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# Dhankar elected VP with whopping 3/4th votes

Opp pick Alva gets just 182 votes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

NDA candidate and former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar was on Saturday elected as the new Vice President of India.

He trounced his rival and Opposition candidate Margaret Alva — a former Union Minister and Governor — by garnering about three-fourths of the votes cast. In percentage terms, Dhankar secured 72.83 per cent of the vote share.

Dhankar's win is bigger than that of outgoing Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, who had bagged 516 votes of the total 760 valid votes or 67.89 per cent vote share in 2017. He had defeated then Opposition candidate Gopalkrishna Gandhi by a margin of 272 votes. Gandhi had secured 244 votes. Dhankar will be the 14th Vice President of India.

"NDA candidate Dhankar won by 346 votes as he bagged 528 of the total 725 votes cast. "While 15 were termed invalid, Opposition candidate Alva received 182 votes in the election," Utpal Kumar Singh, Lok Sabha Secretary-General and the returning officer, said.

"Out of the 780 electors comprising elected and nominated members of the Rajya



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice-President designate Jagdeep Dhankar react during a meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. BJP national president JP Nadda is also seen

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Sabha and elected members of the Lok Sabha, 725 electors cast their votes with the total voter turnout being 92.94 per cent," Singh added.

Intriguingly, Alva got less than the expected around 200 votes from the Opposition camp while Dhankar received more than the little over 515 votes expected to be cast in his favour. Alva minced no words in making known her anguish. "Unfortunately, some Opp par-

ties chose to directly/indirectly support BJP, in an attempt to derail the idea of a united oppn... damaging their own credibility," Alva tweeted after the results even as she congratulated Dhankar.

The Vice President election was an opportunity for the Opposition to leave the past behind, to work together, and build trust amongst each other, she maintained.

Notably, the 39-MP-

strong Trinamool Congress (TMC) had announced it would abstain from voting as it said the 17 Opposition parties had finalised Congress veteran Alva's candidature without consultations with it. But despite TMC's announcement, its MPs Sisir Kumar Adhikari and Dibyendu Adhikari — father and brother of BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari— defied the party line and cast their ballots.

# LG suspends 11 officials in Delhi Excise Policy case

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a major action in alleged corruption in formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday recommended suspension and initiation of major disciplinary proceedings against 11 officials, including then Delhi Excise Commissioner Arava Gopi Krishna, a 2012 batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) Cadre and Deputy Excise Commissioner Anand Kumar Tiwari, over their alleged involvement.

Krishna is currently posted in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. According to sources, the LG has recommended the Ministry of Home Affairs for suspension and major disciplinary actions against Krishna and Tiwari.

Tiwari was the Deputy Commissioner to Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

In the case of nine other officials, including three ad hoc DANICS officers, the Chief Secretary has been asked to take action against them.

The officials who have been suspended are Assistant Commissioner Pankaj Bhatnagar, Narinder Singh, Neeraj Gupta, Section Officer Kuljeet Singh, Subhash Ranjan and Suman and Dealing Hand Satya Brat Bhargav, Sachin

Solanki and Gaurav Mann.

"The L-G has taken this decision in view of the serious lapses on part of the officers concerned, including irregularities in finalising the tender and extending post-tender benefits to select vendors, as brought out by the Directorate of Vigilance (DoV) in its report after inquiry," sources in the L-G's office said.

The action against the senior officers came following an enquiry report by Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar and the vigilance department.

The said enquiry report clearly brings out blatant violation of procedures, deliberate misinterpretation and subversion of basic Government financial rules to provide benefit to licencees/tenderers obviously for a quid pro quo.

Be it the formulation of the tender document, award of tenders, undue return of EMD worth ₹30 crore, waiver of ₹144.36 crore licence fee or allowing additional liquor vendors by chosen licencees, the entire episode stinks of corruption and connivance.

"Officers of departments have tried to equate the failure of successful tenderer selected through bidding process in obtaining NOC from Airport Authorities, with unsuccessful bidders to justify the return of EMD amounting to ₹30 crore of a successful tenderer who failed to obtain NOC from the Airport authorities.

## Sisodia seeks CBI probe into ex-LG's role in Excise Policy



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Saturday

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STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing former Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal of creating a mess in the new excise policy, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has written to the Central Bureau of Investigation seeking a probe against the former as to why he changed his stand on the opening of liquor shops in unauthorised colonies just 48 hours before the launch of the policy.

Sisodia claimed that the sudden change in the then LG's stand led to "thousands of crores" of losses to the Government exchequer as close to 300-350 liquor shops that were supposed to open in unauthorised colonies could not be opened.

Addressing a Press con-

ference here at his Mathura Road residence, Sisodia said he has sent the details of the matter to the CBI and asserted that there should be a probe into it.

"Delhi Lieutenant Governor made changes in the new excise policy two days before shops were to open so he could extend special favours to a few liquor traders.

"The CBI should also find out if the decision was taken independently and without his pressure or coercion. I am fully optimistic that the CBI will investigate this matter fairly," he said.

This is the first time that the AAP Government has acknowledged that it has incurred losses worth "thousands of crores" of rupees under the new excise policy.

# I-T raids on TN film persons find ₹200 cr hidden income

₹20 cr cash, jewellery worth ₹3 cr recovered from 40 premises

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department has unearthed undisclosed income of over ₹200 crore after it recently searched as many as 40 premises of some film producers, distributors and financiers in Tamil Nadu.

The searches were launched on August 2 and about 40 premises of the entities, which have not been identified, were covered in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Vellore, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said on Saturday.

The board is the administrative authority for the IT



Department which functions under it.

The department also said it seized ₹26 crore undisclosed cash and gold jewellery worth over ₹3 crore during the searches. So far, the search operation has resulted in the detection of undisclosed income of more than ₹200 crore, the CBDT said in a statement.

The department seized a number of documents, digital devices relating to "unaccounted" cash transactions and investments even as "secret and hidden" premises have

been unearthed, it said.

In the case of film production houses, tax evasion has been found as the actual amounts realised from the release of the films are much more than the amounts shown in the regular books of account, it further said. "The unaccounted income so generated by them is deployed for undisclosed investments as well as for various undisclosed payments," the CBDT said.

In the case of film distributors, the statement said, seized documents indicate the collection of "unaccounted cash" from theatres.

"As per the evidence, the distributors have formed syndicates and have systematically suppressed the theatre collections, resulting in the suppression of actual income," it alleged.

## Taiwan activates missile systems against Chinese 'simulated attacks'



AP ■ BEIJING

Taiwan on Saturday said China's military drills appear to simulate an attack on it, after multiple Chinese warships and aircraft crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait following US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to

Taipei that infuriated Beijing.

Taiwan's armed forces issued an alert, dispatched air and naval patrols around the island, and activated land-based missile systems in response to the Chinese exercises, the Ministry of National Defense said.

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# KCR cites 'Centre's bias', to skip PM-chaired NITI meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Rao (KCR) on Saturday declared that he will "stay away" from Prime Minister Narendra Modi-chaired NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting to be held on Sunday here to strongly protest the Centre "discriminating against the States", "micro-managing schemes, giving complete go by to State-specific needs" and because there is "no planning and cooperative federalism".

Terming his decision as "unfortunate", the NITI Aayog responded swiftly dishing out figures to counter his claims.

KCR's announcement came even as reports about Bihar Chief Minister and president of



Telangana CM KC Rao addresses a press conference in Hyderabad on Saturday

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JD(U), an ally of BJP, Nitish Kumar, also not attending the meeting have come. Interestingly, while West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee

had been staying away from the PM Modi-chaired NITI Aayog meetings earlier, this time round she is not only attending it but has landed in Delhi a couple of days in advance. Both KCR and Mamata have been separately making efforts to forge an Opposition unity to take on Modi.

In a strongly-worded letter to the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister expressed anguish against the Centre for not giving States "flexibility to design and modify schemes based on their needs and conditions to ensure maximum benefit to people". His protest, he said, was against the "present trend of Central Government to discriminate against the States and not treating them as equal partners".

## RCP quits JD(U) after party seeks reply on graft charges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister RCP Singh on Saturday resigned from the Janata Dal (United) after the party sent him a notice seeking explanation from him over allegations of corruption against him. The notice, incidentally, came hours after he spoke about his intentions of floating his own party at a Press conference. "There is nothing left in this party. The JD(U) is a sinking ship," he said.

The JD(U) issued a show-cause notice to Singh over "discrepancies in immovable properties" and he was asked to file his reply at the earliest. "A complaint has been received with evidence from two associates of Nalanda JD(U), mentioning that discrepancies in immovable properties registered from 2013-2022 in his name (Singh) and that of his family were noticed," the notice read.

## Dhanbad judge's hit & run convicts get life behind bar

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD

The court of CBI Special Judge Rajnikanth Pathak on Saturday awarded life imprisonment till last breath to convicts Lakhan Verma and Rahul Verma for killing Dhanbad Civil Court Judge Uttam Anand. The court also imposed ₹25,000 fine each on both the convicted persons.

The duo was held guilty under sections 302 (murder), 201 (hiding evidence), 34 (common intention) of IPC on July 28, 2022 by the special CBI court and today the quantum of punishment was announced. The judgment was pronounced through video conferencing.

Defence lawyer Kumar Vimalendu, however, was not satisfied with the verdict. Talking to media persons, he said, "It was a case of hit and run but the CBI concocted it to be a murder theory without having any evidence of motive behind murder."



Rahul Verma and Lakhan Verma being taken to jail after conviction in connection with the murder of a Dhanbad court judge last year, in Dhanbad, on Saturday

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Lakhan and Rahul will challenge the verdict in higher court, added the defence lawyer, who was appointed by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

One of the relatives of the late Judge Vishal Anand too expressed anguish over the sentence. He said that they were expecting a death sentence but cannot comment on

the judgment.

CBI APP Amit Jindal had said the court found both guilty as they were not in an intoxicated situation when the auto, which one of the accused was driving, had hit the judge. It was not an accident but intentional murder, claimed Jindal. However, he could not explain what the intention behind the murder was.

# Rich haul for India at CWG

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Star wrestler Ravi Dahiya triumphed in his men's 57 kg final to win gold and soon after, Vinesh Phogat won her third consecutive gold at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. India got a third wrestling gold on the day as Naveen beat Pakistan's Muhammad Sharif Tahir in the men's 74kg final. Their wins came soon after Pooja Gehlot became the first Indian wrestler to win a medal on the day as she brought home bronze in women's 50kg.

Besides, Avinash Sable became India's first male athlete to win a long distance medal at the Commonwealth Games with a silver in 3000m steeplechase and Priyanka Goswami also achieved a first while finishing on podium in a race walk event here on Saturday. Sable broke his own national record on way to the silver while

Goswami too clinched a medal of the same colour in the women's 10,000m race walk event on a pro-



Gold medalist Vinesh Phogat during the Women's Freestyle 53kg Nordic event medal ceremony at the Commonwealth Games, in Birmingham on Saturday

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ductive day for India in the athletics competition.

Putting aside the mental and physical struggles that pegged her back, an intimidating Vinesh Phogat pounced on her rivals to complete a hat-trick of CWG gold medals while Ravi Dahiya too went unchallenged in his gold-winning show, here on Saturday.

Vinesh became the first Indian woman wrestler to win three consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal. With only four wrestlers in the women's 53kg draw, Vinesh now needed to beat Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravilage Don and she did it in style, winning 'by fall' to clinch her third successive gold.

Tokyo Games silver medalist Ravi was also too good for the 57kg field. He won both his bouts — against Suraj Singh of New Zealand and Pakistan's Asad Ali — by technical superiority en route the final.

The India men's hockey team will also square off against South Africa later in the day in the semi-finals.



# Classifieds

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Suresh S/o Sukhlal R/o** #43, Aashiyana Flats, Village-Abhaypur, Sector-19, Panchkula (Haryana) declare that my son Deepak is out of my control. So, I disown him from my all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with him shall do their own risk in future.

**I, Anu Sobti W/o** Parmod Kumar Sobti R/o # 6-D, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar state that Anu Sobti @ Vandana Sobti both are one & same person.

**I, Baljeet S/o** Gordhan Singh R/o Vill. Khewra, Sonipat has disowned my son Sandeep from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at their own risk.

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

**I, Vijay Kumar S/o** Ram Ji Das R/o H.No.196, Rajiv Basti, Tehsil & Distt. Panipat Declare that my son Dinesh Madan & his wife Shefali Madan are out of hearing from me and my family, so I'm my son and daughter-in-law & future born grandchildren from my movable and immovable property, whoever deals with them in future will be responsible.

**I, Parveen Kaur W/o** Late LNK (OPR) Sarwan Singh No.14433015M, Village Bela Dhiani, Tehsil Nangal (Rupnagar), declare that in service record of my husband my name Praveen Kaur, Village Bola Dhiani, written wrongly, but my correct name is Parveen Kaur, Resident Village Bela Dhiani.

**I, Raj Kumari W/o** Late Uday Ram, H.No. 568, Sector 38 West, Dadu Majra, Chandigarh, declare that my daughter Sonam is beyond my control. I disown her from movable/ immovable property. Anybody deals her own risk/ responsibility, I shall not be responsible for her acts.

**I, Ramesh Chander S/o** Des Raj R/o Vill. Dakala, P.O. Tigri, Teh. Shahabad (M.) Kurukshetra, declare that my son Rohit Kumar and his wife Meenakshi are out of my control. So I disinherit her from my all moveable/ immoveable Properties. If anybody deals with her in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

**I, Sonia Batra** daughter of Late Sardar Davinder Singh resident of 3, Anand Avenue Behind Manav Public School Amritsar do hereby revoke the disinheritance executed by me against my son Karandeep Inder Singh and I hereby re-induct my son Karandeep Inder Singh as legal heir for my Estate and belongings along with other heirs with respect to his share as per the provisions of Indian Succession Act 1925.

**I, Jarnail Singh S/o** Rachna Ram r/o Ward-10, New Model Town, Shahabad Markanda (Kurukshetra) inform that my son Sanjeev is out of control. Therefore I disown him from my movable and immovable properties. My family will not be responsible for his good and bad deeds and transactions in future.

**I, Hardial Singh S/O** Harpal Singh R/O Vpo. Sherpur Kalan Tehsil Jagrao Distt. Ludhiana Declare That My Daughter Mandeep Kaur Is Beyond My Control. So, I Disinherit Her From My All Moveable And Immoveable Property. Any Where In India. Anybody Deals With Her At Their Own Risk And Responsibility. I Will Not Be Responsible. Concerned Please Note.

मैं संजय पुत्र श्री राम निवासी गांव रामराय तहसील व जिला जींद अपने हल्क से ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरा लड़का मोहित मेरे कहने-सुनने से बाहर है। मैं उसे अपनी चूल्-अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। उसके साथ किसी भी तरह के लेद-देन का मैं और मेरा परिवार जिम्मेवार नहीं होंगे।

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Hardik Kataria s/o** Satya Parkash Kataria R/o House No 773 Chintpurni Road Sector 14 Sonepat has changed his name from Hardik to Hardik Kataria. In future I will be known as Hardik Kataria.

**I, Sandeep S/o** Vajir Sahab R/o Village-Khuyian Nepalpur, Sirsa (Haryana) declare that Vajir Sahab & Wazir Singh both are my father name.

**I, Ankil Kalra S/o** Sh. Rajesh R/o #1257-A, Rajiv Colony, Sector-17, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name to Ankil.

**I, Urmila Kalra W/o** Sh. Rajesh R/o #1257-A, Rajiv Colony, Sector- 17, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name to Urmila.

**I, Rajesh Kalra S/o** Sh. Maha Singh R/o #1257-A, Rajiv Colony, Sector- 17, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name to Rajesh.

**I, Varinder Pandotra** alias Varinder Kumar s/o Sh. Rattan Chand Pandotra R/O : 81/5-Subhash Nagar, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name from Varinder Pandotra alias Varinder Kumar to Varinder Kumar Pandotra.

**I, Bhupinder Kaur** Khurana w/o Col. Jasbir Singh Khurana R/o # 2502B, Sector 47C, Chandigarh hereby affirm and declare that my date of birth is 3 March, 1948 and Bhupinder Kaur Khurana, Bhupinder Khurana and Bhupinder Kaur are one and the same person. All three names pertain to me.

**I, Ishanpreet Kaur w/o** Sh. Gurvinder Pal Singh r/o # 345-A, Circular Road, Model Town, Ambala City-134003 have changed my name from Ishanpreet Kaur to Imelda.

**I, Sanjana Bhatia R/O** 241/20, Near Police Lines, Mathura Enclave, Ambala City have changed my name from Neetu Bhatia to Sanjana Bhatia.

**I, Tarun Gupta S/o** Kulwant Rai Gupta R/O 25 E, Matka Chowk, Opp. Sarni Palace, Adarsh Estate, Jagadhr, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declares that Kulwant Rai and Kulwant Rai Gupta both are my father's name one and the same person.

**I, Shiv Om S/o** Late Sh. Narata Ram R/o H.No. 878, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh have changed my minor son Name from Maykan to Mayank Latawa.

**I, Koshida W/O** Insar Ali R/O Babail Road, Chhotu Ram Chowk, Hail Colony Distt. Panipat Have Changed My Name To Kosida

**I, Insar S/O** Minna R/O Babail Road, Chhotu Ram Chowk, Hail Colony Distt. Panipat Have Changed My Name To Insar Ali.

**I, Sumesh Thakur S/o** Partap Singh R/o H.No.- 89A, Dashmesh Nagar, Khuda Khurd Ambala Cantt Distt Ambala have changed my name from Sumesh Kumar to Sumesh Thakur. Concern please note

**I, Reetu Thakur W/o** Sumesh Thakur R/o H.No.- 89A, Dashmesh Nagar, Khuda Khurd Ambala Cantt Distt Ambala Have changed my name from Reetu to Reetu Thakur. Concern please note.

**I, Swaranjeet Kaur w/o** Rupinder Singh R/o # 45 Near Gurudwara, Kambali SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Swaranjeet Kaur to Swaranjit Kaur.

**I, Jitender Singh** son Talwinder Singh village Garnaala district Ambala declare that I have changed my name from Jatinder Singh to Jitender Singh s/o Talwinder singh. Kindly note.

**I, Babita w/o** Maha Singh r/o village Kaimla Teh Gharanda Distt Karnal declared change my name from Babita Rani to Babita and in future my name is Babita.

**I, Promila w/o** Surinder Kumar R/o Mohalla Ravidasspura Mehatpur Road Nakodar Distt Jalandhar have changed my name from Promila to Promila Mehta.

**I, Ramesh Kumar S/o** Dhan Singh R/o Village Tigri Khalsa, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra declare that Ramesh Kumar & Ramesh are the name of one & same person. Note all concerns.

