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Uddhav offers to quit as Maha CM & Sena chief

In signed letter to Guv, 34 MLAs reaffirm trust in Shinde leadership

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

After 34 rebel MLAs submitted a signed letter to the Governor "re-affirming" that their leader Eknath Shinde "is and continues" to be leader of the Shiv Sena Legislature Party, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said here on Wednesday that he was prepared to quit both his posts as the CM and the party chief if the rebels were to meet him and express their lack of confidence in his leadership.

Within hours after the rebel Sena MLAs, led by their leader Minister Eknath Shinde, flew from Surat to Guwahati by a special chartered aircraft, a letter was submitted on their behalf to the office of Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Deputy Speaker and Secretary of the State Assembly, declaring that Shinde continues to be the leader of the Shiv Sena Legislature Party (SSLP). The resolution that the rebel MLAs submitted to the Governor in the form of a letter carried the signatures of 34 rebel MLAs.

On part, Sena president and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray played an emotional card as he went live on Facebook and spoke to the people of Maharashtra, wherein he made it clear: "I have no greed for power. Nor would I remain stuck to the chair. Let the rebel MLAs come and tell me that I am not good enough to hold this position. I will quit as both



Maharashtra CM and Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray virtually addresses the people of the State, in Mumbai on Wednesday PTI

the Chief Minister and the party chief. You all know that despite my lack of administrative experience, my government performed extremely well during the Covid-19 period".

In his first reaction on the rebellion that his rocked the Shiv Sena after his number-two minister and senior party Eknath Shinde took away a group of 30-odd party MLAs, including three ministers, to a hotel at Surat in Gujarat, Uddhav said: "But why go to Surat or some other places to say this... He (Shinde) could have just come to me and talked to me as what he had in his mind. I would have quit my post immediately".

Uddhav said that both the NCP chief Sharad Pawar and Congress president Sonia Gandhi had supported right through and continued to support him. "But, what can I do if my own people do not want me to continue as the CM. I am ready to resign as the CM. Let the rebel MLAs come and tell me that they do not want this position. I will quit as both

Uddhav leaves CM house bag & baggage

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday night moved from his official residence in south Mumbai to family home in suburban Bandra, hours after offering to quit the top post amid rebellion by Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde.

The CM moved out of "Varsha", his official residence, for Matoshree, the private bungalow of the Thackeray family, amid high drama as the political crisis that has rocked his Government after Shinde's revolt two days ago, showed no signs of ebbing.

Earlier, bags containing his personal belongings were seen being loaded in cars.

2 MLAs run away from Shinde's Surat camp, 1 recounts heroic escape

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a drama that unfolded after senior leader Eknath Shinde staged a massive rebellion and virtually spirited away 30-odd party MLAs to Surat in BJP-ruled Gujarat, two Shiv Sena MLAs — who had been allegedly "kidnapped" by the rebel camp — returned to Maharashtra on Wednesday, less than 36 hours after they were taken away by the rebel camp members.

On their return, the two Sena MLAs — Nitin Deshmukh from Akola and Kailas Patil from Osmanabad — said they were "misled and taken to Surat against their wishes" by the rebels group late on Monday, but they succeeded in escaping from the watchful eyes of those managing the rebel Shinde camp.

Both Patil and Deshmukh said that they were much with Chief Minister and Sena president Uddhav Thackeray and that there was no question of their indulging in rebellion or joining the rebel faction led by Eknath Shinde.

Recounting the ordeal he faced and sensational escape that he made from the rebel Shinde camp, Deshmukh claimed he was "kidnapped" from Mumbai and then taken

to Surat along with other rebel Sena MLAs who landed at Le Meridien Hotel at Surat on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday.

Talking to the media in Nagpur where he landed after his dramatic escape from the Shinde-led Sena rebel camp, Deshmukh recalled: "Around 3 am on Tuesday, I managed to escape from the hotel. I went out of the hotel to hitch a ride from some passing vehicles. I was pursued by 100-odd Gujarat policemen who prevented me from sitting in any vehicle and they forcibly took me to some hospital".

"At the hospital, the doctors performed some medical procedure on my body, tried to prove that I had 'suffered a heart attack' and gave him some injection, though I was perfectly healthy," he said.

"They treated me like some terrorist... Somehow I managed to flee from the hospital and here I am — absolutely fit and fine. I have no heart issues as the police contended," Deshmukh said.

Earlier, Deshmukh's wife had lodged a missing complaint with the police that she suspected threats to his life as he was not available on phone after 7 pm on Monday.

Over 1,000 killed in deadliest Af quake



In this photo released by a set-run news agency Bakhtar, Afghans look at destruction caused by an earthquake in the province of Paktika, eastern Afghanistan, on Wednesday AP/PTI

AP ■ KABUL

A powerful earthquake struck a rugged, mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, killing at least 1,000 people and injuring 1,500 more in the country's deadliest quake in two decades, the state-run news agency reported. Officials warned that the already grim toll may still rise.

In the remote area near the Pakistani border, residents searched for survivors and the dead by digging with their bare hands through the rubble

of collapsed stone and mud-brick houses, according to footage shown by news agency Bakhtar. It was not immediately clear if major rescue equipment was being sent — or even if it could reach the area.

The extent of the destruction among the villages tucked among the mountains was still not known. Rutted roads — difficult to pass in the best of times — may have sustained significant damage, and a UNICEF official said landslides from recent rains have made access even more difficult.

