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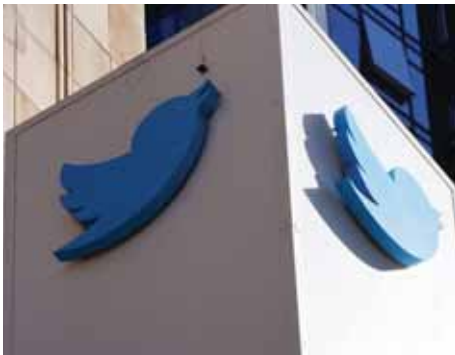
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Twitter challenges in HC Govt order to delete posts

Social media giant complies with Govt direction on deadline, but says the order violates freedom of speech

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The US-based social media giant Twitter on Tuesday moved the Karnataka High Court, challenging the Government's orders to take down content under the new IT rules, saying it is an abuse of power by officials. July 4 was the last day for complying with the Union Ministry of Electronics' directions and the company complied with it on the last day and then moved the court.

Twitter has taken legal recourse after the Union Electronics and Information Technology Ministry warned it of penal action if it refused to comply with the directive to take down controversial tweets flagged by the authorities last year in January and April.

According to news agency PTI, Twitter has filed a case in the HC, saying the several directions placed by the Government are allegedly for action against political content

that has been posted by official handles of political parties and blocking of such information is a violation of the freedom of speech guaranteed to citizen users of the platform.

"The content requested to be blocked does not have any apparent proximate relationship to the ground under Section 69A," said the lawyers who had access to Twitter's petition filed in the court.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeesh Chandrasekhar in a tweet said all platforms have the right to approach court but they have an unambiguous obligation to comply with laws.

"In India, all, including foreign Internet intermediaries/platforms, have the right to court n judicial review. But equally ALL intermediaries/platforms operating here have an unambiguous obligation to comply with our laws n rules," Chandrasekhar tweeted.

According to the Twitter petition, several blocking orders were issued under Section 69A but failed to demonstrate how the content falls within those grounds or how the said content is violative of Section 69A, said the lawyers. "Twitter has sought judicial review of the blocking orders from the court," they said.

The Government in May had asked Twitter to act on content related to Khalistan and accounts eulogising terrorists in Kashmir. Later in June, the Government asked Twitter to act on around 60 accounts. Twitter has taken action on the request and reported compliance.

On June 26, the microblogging site submitted a separate list of over 80 Twitter accounts and tweets that it blocked based on a request from the Government in 2021.

The request from the Government was to block multiple accounts and some tweets

from the international advocacy group Freedom House, journalists, politicians, and supporters of the farmers' protest.

Meanwhile, in Delhi, reacting to a question, Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said how to make social media accountable has become a very valid question across the globe.

"Self-regulation is a first step in the direction of making social media accountable, followed by industry regulation, and then Government regulations," he said.

"Social media is a very powerful medium. Social media has a big influence on our lives. How to make it accountable has become a very valid question across the globe.

All across the globe, countries and societies are moving in the direction of making social media accountable," he said while interacting with media persons on the sideline of a programme.

SC crossed Laxman Rekha with Nupur jibe: Ex-judges

15 HC ex-judges, 77 former babus, 25 veterans urge court to erase 'indelible scar on justice system'

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A group of former judges, bureaucrats and police officers on Tuesday demanded that the Supreme Court recall its observations against suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, alleging that the court crossed the "Laxman Rekha" while making comments that are an "indelible scar on the justice system of the largest democracy".

The group, comprising 15 High Court judges, 77 ex-all India services officers and 25 veterans, alleged that the "unfortunate" comments are not in sync with the judicial ethos and have sent "shockwaves" in the country and outside.

"In the annals of the judiciary, the unfortunate comments have no parallel and are an indelible scar on the justice system of the largest democracy. Urgent rectification steps are called for as these have potentially serious consequences on democratic values and security

of the country," they said in a signed statement.

The 117 signatories include former Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Kshiti Vyas, former Kerala High Court judge PN Ravindran, former Gujarat High Court judge SM Soni, former Rajasthan High Court judges RS Rathore and Prashant Agarwal and former Delhi High Court judge SN Dhinra. Former IAS officers Anand Bose, RS Gopalan and S Krishna Kumar, ambassador (retired) Niranjana Desai, former DGPs SP Vaid, former CBI Director M Nageswara Rao and BL Vohra, Lt Gen VK Chaturvedi (retired) and Air Marshall (retired) SP Singh have also signed the statement.

"By no stretch, these observations, which are not part of the judicial order, can be sanctioned on the plank of judicial propriety and fairness. Such outrageous transgressions are without parallel in the annals

of Judiciary," it said.

The Supreme Court had on July 1 come down heavily on Sharma for her controversial comments against Prophet Mohammad, saying her "loose tongue" has "set the entire country on fire" and that she is "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country".

Refusing to entertain her plea for clubbing of FIRs lodged in various States against her for the remark, the bench held that the comment was made either for cheap publicity, political agenda or some nefarious activities.

Criticising the observations of Justices Suyakant and JB Pardiwala, the statement said, "We, as concerned citizens, do believe that democracy of any country will remain intact till all the institutions perform their duties as per the constitution. Recent comments by the two judges of the Supreme Court have surpassed

the Laxman Rekha and compelled us to issue an open statement."

These "unfortunate and unprecedented" comments have sent shockwaves in the country and outside, it claimed.

"The observations are too serious to be overlooked if the rule of law, democracy has to sustain and blossom and deserve to be recalled with the stance that soothes minds that care for justice," it added.

Noting that Sharma sought access to the justice system before the highest court, the statement said the court's observations have no connect with the issue raised in the petition and "transgressed in an unprecedented manner all canons of the dispensation of justice".

"She was de facto denied access to judiciary and in the process, there was an outrage on the preamble, spirit and essence of the Constitution of India," it alleged.

In the observations, there is the virtual exoneration of the "dastardly beheading at Udaipur in broad daylight," it claimed. It further said, "Legal fraternity is bound to be surprised and shocked at the observation that an FIR should lead to arrest. The observations on other agencies in the country, without notice to them, are indeed worrisome and alarming." The signatories defended Sharma's plea for clubbing all FIRs against her citing previous orders of the SC.

Rahul backs K'taka HC judge against 'transfer threat'

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Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday targeted the BJP over the statement of a Karnataka High Court judge hearing a matter related to a bribery case that he is being threatened with transfer. Rahul also shared a video of the part of court proceedings during which the judge had said he was threatened with the transfer after his remark against the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) that it had become a "collection centre".

Justice HP Sandesh also said he is unfazed and added, "I will bell the cat, even at the cost of my judgeship."

"A HC judge has been threatened for exposing the BJP's corrupt Government in Karnataka. Institution after institution is being bulldozed by the BJP. Each of us must

stand with those fearlessly doing their duty (sic)," Rahul said on a social media platform.

The Congress has been attacking the BJP Government in Karnataka on the issue of corruption. On Monday, Rahul had demanded the sacking of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to ensure a fair investigation in the police recruitment scam.

Outrage over Kerala Min's insult to Constitution

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI



Kerala Minister for Fisheries and Culture Saji Cherian has landed himself in trouble by taunting, belittling and humiliating the Indian Constitution and Dr BR Ambedkar, father of the Constitution.

After demands for his sacking poured in from several quarters, including the BJP and the Congress, Cherian did a volte-face and said the media distorted his comments.

Addressing a public meeting at Mallappalli in Pathanamthitta on Sunday, Cherian said the Indian Constitution had nothing for the billions of poor people.

"It is a beautiful Constitution which helps the Government, bureaucracy, and the judiciary to rob the poor people. The Indian Constitution is a document to exploit and harass the billions of poor in the country. Those

who drafted the Constitution had simply copied what was dictated by the British colonial masters and put it as the country's Constitution.

Terms like secularism and socialism are mere hogwash," said Cherian in the speech which went viral on Tuesday.

He blamed the Constitution for the rich becoming richer and the poor becoming poorer. "This is a Constitution for Adani and Ambani. There is nothing for the poor man in this Constitution," said Cherian.

He also blamed the judi-

ciary for the pro-rich policies being followed by it. The Minister further alleged that the Constitution was a fool-proof mechanism to rob the poor, and this has been going on for the last 75 years.

"This is the Constitution which is quite helpful in stealing and robbing," said Cherian.

Once the Minister's speech went viral and the Opposition launched a State-wide protest demanding his arrest and dismissal from the Ministry, Cherian made a volte-face and blamed the media for distorting his speech.

"The Minister has belittled and insulted the Indian Constitution. He should be dismissed from the council of ministers or he should resign his minister's post," Kumanam Rajasekharan, former Governor of Mizoram, told reporters at Thiruvananthapuram after presenting a petition to Governor Arif Mohammed Khan.

Odisha, UP, AP top givers of Govt's free foodgrains

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Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh occupied top three places in the ranking of States for the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), under which the Government provides 5 kgs of foodgrains per person per month at ₹1-3 a kg.

The Centre provides the highly subsidised foodgrains to nearly 80 crore people. The Centre released the "State Ranking Index for NFSA" 2022 on Tuesday. The Index measures the effectiveness of NFSA implementation through operations and initiatives under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal released the "State Ranking Index for NFSA" 2022 during a conference of State Food Ministers on food and nutrition security in India.

In the special category States (the North Eastern States, Himalayan States, and the Island States), Tripura has obtained the first rank. Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim are at the second and third positions.

The report stated that despite the logistical limitations in these areas, they displayed a high degree of accomplish-

ment in competing with the general category States as well.

Odisha is at first position with a score of 0.836, followed by Uttar Pradesh (0.797) and Andhra Pradesh (0.794). Gujarat is at fourth place, followed by Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand.

Noida cops pre-empt Raipur police bid to arrest anchor over fake Rahul video after distress call

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW
DELHI/GHAZIABAD



A massive row erupted over Chhattisgarh Police's attempt to arrest Zee TV news anchor Rohit Ranjan on Tuesday after Noida Police foiled their bid and took Ranjan in their own custody.

Ranjan was booked by the Chhattisgarh Police for playing a doctored clip of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on the channel during his show on July 1. Drama unfolded outside Ranjan's home in Ghaziabad on Tuesday with the police forces of the two States face to face with each other.

According to Noida Police, the Zee News anchor was picked up from his home for questioning on Tuesday morning by a team of Noida Sector 20 police station in connection

with an FIR lodged under IPC 505 (public mischief) on a complaint by his own channel over a doctored video played during his show on July 1.

In Raipur, Senior Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal said a case was registered against Ranjan and others of Zee News on Sunday for allegedly promoting enmity between different groups and outraging religious feelings of people based on the complaint of Congress MLA Devendra Yadav.

Yadav said in his complaint that a video in which Rahul described those attacking his Wayanad office as children against whom he had no ill, was "mischievously" used by the TV channel on July 1 to suggest he was forging the killers of Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal.

After Chhattisgarh cops reached out to arrest him, Ranjan reached out to the UP Government and police for help. "Chhattisgarh Police is standing outside my house to arrest me without informing the local police, is it legal?" The Zee News anchor asked and tagged Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the State's police in the post.

"There is no such rule to inform. Still, now they are informed. The police team has shown you the court's warrant

of arrest. You should cooperate, join in the investigation and put your defence in court," Raipur Police said in response.

Chhattisgarh cops were not able to arrest him but said it had shown him the arrest warrant and sought his cooperation in the probe. The FIR against Ranjan has been filed in Raipur. On July 2, a day after the video was aired, Ranjan apologised during his TV show for "mistakenly" playing Rahul's statement out of context by linking it with the Udaipur murder case. "It was a human error for which our team is apologetic. We apologise for it," he had tweeted in Hindi.

The controversial video was used by several people including BJP leaders to attack Rahul and the Congress party in the wake of the gruesome killing in Udaipur on June 28.

SpiceJet malfunction causes emergency landing in Karachi

Windshield cracks
mid-air in airline's
another flight

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Dubai-bound SpiceJet aircraft after its landing at Karachi Airport PTI

Two mid-air incidents on a single day occurred involving SpiceJet aircraft on Tuesday. While a SpiceJet B737 flight SG-11 (Delhi-Dubai) was diverted to Karachi due to an indicator light malfunctioning in the morning, another of its aircraft, flying from Kandla in Gujarat, made a priority landing at the Mumbai airport later in the day after its windshield cracked at 23,000 feet altitude.

With the latest malfunction, there have been seven

such incidents on SpiceJet aircraft in the last 17 days. The other incidents include two door warnings, a bird hit, oil leakage from an engine, and a pressurisation problem in addition to Tuesday's malfunction.

Sources said that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is investigating the two incidents which took place on Tuesday, along with the previous five incidents.

Vaastu guru stabbed to death in K'taka hotel

Hubballi: Self-styled Vastu expert Chandrashekhar Gurugi was stabbed to death in a city hotel on Tuesday, police said.

Within hours, two persons — Manjunath Marewad and Mahantesh Sirur — who were allegedly involved in the killing and had fled the scene after committing the brutal murder, were detained at Ramdurg in neighbouring Belagavi district, police added.

"They have been detained and we are bringing them back to Hubballi. Once they are brought in, we will interrogate them," Hubballi-Dharwad Police Commissioner Labhu Ram told PTI.

CCTV footage showed two people, who initially approached him pretending to greet him, repeatedly stabbing him at the reception area of the hotel.


The reason behind the



killing of Gurugi of 'Sara Vastu' fame who sustained many stab wounds, is under investigation.

Hailing from Bagalkote, Gurugi had started his career as a contractor and later got a job in Mumbai where he settled down. Subsequently, he pursued Vastu business there.

Three days ago, a child in his family had died in Hubballi, for which he had come here to attend a ceremony. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said all measures would be taken to ensure stringent punishment for the killers of Gurugi.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
No. PW.CHD.CB.Tender/2022
The Executive Engineer HPPWD Chopal District Shimla H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting date for download ing Bid.	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Deadline for submission of Bid.
1	C/o balance work for PHC building at Sarain Tehsil Chopal District Shimla (SH: Formation cutting in between km. R.D. 0/210 to 0/325 and protection wall at R.D. 0/185 to 0/205, 0/215 to 0/235, 0/250 to 0/270 and 0/285 to 0/305) under Deposit.	713833/-	11.07.2022	31000/-	27.07.2022
2	C/o Dogra Nala to Thundwa via Dakhat Nohran Kurari Bandrah road km. 0/0 to 2/0 (SH: Formation cutting in between km. R.D. 0/360 to 0/360 and R/Wall & B/Wall in between km. R.D. 0/360 to 0/375) under MNP.	1601076/-	11.07.2022	32000/-	27.07.2022
3	C/o Kiama Ghat to Kanda road km. 0/195 (SH: Formation cutting in between km. R.D. 1/315 to 1/995) under MNP.	2611642/-	11.07.2022	50000/-	27.07.2022
4	C/o link road from Kehvi to Lohana km. 0/0 to 5/0 (SH: Providing and laying Grading in between km. R.D. 3/0 to 4/500, HPC at R.D. 1/735, 3/630, 4/315 and R/Wall at R.D. 2/400 to 2/455) under SCDP.	1714766/-	11.07.2022	35000/-	27.07.2022
5	C/o link road from Kawah to H.B. Chhachhar km. 0/0 to 3/0 (SH: Formation cutting in between km. R.D. 1/405 to 2/500, HPC at R.D. 1/600, 1/950, 2/400 and R/Wall at R.D. 1/495 to 1/520) under SCDP.	2745250/-	11.07.2022	49000/-	27.07.2022

The bidders are advised to submit the hard copy of documents submitted online for the separate tender after next day of deadline date of bid. Other details of tender from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

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Whereas the undersigned being the "Authorised Officer" of Punjab National Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notices.
The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors & 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 said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the date mentioned against account.
The borrowers / guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank, for the amount, other charges, cost and interest thereon. The borrowers 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.
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Name of the NPA Account	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
M/s Aujla Sanitary Sales Corp. Opp. Shop no. 168, Sabzi Mandi, Phagwara 144401 through its Prop. Satwinder Singh Aujla, W/O Khrothar Distt. SBS Nagar, Nawanshahr 144632 and Guarantor Jagjit Singh S/O Mr. Sher Singh, W/O Khrothar, Distt. SBS Nagar, Nawanshahr 144632	27-05-2021	04-07-2022	Rs. 4,24,752/54 as on 31-03-2021 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of Commercial Shop measuring 10' x 30'4 1/2" bearing no. 168, standing in the name of Mr. Jagjit Singh S/O Mr. Sher Singh as per deed no. 1932 dated 28-09-2000, situated at New Sabzi Mandi, Phagwara.

Date : 06-07-2022 Place : Amritsar Sd/- Authorised Officer

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उपरोक्त सूचना सर्व सचकर को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम रोहतक की एक बका के सम्बन्धित के विरुद्ध नौ प्रोवाइजर नम्बर 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 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New Punjab Ministers get portfolios, Harjot Bains biggest gainer, Arora is IPR Minister, Jouramajra gets health

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

A day after carrying out his first Cabinet expansion by inducting five new faces, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday allotted portfolios to the new ministers, while reshuffling portfolios of the existing Ministers.

With the fresh allocation of portfolios, a farmer-cum-politician Chetan Singh Jouramajra will be heading the crucial department of Health, Medical Education and Research, which has been lying vacant after the expulsion of Dr Vijay Singla from the Cabinet over corruption charges.

Renowned radiologist by profession and a known philanthropist, Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar was expected to be given the Health department considering his vast experience in the field. However, he has been allotted Local Government, Parliamentary Affairs, Conservation of Land and Water, and Administrative Reforms. Two-time MLA Aman Arora has been given the charge of Information and Public Relations, along with Renewable Energy and Housing and Urban Development departments; while Punjabi singer-turned-politician Anmol Gagan Mann has been allotted the departments of Tourism and Cultural

Affairs, Investment Promotion, Labour and Removal of Grievances. The cop-turned politician Fouja Singh Sarari will head the ministries of Defence Services Welfare, Freedom Fighters, Horticulture, and Food Processing.

MEET HAYER DIVESTED OF EDUCATION PORTFOLIO; CHEEMA OF COOPERATION; JIMPA IRRIGATION

AAP's youth leader and first-time MLA Harjot Singh Bains - who is already holding the crucial portfolios of Jails, Mines and Geology - has also

been allotted the charge of Education Department, which is one of the key priority areas of AAP Government. Second-time MLA Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, who has been divested of Education portfolio, will now be holding the charge of Governance Reforms, Science and Technology and Environment, Sports and Youth Services.

Bains has also been handed over the charge of Irrigation Department, after taking it away from Bram Shankar Jimpa, who retained Revenue, Water Supply and Sanitation departments. The Cooperation Department has been taken away from the two-time MLA and former Leader of

Opposition in Vidhan Sabha Harpal Singh Cheema, who continue to hold the Departments of Finance and Planning, Programme Implementation, Excise and Taxation. Chief Minister Mann will now be heading the Cooperation Department.

DHALIWAL GETS AGRICULTURE; BHULLAR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Along with the portfolios of Rural Development and Panchayats Department, NRI Affairs and Farmers' Welfare, Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal has also been given the charge of agriculture portfolio. Transport

Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar will now also hold Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Dairy Development portfolios. Baljit Kaur will have Social Justice, Empowerment, Social Security, Women and Child Development, while Harbhajan Singh ETO has retained the Public Works Department and Power department. Lal Chand Kataruchak would also continue to be Food and Civil Supplies Minister, besides handling Forests and Wildlife.

TOTAL 15 MINISTERS IN MANN'S CABINET

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday carried out the first expansion of his

Council of Ministers after the completion of 100 days of AAP Government. Five new Ministers - two-times MLA Aman Arora, radiologist-turned-politician Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar, cop-turned-politician Fauja Singh Sarari, a farmer Chetan Singh Jauramajra, and singer-turned-politician Anmol Gagan Mann - were inducted. With this, Punjab Cabinet now has 15 ministers, including the Chief Minister. As per the sanctioned strength, Punjab Cabinet can have a total of 18 Ministers, including the Chief Minister. Three berths are yet to be filled. Now, the Cabinet has two women ministers. Of the total, nine Cabinet

Ministers are from the politically-significant Malwa region, with five from Majha, and just one from Doaba.

A wave of resentment was prevailing among the senior party leaders, especially those who have been elected for the second time, for not finding any space in Mann's Cabinet. Till now, the Cabinet had only two MLAs, elected for the second term, in its Cabinet - Harpal Singh Cheema and Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer.

