's Black Sea coastline.

And while Ukraine is a major exporter of wheat to developing nations, there are other countries, such as the United States and Canada, with far greater production levels that can affect global wheat prices. And they face the threat of drought.

"Ukraine is about 10% of the international trade in wheat, but in terms of production it is not even 5%," said David Laborde, an expert on agriculture and trade at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington.

The three ships left Friday with over 58,000 tons of corn, but that is still a fraction of the 20 million tons of grains that Ukraine says are trapped in the country's silos and ports and that must be shipped out to make space for this year's harvest.

Around 6 million tons of the trapped grain is wheat, but just half of that is for human consumption, Laborde said.

There is an expectation that Ukraine could produce 30% to 40% less grain over the coming next 12 months due to the war, though other estimates put that figure at 70%.

Grain prices peaked after Russia's invasion, and while some have since come down to



their pre-war levels, they are still higher than before the COVID-19 pandemic. Corn prices are 70% higher than at the end of February 2020, said Jonathan Haines, senior analyst at data and analytics firm Gro Intelligence. He said wheat prices are around 60% higher than in February 2020.

One reason prices remain high is the impact of drought on harvests in North America, China and other regions, as well

as the higher price of fertilizer needed for farming.

"When fertilizer prices are high, farmers may use less fertilizer. And when they use less fertilizer, they will produce less. And if they will produce less, supply will continue to remain insufficient," Laborde said.

The three ships that departed Ukraine on Friday give hope that exports will ramp up to developing nations, where many are facing the increased threat of food shortages and hunger.

"The movement of three additional vessels overnight is a very positive sign and will continue to build confidence that we're moving in the right direction," Haines said. "If the flow of grain from Ukraine continues to expand, it will help relieve global supply constraints."

The Turkish-flagged Polar net, carrying 12,000 tons of corn, left the Chornomorsk port destined for Karasu, Turkey. The Panama-flagged Navi Star left Odesa's port for Ireland with 33,000 tons of corn. The Maltese-flagged Rojen left Chornomorsk for the United Kingdom carrying over 13,000 tons of corn, the U.N. Said.

It added that the Joint

Coordination Center — run by officials from Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and the U.N. Overseeing the deal signed in Istanbul last month — authorized the three ships and inspected a ship headed for Ukraine. The Barbados-flagged Fulmar S was inspected in Istanbul and is headed for the Chornomorsk port.

The checks seek to ensure that outbound cargo ships carry only grain, fertilizer or food and not any other commodities and that inbound ships are not carrying weapons. The vessels are accompanied by Ukrainian pilot ships for safe passage because of explosive mines strewn in the Black Sea.

After Turkey, which has relations with both Russia and Ukraine, helped broker the food deal two weeks ago, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin later Friday in Sochi, Russia. That meeting follows another face-to-face meeting the two leaders had in Iran three weeks ago.

US, Russia, China take part in talks with SE Asian nations



AP ■ PHNOM PENH

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken joined the foreign ministers of Russia and China at a meeting on Friday with top diplomats from Southeast Asia that comes at a time of increased tensions between Washington, Moscow and Beijing.

The East Asia Summit of the ongoing Association of Southeast Asian Nations meetings in Cambodia's capital was the first time the three men were scheduled to take part in the same forum.

It came a day after WNBA star Brittney Griner was convicted of drug possession and sentenced to nine years in prison by Russia in a politically charged case amid ongoing friction over the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

China, meantime, is furious at the US following House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit this week to Taiwan — a self-governing island Beijing claims as its own — and is in the middle of show-of-force military exercises in response.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi patted Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on the shoulder as he entered the room and gave the already-seated Lavrov a quick wave before taking his own seat. Lavrov waved back in response.

Blinken, who entered the room last, did not even look over to Lavrov as he took his own seat about a half-dozen chairs away, or to Wang who was seated farther down the same table as Lavrov.

Ahead of the Phnom Penh talks, the US State Department indicated Blinken had no plans to meet one-on-one with either man during the course of the meetings.

Ukraine, Syria expected to top Erdogan-Putin talks in Russia

AP ■ MOSCOW

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan travelled to Russia on Friday for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin expected to focus on a grain deal brokered by Turkey, prospects for talks on ending hostilities in Ukraine, and the situation in Syria.

Last month, Turkey and the United Nations helped broker agreements between Russia and Ukraine clearing the way for Ukraine to export 22 million tonnes of grain and other agricultural products stuck in its Black Sea ports ever since Moscow sent troops into the country more than five months ago.

The deals also allow Russia to export grain and fertiliser.

Three more ships carrying thousands of tons of corn left Ukrainian ports Friday following the departure of the first vessel earlier this week.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday's talks in Sochi will allow Putin and Erdogan to review the implementation of the grain deal.

He noted that the two leaders will also discuss the situation in Ukraine and in Syria.

In March, Turkey hosted a



round of talks between Russian and Ukrainian negotiators who discussed a possible deal to end the hostilities.

But the talks fell apart after the meeting in Istanbul, with Russia and Ukraine blaming each other for the lack of progress.

NATO-member Turkey and Russia have a complex relationship. While the two countries support opposing sides in Syria and Libya, they cooperate closely on defense, energy and trade deals.

Their relationship has frustrated Turkey's Western allies, who were particularly annoyed by Ankara's purchase of a sophisticated Russian air defense system.

Turkey has provided Ukraine with drones, which

Israeli strikes on Gaza kill 7, including senior militant

AP ■ GAZA CITY

Israel unleashed a wave of airstrikes in Gaza on Friday, killing at least seven people, including a senior militant, and wounding another 40, according to Palestinian officials. Israel said it was targeting the Islamic Jihad militant group amid days of heightened tensions following the arrest of a senior militant in the occupied West Bank earlier this week.

The strikes risk igniting yet another war in the territory, which is ruled by the Islamic militant group Hamas and is home to about 2 million Palestinians.

The assassination of a senior militant would likely be met by rocket fire from Gaza, pushing the region closer to all-out war. A blast could be heard in Gaza City, where smoke poured out of the seventh floor of a tall building on Friday afternoon.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said seven people were killed, including a 5-year-old girl, and at least 40 were wounded.