**I, Kanwaljit Singh S/o** Surjit Singh R/o Vill: Bahadur Hussain Kalan, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed the name of my minor son to Inderbir Singh Deol to Inderbir Singh Deo.

**I, Jito** alias Jeeto Wd/o No. 2482761P Ex Hav Dharambir son of Prabhu resident of VPO Ritauli, Tehsil & District Rohtak (Haryana) in my husband's service record my son's name spelling wrongly recorded as Manjit but my son correct name is Manjeet (as per official documents) for all work purposes All concerned note Kindly correct it in my husband's Army records. Vide Affidavit dated 05 Aug 2022 before Notary Public, Rohtak.

**I, Radhika Menon W/o** Ashwani Sharma R/o # 3354 Sector 37 D Chandigarh have changed my name to Radhika Sharma, after marriage.

**I, Geeta Arora w/o** Raj Kumar R/o H.No.65, Piara Singh Colony Rupnagar Tehsil & District Rupnagar (Punjab) declare that Geeta Arora & Geeta is one and the same person.

**I, Sudesh Kumari W/o** Sh. Raj Kumar R/o H. No. 4, Duggal Colony, Karnal have changed my name from Kumari Sudesh to Sudesh Kumari.

**I, Dinesh Prasad S/o** Inder Dutt Bhatt R/O 511, Govind Nagar Nayagaon Mohali have changed my name to Dinesh Parshad Bhatt.

**I, Onkar Singh S/o** Late Col. Ajmer Singh, R/o House No. 5484, Sector 38-West, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter Jannat to Jannat Batalvi.

**I, Tmna D/O** Yunus Masih R/O Addarsh Nagar Gali No. 3, Ward No.5 Ajnala Distt.Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Tmna Sahota.

**I, Suman Rani W/O** Sanjesh Kumar R/O H.No.1216, Gali Brahmacharia, Gilwali Gate, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Suman Rani To Suman.

**I, Sajesh Nayyar S/O** Banke Lal R/O H.No.1216, Gali Brahmacharia, Gilwali Gate, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Sajesh Nayyar To Sanjesh Kumar.

**I, Shamu S/O** Sadik R/O 284, Baba Jeevan Singh Gurdwara Kot Khalsa Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Shamu To Sukhraj Singh.

**I, Vikramjit Singh S/O** Gultzar Singh R/O 189, Sun Sahib Road, Paris Avenue, Chhehtra Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Vikramjit Singh To Vikramjeet Singh.

**I, Gurmit Kaur W/O** Vikramjeet Singh R/O 189, Sun Sahib Road, Paris Avenue, Chhehtra Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Gurmit Kaur To Gurmeet Kaur.

**I, Indu Sharma W/O** Sh. Balwinder Sehgal Resident Of 54, Jwala Estate, Jwala Floor Mill, Haripura, Amritsar. I Have Changed My Name After Marriage From Indu Sharma To Indu Sehgal.

**I, Satwant Kaur W/O** Gursambir Singh R/O H.No.3, Gali No.1, New Mohini Park, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Satwant Kaur To Sukhwant Kaur.

**I, Hitherto Known As** Resham Singh Son Of Setha Singh Residing At L27/25, New Gurnam Nagar, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter's Arshpreet Kaur Age 14 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sonia.

**I, Kawaljeet Kaur** Jossan W/O Balwinder Singh R/O Vill Basti Majhe Wala Lakha Bhedia Po Mahalam Distt Ferozepur 152002 Have Changed My Name To Kawaljeet Kaur.

**I, Vikramjeet Singh** Jossan S/O Balwinder Singh R/O Vill Basti Majhe Wala Lakha Bhedia Po Mahalam Distt Ferozepur 152002 Have Changed My Name To Vikramjeet Singh.

**I, Balwinder Singh** Jossan S/O Shingara Singh R/O Vill Basti Majhe Wala Lakha Bhedia Po Mahalam Distt Ferozepur 152002 Have Changed My Name To Balwinder Singh.

**I, Simranjeet Kaur W/o** Mandeep Singh R/o H.No.79, Village Bhaini Gumanpara Amritsar have declare that Kaur is my surname and Simranjeet is my Given name.

**I, Sanjay Kumar** Garg S/o Lalpat Rai Garg R/o Barwala Distt. Hisar declares that I have changed my name from Sanjay Kumar Garg to Sanjay Kumar for future.

**I, Kawalpreet Kaur W/O** Lakhwinder Singh R/O Khabbe Rajputan Tehsil Baba Bakala sahib Amritsar declare that I have changed my name Kawalpreet Kaur to Kaur Kawalpreet. Please note.

**I, Rajender Kumar S/o** Sh. Sita Ram R/o H. No. 2558, Gali No. 5, 12 Qtr. Road, Bhagat Singh Nagar, Hisar, Haryana-125001 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rajinder Kumar to Rajender Kumar for all future purposes.

**I, Madhu Upadhyay** Wife of No. 14643566P Rank NK Name Anjani Kumar Upadhyay R/O VPO Karahia, Tehsil Zamzama, Distt. Gazipur (U.P.) Pin-232339 have changed in army record my date of birth from 05-05-1984 to 05-05-1986 vide affidavit dated 29-07-2022 before Session Court Hisar.

**I, Sushila** Wife of No. 14928309Y Rank BHM Name Babu Lal Posted at 11 Mech INF C/o 56 APO R/O Village Piper Kundi, Po Guwara Taiyabpur, Distt. Kaushambi (U.P.) Pin-212201 have changed in army record my name from Sushila to Sushela Devi vide affidavit dated 05-08-2022 before Session Court Hisar.

**I, Smt. S Arockia Jeevitha** is wife of Number 14437355 M, BHM (GNR) Suman S. 108 Field Regiment (Kargil) Pin-926108, C/o 56 APO resident of Village Melakovil Pattai, Post-Batlagundu, Tehsil Nilakottai, District Dindigul, State Tamilnadu, Pin-624202 have changed my name from S. Arockia Jeevitha to S Arockia Jeevitha. Concerned note.

**I, Sakshi Mahajan W/o** Sachin Mahajan R/O. 15/961, Main Majitha Road Near Mahajan Atta Chakki, Prakash Market Amritsar have Changed my name Sakshi to Sakshi Mahajan.

**I, Gurmit Kaur W/O** Sukhbir Singh R/O Village Jethwail Tehsil Amritsar District Amritsar Punjab. I have Changed My Name Gurmeet Kaur. All to note

**I, Jagdev Singh S/o** Dalbir Singh, resident of Village Thatha, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur declares that my daughter Palakpreet Kaur 10th Jasmine Section SFCS, Fatehgarh Churian. That her date of birth 30/03/2006 is written incorrectly in her school record Her Actual DOB is 30/04/2006. Concerned noted.

**I, Navjot Singh S/o** Harbhajan Singh, resident of Village Shamsherpur, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur declares that my daughter Khushdeep Kaur 10th Lully Section SFCS, Fatehgarh Churian. That her school record written as Khushdeep Kaur Son of Dilpreet Kaur & Navjot Singh instead of Daughter. Concerned noted.

**I, Jatinder Kaur W/o** Daljit Singh R/o. Village Shahzada P.O. Ramdas Tehsil Ajnala Distt Amritsar declare that in my son's Matriculation Certificate my husband's name has been spellt out as Daljeet Singh erroneously the correct spellings of my husband's name are Daljit Singh.

**I, Gurvinder Singh s/o** Butta 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 Buta 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 Butta Singh.

**I, Priyanka R/o** Sector-5 Gera R/O H.No.1123, Sector-5 Urban Estate, Kurukshetra (Haryana)- 136118 India, have change my name to Priyanka Gera after marriage.

**I, Alok Sharma S/o** Ramesh Sharma R/o H.No. 2222, Manokamna, Gali No. 6 New Shanti Nagar, Thanesar Kurukshetra, have change my minor son's from Tejvas Sharma To Tejvas Sharma.

**I, Salinder Singh, s/o** Jagir Singh, r/o VPO Bir Mathana, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Surrender Singh to Salinder Singh.

**I, Jaspal Kaur @** Karashani Kaur w/o Maroo Singh r/o Vill. Daun (Mohali) both name's are mine and same person.

**I, No. 44844691.** Rank L/NK Jasveer Singh S/o Mahasa Singh Unit 7 Sikhi C/O 56 APO. have Changed My Wife Name From Amandeep Kaur To Amanpal Kaur.

**I, Ashish kakkar S/o** Sh. Harish Kumar R/o H. No. 543/4, Rampura Mohalla Lal Sarak Hansi, Distt. Hisar (Hry.) have changed my name from Ashish to Ashish kakkar for all purposes in future.

**I, Sarbjit Kaur W/O** Ravinder Singh. R/O Village Maan, Sidhwan, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur. Punjab-143529. Have Changed My Name From Sarbjit Kaur To Sarabjit Kaur.

**I Arshdeep Singh** Mahi S/O Dalveer Singh Mahi R/O Palah Sahib Road P.O Central Jail, Miran Kot Chowk District Amritsar Changed My Name From Arshdeep Singh To Arshdeep Singh Mahi.

**I Amarjit Kaur W/o** Hushiar Singh R/O Vill. Chakkar Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Minor Grand Daughter's Name Gurrehmat Kaur To Gurrehmat Kaur Sidhu.

**I Joginder Singh** Brar S/O Ikatter Singh R/O Vpo. Panjgrain Kalan Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Joginder Singh.

**I Malket Singh S/O** Jit Singh R/O Vpo. Sherpur Kalan Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Malket Singh Singh.

**I Rajni Rani W/O** Jatinder Kumar R/O Talwandi Bhai Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Rajni Bala.

**I, Rakesh Goel S/o** Sushil Kumar R/O H.-no. 60 Palam Vihar-D Kardhan Road Ambala Cantt declare that Rakesh Goel, Rakesh Goyal and Rakesh Kumar are the three names of the same person and in future I will be called as Rakesh Goel. Concerned note.

**I, Dharamvir Singh** Son Of Sh Govinda Ram Resident Of House No 4/889 Krishna Colony Near Aara Machin Palwal.That My Name Is Dharambir My School Documents.One Person And My Future Name Is Dharamvir Singh.

**I, Harmesh Kour** Wife Of Army No Jc-301721P Ex Sub Jivan Singh Resident Of Vill & Po: Sariana, Teh-Mukerian, Distt: Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Harmesh Kour To Harmesh Kaur Vide Affidavit Dated 06.08.2022 Before Notary Public, Mukerian.

**I, Simranjit Kaur D/O** Ram Singh R/O 361, Guru Ka Khooth, Tarn Taran, Tehsil & Distt: Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Simranjeet Kaur Concerned Note.

**I, Prithavi Gir S/O** Dolat Gir R/O Village Boda, Tehsil Pehova, Distt Kurukshetra Declared In Some Documents My Mother Name Is Wrongly Recorded As Labhu, Her Correct Name Is Labho Devi. Please Correct It.

**I, Geeta** Spouse Of No. 2805515x Sep Swami Sachin Dundappa Resident Of Vpo Channekuji Tehsil Gadhinglaj District Kohapur (Maharashtra) In My Husband Service Record My Name Wrongly Recorded As Geeta Instead Of Geeta Sachin Swami Vide Affidavit No. In-Jk 125233044425312609885u Dated 02 Aug 2022 Before Notary Public Samba (J&K)

**I, Karnail Singh S/O** Bhag Singh R/O Village G.S.Farm, Sandholi, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Haryana Changed Given Name Karnail Surname Singh.

**I, Nirmal Kaur W/O** Dalip Singh R/O Village G.S.Farm, Sandholi, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Haryana Changed Given Name Nirmal Surname Kaur.

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## न्यायालय एवम् कार्यालय सब रजिस्ट्रार अम्बाला छवनी पब्लिक नोटिस

इस ऐलनह् द्वारे सब साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नीचे दी गई सूचीबद्ध नाम वाली जी चर्चालय निम्न नाम पुत्र श्री चण्डा पुत्र निवासी मयन न. 160 बरिष्ठ नगर, अम्बाला छावनी अग्रपर कान न. 80533689 6033 ने जी चर्चालय निम्न नाम पुत्र श्री चण्डा पुत्र निवासी मयन न. 160 बरिष्ठ नगर, अम्बाला छावनी की मृत्यु तिथि 08.07.2022 के पश्चात उनके जन्मचन्द मयन न. 159-160 बरिष्ठ नगर, अम्बाला छावनी में लिखाई गई चर्चालय एक चर्चालयमा उनके जीवकाल में लिखाई गई चर्चालय किसी व्यक्ति को उस चर्चालय दिनांक 01.06.2022 को पंजीकृत किया जाने वाले को अग्रणी है तो इस पब्लिक नोटिस के सम्पादन पर मैं प्रकाशित होने के 15 दिनों के भीतर-भीतर असलतन न चर्चालय अपने ऐलनच प्रस्तुत कर सकना है। नाम पुत्रने दिनांक कोई एलनच चर्चालय नहीं किया जोसेना नाम निम्नानुसार चर्चालय पंजीकृत की कार्यवाही कर दी जायेगी।

सब रजिस्ट्रार, अम्बाला छावनी

## COURT NOTICE

**IN THE COURT OF Rahul Kumar**  
**Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate Bholath**  
**Case Title: Faquir Singh Vs. Pardeep Kumar**  
**CIS No. NACT/14/2021**  
**CNR NO.: PBKPC1-000286-2021**  
**DOI:- 08-03-2021**  
**U/s 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act**  
**Next Date: 14-10-2022**  
**Notice to: Pardeep Kumar S/o Som Nath,**  
**Accused:-** R/o Ward No.6, VPO Begowal, Tehsil Bholath, District Kapurthala.  
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 14-10-2022 at 10.00 a.m. For details login to: [https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\\_notice&district=Kapurthala](https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Kapurthala)  
**Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Bholath**  
Dated, this day of 05-08-2022

## Public Notice

We, Diwan Chand Gandhi S/o Adu Ram and Harish Gandhi S/o Diwan Chand Gandhi r/o H.No. 714/19, Shastri Nagar, Kurukshetra, have disown my Grand Son/Nephew Yogesh Gandhi from all our movable immovable properties as he is out of our control. Anybody dealing with Yogesh Gandhi at their own risk. After today Yogesh Gandhi fights with anyone or commits any theft or any other kind of illegal act or has any business with any bank etc., or takes any kind of court proceedings, then it will be our own responsibility. Nor will any member of our family have any relation with Yogesh Gandhi.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH				
TENDER NOTICE				
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)	
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Electrical Division</b>				
1.	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Integrated Solar Garden Light at Japanese Garden Sector- 31, Chandigarh under head Electrification. DNIT Amount : Rs. 6,04,325/- Time Limit : 30 days	05.08.2022 to 12.08.2022	12.08.2022 at 12.00 Noon	Earnest Money: Rs. 12087/-
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Horticulture Division No.1</b>				
2.	Providing and Fixing of 400 Nos. RCC Tree Guards for Rally Ground and V-3 Road Sector 25 to Protect New Sapling at Chandigarh (Work No.85/17th LS). DNIT Amount : Rs.9,00,000/- Tender Fee: Rs.1,000/-	05.08.2022 To 12.08.2022 at 3.00 P.M.	12.08.2022 at 3.00 P.M.	Earnest Money: Rs. 18,000/- Time Limit: Two Months
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Electrical Division</b>				
3.	Repair and Maintenance of Street Lights/ Park Light on V4, V5 Road, Neighbour Hood Parks Sector-28 and on V3 Road 27/28, 29/30 & 28/29 Chandigarh under head repair and maintenance of street light. DNIT Amount : Rs.12,11,866/- Time Limit : 30 days	04.08.2022 to 11.08.2022	11.08.2022 at 12.00 Noon	Earnest Money : Rs. 24,237/-
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Horticulture Division No.1</b>				
4.	Repair of Hut by Providing and Fixing of G.I. Rib Tile Profile in Sector 36, 37, 38, 38W, 39, 40 and Palsora, Chandigarh. under Revenue Head. DNIT Amount : Rs.7,03,209/- Tender Fee: Rs.1,000/-	02.08.2022 To 10.08.2022 at 3.00 P.M.	10.08.2022 at 3.00 P.M.	Earnest Money : Rs. 14,065/- Time Limit: Three Months
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 2</b>				
5.	Restoration of Road Cut Done by MCPH Wing on Old Ropar Road, Manimajra (Capital Head - 4217 Sewerage) Est. Cost: Rs.8.13Lacs EMDAmount: Rs.16,252/-	05.08.2022 To 12.08.2022 upto 12.00 noon	12.08.2022 at 12.00 noon	Time Limit:02 Months
6.	Improvement of Rotary on V-3 road between Sector 46 & 47, Rotary on V-4 in Sector 48, Rotary at Jn on V-3 road between Sector 27/28 & 29/30, Rotary at Jn on V-3 road between Sector 45/46 & 32/33 and Rotary at Jn on V-3 & V-4 road between Sector 32/33, Chandigarh (Revenue Head : A/Maintenance of Roads) Est. Cost: Rs. 10.48 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs.20960/-	05.08.2022 To 12.08.2022 upto 12.00 noon	12.08.2022 at 12.00 noon	Time Limit : 03 Months
7.	Repair/Restoration of Road cut in Sector 32 D and industrial Area phase 1, Chandigarh.(Road Cut made by M.C.P.H. Sub Division No.18, Chandigarh) (Charge to Revenue Head) Est. Cost : Rs. 11.13 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs. 22,269/-	05.08.2022 To 12.08.2022 upto 12.00 noon	12.08.2022 at 12.00 noon	Time Limit : 03 Months
Note :- 1) Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at <a href="http://www.chandigarh.gov.in">www.chandigarh.gov.in</a> or <a href="mailto:etenders.chd.nic.in">etenders.chd.nic.in</a>				
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER</b> Electrical Division, Horticulture Division No. 1, and Roads Division No. 2, M.C. Chandigarh				

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## **POSSESSION NOTICE**(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein above with interest thereon.

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Sr. No. Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) Loan Account No./Branch	Brief details of secured assets	Notice of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Possession Taken Date
1. Pardeep Raj Kumari/ 057-05700183/ Chandigarh	KH. No. 473/ (3-10), Village Kakrali, Zirakpur, Chandigarh, Punjab-140031	22-Mar-2022 @ Rs.4,95,562/- Rupees Four Lac Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two Only	03-08-2022

Date: August 07, 2022

Place: PCH

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Authorized Officer,  
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# Haryana CM inaugurates Institute of Driving Training and Research

PNS ■ KARNAL

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has inaugurated the Institute of Driving Training and Research in Karnal where every day 300 to 350 youth will be given training to drive light and heavy motor vehicles.

The foundation stone of this institute, with the help of Honda Company, was laid by Khattar on March 29, 2018. Designed on international standards, the institute has an automated driving test track, modern training equipment and computerized system with class rooms, workshops, engine rooms and electronic displays. Training for driving two wheelers, three wheelers, four wheelers, light motors and heavy vehicles will be given here. The centre will also have an automated driving test track to provide practical training on the test track and issue driving licenses. This institute will be fully automated and there will be no human intervention in its working.