Now, two-time Sunam MLA Aman Arora has also been accommodated, while claims of Principal Budh Ram, Sarvjit Kaur Manuke, and Prof Baljinder Kaur have been overlooked. Two other second-time MLAs - Kultar Singh Sandhwan and Jai Krishan Rouri - have been named Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker and deputy speaker, respectively.

CM Mann announces comprehensive plan for holistic development of Punjab's border, Kandi areas

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday said that the State Government is fully sensitive towards checking cross border infiltration in the State. "Punjab Police is constantly in touch with the Border Security Force

(BSF) and other agencies for this purpose," said Mann on the sidelines of an event in Amritsar.

Mann reiterated the State Government's firm commitment for snapping the pipeline of drugs and weapons from across the border. At the same time, Mann announced to chalk out a comprehensive

blueprint for the state's holistic development of the Border and Kandi areas. The Chief Minister was in Amritsar to participate in a function organised by Bhagwan Valmiki Dhunna Sahib Trust to mark the birth anniversaries of Luvkush and Guru Gyanath at Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath. Bemoaning that both these

areas have lagged behind in pace of development due to constant neglect by the previous governments, Mann said that AAP Government will lay major thrust on development of both these areas. A detailed plan will be chalk out for this purpose so that these areas get a major facelift in the coming times, he added.

Janjua replaces Tewari as Punjab's new Chief Secretary; Jatinder Aulakh replaces Prabodh Kumar as Intelligence chief

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

A day after Cabinet expansion and appointing Gaurav Yadav as officiating state police chief, the Aam Aadmi Party led Punjab Government on Tuesday carried our mass transfers — eight IPS officers, 324 DSP level officers, five IAS officers including appointing 1989-batch IAS officer Vijay Kumar Janjua as Chief Secretary. Janjua has been appointed the state's administrative head replacing 1990-batch IAS officer Anirudh Tewari, who has now been posted as Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA) Director-General relieving Jaspreet Talwar.

Other than holding the charge of Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Janjua has also been appointed the Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel and Vigilance in place of Anirudh Tewari. Earlier, he was posted as Special Chief Secretary, Jails; and in addition Special Chief Secretary, Elections.

The transfers came a day after the government appointed Gaurav Yadav as officiating DGP as the state police chief VK Bhawra proceeded on two-month leave, besides seeking central deputation. It has been learnt that the Government was considering to replace Bhawra as police chief in the wake of a series of law and order incidents, especially Sidhu Moosewala's killing.

However, Tewari's transfer as Chief Secretary has taken

everyone by surprise. It is believed that Tewari, who had been appointed to the top post by the former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi during his tenure, has succeeded in making inroads in the current regime too.

It is believed that Janjua has been chosen on the basis of his seniority. The only officers senior to him are Arun Goel and Vini Mahajan—who are currently on central deputation, besides Anjali Bhawra and Ravneet Kaur.

Tewari, a 1990-batch officer, had superseded five of his senior officers, when he was appointed Chief Secretary in September last year. Known to be an officer with a clean image, Tewari has served on several significant posts.

JATINDER AULAKH IS NEW INTELLIGENCE CHIEF

Making changes at the top in the Punjab Intelligence Department, Punjab Government on Tuesday shunted out the head of the intelligence wing DGP Prabodh Kumar, replacing him with IG Jatinder Aulakh. Notably, Aulakh's promotion as ADGP was due in January this year.

Aulakh has served as SSP in different districts for over nine years and as Commissioner in Amritsar and Ludhiana. He remained IG at Patiala and Ferozepur Zones. The state intelligence wing had faced severe criticism recently not just because of the killing

of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala but also the rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) attack on the state's intelligence headquarters in Mohali district which was seen as a major failure to anticipate and prevent terror attacks in Punjab.

TOTAL FIVE IAS TRANSFERRED

Apart from Janjua and Tewari, three more senior IAS officers have been replaced. KAP Sinha has been posted as Additional Chief Secretary, Food Processing, besides holding the charge of Jail and Election. Ajay Sharma will be the Health secretary. He will also have the charge of Finance Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Taxation. Kumar Rahul has been given the charge of General Administration and Coordination along with Employment Generation and Training.

EIGHT IPS, 324 DSP LEVEL OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

The transfer orders issued by the State Government in the evening, also include other DGPs, who being senior to the incumbent officiating DGP Gaurav Yadav (head of police Force), cannot be posted directly under him. The 1988-batch IPS officer Prabodh Kumar has been posted as the Special DGP Punjab State Human Rights Commission, in place of Praveen Kumar Sinha whose posting orders will be

issued separately. Sanjeev Kalra, 1989-batch officer, has been appointed Special DGP Punjab Home Guards, Chandigarh, against the vacant post. 1992-batch Dr Sharad Satya Chauhan has been appointed Punjab Police Housing Corporation's chairman-cum-managing director on his promotion in the rank of Special DGP, replacing Sanjeev Kalra.

Another 1992-batch officer Harpreet Singh Sidhu has also been promoted in the rank of Special DGP and will look after the charge of Special DGP STF in addition to Special DGP Prisons. His batch-mate Kuldeep Singh would look after the charge of Special DGP Internal Vigilance Cell upon his promotion. 1994-batch Sudhanshu Srivastava has been posted as ADGP Security, while 1997-batch Jatinder Singh Aulakh will look after the work of ADGP Intelligence in the rank of IG.

Besides, as many as 324 DSP/ASP-level officers have also been transferred across the state.

SR. JOURNALIST PANNU APPOINTED MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Bhagwant Mann Government has appointed senior journalist Baltej Singh Pannu as Media Relations director. Having a long experience as a journalist at national and international level, Pannu will look after the media relations of the State Government with media organisations in India and abroad.

Yadav assumes additional charge as DGP, vows to fight against drugs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A 1992-batch Punjab cadre IPS officer Gaurav Yadav on Tuesday assumed the additional charge of Punjab's Director General of Police (Head of Police Force); while declaring to further strengthen the state's fight against drugs to make Punjab a drug-free State besides eliminating gangster culture, maintaining law and order, and detection of crime.

As per the orders issued by the State Government, Yadav would also continue to hold the charge of the Special DGP Administration, Punjab.

After assuming the charge, the newly-appointed DGP Punjab held a meeting with Punjab police's top brass and assured them that he will continue to work for the further betterment of the state Police.

The DGP, while briefing officers, said that the topmost priority of the Punjab Government is to further strengthen the fight against drugs to make Punjab a drug-free state besides eliminating gangster culture, maintaining law and order, and detection of crime.

He stressed on the need to revive basic policing which includes keeping vigil in vulnerable spots and be always ready to handle any kind of anticipated law and order situation, monitoring crime data, inspections of Police Stations, looking after the welfare of Police Personnel, etc.

DGP Yadav also directed all the Commissioners of Police and Senior Superintendents of Police to increase Police Check Points in their respective



jurisdictions and ensure the frisking of maximum vehicles at every naka, which will help in curtailing criminal activities.

He also advised that all the nakas should be synchronized in a manner that they must get activated promptly on a single call. He also directed them to ramp up the drug recoveries.

He also emphasized on the need for capacity building of the Police Stations by upgrading them and making them citizen-friendly besides acquiring new patrolling vehicles and hi-tech equipment for modernization. Soliciting the support and cooperation of the public, DGP Yadav reassured the Punjab Government's com-

DCs should prepare the data of the entire land of the district as soon as possible: Haryana CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday directed all the Deputy Commissioners to prepare the complete land data of their respective districts as soon as possible under the Land Bank Policy of the State Government. Apart from this, directions have also been given to get GIS mapping of the identified land done so that all the data can be made available in digital form.

Holding a meeting with the Deputy Commissioners regarding the land bank through video conferencing here, Khattar said that the entire land of the district, whether it is owned by Haryana Government, Gram Panchayat, Board or Corporation and private land,



should also be assessed in detail. He said that the land mapping being done under Swamitva Yojana, Large Scale

Mapping Scheme and drone mapping being done in urban areas should also be completed at the earliest, only then the

actual land of the district can be assessed. The CM said that the unutilized land lying with various departments will now come under the government and they will be made a part of the land bank. The land will be owned by the Haryana government and can be easily used for development projects.

During the meeting, while giving directions to the Deputy Commissioners, he said that the rainy season has just started and the rainy season is going to last for the next two months, which is why cleaning of drains should be ensured to prevent water logging in urban areas.

Apart from this, wherever the condition of the roads is deteriorating due to rains, repair or patching work should be done continuously so that the general public does not face any kind of problem in traffic.

GUEST COLUMN

Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam: A Maha Kumbh for Extracting Nectar for Transforming Education



Raghavendra P. Tiwari

A mega event "Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam" is being organized in the holy city of Varanasi from July 7 to 9, 2022 which is being billed as a "Maha Kumbh of Higher Education in India". The core objective of this grand event is to extract Amrut (nectar) through the 'Manthan' of

the plethora of quality imperatives enshrined in NEP2020. The event is being organised on the occasion of the second anniversary of NEP2020, which has been launched by the present government to make the youth of the country future ready while focusing on human values, life skills and traits of Bharatiya civilization. The event would be an excellent platform to take stock of the amount of water flown through the mighty Ganges for nurturing the learning system of India and transforming it into one of the best systems for empowering youth with global competencies. Deliberations will be focused on mapping the interests, abilities and demands of the younger generation for framing enabling policies for making India 'New and Atmanirbhar'. This platform will also be used to re-visit and re-strategise already drawn pathways for the implementation of NEP2020 and the benefits accrued thereby. One

major concern of the event will be to build up a holistic perspective for flawless implementation of NEP2020 to the maximum extent possible.

In knowledge driven society, the quality of the education system provides bases for economic vitality, health and overall well-being of humanity. NEP2020 was launched on 29th July, 2020 to transform the existing learning system and to actualise the needs of the 21st century learners. The seriousness of this mammoth assembly of Directors and Vice-Chancellors of the higher educational institutions can be appreciated from the fact that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself will inaugurate and address the gathering for inspiring these leaders to leave no stone unturned in implementing NEP2020. The presence of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan during all three days of the Samagam will give renewed directions and vigour to senior educa-

tionists in implementing NEP2020. This is a reflection of the commitment of the Government for providing quality education to the youth.

India can become Atmanirbhar only when we make our youth competent enough to contribute meaningfully and purposefully, and to become privy to Industrial Revolution (IR) 4.0. This revolution capitalizes on the fusion of disruptive digital technologies viz., Internet, Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, Intelligent Robotics, 3D Printing, Big Data Analytics, Cloud Computing and other innovations that are blurring the boundaries between the physical, digital, and biological domains. In IR 4.0, Cyber-Physical Production System (CPPS) is utilized for industrial production, by unifying the physical and the virtual world. For actualizing this opportunity, we need to embrace the imperatives of Education 4.0.

This version of education, unlike the previous three versions, ensures co-learning, co-creation and innovation; anytime, anywhere, and any type of learning; use of the flipped classroom for transforming passive learning to active learning; learning at home or outside institutions, while institutions are used for skill development; personalized and collaborative learning; lesson plans becoming creativity plans; continuous training for updation of domain knowledge and skills; full freedom to learners to choose courses, knowledge, and skills where students can learn preferred courses from multiple institutions. Thus Education 4.0 is outcome-based.

In this event, academicians and officials will focus on the need to formulate policies to make our youth future-ready to face a highly uncertain and volatile future. The speed of changes witnessed by the education sector is outpacing the

ability of the existing system to respond adequately and appropriately. Thus, the educational system is at increased risk of becoming outdated. HELs need to mentor youth for those jobs that are yet to exist, using technologies that are yet to be invented. Children enrolled in primary schools today will ultimately have to perform in new workplaces with new work profiles which currently do not exist. Nearly half of the subject knowledge acquired during the first year of a four-year technical degree will be outdated by the time the students graduate. We need to reform and re-strategise our mentoring goals to prepare mentees to boldly face such future uncertainties.

Thread-bare deliberation will take place on the student-centric and Bharat-centric reforms that form the soul of NEP2020. These include multidisciplinary and holistic education; skill-development and employability, research, inno-

vation and entrepreneurship, capacity building of teachers for quality education; quality, ranking and accreditation; digital empowerment and online education; equitable and inclusive education; Indian knowledge system; and internationalization of education. The progress made thus in implementing these quality benchmarks will be discussed and future-pathways for ensuring speedy and impactful implementation of these imperatives shall also be drawn.

The Ministry of Education and the UGC are burning midnight oil in making provisions/regulations on learning outcome-based multidisciplinary curriculum; multiple exit-entry options; academic bank of credits; use and integration of technology in education; education in mother tongue/regional language at least up to primary level, admissions through a single window, digital university and national research foundation;

national and international academic collaborations; building strong community connect etc., and most importantly the use of Indian knowledge traditions that emerged out of experiential wisdom of our ancestors.

This new round of dialogue will aim at getting better suggestions and effective solutions regarding the speedy implementation of NEP 2020 and its optimum utilization for the good of humanity. Emphasis will also be on bringing a paradigm shift in pedagogy especially on 'How to Learn' rather than on 'What to Learn'; skilling, up-skilling and reskilling; learning, unlearning and relearning (life-long learning to become life-long learning adaptability); and reform, perform and transform; and where learners will have to think like employees and employees will need to think like learners. Such a new approach may help youth face future challenges. We need to embrace the pole-vaulting model of implementing reforms rather than the leapfrogging model.

(The writer is Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab)

ED searches 44 premises of Vivo under PMLA



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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday searched at least 44 premises across the country in a money-laundering investigation against Chinese smartphone manufacturer Vivo and related entities.

The searches were carried out under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) at locations in several States including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya and Maharashtra, officials said.

The ED filed a money laundering case after taking cognisance of a recent Delhi Police (Economic Offences

Wing) FIR against a distributor of the agency based in Jammu and Kashmir where it was alleged that a few Chinese shareholders in that company forged their identity documents. The agency suspects this alleged forgery was done to launder illegally generated funds using shell or paper companies and some of these "proceeds of crime" were diverted to evade the scrutiny of Indian tax and enforcement agencies, they said.

The action comes in the wake of Centre's bid to tighten checks on Chinese entities and the continued crackdown on such firms and their linked Indian operatives that are allegedly indulging in serious

financial crimes like money laundering and tax evasion while operating here. The stepped-up scrutiny against the Chinese-backed companies or entities operating in India comes in the backdrop of the military stand-off between the two countries along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh that is on for more than two years now.

In April, the ED ordered the seizure of Rs 5,551 crore worth of deposits of another Chinese smartphone giant Xiaomi India for alleged contravention of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

The Income-Tax Department searched Chinese telecom company Huawei in February and it claimed to have found alleged manipulation of account books for reducing taxable income in India by the company.

Premises of a number of these Chinese smartphone companies including Xiaomi, Oppo and Vivo, their distributors and linked associates were raided across the country by the I-T department in December last year and it later claimed to have detected alleged unaccounted income

worth over Rs 6,500 crore due to violation of the Indian tax law and regulations. According

to reports, a number of Chinese entities are linked to the Chinese PLA, posing a threat

ED summons Azam's wife, son in money laundering probe

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned the wife and son of Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan for questioning in an ongoing money laundering probe against him.

Khan, 73, is also a Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA from Rampur seat in Uttar Pradesh. His son Abdullah Azam Khan, MLA from the Suar Assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh and wife Tazeen Fatma have been asked to depose separately before the ED's regional office in Lucknow this week, officials said.

The agency is seeking to record their statements under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the case being probed against Azam Khan, they said.

Khan has already been grilled by the agency in the case when he was lodged in Sitapur jail. Now, he is out on bail. He was released from jail in May after 27 months following the Supreme Court granting him interim bail in a separate forgery case.

The agency had initiated a probe against Khan in 2019 after taking cognisance of at least 26 FIRs filed by the State police against him including allegations that a university run by him in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh has been raised over a land that has been grabbed from an 'enemy property'.

Khan is the chairman of the Maulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar Trust which runs three branches of Rampur Public School. He had earlier also served as Urban Development Minister in SP Government.

to the security in the country they operate. Vivo had a 15 per cent market share in the Indian smartphone segment in the first quarter of 2022 with the shipment of 5.5 million devices, according to market research

and analysis firm IDC. According to a Counterpoint research report, Vivo became the top 5G brand in the Rs 10,000-20,000 price bracket segment in the country during March 2022 quarter. A Vivo

India spokesperson said, "Vivo is cooperating with authorities to provide them with all required information. As a responsible corporate, we are committed to be fully compliant with laws."

Mumbai's ex-top cop S Pandey appears before ED in NSE case

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Former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here on Tuesday for questioning in a money laundering case linked to the alleged National Stock Exchange (NSE) co-location scam.

The ED recorded Pandey's statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after he reached the agency's office in an auto-rickshaw, officials said. The 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer retired from service on June 30. Before his four-month stint as Mumbai Police Commissioner, he served as acting Director General of

Police (DGP) of Maharashtra. The agency questioned him in connection with the functioning and activities of iSec Securities Pvt. Ltd, one of the firms that conducted a security audit of NSE around the time the co-location irregularities allegedly took place, officials said.

The company was incorporated by Pandey in March 2001 and he quit as its director in May 2006. Later, his son and mother took charge of the company.

Pandey, an IIT-Kanpur and Harvard University alumnus, is said to have established the company after he resigned from service. His resignation was not accepted by the State government and he rejoined but was not immedi-

ately given a posting. Through his questioning, the ED is seeking to unravel the mandate, operations and results achieved by the company while it worked with the NSE, they said.

The agency has already recorded former NSE Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Chitra Ramkrishna's statement in connection with the case.

Presently, Ramkrishna is lodged in Tihar jail. She and former group operating officer Anand Subramanian were arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in March in the NSE co-location scam case. The ED took cognisance of this CBI FIR to initiate money laundering charges against them.

Ukraine war has no impact on under-construction warships in Russia: Navy Vice-Chief

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI



The ongoing Ukraine conflict has no impact on the Indian warships now under construction in Russian shipyards, Navy vice chief S N Ghormade said here on Tuesday.

The deal for two Talwar class stealth frigates was inked in 2018 between India and Russia. The first ship was launched for trials in 2021 and named Tushil. Two more warships of this class are now under construction at Goa Shipyard.

Allaying apprehensions of a setback to the ship construction programme due to Ukraine conflict, Ghormade said it has not hampered schedule. He also said an Indian team is stationed in Kaliningrad, Russia to monitor project and assured ships will be delivered to the Navy as per schedule. As regards achieving self-reliance in

defence manufacturing, Ghormade said the plan to build six conventional submarines here is on under Project 75.

On the recent trials of the naval version of French-built Rafale and US-made F-18, he said they were done to prove their capability of operating from aircraft carriers. "Our aim is indigenisation. We have a twin-engine deck-based fighter aircraft plan but it will take some time," the Vice Chief said. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is also working on a Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter.

India, Iran discuss bilateral issues, Afghan situation

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

India and Iran on Tuesday reviewed the entire spectrum of their bilateral ties and the situation in Afghanistan during the talks between Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Deputy Minister for Political Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs Ali Bagheri Kani. During the parleys on the telephone, the two sides discussed various elements of bilateral relations including progress on the Chabahar Port, the ministry of external affairs (MEA) said here.

Kwatra underscored India's commitment to strengthen bilateral cooperation with Iran in addressing shared opportunities and challenges. Both sides also discussed international and regional issues including Afghanistan, the MEA statement said. The telephonic conversation came nearly a month after Iranian foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian visited India. Iran has been a key country for India in the Gulf region. India and Iran have been jointly focusing on improving connectivity between South East Asia and Central Asia.

At a connectivity conference in Tashkent in July last year, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar projected Iran's Chabahar Port as a key regional transit hub including Afghanistan. Located in the Sistan-Balochistan province on the energy-rich Iran's southern coast, the Chabahar port is being developed by India, Iran and Afghanistan to boost connectivity and trade ties. India has been in touch with Iran over the developments in Afghanistan following its takeover by the Taliban on August 15.

Jaishankar lauds PM's Pak policy at DU book launch



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a discussion on the book 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery', at Delhi University in New Delhi on Tuesday

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to not allow cross-border terrorism be normalised has helped in shaping India's Pakistan policy since 2014, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Tuesday. Making this assertion, he also said Modi is perceived

abroad as "quintessentially Indian" and his intuitive feeling for diplomacy has led him to form a connection with foreign countries and their leaders.