Islamic Jihad said a Gaza commander, Taiseer al-Jabari, was among those killed.



14 die in fire at pub in Thailand, many critically injured

AP ■ BANGKOK

Fourteen people were killed and dozens badly injured when a fire broke out early Friday at a crowded music pub in eastern Thailand, police and rescue workers said. At least a dozen survivors were in critical condition.

Videos on social media showed thick black smoke and then flames pouring from the front entrance as people attempted to flee, some with their clothing on fire. Police said the fire was reported around 12:45 a.m.

The Mountain B pub in Sattahip district of Chonburi province, about 160 kilometers southeast of Bangkok, was lined with flammable sound-proofing, and it took two hours for firefighters to put out the blaze, Manop Theprith of a private emergency rescue service group told Thailand's PPTV television news. His group said

40 people had been injured. Several witnesses described seeing smoke and fire on the ceiling near the stage, followed by explosions.

Thirteen people died at the scene and another person with burns over 90% of his body died later, police, rescuers and Queen Sirikit Naval Hospital said.

The hospital said 15 patients required intubation, with most suffering third-degree burns over more than 60% of their bodies. Two patients were transferred to a hospital in Bangkok for advanced treatment.

"All the patients are considered to be in critical condition," said Capt. Anucha Likitvong, chief of the hospital's medical team.

"In a medical sense, the situation for patients suffering from this degree of burns can change sharply in the next 48 hours."

RBI hikes interest rate by 50 bps to pre-pandemic level

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Friday raised the key interest rate by 50 basis points, the third straight increase since May in an effort to cool stubbornly high inflation and defend the rupee.

The repurchase rate was raised by 50 basis points to lift the interest rate to the pre-pandemic level. The 5.40 per cent repo rate was last seen in August 2019.

Announcing the rate hike, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das did not offer any indication of a change in the stance or a possible pause in the next policy due in late September.

The Reserve Bank of India's six-member rate-setting panel voted unanimously on the rate hike decision while sticking to its resolve to withdraw the accommodative stance.

It, however, retained GDP growth projection at 7.2 per cent for the current fiscal ending March 31, 2023, and kept the inflation outlook for the year unchanged at 6.7 per cent.

"Inflationary pressures are broad-based and core inflation remains elevated. Inflation is projected to remain above the upper tolerance level of 6 per cent through the first three quarters of 2022-23, entailing the risk of destabilising inflation expectations and triggering second-round effects," he said.



The RBI targets inflation at 2-6 per cent.

June was the sixth consecutive month when headline CPI inflation remained at or above the upper tolerance level of 6 per cent.

Stating that there has been some let-up in global commodity prices, particularly in prices of industrial metals, and some softening in global food prices, the governor said domestic edible oil prices are expected to soften further on the back of improving supplies

from key producing countries.

Further, the advance of the southwest monsoon is by and large on track and kharif sowing has picked up in the recent weeks.

"The shortfall in kharif sowing of paddy, however, needs to be watched closely, although buffer stocks are quite large. Household inflation expectations have eased but they still remain elevated," he said.

The central bank surprised markets with a 40 bps hike at an unscheduled meeting in May,

followed by a 50 bps increase in June, but prices have shown little sign of cooling off yet.

The latest increase mirrors the US Federal Reserve-led global tightening of interest rates to rein in spiraling prices, caused by supply snarls and energy price shocks following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The MPC believes "calibrated withdrawal of monetary policy accommodation is warranted to keep inflation expectations anchored and contain the second round effects,"

Das said.

On the rupee depreciating against the US dollar, he said at a 4.7 per cent decline, the rupee fared much better than several reserve currencies as well as many of its EME and Asian peers.

"The depreciation of the Indian rupee is more on account of the appreciation of the US dollar rather than weakness in macroeconomic fundamentals of the Indian economy. Market interventions by the RBI have helped in containing volatility and ensuring the orderly movement of the rupee," he said.

He said the RBI will remain watchful and maintain the stability of the rupee.

The Indian economy has been impacted by the global economic situation and is grappling with the problem of high inflation.

"Nevertheless, with strong and resilient fundamentals, India is expected to be amongst the fastest growing economies during 2022-23 according to the IMF, with signs of inflation moderating over the course of the year," he said.

The financial sector is well capitalised and sound while the foreign exchange reserves - supplemented by net forward assets - provide insurance against global spillovers. "Our umbrella remains strong," he said.

Das: Unacceptably high inflation led to hike

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The "unacceptably high" inflation trending around 7 per cent marked the Reserve Bank of India to hike rates by an aggressive 0.50 per cent on Friday, according to Governor Shaktikanta Das.

Stating that there are signs that headline inflation, which has breached the 6 per cent upper threshold set for the RBI for six consecutive months, has peaked, Das on Friday said policy moves from here on will be "calibrated, measured and nimble" and will depend on unfolding dynamics.

The governor refused to spell out any guidance on the way forward, pointing out that we live in a dynamic world where things are changing very fast. He also noted that generally, guidance in a rate hiking cycle is difficult as compared to that in a rate cut cycle.

"... Inflation still remains at uncomfortably or unacceptably high levels and therefore, monetary policy has to act," he told reporters after the central bank's six-member rate setting panel decided to hike the repo rate at which it lends to the system by 0.50 per cent.

It can be noted that ahead of the policy announcement, many analysts had been of the view that the hike would be a calibrated 0.35 per cent while a few expected the RBI to



frontload by being aggressive with a 0.50 per cent increase.

"Monetary policy will be calibrated, measured and nimble depending on the unfolding dynamics of inflation and economic activity. The focus will remain on ensuring safe and soft landing for the economy," he added. He said steps have to be taken to contain inflation and inflation expectations in the economy.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) also took the growth aspect into consideration while taking its call, he added. The governor also mentioned that as per the RBI's assessment, Indian economy is an isle of macro-economic and financial stability in a turbulent ocean right now, and has braved two black swan events of the pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Seeking to defend the deep rate cuts undertaken during the pandemic, Das said inflation does not have its roots in the monetary pol-

icy actions of the past but is led by supply-side factors and international events.