At least 2,000 homes were destroyed in the region, where on average every home has seven or eight people living in it, the UN Deputy Special Representative to Afghanistan Ramiz Alakbarov told reporters.

The disaster posed a major test for Afghanistan's Taliban government, which seized power nearly 10 months ago as the US and its NATO allies were carrying out their withdrawal from the country and has been largely shunned by the world community since.

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MVA an 'unnatural alliance', Sena must exit it: Shinde

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde on Wednesday said the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in Maharashtra was an "unnatural alliance" and it was imperative for his party to walk out of the coalition with the NCP and the Congress for its own sake and that of party workers.

Shinde's reaction came hours after Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray reached out to the rebels, saying he would quit his post if even one Sena MLA comes and tells him on his face that he was incompetent. The Sena strongman, a Cabinet minister, said the MVA, formed in



Rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde with other MLAs at a hotel in Guwahati on Wednesday PTI

November 2019, was beneficial only to alliance partners the Congress and the NCP, while ordinary Shiv Sainiks have suffered the most in the last two-and-a-half years of the coalition's existence.

"It is necessary to quit the unnatural alliance for the sake of Shiv Sainiks and the Shiv Sena. It is important to take a decision in the interest of the state," said Shinde.

DHFL promoters held in biggest-ever bank fraud

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In the biggest-ever bank fraud case registered by the CBI, the agency has booked DHFL and its promoters Kapil Wadhawan and Dheeraj Wadhawan in a fresh bank fraud case worth ₹34,615-crore. The CBI also conducted searches at a dozen locations in Mumbai.

The CBI registered a case on complaint from Union Bank of India, Industrial Finance Branch, Mumbai, against private (borrower) company Deewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL), Bandra (East), Mumbai, its promoters Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawan and others for allegedly cheating a consortium of 17 banks led by Union Bank

of India to the tune of over ₹34,615 crore.

The individuals and entities are accused of siphoning off loans availed from these banks and falsifying the books of DHFL besides creating shell companies/false entities, which subsequently came to be known as "Bandra Book Entities".

"It was alleged that the said private company (DHFL) and its promoters had created a number of shell companies and fictitious entities (the Bandra Book Entities) and siphoned off huge funds by disbursing funds to such fictitious entities," the CBI said in a statement.

It was further alleged that separate audits conducted by other private audit accounting organisations had identified

multiple instances of diversion of funds by the accused for personal benefits and falsification of books of accounts to camouflage and conceal dubious transactions, it further said.

The audits also identified several instances where large value loans were provided to such fictitious entities without due diligence and without securities. Instances of sanction and disbursement of loans, merely by e-mail communications were allegedly found for which no loan files were maintained in the DHFL.

Searches conducted at 12 locations in Mumbai on the premises of the accused which led to recovery of incriminating documents and further investigation is continuing, it added.

JD(U), BJD back Murmu for Prez race



Jharkhand ex-Governor and NDA's Presidential candidate Draupadi Murmu sweeps at Purnandeswar Shiv temple in Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj, on Wednesday PTI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the BJP named a tribal leader and former Jharkhand Governor Draupadi Murmu as its Presidential candidate, the Janata Dal(U) and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) extended her their support, giving her more than a clear edge against Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha.

Murmu is expected to file her nomination on June 24, accompanied by the BJP's top leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced his party JD(U)'s backing to Murmu, who could be the first tribal and the second woman to occupy the top Constitutional post. Nitish's support to Murmu

is crucial since both the JD(U) and the BJP are engaged in a bitter tussle in Bihar.

Nitish, who took diverse positions in the Presidential election in the past, has expressed "delight" over the announcement of Murmu as the NDA's presidential poll candidate.

In a statement, Nitish said he received the news over the telephone from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday night, whom he thanked for choosing a "tribal woman" for the country's highest Constitutional office.

"Many thanks to the Prime Minister for choosing a tribal woman who has proven her mettle as a Minister in Odisha and during her gubernatorial stint in Jharkhand," said Nitish.

CAPSULE

LANKA PM: ECONOMY HAS COLLAPSED

Colombo: Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said its debt-laden economy has "collapsed" after months of shortages of food, fuel and electricity, and the island nation cannot even purchase imported oil. "We are now facing a far more serious situation beyond the mere shortages of fuel, gas, electricity and food. Our economy has completely collapsed. That is the most serious issue," said the PM.

12 DIE, 55L AFFECTED BY ASSAM FLOODS

Guwahati: The flood situation in Assam remained grim on Wednesday as 12 more people were killed and 55 lakh people affected across 32 districts with the rising Brahmaputra and Barak rivers inundating new areas, officials said.

PM to visit Germany for G-7 meet on June 26-27

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the G-7 summit in Germany on June 26 and 27 where issues like the ongoing Ukraine conflict and the situation in the strategically important Indo-Pacific are likely to figure prominently.

After he visits Germany, Modi will travel to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to pay his condolences on the passing away of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the former President of the Gulf nation.

His visit to Germany comes against the backdrop of the majority of the members of the G-7 group criticising Russia for its military action in

Ukraine. So far, India has abstained from voting against Russia in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). India has also all along favoured dialogue and diplomacy to end the conflict.