Highlighting these facets at a function in Delhi University, Jaishankar read some excerpts from the chapter written by him in the book 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery'.

Jaishankar said, "When I

first met him (PM Modi) in China in 2011, I was the ambassador. Unlike many other chief ministers, he specifically sought political briefing."

"I recall his (Modi's) emphasis that on the issue of terrorism and sovereignty, we needed to make sure that we speak with one voice abroad, especially in China.

"When it comes to terrorism, especially of cross-border nature, he has been crystal clear that he would not allow it to be normalised. This determination has shaped our Pakistan policy since 2014," Jaishankar added.

The minister highlighted that the Prime Minister looms large on the world stage as his policies and initiatives have had an impact. "Peers perceive him as quintessentially Indian and respond accordingly.

His language, metaphor, appearances and mannerism define a persona that a world has come to recognise," he said, reading another paragraph from the book "Prime Minister Modi's intuitive feel-

ing for diplomacy has led him to find connect with foreign countries and their leaders with India," he added. Jaishankar was the chief guest at a special discussion organised by the Delhi University on the book. Speaking about the book, Jaishankar noted that a large part of the book has been written by people outside the government.

"Books are written about prime ministers. That is not unusual....But to have a book where sitting foreign minister and Home Minister (Amit Shah), National Security Advisor (Ajit Doval) have written about the sitting prime minister, that is unusual," he asserted.

Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh lauded the prime minister, saying India is lucky to have a leader who commits less and delivers more. Published by Rupa Publications India, 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' has contributions from Sudha Murty, Sadhguru, Nandan Nilekani and Amish Tripathi, among others.

Chaiwala among 5 to file papers for Aug 6 V-P poll

New Delhi: Five people, including one who goes by the alias "Ramayani Chaiwala", filed papers on Tuesday, the first day of the nomination process for the August 6 vice-presidential election.

The nomination papers of one candidate were rejected for failing to furnish a mandatory document. July 19 is the last date for filing nominations.

According to the details available with the office of the returning officer, K Padmarajan of Salem district in Tamil Nadu, Pareshkumar Nanubhai Mulani from

Ahmedabad, Hosmath Vijayanand from Bengaluru and Naidugari Rajasekhar Srimukhalingam from Andhra Pradesh have filed their nominations for the vice-presidential polls.

Anand Singh Khushwaha from Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, who goes by the alias "Ramayani Chaiwala", was also among those who filed nomination papers at the returning officer's office in Parliament. Though Khushwaha's papers were accepted, he did not submit the security deposit of Rs 15,000. **PTI**

Govt orders clearing of CGHS bills at pvt hospitals

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Waking up from its slumber as private hospitals across the country threatened to stop cashless treatment under the Central Government Group Health Scheme (CGHS), the Government on Tuesday ordered clearing of bills within a month.

Sources in the Union Health Ministry said that Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has reviewed the issue of outstanding CGHS dues of around Rs 1,400 crore and ordered officials to clear those within a month. According to officials, there are

complaints of over 11 lakh bills pending for the last few months, forcing many empanelled hospitals to discontinue cashless treatment of the CGHS beneficiaries. At the three-hour-long review meeting on Monday, Mandaviya ordered the health secretary, the CGHS director and the CEO of the National Health Authority to present a detailed report on the matter and the solutions to it, the official said. He instructed them to clear nine lakh pending CGHS bills within 15 days and repay all pending dues within a month. The Health Minister also ordered officials to increase the number of claim clearance officers immediately to clear the

pendency. Under the scheme, thousands of small, medium and large hospitals are empanelled, majority of which have not received payments since last July. While the Max Group has dues of Rs 200 crore, for Fortis the dues are Rs 100 crore. Likewise, Medanta hospital is waiting for a payment of nearly Rs 60 crore.

The CGHS covers all current and retired Central Government staff and kin. The OPD consultation charge for a CGHS beneficiary at most of the empanelled hospitals, including Max, Fortis, Medanta, etc, is Rs 150 per visit, while non-CGHS rates at these hospitals range from Rs 500 to Rs 2,000.



Women of the 'Varkari' movement run with tulsi plant on their head as they participate in 'Gol Ringan' during Sant Tukaram Maharaj Palkhi procession, in Solapur

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Father-daughter create IAF history

Duo flew Hawk fighter jet sortie in Bidar together on May 30

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Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma, along with his daughter, Flying Officer Ananya Sharma, created history by flying an Indian Air Force fighter jet sortie together

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just father and daughter. They were comrades, who had full faith in each other as fellow wingmen would," the IAF said in the release. The photo shows Air Commodore Sharma and his daughter posing in front of fighter plane. Ananya is currently undergoing her training in Bidar before she graduates

onto faster and more superior fighter aircraft of IAF. As Ananya was growing up, she watched her father nurture this very bond with his fellow squadron pilots. Having virtually grown up in the IAF, there was absolutely no other profession that she could imagine being a part of. As first women

fighter pilots of the IAF entered service in 2016, Ananya saw that her lifelong dream was now a possibility. Having completed her B Tech in Electronics and Communication, she was selected for training for the flying branch of IAF. She was commissioned as a fighter pilot in December 2021.

Accessible India drive: Centre equips just 20 airports with ambulifts for divyangs

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Even as the deadline for making all the airports in the country accessible expired last month, just 20 airports have been equipped with ambulifts under the Centre's Accessible India campaign. These airports include Vijayawada, Kanpur, Port Blair, Jodhpur, Belgium, Silchar, Jharsuguda, Rajkot and Hubli.

The ambulifts aim to facilitate passengers with reduced mobility, 'divyang' travellers on wheelchairs and passengers on stretchers during their air travel. However, an official from the Department of Disability Affairs said India's 35 international airports and 55 out of 69 domestic airports are now accessible to 'divyangjan' with accessibility features, and 41 airports are fully equipped with aerobridges and 20 airports have been equipped with

ambulifts under the Accessible India campaign. Ambulifts are used as a boarding vehicle for disabled passengers, passengers with reduced mobility or disabled air-travellers, or people using wheelchairs or the elderly with mobility issues.

"An ambulift is fitted with heating ventilation and air conditioning and can cater to six wheelchairs and two stretchers at a time with an attendant.

The ambulifts have been procured for Rs 63 lakh per unit. "...Airports Authority of India (AAI) is providing an ambulift facility at a nominal token charge to the operating airlines at its airports," an official from the Authority had said two months ago. The Ambulift is manufactured domestically under the Make in India policy.

The central advisory board on disability has asked all states/UTs to assess the public buildings by July-end that are

to be made accessible in "shortest possible time" for disabled under Accessible India campaign. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) had launched Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) as a nation-wide Campaign to serve differently-abled community of country.

Although Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provided a timeline of five years for

making all existing public buildings accessible by June 14 this year, till now 585 state buildings and 1,030 central government buildings have been made barrier-free for disabled. It was launched for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) on December 3, 2015. It has three important verticals, namely-theBuild Environment, the transportation sector and the ICT ecosystem.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sushma Devi W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Village Kaimbwala, Chandigarh declare that my Mother wrongly mentioned in my PAN CARD (HTNP00149A) as Bimla. But Correct name is Bittan.

I, Shripal S/O Ram Chander R/o 430 Village kundli Tehsil Rai and District Sonipat has disowned my son Kapil and his wife Pooja from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Bimla W/O Late Fatehchand R/O Khijarpur Ahear Tehsil Gannaur And District Sonipat Has Disowned My Son Naveen 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, Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh. Jograj R/O 953/17 kaushik Nagar Jind (Hr.) declare that my son Mohit Tayal and his wife Priyanka are out of my control. So, I disown them from my movable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with them will do so at their own risk.

I, Raj Pal s/o Sh. Anturi Lal R/O # 112, Type-1, PGI Campus, Sector 12, Chandigarh declare that my son Banty and his wife Savita is out of my control. So, I disown them from all my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deals with them will do so at their own risk. I and my family members are not responsible for their any deed.

I, Reena Rao W/O Tilak Raj House No. 2752/0 Hari Palace Road Deha Basti, Ambala City Declare That My Son Vijay Sehgal And Daughter-In-Law Rinkal Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Both Of Them From My Movable And Immovable Property. The Transactor Himself Will Be Responsible.

CHANGE OF NAME

It is for general information that I, Anurag Chaudhary S/O Pawan Kumar Chaudhary R/O H. No. 733, Basant Nagar, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana) declares that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Anurag and Pawan Kumar in 10th and 12th educational documents. The actual name of mine and my father are Anurag Chaudhary and Pawan Kumar Chaudhary, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

I, Sikandar Singh s/o Narinder Singh R/o Village Kahliwan Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur declare that on some documents my name is written as Sikandar Singh and on some other documents my name is written as Sikander Singh . That Sikander Singh and Sikander Singh both names pertains to same person i.e myself. Concerned note.

I, Surjeet Kaur w/o Gurdeep Singh R/o Lichi Bagh, Babowal Distt Gurdaspur declare that in my Passport No. T 5966903, my name is misspelled as Surjit Kaur. My correct name is Surjeet Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Surinder Kumar S/O Madan Lal, House No. 93, Type-1A, Sector-2, Naya Nangal, declare that on my daughter Himanshi Gahi document my name written Surinder Gahi whereas Surinder Kumar & Surinder Gahi one of the same person.

I, Narender Saroha S/o Sh. Chander Bhan R/O H.No.1192, Sector-3, Rohtak Haryana-124001 declared that Narender Pal is my name as per my matriculation certificate and my DOB is 04.09.1966. In my other documents i.e. Driving licence, Aadhar Card & Bank Account my name is Narender Saroha. Narender Saroha and Narender Pal is the same & one person. In future I will be known as Narender Saroha.

I, Gurdinder Kaur D/o Gurcharan Singh R/O Vill, Jharoli Khurd, P.O. Kalsana, Teh. Shahabad (M.) Kurukshetra, declare that my Daughter Nalan Deep Kaur are out of my control. So I disinherit her from my all moveable/immovable Properties. If anybody deals with her in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

I, Ram Singh S/O Amar Singh R/O Vill. Sherpura retired Nayak from Indian Army declares that my record book my son's name is Sukhvir Singh and DOB is 05.12.1989 and my wife's name is Vidya Devi which are wrong. That my son name is Sukhveer and DOB is 06.09.1990 and my wife name is Vidhya Devi is correct. Please correct these mistakes in my all records.

I, Rakesh Chibber S/O Sh. Prannath R/O H. No. 1872/2, Kajiwara Nahan House, Ambala Cantt Declare That My Son Vinayak Chibber And His Wife Aanchal Chibber Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Them From My All Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Navjot Singh S/o Jasbir Singh R/O H.No.106 MCA L-4/391, Gali No.4, Sultanwind Road, Kot Atma Ram Near Miri Piri Gurdwara, Amritsar-1 Punjab-143001. Declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as Narinder Singh in my 12th Class Certificate No-0814544. The actual name of My Father is Jasbir Singh, which may be amended accordingly.

I, Rajesh Kumar Joshi S/o Dwarka Nath R/O H.No. B-5/22, St. No. 1, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab have debard my son Prince Joshi and his wife Priya Joshi with their son from my whole moveable or immovable properties. All concern note it please.

I, Nafa Ram S/O Kartara Ram Vill Ajrana Khurd, PO Ajrana Kalan Tehsil Thanesar Distt Kurukshetra declare that my son Jyoti Ram is out of my control. I disown them from all my moveable/immovable properties. anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future.

We Ram Pal Sharma S/o Late Tulsi Ram and Krishna Devi W/o Ram Pal Sharma VPO Badali, Tehsil Kharar, SAS Nagar Punjab inform that our son Manish Sharma and his wife Nitika Sharma out of our control. We disown them from our moveable/ immovable properties. anybody deals with them at their own risk.

We Bhim Sen S/O Sh. Jhangeeri Lal And Bhagwati H No 141 Rampur Panchdi Kalka Bcw Surajpur Singhkula Haryana Declares That My Son Yadram And His Wife Manju And Child Tarun ,Yatika Are Out Of My Control. I Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immovable Property. If Anybody Deal With Them Will Do So At Their Own Risk And Responsibility.

We, Lakhwinder Singh S/O Mohar Singh & Gurpreet Kaur W/O Lakhwinder Singh R/O #6481, Block-G, Aero City, Mohali Tehsil & Distt Sas Nagar Mohali Declared Our Son Kanwaljit Singh And His Wife Kiranpreet Kaur Are Out Of Our Control. So We Disown Both From All Our Movable/Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Aman Kumar Alias Aman Singh S/o Subhash Kumar R/O #B-2/1136 Banwari Rajpura Patiala Lic Policy No.162393758 both name are same and the one person only.

I, Hitherto Known As Arshdeep Kaur Sandhu W/O Manpreet Singh R/O Benta Baad, Giddarbaha, Tehsil Giddarbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, Pin code 152101, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Arshdeep Kaur.

I, Mohamad Khaliollah S/O Ahmad Miya R/O H.No. 122 Dashmesh Colony Balongi (SAS Nagar, Mohali) declare that in my Passport my father name wrongly entered Ahmad Khan. But my father correct name is Ahmed Miya as per his Aadhar Card and Educational Certificate. So amended my father name from Ahmad Khan to Ahmed Miya in my Passport.

मैं सुप्रीन्द सिंह पुत्र मजी राज गौड़ निवासी डाक्टर उरोहरीयाँ हजरीत इलाहाबाद का निवासी हूँ और व्याज करता हूँ कि मेरा बेटा सुरजिन्द व उसकी पत्नी मोनिका देवी जो कछेले से बाहर हैं मैं उनको अपनी तमाम जयदाद से वेदखत करता हूँ उनसे लेन देन कछेले वाला खुद निम्नोदर लेना सभी नोट करे

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I, No. GS-175989P, Machinist Venkatagiri of Unit BWB (GREF) GREF Station Pathankot, declare that in my service record my wife's DOB erroneously written as 15-01-1978 instead of 15-01-1980 and her correct DOB is 15-01-1980.

I, Ravinder Kumar Ahluwalia S/O Sh Vasudev R/O H.No.583 VPO Bayanpur Distt Sonipat have changed my name to Ravinder Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Babita Ahluwalia W/o Ravinder Kumar R/O H.No. 583 VPO Bayanpur Distt Sonipat have changed my name to Babita Devi for all future purposes.

I, Dharmender Singh S/o Sube Singh R/O #68, Sector-26, Panchkula have changed my name from Dharmender Singh to Dharmender Kharb.

I, Nipun Gupta S/o Sudhir Kumar Gupta R/O #413, Sector-12, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my minor daughter name from Idhika to Idhika Gupta.

I, Jashandeep Singh S/o Pargat Singh R/O Dhani Rattan Singh, Distt.Sirsa (HR) have changed my name from Jashandeep Singh to Jashandeep Singh Dhillon.

I, Gurnam Singh S/o Karam Singh R/O VPO Mussimbil Musalmanan, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declares that my actual name is Gurnam Singh which is mentioned in my all documents but in my Passport No. V4909392 my name is mentioned as Gurnam Signh. Gurnam Singh and Gurnam Signh both are my name, one and the same person.

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Brij Lal Bajaj R/O 418 R/B, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Bajaj.

I, Jagjit Bhalla S/o Late Om Parkash Bhalla R/O House 2404, Sector 37-C, Chandigarh have changed my minor son's name from Rhythim Bhalla to Rajveer Bhalla.

I, Jagjit Bhalla S/o Late Om Parkash Bhalla R/O House 2404, Sector 37-C, Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter's name from Bhuvhi to Bhuvhi Bhalla.

I, Hardip Singh S/O Mangat Singh Saini R/O Village Bri Mathana Tehsil Thanesar Kurukshetra Has Change Name Hardip Singh To Hardip Singh Saini.

I, Simranjeet Kaur D/O S.Sukhminder Singh holder of Indian Passport No. W 0195534 issued at Vancouver on 11/05/2022, permanent resident of VPO Sheikhdaulat, Jagraon (Ludhiana) Punjab, Pin142038 India and presently residing at BSM7/13680,92 Avenue, Surrey,BC-V3V 1H8 Canada do hereby change my name from Simranjeet Kaur to Simranjeet Kaur Aulakh with immediate effect.

I, Anil S/O Baldev Raj Ghai, R/O #114, Govind Vihar Colony, Saouli Road, Jagadhri Workshop, Teh. Jagadhri, Distt. Yamunanagar have changed my name to Anil Kumar Ghai.

I, Vandana Jha W/o Sanjay Jha R/O #1835, B-6, Vishnu Nagar, Jagadhri Workshop, Teh. Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar state that in my 10th Certificate my name written as Vandana Kumari. while correct name is Vandana Jha. Vandana Jha @ Vandana Kumari both are one & same person.

I, Parveen Gupta S/o Faquir Chand R/O 354/24, Gobind Dhama colony, Salarpur Road, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, My daughter Renu Gupta documents my name is Praveen Gupta and Parveen Kumar, are the names of same person.

I, Pooja W/o Arun Arora R/O 1957, Sector-13-17, Huda, Panipat declared that I have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Arora, for all future purposes.

I, Parmeet Singh S/O Kulwant Singh Chadha R/O House No. 819, Phase-4, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab, have changed my name to Parmeet Singh Chadha.

I, Snazzy D/o Baldev Krishan Sahota R/O House No.701 Saini Vihar, Phase 2, Baltana, Zirakpur SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Snazzy to Snazzy Sahota.

I, No.14253749L Ex Havaldar Ranbir Singh S/o gaje Singh R/o village Dehra Tehsil samalkha district Panipat, Haryana. Nirmala Devi is my wife, her name in my PPO record is Nirmal Devi, but actual name is Nirmala Devi. so please change in my PPO record as Nirmala Devi.

I, Dalip Kumar S/O Gobind Ram R/O 2094/95, 11 Cross Road, Kacha Bazar, Ambala Cantt Declare That My Son 10th & 12th Education Certificate My Name Is Mentioned As Dalip Malhotra But My All Documents My Name Is Mentioned As Dalip Kumar. So Dalip Kumar And Dalip Malhotra Is One And The Same Person.

I, Divya W/O Dalip Kumar R/O 2094/95, 11 Cross Road, Kacha Bazar, Ambala Cantt Declare That My Son 10th & 12th Education Certificate My Name Is Mentioned As Divya Malhotra But My All Documents My Name Is Mentioned As Divya. So Divya And Divya Malhotra Is One And The Same Person.

I, Smt Shalinder Kaur Spouse Of No. Jc-300298n Rank Ex Sub, Angrej Singh R/O H. No. 25, Preet Colony, Jandili, Teh & Distt – Ambala (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Shalinder Kaur To Salinder Kaur Dob - 03-03-1972 (Proposed/ Adopted New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 02.07.2022 Before Ambala.

I, Poonam Devi W/O No. Jc-773591f Rank Sub, Rakesh Kumar Of Unit 67 Engr. Br. Cgt. O 56 Apo.Have Changed My Name From Punam To Poonam Devi.

I, Phuljhwa Devi M/O Murari Kumar, R/O Village Badraj, Ekangar Dih, Nalanda, Bihar-801301 Presently Residing At Smq 91/4, R.R. Lines, Air Force Station, Ambala Cantt-133001 Have Changed My Name From Phuljhwa Devi To Phuljhwarva Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 05-07-2022 Before S.D.M. Office, Ambala Cantt.

I, Hitherto Known As Paramjeet Kaur Toor Wife Of Sukhraj Singh Toor Residing At H.No.13, Bank Colony, Batala, Gurdaspur-143505 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mandeep Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Preeti Kaur Potiwal Daughter Of Satpal Singh Potiwal Residing At 38-C, Main Road Kot Atma Ram, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Preeti.

I, Hitherto Known As Kawaljeet Singh Bath Son Of Gurdjeep Singh Residing At H.No. 190, 2, Tarn Taran Road, Guru Arjan Dev Nagar, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kawaljeet Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Kamjit Singh Son Of Harbhajan Singh Residing At B 12, Impact Greens, Near Garden Enclave, Abadi Khanok, G.T.Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kamjit Singh Sandhu.

I, Hitherto Known As Harsharan Kaur Daughter Of Gurdip Singh Wife Of Gurdial Singh Residing At H.No.L3/8b, Jaspal Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jasbir Kaur.