In what may come as a relief to many, he reiterated that inflation may have peaked and will moderate going forward. It can be noted that while the MPC retained the FY23 forecast at 6.7 per cent, it said the April-June 2023 quarter will see the headline number at 5 per cent. There was also a mention of the objective to achieve 4 per cent CPI target in Das' statement earlier in the day.

When asked about the role played by the depreciating rupee in the policy formulation, Das admitted that there is an impact of imported inflation but added that the MPC's deliberations were influenced by the overall inflation and growth aspects.

Without spelling out what constitutes "volatility" for the RBI, Das said the central bank does not have a level in mind for the rupee and intervenes only when it finds volatilities to ensure that the currency moves smoothly. The MPC also deliberated on the negative interest rates being earned at present, Das said, terming it as a "matter of concern".

Answering a query on whether we have hit the neutral rate yet, Deputy Governor Michael Patra, who heads the important monetary policy function and also sits on the rate setting panel, said, "the path to the neutral rate is a two milestone journey".

E-commerce platform can't allow third-parties to latch on to other sellers: Delhi HC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has said that an e-commerce platform permitting a third-party seller to "latch on" to the name or mark and product listings of another seller on its platform is "nothing but riding piggyback" and cannot be allowed. Justice Prathiba M Singh said that "latching on" is a mode of encashing upon the reputation of another entity and the consent and authorisation of the brand owner as well as the listing owner would be required before such conduct is permitted.

The court's observations were made on a lawsuit by an online clothes seller against an e-commerce platform. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant's platform allowed third-party sellers to "latch on" to its product listings. The court, in its interim order, said that prima facie, the defendant was permitting other third-party sellers to "latch on" to the best sellers in one particular segment of products and directed the defendant to disable the feature in relation to the plaintiff and restrained it allowing any third-party sellers from "latching on" to the mark and product listings of the plaintiff.

"In the opinion of this Court, permitting a third-party seller to 'latch on', in this manner, to the Plaintiff's name/mark and product listings is nothing but 'riding piggy back' as is known in the traditional passing-off sense. It amounts to taking unfair advantage of the goodwill that resides in the Plaintiff's mark and business," said the court in its order dated August 2.

"This Court is satisfied that such a feature



cannot be allowed to be used or offered, to the detriment of the owner of the brand or the person who has created the original product. Consent and authorisation of the brand owner and the listing owner would be required before such conduct by any seller is permitted," it said.

The plaintiff told the court that the defendant was "encouraging and allowing third-party sellers" to "latch on" and use its mark along with the photographs of its products.

It was the plaintiff's grievance that by doing so, several third-party sellers who are not connected to it were able to portray themselves as the plaintiff and ride on its popularity, leading to the loss of business to such small and medium entrepreneurs.

The court said that while e-commerce platforms provide an alternate platform for small and medium entrepreneurs to conduct their businesses in a profitable manner, certain features on these platforms can also cause damage to them.

Bank, realty, auto stocks end on mixed note post RBI policy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Interest rate sensitive bank, realty and auto stocks ended on a mixed note on Friday, on a day when the RBI raised the key interest rate by 50 basis points. Among bank stocks, ICICI Bank climbed 2.26 per cent, AU Small Finance Bank advanced 1.66 per cent, Axis Bank (0.90 per cent) and Federal Bank (0.88 per cent).

However, Bandhan Bank declined 1.70 per cent, IndusInd Bank fell 1.30 per cent, Bank Of

Baroda (0.59 per cent), State Bank of India (0.42 per cent), HDFC Bank (0.27 per cent) and Kotak Mahindra Bank (0.08 per cent).

The BSE bank index ended 0.47 per cent higher at 43,550.81. Home, auto and other loan EMIs are set to rise further after the RBI on Friday raised the key interest rate by 50 basis points, the third straight increase since May in an effort to cool stubbornly high inflation. "RBI hiking repo rate by 50 bps is not surprising... Despite



rise in interest rates RBI retaining the projection of growth rate at 7.2 per cent should be the key takeaway for market partici-

Need to boost manufacturing to create jobs, take advantage of global factors: Mahindra

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mahindra Group chairman Anand Mahindra on Friday said there is a need to boost manufacturing to create jobs on a mass scale and take advantage of the global factors that are moving in India's favour.

Addressing shareholders at the company's 76th annual general meeting here, Mahindra said that there are some gaps that need to be filled in to take full advantage of the opportunities arising out for the country.

"The most important of these (gaps)



is jobless growth. The Indian unemployment rate is hovering around 7-8 per cent, according to CMIE (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy). This is because job growth has not kept pace

with GDP growth.

"Only 40 per cent of the labour force that is capable of working is actually working or looking for work. The biggest sufferers are youth and women," said Mahindra.

The country's unemployment rate in July fell to 6.80 per cent, the lowest level in the last six months, amid rising agriculture activities during monsoon, according to the latest CMIE data.

The unemployment rate dropped to 6.80 per cent in July from 7.80 per cent in June, as per the CMIE data.

"With one of the largest youthful

populations in the world, it's easy to imagine the potential for social unrest if jobs don't grow along with the youthful population," the Mahindra group chairman said.

"The government is trying to do its bit and has (also) announced plans to hire one million people in government jobs by 2023, given that the country has a 900 million strong workforce, there's a lot more to do," Mahindra said.

According to him, in the private sector, job creation is happening mainly at the lower end of the gig economy, which is not "enough".

RBI to widen Internal Ombudsman mechanism by including CICs

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Friday decided to expand the scope of Internal Ombudsman framework by including Credit Information Companies (CICs) with a view to strengthening grievance redressal system.

The Reserve Bank-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) has improved the customer grievance redressal mechanism.

The turnaround time of grievance redressal under RB-IOS has declined considerably, RBI said in Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies.

"With a view to strengthen the internal grievance redress by CICs themselves, it has been decided to mandate CICs to have their own Internal Ombudsman (IO) framework," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said after unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy.

The RB-IOS 2021 covers Regulated Entities (REs) such as scheduled commercial banks including urban cooperative banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and non-scheduled primary co-operative banks with a deposit size of Rs 50 crore and above.