Khattar said Automated Driver Training Institutes and Regional Driver Training Centres will be set up across the state to make adequate arrangements for training of drivers in Haryana. Under this, three Institute of Driving Training and Research have



been set up with modern facilities and infrastructure at Kaithal, Bahadurgarh and Rohtak. Hi-tech equipment manufacturers such as Ashok Leyland and Maruti Suzuki India Limited are partners in all three projects. Now there are 4 institutes including this driving institute of Karnal. Apart from these, 8 other

institutions are going to open in the state which includes institute at Kaluwas in district Bhiwani, Chhapera in Nuh, Jaisinghpur Khara in Rewari, Pegan in Jind, Murthal in Sonapat, Aurangabad in Yamunanagar, Bahin in Palwal and Kheri Gujran in district Faridabad. Regional Driver Training Centre will also be set

up in District Gurugram as well. After obtaining the training certificate to drive a motor vehicle in these institutions, the applicant will not be required to go to the Licensing Authority.

The Chief Minister said that about 5 lakh road accidents take place in India every year and in these accidents,

about 1.5 lakh people lose their lives due to lack of driving skills. Haryana is at the 13th place in the road accidents occurring in the country and the state government is making sincere efforts to curb road accidents.

## COMPANIES SHOULD COME FORWARD TO SPEND CSR FUNDS

Khattar has called upon the private companies to come forward to spend their CSR funds, saying they can do social work by contributing on various subjects like tree plantation, environmental protection, drug de-addiction, cleanliness. The Institute of Driving Training and Research opened in Karnal is an institute made out of this CSR fund. He said Haryana Government has formed a separate CSR Trust and many companies working in the state are coming forward to spend their CSR funds under this trust, headed by the chief minister.

## 21 DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS TO KARNAL

The Chief Minister also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 21 developmental projects worth Rs 109 crores during his Karnal visit.

# Punjab CM to raise issues of legal guarantee to MSP farm debt at NITI Aayog meeting

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said he will raise several issues, including a legal guarantee to the minimum support price (MSP) for crops and farm debt, at the NITI Aayog governing council meeting in Delhi on Sunday.

Speaking to reporters, Mann slammed his predecessors Charanjit Singh Channi and Amarinder Singh for not attending such meetings earlier. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the seventh governing council meeting of the NITI Aayog, the government's apex policy think tank.

"I am going to attend the NITI Aayog meeting. I have done my homework on Punjab issues which will be put forth during the meeting," Mann said. He said it was after three years any repre-

sentative from Punjab was going to attend the NITI Aayog meeting.

"I will raise issues of water, debt of farmers, legal guarantee to MSP, canal system, cleaning of 'buddha nallah' (in Ludhiana), BBMB (Bhakra Beas Management Board) and also health-related matters," Mann said.

The chief minister said he would also try to meet Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia in Delhi and raise the issue of direct international flights from Amritsar and Mohali airports to London, Chicago, San Francisco and Vancouver.

Replying to a question on the MSP committee formed by the Centre, Mann said the government should involve farmer representatives rather than those who were in favour of the now-repealed farm laws.

## PB GOVT COMPLETES PROCESS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF 789 FARMERS MARTYRED DURING PROTEST AGAINST FARM LAWS

The Punjab Chief Minister said that the state government has completed the process to provide financial assistance worth Rs 39.55 crore to the families of 789 farmers who had attained martyrdom during the protest against the farm laws.

Mann said that families of the martyred farmer have been given Rs 5 lakh each by the state government as financial assistance. He said that 89 families have received financial assistance worth Rs 4.60 crore in Mansa, 21 families of Tarn

Taran have got Rs 1.05 crore, 117 families of Sangrur have got Rs 5.85 crore, 69 families of Moga have received Rs 3.45 crore, 10 families of Fazilka have got Rs 50 lakh, 48 families of Ludhiana have got Rs 2.37 crore, 43 families of Barnala have received Rs 2.15 crore, 111 families of Patiala have got Rs 5.55 crore, 19 families of Amritsar have got Rs 95 lakh, seven families of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar have got Rs 35 lakh, 10 families of SAS Nagar have got Rs 50 lakh and 83 families of Bathinda have got Rs 4.15 crore.

He reiterated the firm commitment of the state government to bail out the farmers of the state from current agrarian crisis, adding that the state government has already introduced an alternative crop in the form of Moong, the purchase of which is being done on MSP.

## Over 400 cattle die, 20,000 infected in a month in Punjab due to lumpy skin disease

Chandigarh: Over 400 cattle have died due to lumpy skin disease in Punjab in a month and around 20,000, mostly cows, have been infected, officials said. Barnala, Bathinda, Faridkot, Jalandhar, Moga and Muktsar are among the worst-affected districts of the state, joint director of Punjab Animal Husbandry Department Ram Pal Mittal said. Meanwhile, Punjab Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar, on Saturday, visited affected areas in Fazilka district. Bhullar said the animal husbandry department was taking all necessary steps to prevent the spread of the disease. The government has released an amount of Rs 76 lakh to all the districts of the state, said the minister.

## BRIEFS

### PUNJAB CM APPEARS BEFORE COURT IN TWO-YEAR-OLD RIOTING CASE

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday appeared before a local court here in a case of rioting lodged against him over two year ago. During his appearance before the court of the chief judicial magistrate here, Mann was represented by former advocate general Anmol Rattan Sidhu. Replying to a question about his appearance before the court, CM Mann said his party had held a protest against the then Congress government for seeking reduction in the electricity rates. "Water cannons were used (against us) and later, a case was registered against us at that time," said Mann while speaking to reporters here. The case was registered against Mann and some other party leaders on the charges of rioting, assault, obstructing police from performing their duties during a party protest held in January 2020. Amarinder Singh was the chief minister of Punjab at that time while AAP was in opposition.

### CHARGE SHEET FILED AGAINST FORMER PUNJAB MINISTER DHARAMSOT IN CORRUPTION CASE

Chandigarh: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau on Saturday filed in a Mohali court a charge sheet in the corruption case in which former state minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot is one of the accused. A spokesperson of the Vigilance Bureau said the court of additional and session judge, Mohali, has fixed August 8 as the next date of hearing in the matter. Dharamsot, who was the social welfare and forest minister in the Amarinder Singh-led government, was booked and arrested in June on corruption charges. He was accused of getting commission for the felling of trees. It has also been alleged that he accepted bribes for issuing permits for felling trees, transfer of department officials, purchases in the department and issuance of no-objection certificates. Dharamsot is currently in judicial custody. Besides the former minister, District Forest officer Guramanpreet Singh and then OSD to Dharamsot, Kamalpreet Singh, were also booked in this case.

### BADMINTON ACADEMY STARTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH PULLELA GOPICHAND AT FARIDABAD

Faridabad: Modern Vidya Niketan (MVN) School Sector-88 on Saturday entered into an association with Badminton Gurukul Academy, Hyderabad—an initiative by the legendary badminton player Pullela Gopichand, who is also the Chief National Coach for the India National Badminton Team and founder & mentor Badminton Gurukul. The two parties signed a MoU which is aimed at helping students excel at badminton. During the event, students, teachers, and guests had the opportunity to interact with Gopichand, who discussed the nuances of the sport and also elaborated that he launched Badminton Gurukul to promote physical literacy and create positive playing experiences through quality coaching imparted in an organised and systematic manner.

### ONE-TIME AGE RELAXATION FOR EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO COMPETE FOR REGULAR JOBS IN PB

Chandigarh: The Punjab government on Saturday announced a one-time relaxation in the age limit for education providers or volunteers working on contractual basis to compete for regular jobs. The move is aimed at enabling them to compete for regular jobs through direct recruitment for elementary teachers training (ETT) posts, said School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains in an official statement here. Bains said the education providers—education guarantee scheme-alternative and innovative education (EGS-AIE) and special trainer (STR) teachers—have been rendering their services diligently in government schools under various schemes for several years. They were demanding relaxation in the age limit for direct recruitment to secure their future as many of them have already crossed the age limit for direct recruitment, pointed out Bains.

### 5 ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF TWO WOMEN IN HARYANA'S HANSI

Chandigarh: The Haryana Police on Saturday said it has arrested five people, accused of killing two women, from Rajasthan after a brief exchange of fire. They had killed the two women in Hansi and also looted a car, jewellery and cash on August 4. Working on the intelligence and other inputs, police arrested the accused after a brief exchange of fire from Neemrana, Rajasthan, said an official spokesperson of the Haryana Police.

## Haryana IAS Officers Association gives farewell to six retired IAS officers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH



The Haryana IAS Officers' Association on Saturday gave farewell to the six retired IAS officers of Haryana cadre.

While Devender Singh and Rajiv Arora, who held the post of Additional Chief Secretaries, retired on July 31, R.S Verma and Amarjit Singh Mann also retired on the same day. Apart from these, Amit Jha, who held the post of Additional Chief Secretary, retired in the month of June and Ajay Malik retired in the month of May.

In the farewell function organized at the Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal wished the officers good luck for the future. Kaushal said that all of them were very good administrative officers, adding that they have always worked with the spirit of teamwork. Administratively, there were many ups and downs during their service, but everyone faced every difficulty with a smile and understanding.

On this occasion, Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, DS Dhesi, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, V Umashankar, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Dr. Amit Agrawal, Additional Chief Secretaries of various departments, Principal Secretaries, Directors and many other senior administrative officers were present.

Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Secretary, Haryana IAS Association, Dr. Amit Agrawal congratulated all the officers for their new innings of life and wished them a healthy life. He shared his administrative and personal experiences with all the officers.



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# Centre issues advisory to Delhi, 6 States as Covid cases soar

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Amid a rise in coronavirus infections in some parts of the country and the festival season round the corner, a worried Central Government has issued an advisory to Delhi and six States asking them to ensure adequate testing, promote Covid-appropriate behaviour and increase the pace of vaccination to contain the surge.

In a letter to Delhi, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telangana, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan sounded alert about the upcoming festivals and mass

congregations in different parts of the country, saying that they may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

It is critical to ensure adequate testing is undertaken in all the districts of the state while maintaining the recommended share of RT-PCR and antigen tests. The state must also closely monitor districts reporting higher cases, positivity rates and clusters to prevent further spread of infection and effective case management, he stressed in the letter dated August 5.

In his letter to Delhi, Bhushan said the national capital has been reporting high

average daily new cases (811 cases) for the past month with a high of 2,202 new cases reported on August 5.

Delhi has contributed 8.2 per cent of India's weekly new cases in the week ending August 5 and has also recorded 1.86 times increase in average daily new cases from 802 in the week ending July 29 to 1,492 in the week ending August 5.

An increase in the weekly positivity rate was also reported in Delhi — from 5.90 per cent in the week ending July 29 to 9.86 per cent in the week ending August 5.

Bhushan said Kerala reported 2,347 average cases

per day in the past month and Maharashtra 2,135 cases. He also cited district-wise spread of infection. On Friday, Karnataka had reported 2,042 new Covid-19 cases and the positivity rate for the day was 6.32 per cent.

The Health Secretary requested states to ensure effective compliance of the revised surveillance strategy for COVID-19 which has been shared by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

"In view of some changes in symptoms and clinical manifestation of the disease, it is crucial to monitor and report district-wise influenza-like illness (ILI) and SARI cases in all

health facilities as per the guidelines, on a regular basis for detecting early warning signals of the spread of infection. This will enable us to take pre-emptive action if required, in any areas of concern," he said.

Stressing genome sequencing of prescribed samples of international passengers as well as collection of samples from sentinel sites and local cluster of new COVID-19 cases is equally important, Bhushan said such samples must be sent promptly by the states and union territories to the designated lab of INSACOG network for genome sequencing.

"Renewed attention needs to be paid for ensuring of

Covid-appropriate behaviour in crowded places like markets, inter-state bus stands, schools, colleges, railway stations, etc," he said.

"States should aim to increase the pace of vaccination for all eligible population and accelerate the administration of free precaution doses for 18-plus eligible population at all Government Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs) under the 'COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav' till September 30," he stated.

States were advised to diligently follow the five-fold strategy of test-track-treat vaccination and adherence to Covid-appropriate behaviour within



the community.

India saw a single-day rise of 19,406 Covid-19 infections, taking the total tally of Covid-19 cases to 4,41,26,994. As per

the latest data, the active cases declined to 1,34,793 today. The death toll climbed to 5,26,649 with 49 new fatalities.

# PM among first to congratulate Dhankar after his thumping win

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

As Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as new Vice-President of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accompanied with BJP president JP Nadda and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, arrived at his residence and congratulated him.

Prime Minister was among the first to reach 11, Akbar Road, (residence of Pralhad Joshi) to greet the vice-president-elect for his stupendous victory.

In the visuals, a smiling Modi was seen offering a bouquet to Dhankhar and congratulating him.

"Congratulations to Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji on being elected India's Vice President with resounding support across party lines. I am confident he will be an outstanding Vice President. Our nation will gain tremendously from his intellect and wisdom,"

Modi tweeted later.

"I thank all those MPs who have voted for Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji. At a time when India marks Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, we are proud to be having a Kisan Putra Vice President who has excellent legal knowledge and intellectual prowess," the PM said further.

Union home minister Amit Shah in his congratulatory message said he was confident that Dhankhar would "prove himself to be the ideal protector of the Constitution".

"The Upper House will definitely benefit from his [Dhankar's] experience and close understanding of ground issues," said the home minister. Shah expressed his gratitude to all those parties who extended their support to the NDA Vice-Presidential candidate.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitated the new Vice-President saying: "Congratulations to Shri



Jagdeep Dhankhar on winning the Vice Presidential elections. His long public life, wide experience and deep understanding of people's issues will certainly benefit the nation. "I am confident that he will make an exceptional VP & Rajya Sabha Chairman," he said. Shah, Rajnath and Speaker Om Birla met Dhankar and congratulated him.

"I am so happy. I congratulate him. It was a decisive and impressive victory. He is

an eminent lawyer and a farmer, this is a rare combination: Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, at whose official residence Dhankar is staying, said.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal said Dhankar will be a wonderful Rajya Sabha chairman, an outstanding Vice President. "The nation is blessed to have the son of a farmer and an eminent jurist as VP of India. We're fortunate we will have a chance to work with him," he added.

# Rahul slams Govt over glitches in CUET

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Saturday targeted the Government over glitches in the conduct of the common university entrance test (CUET), and alleged the "dictatorship of four people is leaving no stone unturned to ruin the country".

His attack came after technical glitches marred the CUET for admission to undergraduate courses in central universities, "New education policy of 'Amritkal': Before the exam 'discussion on the exam'. 'No paper, no discussion' during the exam. Future in darkness after the exam. What is happening with the students of #CUET is the story of every youth of the country today," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

"The dictatorship of four people is leaving no stone unturned to ruin the country," Rahul Gandhi said. He, however, did not name anyone.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also took to Twitter to say that 'tech-

nical' snags have led to over 50,000 students being unable to take the CUET exam.

"Is this government so aloof and insensitive to our students that it can't see the repercussions of such a serious policy paralysis on its part? Is this what the youth of our country deserves?" she tweeted.

Technical glitches on the second day of the CUET-Undergraduate on Friday forced the National Testing Agency (NTA) to postpone the exam at 50 centres across the country. Some students also claimed to have received communication from the NTA late in the night, telling them that their exam scheduled for Saturday had been postponed due to "administrative and logistical reasons".

On Thursday, the exam was cancelled at a few centres across 17 states in the first shift, while the second shift exam was cancelled at all 489 centres.

Several students complained that they waited for two hours only to be informed that the exams had been called off.

# BJP diverting issues affecting people using name of Ram: Cong

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

The Congress on Saturday hit back at Home Minister Amit Shah for linking the party's protests to the Ram temple foundation day alleging that the BJP was trying to divert the attention of common people by resorting to their only weapon 'Ram'.

Reacting to Shah's comments, Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the party was protesting against "astronomical price hike and unprecedented rate of unemployment which can't be tolerated by them (BJP)".

"In the name of 'Ram', this Government has been worshipping 'Raavan'. People are afflicted under their rule. The Congress has exposed this government as anti-people and pro-corporate," Chowdhury when sought his reactions on the sidelines of voting of Vice President elec-

tions in the Parliament.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that it was a desperate attempt by the government to "divert, distract, polarise and give a malicious twist" to its democratic demonstrations against price rise.

"It's only a sick mind which can produce such bogus arguments. Clearly the protests have hit home," he tweeted.

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi said fighting against the burden of inflation falling on the poor and the middle class across the country is the path shown by Lord Ram.

"The one who inflicts pain on the weak by increasing prices, attacks Lord Ram. The one who misrepresents those agitating against inflation, insults Loknayak Ram and the people of India," Priyanka said in a tweet message.

# Unmarried woman can end 24-week pregnancy, SC to craft its verdict



**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Having ruled that denying an unmarried woman the right to safe abortion violates her personal autonomy, the Supreme Court will now interpret the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act and the related rules to see if unmarried women could be allowed to abort a 24-week pregnancy on medical advice.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and JB Pardiwala on Friday asked Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, to assist the court in the exercise.

"When there are exceptions provided under the law, then why unmarried women can't be included to terminate 24-weeks pregnancy, if the medical advice so permits. The parliamentary intent appears to be clear as it has replaced 'husband' with 'partner'. It shows that they have considered unmarried women also in the bracket of those allowed to terminate 24-weeks pregnancy," Justice Chandrachud said.

The bench said it needs to craft its verdict in a way that unmarried women are also allowed to terminate their 24-week pregnancy like divorcees, widows or those in judicial separation.

Bhati contended there is a reason for not allowing unmarried women to terminate pregnancy after 24 weeks as it could take a toll on their health.

"The experts have their views over this. We need to place those views before the court. The termination of pregnancy at 24 weeks carries immense risk and could even cost the life of the women," she said.

The bench allowed Mr Bhati to place the views of experts before it and said it needs her assistance on the issue.

At the outset, the bench was informed a 25-year-old woman, who was allowed to terminate her 24-week pregnancy on July 21, is safe after a successful procedure.

On July 21, the top court had expanded the scope of the MTP Act to include unmarried women and allowed the 25-year-old to abort her 24-week pregnancy arising out of a consensual relationship.

The top court had said, "A woman's right

to reproductive choice is an inseparable part of her personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution and she has a sacrosanct right to bodily integrity."

"Denying an unmarried woman the right to a safe abortion violates her personal autonomy and freedom. Live-in relationships have been recognized by this Court," it had underlined.

The court had requested the Director of the AIIMS, Delhi to constitute a medical board in terms of the provisions of the MTP Act and said in the event it concludes that the foetus can be aborted without danger to the life of the woman, a team of doctors at the facility shall carry out the abortion.