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

I, Hitherto Known As Kawaljit Singh Son Of Mahinder Singh At H.No.7/1180, Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Tarn Taran Road, District Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kanwaljit Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Amandeep Kaur Arora Wife Of Harinder Singh Residing At H.No.38, The Mall Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Amandeep Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Rajwinder Kaur Pannu D/O Prakash Singh W/O Mabir Singh R/O Chawinda Khurd, Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rajwinder Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Simran Wife Of Jagroop Chandi Residing At 256, Darshan Avenue, G.T Road, Daurji, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Simran Kaur. I Have Changed My Name Not My Religion

I, Hitherto Known As Paramjeet Singh Bajwa Son Of Santosh Singh Residing At H.No.3130 Patti Manshur Di, Sultanwind, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter's Mandeep Kaur Bajwa Age 16 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mandeep Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Paramjeet Singh Son Of Santosh Singh Residing At H.No.3130 Patti Manshur Di, Sultanwind, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter's Mandeep Kaur Bajwa Age 16 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mandeep Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Varinder Kaur Bajwa Wife Of Paramjeet Singh Residing At H.No.3130 Patti Manshur Di, Sultanwind, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Varinder Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Gurjinderpal Kaur Wife Of Jinderpal Singh Residing At H.No.28, Majid Building, Chheharta District Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gurwinder Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Rajvir Singh Son Of Onkar Singh Residing At 75, Garden Estate, Khankot Bye Pass, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rajvir Singh Chhabra.

I, Hitherto Known As Baldev Singh Son Of Bachan Singh Residing At 213, Medical Enclave Circular Road Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Baldev Singh Dhillon.

I, Hitherto Known As Kulddeep Kaur Wife Of Baldev Singh Dhillon Residing At 213, Medical Enclave Circular Road, Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kulddeep Kaur Dhillon.

I, Hitherto Known As Navjot Kaur Momi Wife Of Sarbjit Singh Residing At Vpo Nag Kalan Tehsil Majitha District Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Navjot.

I, Hitherto Known As Harish Chander Narula Son Of Ramesh Chander Residing At Ward No.2, Near Jeewan Jyoti School Railway Bazar Guru Har Sahai Ferozepur-152022 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jagwinder Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Sadhvi Goel Daughter Of Sanjeev Aggarwal Wife Of Parth Aggarwal Residing At 3 Rose Avenue, Opp D.C. Residenc, Maqbool Road, Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sadhvi Aggarwal.

I, Hitherto Known As Loveleen Kaur Makkar Daughter Of Ajit Singh Makkar Wife Of Gurjeet Singh Residing At 381, D-Block, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Loveleen Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Parminder Singh Ghatore Son Of Darshan Singh Residing At Village Ran Singh Wala Po Bebbhal Khurd Tehsil Jaitu Faridkot-151208 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Parminder Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Baldev Singh Son Of Bachan Singh Residing At 213, Medical Enclave Circular Road Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Baldev Singh Dhillon.

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I, Akashdeep Singh S/O Amritpal Singh R/O Chetanpura, Ajnala Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Albreht Preet Singh To Akashdeep Singh

I, Gurjit Kaur W/o Avtar Singh R/O Village Diwana, Tehsil Tohana, Distt. Fatehabad have changed my name from Gurjeet Kaur to Gurjit Kaur for all future purpose.

I, Kewal Jeet W/o Kulddeep Singh R/O Dhani Bachchan Singh, Tehsil Ellenabad, Distt. Sirsa have changed my name from Kewaljeet Jeet to Kewal Jeet for all future purpose.

I, Abhimanyu S/o Sh. Sharwan Kumar Chhabra R/O H. No. 443, Police Line Area, Hisar (Haryana) hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sharwan Chhabra to Sharwan Kumar Chhabra for all future purposes.

I, Rajinder Parshad/ Rajinder Parshad Garg S/o Sh. Magni Ram R/O H. No. 1936, Sector 14, Hisar, Haryana, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rajinder Parshad/Rajinder Parshad Garg to Rajinder Parshad for all future purposes.

I, Ritika Gandhi Alias Mamta Rani W/o Arun Gandhi R/O H.No-7177/4, Choti Sabji Mandi, Bazar Basti Ram Ambala City has changed my name from Ritika Gandhi Alias Mamta Rani to Mamta Rani.

I, Sharda Devi wife of Sumer Chand Sharma resident of H.No 151/13 Urban Estate Kurukshetra Haryana 136119 Have changed my name from Sharda Devi to Sharda Rani

I, Anil Kumar Gupta S/o Late Rattan Chand R/O Golden Avenue, Sali Road Pathankot Have Changed My Son Name From Akul Mahajan to Divanshu Mahajan For All Purposes, Kindly Note.

I, Yashika Malika W/o Varun Sindhi, H.No.1516 Mahavir Mandir Road, Rajpura (Patiala), have changed my name to Yashika Sindhi.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Baljinder Singh, Vill Bakshiwalda PO Ugani Teh Rajpura (Patiala), have changed my name to Singh Gurpreet .

I, Navneet Kaur W/o Harpreet Singh, Vill Gaddo Majra PO Dhakansu Kalan Teh Rajpura (Patiala), have changed my name to Kaur Navneet.

I, Rajwinder Kaur W/o Ravinder Singh Dhindsa R/o #616/1, Milk Colony, Dhanas, Chandigarh, I have changed my name from Rajwinder Kaur to Rajwinder Kaur Dhindsa.



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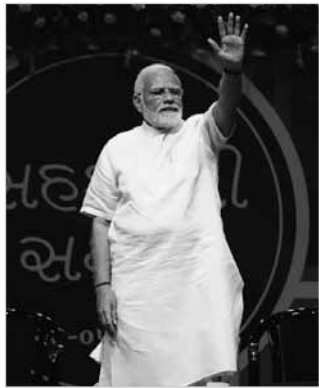
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PAPER WITH PASSION

We can do better

The Government's desire to lead Industry 4.0 is there; it has even made efforts in that direction

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion that India is leading the fourth industrial revolution, or Industry 4.0, may appear to be an exaggeration to his critics. It is, however, correct that the country has made remarkable progress in the technologies that are the defining features of the fourth revolution. The World Economic Forum elucidates the concept as: "The First Industrial Revolution used water and steam power to mechanise production. The Second used electric power to create mass production. The Third used electronics and information technology to automate production. Now a Fourth Industrial Revolution is building on the Third, the digital revolution that has been occurring since the middle of the last century. It is characterised by a fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between the physical, digital and biological spheres." Are we even near Industry 4.0? Well, certain facts are indeed disconcerting. For all the talk about being an emerging economy or, as more enthusiastic souls call it, a rising economic power, the reality is that our per capita income is below \$2,300, below that of Bangladesh's. India is a poor country, placed at the 142nd rank in terms of per capita income. Besides, manufacturing has not been doing well since 2011-12. Its share in the country's gross value added (GVA) has come down from 17.4 per cent in 2011-12 to 14.5 per cent in 2020-21.



Yet, it would not be very correct to say that there is no hope. As Prime Minister Modi said, "All programmes launched today are going to strengthen Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living. They'll give a fillip to India's start-up ecosystem. India can proudly say that it is not just part of the Industry 4.0 Revolution but is actually leading it." He said this while launching multiple digital portals at the Digital India Week 2022 on Monday. All Industry 4.0 technologies are not only being used in India but are promoted by the Government. In February this year, for instance, the Government released a national strategy for additive manufacturing (also called 3D printing) to encourage interface between academia, Government and industry. The objective was to make India a global hub for design, development and deployment in the sector. The Department of Science & Technology is implementing the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) to promote research, train personnel, develop the relevant technologies, incubate entrepreneurship and promote international collaboration. As many as 25 technology innovation hubs have already been established in reputed institutes across the country in advanced technologies including machine learning and artificial intelligence. The Government's desire to lead Industry 4.0 is there; it has also made some efforts in that direction. What PM Modi has to ensure is that the scourges that plagued the earlier rounds of industrialization — statist policies, the institutionalised anti-business attitude, excessive regulation, red tape *et al* — don't beleaguer Industry 4.0. It will be a pity if that happens.

PICTALK



Students walk past as people try to repair an auto-rickshaw on a flooded road amid heavy rain, in Mumbai

PTI

Economy travails

There's a crying need for reforms to boost the pace of economic growth in India

Reserve Bank of India's former Governor Raghuram Rajan has again warned that without the suitable aid of the much-needed reforms, the pace of economic growth is bound to slow down steeply. It is true, too. Without the right set of reforms and more of the political turmoil and infighting that always keeps happening in India, it is likely it'll grow too slowly. However, the big question still remains as to how the country gets to that higher pace of reforms. Rajan, speaking at a Standard Chartered event in Singapore recently, said: "We have in place a Government that's attempting those reforms. But unfortunately, perhaps because a consensus for those reforms hasn't been reached widely, there is a lot of opposition and those reforms haven't played out — for example, on agriculture these were effectively rolled back." On November 19, following months of massive and nationwide protests by farmers to the three new farm laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Government would repeal them. Such *ad hoc*, *kabhi haan*, *kabhi naa* approach is bound to rattle the Government's reforms agenda and depict it in a rather poor light in the eyes of the electorate.



While India's GDP is estimated to have grown by 8.7 per cent in FY22, it was on the back of a low base, with the economy having contracted 6.6 per cent in FY21. Besides, growth is seen slowing down to 7.2 per cent in FY23 and closer to 6 per cent in the medium term. The former RBI boss, however, pointed out to the recent reports of bank privatisation and said the Government may not be done yet with reforms. "If that can be done reasonably, it offers an opportunity because the banking sector at this point, on net, is holding back the economy rather than propelling it. Credit growth has to be much stronger," he added. But how is India seen abroad as an investment opportunity? Of course, it has a great deal of potential because of its young population and with a great need for infrastructure. However, a point of concern remains in terms of India's 'drag consumption' which could in the long term mean that while India may be a \$3-trillion economy, it is a long way from being a substitute for China, which is five times larger.

A bait to regime of blasphemy

The Indian judiciary will do great disservice to a free nation by even remotely encouraging the blasphemous, unauthorised regime of Islam



PRIYADARSHI DUTTA

Last Friday, a local court in Udaipur transferred the tailor-beheading case to the National Investigative Agency (NIA). Even the Rajasthan Government, otherwise accused of soft-peddling Muslim fanaticism, is treating the case as an act of terror with foreign linkage. The same day, however, a vacation Bench of the Supreme Court held Nupur Sharma morally culpable for the Udaipur killing. The Bench, comprising Justices Surya Kant and JB Padrewala, orally observed that she was "single-handedly responsible" for what was happening in the country like the "unfortunate incident" in Udaipur. One is sure that Riyaz Akhtari and Ghaus Mohammed, arrested on charges of Udaipur murder, will not fail to take advantage of the Supreme Court's observations during their trial.

Way back in September 1934, one Abdul Qayum stabbed to death Nathuramal Sharma inside the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind. The latter was waiting for his turn to be heard under Section 195 of Indian Penal Code for publication of a pamphlet on the history of Islam. The case of Abdul Qayum was argued by Barkat Ali, a barrister from Lahore. "He went to the length of saying" — as BR Ambedkar informs — "that Qayum was not guilty of murder of Nathuramal because his act was justifiable by the law of Koran" (*Pakistan or Partition of India*, P147). It would be unsurprising if Riyaz & Ghaus also argue that they had done nothing wrong according to the laws of Islam by beheading Kanhaiya Lal Teli, the tailor.

Nupur Sharma has received a flurry of death threats, from India and abroad, most of which she possibly could not see as they clogged her email account. These death threats are not arbitrary, but there is a definite basis to them in Islamic law. This explains why a large number of Muslims thought the same way, despite the fact that intimidation is punishable under law of the land. The answer could be found in a *fatwa* of Darul Ifta of Darul



Uloom, Deoband, accessed online. An inquirer sought to know about the punishment of blasphemy against Prophet Mohammed in India, and under Islamic law respectively (Question ID=2019). The answer ie *fatwa* (1386/1226=B) says that punishing a criminal guilty is the duty of the Government not individuals though one should try one's level best to punish such a perpetrator according to Indian Constitution. Under an Islamic country, the culprit is to be killed.

The acts of the enthusiasts, it is evident, are not without sanction in Islam. Those issuing death threats, or carrying out executions, feel self-righteous in doing so in the light of Islamic laws. Accepting even that Nupur had been wrong, no Maulana or Mufti has yet come forward to correct her on facts. Would that not have been the most civilised way of dealing with the issue? Only a Salafi school cleric from Pakistan, Engineer Muhammad Ali Mirza, was discerning enough to state that what Nupur said was evidently under provocation from the Muslim side. Her approach was that if Muslims wish to mock Hinduism on theological ground, they must not over-

look their own Achilles' heel.

It is speculative if Christians of India would come out with kitchen knives if Nupur had expressed grave doubts on Jesus Christ's miracles of loaves and fishes raining from heaven. Or would the Indian ambassador to Israel Sanjeev Singla would have been hurriedly summoned to Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 9, Yitzhak Rabin Boulevard at Kiryat HaLeom in Jerusalem, if Nupur had expressed a negative opinion on certain acts of Moses or Prophet Isaiah in the *Old Testament*? Neither Judaism nor Christianity at present enforces blasphemy, which explains why no Christian or Jew views defending the honour of their Prophets with the aid of swords or guns as part of their religion. This allows critical and historical examination of those religions possible without any fear of lethal reprisal. Any such exercise with regard to Islam is fraught with mortal risk although, at the same time, Islam is being hailed as 'religion of peace'. This dichotomy begs for an answer.

On June 8, 1992, prominent Egyptian professor, writer and human rights activist Farag Foda was assassinated in Cairo by the mem-

bers of Al-Jamaa Al-Islamiyya. Foga often dared advocates of Sharia rule in Egypt to show how possibly they would deal with modern problems like housing shortage in Cairo. Foda had been accused of blasphemy by Al-Azhar University, though that did not authorise his assassination by member of an Islamist organisation. His killer Abu El'El'a Abdrabu, released from prison in 2012, later said in a television interview that the punishment of an apostate (one who leaves Islam) is death, even if he repents.

In India, the emphasis has always been on tolerating Muslims. Going into fundamentals of Islam, therefore, appeared to be going for the jugular of the religion. Even the judiciary, the lighthouse of rationality, felt shaken by it.

In July 2009, Justices RV Raveendran and Markandeya Katju had buckled under Islamist pressure to withdraw a Supreme Court order (March 30, 2009) that equated Muslims insistence on keeping beard with "Talibanisation" of India. May Peace be upon us!

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THE DEATH THREATS TO NUPUR ARE NOT ARBITRARY; THERE IS A DEFINITE BASIS TO THEM IN ISLAMIC LAW. THIS EXPLAINS WHY A LARGE NUMBER OF MUSLIMS THOUGHT THE SAME WAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT INTIMIDATION IS PUNISHABLE UNDER LAW OF THE LAND

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GODS OF THE WAR CURSE

Sir — What a travesty it is of global leadership that keeps fanning the fire of war, this time in Ukraine? Whither the tenets of great thinkers and statesmen who helmed the destiny of nations and people across ages. History is no longer in the syllabus of modern-day politicians who stake false claims to statesmanship. Wars start small and then grow too big to be controlled by the comity of nations. The fickleness and vanity of nations had prevailed over human sanity in every major conflict. It is significant that Germany was at the core of both the World Wars and Russia, its opponent.

The Ukraine conflict now has Russia on the one side and Germany is rubbing shoulders with other Western nations at Nato. Nothing has changed except that technology has vastly upgraded weapons. But these nations and their leaders have not graduated from archaic mindsets, despite suffering miseries of large scale military engagements over many a modern decade. Going by precedents, the Ukraine conflict can only expand, perhaps exponentially, as the likes of Hannibal who swore eternal enmity to Rome or Hitler the visceral racist, keep incarnating. Mankind is willingly propitiating the gods of war curse.

R Narayanan | Navi Mumbai

REACHING OUT TO MUSLIMS

Sir — It has come as a pleasant surprise that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has exhorted the party cadre to reach out to the "deprived, non-elite" Muslims. This is because he is not exactly known for his minority or pro-Muslim utterances. His persona is one of a leader who refused to sport a skull cap and urged people to identify the anti-CAA protesters by their dress. One wishes that the BJP cadres abide by his call to care for the impoverished Muslims. It will improve the lot of the poor Muslims and strengthen inter-faith bonds. It doesn't matter whether it is known as 'Muslim appeasement' or 'politics of fulfilment'.

The Sachar Commission report gives an account of how the majority of Muslims live

Act against corrupt leaders



Though Chief Minister MK Stalin has been striving hard to implement the promises made in the electoral manifesto of his party and has also succeeded in implementing a sizeable number of their leaders' promises, it is a wonder why there is no progress in taking action against the former Ministers and partymen of the AIADMK alleged to have been involved in gargantuan corruption and amassing wealth disproportionate to their income,

Shalini Gerald | Chennai

as assured by him in his election speeches. Even now we find former Ministers against whom such grievous graft charges were levelled by the DMK, particularly by the Chief Minister, moving around scot-free and even challenging the Government.

The people who voted the DMK to power with the hope that they would see that the corrupt politicians against whom they have even complained to the Governor to initiate action would be arrested and their ill-gotten wealth confiscated, remain totally disappointed that no serious action has been initiated against them. This leads to lots of guesses and people have even started wondering whether the ruling dispensation itself is protecting them. It is time the Chief Minister looked into this burning issue and took appropriate expeditious action on war footing, lest the people come to a firm conclusion that the incumbent Government is trying to cover up their misdeeds and acts of corruption.

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in misery. It should not be reduced to a game plan to prevail on the impoverished Muslims to support the party and subscribe to its Hindutva ideology. Also, as a goodwill gesture, Modi can accept a skull cap from a member of the Pasmandas community or a non-Syed, OBC Muslim if he is more comfortable with it. This will dispel the impression that he embraces only the rulers of the affluent Arab nations and not his humble Indian Muslim compatriots.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

NEED TO SAVE AAREY FOREST

Sir — The Mumbai Congress strongly opposed the construction of the Metro rail car-shed in the green lungs of Aarey, with city unit chief Bhaji Jagtap urging the Union Government and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis to drop their "juvenile insistence" on going ahead with the plan. One of the first decisions taken by the Eknath Shinde Government was to

allow construction of the car-shed for Metro Line 3 at Aarey, a move that has met with opposition from environmental activists and some political parties, overturning the previous Government's plan to build it at Kanjurmarg.

The Aarey forest is the breathlife of Mumbai. It is basically the lungs of Mumbai. By destroying the forest and cutting down trees, the Centre and State are doing juvenile insistence to set up a metro car-shed there. This is a project that destroys the environment. It is being opposed at all levels. Mumbaiers don't want this project in Aarey. The Metro car-shed should come up in Kanjurmarg. With this, the legal dispute is expected between the Centre and the Mumbaiers with support of activists and the Opposition parties like the Shiv Sena, Congress and the NCP.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

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SOUNDBITE

In the last 100 years, different countries adopted two models: Communism & capitalism. But our cooperative model is the idle path, one that succeeds.



Union Home Minister

—Amit Shah



German Chancellor

—Olaf Scholz

I want to do a film but whenever I get an opportunity to do a TV show, I can't say no.



Actor

—Shaheer Sheikh



Tennis player

—Stefanos Tsitsipas

Gujarat can get cheap, 24x7 power... I'll be back on Sunday with a solution to the State's power issue.



Delhi Chief Minister

—Arvind Kejriwal

FIRST COLUMN

SEEKING NEUTRALITY,
DETACHMENT IN WORLD

Neutrality brings balance and fairness in all actions



RAJYOGI BHRAHMAKUMAR **NIKUNJ JI**

Those who know driving are aware that we need to shift gears to change the speed of the vehicle. And when we stop the car, we bring the gear to neutral position. Just like the car, there is a neutral gear for everything. It is the gear that brings everything to stillness, neutrality, balance and renewal. When things are in neutral gear, they are at rest, and they get aligned properly. Neutrality brings balance and fairness in all actions.

In India at several places, especially in workshops, they have something called 'dharam kaanta', which is basically a device used for weighing goods in commercial vehicles such as trucks. It is believed that weighing at such a place assures accuracy in weighing standards. It is again a way to ensure neutrality and fairness in commercial transactions. Similarly, in political and social affairs, mediators play a vital role. That's because they act neutrally to find a solution for different parties or groups of people involved in a conflict or disagreement. Likewise, there are mediators even in families and communities who help to resolve family disputes.