Giving details of the Prime Minister's schedule, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Wednesday said Modi will visit the Alpine castle of Schloss Elmau in southern Germany on June 26 and 27 to attend the annual summit of G7. He had last visited Germany on May 2 to attend the meeting of the sixth edition of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations.

Modi is attending the G-7 summit following an invitation

by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Germany is the current chair of G7, a grouping of the world's seven richest nations. It comprises the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the US.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Schloss Elmau, Germany, at the invitation of Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz, for the G7 Summit under the German Presidency on June 26 to 27," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President Emmanuel Macron, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau are among the top leaders attending the summit.

6 cops stabbed inside Delhi police station

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Five Delhi Police personnel and one home guard were stabbed by a man in Shahdara Cyber Cell police station on Wednesday afternoon.

Police said that they have arrested the accused who has been identified as 28-year-old Bharat Kumari.

According to police, the man entered the police station and started recording a video. When he was obstructed by one of the policemen and asked the reason behind recording the video, the man suddenly took out a knife and stabbed him and other policemen.

According to R Sathyasundaram, the Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Shahdara district, around 12.45 pm on Wednesday, Bharat came to the police station's reception and started arguing with the policemen.

"He started to shoot video and police officers there asked him to not shoot a video but Bharat took out a knife and started attacking police personnel," said the DCP, adding that one home guard, who also tried to stop him, got knife injury on his cheek.

"Police personnel immediately closed the main gate of the police station and the accused was overpowered while he was trying to escape. The five police personnel and one home guard injured were rushed to hospital," said the DCP.

Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ramesh Chander Sahni, S/o Wazir Chand R/O House No. 873, Sector 11, Panchkula, Haryana declare that Ramesh Chander S/o Bazeer Chand / Vazir Chand D.O.B 15.01.1949, are to be named and correct as Ramesh Chander Sahni S/o Wazir Chand D.O.B 15.01.1947

We, Harphool Singh S/o Nasib Singh and Asha W/o Harphool Singh R/O House No. 702, Ward No. 4, Gobind Nagar Nayagaon Distt. Mohali declare that our son Aman Deep Singh and his wife Preet Kamal Kaur are out of our control. We disown them from all our moveable / immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his / her own risk and responsibility.

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Balmat R/O Hathwala, Tehsil-Julana, Distt. Jind declare that my son Pradeep /Bittu is out of my control. So, I disown him from my all moveable/immovable property. If anybody deals with him shall do their own risk in future.

I, Shabnam Kaur d/o Hoshnar Singh r/o VPO Budhabar Tehsil Mukerian District Hoshiarpur declared that in my school certificate my name wrongly written Darshana Devi but my correct name is Shabnam Kaur. Please note.

I, Raj Bala w/o Sh. Ishvar Singh, R/O # 73, Kumanu Colony, Nada, SAS Nagar, Mohali declare that my son Munish Kumar is out of my control. So, I disown him from all my moveable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him will do so at their own risk. I shall not be responsible for any his deed.

I, Bhavnes Kaur S/o Mool Chand R/O H.No. 397, Khanna Colony, Sonipat has disowned my son Sahil from my all moveable-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, Surender Singh S/o Zile Singh R/O H.No. 1188/11, Muthral Road, Rajiv Colony, Sonipat has disowned my son Aman Kumar from my all moveable-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, Tripta Devi w/o Late Sukhdev Singh R/O Village Saloh Sub-Tehsil Ispur District Una Himachal Pradesh. My Son Vivek Kumar Out of our control. So I disown him from my all movable and immovable properties. If any body deal with him or do anything then he deal at own risk.

I, Rajeev Kumar Sharma S/o Kapil Dev Sharma R/O House No-80 Village Ranipur, IGC Defence Road Pathankot. My Younger Son Sajjan Sharma is Not in My Control, So I Disinherit Him From My Moveable/ Immoveable Property. Anybody Deals With Him Shall Be Responsible Himself.

I, Raman W/O Late Ashok R/O H. No. 1684, Sector 25D, Chandigarh declare that my Son Sonu & his wife Rakhi is out of our control. We disown them from our movable / immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do at their own risk.

I, G Rajyalaxmi, Spouse Of Jc 311985K, Rank: Sub, Name: Srinivasa Rao Gorrela, Unit: 21 Engr Regt, C/O 56 Apo And Residing At Vill: Khansahebpet, Po Makivalasa, Taluk: Polaki, Distt: Srikakulam, State: Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532421 Today Camp At Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From G Rajyalaxmi To Gorle Rajyalaxmi Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated- 21-06-2022.

I, Remya R R, Spouse Of No 15323174x, Rank: Naik, Name: Rajesh G, Unit: 21 Engr Regt, C/O 56 Apo And Residing At H/Name: Puliyalil Konathu, Vill & Po: Chempazhanthu, Taluk & Distt: Thiruvananthapuram, State: Kerala, Pin-695587 Today Camp At Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From Remya R R To Remya Nair R R Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated- 21-06-2022.

I, 15324504x, Rank: Naik, Name: Ashok, Unit: 21 Engr Regt, C/O 56 Apo And Residing At H/No: 102, Vill & Po: Bekkinakere, Taluk & Distt: Belagavi, State: Karnataka, Pin-591128 Today Camp At Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From Ashok To Ashok M Gawade Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated- 21-06-2022.