The court said it was of the view that allowing the petitioner to suffer an unwanted pregnancy will be contrary to the intent of the law enacted by Parliament.

Allowing the petitioner to terminate her pregnancy, on a proper interpretation of the statute, prima facie, falls within the ambit of the statute and the petitioner should not be denied the benefit on the ground that she is an unmarried woman, it had said.

It had added the distinction between a married and unmarried woman does not bear a nexus to the basic purpose and object that is sought to be achieved by Parliament which is conveyed specifically by the provisions of Explanation 1 to Section 3 of the Act.

"The petitioner had moved the High Court before she had completed 24 weeks of pregnancy. The delay in the judicial process cannot work to her prejudice," it had said.

The top court had said Parliament, by amending the MTP Act through the Act of 2021 intended to include unmarried women and single women within the ambit of the law which is evident from the replacement of the word 'husband' with 'partner'. It, however, pointed out there is a gap in the law as while Section 3 travels beyond conventional relationships based on marriage, Rule 3B of the MTP Rules does not envisage a situation involving unmarried women, but recognises other categories of women such as divorcees, widows, minors, disabled and mentally ill women and survivors of sexual assault or rape.

# PM's global initiative LIFE to be India's theme at its COP27 pavilion in Egypt

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

LIFE – Lifestyle for the Environment, a global initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be the theme of the India pavilion at the upcoming COP27 at Sharm-El-Sheikh in Egypt, the Union Environment Ministry said on Saturday.

Modi had proposed the one-word mass movement "LIFE" at the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change at Glasgow last November.

Subsequently, he launched 'Lifestyle for the Environment – LIFE Movement' on June 5. The vision of 'LIFE' is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it. The people who live such a lifestyle can be called "Pro-Planet People", the ministry said.

India has been setting up its pavilions at COPs since 2015 to showcase its achievements in climate actions. Several think tanks, civil society organisations, industry bodies and private sector organise side events at the



India pavilion.

The Union Cabinet has already approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) incorporating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Panchamrit' strategy announced at the Glasgow conference aiming to strengthen global efforts to tackle climate change.

India aims to reduce emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 per cent by 2030, from 2005 level, and achieve about 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. India also aims to reduce total projected carbon emissions by 1 billion tonnes and carbon intensity of the economy to less than 45% by 2030. Further, under the commitment India aims to achieve net zero carbon emission by 2070.

# IAF chief flies 3 desi aircraft in Bangalore

**IANS ■ NEW DELHI**

Indian Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari on Saturday flew three indigenous aircraft- Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40)- which are being inducted into IAF as part of its drive towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The IAF chief was demonstrated the capabilities of the LCH and HTT-40 as well as updates on the Tejas. He also interacted with the designers and test crew to understand the current status and future plans.

He later delivered the Air



Chief Marshal LM Katre Memorial Lecture which was attended by serving & retired officers of IAF, HAL and other stakeholders from the aerospace industry. The IAF chief also spoke on 'Capability and Force Development Plans of IAF' towards making it a future ready combat force.

# Navy ships to visit all continents to mark 75 years of India's Independence

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

The Indian Navy ships are visiting ports in all the continents as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate 75 years of India's independence. The ships will hoist the national flag onboard on August 15 in these ports spread across six continents and six different time zones.

Giving details here on Saturday about this unique event, officials said the flag will be hoisted in the presence of the Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries.

Other activities being planned include official calls by the Indian Navy crew on senior leadership of the host country, participation by the naval contingent at the Flag Hoisting Ceremony in the respective Embassies and band performance at a prominent public place. Also, the ship will be open to visitors, school children and Indian diaspora with a deck reception and various cultural events to be organised by the Indian Embassies.

At London, the crew of INS Tarangini will pay homage to the Indian soldiers, who gave the supreme sacrifice during the two World Wars, at the Commonwealth Memorial



gates. Similarly, a ceremonial wreath laying by the Indian ship is scheduled at the Kranji War Memorial and the Indian National Marker (INA) Marker at Singapore.

At Mombasa (Kenya), the naval crew will participate in the inauguration of a commemorative pillar in the Battlefield area of Taita Taveta region where Indian soldiers fought and sacrificed their lives whilst serving under East Africa campaign of World War One.

The commemorative events will also include battlefield tours, a mobile exhibition and a Light and Sound show at Fort Jesus highlighting the contribution of the Indian soldiers in World War one as well as India's struggle for independence.

The visits to foreign ports include Muscat and Singapore (Asia), Mombasa, Kenya (Africa), Perth (Australia), San Diego (USA), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (South America) and London (Europe).

The 75th year of India's Independence, marked by Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, is an occasion to reinvigorate and re-emphasise India's maritime moorings, officials said.

Towards this, a large number of activities were undertaken by the Indian Navy over the last one year both within the country and abroad.

Commemorative ship visits to 75 Indian ports in the year 2021-22, President's Fleet Review\* aligned with the 75th year of independence, Lokayan 2022 (sail ship expedition), display of monumental national flag at Mumbai, community outreach programs across all coastal districts of India, 'freedom run' in various cities, sailing regattas and mountaineering and cycling expeditions. The Navy also felicitated gallantry award winners and war veterans (born in or before 1947).

# Naidu India's most travelled VP

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Venkaiah Naidu has been the most travelled Vice President of India having visited almost all State Capitals and UTs including the North-Eastern States and the far and remote places of the country during his tenure. His tenure ends next week.

Besides his tenure as ex-officio chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Naidu's period was marked by low productivity of the Upper House to start with in 2017 and a recovery later.

According to officials of the Vice President Secretariat, out

of the 13 full sessions Naidu presided over till the Budget session this year, the productivity of the first five sessions has been in the range of only 6.80 per cent to 58.80 per cent. It substantially improved in six of the next eight sessions clocking productivity in the range of 76 per cent to 105 per cent with five sessions working for about 100 per cent of the scheduled time.

Fifty eight issues were primarily responsible for the disruptions and forced adjournments of the House during this period.

Fifty seven per cent of the sittings of Rajya Sabha have

witnessed disruptions and forced adjournments of the House for either part of the day or a full day.

The issue of Special Category Status for Andhra Pradesh was raised in 36 sittings across four sitting starting with the highest number of 24 times during the Budget session of 2018," said an official statement.

The next four issues included the passing of three farm laws and farmers' protests, the Pegasus spyware, constitution of Cauvery Water Management Board and the suspension of 12 Members in the winter session of 2021.



# China military drills appear to simulate attack: Taiwan



AP ■ BEIJING

Taiwan said on Saturday that China's military drills appear to simulate an attack on the self-ruled island, after multiple Chinese warships and aircraft crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait following US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei that infuriated Beijing.

Taiwan's armed forces issued an alert, dispatched air and naval patrols around the island, and activated land-based missile systems in response to the Chinese exercises, the Ministry of National Defense said. China's Ministry of Defense said in a statement Saturday that it had carried out military exercises as planned in the sea and airspaces to the north, southwest, and east of Taiwan, with a focus on "testing the capabilities" of its land strike and sea assault systems.

China launched live-fire military drills following Pelosi's trip to Taiwan earlier this week, saying it violated the "one-China" policy. China sees the island as a breakthrough province to be annexed by force if necessary, and considers visits to Taiwan by foreign officials as recognising its sovereignty. Taiwan's army also said it detected four unmanned aerial vehicles flying in the vicinity of the offshore county of Kinmen on Friday night and fired warning flares in response.

The four drones, which Taiwan believed were Chinese, were spotted over waters around the Kinmen island group and the nearby Lieyu Island and Beiding islet, according to Taiwan's Kinmen Defense Command. Kinmen, also known as Quemoy, is a group of islands only 10 kilometers east of the Chinese coastal city of Xiamen in Fujian province in the Taiwan Strait, which divides the two sides that split amid civil war in 1949.

"Our government & military are closely monitoring China's military exercises & information warfare operations, ready to respond as necessary," Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen said in a tweet. "I call on the international community to support democratic Taiwan & halt any escalation of the regional security situation," she added. The Chinese military exercises began Thursday and are expected to last until Sunday. So far, the drills have included missile strikes on targets in the seas north and south of the island in an echo of the last major Chinese military drills in 1995 and 1996 aimed at intimidating Taiwan's leaders and voters.

Taiwan has put its military on alert and staged civil defense drills, while the U.S. Has deployed numerous naval assets in the area. The Biden administration and Pelosi have said the US remains committed to a "one-China" policy, which recognises Beijing as the government of China but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei. The administration discouraged but did not prevent Pelosi from visiting. China has also cut off defense and climate talks with the U.S. And imposed sanctions on Pelosi in retaliation for the visit. Pelosi said Friday in Tokyo, the last stop of her Asia tour, that China will not be able to isolate Taiwan by preventing US officials from travelling there.

Pelosi has been a long-time advocate of human rights in China. She, along with other lawmakers, visited Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1991 to support democracy two years after a bloody military crackdown on protesters at the square. Meanwhile, cyberattacks aimed at bringing

down the website of Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs had doubled between Thursday to Friday, compared to similar attacks ahead of Pelosi's visit, according to Taiwan's Central News Agency. The ministry did not specify the origin of the attack.

Other ministries and government agencies, such as the Ministry of Interior, also faced similar attacks on their websites, according to the report. A distributed-denial-of-service attack is aimed at overloading a website with requests for information that eventually crashes it, making it inaccessible to other users.

Also Saturday, the Central News Agency reported that the deputy head of the Taiwan Defense Ministry's research and development unit, Ou Yang Li-hsing, was found dead in his hotel room after suffering a heart attack. He was 57, and had supervised several missile production projects. The report said his hotel room in the southern county of Pingtung, where he was on a business trip, showed no signs of intrusion.

Taiwanese overwhelmingly favour maintaining the status quo of the island's de facto independence and reject China's demands that the island unify with the mainland under Communist control. Globally, most countries subscribe to the "one-China" policy, which is a requirement to maintain diplomatic relations with Beijing. Any company that fails to recognise Taiwan as part of China often faces swift backlash, often with Chinese consumers pledging to boycott its products.

On Friday, Mars Wrigley, the manufacturer of the Snickers candy bar, apologised after it released a video and materials featuring South Korean boy band BTS that had referred to Taiwan as a country, drawing swift criticism from Chinese users.

# Ukrainian unit digs in for Russian assault on eastern city

AP ■ SLOVIANSK

Ukrainian military personnel are fortifying their positions around the eastern city of Sloviansk in expectation of a fresh Russian attempt to seize the strategic point in the fiercely fought-over Donetsk region.

As heavy ground fighting continues on the front line only miles to the east, southeast and north of Sloviansk, members of the Dnipro-1 Regiment are digging in after a week of relative calm. The last Russian strike on the city occurred on July 30.

While the lull provided Sloviansk's remaining residents a reprieve after regular shelling between April and July, some unit members say it could be a prelude to renewed attacks.



"I think it won't be calm for long. Eventually, there will be an assault," Col Yurii Bereza, the head of the volunteer national guard regiment, told The Associated Press on Friday, adding that he expected the area to get "hot" in the coming days. Sloviansk is considered a strategic target in Moscow's ambi-

tions to seize all of Donetsk province, a largely Russian-speaking area in eastern Ukraine where Russian forces and pro-Moscow separatists control about 60% of the territory.

Donetsk and neighbouring Luhansk province, which Russia has almost entirely cap-

tured since Ukrainian forces withdrew in early July from the remaining cities under their control, together make up the industrial Donbas region. The separatists have claimed the region as two independent republics since 2014, and Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised their sovereignty before he sent troops into Ukraine.

Seizing Sloviansk would put more of the region under Russian control, but it also would be a symbolic victory for Moscow. The city was the first to be taken by the separatists during an outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine in 2014, though it was later brought back under Ukrainian control.

# Indiana becomes 1st state to approve abortion ban post Roe

AP ★ INDIANAPOLIS (US)

Indiana on Friday became the first state in the nation to approve abortion restrictions since the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade, as the Republican governor quickly signed a near-total ban on the procedure shortly after lawmakers approved it.

The ban, which takes effect Sept 15, includes some exceptions. Abortions would be permitted in cases of rape and incest, before 10-weeks post-fertilisation; to protect the life and physical health of the mother; and if a fetus is diagnosed with a lethal anomaly. Victims of rape and incest would not be required to sign a notarised affidavit attesting to an attack, as had once been proposed.

Under the bill, abortions can be performed only in hospitals or outpatient centres owned by hospitals, meaning all abortion clinics would lose their licenses. A doctor who performs an illegal abortion or fails to file required reports must also lose their medical licence — wording that tightens current Indiana law that says a doctor "may" lose their licence.



"I am personally most proud of each Hoosier who came forward to courageously share their views in a debate that is unlikely to cease any time soon," Gov Eric Holcomb said in the statement announcing that he had signed the measure. "For my part as your governor, I will continue to keep an open ear."

His approval came after the Senate approved the ban 28-19 and the House advanced it 62-38. Indiana was among the earliest Republican-run state legislatures to debate tighter abortion laws after the Supreme Court ruling in June that removed constitutional protections for the procedure. But it is the first state to pass a ban through both chambers, after West Virginia lawmakers on July 29 passed up the chance to be that state.

"Happy to be completed with this, one of the more challenging things that we've ever done as a state General Assembly, at least certainly while I've been here," Senate President Pro-Tem Rodric Bray told reporters after the vote. "I think this is a huge opportunity, and we'll build on that as we go forward from here."

Senator Sue Glick of LaGrange, who sponsored the bill, said that she does not think "all states will come down at the same place" but that most Indiana residents support aspects of the bill.

# Explainer: What is driving current Israel-Gaza violence

AP ■ TEL AVIV

Israel and Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip were exchanging fire Saturday in the worst bout of cross-border violence since an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas last year.

Israeli airstrikes have killed 11 people, including a senior commander from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an Iran-backed militant group, who was slain in a targeted attack.

Israel has carried out several deadly airstrikes, among them the targeted killing of a senior commander from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an Iran-backed militant group.

Militants have fired dozens of rockets at Israeli cities and towns, disrupting life for tens of thousands of people.

**Here's a look at the latest round of violence: IN HAMAS'S SHADOW**

Islamic Jihad is the smaller of the two main Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip, and is vastly outnumbered by the ruling Hamas group. But it enjoys direct financial and military backing from Iran, and has become the driving force in engaging in rocket attacks and other



confrontations with Israel.

Hamas, which seized control of Gaza in 2007 from the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority, is often limited in its ability to act because it bears responsibility for running day-to-day affairs of the impoverished territory. Islamic Jihad has no such duties and has emerged as the more militant faction, occasionally even undermining Hamas's authority.

The group was founded in 1981 with the aim of establishing an Islamic Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and all of what is now Israel. It is designated a terrorist orga-

nization by the U.S. State Department, European Union and other governments. Like Hamas, Islamic Jihad is sworn to Israel's destruction.

**THE IRANIAN CONNECTION**

Israel's archenemy Iran supplies Islamic Jihad with training, expertise and money, but most of the group's weapons are locally produced. In recent years, it has developed an arsenal equal to that of Hamas, with longer-range rockets capable of striking central Israel's Tel Aviv metropolitan area. Air raid sirens went off in the suburbs just south of Tel Aviv on Friday, although no rockets appear

to have hit the area.

Although its base is Gaza, Islamic Jihad also has leadership in Beirut and Damascus, where it maintains close ties with Iranian officials.

Ziad al-Nakhalah, the group's top leader, was in Tehran meeting Iranian officials when Israel began its operation in Gaza on Friday.

**TARGETING COMMANDERS**

This isn't the first time Israel has killed Islamic Jihad leaders in Gaza. The commander it killed Friday, Taiseer al-Jabari, replaced Bahaa Abu el-Atta who was slain by Israel in a 2019 strike. His death had been the first high-profile assassination of an Islamic Jihad figure by Israel since the 2014 war in the Gaza Strip.

Al-Jabari, 50, was a member of Islamic Jihad's "military council," the group's decision-making body in Gaza. He was in charge of the Islamic Jihad militant activities in Gaza City and the northern Gaza Strip during the 2021 war. Israel said he was preparing to launch an anti-tank missile attack against Israel.

His death came on the heels of the arrest by Israel of a senior Islamic Jihad commander in the West Bank earlier this week. Bassam al-Saadi, 62,

is a senior Islamic Jihad official in the northern West Bank. According to Israeli media, al-Saadi was working to deepen the group's reach in the West Bank and expand its capabilities.

Al-Saadi spent a total of 15 years over several stints in Israeli jails for being an active Islamic Jihad member. Israel killed two of his sons who were also Islamic Jihad militants in separate incidents in 2002, and destroyed his home during a fierce battle in the West Bank city of Jenin the same year.

"Once you will hit the commanders it will affect immediately all the organization," said Zvika Haimovich, the former head of the Israeli military's air defense force.

"It immediately creates a big mess in the Jihad."

**A DELICATE BALANCE**

Since seizing power in 2007, Hamas has fought four wars with Israel, often with support from Islamic Jihad fighters. Aside from a flare-up earlier this year, the border has largely been quiet since last year's 11-day war and Hamas appears to be staying on the sidelines of this current conflagration, which might keep it from spilling over into all-out war.

# Biden calls for reducing gun violence to defeat 'poison of white supremacy'

10th anniv of Wisconsin gurdwara attack

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden has called for reducing gun violence and banning assault weapons in the US to defeat "domestic terrorism" and hate in all its forms, including the "poison of white supremacy," as he condemned the attack on a Sikh gurdwara in Wisconsin in 2012 on the 10th anniversary of the heinous act.

On August 5, 2012, a white supremacist opened fire inside the Oak Creek gurdwara in Winconsin, killing six people. A seventh person who was severely paralysed died from his injuries in 2020.

"The Oak Creek shooting was the deadliest attack on Sikh Americans in our nation's history. Tragically, attacks on our nation's houses of worship have only become more common over the past decade. It is up to all of us to deny this hate safe harbour. No one should fear for their life when they bow their head in prayer or go about their lives in America," Biden said in a statement on Friday.

The President said the Oak Creek incident has shown "us the way" and recalled how after the attack, the Sikh community returned to their Gurdwara and insisted on cleaning it themselves. The son of one of the victims became the first Sikh in American history to testify before Congress, successfully calling for the federal government to track hate crimes against Sikhs and other minority groups.

Every year, the congregation now hosts an annual memorial run to honour the victims. The event bears the words 'Charhdi Kala', meaning "eternal optimism", he noted.

"Fuelled by that spirit of eternal optimism, we must continue to take steps now to reduce gun violence and keep our fellow Americans safe. We must do more to protect places



of worship, and defeat domestic terrorism and hate in all its forms, including the poison of white supremacy.

"We must ban assault weapons—used in many mass shootings at houses of worship and other sites across the country—as well as high-capacity magazines," Biden asserted.

Underlining that the House of Representatives last week passed a bill to do that, he said the Senate must do that.