Meditation helps in looking at a problem or dispute from a neutral perspective, which facilitates a balanced and unbiased decision and choices. In order for things to flow or move smoothly even speed needs to be controlled and brought to a neutral point. That is why we see how traffic signals ensure the smooth flow of traffic on roads. Similarly, a taxi meter is readjusted to neutral or zero and so is the petrol vending machine in order to ensure fair transaction. In the same way, when we need to change the colour of clothes, we have to first bleach and make them white, which is a neutral colour. There is a neutral power above all creation that acts neutrally to bring the creation to its best state.



HE, whom we know by different names, is both loving and detached. HE is always neutral – HE does not act out of bias, likes or dislikes. That is why everyone prays to HIM to solve their problems and to guide them to well-being. Hence, it is important for humans also to be detached whilst performing actions. For, it is only through spiritual awareness that one can act neutrally and be free from the bondage of 'Karma'. And, it is only when we perform neutrally that we can empower others or do welfare and constructive work. Remember! When we are too involved and attached to actions and roles, we cannot do good or empower others in spite of wanting to do so because attachment creates expectations and dependence on people and results.

So, in order to act and live neutrally, we have to come to the zero point, i.e., to a neutral position. We have to detach even from our body and become soul conscious. As souls we are the children of ONE Supreme, hence, we need to live in this world like a trustee who owns nothing. When we act in the remembrance of ONE, we accumulate tremendous power and fortune, which further adds the power of zero to our account of Karma like 10, 100, 1000.... One of the easiest and effortless ways to become neutral is to put a full stop. YES! Throughout the day while playing different roles, we just have to pause and stop thinking about external things and connect to our original state of being peaceful and pure for a minute and then come back to action. These full stops, applied periodically during the day, help us to become neutral, balanced and empowered to do our best. So, let's begin the journey to ZERO.

(The author is a spiritual educator.)

KCR for conscience vote in Prez election

VANAM JWALA
NARASIMHA RAO
& VJM **DIVAKAR**

KCR has sought conscience vote for Presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha to boost anti-Modi front

A ray of hope for sustenance of democracy and for a bright and prosperous India emerged crystal clear when Telangana Chief Minister and Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) president K Chandrashekhra Rao attacked the Union government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He pointed out how for the past eight years it has been bulldozing every institution, basic rights of democracy, the secular fabric of the nation, while ruthlessly, arrogantly and unethically trying to silence the opposition, and also immorally and illegally toppling the democratically elected state governments when its inability to face the aggression of the external enemies and becoming an agent of a few crony capitalists and so on. The platform was Hyderabad Jalavihar where a meeting of TRS MLAs and MPs was convened to extend support to the presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha.

Reminding the 1969 Presidential election contest between Congress' official candidate Neelam Sanjiva Reddy and the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi supported independent candidate VV Giri, when an appeal was made to the electoral college members to vote as per their conscience, KCR urged all MPs and MLAs to once again vote as per their conscience this time irrespective of party affiliations.

KCR argued that Yashwant Sinha would be a better choice when compared to NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu, in view of his ability to bring a qualitative change in politics. And thus, KCR had every reason to make an appeal for a conscience vote in favor of Yashwant Sinha, as he said "nothing in this country is going on in a rightful manner". KCR in his hour-long address to the Electoral College members cited a series of examples in support of his appeal for a conscience vote and also as to why there is a need for qualitative changes and why there is a need for electing Yashwant Sinha to the highest office.

Though PM Modi made tall promises soon after assuming office, pointed out KCR, he failed to fulfill even a single promise. In addition, he enacted three draconian farm laws, forcing the peasant community to sit on protests for over a year. Finally, Modi had to withdraw the farm laws after 700 farmers lost their precious lives. Also, neither the farmers' income was doubled nor Minimum Support Price (MSP) was increased.

KCR was sarcastic when he said that PM Modi thinks he is invincible though the 14 Prime Ministers who preceded him never thought so. Modi is under the false impression that he would be the PM of India permanently despite the fact that political change in a democracy is imminent.

KCR detailed how under PM Modi, the country's image all over the world lowered; how farmers, unemployed and employees have been facing problems; how price rise and inflation are uncontrolled; how the union government is abusing the Constitutional institutions; how opposition



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parties are harassed and targeted, etc. This according to KCR is nothing but murder of democracy.

Touching upon the aspect of how the BJP rulers are conspiring to destabilize the state governments, KCR said the Modi government has toppled nine Opposition-ruled states.

Taking serious objection to Modi's exerting pressure on Sri Lankan government to allot contract works to his favored persons, which was openly confessed by a Sri Lanka Electricity Board official, KCR demanded a clarification from PM. He also labelled that the present crisis in Sri Lanka is the handiwork of Modi and Sri Lankan economy's collapse hurt India's reputation. KCR hinted at fighting against this. KCR wanted Modi to disclose the inside story of the Sri Lanka crisis.

Criticizing the much-hyped 'Make in India' programme, KCR sought a clarification on job creation due to this, as well as industrial growth in the Modi regime. KCR also suggested to Modi to learn lessons from China where the rulers speak less and work more.

While the country has abundant coal stocks, KCR asked why the Modi government forced Telangana to buy 10 per cent imported coal at a higher price. Charging that Modi is working like a salesman of big traders, KCR said that he should explain why the BJP government is promoting coal imports. KCR sought an explanation from Modi as to why many major international companies like Fiat, Ford, GM motors, Datsun, United Motors, Harley Davidson stopped their businesses in the country.

Asserting that the 130-crore population cannot be a spectator, KCR expressed concerns at black money doubling in the Modi regime, depreciation of rupee to an all-time low, privatization of profit-making public-sector undertakings, including LIC. The inference is that the Modi government played a major role in the decline of all sectors.

Referring to the period of corona crisis, KCR said that while the holy Ganga River was flooded with corpses, while the Modi government failed to provide any succor to the migrant labor, it was Telangana government that did its best in extending relief to one and all. Every policy adopted by the Modi government proved disastrous for the country.

With statistical data, KCR explained how under the Modi regime rankings in many sectors at the international level had fallen, be it Human Development Index, Human Rights, employment, happiness index, environment, etc. It shows the poor performance of the Modi government in the last eight years.

Asserting that the Modi government killed democracy and weakened federal structure, besides harassing state governments, KCR took serious objection to the statement of a Union minister that Telangana government would be toppled. He said if Modi's dictatorial rule dethrones Telangana government, his party would unseat the BJP government at the Center, hinting that Telangana is ready for another big fight.

Among others, KCR also cate-

gorically mentioned that India is being insulted on international platforms due to Modi's decisions and policies; India's Father of the nation is insulted repeatedly by the Modi's men; Modi is unnecessarily interfering in elections of other countries as he supported Donald Trump in the US elections; Harassment of states and exploitation of the constitutional bodies continue.

In his concluding remarks, KCR said that it is time for people in the country to wage another non-violent movement to dislodge the BJP-led government at the Center and pave the way for a new, honest, peaceful, secular, democratic and progressive government. The first step in this direction is to get Yashwant Sinha elected as the President of the country. Hence, he made an appeal for a conscience vote for Sinha. In this context he made the timely reminder of the Presidential contest between Neelam Sanjeev Reddy and VV Giri, when the conscience vote gave India its President.

KCR's address has raised hopes that Modi can be questioned, and his actions can be opposed. KCR's speech may well be the first step in the direction to restore the country back to its glorious past. It also is the beginning to lay a strong foundation for the country to once again stand tall with true democratic and secular values and become once again an economic power in Asia.

Though KCR demanded replies from PM Modi to the points he raised, PM remained silent in his address in the public meeting held after the BJP national executive committee meeting.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

AS AN ORGANISATION, WE HAVE BECOME BIGGER THAN THE CONGRESS IN GUJARAT. IT EXISTS LARGELY ON PAPER HERE.
—AAP NATIONAL CONVENER
ARVIND KEJRIWAL



CONGRESS HAS BEEN WORKING IN GUJARAT WITH THE PEOPLE... YOU WILL COME ACROSS PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN OUR IDEOLOGY.
—GUJARAT CONGRESS GENERAL SECRETARY
NISHIT VYAS

EPS, OPS slug it out for control over AIADMK

It's a challenge for AIADMK as to how to engage with ally BJP which is trying to use it as a counterforce to DMK

While the Shiv Sena has split in Maharashtra, the AIADMK in Tamil Nadu is engaged in a power struggle with two former chief ministers, E. Palaniswamy (EPS) and O. Panneerselvam (OPS), fighting with each other.

In a fast-developing drama, the EPS camp would like to relieve OPS of his present post of party treasurer and Deputy Leader in the Assembly. After losing the Assembly elections last year, and successive local body polls, the EPS camp feels that the dual leadership has only hampered the working of the party.

Amid its golden jubilee celebrations, the AIADMK cadres are confused. Five years ago, when a relatively unknown EPS was chosen as



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CM candidate by ex-AIADMK general secretary V.K. Sasikala, EPS and OPS reached a truce in 2017 to establish dual leadership. Together they steered the party and government successfully for four years, braving a pandemic.

After five decades, the AIADMK is facing a bleak future. Carefully built by two former chief ministers—founder M.G. Ramachandran and his protegee J. Jayalalithaa—it is undergoing a bad patch. There is a disconnect between the leaders and cadres. Some of the party's challenges include factionalism and the approach towards the ally Bharatiya Janata Party, which is trying to replace the Dravidian party as a counterforce to the DMK.

A gradual erosion in the post-Jayalalithaa era is amply

clear. The AIADMK's vote share stands at 25.47 per cent in the urban local body election. It got 33.29 per cent of votes in the Assembly.

The charismatic matinee idol MGR established the AIADMK on October 12, 1972, two days after the parent party DMK expelled him. He served as the chief minister from 1977 till his death in 1987. He chose to be on the right side of the Centre and made compromises with the prime ministers, including Indira Gandhi.

The philosophy of DMK founder and former chief minister C.N. Annadurai became the founding principle of the AIADMK. MGR's successor Jayalalithaa aligned with BJP and the Congress at different times, and became

chief minister six times with interruptions.

It is not the first time the AIADMK is facing a split. Following MGR's death in 1987, there was a power struggle between one faction headed by MGR's wife Janaki and the other by Jayalalithaa. While Janaki succeeded MGR as chief minister for a short period, both sections lost miserably to the DMK in the 1989 polls. Then Janaki withdrew from politics, and Jayalalithaa became the sole leader.

OPS and EPS have taken their fight to the general council, which has the power to elect an interim general secretary, not a permanent one. That was how Sasikala donned the post following the death of Jayalalithaa. But EPS and OPS removed Sasikala from that

post and created new positions such as coordinator and co-coordinator, which are also temporary.

In the current situation, OPS got a midnight hearing before the Tamil Nadu High Court to restrict discussion points in the general council meeting. He thus stopped the party from elevating EPS as the sole leader at the June 23 general council meeting. However, the discussion turned ugly when clashes broke out between the two camps.

Seventy-five district secretaries, headquarters functionaries, and general council members have moved to the EPS camp in the last few days. OPS has the support of just nine district secretaries and leaders like Manoj Pandian and R. Vaithilingam.

OPS blamed vested interests and asserted that the general council and Monday's meeting of top AIADMK functionaries were illegal. Similarly, a proposed GC on July 11 is also not legal. It is doubtful whether it will take place or OPS will move the court to stop it.

After Jaya, the BJP has remote control over the AIADMK from the Centre. The change was abundantly clear on issues like NEET, New Education Policy, three-language policy (giving the nod first and then withdrawing it after the protests), the CAA, farmers' law, handling of the pandemic, etc.

The BJP is not able to penetrate much because of its ideology. In Tamil Nadu, the Dravidian-Tamil sentiment is

strong. So just like Congress, the BJP is riding piggyback on AIADMK. The Dravidian parties have had tie-ups with the two national parties at different times.

OPS tried to rope in the BJP, which had backed him earlier, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi refused to give him an audience last week. A disappointed OPS came back from Delhi and is resorting to other measures to survive.

In any political party, the cadres decide who gets to lead the party, and, in this case, Panneerselvam is certainly not their first choice. It is about time he accepted the fact and worked towards gaining acceptance of the large number of AIADMK cadre as their leader, as, after all, courts cannot get him back to his workers.

Lanka scrambles for aid

Nation to present debt restructuring programme to IMF by August, says Lankan PM Wickremesinghe

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka will present a debt restructuring programme to the IMF by August to secure a bailout package, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe told Parliament on Tuesday, but acknowledged that negotiations with the global lender were "more difficult and complicated" than in the past as the country is now "bankrupt."

Sri Lanka is going through the worst economic crisis since its independence from Britain in 1948, and needs to obtain at least USD 4 billion to tide over the acute shortage in foreign exchange reserves. An International Monetary Fund (IMF) team visited Colombo on June 20 to continue discussions on an economic programme that could be supported by an IMF lending arrangement.

The IMF later said it has concluded "constructive and productive" discussions with Sri Lankan authorities, but warned that the crisis-ridden island nation needs to do more on debt restructuring and step up structural reforms to address corruption vulnerabilities before a bailout package is finalised.

"The first round of discussions with the IMF has been a success but the assistance depends on the debt restructuring programme which Sri Lanka has to come up with," Wickremesinghe said in Parliament.

Sri Lanka is currently working on the debt restructuring sustainability being prepared by legal and financial experts. "We hope to submit this report to the IMF by August. Once this is done we will be able to reach an agreement," he said.

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Wickremesinghe said the economic crisis will be resolved through meaningful reforms and stressed that the support of Parliament, including the Opposition, is of paramount importance. "A return to an open economy, devoid of state monopolies, is a must. Economic integration with the region mustn't be feared, but pursued," he said.

Wickremesinghe recalled that Sri Lanka held negotiations with the IMF on many occasions before, however at those

times discussions were held as a developing country.

"But this time the situation is different from all those previous occasions. We are now participating in the negotiations as a bankrupt country. Therefore, we have to face a more difficult and complicated situation than in previous negotiations," he said.

"Once a staff-level agreement is reached, this will be submitted to the IMF Board of Directors for approval. But due to the state of bankruptcy our country is in, we have to submit a plan on our debt sustainability to them separately.

"Only when they are satisfied with that plan can we reach an agreement at the staff level. This is not a straightforward process. We have been able to end the round of discussion effectively despite these difficulties," Wickremesinghe said.

He said Sri Lanka's economy is currently shrinking and the government was trying to reverse it.

"According to central bank statistics, our current economic growth rate is between negative four and negative five. According to IMF statistics, it is between negative six and negative seven. This is a serious situation," he said.

"By 2025, our aim is to create a surplus in the primary budget. Our effort is to raise the

economic growth rate to a stable level. Our expectation is to establish a stable economic base by 2026," he said.

"It will take till 2026 to go back to the 2018 level. If we make a determined journey along this road map, we can achieve an economic growth rate of negative one by the end of 2023, he said.

He said the total debt burden of the government at the end of 2021 was Rs 17.5 trillion and by March 2022 it has increased to Rs 21.6 trillion.

The Prime Minister also presented the roadmap with proposed solutions to the existing economic problem. He said it was important to stabilise the rupee as soon as possible and strengthen the rupee without letting it fall.

"We have implemented a plan to limit the printing of money in the future. In 2023, we will have to print money with restrictions on several occasions. But by the end of 2024, it is our intention to stop printing money completely."

Wickremesinghe said that Sri Lanka's inflation by the year end would be over 50 per cent. "Our plan is to control inflation. By the end of this year, inflation will rise to 60%. This is mainly due to the increase in the prices of goods in the world and the fall in the value of the rupee," he said.



France brings 51 citizens home from ISIS camps in Syria

AP ■ PARIS

French authorities on Tuesday repatriated 51 women and children from the former Islamic State-controlled areas in Syria, according to a statement from the national antiterrorist prosecutor's office.

It's the single largest return of women and children to France from camps in northeastern Syria since the territorial defeat of the Islamic State group in March 2019. France saw more of its citizens leave to join IS than any other country in Europe.

Tuesday's group comprises 16 women, aged 22 to 39, and 35 minors, seven of whom are coming to France unaccompanied by adults. All but two of the women in the group are French citizens. Twelve women returned with their children and four of the women had previously agreed to the return of their children, according to the prosecutor's statement.

Eight women were taken into custody for questioning and the other eight were detained

on arrest warrants. The children were placed in the care of the child protective services attached to the Versailles Judicial Court.

One of the 35 minors is in police custody on suspicion of participating in activities of a terrorist criminal enterprise, according to the prosecutor's statement. The minor will shortly turn 18, the statement said.

Many European countries were slow to allow the return of women and children for fear they would violently turn on their homelands. France, which saw more of its citizens join IS in Syria than any other European country and suffered multiple deadly attacks beginning in 2015, has been especially reluctant.

French authorities have insisted that adults who fought with IS should be prosecuted in the country where they had committed crimes.

In December, a 28-year-old Frenchwoman with diabetes died in a camp in Syria, leaving her 6-year-old daughter an orphan, according to the family's lawyer, who had been requesting their return since 2019.

6 dead, 30 hurt in shooting at Chicago-area July 4 parade

AP ■ HIGHLAND PARK (US)

A gunman on a rooftop opened fire on an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago on Monday, killing at least six people, wounding at least 30 and sending hundreds of marchers, parents with strollers and children on bicycles fleeing in terror, police said.

Authorities said a man named as a person of interest in the shooting was taken into police custody Monday evening after an hours-long manhunt in and around Highland Park, an affluent community of about 30,000 on Chicago's north shore.

The July 4 shooting was just the latest to shatter the rituals of American life. Schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold



it together.

"It definitely hits a lot harder when it's not only your hometown but it's also right in front of you," resident Ron Tuazon said as he and a friend returned to the parade route Monday evening to retrieve chairs, blankets and a child's bike that he and his family abandoned when the shooting began.

"It's commonplace now," Tuazon said of what he called yet another American atrocity. "We don't blink anymore. Until laws change, it's going to be more of

the same."

The shooting occurred at a spot on the parade route where many residents had staked out prime viewing points early in the day for the annual celebration. Dozens of fired bullets sent hundreds of parade-goers — some visibly bloodied — fleeing. They left a trail of abandoned items that showed everyday life suddenly, violently disrupted: A half-eaten bag of potato chips; a box of chocolate cookies spilled onto the grass; a child's Chicago Cubs cap.

China sees record rain, heat as weather turns volatile

AP ■ BEIJING

From the snowcapped peaks of Tibet to the tropical island of Hainan, China is sweltering under the worst heatwave in decades while rainfall hit records in June.

Extreme heat is also battering Japan, and volatile weather is causing trouble for other parts of the world in what scientists say has all the hallmarks of climate change, with even more warming expected this century.

The northeastern provinces of Shandong, Jilin and Liaoning saw precipitation rise to the highest levels ever recorded in June, while the national average 112.1 millimeters (4.4 inches) was 9.1 per cent higher than the same month last year, the China

Meteorological Administration said in a report Tuesday.

The average temperature across the nation also hit 21.3 degrees Celsius (70.34 Fahrenheit) in June, up 0.9 C (1.8 F) from the same period month last year and the highest since 1961. No relief is in sight, with higher than usual temperatures and precipitation forecast in much of the country throughout July, the administration said.

In the northern province of Henan, Xuchang hit 42.1 C (107.8 F) and Dengfeng 41.6 C (106.9 F) on June 24 for their hottest days on record, according to global extreme weather tracker Maxmilliano Herrera.

China has also seen seasonal flooding in several parts of the country, causing misery for hundreds of thousands, particularly in the hard-hit



south that receives the bulk of rainfall as well as typhoons that sweep in from the South China Sea.

China is not alone in experiencing higher temperatures and more volatile weather. In Japan, authorities warned of greater than usual stress on the

power grid and urged citizens to conserve energy.

Japanese officials announced the earliest end to the annual summer rainy season since the national meteorological agency began keeping records in 1951. The rains usually temper summer heat,

often well into July.

On Friday, the cities of Tokamachi and Tsunan set all-time heat records while several others broke monthly marks.

Large parts of the Northern Hemisphere have seen extreme heat this summer, with regions from the normally chilly Russian Arctic to the traditionally sweltering American South recording unusually high temperatures and humidity.