I, A Manasa, Spouse Of No 16119667n, Rank: Naik, Name: Adigoppula Mahender, Unit: 21 Engr Regt, C/O 56 Apo And Residing At H/No: 3-86/2, Vill & Po: Vengalipalle, Taluk: Pegadapalle, Distt: Jagtial, State: Telangana, Pin-505532 Today Camp At Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From A Manasa To Adigoppula Manasa Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 21-06-2022.

I, Kunjachan V, Father Of No 15320585I, Rank: Hav, Name: Binu K Varghese, Unit 21 Engr Regt, C/O 56 Apo And Residing At Vill: Perungala, Po: Olakettimpalam, Taluk: Mavelikkara, Distt: Alappuzha, State: Kerala, Pin 690510 Today Camp At Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From Kunjachan V To Kunjachan Varghese Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 21-06-2022.

I, Rosamma, Mother Of No 15320585I, Rank: Hav, Name: Binu K Varghese, Unit 21 Engr Regt, C/O 56 Apo And Residing At Vill: Perungala, Po:Olakettimpalam, Taluk: Mavelikkara, Distt: Alappuzha, State: Kerala, Pin 690510 Today Camp At Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From Rosamma To Rosamma Kunjachan Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 21-06-2022.

Smt Sushila Rani widow of Army No 6271598 HAV late Ram Sarup Bakshi resident of Hno. 588/8 opposite Gurudwara Singh Shahidan Azad Nagar Khanna distt Ludhiana (Punjab) declare that Deepak Bakshi (Male) DOB 24-05-1975 is our legitimate son born from our wedlock.

I, Arjun Dass S/O Durga Dass R/O House No. 4837/C, Sector 38-West, Chandigarh Declare That My Son Sanjay Kumar And Daughter-In-Law Meenakshi Are Out Of My Control. I Disown Both Of Them From My All Moveable And Immoveable Properties. Any Person Who Deals With Them Will Do Soo At His/Her Own Risk And Responsibility.

I, Naresh Kumar S/O Bhag Chand R/O #176, Sec-20 B Motia Khan, Mandi Gobindgarh Tehsil Amloh Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Declare That I Had Disowned My Wife Ritlu Mitral Through A Notification In Desh Sewak & Pioneer Newspapers On Dated 05.08.2021. Now She Is Under My Control. I Cancel The Above Disown Notice.

I, Jagdish Chander S/o Birbal R/O H. No. 1740, Bhai-Chara Chowk, Shiv Nagar, Hisar (Hry.) declare that my son Rakesh Kumar & his wife Mamta are out of my control. I, deprived them from all my moveable-immovable property. if any body deals with them, they shall do on their own risk, I & my family will not be responsible.

I, Surinder Singh S/O Mit Singh R/O 221 Mohalla Strain Pathankot, Distt. Pathankot disinherited my son Inderjit Singh Alias Shashi and his wife Minakshi Alias Jaspreet Kaur from our movable and immovable property as they are out of my control. Any one deal with him on his own risk, I and my family are not responsible for their any act.

I, Chaman Lal Son Of Sh Mulkh Raj Resident Of Thandi Khui, Dhangu Road, Pathankot Do Hereby Claim That My Eldest Son Sumit Tak And His Wife Sunita Alias Simran Daughter Of Sh Tarsem Lal, And His Two Childrens Are Out Of My Control And From Today Onwards I Disinherit Both Of Them And They Shall Be Responsible For Their Own Act.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gobind Sharma S/o Suresh Sharma R/O H. No. 449, New Prem Nagar near Comentry Center, Distt. Karnal informed that in my passport my name written is Govind Sharma which is wrong. My correct name is Gobind Sharma. Please correct it in my passport.

I, Ruby Gupta W/o Padam Sain Flat No. 121 F-Block, Spangle Condos, Gazipur Road, Zirakpur have changed my name to Riya Gupta.

I, Padam Sain Gupta S/o Mohan Lal Flat No. 121 F-Block, Bhupinder Singh R/O Hno. 846/92, Purani Bakra Mandi , Ambala City Distt. Ambala I Have Changed My Name Gurmeet Kaur.

I, Anand Perkash S/o Ram Chander R/o VPO Rurki, Chandigarh have changed my name to Anand Prakash for all future purposes.

I, Rajender Kumar Chauhan S/o Ram Snehi R/O H.No. 125-B/30, Garhi Brahmanan, Sonipat have changed my name from Rajender Kumar Chauhan to Rajender Kumar.

I, Kartar Chand S/O Chinku Ram R/O #198, Singla Colony, Near Gausahla Road, Rajpura Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name To Tara Chand.

I, Gurjant Singh S/O Dharman Singh R/O VPO- Pipaltha, Tehsil- Narwana, Distt.Jind (Haryana). In my passport my mother name is Jasvir and my DOB is 20-11-1994. Which is incorrect. Correct name of my mother is Jaswinder Kaur and my DOB is 10-12-1997

I, Deepak Mittal S/o Naresh Kumar Mittal R/o 351, Sector-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declares that Naresh Kumar Mittal and Naresh Kumar Mittal both are my fathers's name, one & the same person.

I, Ritesh Rawal S/o Late Sh. Tej pal, R/o vill. Nanhera, Teh. Bapoli, Distt. Panipat, declare that my father was employee of Aaswani Department of Cooperative Sagar Mill, Panipat who was expired on 19-05-2017, His PPO No. was 39553 Service Book of the deceased my name was written as Deepak due to some mistake, correct name Ritesh Rawal.