In order to make the RB-IOS more broad based, it has been decided to bring CICs also under the ambit of RB-IOS 2021, the statement said adding this will provide a cost-free alternate redressal mechanism to customers of REs for grievances against CICs.

Further, it said, with a view to strengthening the internal grievance redressal of CICs and to make it more efficient, it has also been decided to bring CICs under the Internal Ombudsman (IO) framework.

With regard to outsourcing, the RBI said REs are increasingly using outsourcing as a means for reducing costs as well as for availing expertise not available internally.

MSME lender Seeds aims ₹250 cr loan disbursement this fiscal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

NBFC startup Seeds Fincap on Friday said it has completed loan disbursement of Rs 100 crore and aims to reach Rs 250 crore in the current fiscal. To fund its expansion plans, Gurugram-based Seeds said it has raised debt from financial institutions, such as UC Inclusive Credit Pvt Ltd (UCIC), InCred Financial Services Limited, Ananya, Northern Arc, and AU Small Finance Bank, among others.

Currently, it has 20 lending partners and plans to raise further funding in debt.

"With landmark of Rs 100 crore achieved in the early part of the financial year, we are confident of achieving our target of Rs 250 crore disbursement in this financial year," its co-founder, Managing Director and CEO

Subhash Acharya said.

The startup serving MSME customers has operations in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan with 34 branches in Tier 2 and 3 towns. It has about 13,500 customers in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. Among the 13,500 customers financed so far, 59 per cent of enterprises are rural-based and the rest semi-urban and urban. The company received its license from the RBI in April 2021.

However, owing to the second wave of COVID-19, it could commence its full-scale operations in July 2021, the company said. Seeds said it has also tied up with two financial services companies in some pockets on a Business Correspondent model basis.

In the current financial year, it plans to raise Rs 50-60 crore.

Musk countersuit accuses Twitter of fraud

AP ■ NEW YORK

Elon Musk accused Twitter of fraud in a countersuit over his aborted \$44 billion deal for the social media company, which he said held back necessary information and misled his team about its true user base, according to media reports.

According to The Washington Post, the countersuit filed by the billionaire and Tesla CEO filed Thursday alleges that Twitter committed fraud, breach of contract and violation of the Texas Securities Act.

Musk's counterclaims were filed

confidentially last week and unsealed in a filing late Thursday at the Delaware Chancery Court, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Musk had offered to buy the company earlier this year, then tried to back out of the deal by claiming the social platform was infested with much larger numbers of "spam bots" and fake accounts than Twitter had disclosed.

Twitter sued to force him to complete the acquisition.

Musk responded by filing his countersuit.

Musk's attorneys argued that Twitter's own disclosures revealed that

it has 65 million fewer "monetisable daily active users," who can be shown digital ads, than the 238 million that Twitter claims, the Post and the Journal reported.

The filing also said most of Twitter's ads are shown only to a sliver of the company's user base, the Post said. In an unexpected twist, Twitter filed its response denying Musk's accusations before Musk's own counterclaims surfaced.

Twitter called Musk's reasoning "a story, imagined in an effort to escape a merger agreement that Musk no longer found attractive."

Rupee rises 17 paise to close at 79.23 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee appreciated by 17 paise to close at 79.23 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday after the Reserve Bank hiked interest rates by 50 basis points.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened at 79.15 per dollar. It hovered in a range of 78.94 to 79.29 during the session.

The domestic unit finally settled at 79.23, up 17 paise over its previous close of 79.40.

The Reserve Bank on Friday raised the key interest rate -- the third straight increase since May -- in an effort to cool stubbornly high inflation and defend the rupee.



The repurchase rate was raised by 50 basis points to lift the interest rate to the pre-pandemic level. The 5.40 per cent repo rate was last seen in August 2019.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was up 0.25 per cent at 105.95.

Forex traders said foreign

fund inflows into capital markets and softening crude oil prices boosted the local currency.

Foreign institutional investors remained net buyers in the capital market on Thursday as they purchased shares worth Rs 1,474.77 crore, as per exchange data.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.20 per cent to USD 94.31 per barrel.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said the RBI will remain watchful and maintain the stability of the rupee.

"The depreciation of the Indian rupee is more on account of the appreciation of the US dollar rather than weakness in macro-economic fundamentals of the Indian economy.

HDFC raises ₹8,700 cr as 'social loan' to finance affordable housing segment

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd on Friday said it has raised USD 1.1 billion (around Rs 8,700 crore) from a clutch of investors under 'Syndicated Social Loan Facility' to cater to the affordable housing segment in the country.

The country's largest mortgage lender by asset size said it has raised the amount by way of external commercial borrowings (ECBs).

"This landmark financing further promotes HDFC's longstanding mission

to be the leading provider of housing finance in India. Proceeds from the social loan would go towards financing affordable housing loans," the company said in a release.

MUFG Bank Ltd (MUFG) is the lead social loan coordinator for this transaction along with being one of the Mandated Lead Arranger and Borrowers (MLAB), it said.

CTBC Bank, Mizuho Bank, State Bank of India and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation are the other MLABs and joint social loan coordinators.

SREESHANKAR LONG JUMPS TO WIN SILVER

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Murali Sreeshankar clinched a silver in men's long jump event to give India a second medal in athletics at the Commonwealth Games here on Thursday.

The 23-year-old national record holder soared to 8.08m in his fifth attempt to finish second behind Laquan Nairn of Bahamas in a nerve-wrecking men's long jump final.

Nairn also had a best jump of 8.08m but his second best of 7.98m was better than 7.84m of Sreeshankar.

Under rules, if two jumpers are tied on same distance, the one who has a better second best effort will be ranked ahead.

Jovan van Vuuren (8.06m) of South Africa took the Bronze.

The other Indian in the fray, Muhammed Anees Yahiya ended at fifth with a best jump of 7.97m.

Sreeshankar's became the first Indian male long jumper to win a Silver at the CWG. Suresh Babu had won a Bronze in the 1978 edition.