In the United States, the National Weather Service has held 30 million Americans under some kind of heat advisory amid record-setting temperatures.

The suffering and danger to health is most intense among those without air conditioning or who work outdoors, further reinforcing the economic disparities in dealing with extreme weather trends.

Sydney floods impact 50,000 around Australia's largest city

AP ■ SYDNEY

Hundreds of homes have been inundated in and around Australia's largest city in a flood emergency that was impacting

50,000 people, officials said Tuesday. Emergency response teams made 100 rescues overnight of people trapped in cars on flooded roads or in inundated homes in the Sydney area, State Emergency Service manager Ashley Sullivan said. Days of torrential rain have caused dams to overflow and waterways to break their banks, bringing a fourth flood emergency in 16 months to parts of the city of 5 million people.

The New South Wales state government declared a disaster across 23 local government areas overnight, activating federal government financial assistance for flood victims. Evacuation orders and warnings to prepare to abandon homes impacted 50,000 people, up from 32,000 on Monday, New South Wales Premier Dominic Perrottet said.

"This event is far from over. Please don't be complacent, wherever you are. Please be careful when you're driving on our roads. There is still substantial risk for flash flooding across our state," Perrottet said.

Emergency Services Minister Steph Cooke credited the skill and commitment of rescue crews for preventing any death or serious injury by the fourth day of the flooding emergency. Parts of southern Sydney had been lashed by more than 20 centimetres (nearly 8 inches) of rain in 24 hours, more than 17 per cent of the city's annual average, Bureau of Meteorology meteorologist Jonathan How said.

Al-Qaida, ISIS attacks kill 22 people in Burkina Faso, say officials

AP ■ OUAGADOUGOU (BURKINA FASO)

At least 22 people in northwestern Burkina Faso and also injured others, the government said Monday.

The "cowardly and barbaric" attack occurred late Sunday in the commune of Bourassay in Kossi province, Babo Pierre Pierre Bassinga, governor of Boucle du Mouhoun region, said in a statement.

The West African nation has been overrun by jihadi violence linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group in recent years. Violence has killed thousands and displaced nearly 2 million people from their homes.

Mutinous soldiers ousted Burkina Faso's democratically elected president in January promising to secure the country, but since then violence has increased and spread.

More than 530 violent incidents occurred between February and May, which was more than double the level during the same period of 2021, according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project.

At least 135 people were killed in 12 jihadi attacks during the first two weeks of June, according to an internal security report for aid workers seen by The Associated Press.

In an attempt to stem the violence, last month the junta announced the creation of two military zones in the hard-hit East and Sahel



regions, forcing civilians to leave their homes within two weeks and prompting concerns it would worsen the crisis of displaced people.

Analysts say the Boucle du Mouhoun region where the attacks took place Sunday has become a hub for militants as violence once focused on the east and north regions has expanded west.

"The latest attack in northwestern Burkina Faso is another link to the chain of untenable terror that's plagued the Sahel for the past two years," said Laith Alkhouri, CEO of Intelonx Intelligence Advisory, which provides intelligence analysis. "It should urge the de facto government to act and seek international security support to stem the violence," he said.

Rebel landmine wounds seven soldiers in central Philippines

AP ■ MANILA

A land mine set by suspected communist guerrillas wounded seven soldiers in the central Philippines on Tuesday, in one of the insurgents' first known attacks since President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. Took office last week.

Army troops were checking reports from villagers of anti-personnel mines laid by New People's Army rebels along a village trail in Mapanas town in Northern Samar province when an explosion wounded the seven soldiers, regional army commander Maj. Gen. Edgardo de Leon said.

Two of the wounded soldiers were in critical condition, he said, adding that no villagers were injured.

"Some of the soldiers were tossed away because the rebels have been using really powerful land mines," de Leon said.

The government will file criminal complaints against rebel leaders for the attack and the use of internationally banned types of land mines, de Leon told reporters.

The soldiers were not able to open fire at the rebels, who fled after the attack and were being hunted by government forces, he said.

On Friday, a day after Marcos Jr. Was sworn in after winning a landslide victory in a May 9 election, government troops assaulted eight communist rebels, killing one, in a brief gunbattle in central Negros Oriental province, the army said.

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Whereas, we M/s Elite Homes Pvt. Ltd. are in the process of undertaking of development of two Colonies in accordance with the licenses granted by District, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh for (i) a Residential Plotted Colony vide License no. 189 of 2007 dated 16.06.2007 and 06 of 2020 dated 20.01.2020 over an area measuring 67.9435 acres in the revenue estate of Village Malpura and Ghari Alawalpur in Sector 5 & 7A, Dharuhera and (ii) a Group Housing Colony vide License no. 1 & 2 of 2007 dated 02.01.2007 over an area measuring 16.006 acres in the revenue estate of Village Ghari Alawalpur in Sector 5, Dharuhera.

And whereas, several individuals have made bookings/ entered into agreements for purchase / allotment of plot/flats/property in the said colony (hereinafter referred as existing allottees).

And whereas, the revised layout plan of above said Residential Plotted Colony earlier approved on 23.01.2020 and the revised building plan of above said Group Housing Colony earlier approved on 23.10.2012 are now proposed to be revised on account of request made by us for migration of 2.09375 acres in Rect no./ Killa no. 42//6min, 15min, 25min 43//3/2, 8min, 9min, 10min from Residential Plotted colony and for migration of 4.10 acres in Rect no./ Killa no. 43//11min, 12min, 20min, 21min, 45//1min, 2min, 9/1min, 10/1min, 26min, 46//5min from Group Housing Colony both of village Ghari Alawalpur, Sector 5, Town Dharuhera for grant of a license on land measuring 6.19375 acres (2.09375 + 4.10) under Deen Dayal Jan Awas Yojna, 2016.

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Accordingly, vide this public notice objections are hereby invited from existing allottees in the said colonies on the revision in the Layout Plan and Building Plan. Copies of the earlier approved revised layout plan of Residential Plotted Colony bearing drawing no. DTCP-7349, dated 23.01.2020 and approved revised building plan of Residential Group Housing bearing memo no. 21183, dated 23.10.2012 alongwith the layout plan/building plan now proposed to be revised bearing memo no. 8411, dated 27.06.2022 are available for perusal on our website www.m2kindia.com. The said layout plan can also be perused at the site office of undersigned at as well as in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram.

Any allottee / general public having any objection on the revision in the approved revised layout plan and approved revised building plan of above said colonies, may file their objection in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed migration and revision in the layout plan and building plan.

Date: 06.07.2022
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Nations meet Somalia fate as their aid diverted to Ukraine

AP ■ MOGADISHU

More than two dozen children have died of hunger in the past two months in a single hospital in Somalia. Dr Yahye Abdi Garun has watched their emaciated parents stumble in from rural areas gripped by the driest drought in decades. And yet no humanitarian aid arrives.

Shortly after Russia invaded Ukraine, a donor who was preparing to give a half-million dollars to a Somali aid group told its executive director Hussein Kulmiye it was redirecting the money to help Ukrainians instead. And now, as Somalis fleeing the drought fill more than 500 camps in the city of Baidoa, aid workers make “horrific” choices to help one camp and ignore 10 others, Norwegian Refugee Council Secretary General Jan Egeland said, telling The Associated Press he is “angry and ashamed.”

His group’s Ukraine appeal was fully funded within 48 hours, but its Somalia appeal is perhaps a quarter funded as thousands of people die.

The war in Ukraine has abruptly drawn millions of dollars away from other crises. Somalia, facing a food shortage largely driven by the war, might be the most vulnerable.



Its aid funding is less than half of last year’s level while overwhelmingly Western donors have sent more than USD 1.7 billion to respond to the war in Europe.

Yemen, Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Congo and the Palestinian territories are similarly affected.

The USD 2.2 billion appeal for Ukraine is almost 80 per cent funded, according to United Nations data, an “exceptional” level for any crisis at the midway point of the year, said Angus Urquhart, humanitarian and

crisis lead for the Development Initiatives consultancy. The smaller appeal for Somalia is just 30 per cent funded.

This year’s global shift in money and attention is perhaps most urgently felt in the Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia and Kenya, where some areas could be declared in famine within weeks.

The United States Agency for International Development says regional authorities haven’t seen anything on this scale in well over 100

years. Millions of livestock, families’ source of wealth and nutrition, have died. People are next.

To the shock of some exhausted Somalis who walk for days through parched landscapes to places like Mogadishu in search of aid, there is often little or none. Hawa Osman Bilal sat outside her makeshift tent holding the clothes of her daughter Ifrah, who like many vulnerable Somalis died after the difficult journey to seek help.

“She was skinny and emaciated, and she died in front of me,” Bilal said. The girl was buried nearby, one in a growing number of tiny graves.

The crowded camp’s caretaker, Fadumo Abdulkadir Warsame, told the AP that about 100 families had arrived in the past week alone, swelling the population to 1,700 families. There is no food to give them.

“The only thing we can afford for them is bread and black tea,” he said.

“There is no aid from the donors yet.”

At a nearby storeroom run by the local organisation Peace and Development Action, supported by the UN World Food Program, the stock has shriveled. “The world has turned its back on Somalia to focus on Ukraine,” manager Shafici Ali Ahmed said. The White House acknowledged the problem in a June 28 statement on global food security, saying

that “while the entire globe will continue to be affected by Russia’s actions, the most immediate needs will present in the Horn of Africa,” where Somalia once sourced 90 per cent of its wheat from Russia and Ukraine but now struggles to find supplies amid soaring prices.

“We’re really trying to stave off mass deaths at this point,” Sarah Charles, assistant to the administrator for USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, told the AP, adding that “unfortunately, the nature of these crises is such that they go slow and then go very fast.” Nimo Hassan, director of the Somalia NGO Consortium, and several others said they believe donor countries’ representatives on the ground understand the urgency, but decision-makers in capitals like Brussels and London appear distracted by the war in Europe. “They’re not saying openly, We’re focused on Ukraine, but you can see what they’re doing in Ukraine,” Hassan said.

“It should be based on need, not a political decision, you know?”

Less than 30 per cent of the new arrivals at camps for those fleeing drought in Somalia were receiving immediate food or other assistance as of April, the UN humanitarian agency has said.

Ukrainians displaced near Kyiv fear for war-damaged homes



AP ■ BORODYANKA

Valentyna Klymenko tries to return home as late as possible to avoid the darkness of her war-damaged home outside Ukraine’s capital. She visits friends, goes to the well for water or looks for a place to charge her phone.

The 70-year-old Klymenko then returns alone to an apartment that used to be noisy and full of life. She is now greeted by dim, damp rooms instead of the voices of her great-grandchildren.

Klymenko rarely cooks. She drinks fruit compote and eats canned tomatoes, which she prepared last year, so she doesn’t waste the gas in her portable stove. She goes to bed quickly, but can’t fall asleep for a long time.

Her thoughts revolve around one question: “What will happen to my home?”

Russian troops retreated from the area around Kyiv in late March. But they left behind 16,000 damaged residential buildings in the Bucha region, where Borodyanka is located, according to the head of the Kyiv regional administration, Oleksiy Kuleba.

The most affected street in Borodyanka, a town with a population of more than 12,000, was Tsentralna, which was still called Lenin Street less than a decade ago. One of the homes on this street belongs to Klymenko.

The shockwave from a Russian airstrike that witnesses say struck the building across the street with two bombs caused a fire in Klymenko’s five-story apartment building.

The apartments on the upper floors of Klymenko’s building burned. Four months later, there is no electricity, water, or gas. Some residents lost everything and ended up on the street without any means to find a new home.

“I had a sofa here and armchairs here.

“But now there are just the springs,” said Tetiana Solohub, pointing to the blackened walls of her home. Nothing is left but a couple of small enamel cups and the suffocating smell of ashes.

Solohub’s scorched apartment is located a few floors above Klymenko’s. They moved into the building at the same time 36 years ago, when it had just been built.

Ukraine town warned to evacuate ahead of Russian assault

AP ■ KRAMATORSK (UKRAINE)

A day after Russian President Vladimir Putin declared victory in seizing an eastern Ukraine province essential to his wartime aims, the mayor of a city in the path of Moscow’s offensive warned residents Tuesday to evacuate ahead of an expected assault.

The warning from the mayor of Sloviansk underscored fears that Russian forces were positioned to advance farther into Ukraine’s Donbas region, a mostly Russian-speaking industrial area where the country’s most experienced soldiers are concentrated.

Sloviansk, which had a population of about 107,000 before Russian invaded Ukraine more than four months ago, appeared to be the next target. The city has taken rocket and artillery fire during the war, and the bombardment has picked up since Moscow took the last major city in neighbouring Luhansk province, Mayor Vadim Lyakh said.

“It’s important to evacuate as many people as possible,” he said, adding that shelling damaged 40 houses on Monday. The Ukrainian military withdrew its troops Sunday from the city of Lysychansk to keep them from being surrounded, Russia’s defense minister and Putin said the city’s subsequent capture put Moscow in control of all of Luhansk, one of two provinces that make up the Donbas.

The office of Ukraine’s president said the Ukrainian military was still defending a small part of Luhansk and trying to buy time to establish for-



tified positions in nearby areas.

The question now is whether Russia can muster enough strength to complete its seizure of the Donbas by taking Donetsk province, too. Putin acknowledged Monday that Russian troops who fought in Luhansk need to “take some rest and beef up their combat capability.”

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Tuesday that the war in Ukraine would continue until all of the goals set Putin are achieved. However, Shoigu said “the main priorities” for Moscow at the moment were “preserving the lives and health” of the troops, as well as “excluding the threat to the security of civilians.”

When Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, his stated goals were defending the people of the Donbas against Kyiv’s alleged aggression, and the “demilitariza-

tion” and “denazification” of Ukraine.

Pro-Russia separatists have fought Ukrainian forces and controlled much of the Donbas for eight years. Before the invasion, Putin recognised the independence of a pair of self-proclaimed separatist republics in the region. He also sought to portray the tactics of Ukrainian forces and the government as akin to Nazi Germany’s, claims for which no evidence has emerged.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian military said Russian forces also shelled several Donetsk towns and villages around Sloviansk in the past day but were repelled as they tried to advance toward a town about 20 kilometers (12 miles) to the city’s north. South of the city, Russian forces were trying to push toward two more towns and shelling areas near Kramatorsk.

Meanwhile, Moscow-

installed officials in Ukraine’s southern Kherson region on Tuesday announced the formation of a new regional government there, with a former Russian official at the helm.

Sergei Yeliseyev, the head of the new Moscow-backed government in Kherson, is a former deputy prime minister of Russia’s western exclave of Kaliningrad and also used to work at Russia’s Federal Security Service, or the FSB, according to media reports.

It wasn’t immediately clear

what would become of the “military-civic administration” the Kremlin installed earlier. The administration’s head, Vladimir Saldo said in a Telegram statement that the new government was “not a temporary, not a military, not some kind of interim administration, but a proper governing body.”

“The fact that not just Kherson residents, but Russian officials, too, are part of this government speaks clearly about the direction the Kherson region is headed in the future,” he said. “This direction is to Russia.”

There was no immediate comment from Ukrainian officials.

In other developments:

The 30 NATO allies signed off on the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland, sending the membership bids of the two nations to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals. The move further increases Russia’s strategic isolation in the wake of its invasion of neighbouring Ukraine in February and military struggles there since. Alliance Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg hailed the signing as a “truly a historic moment for Finland, for Sweden and for NATO.”

NATO poised to sign accession protocols for Sweden, Finland



AP ■ BRUSSELS

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The 30 ambassadors and permanent representatives are to formally approve the decisions of last week’s NATO summit when the alliance made the historic decision to invite Russia’s neighbor Finland and Scandinavian partner Sweden to join the military club.

Despite the agreement in the alliance, parliamentary approval in member state Turkey could still pose problems for their final inclusion as members.

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Russia Foreign Minister visits Mongolia in drive for support

AP ■ BEIJING

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with leaders in Mongolia on Tuesday during a trip to Asia to seek support amid his country’s diplomatic isolation by the West and punishing sanctions levelled over its invasion of Ukraine. Lavrov met with Mongolian Foreign Minister Battsetseg Batmunkh and paid a courtesy call on President Khkhnaagiin Khurelsukh, Mongolian state media reported.

Mongolia is a landlocked nation sandwiched between Russia and China, and has sought to maintain friendly relations with both neighbours while also cultivating close ties with the US, whose relations with Moscow and Beijing have become increasingly fraught.

Mongolian and Russian state media gave no details of any specific discussions about



the Ukraine conflict, while emphasising strong bilateral relations. The two sides have signed a series of trade agreements, and a pipeline carrying Russian natural gas to China is being built through Mongolian territory.

“Reaffirming his commitment to strengthening bilateral relations, (Lavrov) expressed readiness to cooperate with Mongolia in all aspects,” Mongolia’s official Montsame

news agency said of Lavrov’s meeting with Khurelsukh. Ukraine and Russia’s rejection of Western criticism were major themes of Lavrov’s public comments.

He was quoted by the Russian state news agency Tass as saying that the West is seeking to turn Ukraine “into an openly Russophobic, neo-Nazi state, a military foothold” that would threaten Russia’s security.

Sensex erases intra-day gains to settle down by 100 points

Mumbai: Benchmark BSE Sensex on Tuesday reversed its intra-day gains to close down by 100 points due to fag-end selling in FMCG, banking and IT stocks amid a weak opening in European stock markets.

The 30-share BSE index declined by 100.42 points or 0.19 per cent to settle at 53,134.35 points.

The index opened higher and later jumped 631.16 points or 1.18 per cent to touch the day's high of 53,865.93 after buying in banking, metals, energy and pharma shares boosted by gains in most Asian markets.



Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Among Sensex stocks, ITC fell the most by 1.73 per cent. Wipro dropped by 1.58 per cent, M&M by 1.2 per cent, L&T by 1.12 per cent, Maruti by 1.1 per cent and IndusInd Bank by 0.98 per cent.

Infosys fell 0.77 per cent and TCS by 0.57 per cent while Axis Bank, Asian Paints and HDFC twins also declined.

Gains in Reliance Industries (0.8 per cent) and HUL (0.92 per cent) restricted losses in Sensex. Power Grid, Bajaj Finserv, Sun Pharma,

and Tata Steel were among the major gainers.

"It was a roller-coaster ride for markets as the Nifty swung volatile in a broader range and finally settled around the day's low. The decline in the index can be attributed to the uncertain global markets and caution ahead of the earnings season," Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd said.

"Nifty gave up morning gains and ended in the negative zone. Following early weakness in European markets, it fell and closed lower," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities. **PTI**

Work needs to be done to prune GST exemption in services: Revenue Secy

New Delhi: A lot of work still needs to be done to prune GST-exempted items, especially in the services sector, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said on Tuesday.

Addressing a CII interactive session, Bajaj said the effort is to remove the "rough edges" in Goods and Services Tax (GST) over the next two-three years.

On rationalisation of GST rates, the secretary said a group of ministers is looking into it. "We will have to wait for some time," he said. Exemptions still remain, a large number on the services side, Bajaj said, adding "work needs to be done to prune it".

On representations that 5 per cent GST on non-ICU hospital rooms above ₹5,000 is against affordable healthcare, Bajaj said the percentage of rooms in hospitals which charge more than ₹5,000 is "minuscule".

"If I can spend ₹5,000 on a room, I can pay ₹250 for GST. I don't see any reason for such a messaging that 5 per cent GST is hitting affordable healthcare," Bajaj said.

The secretary said the 28 per cent slab in GST contributes 16 per cent to the



gross GST revenue, while the major chunk of 65 per cent comes from the 18 per cent slab.

The slabs of 5 per cent and 12 per cent contribute 10 per cent and 8 per cent of the total gross GST revenue.

Under the GST, a four-rate structure that exempts or imposes a low rate of tax of 5 per cent on essential items and a top rate of 28 per cent on cars is levied. The other slabs of tax rates are 12 per cent and 18 per cent.

Besides, there is a special 3 per cent rate for gold, jewellery and precious stones and 1.5 per cent on cut and polished diamonds.

Also, a cess is levied on the highest tax slab of 28 per cent on luxury, sin and demerit goods. The collection from the cess goes to a separate corpus -- Compensation fund -- which is used to make up for revenue loss suffered by the state due to the rollout of GST. **PTI**

NTPC mines 61% more coal at 42.20L metric tonnes in April-June

New Delhi: State-owned power giant NTPC on Tuesday said that its coal output grew by 61 per cent to ₹42.40 lakh metric tonnes in April-June quarter from 26.40 lakh metric tonnes (MT) in the same period a year ago.