I, Sub Satyapal Raman (Retd.) S/o Banwari Lal R/O H.No. 634, Sector-5, Urban Estate (Karnal) informed that in my service record my daughter name is Sheela Devi. Please correct my daughter name as Sheela Raman in my service record.

I, Vanshika Kakkar D/O Madan Lal R/O H.No. 578, Sector 11-12, Huda, Part-I, Panipat Declared That I Have Change My Name From Vanshika Kakkar To Vanshika.

I, Madan Kakkar S/O Ishwar Chand R/O H.No. 578, Sector 11-12, Huda, Part-I, Panipat Declared That I Have Change My Name From Madan Kakkar To Madan Lal.

I, Parmjit Kaur Spouse of JC-429069-A Ex Sub (H/Capt) Jarnail Singh R/O 1336, Preet Nagar, Barara PO & Tehsil Barara, Distt. Ambala.Have Changed my Name from Parmjit Kaur To Parmjeet Kaur Vide affidavit dated 22.06.2022 before Ambala.

I, Smt Raj Bala Widow of JC-430076-H Ex Late Sub (H/Lt) Vijay Kumar Records the Punjab Regt R/O Vill. Tundi, PO Kallarheri, Ambala Cantt , Distt. Ambala.Have Changed my Daughter Name from Manjinder Kaur To Amaninder kaur.

I, No. 15468953-F Ex Dfr Kushal Pal R/O VPO Badhauil, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala. Have Changed my Son Name from Vishal Singh To Vishal.

I, Raj Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/O Sabanpur, PO Karasan, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala. Have Changed my Son Name from Balak Nath To Prav.

I, Yashpal Arora r/o h.no 9 second floor 99-A block-A sec-7 Rampuri link road gaziabad U.P. declared change my name from Yes Pal to Yashpal Arora and in future my name is Yashpal Arora.

I, Seema Devi w/o Shri Shubham resident of village Ledi Tehsil Chhachhrauli district Yamunanagar Haryana My name is wrongly written as Sonam in my husband's Shubham (T7262607) passport whereas my correct name is Seema Devi. My other papers Vote Card, Aadhar Card, Pan Card, and Passport all have Seema Devi which is my correct name and henceforth I should be known as Seema Devi. And my actual D.O.B is 13/02/1999.

I, Gagan S/O Bijender Kumar House No B-31, Sadar Bazar Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Gagan to Gagan Mattu.

I, Rati Goel W/o Sachin Goel R/O H.No. C4/1, Sector 4, Eldico Estate one Near Panipat Toll tax Panipat Declare that I have change my name after marriage from Rati Gupta to Rati Goel and both are my names but in future I should be known as Rati Goel.

I, No. 14669074N Rank Nk Hase Ramesh Deoram Unit 2 Corps Sig. Regt.(A) Ambala Cantt C/o 56 APO.Have Changed my Son Name from Aayush Hase To Hase Aayush Ramesh.

I, Pradeep Kumar S/O Girdhari Lal R/O Vpo. Durana Distt. Ambala Have Changed My Name Pardeep Kumar.

I, Gurmeet Singh W/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Hno. 846/92, Purani Bakra Mandi , Ambala City Distt. Ambala I Have Changed My Name Gurmeet Kaur.

I, Sanjeev Kumar Sharma S/O Ved Prakash Sharma R/O Village Dera Distt Ambala Have Changed My Name Sanjeev Kumar.

I, Manoj is son of No 14925526K Rank Hav Name Bhagirath R/O Vill Jangu Bana Ki Dhani, Po Jalora, Teh Lohawat, Distt Jodhpur, State Rajasthan 342301 hereby declare that I have changed my date of birth from 14/01/2006 to 14/01/2004 vide affidavit dated 22/06/2022 before Session Court, Hisar.

I, Resmi Rajeev spouse of No 14925680H Rank Hav Name Rajeev R R/O Vill Sankeerthanam, Po Kotta, Teh Kozhencherry, Distt Pathanamthitta, State Kerala 689504 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Resmi Rajeev to Resmi G vide affidavit dated 22/06/2022 before Session Court, Hisar.

I, Renu is daughter of JC769262N Rank Sub Name Karan Singh posted at 9 MECH INF (LRW) C/O 56 APO R/O H.NO.29, Sainik Vihar Colony, Distt Hisar, State Haryana 125006 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Renu to Renu Yadav vide affidavit dated 22/06/2022 before Session Court, Hisar.

I, No 15487742N Rank DFR name Jitendra Singh Shekhawat R/O VPO Mandawara, Teh Udaipur Wati, Distt Jhunjhunu, State Rajasthan 333302 hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from Suryavir Singh to Suryveer Singh Shekhawat vide affidavit dated 22/06/2022 before Session Court, Hisar.

I, Pooja Prashar D/o Ram Dev Sharma R/O Flat No- 608, Cosmos block Amravati Enclave, NH 22, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name to Pooja.

I, Deepika Maini W/o Ram Rahul R/O H.No.341, Gali Peeran Wali, Inside Gate Hakimam, Amritsar have changed my name to Deepika Arora.

I, Monika Narang W/o Lalit Narang R/O AG-271, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi declare that I have changed my name after marriage from Lalita to Monika Narang for all future purpose.

I, Rubi W/o Mohd Shakil, # 418/C, Small Flats, Dhanas, U.T. Chandigarh, have changed my name to Rubina Khatoun.