"To stand in defence of religious freedom, we must all stand together to ban the weapons that terrorise congregations around our country," Biden said.

Recalling the attack, the President said when generations of Sikh-Americans in Oak Creek constructed their place of worship after years of renting local halls, it was a sacred place of their own and a connection shared with the broader community. That sense of peace and belonging was shattered on August 5, 2012, when a white supremacist wielding a semiautomatic handgun arrived at the Gurdwara and began shooting.

"The gunman murdered six people and wounded four that day, as well as another victim who survived his wounds only to succumb to them years later. Jill and I know that days like today bring back the pain like it happened yesterday, and we mourn with the victims' families, the survivors, and the community devastated by this heinous act," he said.

# 5.3-magnitude earthquake jolts central Nepal

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale jolted Kathmandu Valley and other parts of central Nepal on Saturday morning.

However, there were no reports of any damage or casualties, officials said.

According to the National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre, the 5.3-magnitude earthquake, which occurred at 5:26 am, had its epicentre in Belkot Gadhri of Nuwakot district.

In April 2015, a devastating earthquake of 7.8-magnitude rocked Nepal, killing nearly



9,000 people and wounding nearly 22,000 others. It also damaged over 800,000 houses and school buildings.

# Hiroshima vows nuke ban at 77th memorial amid Russia threat

AP ■ TOKYO

Hiroshima on Saturday remembered the atomic bombing 77 years ago as officials, including the head of the United Nations, warned against nuclear weapons buildup and as fears grow of another such attack amid Russia's war on Ukraine.

"Nuclear weapons are nonsense. They guarantee no safety — only death and destruction," said UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who joined the prayer at the Hiroshima Peace Park.

"Three quarters of a century later, we must ask what we've learned from the mushroom cloud that swelled above this city in 1945," he said.

The United States dropped the world's first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug 6, 1945, destroying the city and killing 140,000 people. It dropped a second bomb three days later on Nagasaki, killing another 70,000. Japan surrendered on Aug 15, ending World War II and Japan's nearly half-century of aggression in Asia.



Fears of a third atomic bombing have grown amid Russia's threats of nuclear attack since its war on Ukraine began in February.

"Crises with grave nuclear undertones are spreading fast" in the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula, Guterres said. "We are one mistake, one misunderstanding, one miscalculation away from Armageddon."

Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui, in his peace declaration, accused Putin of "using his own people as instruments of war and stealing the lives and livelihoods

of innocent civilians in another country."

Russia's war on Ukraine is helping build support for nuclear deterrence, Matsui said, urging the world not to repeat the mistakes that destroyed his city nearly eight decades ago.

On Saturday, attendees including government leaders and diplomats observed a moment of silence with the sound of a peace bell at 8:15 am, the time when the US B-29 dropped the bomb on the city. About 400 doves, considered symbols of peace, were released.

Guterres met with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida after the ceremony and raised alarm over the global retreat in nuclear disarmament, stressing the importance for Japan, the world's only nation to have suffered nuclear attacks, to take leadership in the effort, Japan's Foreign Ministry said.

Kishida escorted Guterres in the peace museum, where they each folded an origami crane — a symbol of peace and nuclear weapons abolition.



# India’s forex reserves rises after four weeks of fall

**Mumbai:** India’s forex reserves rose around \$2.4 billion during the week ending July 29 after falling for the four consecutive weeks. The rise was seen on back of positive inflows by the foreign investors in the Indian equity market.

The country’s foreign exchange reserves rose by \$2.315 billion to \$573.875 billion during the week ending June 29, according to the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) weekly supplementary statistical data.

“India’s foreign exchange reserves, supplemented by net forward assets, provide insurance against global spillovers. Our umbrella remains strong,” RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

“The Reserve Bank has also used its foreign exchange reserves accumulated over the years to curb volatility in the exchange rate,” he added.

During the current financial year (up to August 4), the US dollar index (DXY) has appreciated by 8.0 per cent against a basket of major currencies. In this milieu, the Indian rupee has moved in a relatively orderly fashion depreciating by 4.7 per cent against the US dollar during the same period, faring 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 US dollar rather than weakness in macroeconomic fundamentals of the Indian economy.

“Market interventions by the RBI have helped in containing volatility and ensuring orderly movement of the rupee. We remain watchful and focused on maintaining stability of the Indian rupee,” Das added.

In July, foreign investors turned net buyers in the Indian equities nearly after 10 months,



with an investment of around Rs 4,980 crore in the Indian equity markets. This comes heavy sell-off by these entities of around Rs 50,203 crore.

According to the data NSDL data, investment of foreign investors in July month stood at Rs 4,989 crore, as compared to over Rs 50,000 crore outflows in June, Rs 39,993 crore in May and Rs 17,144 crore in April.

The other central banks of the asia also used their foreign exchange reserves to defend their currency.

Despite the resultant draw-down, India’s foreign exchange reserves remain the fourth largest globally.

# Paytm’s revenue jumps 89% to ₹1,680 cr in Q1

**New Delhi:** Digital financial services giant One97 Communications, that operates the brand Paytm, on Friday reported its Q1FY23 results, where it saw a massive jump in revenue from operations driven by strong monetisation in payments, device subscriptions and accelerated adoption of high-margin businesses such as lending.

In addition to 89 per cent Y-o-Y revenue growth to Rs 1,680 crore, the company also saw EBITDA (before ESOP) reduce to Rs 275 crore, an improvement of Rs 93 crore Q-o-Q. As a result, the company’s contribution profit grew 197 per cent Y-o-Y to Rs 726 crore, leading to an increase in contribution margin to 43 per cent of revenues in comparison to 35 per cent in Q4FY22.

Paytm’s payments services revenue grew by 69 per cent Y-o-Y (3 per cent Q-o-Q), supported by rapid growth in user engagement, merchant base, use cases on the Paytm super app and subscription revenue from payment devices.

The company’s user engagement, measured by monthly transacting users (MTU), grew 49 per cent Y-o-Y to 74.8 million during the quarter, while the merchant base expanded 30 per cent Y-o-Y to 28.3 million. This has resulted in a 101 per cent Y-o-Y jump in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), which stood at Rs 2.96 lakh crore during the quarter. Paytm continues to dominate the offline payments segment, with a total of 3.8 million total devices deployed, of which 2.8 million were added in the past 12 months and 0.9 million during the quarter.

The company’s revenue from financial services grew 393 per cent Y-o-Y during the quarter, led by massive growth in Paytm’s loan distribution business. During the quarter, Paytm disbursed 8.5 million loans, representing a growth of 492 per cent Y-o-Y and 30 per cent Q-o-Q.



# AIPEF seeks PM intervention to ensure wider consultation on new electricity bill

**New Delhi:** All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) has sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for referring the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022, to the Parliamentary standing committee to ensure wider consultations on the proposed law.

After the announcement of Union Power Minister R K Singh to place and pass Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022, on August 8 in Parliament, AIPEF Chairman Shailendra Dubey in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sought his intervention in the matter and has appealed him that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee of Parliament for detailed discussion with all stakeholders, an AIPEF statement said.

According to the statement, the National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEE) and the AIPEF have already served a notice to the Ministry of Power that as and when the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022 is placed in Parliament, all power employees and engineers across the country shall be forced to cease the work and hold demonstrations throughout the day to register their protest.

The bill seeks to create competition in the power distribution (retail) segment. It proposes that a discom can use other power distribution licensee’s network.

The bill also seeks to strengthen payment security mechanism and give more powers to regulators.

“It has become necessary to strengthen the regulatory mechanism, adjudicatory mechanism in the Act and to bring administrative reforms through improved corporate governance of distribution licensees,” states the bill.

The bill also states that”the continuing as well as new challenges of sustainability of the power sector, contract enforcement, payment security mechanism, energy transition and the need to provide choice (of multiple service providers) to consumers in order to promote competition and the like, it has become necessary to make certain amendments in the Electricity Act”.

The AIPEF said that the bill no. 187 of 2022 contains a statement of objects and reasons which has been signed by the Minister (R.K. Singh), late on August 2, 2022.



# HPCL reports record loss of ₹10,196 cr on petrol, diesel price freeze

**New Delhi:** Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) on Saturday reported its highest ever quarterly net loss of Rs 10,196.94 crore in the June quarter as a freeze on petrol and diesel price revision wiped away record refining margins.

A standalone net loss of Rs 10,196.94 crore during April-June compares with a net profit of Rs 1,795 crore in the same period a year back, according to a company’s filing with the stock exchanges.

During the quarter, HPCL and other state-owned fuel retailers Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) did not revise petrol and diesel prices in line with rising costs to help the government contain runaway inflation.

The basket of crude oil India imports averaged USD 109 per barrel but the retail pump rates were aligned to about USD 85-86 a barrel cost.

# Basmati rice exports up 26% in Q1 to USD 1.15 bn



**New Delhi:** Exports of basmati rice increased by 25.54 per cent in April-June 2022-23 to USD 1.15 billion, the commerce ministry said on Saturday. The exports stood at USD 922 million in the year-ago period.

Non-basmati rice exports too increased by 5 per cent in June quarter to USD 1.56 billion, it said. Exports of agricultural and processed food products rose by 31 per cent in the quarter to USD 7.4 billion.

For financial year 2022-23, an export target of USD 23.56 billion has been fixed by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for the agricultural and processed food products basket, it said.

# MGL net falls 9% on higher gas cost

**New Delhi:** Mahanagar Gas Ltd, which retails CNG and piped cooking gas in Mumbai and other cities, on Saturday reported a 9 per cent drop in its June quarter net profit as higher gas cost negated a rise in sales.

Net profit of Rs 185.20 crore in April-June compared with Rs 204.08 crore in the same period a year back, according to a company’s stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations soared more than twofold to Rs 1,613.19 crore.

Cost of natural gas, which is converted into CNG for sale to automobiles and piped natural gas for sale to households for cooking, jumped to Rs 1,004.53 crore from Rs 191.04 crore last year.

# SBI net profit drops 7% to ₹6,068 cr in Q1

**New Delhi:** The country’s biggest lender State Bank of India (SBI) on Saturday posted a 7 per cent decline in standalone net profit at Rs 6,068 crore for the first quarter of the current financial year due to fall in income.

The bank had reported a net profit of Rs 6,504 crore in the April-June quarter of 2021-22.

Its standalone total income declined to Rs 74,998.57 crore in the first quarter of 2022-23, as against Rs 77,347.17 crore in the same period a year ago, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

The operating profit of the bank slipped by 33 per cent to Rs 12,753 crore from Rs 18,975 crore in the April-June quarter of the previous fiscal, impacted by Mark to Market (MTM) losses on its investment book.

“The MTM hit also had an adverse impact on bank’s Return on Asset and Return on Equity, which stood at 0.48 per cent and 10.09 per cent respectively,” it said.

However, interest income of the bank moved up to Rs 72,676 crore as against Rs 65,564 crore earlier. At the same time, net interest income increased to Rs 31,196 crore from Rs 27,638 crore in the first quarter of the last fiscal.

Net interest margin rose to 3.23 per cent as against 3.15 per cent.

The bank’s gross non-performing assets (NPA) ratio improved to 3.91 per cent from 5.32 per cent at June-end last year. Similarly, net NPAs declined to 1.02 per cent in June 2022 from 1.7 per cent a year ago.

As a result, the provisions for bad loans declined to Rs 4,268 crore from Rs 5,030 in the same period a year ago.

Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) improved by 719 basis points to 75.05 per cent on annual basis.



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राष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक निविदा (e-tendering)

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, चतुर्थ वृत्त, लोकनिर्माण रुद्रपुर (ऊधम सिंह नगर) द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा टू-बिड बिड सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित सभी सूचनायें वेबसाइट <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> पर दिनांक 16.08.2022 से उपलब्ध होंगी।

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	घरोहर घनराशि (लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	निविदा की वैधता (दिवस)	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय (माह में)	टेकेदार की श्रेणी
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1	राज्य योजना के अन्तर्गत विधानसभा क्षेत्र बाजपुर में मुकुन्दपुर पैगा ढकिया गुलाबो मार्ग (राज्य मार्ग सं० 105) के चैनज 13.700 से चैनज 16.000 तक (वीरपर से कटेया) पुनः निर्माण/सुदृढीकरण का कार्य।	7.75	5000.00 + 18% GST	120 दिन	15 माह	केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के विभाग / उपक्रम में मार्ग कार्य हेतु श्रेणी A / A+ पंजीकृत

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राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. के अन्तर्गत राष्ट्रीय बाल स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम में सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक (डीआईसी) के रिक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है यह अनुबंध 31 मार्च 2023 तक के लिये होगा, जिसे आगामे वर्षों की वार्षिक कार्ययोजना में स्वीकृत अनुसार नवीनीकृत किया जा सकेगा :-

क्र.	पदनाम	रिक्त पद	मासिक मानदेय	अनिवार्य शैक्षणिक योग्यता	आयु सीमा
1	सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक ( डीआईसी )	22	30,000/- रूपये प्रतिमाह	किसी भी मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान/विश्वविद्यालय से बैचलर ऑफ डेंटल सर्जरी ( बी.डी.एस.) उत्तीर्ण। म.प्र. राज्य डेंटल काउंसिलिंग में स्थायी जीवित वैध पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र होना अनिवार्य।	21-40 वर्ष अधिकतम आयु सीमा में ( अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग, निशक्त जन/महिलाओं ( अनारक्षित /आरक्षित ) अधिकतम आयु सीमा में 5 वर्ष की छूट ) (01.01.2022 की स्थिति में)

आवेदन सेम्स लिमिटेड के वेब पोर्टल [www.sams.co.in](http://www.sams.co.in) के माध्यम से किया जा सकता है, आवेदन के लिए लिंक दिनांक 08.08.2022 से उपलब्ध की जायेगी। ऑनलाईन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 08.09.2022 है। ऑफ लाईन आवेदन किसी भी स्थिति में मान्य/स्वीकार नहीं किये जावेंगे।

2. पद हेतु आरक्षण निम्नानुसार होगा :-

पद का नाम	कुल सीटें	अनारक्षित	आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर	अनुसूचित जनजाति वर्ग	अनुसूचित जाति	अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग	रिक्तियों में मध्यप्रदेश की मूल निवासी दिव्यांगजन अभ्यार्थियों हेतु आरक्षित पदों की संख्या								
सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक ( डीआईसी )	22	5	2	1	1	3	1	2	1	4	2	-	1	-	-

● दिव्यांगजन का आरक्षण क्षैतिजिक (Horizonatal) के आधार पर 06 प्रतिशत का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। निःशक्तजनों के लिए कुल रिक्तियों में से 06 प्रतिशत पद निःशक्तजन के लिए आरक्षित है, जिस श्रेणी का निःशक्तजन इन पदों के लिए चयनित होगा उसे उसी श्रेणी हेतु मान्य किया जावेगा। यह पद प्रत्येक श्रेणी को बिना वर्ग/ओपन नियुक्तियों में सम्मिलित है।

3. कोविड-19 के अंतर्गत अस्थायी एवं आकस्मिक रूप से कार्य करने वाले दंतशल्य चिकित्सक जिनसे न्यूनतम अवधि 89 दिवस कार्य किया हो उसे सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक ( डीआईसी ) की भर्ती प्रक्रिया में 10 प्रतिशत अधिभार अंक (Weightage) प्राप्त करने की पात्रता होगी।

4. निर्धारित प्रारूप में नहीं किये गए अथवा अपूर्ण आवेदन स्वयंसेव निरस्त माने जायेंगे।

5. अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

6. मिशन संचालक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. किसी भी आवेदन को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकृत निरस्त करने अथवा प्रक्रिया को निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा।

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# CAMS Q1 PAT up 2.4% to ₹65 crore

**New Delhi:** Registrar and transfer agent for mutual funds Computer Age Management Services on Saturday reported a 2.4 per cent growth in profit after tax to ₹64.78 crore for the April-June quarter of this fiscal. The company had posted a PAT of ₹63.24 crore in the same quarter of the last fiscal, Computer Age Management Services Ltd (CAMS) said in a statement.

Its revenue rose 17.6 per cent to ₹236.65 crore in the quarter under review from ₹201.18 crore in the three months to June 2021. Anuj Kumar, Managing Director CAMS Ltd, said that despite the volatile market situation, individual investor confidence remained high with buoyant equity net inflows supported by predictable, strong SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) collections of nearly ₹7,000 crore every month.

New SIPs clocking 10 lakh plus monthly registrations is another key trend pointing to mutual fund as the preferred route for long-term investors, he said. “Our share in assets under management (AUM) is at a robust 69 per cent serving 10 of the top 15 mutual funds. Our equity AUM expanded by 2.6 per cent quarter on quarter while our overall AUM saw a marginal decline of 1.6 per cent,” he added.

**New Delhi:** Max Ventures & Industries Ltd (MaxVIL) has won a bid to acquire about 4 acres of land in Noida for ₹220 crore for development of a commercial project.

In a statement, MaxVIL said its real estate arm Max Estates through its special purpose vehicle (SPV) had bid for the two land parcels being auctioned by Axis Bank.

“Axis Bank has sent a confirmation letter ascertaining the company as the successful bidder for both the land parcels,” MaxVIL said.

The two land parcels are located in Sector 129, Noida and next to Max Estates’ under-

# Google launches ‘India Ki Udaan’ to mark 75 years of Independence

**New Delhi:** Capturing the milestones India has achieved in its journey of 75 years since Independence, software giant Google on Friday unveiled a vibrant online project drawing from rich archives and featuring artistic illustrations to tell the story of the country.

Named ‘India Ki Udaan’, the project executed by Google Arts & Culture celebrates the country’s achievements and is “themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years”.

The project was officially launched at a glittering event held at the Sunder Nursery here in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy and senior officials of the Culture Ministry

Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ programme”, the search giant said in a statement.

It also announced that its popular Doodle4Google contest for 2022, themed on ‘In the next 25 years, my India will...’, is now open for entries to students of classes 1-10.

“The winner of this year’s Doodle4Google will see their artwork on the Google homepage in India on November 14, and win a Rs 5,00,000 college scholarship, a Rs 2,00,000 technology package for their school/non-profit organisation, a recognition of achievement, Google hardware, and fun Google collectibles. Four group winners and 15 finalists will also win exciting prizes,” it said in the statement.

# 11 SRM medical students placed for US @ ₹55L/A

**Chennai:** It was a moment of pride for the students of Allied Health Sciences of SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre at Kattankulathur near Chennai. About 11 students from MSc Audiology and Speech Language Pathology department have been placed in United States of America (USA) at a very handsome pay package. Founder chancellor of SRMIST Dr T R Paarivendhar showered praises on the students who have won the placement with great pay package.

The 11 students have been placed at Pleasanton in California of USA with a salary package of 72,000 USD per annum which amounts to about ₹55 lakhs in the Indian estimates. The students have won applauds from every one at a function held in Chennai recently.