"The three operational coal mines -- Pakri-Barwadih (Jharkhand), Dulanga (Odisha) and Talaipalli (Chhattisgarh) -- have contributed to achieving 42.40 lakh metric tonnes of coal production," an NTPC statement said.

According to the statement, the coal production of 42.40 lakh MT in the first quarter of FY23 was 61 per cent more than the production of 26.40 lakh MT achieved in the same period last year.

The production of coal during the month of June 2022 almost doubled to 15.55 lakh MT from 7.73 lakh MT in the same month a year ago.

Along with this coal production, the NTPC has also contributed to the removal of 106 lakh cubic metre and coal despatch of 41.74 lakh MT to NTPC power plants, in this quarter.

NTPC said that it has also started mining operations in its Chhatti-Bariatu coal mine (Jharkhand) and has already touched coal in May this year.



The coal from this mine will be supplied to Barh Power Station of NTPC. NTPC was awarded the operation contract for Talaipalli (West Pit) (Chhattisgarh) on June 30, 2022 and the mining operations in this pit will commence soon.

NTPC's coal mining division has signed an agreement with MECON on June 2, 2022 for consultancy and project management services of its coal mines.

Being a signatory to the prestigious United Nations Global Compact's CEO Water

Mandate, the NTPC has engaged the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee for assessing the potential of rain-water harvesting, design of the rainwater harvesting structure in Talaipalli township area and water positivity in the 2 villages around the township.

The coal mining headquarters in Ranchi has developed and procured safety reflective jackets with LED lights through MSME vendor in June 2022 to ensure improved visibility for personnel deployed in mines and sideling during night hours. **PTI**

PLI scheme can add 4% to GDP annually: Report

Mumbai: The production-linked incentives (PLI) scheme, which seeks to boost manufacturing in key areas by offering nearly ₹2.4 lakh crore in incentives over the next five years, can add 4 per cent to the GDP annually in terms of incremental revenue, says a report. So far, the scheme has seen maximum response from the electronics, auto components, and pharma sectors, according to Emkay Investment Managers.

The PLI scheme has the potential to add nearly 4 per cent to GDP per annum in terms of incremental revenue if fully realised, the report released on Tuesday said.

Manufacturing companies are adding capacities due to robust returns and this is evident from the number of new manufacturing companies registered.

Registration of manufacturing companies has shot up to the highest ever in the last seven years and the share of manufacturing companies in total registrations is also at almost highest level since the past decade.

Also, the number of environmental clearances sought and granted was the highest ever in FY22, which was 10x of FY15, says the report and credits the same to the structural changes unveiled during 2018-21 which are reminiscent of the many such things that happened prior to the 2003-06 boom cycle.

The report said that domestic manufacturing was hit due to demonetisation, badly rolled out GST, and the pandemic apart from the missing consumer demand. As a result manufacturing companies have been reporting dismal RoCEs (return on capital employed) till FY18.

Since then the cash ROCEs have improved to almost 20 per cent driven by tighter working capital cycles and the cash return on capital employed was the highest in FY22. **PTI**

Rupee plunges by 41 paise to record low of 79.36 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee fell by 41 paise to close at a fresh lifetime low of 79.36 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday amid a strong greenback overseas and unrelenting foreign fund outflows.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 79.04 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 79.02 and a low of 79.38.

It finally settled at 79.36 (provisional), down 41 paise over its previous close. On Monday, the rupee had closed at 78.95 against the US dollar.

The Indian rupee hit a fresh record low against the US Dollar on Tuesday on the back of stronger dollar and weaker-than-expected domestic data, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas.

India's merchandise exports in June rose by 16.78 per cent year-on-year to USD 37.94 billion while the trade deficit ballooned to a record USD 25.63 billion on account of a steep increase in gold and crude oil imports, according to



the government's preliminary data released on Monday.

"Rupee is expected to trade on a negative note on a firm tone in the US Dollar, elevated oil prices, and weak global market sentiments," Choudhary said.

Dollar may strengthen on expectations of aggressive rate hikes by the Federal Reserve, Choudhary said, adding that the hike in import duty on gold may support rupee to some extent as it may dent import demand for gold. Rupee may trade in the range of 78.50-80 in the next couple of sessions.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was up 0.89 per cent at 106.07. **PTI**

Public-private partnership projects can improve ports' competitiveness: Min

Mumbai: Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the port sector are of great significance in making Indian ports more competitive and strengthening the country's position in international trade, minister of state for ports, shipping and waterways Shripad Yesso Naik said on Tuesday.

The minister said that roping in private players has helped in improving the efficiency of the port sector and increase earnings.

Naik was addressing the Maritime Public-Private Partnership Enclave 2022 here, organised jointly by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) on 25 years of PPP investments in major ports.

"PPP mode has become the perfect mode of infrastructure development. While we celebrate these fruitful 25 years, we need to further strengthen the existing and future PPPs by providing a supportive environment," he said.

When the port privatisa-

tion programme was flagged off in 1997, the minister said, the port sector witnessed new investments including those from overseas.

"PPP projects in the ports sector are of great significance in making Indian ports more competitive and thereby strengthening India's position in international trade," he said.

To drive the economic transformation through the modernisation of port infrastructure requires expansion and upgradation of berths, construction of new berths and terminals, automation of port operations, among others, the minister said.

"As we embark on a new era of economic resurgence, bolstered by port-led development, we look forward to streamlining initiatives to promote private participation," Naik said.

He said the government is working on providing a conducive ecosystem by implementing policies to enhance the legal and political environment, improving the efficiency of the public sector, prepar-

ing a robust institutional framework, expediting the clearance processes and providing funding assistance.

Private players with their capabilities and experience are augmenting the management of infrastructure resources and assuring quality service by inducting the latest technology and improved management practices, he said, adding that the investment driven through the PPP model will offer greater training and employment opportunities for workers, create job opportunities and enhance Indian companies' share in the global market.

"To further benefit private players, the government grants concessions to promote transshipment and coastal shipping and allow the concessionaires at major ports to set tariffs as per market dynamics providing a level-playing field," he said.

JNPA chairman Sanjay Sethi, in his address, said that PPPs bring in the benefits of private sector expertise and cost-effective technologies with efficiencies in operation. **PTI**

Gold gains ₹65; silver rises ₹307



New Delhi: Gold price in the national capital increased by ₹65 to ₹52,050 per 10 grams on Tuesday amid rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal finished at ₹51,985 per 10 grams.

Silver also gained ₹307 to ₹58,358 per kg from ₹58,051 per kg in the previous trade.

The rupee depreciated 9 paise to 79.04 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday, weighed down by persistent foreign fund outflows.

In the international market, gold was quoting lower at USD 1,803 per ounce while silver was flat at USD 19.94 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded down on stronger dollar and expectations of larger rate hike by US Federal Reserve which overpowered the economic slowdown worries," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities. **PTI**

BUSINESS BRIEF

TATA INTRA SALES CROSS 1 LAKH UNITS

New Delhi: Tata Motors on Tuesday said its small truck Intra has crossed 1 lakh sales milestone in just over three years since its launch in May 2019. Intra has been engineered to suit the needs of customers looking for higher load carrying capacity and better driveability. Over the past three years, it has been popular in its segment for superior driving comfort and fuel economy, the company said in a statement. "The Intra's immense popularity is a testament to its position as a game-changing vehicle within its segment, and the profound sense of trust customers have in our brand," Tata Motors Vice President, Product Line - SCV & PU, Vinay Pathak said.



MORE CENTRES MAKE EYE-CARE ACCESSIBLE

New Delhi: In India, when it comes to eye care, the numbers are dismal. Over 53 per cent of Indians suffer from poor vision and need prescription eyeglasses. But for every 1.15 lakh Indians, there is only one optometrist. Lenskart Foundation chairperson Nidhi Mittal Bansal said, "We plan to open 100 to 150 Child Eye Care Centres in the next two years, giving everyone within 4-kilometer radius access to eye care and corrective glasses, if needed." **PTI**



Therefore, levying a 5 per cent GST rate on hospital rooms raises the embedded tax burden in the healthcare sector impacting affordability which is a key objective of the National Health Policy," the industry body stated.

"Our recommendation is that the current tax levied on

hospital rooms may be kept in abeyance as in the case of textile sector and should be considered after the recommendation of the Bommai committee are received," it noted.

It should be examined in the background of holistic view of the healthcare as a whole which is an important sector whose role in the economy is crucial as emphasised during the recent covid crisis, NATHEALTH stated.

"Holistic approach to GST on hospital rooms will also send the right signal to foreign investors who value certainty in taxation and policy changes which are principally embedded in a larger policy narrative," it added. **PTI**

Industry body CII pitches for GST simplification, reduction in tax slabs

New Delhi: CII's President Sanjiv Bajaj on Tuesday pitched for the simplification of Goods and Services Tax structure, and suggested that electricity as well as fuel should be brought under the GST ambit as that will help make the industry more competitive.

He also suggested that the number of tax slabs under the GST should be brought down to three.

"Going forward, we believe that on GST further simplification, cutting some of the inconsistencies, there are sectors where there is inverted tax structure, bringing in items like electricity, fuel under GST will further help simplify, cut costs, make industry more competitive," he said in an interview to PTI.



Further, the president of the industry body said there is justification for keeping sin

and luxury goods in the highest slab.

"We believe there is (scope for) simplification to probably three slabs. Now that five years have gone and there is experience over there, is what makes sense and that is something that should be deliberated upon," Bajaj, who is Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Limited, said.

Besides the exempted category, GST is levied at 5 per cent, 12 per cent, 18 per cent and 28 per cent. There are separate tax rates for gold and precious and semi-precious stones.

On rupee movement against the US dollar, Bajaj said strong forex reserves helped the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to intervene when required to at least check volatility. **PTI**

Guwahati: In flood-hit Assam, LPG delivery vans of PSU major Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) have been replaced by boats for the seamless supply of the fuel to keep the burner flames on, a senior official said on Tuesday.

At least 180 people have died and more than 89.13 lakh people suffered cumulatively across 34 districts since April 6 in one of the worst floods Assam witnessed in recent times.

The challenge increased manifold with severe landslides in several neighbouring states such as Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur, Indian Oil Corp Executive Director (Indian Oil AOD) G Ramesh told PTI here.

"The LPG door-to-door delivery continued through boats. Boats replaced delivery vans. This resulted in achieving an enviable LPG cylinder back-

"Indian Oil rose magnificently to the occasion and ensured an uninterrupted supply of LPG as well as petrol and diesel to affected areas. Our dealers and distributor network rolled up their sleeves and also made food and water available to stranded people," he added.

The IOC official particularly praised the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinder delivery channels, which never stopped working despite immense difficulties in reaching households that were completely submerged by flood waters.

"The LPG door-to-door delivery continued through boats. Boats replaced delivery vans. This resulted in achieving an enviable LPG cylinder back-

log in Assam of only 1.03 days during the peak of floods last week," he said.

Currently, the backlog period for delivery of LPG cylinders has improved to 0.7 day for the entire state, the official said.

Ramesh claimed that the waiting period for LPG cylinders in Silchar town and other places of Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi districts of Barak valley, which saw unprecedented flooding this time, is just 1.88 days at present.

He said that the retail outlets were instructed to prioritise the supply of diesel to mobile tower operators to keep the communication channels alive in the face of continuous power cuts during the massive deluge. **PTI**

India to be self-sufficient in urea by 2025 end; output of conventional & nano urea rising: Govt

New Delhi: India will not need to import urea by 2025-end as the domestic production of conventional urea and nano liquid urea is expected to be sufficient to meet the country's annual demand, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya said on Tuesday.

At present, the country's urea (conventional) production is 260 lakh tonnes, while around 90 lakh tonnes are imported to meet local demand.

"As per our estimate, we will be self-sufficient in urea by 2025-end and there will be no



import dependence. Our domestic production of conventional urea and nano urea will be more than the demand," he told reporters here.

The minister said around 60 lakh tonnes of production capacity will be added for conventional urea, while the output of nano urea is estimated to rise to 44 crores bottles (of 500 ml each) per annum, which will be equivalent to 200 lakh tonnes of conventional urea.

Mandaviya said the adoption of nano urea by farmers has been very encouraging and highlighted that the liquid nutrient is effective for maintaining soil health as well as for increasing crop yield.

According to a ministry official, the government will save foreign exchange of about

Rs 40,000 crore per annum due to a reduction in imports.

One bottle of nano urea is equivalent to one bag of urea. Its application can effectively lead to a reduction in soil, water and air pollution which happens due to the overuse of chemical fertilisers both at production and consumption levels. At present, the capacity of nano urea is 5 crore bottles per year. Co-operative major IFFCO has introduced innovative nano urea in the market. The commercial production started on August 1, 2021 from IFFCO's plant at Kalol in Gujarat. **PTI**

DJOKER BATTLES BACK TO BEAT SINNER

AP ■ LONDON

Defending champion Novak Djokovic battled back from two sets to love down to defeat Jannik Sinner and reach his 11th Wimbledon semi-final on Tuesday.

Djokovic triumphed 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 and will face either Britain's Cameron Norrie or David Goffin of Belgium for a place in Sunday's final.

It was the seventh time in the Serb's career that he had recovered from two sets to love at the Slams.

"Huge congrats to Jannik for a big fight, he's so mature for his age, he has plenty of time ahead of him," said Djokovic.

"The first two sets compared to the next three were like two different matches. He was the better player for those first two sets.

"But at the end of the second set I took a toilet break, gave myself a little pep talk, tried to gather my thoughts.

"I broke early in the third set. I saw a little bit of doubt start to come into his movement. I have many years' experience of playing on these courts and coping with the pressure."

Djokovic is bidding to go level with Pete Sampras as a seven-time Wimbledon champion and stand just one off Roger Federer's men's record of eight.

He appeared set for a routine afternoon when he swept into a 4-1 lead in the opener and had a break point for 5-1 against the 20-year-old Italian.

Sinner, the 10th seed, saved it and rallied to move 6-5 ahead, carving out an opportunity to serve for the set.

Djokovic saved a set point but a netted service return gave



HALEP DOWNS BADOSA

AP ■ LONDON

Former champion Simona Halep swept past fourth-seeded Paula Badosa to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals for the fifth time on Monday.

Halep won 6-1, 6-2 in just one hour as her Spanish opponent's game fell apart with 21 unforced errors.

The Romanian, who was champion in 2019, has yet to drop a set at the tournament.

Halep, 30, had to sit out Wimbledon in 2021 due to a



calf injury that sidelined her for three months.

Her build-up to this year's tournament was compromised by a neck injury.

"It means a lot that I'm back in a quarter-finals after I struggled so much with injuries and self-confidence," said Halep.

"I'm working hard every day. I feel like if I do that, I will get better. I'm really happy with the way I'm playing. I'm really confident. It's a pleasure to be on court."

the Italian the set.

Sinner, relentlessly unleashing winners from all corners of the court, stunned the top seed again with breaks in the third and seventh games on his way to a two-set lead.

However, Djokovic is no stranger to Grand Slam adversity, having twice come back from two sets to love down as recently as last year's French Open.

The second of those stunning recoveries came in the final against Stefanos Tsitsipas.

A break in the fourth game of the third set enabled Djokovic to cut his quarter-final deficit.

In control, the 35-year-old levelled the tie with a double break in the fourth set as Sinner took a worrying tumble on his ankle scrambling to the Centre Court net.

Djokovic carved out two more breaks in the decider, the second off the back of a stunning, cross-court backhand on the stretch to go to 5-2 before calmly serving it out.

MARIA WINS

Germany's Tatjana Maria came from behind to beat compatriot Jule Niemeier 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 on Tuesday and reach her first Grand Slam semi-final.

The 34-year-old mother of two will play either third seed Ons Jabeur or unseeded Marie Bouzkova for a place in the final.

"I have goosebumps everywhere," said Maria, who returned from maternity leave just under a year ago.

"My two little girls, it's a dream to live this with my family, to live this with my two girls. Almost one year ago I gave birth, it's crazy."

She said would like to face world number two Jabeur in the semi-finals.

Sania-Pavic in mixed doubles SF

PTI ■ WIMBLEDON

Indian tennis ace Sania Mirza and her Croatian partner Mate Pavic advanced to the Wimbledon mixed doubles semifinals with a hard-fought win over fourth seeds Gabriela Dabrowski and John Peers.

Mirza and Pavic, seeded sixth, eked out a thrilling 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 win over Canadian-Australian duo in one hour 41 minutes on court 3 on Monday night.

The Indo-Croatian pair will take on the winners of the quarterfinal between Robert Farah and Jelena Ostapenko, the seventh seeds, and second seeds Neil Skupski and Desirae Krawczyk.



This is Mirza's best mixed doubles performance at the All England Club. She had previously reached the quarterfinals in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

A Wimbledon title is the

only mixed doubles Grand Slam missing from her trophy cabinet.

Mirza, a six-time Grand Slam winner, has already announced her retirement at the end of this season.

Rafa into 8th Wimbledon quarters

AP ■ LONDON

Rafael Nadal reached the Wimbledon quarter-finals for the eighth time on Monday with a straight-sets defeat of Botić van de Zandschulp.

Nadal, who has already won the Australian and French Opens to stand halfway to the first calendar Grand Slam since 1969, triumphed 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (8/6).

Next up for the 36-year-old Spaniard is a clash against American 11th seed Taylor Fritz, who beat him in the Indian Wells final earlier in the year.

"To be back in the quarter-finals after not being here for three years is amazing," said the 2008 and 2010 champion.

"I expect a very tough match against Taylor — he won his first Masters title this year against me in the final.

"The quarter-finals of a Slam are always very tough."



HS Prannoy regains his place in world's top 20

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy on Tuesday regained his place in the world's top 20, riding on his consistent show in the international circuit this season.

The 29-year-old from Kerala, who had played a pivotal role in India's monumental Thomas Cup win in May, improved two places to 19 in the men's singles rankings.

Prannoy, who had reached a career-best ranking of eight in 2018, has been one of the most consistent male shuttlers in the circuit with a series of quarter-finals and semifinals appearance this season.

He is now the third highest ranked Indian male shuttler in the world after Lakshya Sen (10th) and Kidambi Srikanth (11th).

Prannoy, who had reached

the finals of Swiss Open in March, surpassed Tokyo Olympian B Sai Praneeth (20th).

Two-time Olympic medalist P V Sindhu maintained her seventh spot in the latest chart, while Saina Nehwal also stayed static on 24th.

Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy were steady on eighth in the men's doubles rankings, while Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy dropped a rung to 24th position.

Among others, 2014 Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap jumped three places to reach the World No. 36 ranking, riding on his second round appearance at the Malaysia Open Super 750 event.

The Verma brothers — Sameer and Sourabh — were the other two Indians inside the world's top 50.

Malacia becomes Ten Hag's 1st Man Utd signing

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United completed their swoop for Feyenoord defender Tyrell Malacia on Tuesday as Erik ten Hag made his first signing since taking charge at Old Trafford.

United landed Malacia in a reported £12.95 million (\$15.4 million) deal after making a late move for the Netherlands full-back, who had been close to joining French club Lyon.

The 22-year-old has agreed a four-year contract with the option of a further 12 months.

It is a landmark deal for Ten Hag, who had been linked with a host of potential signings before finally making Malacia the first acquisition of his United reign.

Ten Hag arrived at United in May after finishing his successful spell at Ajax, where he had plenty of opportunities to see Malacia's quality with Dutch rivals Feyenoord.

Malacia, who made 136 appearances for Feyenoord, said: "It's an incredible feeling to have joined Manchester United. This is a new chapter for me, a new league with new teammates and a tremendous manager leading us.

"I know from playing against his teams in the Eredivisie, the qualities that he has and what he demands of his players.

"Whilst I know that I am still young and will continue to



ORIGI JOINS AC MILAN

AP ■ MILAN

Divock Origi signed for AC Milan on Tuesday after being let go by Liverpool at the end of last season.

The 27-year-old Belgian international Origi has joined Milan as a free agent after his contract was registered with the Italian top flight.

Origì arrives at the Serie A team after not having played enough matches to trigger an extension to his contract with

Liverpool.

He has reportedly signed a four-year deal which will net him four million euros (\$4.23 million dollars) a season.