I, Sunil Gosain s/o Ramesh Kumar Gousain r/o F-105. Ground Floor, Sun City Sector -54, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Gosain.

I, Manju Pandey alias Manju alias Sakshi Gosain alias Manju Gosain w/o Sunil Kumar Gosain r/o F-105. Ground Floor, Sun City Sector -54, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Manju Gosain.

I, Rukama D/o Ghisa Ram W/o Naresh Kumar, R/O H.No. 320/12 Tekra Mohalla, Multani Chowk, Near Ravidas Mandir, Hisar declares that I have changed my name from Rukama to Bhawna for future.

I, Vikramjeet s/o Santokh Raj r/o Village Sanghar PO Dhaiwal Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Vikramjeet to Vikramjeet Bhagat. Concerned note.

I, Subhash Nagpal S/o Attar Chand R/O H.No- 10 New Millap Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Subhash Chander Nagpal to Subhash Nagpal.

I, Padma Gupta D/o Mohan lal Goyal & W/o Mangat Rai Gupta R/O H.No-953 Sec-9 Ambala City have changed my name from Padma Kumari Goyal to Padma Gupta.

I, Sudesh Kumari Chahal R/O Sh. Jagdeep Singh R/O House No. 770, Sector 19-II, HUDA, Kaithal Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Sudesh Kumari Chahal to Sudesh Kumari. In future, I will be known by the name of Sudesh Kumari. All concerned please note.

I, No-14827703H Rank HAV/MT name Rakesh Kumar Yadav presently posting at 5114 ASC BN C/O 99 APO and resident at Vill-Kesariya, Po Thruwapur, Teh-Harriya, Distt-Basti, State-Uttar Pradesh, PIN-272129 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Usha to Mane Usha Sachin vide affidavit before Session Court, Hisar.

I, APS Sethi S/o Pritam Singh Sethi R/O 231, Charan Bagh, Patiala have changed my name to Anvinder Pal Singh.

I, Anantpreet Singh S/o Tarlok Singh Rai R/O H.No. 162, Street No. 4, Anand Nagar-A Extension, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Anantpreet Singh to Anantpreet Singh Rai.

I, Parminder Singh Bajwa S/o Harbhajan Singh Bajwa R/O H.No. 513, Street No. 4, Block-B, Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Parminder Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh.

I, Rajinder Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/O H.No. 958, Aman Nagar, Street No. 9, District Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Rajinder Singh Dhap to Rajinder Singh.

I, Smt Satia Devi W/o No 6453981 Rank PNR Late Ved Rai R/O VPO – Narot Mehra, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab), declare that I have changed my name from Satia to Satia Devi and my correct date of birth is 25-06-1955 instead of 01-01-1947 vide affidavit dated 13 Jun 2022 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot.

I, Shruti D/O Prem Parshad R/O Block No.22 Flat No.3, Tibri Road Scheme No.7, Improvement Trust Colony Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Shruti Sharma.

I, J.C No.501835K Rank Subedar Sukhwinder Singh S/O Gurmei Singh R/O Village-Mallian, Po-Behrampur, Tehsil Dinanagar, Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India, That My Army Documents In My Son Name Navnit Singh Is Wrong. But My Son Name Navneet Singh Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No. As 994351 Dated 20-04-2022 Before Executive Magistrate Dinanagar.

I, Sumitra spouse of No-14827703H Rank HAV/MT name Rakesh Kumar Yadav presently posting at 5114 ASC BN C/O 99 APO and R/o Vill-Kesariya, Po Thruwapur, Teh-Harriya, Distt Basti, State-Uttar Pradesh, PIN-272129 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sumitra to Sumitra Devi vide affidavit before Session Court, Hisar.

I, No-14939202K RANK L/NK NAME B. Srinivas presently posting at 21 MECH INF C/O 56 APO and R/O VILL & PO Laxmanchanda, Teh- Laxmanchanda, Distt-Nirmal, Distt-T.S-PIN 504106 hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from B Vaishivika to B.Vaishivika vide affidavit before Session Court, Hisar

I, Ashok Chauhan S/O Anant Ram R/O B-34/8842/1, St.No.-1 New Vijay Nagar Haibowal Kalan Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gautam.

I, Ashok Chauhan S/O Anant Ram R/O B-34/8842/1, St.No.-1 New Vijay Nagar Haibowal Kalan Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Ashok Kumar.

I, No-14827703H Rank HAV/MT name Rakesh Kumar Yadav presently posting at 5114 ASC BN C/O 99 APO and resident at VILL-Kesariya, Po Thruwapur, Teh-Harriya, Distt-Basti, State-Uttar Pradesh, PIN-272129 hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from Ayush Kumar to Ayush Yadav vide affidavit before Session Court, Hisar.

I hitherto know as Lovepreet Singh S/O Surat Singh R/O vill. Amarkot PO Tibba , Kapurthala , Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajwinder Singh .Please note.

I, Satinder Rathi S/o Kanwal Singh R/o H. No.253, Gali No. 9, RK Puram, Kunjpura Road Karnal declare that I have changed my minor sons name Mohit to Mohit Rathi and Monit to Monit Rathi.

I, Rajeev Kumar S/o Surjit Ram R/o VPO. Bhanoki,Teh Phagwara, Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Rajeev Kumar To Rajiv Kumar.