Pro Vice Chancellor (Medical and Health Sciences) at SRMIST Dr. A. Ravikumar said it is a matter of pride for the institution that trained these students.



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# INDIA BEAT ENGLAND BY FOUR RUNS TO ENTER CWG FINAL



PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

All-rounder Sneh Rana showed nerves of steel by choking runs in death overs as Indian women's cricket team pipped hosts England by four runs to enter the final of the Commonwealth Games on Saturday.

Needing 165 to win, England were cruising along at 132 for 3. The hosts required only 33 runs off 24 balls but off-spinner Rana (4-0-28-2) bowled extremely well. She gave away only 3 runs in the 18th and 9 runs in the final

over. England finished at 160 for 6 and even a last-ball maximum from Sophie Ecclestone couldn't save the day for the hosts with Harmanpreet Kaur's brigade earning a sweet revenge of the 2017 ODI World Cup final defeat at the Lord's.

If Smriti Mandhana's 32-ball-61 was a treat for the eyes, Rana, India's forever 'MVP', Deepti Sharma (4-0-18-1) and Pooja Vastrakar (3-0-20-0) didn't err in line or length under pressure. The match seemed to have decisively tilted in favour of England when

Harmanpreet introduced Shafali Verma, whose friendly 'donkey drops' in the 16th over fetching the home team 15 runs. But Deepti and Rana collectively gave away only six runs in the 17th and 18th over respectively.

Pooja leaked 13 runs in the 19th over but the Mandhana-Taniya Bhatia combination pulled off a brilliant run out of the dangerous Nat Sciver to change the course.

It was then left to Rana to bowl at least five good balls that assured a medal for India in the inaugural edition of

women's cricket. Earlier Mandhana's elegant yet brutal knock of 61 along with Jemimah Rodrigues' useful 44 not out powered India to a healthy 164 for 5 in 20 overs. Mandhana's 32-ball assault in the Powerplay laid the platform while Rodrigues, who is finally doing justice to her enormous potential, improvised well during his 31-ball unbeaten stay at the crease.

En route her knock, Mandhana also recorded the fastest T20 International fifty in women's cricket off only 23 balls.

## Boxers Nitu, Amit Panghal storm into finals, eye CWG gold medals

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Indian boxer Amit Panghal (51kg) displayed his class as he reached his second consecutive Commonwealth Games final while Nitu Ghanghas (48kg) also remained on course for a gold in her maiden appearance here on Saturday.

Panghal, who is vying to win the yellow metal after his silver

in the last edition, came from behind to beat an aggressive Patrick Chinyemba of Zambia with a 5-0 unanimous decision win.

Nitu, on the other hand, prevailed over Canada's Priyanka Dhillon as she notched a RSC (Referee Stops Contest) win in the minimum weight category.

Such was the 21-year-old



Nitu's confidence that she played with an open guard, inviting her opponent to strike while using

her straight jabs and combination punches to great effect. In the end, the referee had to end the contest.

Both the boxers will have to overcome local challengers in Kieran Macdonald (men's fly) and Demie-Jade Resztan (women's minimum) in their respective finals on Sunday in pursuit of their maiden gold medals.

**PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICICI Bank**

Branch Office: Icici Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005

**Whereas**

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount In Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Jatin Nayak/ Mukesh Kumar Nayak/ Jaimala Nayak/ Aakash Kumar LBPNP00005337235 & LBPNP00004582391	Shop at Ground Floor of Part of House No.121, Ward No.1 Panipat Haryana, Shop No.12, First Floor of Part of House No.120 and R-121 Ward No.1 Panipat Haryana and Shop No.13, First Floor of Part of House No.R-120 and R-121 Ward No.1 Panipat Haryana August 03, 2022	December 04, 2021 Rs. 1,11,78,006/-	Panipat

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

**Date : August 06, 2022**  
**Place: Panipat**

**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**

**RAMPURA PHUL BRANCH**

**POSSESSION NOTICE [UNDER RULE-8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002]**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice to borrower on the date mentioned hereunder; calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice within 60 days of the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower (s) & guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against below account.

The borrower (s) and guarantor (s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount and further interest and incidental expenses, costs etc.

**The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Property/ies	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
<b>Robit Trading Company (through its Prop.) Mr. Robit S/o Mr. Krishan Chand (Near Geeta Bhawan, Factory Road, Rampura Phul - 151103) &amp; Mrs. Anita Rani W/o Mr. Krishan Kumar (Guarantor)</b>	<b>1. Property Single Storey Residential House Measuring 0k-7m 7416 Share Of 20k 16m Khata (Khatoni) No 79/78/280 Khasra No 401/17/3/2(1-11) 401/24/1(1-4) 411/13/2(1-6) 411/4/1(5-0) 411/7/2/2(3-8) 411/8/1(1-16) 411/14/1(1-3-1) As Per Jamabandi Year 2009-2010 In The Name of Sh Robit S/o Shri Krishan Chand Situated At Dashmesh Nagar School Mehraj Road, Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda As Per Sale Deed No. 3326 Dated 12.03.2015. Bounded As Under: East: 60' Madan Lal Now Vacant Plot Master Avtar, West: 60' Shakti Tent House Wale Now Mukhtiar Singh, North: 30'3 Ajmer Singh Now H/o Jodha Singh, South: 30'3 Street.</b>	<b>23.05.2022</b>	<b>02.08.2022</b>	<b>Rs. 6,92,062/- as on 23.05.2022 with further intt. and incidental exp., costs thereon</b>
<b>M/s H.R. Trading (Near Geeta Bhawan, Factory Road, Rampura Phul - 151103) company Thru Its Prop. Smt. Anshu Rani W/o Sh. Pawan Kumar &amp; Sh. Krishan Chand S/o Sh. Hem Raj (Guarantor)</b>	<b>2. Land Ok 8.33m 833/17900 Share Of 8k 19m Khasra No. 439/780 Khasra No. 419/11/2/1(2-16) 2/2/1(3-8) 3/1/1 (0-19) Jamabandi Year 2004-2005 In The Name Of Smt Anita Rani W/o Sh Krishan Chand Situated At Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda As Per Sale Deed No. 2158 Dated 30.06.2011. Bounded As Under: East: 34'-1.5' Salochana Rani W/o Tarsam Chand, West: 27'-6+29'-8.5; Street, North: 50'-2+anshu Rani W/o Pawan Kumar, South: 52'-9.5' Street.</b>	<b>25.05.2022</b>	<b>06.08.2022</b>	<b>Rs. 9, 22,440/- as on 25.05.2022 with further intt. and incidental exp., costs etc.</b>
<b>M/s Hem Raj Trading Company, Through its Prop. Sh. Krishan Chand S/o S. H. Hem Raj Guarantors : Mrs. Anshu Rani W/o Pawan Kumar &amp; Mrs. Anita Rani W/o Krishan Chand.</b>	<b>Property Open Plot Measuring 2K 5M [21.05.2022] 06.08.2022 Khata Khatoni No. 357/610 New No. 414/690 Khasra No. 763 2/min (2-5) Situated at Street Near Kutiyal Pul Road Rampura Phul, in the Name of Krishan Chand S/o Hem Raj and Smt Anshu Rani W/o Pawan Kumar Vide Sale Deed 6307 Dt. 14.02.2005. Boundaries: North: 57'3' Godown Of Sat Pal, South: 57'3' street, East: 214' Smt Anita Rani and Smt Anshu Rani, West: 214' Mohan Lal.</b>	<b>21.05.2022</b>	<b>06.08.2022</b>	<b>Rs. 9, 16,994/- as on 21.05.2022 with further intt. and incidental exp., costs etc.</b>
<b>Near Kutiyal Pul Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda As Per Sale Deed No 3853 Dated 29.10. 2003.Dimensions And Boundaries: East: 214'plot of Sh Brij Lal, West: 214'plot of Sh Krishan Chand And Anshu Rani, North: 82'8' godown Of Sh. Sat Pal, South: 82'8' street.</b>				

DATE : 07.08.2022, PLACE : RAMPURA PHUL

AUTHORISED OFFICER

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**'NOTICE INVITING TENDERS'**

Sealed item rate tenders on form 6&8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Bhawarna Division HPPWD, Bhawarna on behalf of the Governor of H.P for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in HPPWD, (B&R) whose registration stood renewed as per revised rules and also registered under the H.P General Sales Tax Act 1968 so as to reach in his office on or before 27/08/2022 up to 11.00 AM. And the same shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender documents can be had from his office against cash payment (Non-refundable) on 26/08/2022 up to 4.00 P.M and the application for issue of tender form shall be received on 26/08/2022 up to 12.00 noon.

The earnest money in the shape of NSC/FDR/saving account of the Post office/Bank in H.P duly pledged in favour of the XEN must accompany with each tender. Conditional/ incomplete tenders & tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The XEN reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or drop the proposal of tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Tender form
1	Providing way side amenities on Dhatti to samba road Km 0/0 to 1/00 (SW:- C/o Rain shelter at RD 0/460)	1,95,035/-	3900/-	One Month	350/-
2	C/o Bhawarna Boda Sihol Charara Malog road Km 0/0 to 6/0 (SH:- P/L Interlocking concrete block in Km 2/400 to 2/450 & Elwall in Km 2/410 to 2/425)	1,54,174/-	3100/-	One Month	350/-
3	C/o link road from Chiran to Chiran via Dhawal basti (SH:- C/o 900 mm dia/stone pipe culvert at RD 0/630 including approaches & P/L CC work in Km 0/600 to 0/650)	2,18,055/-	4400/-	One Month	350/-
4	C/o Menha Society to Bhujal Km 0/0 to 1/0. (SW:- P/L CC pavement at RD 0/351 to 0/671)	4,17,789/-	8300/-	One Month	350/-
5	C/o link road from Bhrath to Tilmurata via Narah Basti Km 0/0 to 2/0. (SW:- P/L Soling & Wearing in Km 1/0 to 1/850)	4,98,752/-	10000/-	One Month	350/-
6	Construction of Additional Accommodation to Govt. Sr. Sec. School Daroh. (SW:- Balance work of Tiles & Door & windows shutter work etc)	4,85,218/-	9700/-	One Month	350/-
7	C/O M.C.M Degree College Thural (SW:- P/L 80mm thick interlocking concrete block pavement in front, back & side of newly constructed building)(Deposit work)	4,73,766/-	9500/-	One Month	350/-
8	C/o link road from Sullah Kaswa to PHC Sullah via Katyarch Basti. (SW:- P/L CC Pavement in Km 0/0 to 0/590)	4,95,318/-	9900/-	One Month	350/-
9	C/o link road to PTC Daroh Helipad. (SW:- P/L Soling and CC work & C/o R/wall)	4,98,314/-	10000/-	One Month	350/-
10	C/o link road from Shishu to Village Balra Km 0/0 to 1/500. (SW:- C/o Retaining wall & CC pavement at RD 0/0 to 0/350).	2,67,563/-	5300/-	One Month	350/-
11	Restoration of Rain damages on Bhawarna KhairAlampur road Km 0/0 to 12/300. (SW:- Construction of Retaining wall at RD 10/10 to 1/020, 2/800 to 2/810, 2/480 to 2/486 & 2/870 to 2/875)	4,50,574/-	9000/-	One Month	350/-
12	Restoration of rain damages on Dadh Malan Massal Hoda Bangali road (SH:- C/o Katcha drain & dressing of berms in Km 3/00 to 6/00)	1,50,438/-	3000/-	One Month	350/-

HIM SUCHANA AVN JAN SAMPARK  
Executive Engineer,  
Bhawarna Division,  
HPPWD, Bhawarna

RO NO. 3038/22-23 Dt. 06-08-2022

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**

**Mini Sectt. Branch, JIND. Email: sbi.50409@sbi.co.in**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) Under SARFAESI Act, 2002 Read with Security Interest {Rule-8(I)}**

Whereas the undersigned action under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act.] 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with 2[rule 3] of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, issued demand notice u/s 13(2) in the following account/borrower/Guarantor on the dates mentioned here under below calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice within 60 days of the date of the notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the respective Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred in him under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for the amount mentioned herein below besides interest and other charges/expanses against this each account.

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor & Loan A/c No.	Description of the immovable mortgage	Date of Demand Notice	Amount as per demand notice	Date of possession notice
1.	Sh. Subhash Jangra S/o Sh. Balwan Singh & Smt. Darshna Devi w/o Sh. Subhash Jangra, Both R/o H. No. 1133/3, (i.e. 1/36 Share comprised in khewat No. 166, Khatoni No. 242, khasra No. 141(1-4) measuring 1 Bigha 4 Biswa i.e. 13 Biswa, } situated at waka Amarheri, known as Shitlapuri, within MC Limit, JIND in the name of Smt. Darshna Devi w/o Sh. Subhash Jangra, Vide Sale Deed No. 3939 Dated 01-10-2012 & Mutation No. 2679 Dated 25-12-2014 Jamabandi for the year of 2010-11, Bounded as under: - East: - Street, West: - House of Sh. Raj Singh, North: - House of Subhash, South: - Street,	Equitable Mortgage of house Land measuring 100 Sq. Yds. (13 Biswas) bearing H. No. 1133/3, (i.e. 1/36 Share comprised in khewat No. 166, Khatoni No. 242, khasra No. 141(1-4) measuring 1 Bigha 4 Biswa i.e. 13 Biswa, } situated at waka Amarheri, known as Shitlapuri, within MC Limit, JIND in the name of Smt. Darshna Devi w/o Sh. Subhash Jangra, Vide Sale Deed No. 3939 Dated 01-10-2012 & Mutation No. 2679 Dated 25-12-2014 Jamabandi for the year of 2010-11, Bounded as under: - East: - Street, West: - House of Sh. Raj Singh, North: - House of Subhash, South: - Street,	14-09-2021	Rs. 9,65,671/- as on 14-09-2021	02-08-2022

**This is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.**

**Date: - 06/08/2022**  
**Place: Jind**

**State Bank of India**  
**(Authorized Officer)**

## USP



**Strengthening of transmission network in Punjab to continue: A. Venu Prasad**

**Mohali:** A. Venu Prasad Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab & CMD Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited has stressed upon strengthening of transmission network in Punjab to continue for increase in ATC/TTC limits for more quality power. Addressing a meeting of PSTCL senior officers after inspection of 220 KV sub station, he discussed in detail with senior officers of the PSTCL about the supply position of Mohali, Lalru and Dera-Bassi areas. He appreciated the efforts and key role of Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited in meeting the power demand during ongoing paddy season by achieving the ATC/TTC limits of 8500/9000 MW.



**Punjabi folk, Giddha & Bhangra Mark opening day of Tej Mahotsav**

**Chandigarh:** The two days Tej Mahotsav was inaugurated with great zeal in the Shivalik Garden, Manimajra. The colourful function, organized by the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh in the morning inaugurated by Sarbjit Kaur Dhillon, Mayor of Chandigarh in presence of Anindita Mitra, Commissioner, councilors, officers of MCC and local residents of the area. The function was marked with Punjabi, Haryanvi, Rajasthani, folk dances, songs, fusion of Giddha & Bhangra and Teelan de Geet by famous artists of various states. The audience present in the Mela could not stop themselves from dancing on the foot-tapping beats of "Dhol" and popular Punjabi numbers. On Sunday morning, the Mela will begin with folk dances and other shows including Been Jogi, Kal Beliya and Ghumar etc besides Magic Show by famous artist Pardeep Kumar. A culture evening will also be organized by Resham Singh Annol.



**Commissioner launches Har Ghar Tiranga campaign**

**Chandigarh:** Taking the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in to the door steps of citizens of Chandigarh, Anindita Mitra, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on Saturday started the distribution (sale) of National Flags to the citizens under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign from Sector 18. Anup Gupta, Deputy Mayor, MCC and other prominent persons of the area were also present during the distribution programme.

## SBI HAS LAUNCHED NEW CUSTOMER CARE NUMBERS

State Bank of India (SBI) has released new easy to remember All India Customer Service Helpline numbers 1800-1234 and 1800-2100 using which account holders can get a wide range of Banking Services and redressal for customer complaints. Using the new SBI toll free number, customers can conduct banking services such as account balance/last 5 transactions, ATM Card blocking & dispatch status, dispatch status of cheque book, TDS details & deposit interest certificate by e-mail, and request for a new ATM Card after blocking the previous one.

The largest Bank of the country, State Bank of India (SBI), has added new toll-free number for a variety of financial services to better serve its customers. Customers can use the new customer care number to receive wide range of services offered by SBI. The revamp focuses on introducing of new services, new journeys, and customer service complaint resolution through the Contact Centre IVR and executives transforming SBI Contact Centre into one of the world's best with state of the art technology.

**UCO Bank net profit rises 21%**

UCO BANK ON Friday reported a 21.41 % year - on year increase in its net profit to 123.61 crore for the first quarter this fiscal , buoyed by nearly 13 % Y - o - Y rise in net interest income ( NII) and around 68 % fall in provisions for bad loans . The bank's net profit for the year - ago period stood at 101.81 crore . The operating profit ,how ever , fell 62.51 % to ₹ 439.94 crore , compared with 1,173.41 crore , because of the mark - to - market ( MTM ) losses on its treasury book . " We had to make a provision of \* 653 crore as the mark - to market in this quarter .So , that impacted our other income , " MD & CEO Soma Sankara Prasad told reporters after announcing the results . Net interest income rose 12.96 % to 1,649.54 crore , from 1,460.23 crore in the year - ago period . " The net interest margin ( NIM ) is very healthy at 3.11 % , registering a growth of 53 basispoints on the year - on - year basis , " Prasad said . Total advances stood at 131,349.73 crore as on June 30 , 2022 , against 120,849.35 crore as on June 30 , 2021 , registering a growth of 8.69 % . During the period under review , the lender witnessed a significant improvement in its asset quality as non - per forming assets ( NPAs ) in absolute terms fell 13.97 % YoY to 9,739.65 crore . On a sequential basis , gross NPAS declined by 4.86 % from \* 1,0237.43 crore in Q4FY22 , according to a stock exchange filing . The gross NPA ratio fell 195 basis points at 7.42 % at the end of Q1FY23 , compared with 9.37 % at the end of Q1FY22 . Net NPA ratio fell 136 bps YoY to 2.49 % . The bank's provision for NPAS declined 68.33 % YoY to 267.56 crore as against \* 844.76 crore during Q1FY22 . The provision coverage ratio increased to 91.96 % as on June 30 , 2022 from 91.44 % as on June 30 , 2021 .



# LONELINESS—A SILENT KILLER

Loneliness can affect anybody. Experts define it as a “distressing feeling that accompanies the perception that one’s social needs are not being met by the quantity or especially the quality of one’s social relationships.” Covid-19-induced restrictions have just added to the woes. The experts tell ARCHANA JYOTI that everyone who may be feeling lonely, or isolated should reach out to someone, and if they know someone who they feel might be lonely, or isolated to get in touch.