Among women, Prajusha Maliakkal won a Silver in the 2010 edition in Delhi, while legendary Anju Bobby George bagged a Bronze in 2002.

Sreeshankar had gone into CWG as Gold medal favourite on the basis of his season's and personal best of 8.36m, which had put him in joint second ranking in the world this season.

But he struggled in his first four jumps regarding his landing on the foot board. He began with a 7.64m before jumping identical 7.84m in his second and third attempts. His fourth jump was a foul.

He was outside the medal contention at the end of the fourth round as he was at sixth place at that stage but his fifth attempt of 8.08m took him to the second place.

In a dramatic final round jump, he seemed to have crossed the 8m mark -- which would have given him a gold -- but to his and the Indian contingent's disappointment, his foot landed 2cm ahead of the line on the foot board.

The final attempt was thus ruled as a foul and Sreeshankar had to settle for a Silver.



Indian men's 4x400m relay team qualifies for final, Jyothi exits in 100m hurdles

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

The Indian men's 4x400m relay team qualified for the final at the Commonwealth Games after finishing second in its heat race here on Friday.

The Indian quartet of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Noah Nirmal Tom, Mohammed Ajmal and Amoj Jacob took the automatic qualification route, clocking 3:06.97s to finish second behind Kenya in heat 2.

India were fourth before the last leg bend but Amoj overtook two runners at the final stretch to finish second. He had suffered a hamstring injury while running

4x400m relay as part of the Indian quartet during the National Inter-State Championships in Chennai last month.

India finished sixth overall across the two heats with Botswana 3:05.11s being the quickest.

The final will be held on Sunday.

In women's 100m hurdles, national record holder Jyothi Yarraji crashed out in the first round heats with a below-par show. She clocked 13.18m to finish fourth in heat 2 and 10th overall. She holds the national record of 13.04s.

The heat races were held under windy conditions and Yarraji ran

with a tailwind of 2m/s. All the competitors ran with tailwind of 2m/s or above.

The 22-year-old Yarraji had bettered her national record thrice this season.

Ancy Sojan also failed to qualify for the women's long jump final. She was ranked 13th overall in the qualifying round with a best jump of 6.25m, which was wind-assisted (tailwind of 2.3m/s).

Those who touched 6.75m or at least 12 best performers across the two groups advance to the final.

The 21-year-old Sojan, who has a season and personal best of 6.55m, was seventh in Group A qualifying round.

Bajrang Punia defends men's 65kg Gold medal



PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Star Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia was a class apart while defending his title as he conceded just two points en route the Gold medal show while birthday girl Anshu Malik grabbed a Silver in her maiden Commonwealth Games, here on Friday.

Such was Tokyo Olympics Bronze medallist Bajrang's dominance in the 65kg competition that he won three of his four bouts inside first rounds.

The 28-year-old defending champion beat Naurau's Lowe Bingham and Mauritius' Jean Guyliane Joris Bandou 'by fall' before winning by technical superiority against England's Geroge Ramm.

Canada's Lachlan Maurice McNeil fought well against Bajrang but the Indian was far superior in technique and stamina as he won the bout 9-2.

Bajrang has been struggling to play freely since last year and his over defensive tactics put a question-mark over his ability to extend his dominance in international arena but on Friday he made his moves without inhibition.

However, the CWG is not the best platform to judge if Bajrang has got his mojo back because of the inferior field quality.

Anshu, who has taken rapid strides in her career, reached the women's 57kg final with similar dominance but ended up second-best with a Silver medal.

The Nidani wrestler, who turned 21 on Friday, won by technical superiority against Australia's Irene Symeonidis and Sri Lanka's Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando Poruthotage.

It did not take Anshu much time to measure her opponents. Her trademark aggression and quality was too hot to handle for her rivals till

the gold bout.

The World Championship Silver medallist though could not breach the defence of Nigeria's Odunayo Folasade Adekuoroye, losing the gold bout 3-7. The Nigerian was strong with her defence and Anshu could not find a way to make her moves.

She left mat with tears in her eyes as it was not the birthday present she wanted to give herself.

For Sakshi Malik, who has been battling for relevance for long, it was an ideal opportunity to get some confidence back and she used it to optimum level in the 62kg contest. She began by pinning home team wrestler Kelsey Barnes and followed that with a technical superiority win against Cameroon's Berthe Emilienne.

In her two bouts, she did not concede a single point and will now clash with Canada's Ana Paula Godinez Gonzalez for her first CWG gold. She has a bronze and silver in her CWG collection.

Also making the gold medal round was Deepak Punia (86kg) who did not look his dominant and quick self but still won his bouts without giving a point to his rivals.

The wrestler from Chhara village began with technical superiority win over Matthew Clay Oxenham from New Zealand and beat Canada's Alexander Moore 3-1, setting up the Gold medal bout against Pakistan's Muhammad Inam. Divya Kakran though got a tough draw as she found Tokyo Olympic Silver medallist and 11-time African champion Blessing Oborududu from Nigeria.

The first round was worth a final though Divya was outplayed by the formidable Nigerian. The Asian Games Bronze medallist won her repechage round against Blandine Nyeh Ngiri by fall.

Sindhu, Srikanth sail into quarterfinals



PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Star Indian shuttlers P V Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth had another easy outing as they stormed into the quarterfinals of the women's and men's singles events respectively with comfortable wins at the Commonwealth Games here on Friday.

Sindhu, a Silver medallist at the 2018 edition, expectedly faced no resistance from Uganda's Husina Kobugabe, winning 21-10, 21-9 in her pre-quarterfinal match.

Srikanth, who had also finished second best at Gold Coast, too didn't break any sweat on his way to a 21-9, 21-12 win over Sri Lanka's Dumindu Abeywickrama in the men's singles.

Earlier, Indian women's

pairing of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly had entered the last eight with a 21-2, 21-4 win over Mauritius' Jemimah Leung For Sang and Ganeshna Mungrah.

Double Olympic medallist Sindhu will face Malaysia's Goh Jin Wei in the next round for a place in the semifinals.

Sindhu had defeated Goh in two tight games in the final of the mixed team final and can ill-afford to lower her guard against the 22-year-old Malaysian, a winner of the World Junior Championships gold in 2015 and 2018.