I, Shikha Vats W/o Money Dutta R/o H.No.WS- 36, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Shikha Vats To Shikha Dutta.

I, hitherto Known as Bholi D/o Ravi Kumar W/o Atul Bashisht R/o Vill. Dabkhara Upper, Po, Ajauli, Tehsil Nangal, Dabkhara Upper, Rupnagar-140125, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Preeti Vashisht.

I, Balveer Singh S/o Khushhal Singh R/O Ward No.10, Ghor Mohalla, Near Jhtra Road Zira, Distt. Ferozepur, Punjab have changed the spellings of my name to Balvir Singh.

I, Nazar Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/O Vill. Talwara, Po. Shri Har Gobindpur, Amritsar Road, Tehsil Batala, Gurdaspur-143515, Punjab have changed my name as Singh Nazar.

I, Aarti W/o Rakesh Kumar R/O Mohalla Talab Wala, Vill. Mehatpur, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt.Jalandhar have changed my name from Aarti to Aarti Hallan.

I, Aarti W/o Rakesh Kumar R/O Mohalla Talab Wala, Vill. Mehatpur, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt.Jalandhar have changed my minor son name from Ronit to Ronit Hallan.

I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Chander Bhan R/O Bhatija Colony Nilpur Teh Rajpura Patiala Have Changed My Minor Son Name Tushar to Tushar Dawra.

I, Sukhdev Singh Saggu S/o Gurbachan Singh R/O Mohalla Mallian Near Gurudwara Singh Sabha Zira (Ferozepur) Punjab, India, (142047) changed my name to Sukhdev Singh.

I, Gurpreet Kaur Saggu D/o Darshan Singh R/O Mohalla Mallian Near Gurudwara Singh Sabha Zira (Ferozepur) Punjab, India, (142047) changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur.

I, Jasbeer Kaur Pannu D/o Sukhdev Singh W/o Harbhajan Singh R/O W.No. 6 Shahwala Road Zira (Ferozepur) Punjab, India, (142047) changed my name to Jasbeer Kaur.

I, Pushpa Rani W/O Hari Ram R/O Vpo Garcha Tehsil Nsr Distt Bts Nagar Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Sahil To Sahil Mehmi.

I Mandeep Singh S/o Sinder Pal Vpo Bhadaur Distt. Barnala have changed my name to Mandeep Singh Bhagria.

I Balwinder Singh S/o Inderjeet Singh R/O Guru Teg Bahadar Nagar Faridkot have changed my name to Balvinder Singh.

I, Sukhvir Babbu W/o Pira Masih R/O Vpo. Mehtabpur Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Punjab, changed my name from Babbu to Sukhvir Babbu.

I, Darshana Devi W/o Shamshir Singh R/O Kotkapura (Faridkot) changed my name to Darshana Devi Manaktala.

I, Amarjit Kaur alias Daljit Kaur W/o Hardev Singh R/O Vill: Kaironwal (Tarn Taran) changed my name to Daljit Kaur.

I, Lakhvir Singh S/o Jagpal Singh R/O Vpo. Abbuwal Teh-Raikot (Ludhiana) changed my name from Lakhvir Singh to Lakhvir Singh Dhaliwal.

I, Kulwinder Kaur D/o Resham Singh R/o Village Kasoana Teh Zira (FZR) Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Kaur Gill.

I Kiran Devi W/o Shri Gurmair Singh, R/O Vill-Bhadon, Tehsil Naraingarh, District Ambala, Declare That I Have Changed The Name Of My Son Mandeep To Mandeep Mandeep. He May Be Known As Mandeep Mandeep In Future.

I Hitherto Known As Amandeep Singh Bedi S/O Parmajeet Singh R/O H No 6928 Adarsh Nagar Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib , Punjab-152101 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Amandeep Singh.

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Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Satish Kumar/ Madan Lal/ (252000000355 & QZHS00005021584) H No 284 3, Barwala Road, Nr Durga Temple Dayal Singh Colony, Near Govt Primary School, Hansi, Haryana	Khasra No 329/21/3min(0-6), Hansi, Vill Dayal Singh Colony, Near Durga Temple Mandir, Hansi, Haryana/ June 17, 2022	June 03, 2021 Rs. 11,62,593/-	Hisar
2.	Sunil Kumar/ Saroj S/ (252000005045 & QZHS00005034609) S VPO Kaloda Khurd, Narwana, Haryana	Plot No 121, 7 19 Kits I Number, Khewat No 8/8 VPO Keloda Khurd, 0 Haryana Swana 126116/ June 17, 2022	June 25, 2021 Rs. 22,35,514/-	Hisar

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

Date : June 23, 2022

Place : Hisar

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

I, Hasmeen Kaur D/o Jagpal Singh Tattia R/o Vill: Barhmi (Ludhiana) changed my name to Hasmeen Kaur Tattia.

I, Inderjit Kaur W/o Avtar Singh R/o Village Salana Dulla Singh Wala Tehsil Amloh {Fatehgarh Sahib} changed my name to Inderjeet Kaur.