Seventy years old Kamlesh Patel (name changed) who retired as a senior bureaucrat, is a lonely man now. With his wife passing away two years ago, both the children settled abroad, and no close friends and relatives around, he is leading a secluded life in his 3-BHK apartment in a posh locality in the national capital. When in job, Patel failed to balance his personal/professional and social life. So, he is now rejected by those who really mattered in his life then. Now, he cannot blame anyone but himself for this situation that led him to loneliness.

Thirty-five years old Sanjay Rastogi is surrounded by so many people, but he is still leading a lonely life. It’s all because of an inferiority complex, he developed when he failed to convert his dream of becoming an IAS into reality. A brilliant student, Rastogi couldn’t accept any job lower than an IAS officer. Now, he avoids social contact and is in a kind of confinement because of low self-esteem, sadness, and fear of being repulsed/rebuffed.

These two cases are just the tip of the iceberg. As per the findings of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) released in 2017, over 12 per cent of Indian youth reported feeling depressed often, and 8 per cent reported feeling lonely quite frequently.

A study “What causes loneliness among household heads: a study based in a primary setting in Mumbai, India” found that around 7 per cent of respondents often felt lonely, while 21 per cent sometimes experienced loneliness in the last seven days preceding the survey date.

Household heads with two or more chronic diseases had higher odds of loneliness than household heads without any chronic disease. The odds of loneliness were almost 3 times higher among females as compared to males. Household heads living alone (single) had higher odds to suffer from loneliness than those living in a joint family,” it said.

The study conducted by Vidya Yadav, Assistant Professor P.G. Department of Geography, College of Commerce, Arts & Science, Patna, Patliputra University, Patna, Shekhar Chauhan and Ratna Patel, Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai has been published in the BMJ Public Health.

They researchers noted that lifestyle of urban dwellers adversely affects their health not only physically but mentally too. In this context, loneliness rapidly emerged as a public health concern in the urban part.



Furthermore, many identified the risk factors of loneliness that could be avoided if timely preventive measures could be taken along with adequate care. Improvement in the aesthetic design of future slum rehabilitation projects can promote a socially cohesive environment,” they found.

Situation is not encouraging elsewhere. A study in 2020 by Cigna found that 61 per cent of Americans reported being lonely in 2019, up from 54 per cent in 2018. Some figures suggest loneliness affects the well-being of as many as 3 in 10 people. Similarly, yet another study same year but conducted by the University of Edinburgh suggests that the causes of loneliness differ depending on the age of the individual.

For example, older adults experience loneliness more frequently as a result of living alone, while middle-aged individuals aren’t likely to report living alone as a cause of their loneliness.



**JR Gupta, President of Senior Citizens Council of Delhi** avers saying that “Older individuals are more likely to have lost friends and family members, and they are more likely to experience medical or physical limitations that restrict their opportunities for activities and socializing.”

Recently released Longitudinal Ageing Study of India too says that approximately 23% of the elderly stay

alone, without children. While loneliness can have an impact across ages and be relevant irrespective of whether you stay alone or in a full house, it is most common among those above 60 and affects almost everyone at some point in time.

Gupta says that on their part they have been organising various tours and get together events so that their elder members do not feel that they are alone in their travail. “Sharing reduces the pain of loneliness,” he asserts.



**Dr. RK Dhamija, Director Delhi-based Institute of Behaviour Human Allied Sciences (IBHAS)** emphasizes that loneliness is both a cause and consequence of mental health disorders. Sometimes though, “loneliness may result in lifestyle modifications such as joining fitness classes, seeking outdoor adventure.”

Although loneliness and being alone are commonly confused, being alone doesn’t necessarily mean someone is lonely. “Loneliness is a feeling while being alone is a situation or state of being, which is not inherently negative,” says Nina Vasani, psychiatrist and professor at Stanford University School of Medicine and chief medical officer at Real, an online mental wellness membership site.

“You can feel lonely even when you’re surrounded by other people—such as a partner, family, co-workers or friends,” Dr. Vasani says.

## Tips to Manage that Feeling

But there is light at the end of tunnel. **RABYA KHATOON**, Delhi-based clinical psychologist talks about how to beat loneliness.



**Take control of your time:** When you feel lonely. It means time for yourself to make a list of your goals and try to accomplish them. **Self-care:** It tends to improve mood, quality of life, and physical and mental health. **Manage your leisure time with your skills:** You allow doing your skills like painting, cooking, dancing and some other activities. **Join a social group:** Join dance class, club, swimming, and some other social groups help to reduce your loneliness and it also helps to increase your physical and mental energy. **Give priority to close relationships:** Relationship matters in loneliness. Keep in touch with your loved one whether you touch it online or offline. **Self-love:** Be your own

best friend and gives value to your own work. It helps to improve your self-esteem which supports physical and psychological growth. **Enjoy your own company:** Connect with your own pleasant memories. **Active lifestyle:** You can beat your loneliness with your active lifestyle. Make activity schedule include your sleep 6-7hour, healthy foods, exercise, fun, and traveling. **Enjoy the little moment:** Celebrate little moments like birthdays, organize a small party for fun, reading books that help to improve mental and physical health. **Count blessings:** Count your achievements and do appreciate them. It develops a positive approach toward your life.

## Nations Gear up to Tackle Loneliness



Delhi Government has started 'Happiness Curriculum' to teach students how to keep the stress and loneliness at bay

Various Governments across the world are gradually waking up to this silent killer. If the UK appointed a designated loneliness minister in 2018 to reach out to its older people, Japan last year took similar step after it felt that loneliness is afflicting across different age groups, including children, young people, women and older people. Rising cases of suicide was immediate trigger.

In India, Delhi Government has started ‘Happiness Classes’ while a few years ago, Madhya Pradesh set up a ‘Happiness Department’, with Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan saying it will work to ensure “happiness in the lives of the common people” along the lines of the neighboring country Bhutan.

Since 2008, Bhutan has

established the Ministry of Happiness to measure the happiness of its citizens. In the population census form, there is a column to fill in the information about citizens’ level of life satisfaction. This information is acquired using a holistic approach to measuring citizens’ happiness and well-being that also provides guidelines to design evidence-based policies.

Happiness classes have brought a pathbreaking change in the student’s mindset, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia says explaining that the “curriculum has changed students’ learning experience for the better and how to tackle stress. Students’ focus on studies (is) increasing. Children are staying stress-free.”

Dr Dhamija agrees as he cautioned that solitude and loneliness should not be explained in similar ways. Solitude is enjoyed by people and it leads to creativity, and self-realization, and is totally an approach to developing one own individual space.

Loneliness is basically of three types - Emotional, Social, and Situational. Situational loneliness is when we lose someone close to our heart (bereavement), get bullied, physically/mentally abused, have chronic disease, and post-retirement fear of loss of Income, elaborates **Dr Smita Deshpande, a professor of psychiatry at St. John’s Research Institute, St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore.**



Secondly, our egoistic attitude, underestimating/avoiding people for not being of our standard creates hatred for us, and people gradually start leaving us. And our high ambition to see our children get good jobs and earn a lot of money takes them away from us. They run after money leaving us behind and getting detached from us due to their busy/hectic work schedule, she points out.

Rajeev Kumar, Official on Special Duty (OSD) in Delhi Government’s Education Department who has gone through isolation stage as a Covid patient feels that people do not have time to talk to each other in this net-savvy world. New concept that “it’s no use of telling or advising anybody” is fast catching up. This also lead to loneliness even you when you have friends. Sometimes even when living in the same house they talk through Whatsapp or phone calls from their rooms. This is leading to decline in verbal communication, he says matter-of-factly.

Dr Dhamija concludes with the warning that, “Chronic feelings of loneliness can have huge adverse impact on anybody’s quality of life. If left untreated, these feelings can lead to more serious issues such as depression or other mental health conditions.

“These can be Cognitive decline/Depression/Heart disease/High blood pressure (hypertension)/Obesity/Weakened immune system /Alzheimer’s disease. Hence, it is important to reach out to a mental health professional, if you are feeling lonely.”



## Modi to inaugurate 2,400-bed Amrita Hospital in Faridabad on August 24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will inaugurate Amrita Hospital, Sector 88 in Faridabad, Haryana on August 24, 2022.

After making its mark in South India, Amrita Hospital is being started to cater to the patients in North India under the auspices of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM), a world-renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader who will also grace the occasion. State Governor Bandaru Dattatreya and State Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, will also attend the function along with other dignitaries.

The 2,400-bed healthcare institution will be India’s largest private sector hospital. This is the second large-scale Amrita Hospital in India after the iconic 1,200-bed Amrita Hospital, Kochi, that was established 25 years ago by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math.

Dr. Sanjeev K Singh, Resident Medical Director of Amrita Hospital, Faridabad said that cutting-edge medical research will be a strong thrust area. “The hospital will have a dedicated research block spread across a seven-floor building that totals three lakh sq. ft. with exclusive Grade A to D GMP labs. There will be a focus on identifying newer diagnostic markers, AI, ML, Bioinformatics, etc. We are in the process of entering into research collaborations with some of the world’s biggest names in medical science,” he said.

“The comprehensive transplant program offered by the hospital will be among the biggest in the country,” Dr. Sanjeev K Singh said.

Dr Prashant Mehta, Senior Consultant and Asst Professor, Department of Hematology/Medical Oncology and BMT at the Hospital added that the institute will be one-of-its kind in the country, trying to reach out to the poor and needy.

“There will be a special focus on indigenous research and innovation so as to develop therapies and solutions relevant to our country and our specific health related issues.

**HARYANA GOVERNOR BANDARU DATTATREYA AND CHIEF MINISTER MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTION ALONG WITH OTHER DIGNITARIES**

“This indigenous innovation is an important step towards reducing the cost of healthcare in India more importantly for major illnesses like cancer, severe heart, kidney and liver ailments, solid organ and bone marrow transplants, and multi drug resistant infections,” he said.

The hospital’s benefits will go beyond providing access to the latest in healthcare technology and high-quality patient care in the Delhi-NCR. Once fully operational, the hospital will have around 10,000 staff and more than 800 doctors.

As part of its community initiatives, Amrita Hospitals has already started medical outreach programs at various residents welfare associations in and around Faridabad. These include awareness programs for the elderly with a focus on those suffering from neurological ailments, health talks for school children, general health checkups, and many more.

The Hospital is considered one of the country’s largest green-building healthcare projects with a very low carbon footprint, and it is an end-to-end paperless facility with zero waste discharge.

Amrita Hospital at Kochi has many firsts in its credit. For instance, in 2015, South Asia’s first ever successful Bilateral Hand Transplant Surgery was done at the Hospital. The same year, it won the British Medical Journal Award for the Best Surgical Team in South Asia after also completing the region’s second successful double hand transplant.

# That Incomparable Born Again Feeling After Dying A Million Deaths

There are bad days and there are horrific days. Even in the ‘best’ of malignancies, one cannot predict which way it will go. You have to tread the slow and painful path to reach the other side, DR NITA RADHAKRISHNAN, a child cancer specialist, shares her experience about how important it is to make sure those patients, most of whom come from the poor strata, are taken care of in every necessary aspect, from diagnosis to survivorship.

Yesterday, one more kid passed the golden hoop of 5 years to reach the other side of cancer care. The team that stood with her heaved a collective sigh of relief as she got the ‘survivor’ label. We hope and pray that she lives a full life without any side effects of cancer or its treatment. She hails from Uttarakhand and was diagnosed in 2016 with lymphoblastic lymphoma. The entire treatment over 2 years needed a lot of patience and perseverance from both sides; the family and the hospital. There were bad days and there were horrific days. Even in the ‘best’ of malignancies, one cannot predict which way it will go. You have to tread the slow and painful path to reach the other side. Every blood test, every hospital visit and every admission is a hurdle you have to jump to reach the finish line.

As a person working with sick children, I have realised that health undoubtedly is the biggest luxury for all of us.



**DR NITA RADHAKRISHNAN**  
Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, Post-Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida.

We do not have any control over who gets a disease or who doesn’t. In most cases, we don’t even know why someone gets a disease in the first place. We also don’t have much control over who will make it and who will not. Many children whom we think will never survive, come out beautifully.

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A doctor-patient interaction is held on the last Friday of each month to boost the courage of the families at the Noida Hospital

income countries and between affluent and poor families, most of those are superficial or cosmetic. The biological probability of responding to

treatment remains uniform. Things may not go as hoped for in the best of countries and the best of centres; often there are horrible infections that

don’t give you time to react. Often there are dreadful cancers that don’t respond to anything.

When we start treatment

for cancer, this is what most doctors tell their patients. That there is a process to it and timelines to follow. I often draw a mountain and tell them we are at the beginning of this trek uphill. We need to work together to reach the top. Everyone in the team should speak the language of hope and comfort. We need to continue the trek. The family has to put their life on hold for the duration of treatment; festivals, weddings and parties will be there next year also. We try to compensate for lost childhood and replicate life’s little joys in our hospital wards.

It can be overwhelming for the hospital team as well. We go through this rite of passage of analysing each and every child who did not do well. Abandoning treatment is perhaps the biggest tragedy of pediatric cancer care in our country. It is understandable if we lose a child to an aggressive disease. But to lose a child with a “perfectly curable” dis-

ease due to the ignorance of parents or relatives is unacceptable. A small part of you dies with each difficult patient. You are never the same as you were yesterday; you are warrior in each situation, richer in experience, calmer as a person and more restrained in your response.

As Gibran said, “the river cannot go back”. One has to keep going, with faith in a higher power, in yourself and in humanity and a promise to yourself to do your best. Each decision is vital; every child and every outcome stays with you. Happiness and sadness become parts of the same continuum. We learn to accept both; we pray. As doctors, we also realize that our profession is one of the biggest customer satisfaction portals. That at every age and stage of our lives, we are “rateable”. Most of them understand and stand with you in fighting the bigger battle of the disease. Many of them continue with you as your extended family.



India’s telecom auction process has a long history associated with politics, corruption, and legal cases, writes J GOPIKRISHNAN

FROM 2G TO 5G AUCTION

THE GREAT INDIAN TELECOM SAGA

The 5G spectrum auction has reaped a whopping sum of ₹1,50,173 crore for the public exchequer. This massive figure is the highest value collected in India through not only spectrum auctions but also from any kind of bidding process, be it coal or power, or land auctions. As expected, the country’s leading telecom operator Mukesh Ambani-headed Reliance Jio made the highest bid for 5G waves in all 22 circles as well as for other frequencies and paid ₹88,078 crore. Jio was followed by India’s first private telecom operator Sunil Mittal’s Bharti Airtel, which made a successful bid of ₹43,084 crore by competing in all 22 telecom circles. Cash-strapped Vodafone Idea headed by Aditya Birla Group, which continues to struggle with financial woes despite Government’s grand bailout packages, bid only in 17 circles and bought spectrum for ₹18,799 crore only.

Adani Group also bid for 5G to operate their private network installed in airports, sea ports, and power stations by paying ₹212 crores for 400 MHz.

As per the convention, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) BSNL and MTNL did not attend the auction. They will be allotted 5G spectrum at the highest price reached in auction at each circle. Sadly, these two PSUs have not yet optimized the service and even in the usage of 4G. It has to be seen how much time they take to activate 5G on their networks.

Interestingly, the 5G auction turned out to be the only auction where Chinese telecom giants have been kept out from supplying gears, machinery, etc., ringing in cheers for European telecom equipment giants like Nokia, Ericson, and Korean behemoth Samsung.

India’s auction process has a long history associated with politics, corruption, and legal cases. The government decided to conduct the auction for the first time in the telecom sector in 2001. Then India had only four million mobile phone users, and through pan Indian (all the 22 telecom circles) auction, telecom license fee with spectrum allotment arrived at a handsome figure of ₹1651 crore. Undivided Reliance and Tata Group entered the telecom sector through this process. Earlier, players like Airtel and BPL were cajoled by the Government to enter the sector in 1994 at a very low price. Those were the days when the incoming call rate was Rs Eight and outgoing ₹16 per minute on a minuscule customer base.

While the ruling BJP rejoiced over the final figures of the 5G auction that came out on August 1 after four days of bidding, 2G Scam-hit former Telecom Minister A. Raja got his chance to take a jibe at the NDA government. Raja called for a probe into the auction asserting that the 5G spectrum should have been sold for ₹5 lakh crores. Raja compared the 5G spectrum amount of ₹1.5 lakh crore with the notional loss of ₹1.76 lakh crore in the 2G auction during his tenure as calculated by the CAG and said that 5G has more spectrum, it should have fetched more for the government.

“When I recommended only 30 MHz of spectrum to TRAI, the regulatory authority, the then CAG Vinod Rai said ? ₹1.76 lakh crore loss to the Government. But now 5G only for ₹1.5 lakh crore?” Raja asked.

Raja and several other Opposition leaders vented their anger against the then CAG Vinod Rai for “sabotaging the UPA regime” and providing a platform for the rise of the BJP by alleging a scam in the 2G auction. These allegations are laughable given the gross procedural irregularities in the allotment of the spectrum during Raja’s regime.

AUCTION OF SPECTRUM, COAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Government was forced to conduct a 3G and BWA spectrum auction in April 2010, when the 2G Scam of 2008 made headlines. The scam-hit UPA Government formed a Group of Ministers headed by then Finance Minister



THE MERIT OF THE AUCTION CAN BE SEEN IN THE RISE OF RATES FROM 2014 ONWARDS. IN FEBRUARY 2014, THE SPECTRUM AUCTION BAGGED ₹62,162 CRORE TO THE PUBLIC EXCHEQUER AND THE RATES WERE HIGHER THAN THE 2010 3G AUCTION, JUSTIFYING THE CAG’S LOSS FIGURE BASED ON THE 3G AUCTION RATES. IN MARCH 2015, THE SPECTRUM AUCTION FETCHED THE GOVERNMENT ₹1,10,000 CRORE, AND IN DECEMBER 2016 THE SPECTRUM AUCTION BROUGHT IN ₹65,789 CRORE TO THE PUBLIC EXCHEQUER. AGAIN IN MARCH 2021, THE SPECTRUM AUCTION GAVE ₹77, 814 CRORES WHEREAS THE RECENT 5G AUCTION PROVIDED THE HIGHEST FIGURE ₹1,50, 173 CRORES, TOTALING AROUND ₹5.9 LAKH CRORES TO THE PUBLIC EXCHEQUER BY AUCTION



Pranab Mukherjee, sidelining Telecom Minister A. Raja and the public exchequer got a huge sum of ₹1,06, 200 crores. This figure ignited the anti-corruption wave and opposition demanding the removal of Telecom Minister A Raja who allotted 2G Spectrum and 122 licenses to many companies, most of them from real estate sectors, at a throwaway price of just ₹9, 200 crores.