Former world number one Srikanth will be up against England's Toby Pentty, who is ranked 54th in the world.

Gayatri and Treesa will meet Jamaica's Tahlia Richardson and Katherine Wynter next.

Sudhir wins Gold in para powerlifting men's heavyweight event at CWG

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

India's Sudhir claimed the Gold medal in men's heavyweight para powerlifting event at the Commonwealth Games here on Thursday.

Sudhir, an Asian Para Games Bronze medallist, lifted 208kg in his first attempt before increasing it to 212kg in his second effort to gather 134.5 points and break the Games record.

The 27-year-old Sudhir, who has an impairment due to the effects of polio, thus opened India's para sports medal account in the ongoing CWG.

Ikechukwu Christian Obichukwu won the Silver with 133.6 points, while Micky Yule bagged the Bronze with 130.9 points.

Sudhir had won a Bronze in men's upto 88kg with a best lift of 214kg at the



World Para Powerlifting Asia-Oceania Open Championship in South Korea in June.

Sudhir, who had started powerlifting in 2013 in Sonipat, has also qualified for Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games, which was postponed to next year.

At 75, Scotland's George Miller becomes oldest Commonwealth Games medallist

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

George Miller, 75 years and eight months old, on Friday became the oldest player to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games when he bagged the mixed pairs Gold in lawn bowls for Scotland.

The team, lead Melanie Innes, her director Miller and skip director Sarah Jane, scripted Scotland's 16-9 victory over Wales to win Gold in the para mixed pairs B2/B3 at Victoria Park



here.

"I think Rosemary is quite pleased," said Miller, while replacing teammate Rosemary Lenton as the oldest Gold medal winner in Commonwealth Games history:

On his message to older people who might want to get involved in the sport:

"Bowls is quite easy for older people but any sport, walking, football, rugby, you name it, get out there, exercise, play games. Competing is brilliant whatever age you are," he said.

India women's Lawn Bowl pair bows out

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

The Indian women's pair of Lovely Choubey and Nayanmoni Saikai were knocked out of the the Commonwealth Games here on Friday after they went down in the quarter-final clash.

The Indian duo lost to England's Sophie Tolchard and Amy Pharoah 18-14.

Choubey and Saikai led on two occasions, first 5-2 after four rounds and 8-6 after end nine.

However, they squandered an early advantage and allowed the English pair of Tolchard (lead) and Pharoah (skip) to make a strong comeback.

After the 10th round, England surged ahead and kept increasing their lead and eventually emerged victorious.

England will now face New Zealand in the semi-final, while Australia will take on Malaysia in other last four clash.

On Wednesday, Tejaswin Shankar had won a Bronze in men's high jump to open India's medal account in athletics in this CWG.

It was Sreeshankar's first medal in a major international competition and a multi-sport event. Before this, he had won a Bronze in the 2018 Asian U-20 Championships in Gifu, Japan.

The medal will give him some sort of relief after his disappointing performance in the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, USA, where he had finished seventh in the final last month.

He had gone into the World Championships as a dark horse for a medal with a season's and personal best of 8.36m.

RUES MISSING GOLD

Commonwealth Games Silver medallist long jumper Murali Sreeshankar rued missing out on a Gold, saying his fourth jump, which was ruled a foul under laser-based new technology, would have been legal in earlier system and big enough to finish on top of the podium.

The 23-year-old Sreeshankar said he initially thought he had a big valid jump in his fourth attempt which would have given him a Gold. However, his jump was adjudged a foul under the new system.

"I was very surprised, you can't call it (fourth jump) a foul because I never overstepped the foul board but she (pit-side official) explained to me the exact jumping position, movement of my foot which was crossing the perpendicular plate," Sreeshankar said in a virtual interaction.

"If it was the previous system which we had in past years, it would not have been called a foul," said the national record holder (8.36m).

He said the conditions during the CWG long jump final was not ideal as it was a bit cold and windy.

"Performance on the particular day matters. In major championships, winning a medal is the priority.

"I completely messed up the first three jumps, trying to have safe jumps (by leaving good gap). My focus after that was to be on podium with good jumps in final three attempts."

BHAVINA STORMS INTO TT FINAL

India's Bhavina Patel cruised to the women's singles class 3-5 para table tennis final and assured herself of a medal at the Commonwealth Games here on Friday.

The Tokyo Paralympics Silver medallist thrashed England's Sue Bailey 11-6, 11-6, 11-6 to seal her final berth.

The 35-year-old Gujarat paddler will take on Nigeria's Christiana Ikpeoyi in the final on Saturday.

Sonalben Patel, on the other hand, went down to Ikpeoyi 11-8, 6-11, 4-11, 7-11. She will now face Bailey in the Bronze medal match.

Raj Aravindan Alagar also lost 11-7, 8-11, 4-11, 7-11 to Nigeria's Nasiru Sule in the men's 3-5 class semifinal.

He will now cross swords with Nigerian Isau Ogunkunle in the Bronze medal play-off on Sunday.

Paddlers Manika, Sreeja storm into women singles quarters

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Indian paddlers Manika Batra and Sreeja Akula entered the women's singles quarterfinals in the table tennis event of the Commonwealth Games here on Friday.

Batra steamrolled Australian Jee Minhyung 11-4, 11-8, 11-6, 12-10 to book her place in the quarterfinal.

The 27-year-old star paddler will now take on Singapore's Jian Zeng in the last eight-clash later tonight.

Sreeja, on the other hand, played out a nerve-wracking encounter against Charlotte Carey from Wales to secure herself a last eight berth.

The 24-year-old toiled hard but held her nerves to beat Carey 8-11, 11-7, 12-14, 9-11, 11-4, 15-13, 12-10.

Sreeja will lock horns with Canada's Mo Zhang in the quarterfinal which is also slated to be held later tonight.

Earlier in the day, both Manika and Sreeja also reached the mixed doubles quarterfinal events.

Batra and mixed doubles partner Sathyan Gnanasekaran humbled Nigerians Olajide Omotayo and Ajoke Ojomu 11-7, 11-6, 11-7.