He was largely a bit-part player at Liverpool but scored vital goals over his eight years on Merseyside which made him a favourite of fans and manager Jurgen Klopp.

Those strikes include two in an astonishing comeback against Barcelona in the Champions League semi-finals

in 2019, and the second is that year's final as Liverpool lifted their sixth European Cup against Tottenham.

Origì made 176 appearances for the Reds after arriving in 2014, scoring 41 times.

He has been capped 32 times for his country, but all three of his international goals came in 2014. Milan have brought in Origì to bolster a forward line which struggled for goals despite winning last season's thrilling Serie A.

develop, I can promise the United fans that I will leave everything on the pitch every time I pull on the red shirt."

Malacia, who plays largely at left-back, is expected to be part of the United squad that leaves for the pre-season tour of Thailand and Australia on Friday.

Capped five times by the Netherlands, Malacia is likely to compete with England left-back Luke Shaw for a place in United's starting line-up.

ROMA SIGN CELIK

Roma have signed Turkey international Mehmet Zeki

Celik from Lille, the Serie A club announced on Tuesday.

In a statement, Roma said the 25-year-old full-back "has signed a four-year contract with the Giallorossi that runs until 30 June 2026".

The 32-times capped Celik arrives for a reported fee of seven million euros (\$7.2 million) with 15 percent of any future sale also going to Lille.

In his four years at Lille Celik played nearly 150 times in all competitions.

RICHARLISON BANNED

Tottenham forward Richarlison was banned on Tuesday from his new club's English Premier League opening game after throwing a smoke canister when playing for Everton last season.

Richarlison admitted a charge of improper conduct and was banned for one game and fined 25,000 pounds (\$30,000), the English Football Association said in announcing the tribunal verdict.

Tottenham start the league hosting Southampton on August 6. Richarlison should be available to play at Chelsea one week later. Richarlison scored in Everton's 1-0 win against Chelsea on May 1 that helped his then club avoid relegation. But a lit, blue smoke canister was thrown on the pitch by Everton supporters and Richarlison picked it up and threw it away from the field.

Badminton Asia Technical Committee apologises to Sindhu for 'human error'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Badminton Asia Technical Committee chairman Chih Shen Chen has apologised to two-time Olympic medalist P V Sindhu for the 'human error' committed by the referee during the women's singles semi-final match of the Badminton Asia Championships in April.

Sindhu had been left in tears after an "unfair" call by the umpires midway through her semifinal match against Japan's Akane Yamaguchi saw her go down in three games and eventually sign off with a Bronze medal, her second in the continental championship.

"Unfortunately, there is no rectification at this time. However, we have taken the necessary steps to avoid a repetition of this human error," the



official said in the letter to Sindhu.

"We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused to you. We believe it is part of the sport and that it is accepted as such."

The incident had happened

while Sindhu was leading 14-11 in the second game after having won the first game when the umpire handed her a one-point penalty for taking too much time to serve between points.

Sindhu, who turned 27 on Tuesday, lost her momentum

Treesa & Gayatri exits

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

India's Commonwealth Games-bound women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand made a first round exit from the Malaysia Masters badminton tournament, losing to local pair of Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan here on Tuesday.

The Indian pair was outplayed by the Malaysians 14-21, 14-21 in the opening round match that lasted just 33 minutes.

None of the Indians won any match on Tuesday with two other women's doubles pairs also suffering first round

defeats.

The combination of Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam lost 7-21, 10-21 to Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota of Japan while Pooja Dandu and Arathi Sara went down to Bulgaria's Gabriela Stoeva and Stefani Stoeva 17-21, 17-21.

In the women's singles, Malvika Bansod also suffered a 10-21, 17-21 defeat against host country's Goh Jin Wei in 33 minutes to exit from the Super 500 tournament.

Olympic medallists PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal will feature in the women's singles first round matches on Wednesday.

after that incident and lost 21-13, 19-21, 16-21.

The Indian was seen having an animated discussion with the chief referee after the chair umpire asked her to hand over the shuttle to Yamaguchi but it all fell on deaf ears.

"The umpire told me you're taking a lot of time but the opponent wasn't ready at that point. But the umpire suddenly gave her the point and it was really unfair. I think that was one of the reasons why I lost," Sindhu had said.

"I mean that is my feeling because at that moment it was 14-11 and could have become 15-11 but instead, it became 14-12 and she took continuous points. And I think it was very unfair. Maybe I would have won the match and played in the final."

Sindhu, who is a member of Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Athletes' Commission, had immediately written a letter to the world body and the Asia badminton confederation, protesting against the decision.

PSG sack Pochettino, appoint Galtier as new manager

AP ■ PARIS

Paris St Germain announced Christophe Galtier as their new manager on Tuesday, shortly after the Ligue 1 champions parted ways with Mauricio Pochettino.

Galtier joins PSG after leaving Nice last month, having guided them to a runners-up finish in the French Cup and fifth place in Ligue 1 last season.

The 55-year-old Frenchman joined Nice in 2021 after leading Lille to their first Ligue 1 title since 2011 in the previous campaign. Before joining Lille, Galtier spent eight seasons at Saint Etienne, where he won the French Cup in 2012-2013.

Galtier's appointment comes after PSG president Nasser al-Khelaifi put an end to speculation surrounding France great Zinedine Zidane, dismissing reports that PSG had been in talks with the 1998 World



Cup winner about becoming their new boss.

Pochettino, who was appointed by PSG in January 2021, won the Ligue 1 title in 2021-22 and the French Cup in 2020-21 but failed to deliver in the Champions League, the only major trophy that has eluded PSG since Qatar Sports Investment took over in 2011.

PSG, eight times league winners since the takeover, were Champions League runners-up in 2020 but they were knocked out in the last 16 last season by Real Madrid.

POMS WIN ‘RESCHEDULED’ TEST, DRAW SERIES

Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow score centuries to help England chase down 378 runs on final day & win match by 7 wickets

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Jonny Bairstow and Joe Root, who have made chasing tricky targets in Test matches fashionable, put famed Indian pace attack to sword with imposing hundreds as England recorded their highest ever chase of 378 runs with minimum fuss to level the five-match series 2-2.

It is fourth straight successful chase for England, having accomplished tricky fourth innings targets of 278, 299, 296 against New Zealand in the previous series.

For India, the ignominy was of not being able to defend their highest fourth innings target. When England were rattled on the fourth afternoon by stand-in skipper Jasprit Bumrah, the two star batters didn't waver from their game plan. The entire Indian attack, except Bumrah, looked pedestrian. All England needed was just under 20 overs to knock off the remaining 119 runs on fifth morning.

What was more embarrassing was England knocking off the runs in 76.4 overs, which isn't even a full day's play and at a run-rate of nearly five runs per over (4.93).

Root (142 not out), who has been in even more sublime form since relinquishing captaincy, scored his 28th century and was involved in an unbroken 269-run stand with Bairstow (114 not out), whose ton count reached a dozen after the completion of this game.

Bairstow, who is in the form of his life, topped up his first innings of 106 with an even more graceful century as



Brendon McCullum's philosophy of deflating teams on flat decks is currently working wonders.

A cursory look at a statistical nuggets reveals the impact Bairstow and Root have made in England's last four victories.

Root has scored 11, 115 not out, 176, 3, 5, 86 not out, 5 and 142 not out in his last eight innings. Bairstow has scored 1, 16, 8, 136, 162, 71 not out, 106

and 114 not out in the same set of games.

Both have played significant role in three chases in the last four games.

INDIA LOST THE PLOT

This is India's third straight Test match defeat in a 'SENA' country (SA, England, NZ, Australia) after back-to-back defeats against South Africa but this will hurt more as they had

a sizeable first innings lead of 132 runs.

The defeat would also significantly dent India's chances of finishing in top-two in the World Test Championship (WTC) table.

Bumrah in his first tryst as captain was very impressive despite the disappointing outcome but what would hurt India badly is the tactics employed by the team that

had so many senior players.

A team that has set a target of 378 couldn't have possibly started with a spread out field, logic of which would need some explaining from head coach Rahul Dravid.

Since he has taken over, India have lost three out of four overseas Tests and for a man, who relies heavily on method and process, that's not a great piece of stat.

Bowling with a deep extra cover, deep mid-wicket, deep fine leg only gave a negative impression about the strategy deployed on the fourth evening.

The singles and doubles were easy pickings as none of the bowlers was able to settle down. It was imperative to keep one batter at one end under a tight leash.

As pressure released, the boundaries flowed from the blades of both the batters. It wasn't a typical 'Bazball' approach which is going for leather but bleeding the opposition with thousand cuts, both practically and metaphorically.

The gaping holes in the field were a testimony of a hollow strategy.

Ravindra Jadeja (18.4-3-62-0), a classical left-arm spinner, bowled over the wicket throughout, negating any chance of trapping the batters in front of the wicket. Not for once did he come round the wicket to pin the batters.

And to make matters worse, India's third and fourth pacers -- Mohammed Siraj (15-0-98-0) and Shardul Thakur (11-0-65-0) -- hardly made an impact. They were guilty of bowling too short or too full.

We let the game slip away after dominating three days: Bumrah

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

India stand-in captain Jasprit Bumrah on Tuesday blamed his side's defeat to England in the rescheduled fifth Test here to the batting failure in the second innings, saying they let the match slip away from their hands after dominating major part of it.

England rode on Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow's majestic centuries to thump India by seven wickets and register their highest-ever successful run chase in Test cricket.

England overhauled the 378-run target in the morning session of the fifth and final day with Root and Bairstow remaining unbeaten on 142 and 114 respectively.

"That's the beauty of Test cricket, even if you have three good days. We fell short with the bat yesterday and that is where we let the opposition in to let the match slip away from us," Bumrah said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

"Ifs and buts can always be there. If you go back, if there was no rain in the first match, we could have won the series. But England played really well."

England's win meant that the five-match Test series, which spilled over to this year due to COVID-19 cases in the Indian camp last year, ended in 2-2 draw.

"We have drawn the series and both teams played very good cricket and it was a fair result," Bumrah said.

Bumrah lauded Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja for their tons in India's first innings.

"Pant takes his chances. He and Jaddu got us back into the game with their counter-attack. We were ahead in the game. He takes his chances, backs himself and very happy for him," he said.

Bumrah said he thorough-



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ly enjoyed the captaincy responsibility and it was a pleasure to lead the national team.

"The captaincy is not what I decide. I like responsibility. It was a good challenge, a new challenge. It was an honour to lead the team and a great experience."

England skipper Ben Stokes said his team was trying to rewrite the way Test cricket is being played in the country with its new-found attacking brand of the game.

"When the lads play like this, it makes my job easier. When you have clarity like we have in the dressing room, it makes chasing totals like this

easier. 378 would have been scary five weeks ago, but now it's all good.

"We are trying to rewrite how Test cricket is played in England. All our plans from the last four-five weeks is what we want to take ahead. Bowling on the top of off isn't important, it is all about taking ten wicket," he said.

"We want to give some new life to Test cricket. Inspiring the next generation is what we want to do. We want to bring in new fans and want to leave a mark on 'Test cricket,'" he added.

Stokes was all praise of his batters for pulling off the historic run chase for England.

"Jonny and Root will get all the credit, but the precedent was set up by the way the openers played against Bumrah and Shami with the new ball."

Man-of-the-match Jonny Bairstow, who smashed centuries in both the innings, said he was never afraid of failure and just wanted to put the pressure back on the opposition.

"It is great fun at the moment. I am stripping it back to the basics. The last few years have been tough on me but the last few months have been fantastic.

Mandhana jumps to 8th spot in WODI rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana moved up a rung to eighth position in the batter's chart in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings released here on Tuesday.

Mandhana, who hit an 83-ball unbeaten 94 in India's 10-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the second ODI on Monday, is the lone Indian in the top 10 of the batting chart which is headed by Australian Alyssa Healey followed by England's Natalie Sciver.

All-rounder Deepti Sharma and opener Shafali Verma have made significant improvements to their positions after helping India take an unassailable 2-0 lead against Sri Lanka in the three-match ICC Women's Championship (IWC) series being played in Pallekele.

Deepti, who grabbed three for 25 and scored an unbeaten 22, has moved up two places to the 29th position among batters and three slots to 16th among bowlers.

In the rankings for all-rounders, she has gained 20 rating points to reach within one point of Australia's Ashleigh Gardner, who is sixth on the list.

Verma, who is leading the run aggregate in the series with 106 runs including an unbeaten 71 in the second match, is up 12 places to a career-best 36th among batters. She is currently ranked fifth in the T20 list. Other Indians to move up the batters' list are Pooja Vastrakar (up three places to 61st), Rajeshwari Gayakwad (up four places to 93rd) and Meghna Singh (up



seven places to 100th).

They have all also moved up the bowlers' list -- Gayakwad from 12th to 11th, Meghna from 58th to 47th and Vastrakar from 57th to 50th.

Pacer Renuka Singh is also a major gainer, her seven wickets has lifted her 38 places to 65th position.

Saha to join Tripura cricket team as player-cum-mentor

PTI ■ AGARTALA

Veteran India cricketer Wriddhiman Saha will join the Tripura team as a player-cum-mentor, an official said on Tuesday.

A veteran of 40 Tests, Saha has already received a NOC (No Objection Certificate) from the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

"We have had talks with Saha and he has agreed to play for the state.

He will also act as a mentor for the senior team to motivate the players," Tripura Cricket Association (TCA) joint secretary Kishore Das said.

TCA expects that Saha, a wicket-keeper-cum-batsman, will sign an agreement by July 15, he said.

Players would be immensely benefited if Saha joins the team, considering his vast experience in international cricket and domestic circuit, Das said. "It is not yet finalised whether he will be made the captain of the team.

This will be decided later," the official said.

He is expected to play Ranji Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy matches for Tripura.

Warwickshire to investigate racial abuse charge by Indian fans

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

An investigation has been launched into allegations of racist abuse aimed at Indian fans during the fourth day of the fifth Test between India and England at Edgbaston, the ECB and Warwickshire County Cricket Club said.

Several Indian fans took to Twitter to report the racist behaviour they endured during the fourth day's play on Monday night. They claimed that some British fans hurled racial taunts at them.

Former Yorkshire cricketer Azeem Rafiq, whose testimony to a British parliamentary committee last year led to an investigation into claims of institutional racism at Yorkshire and resulted in major reforms, retweeted some of the social media posts describing the racist behaviour.

"Disappointing to read," he wrote. The official Edgbaston Twitter account responded to Rafiq's tweet saying: "We're incredibly sorry to read this and do not condone this behaviour in anyway. We'll be investigating this ASAP."

Warwickshire later released a statement, stating they are investigating the incident.

"I'm gutted by these reports as we're working hard to make



Edgbaston a safe, welcoming environment for all," Stuart Cain, Chief Executive at Edgbaston said.

"Having seen the initial tweets, I've spoken personally to the gentleman who raised them and we're now speaking to the stewards in this area to establish what happened.

"Nobody should be subject to any form of abuse at Edgbaston. So, once we've got all the facts, we will make sure this issue is addressed swiftly," the statement added. One spectator, who was in the Hollies Stand, alleged that the stewards refused to take any action despite

several complaints.

"Racist behaviour at @Edgbaston towards Indian fans in block 22 Eric Hollies. People calling us Curry C**** and paki b*****. We reported it to the stewards and showed them the culprits at least 10 times but no response and all we were told is to sit in our seats. @ECB_cricke."

"We were also fearful of our safety for women and children but no assistance when we left. This is unacceptable in today's society @BCCI #ENGvIND," a spectator said in a series of tweets.




Bharat Army, the official team India supporters group, said the spectators experienced

abuse from a "small minority" of individuals.

"Sad to say many of our members experienced racist abuse from a very small minority of individuals. We will work with @Edgbaston to share all your feedback. Thank you to those England fans who stood by us."

"I'm all for some good banter between fans but today was some of the worst abuse we've ever experienced at a match. Some disgusting racism ("you smelly **** for example). The stewards actually told the India fans to sit down whilst allowing the abuse to go ahead @Edgbaston," another spectator wrote.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Before Sh. Harjeet Singh Sandhu, PCS, Asstt. Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.
Subject:-Transfer of Ownership in respect of residential Site No. 105, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh (RP-3369) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Sh. Hari Jigyasu.
It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Hari Jigyasu is the owner/lessee of Residential Site No. 105, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.
It has been informed by Rohit Jigyasu, Prem Jigyasu, Manorama Kumari that Sh. Hari Jigyasu expired on 16.04.2021 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:- (1) Prem Jigyasu-Wife, (2) Manorama Kumari-Daughter, (3) Rohit Jigyasu-Son
Now, Rohit Jigyasu, Prem Jigyasu, Manorama Kumari have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 105, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late Sh. Hari Jigyasu in their favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 08.07.2013. If anybody has any information about any other legal heirs(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.
If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supporting with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.
Harjeet Singh Sandhu, PCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh

In the Court of Sh. Yogesh Kumar, Tehsildar (Revenue)-Cum-Assistant Collector, Grade-II, U.T., Chandigarh.
Transfer/mutation of immovable property/ies owned by Late Sh. Gurdial Singh situated at Kishangarh, U.T., Chandigarh. Whereas, Sh. Hardeep Singh & Sh. Ram Pal sons of Late Sh. Gurdial Singh residents of House No. 45, Village Kishangarh, Chandigarh have requested for entry and attestation of mutation of property/ies situated at Kishangarh, Chandigarh, on the basis of Un-registered Will dated 24.01.2021 executed by Late Sh. Gurdial Singh S/o Sh. Hari Chand R/o # 45, Village Kishangarh, Chandigarh in favour of his sons Sh. Hardeep Singh & Sh. Ram Pal. The legal heirs of deceased i.e. Late Sh. Gurdial Singh S/o Sh. Hari Chand and the General Public are hereby informed through the publication of this notice that if any one has any objection or claim regarding entry and attestation of mutation of property mentioned above he/she may file objections or appear before the undersigned in person or through authorized pleader within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the office of Tehsildar (Revenue-cum Assistant Collector Grade-II, U.T., Chandigarh, Ground floor, 30 Bays Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh), failing which, the said property shall be transferred/ mutated on the basis of aforesaid Un-registered Will dated 24.01.2021 under the relevant provision of the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887 in the name of Sh. Hardeep Singh & Sh. Ram Pal Sons of Late Sh. Gurdial Singh. Given under my hand and seal of this court on 04th day of July 2022.
Yogesh Kumar Tehsildar (Revenue)-cum-Assistant Collector, Grade-II, U.T., Chandigarh.

NZ women & men cricketers to get equal pay

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH

In a first in world cricket, New Zealand men and women will receive the same match fees across formats and competitions, according to a ground-breaking five-year deal between the sports' governing body in the country and the players' association.

"I want to thank and congratulate the players and the Major Associations for their part in reaching such a significant agreement," NZC chief executive David White said in a statement.

"This is the most important agreement in our sport, as it binds NZC, the Major Associations, and our players at the hip, and sets the foundation to fund, grow and develop cricket.

"It's been a collaborative yet very robust negotiation. Importantly,



it represents a significant step forward as we continue to grow our investment in women's cricket."

According to the landmark agreement struck between NZC, the six major associations, and the

New Zealand Cricket Players Association, White Ferns and domestic women's players will receive the same match fees as the men across all their formats and competitions.

"Translated, this means the highest-ranked WHITE FERN would be able to receive a maximum of NZD 163,246 a year (up from NZD 83,432), the ninth-ranked, NZD 148,946 (NZD 66,266), and the 17th-ranked NZD 142,346 (NZD 62,833)," the statement said.

The top-ranked women's domestic players in each Major Association would be able to receive a maximum of NZD 19,146 (up from NZD 3,423), the sixth-ranked NZD 18,646 (NZD 3,423), and the 12th-ranked NZD 18,146 (NZD 3,423)."

According to the agreement, total number of women's domestic

contracts will increase from 54 to 72, while the men will earn higher retainers, based on the increased number of matches played, formats contested, and time spent training and playing.

"It's great for the international and domestic women players to be recognised in the same agreement, alongside the men," White Ferns captain Sophie Devine said.

"It's a massive step forward and will be a huge drawcard for young women and girls."

New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson said it was an exciting time for the sport.

"It's really important for the current players to build on the legacy of those who have gone before us, and to support tomorrow's players, both men and women, at all levels.

"This agreement goes a long way towards achieving that."