Raja gave telecom licenses and spectrum without auction in 2008 at a price arrived in 2001. In 2001, the pan-Indian license (total 22 licenses) value was ₹1651 crore when India had just four million mobile phone users. But in 2008, India’s number of mobile phone users crossed 300 million, and the Minister, ignoring Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s direction, gave away licenses and spectrum at a seven-year-old fixed rate. Among the 122 licenses, around 86 licenses , did not get clearance from the Regulator TRAI to start a telecom business.

By that time BJP leader Subramanian Swamy and lawyer Prashant Bhusan approached the Supreme Court demanding the cancellation of all 122 tainted licenses granted by Raja and conducting fresh auction. The CBI in its FIR in 2009 on the 2G Scam pegged the loss to the public exchequer at 30,000 cr. Things got murkier when the beneficiary companies started selling their shares to multinational companies for huge premiums. For example, Swan Telecom sold around half of its shares to UAE telecom giant Etisalat for more than ₹4,500 crore.

HOW CAG ARRIVED AT THE LOSS FIGURE OF ₹1.76 LAKH CRORE?

In November 2010, the CAG submitted a report to Parliament outlining the illegalities in the 2G Scam allotment and claiming a notional loss of ₹1.76 lakh crore in the auction. For this, CAG Vinod Rai was maligned and bullied by

Congress and DMK MPs in JPC and PAC and in the public domain. How the auditors finalised the loss figure is a matter of record in the CAG’s depositions before JPC and PAC. The auditors had derived around 10 types of rates for calculating the expected loss to the public exchequer.

The figures were based on the sale of shares to multinationals by the beneficiary companies in the 2G scam and the companies reaping the benefit of Dual Policy (Anil Ambani’s Reliance, Tata, and Shyam Telecom). Somehow probes against the Dual Policy, the fountainhead of 2G Scam fizzled out. The lowest loss figure arrived at was a ₹60,000 crore loss based on the sale of shares of Swan Telecom to Etisalat. The highest loss figure arrived at was ₹4.25 lakh crore based on the sale of Tata shares to Japanese firm DoCoMo. As this price was based on the brand value of Tata, the auditors did not consider it.

At last CAG auditors after deliberations decided to stick to the rates of the 3G and BWA auction of April 2010, and based on these rates the 2G Scam loss was estimated at ₹1.76 lakh crore. Interestingly, the BWA spectrum was later conveniently termed the 4G spectrum. This was seen as a real Indian Jugad. In February 2012, Supreme Court cancelled all 122 licenses allotted by Raja and ordered an immediate auction and also called for an auction of all natural resources, later leading to the cancellation of all coal blocks. The Government went for Presidential Reference in the Supreme Court, which justified its decision to auction all natural resources in place of arbitrary allocations.

Many of the operators and the authorities resorted to every possible trick to sabotage the first auction in November 2012 after the Supreme Court verdict of Justices GS Singhvi and AK Ganguly. Airtel’s Sunil Mittal even said the auction would not last a day. But just 19 licenses were

sold at ₹9400 crore, while in 2G Scam 122 licenses were given away arbitrarily for just ₹9,200 crore.

The merit of the auction can be seen in the rise of rates from 2014 onwards. In February 2014, the spectrum auction bagged ₹62,162 crore to the public exchequer and the rates were higher than the 2010 3G auction, justifying the CAG’s loss figure based on the 3G auction rates. In March 2015, the spectrum auction fetched the government ₹1,10,000 crore, and in December 2016 the spectrum auction brought in ₹65,789 crore to the public exchequer.

Again in March 2021, the spectrum auction gave ₹77, 814 crores whereas the recent 5G auction provided the highest figure ₹1,50, 173 crores, totaling around ₹5.9 lakh crores to the public exchequer by auction.

WHEN WILL 5G SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BSNL AND MTNL?

The full optimization of 5G technology will be reached only when the country’s BSNL and MTNL are equipped with the 5G technology. It is high time for the merger of BSNL and MTNL by delisting MTNL from stock exchanges. Sadly, BSNL and MTNL are not yet fully equipped with 4G. The Narendra Modi Government has come out with a huge package to revive these two strategic PSU telecom companies. If the plans work out, then only the 5G technology could reach most of the users across the country.

Incidentally, all the private operators only roll out their technology in Metros Cities and urban areas based on commercial viability. Since only BSNL can reach out to the entire country, hence 5G and all technologies must be made available to the public sector telecom firm for the benefit of the entire Indian population.

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CLARIFICATION

The Uttar Pradesh Government has dismissed as “baseless” the report “Money spinner transfer industry” published in the agenda section of the Pioneer dated. July 31, 2022. Additional Chief Secretary , Information department, Navneet Sehgal has issued a strongly-worded rebuttal to the report and said it is not based on fact .

The Pioneer would like to clarify it has no intention to cast aspersion on the functioning of the state government and has even highlighted the stern steps taken by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to curb corruption. The story talks at length about how the Chief Minister has taken administrative action against over 1,000 officials to weed out corruption in the government departments. The transfer rates mentioned in the story were hearsay without corroborating the facts and were unintentional and regrettable.



# Indian foreign policy comes of age

“India has been invited to G-7 underscoring the country’s growing geostrategic role in the world...As the world enters this dangerous new era, India could be the deciding factor, so no matter where you are in the world, the choices made in New Delhi mattered.”  
— DW News (German news channel)

Post-Independence India was known for its idealistic foreign policy: The famous “non-alignment”. Did it best serve the Indian interest at the time? Did India receive the support of the international community on Kashmir, and China or Pakistan wars? Under Indira Gandhi, India’s diplomacy turned realistic; if the Indian help in the Independence of Bangladesh was a smashing success, alienating the US was the cost.

Afterwards, hitherto foreign policy can be defined more by its passivity, accomplishments rather erratic; marked by the lack of a long driven, well-planned, sharply strategised, clear eyed, crisply defined policy. The advantages India accrued had more to do with its geo-strategic and economic position and lesser with astute diplomatic haggle. Outcome: India could never punch above its weight in the geopolitical arena, and thus spoke from a position of weakness, feigned helplessness towards its two hostile neighbours, and consoled itself as a “soft power”.

Post the surgical strikes in Pakistan, Galwan clashes and standing up to the Western pressure over trade with Russia, every single world capital knows that India is no longer just a “soft power”. With missions like Vande Bharat and Operation Ganga, India has proved its capability and commitment to safeguarding every

one of its citizens abroad. From dealing with Taliban to handling Sri Lankan economic collapse, India’s diplomacy has proved that it is nimble-footed and ready for any challenge. India is a major strategic player in the fast-changing, unpredictable and turbulent geopolitical landscape of our times, courted and respected by all. Even in its difficult neighbourhood, India has been able to bring about a sense of stability in its relations with smaller neighbours, which are being seduced by Beijing to no end; emerging as a reliable and most dominant player.

It took the Modi Government’s advent at the helm to replace the “non-alignment” with “multi-alignment” or “strategic autonomy”, what that has broadly translated into is a wider alignment with Washington, and adoption of its China containment Indo-Pacific policy, without surrendering autonomy over other issues, like relationship with Russia; and creating strategic issue-based convergences with different nations, including China. Today, the Indian foreign policy is one of the sharpest, clearly, boldly and assertively driven by its own national interest, capable of withstanding big power pressure tactics.

## Modi-Jaishankar foreign policy construct

“In this world of all against all, India’s goal should be to move closer towards the strategic sweet spot,” said S Jaishankar in his book *“The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World”*.

The present foreign policy couldn’t exist without either of its two main pillars: Prime Minister Modi and Foreign Minister S Jaishankar — the dexterous ball jugglers, the risk-takers, the realists —



whose personal qualities, coherent ideological moorings and shared ambitious vision of India’s place in the world, have been essential for the effective construct and execution of the present policy. The main objectives of the foreign policy today are: Changing India’s image in the world, creation of partnerships on equal terms with generosity towards smaller nations, proactively shaping the global agenda and big issues, actively exploring and leveraging foreign relationships for domestic development, creating people-centric foreign policy and use of Indian culture and thoughts in influencing international initiatives and discourses.

The priorities to be achieved through foreign policy are national security, economic development and national progress. Geographically, India’s focus

areas are: India’s neighbourhood and extended neighbourhood (South East Asia, West Asia, Central Asia and Indian Ocean region), big powers (US, Europe, Japan, Russia), developing larger footprints, more relationships and more visibility (when it comes to strategically located nations).

Deft balancing of nations and alliances hostile to each other is one of the greatest accomplishments of the Indian diplomacy. Engaging influentially in QUAD, BRICS and G-7 summits and developing understanding of Indian position on Ukraine by all of India’s partners; India today is a singular nation that buys S-400 missiles and oil from Moscow while maintaining historically closest ties with the Washington and other QUAD partners. Even to the envy of US, India has cultivated intimate relations with the Gulf

nations (especially UAE) and Israel while preserving good terms with Tehran.

The proactiveness of Indian foreign policy is visible in conducting first-ever summits of: International Solar Alliance, Summit with Central Asian nations, Summit with Pacific Island nations and India-Nordic Summit. India is shouldering global responsibilities by supplying vaccines and medicines to the world amid pandemic, providing humanitarian help to Ukraine and supplying wheat to needy nations.

The quintessential Modi style of diplomacy is to have a great personal rapport with the leaders of other nations, which paid off dividends when he rang up Putin and Zelensky, rescuing Indian students stuck in Ukraine’s crossfire.

Successfully standing up to Western moral supremacy is

another significant development in the Indian diplomacy: For the first time the Indian foreign policy establishment has alluded, that no nation is entitled to sit as a judge over others when it comes to human rights. Samantha Power, administrator USAID, on her recent visit to India, spoke of the divisive forces in “US and India”.

## Partnerships and alliances

The Ukraine war is a reminder of the lesson that success in a conflict depends not just on economic and military power of a nation but also the number of its friends. Between India and China, that could be a deciding factor. While China is out losing friends and credibility, India’s actively building and strengthening alliances and deepening bilateral engagements. Apart from joining QUAD, I2U2 and Indo

Pacific Economic Framework, India is also reinvigorating BIMSTEC.

The alliances are not just for hedging security concerns for future, but are actively pursued to serve national interest at present, like setting up of “integrated food parks” and renewable energy projects in India by I2U2 partners, supply chain resilience initiative with Japan and Australia, signing critical defence technology transfer pact with US, receiving US investment and technology in crucial areas, selling missiles to Vietnam and Philippines, signing FTAs with UAE and Australia, Japanese partnership in infrastructure, technology, innovation and startups and undertaking projects in collaboration in third countries in South Asia and Africa, exponential increase in Indian-Israel defence cooperation and collaboration in developing next generation technologies, France’s active collaboration in “Atmanirbhar Bharat” in defence projects.

Investment by UAE in J&K, India’s plans of holding the G-20 summit in 2023 there, passing the torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad through Srinagar, is how India is utilising foreign engagements for furthering its security and territorial sovereignty goals.

In the words of Jaishankar, “India is reclaiming its space in the world today as a civilization”, “as a power that can bridge divides”. Utilising this effective foreign policy for economic progress, would require systemic transformation of economic ecosystem. Does India possess the capability and discipline to become a global power and not just a regional one, resolve global disputes and create global narratives? Only time will tell.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# US economy growing but still slowing

**US employers added an astonishing 5,28,000 jobs last month despite flashing warning signs of an economic downturn. Economists had expected only 2,50,000 new jobs in America last month, in a drop-off from June’s revised 3,98,000. Instead, July proved to be the best month since February. Unemployment dropped another notch, from 3.6 per cent to 3.5 per cent, matching the more than 50-year low reached just before the pandemic took hold. All the confounding numbers only make the long-term outlook for the economy more muddled**

Whether the US economy is heading for a recession got more difficult to answer on Friday, when a report showed employers hired hundreds of thousands more workers last month than expected. American employers added an astonishing 5,28,000 jobs last month despite flashing warning signs of an economic downturn, easing fears of a recession and handing President Joe Biden some good news heading into the midterm elections. Economists had expected only 2,50,000 new jobs in America last month, in a drop-off from June’s revised 3,98,000. Instead, July proved to be the best month since February. Unemployment dropped another notch, from 3.6 per cent to 3.5 per cent, matching the more than 50-year low reached just before the pandemic took hold.

The stunning strength made clear that a linchpin of the economy remains solid. That’s even though inflation is running at its worst pace in 40 years, the economy’s output shrunk through the first half of the year and rising interest rates are dragging on housing and other industries. All the confounding numbers only make the long-term outlook for the economy more muddled.

On one hand, two straight quarters of economic contraction is a long-held, though informal, definition of a recession. It would mark a quick turnaround barely two years after the official end of the pandemic recession. Yet can a recession really occur when so many people still have jobs and are making more money?

It’s the latest head-scratcher regarding an economy that has confounded Federal Reserve policymakers and many economists since growth screeched to a halt in March 2020 as Covid-19 struck and 20 million Americans were suddenly thrown out of work.

While most economists — and Fed Chair Jerome Powell — have said they don’t think the US economy is currently in a recession, with Friday’s data cementing the case for many, expectations are still high for an economic downturn to begin later this year or next.

Friday’s strong jobs report may actually increase the chances of a recession because it could embolden the Federal Reserve to stay aggressive in hiking interest rates in order to beat back inflation. Higher rates slow the economy by making purchases of homes, cars and things bought on credit cards more expensive, and the Fed is jacking up rates at the fastest pace since the early 1980s.

Perhaps even more important than whether a recession occurs is whether workers’ paychecks catch up with inflation. So far, gains in average wages have not, and the pain is disproportionately hitting lower-income and Black and Hispanic households. As a result, Americans have increasingly soured on the economy. That may be what moves more people in November’s midterm elections than whether or not a recession has officially begun.

So how, exactly, do we know when an economy is in recession? Here are some answers to such questions:

## Who decides when a recession has started?

Recessions are officially declared by the obscure-sounding National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a group of economists whose Business Cycle Dating Committee defines a recession as “a significant decline in economic activity that is spread across the economy and lasts more than a few months.”

The committee considers trends in hiring as a key measure in determining recessions.



A sign advertises for help The Goldenrod, a popular restaurant and candy shop on June 1, 2022, in York Beach, Maine AP

It also assesses many other data points, including gauges of income, employment, inflation-adjusted spending, retail sales and factory output. It puts heavy weight on jobs and a gauge of inflation-adjusted income that excludes Government support payments such as Social Security.

Yet the NBER typically doesn’t declare a recession until well after one has begun, sometimes for up to a year. Economists consider a half-point rise in the unemployment rate, averaged over several months, as the most historically reliable sign of a downturn. On Friday, the latest jobs report showed the unemployment rate matched its lowest level in more than 50 years.

## Do two straight quarters of economic contraction equal a recession?

That’s a common rule of thumb, but it isn’t an official definition. Still, in the past, it has been a useful measure. Michael Strain, an economist at the right-leaning American

Enterprise Institute, notes that in each of the past 10 times that the economy shrank for two consecutive quarters, a recession has resulted.

Still, even Strain isn’t sure we’re in recession now. Like many economists, he notes that the underlying drivers of the economy — consumer spending, business investment, home purchases — all grew in the first quarter.

Overall gross domestic product — the broadest measure of the nation’s output — declined at a 1.6 per cent annual rate from January through March because of one-off factors, including a sharp jump in imports and a post-holiday season drop in businesses’ inventories. Many economists expect that when US GDP is revised later this year, the first quarter may even turn out to be positive.

“The basic story is that the economy is growing but still slowing, and that slowdown really accelerated in the second quarter,” Strain said.

Don’t a lot of Americans

## think a recession is coming?

Yes, because many people now feel more financially burdened. With wage gains trailing inflation for most people, higher prices for such essentials as gas, food, and rent have eroded Americans’ spending power.

Walmart recently reported that higher gas and food costs have forced its shoppers to reduce their purchases of discretionary spending such as new clothing, a clear sign that consumer spending, a key driver of the economy, is weakening. The nation’s largest retailer, Walmart reduced its profit outlook and said it will have to discount more items like furniture and electronics.

And the Fed’s rate hikes have caused average mortgage rates to nearly double to 4.99 per cent, causing a sharp fall in home sales and construction.

Higher rates will also likely weigh on businesses’ willingness to invest in new buildings, machinery and other equipment. If companies reduce spending and investment, they’ll also start to slow

hiring. Rising caution among companies about spending freely could lead eventually to layoffs. If the economy were to lose jobs and the public were to grow more fearful, consumers would further reduce spending.

The Fed’s rapid rate hikes have raised the likelihood of recession in the next two years to nearly 50 per cent, Goldman Sachs economists have said. And Bank of America economists now forecast a “mild” recession later this year, while Deutsche Bank expects a recession early next year.

## What are some signs of an impending recession?

The clearest signal that a recession is under way, economists say, would be a steady rise in job losses and a surge in unemployment. In the past, an increase in the unemployment rate of three-tenths of a percentage point, on average over the previous three months, has meant that a recession will soon follow.

Many economists monitor the number of people who seek unemployment benefits each week, which indicates whether layoffs are worsening. Weekly applications for jobless aid, averaged over the past four weeks, have been rising recently and have topped 250,000. While that is a potentially concerning sign, it is still a low level historically.

## Any other signals to watch for?

Many economists also monitor changes in the interest payments, or yields, on different bonds for a recession signal known as an “inverted yield curve.” This occurs when the yield on the 10-year Treasury falls below the yield on a short-term Treasury, such as the 3-month T-bill. That is unusual. Normally, longer-term bonds pay investors a richer yield in exchange for tying up their money for a

longer period.

Inverted yield curves generally mean that investors foresee a recession that will compel the Fed to slash rates. Inverted curves often predate recessions. Still, it can take 18 to 24 months for a downturn to arrive after the yield curve inverts.

For weeks, the yield on the two-year Treasury has exceeded the 10-year yield, suggesting that markets expect a recession soon. Many analysts say, though, that comparing the 3-month yield to the 10-year has a better recession-forecasting track record. Those rates are not inverted now, though the gap has narrowed.

## Will the fed keep raising rates even as economy slows?

The economy’s flashing signals — slowing growth with strong hiring — have put the Fed in a tough spot. Chair Jerome Powell is aiming for a “soft landing,” in which the economy weakens enough to slow hiring and wage growth without causing a recession and brings inflation back to the Fed’s 2 per cent target.

But Powell has acknowledged that such an outcome has grown more difficult to achieve. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and China’s Covid-19 lockdowns have driven up prices for energy food, and many manufactured parts in the US.

Powell has also indicated that if necessary, the Fed will keep raising rates even amid a weak economy if that’s what’s needed to tame inflation.

“Is there a risk that we would go too far?” Powell asked last month. “Certainly there’s a risk, but I wouldn’t agree that’s the biggest risk to the economy. The biggest mistake to make... would be to fail to restore price stability.”

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