The two will face Malaysia's Javen Choong and Karen Lyne in the first quarter-final event on Friday.

Sreeja and her partner Achanta Sharath Kamal, on the other hand, came from behind to beat Malaysia's



Leond Chee Fang and Ho Ying 5-11, 11-2, 11-6, 11-5.

They will square up against home favourites Liam Pitchford and Tin-Tin Ho in the second quarterfinal clash on the same day.

Meanwhile, Reeth Tennison, bowed out in the women's singles event after she went down to Singapore's Feng Tianwei in a round of 16 game.

The Singaporean Tianwei proved too strong for Tennison and the latter was beaten 11-2, 11-4, 9-11, 11-3, 11-4.

Meanwhile, Kamal and Gnanasekaran stormed into the quarterfinals of the men's doubles event after easing past Bangladesh's Bawm

Ramhimlian and Ridoy Mohutasin Ahmed.

The Indian pair won 11-6, 11-1, 11-4 in three straight games in their round of 16 clash.

Kamal and Gnanasekaran will now take on English pair of Tom Jarvis and Sam Walker later tonight.

The pair of Harmeet Desai and Sanil Shetty also was through to the last-eight stage after they defeated Australian pair of Chambers Dillon and Yan Xin 3-1.

Desai and Shetty, who won 11-3, 9-11, 9-11, 7-11, will now lock horns with Singapore's Clerance Chew and Shao Feng Ethan Poh in the last eight round match, later in the day.

Lovlina targets bigger goals, says CWG 'not important'

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Star Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain is not losing sleep over her shock quarterfinal exit and says a Commonwealth Games success would not have helped her much in her quest for a second successive Olympic medal in 2024 as she was competing in a non-Olympic category in Birmingham CWG.

Lovlina, who became the only second Indian woman boxer to win an Olympic medal in Tokyo last year, competed in the light middleweight category, which does not figure in the 2024 Paris Games roster.

"That's why CWG was not that important to me as my main target is Paris and this was not an Olympic weight category. It would not have helped me much in the larger scheme of things," Lovlina said.

"Yes, Commonwealth Games have a big stature no doubt about that. But my target is Paris and to get myself prepared is the main objective."



At her maiden CWG appearance in Gold Coast in 2018, Lovlina had also met a similar fate, bowing out in the quarterfinals.

"Every loss or win is an experience. And I'm taking this loss in a positive way. I've to work on myself.

"Ultimate goal is Paris, whatever the difficulties maybe, I've to overcome them. Life has

many ups and downs but 'haar nahin maan na hai' (it's not about giving up)."

She made headlines for wrong reasons in the build-up to the CWG as she alleged "mental harassment" after her personal coach Sandhya Gurung was denied entry into the Games Village. Sandhya was added to the contingent days before her bout.

"Yes, I was a bit distracted in the build-up to the Games. But thankfully everything was sorted before the competition. I got my coaches.

"But I feel it did not affect me. There was a lot of publicity but I was away from social media. I wasn't aware of what's going on around me. Even now, I've kept it off to keep myself away from it."

Men in Blue aim to seal T20I series

PTI ■ FORT LAUDERHILL

Shreyas Iyer's performance will be under intense scrutiny as India gear up for the back-to-back T20I games against West Indies, starting here on Saturday, with the twin objective of winning the series and also firming up squad for T20 World Cup.

India are currently leading the five-match series 2-1 and nothing would be more satisfying than a couple of thumping wins in front of the USA's Indian diaspora, which is anticipating an enjoyable weekend cricket carnival.

However in this current India set-up, if there is one man whose performance will be monitored more than anyone else, it has got to be Iyer.

Deepak Hooda, who has used most of the opportunities handed to him, looks good to outwit Iyer at the moment as far as the big ticket T20 World Cup berth is concerned.

With KL Rahul and Virat Kohli all set to be back in the playing eleven for the Asia Cup, time is certainly running out for the 27-year-old Mumbaier, who has had scores of 0, 10 (11 balls) and 24 (27 balls) in the three games so far in the ongoing series.

He looked distinctly uncomfortable against the fast and rising deliveries.

While the short ball is his main problem, watching Iyer gives a feeling that he is unable to decide at what pace and which gear would he bat in a T20 game, something that's not the case when he is taking strike in 50-over format.

In head coach Rahul Dravid's regime so far, no player has got a raw deal in terms of chances and are given long enough rope to succeed.

However in case of Iyer, his T20I game hasn't exactly yielded the results that one has seen him deliver in the ODI cricket.

Even then, Dravid has given Iyer nine T20I games in last two and half months, out of which, one in Bengaluru was a wash-out and there hasn't been a single fifty-plus score even when he got chance to come out within first 10 overs.

If Iyer gets a go in the last two games, he has no option but to put his best foot forward as the Asia Cup team, in all probability, will also be the likely team for the T20 World Cup.



Even if Iyer makes the cut for Asia Cup or T20 World Cup, there is a miniscule chance of him getting a first XI look-in in a jam-packed top-order.

ROHIT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE

While Suryakumar Yadav's awe-inspiring shots left all and sundry wide-eyed, he is expected to have his skipper Rohit Sharma for company at the top of the order.

In the third game in Basseterre, Rohit was forced to retire hurt with a back spasm when he was batting on 11 and it was more like a precautionary measure with a three-day gap in between games.

The Indian captain would like to continue his recent good form and positive intent in the two remaining games but at the same time would have the best seat to judge the form of some of his batters.

Rishabh Pant has looked good in all his short stints at the crease and wouldn't mind having a big one in front of a packed audience at Central Broward Park Stadium.

PLAYING AVESH A COMPULSION

Avesh Khan has been taken to cleaners in the last two games but Dravid-Rohit pair has no other option but to continue with the profligate MP speedster as Harshal Patel hasn't fully recovered from his rib-cage injury.

Avesh throughout his career has been a bit one-dimensional with either bowling too short or too full giving batters ample time to work on the pace or play the full-blooded drive.

It will be interesting to see if Kuldeep Yadav gets a game in the series and India play an extra spinner in case Harshal doesn't get fit in time.

TEAMS

India: Rohit Sharma (C), Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Deepak Hooda, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant, Ishan Kishan, Dinesh Karthik, Sanju Samson, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Parel, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel
West Indies: Nicholas Pooran (C), Rovman Powell, Shamarr Brooks, Dominic Drakes, Shimron Hetmyer, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Obed McCoy, Keemo Paul, Romario Shepherd, Odean Smith, Devon Thomas, Hayden Walsh.

Guardiola will not stop Bernardo joining Barca

AP ■ BARCELONA

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola will not stand in Bernardo Silva's way should he wish to join Barcelona before the end of the transfer window.

Guardiola said there has been no bid from his former club for the Portuguese midfielder, but would not keep Silva in Manchester against his will.

Despite debts of 1.3 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) Barcelona have embarked on a spending spree this summer and will reportedly turn their attentions to Silva should Frenkie de Jong depart the Camp Nou.

City have already let Gabriel Jesus and Oleksandr Zinchenko join Arsenal and sold Raheem Sterling to Chelsea this summer as all three sought more regular game time.

By contrast, Silva has been a vital player in City winning four Premier League titles in the past five seasons and would be difficult to replace in the final weeks of the transfer window.

"I was comfortable working with Oleks, Raheem, Gabriel, incredible characters that helped us achieve what we achieved," Guardiola said at his pre-match press conference ahead of the start of City's Premier League defence at West Ham on Sunday.

"Sometimes for the club, sometimes for the players, sometimes for the agent, sometimes you have to divide our path.



"Especially the desire of the player is the most important thing. Of course I would love Bernardo to continue here, he is a special player for us. But I don't know what is going to happen.

"What happens will happen and if he stays it is perfect and in the end if he has to leave it is because football is like this, the player has a desire. I will not be a person to stop a desire for the people."

Klopp wary of short-term solutions to injury problems

AP ■ LONDON

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp on Friday said he was reluctant to dip into the transfer market in order to solve "four-week" injury problems.

Reds centre-back Ibrahima Konate suffered a knee injury in the friendly against Strasbourg on Sunday which Klopp said will see the defender out "for a while".

Konate has joined a list of sidelined Liverpool players that already includes Kostas Tsimikas, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Diogo Jota, Curtis Jones and reserve goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher, with Naby Keita set to resume training on Friday after nearly a week out with illness.

None of the absentees are understood to be suffering with long-term injuries, however.

"We have too many injuries, that's true," said Klopp. "But in the moment nothing has changed (in terms of new signings). A lot of unlucky situations. Started with Caoimh and Diogo, pretty much one was injured and one had a re-injury.

"In a few weeks' time they will be back, but they've missed pre-season and that's not cool.

Medvedev races into Los Cabos semi-finals

AP ■ LOS CABOS

World number one Daniil Medvedev powered into the semi-finals of the ATP hard-court tournament in Los Cabos, Mexico, on Thursday (Friday IST) with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ricardas Berankis.

Medvedev, playing his first tournament since bowing out of the quarter-finals at Mallorca in June, had launched his return with his 250th career match win over Australian qualifier Rinky Hijikata on Wednesday.

He said the victory over Lithuania's Berankis felt "very different" but the outcome was the same and never looked in doubt as Medvedev reeled off eight straight games to go from 2-2 in the opening set to 6-2, 4-0 and fully in control.

"My opponent played very different, much more aggressive," Medvedev said, adding that it actually worked to his advantage.

Medvedev will face fourth-seeded serb Miomir Kecmanovic for a place in the final. Kecmanovic beat Brandon Nakashima 6-2, 6-4.



If he reaches the final here, Medvedev will be assured of taking the world number one ranking into his defense of the US Open title at Flushing Meadows later this month.

RADUCANU IN QFS

Washington: Reigning US Open champion Emma Raducanu of Britain advanced to the quarter-finals of the ATP and WTA Washington Open, refusing to wilt Thursday after a marathon match in sweltering heat.

The English 19-year-old outlasted Colombia's Camila Osorio 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4) after two hours and 50 minutes for a

gritty victory in the WTA's longest two-set main draw match of the year.


She advanced to a Friday quarter-final against Liudmila Samsonova, who rallied past Australian Ajla Tomljanovic 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 at the US Open tune-up.

It will be only Raducanu's third quarter-final since her amazing Grand Slam title run last year at New York, having

reached the last eight at Cluj-Napoca last October and Stuttgart in April.

She has yet to reach a semi-final since taking the trophy last September at Flushing Meadows.

On the men's side, British 16th seed Daniel Evans advanced to the last eight when US third seed Taylor Fritz retired with the Englishman leading 3-6, 7-6 (8/6), 4-1.



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Gauff beats Osaka to enter San Jose last 8



AP ■ SAN JOSE

American teenager Coco Gauff built a big lead early then had to dig deep late for a 6-4, 6-4 victory over four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka on Thursday (Friday IST) at the WTA hardcourt tournament in San Jose, California.

The 18-year-old, who reached her first Grand Slam final at the French Open in June, needed just one break of serve to seize the first set 6-4 in the blockbuster encounter.

With booming serves and matching ground strokes, she then roared to a 5-1 lead in the second set.

But the Japanese superstar, unseeded in her first tournament since an opening-round exit at Roland Garros, didn't go down without a fight.


She saved match points — all on her own serve, before Gauff was finally able to serve it out. "Even though I was up 5-1 and 40-0 I knew I didn't have the match in the bag yet and obviously she proved that," Gauff said.

"Whenever you play Naomi she can play lights-out tennis. I feel like maybe two of the match points I had an actual shot on.

It was, and sixth-seeded Gauff advanced to a quarter-final clash with second-seed Paula Badosa of Spain.

In other second-round action, unseeded American Shelby Rogers toppled top-seed Maria Sakkari 6-1, 6-3.

Fourth-seeded Aryna Sabalenka and ninth-seed Veronika Kudermetova made it through to the quarters. Sabalenka beat American Caroline Dolehide 4-7, 6-1, 7-5 and Kudermetova topped American Claire Liu 6-2, 7-5.




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