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BJP-JJP combine gains control of 25 out of 46 municipal bodies in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Maintaining the winning momentum, the ruling BJP-JJP combine have won 25 of the 46 municipal bodies in Haryana for which the results were declared on Wednesday. Around 70 per cent polling was reported for the elections of the president's post in 18 municipal councils and 28 municipal committees in the state which were held on Sunday.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar congratulated the BJP candidates who won the elections, claiming that the victory reflects the trust of people in the party. Commenting on the poll results, Khattar congratulated all winning BJP candidates and said people have once again reposed their faith in the policies and programmes undertaken by the BJP-led government. "Many congratulations to all candidates of the BJP who won the local bodies elections. This victory of yours is a victory of the trust of people which is showing continuously towards the BJP since 2014 and 2019. This victory is dedicated to the hardworking workers of the party," said Khattar in a tweet.

Later, speaking to some mediapersons, Khattar said he does not feel that protests over the Centre's Agnipath scheme had any impact on the outcome



Haryana Transport Minister Mool Chand Sharma offering sweets to chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar on the victory of the party in the local bodies polls, the results of which were declared on Wednesday. Pioneer Photo

of the municipal elections. He said the youth have realised that the scheme is in their and country's interest. Even top most officers of the armed forces and the government have detailed the benefits which this scheme will have in the long run, he said. Khattar said the BJP-JJP candidates won 12 seats, which fall in the area from where MLAs are from the opposition Congress. On the Congress not contesting on their party symbol, Khattar said they ran away from the poll battle knowing that people will reject them.

Haryana BJP president O P Dhankar thanked the voters. "People have once again reposed

their faith in the programmes and policies of both our governments in the state and at the Centre," said Dhankar. Describing the municipal results in the state as peaceful and fair, Haryana State Election Commissioner Dhanpat Singh said that about 20 lakh voters had the right to exercise their vote in these bodies. There were a total number of 456 wards in 18 municipal councils, including 54 SC, 36 SC, 123 women and 243 General. Similarly, out of a total of 432 wards in the municipality, 53 SC, 37 SC women, 116 for women and 226 General, he added. A senior official of the State Election Commission said

that the BJP won 22 seats, JJP 3, Aam Aadmi Party 1, INLD 1 while Independents 19. He said 10 of the 18 municipal council seats were bagged by the BJP. The BJP's alliance partner JJP won 1, INLD 1 and Independents 6. "For the 28 municipal committee president's post, the BJP won 12, JJP 2, AAP 1 and Independents 13," State Election Commission Secretary Dr Inder Jeet said.

While the ruling BJP-JJP, Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) and AAP fought the polls on their party symbols, the Congress did not contest the polls though some Congressmen or party supported candidates had entered the fray as independents. AAP has opened its account by winning the Ismailabad (Kurukshetra) municipal committee president post. Commenting on the poll results, Khattar congratulated all winning BJP candidates and said people have once again reposed their faith in the policies and programmes undertaken by the BJP-led government. "Many congratulations to all candidates of the BJP who won the local bodies elections. This victory of yours is a victory of the trust of people which is showing continuously towards the BJP since 2014 and 2019. This victory is dedicated to the hardworking workers of the party," said Khattar in a tweet.

Himachal CM inaugurates and lays foundation stones of 19 developmental projects in Kinnaur

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The State Government during the year 2018-19 to 2022-23 has made a budget provision of Rs. 3619 crore for the development of tribal areas of the State and developmental projects worth over Rs. 350 crore have been sanctioned and approved for Kinnaur district alone during the last about four and a half years, which shows the commitment of the State Government towards development of these areas, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said on Wednesday.

Inaugurating the State Level Tribal Dance and Craft Mela at Reckong Peo in Kinnaur district where he also inspected stalls of various artisans and evinced keen interest in the products displayed on the occasion, Thakur said that the people of tribal areas were known for their simplicity, hard work and commitment. He said people of this tribal district were waiting to get land on lease under FRA for the last 16 years, adding that now the process has been expedited and as many as 107 people were being provided

land on lease today itself, out of which 60 cases are under FRA and 47 cases were of 'Nautor'. He also provided 'Bhoo-patta' to 60 beneficiaries on the occasion. He said that this was an historic step and would go a long way in providing land to the people of tribal areas.

Jai Ram Thakur said that the State Government was providing 50 per cent concession to women in bus fare in HRTC buses and free power upto 125 units per month to domestic consumers. He said that the State Government has also decided to provide free water in rural areas of the State. He said that this was not going well with the Congress leaders, thus he advised the people of the State to ask these leaders to give away the concession being provided by the State Government.

The CM also inaugurated the 'Tourism in Himachal' quiz on the occasion. Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated and laid foundation stones of 19 developmental projects worth Rs. 53.78 crore at Police Ground, Reckong Peo in Kinnaur district.

Haryana CM directs to expedite work of Haryana Sports Academy

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Instructing the officers concerned to expeditiously work towards setting up the Haryana Sports Academy for training the players coming from across the country, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday said that efforts should be made to ensure that the rehabilitation centre being built in Haryana should set an example in the country.

Haryana not only provides best sports facilities to its players but also supports them during their tough phase of injury, he added. Khattar also directed the officers to immediately outsource the management of Haryana Sports Rehabilitation Centre for its smooth functioning.

In a review meeting of Khelo India Youth Games-2021 in which Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Sandeep Singh was also present, the Chief Minister directed the officers to collaborate with companies which are interested in providing CSR funds for the promotion of sports. During the comprehensive discussions it came to light that though Haryana was the overall champion in the Khelo India Youth Games-2021 but the infrastructure for swimming, athletics and gymnastics need special upgradation. The Chief Minister asked the officers to build all-weather swimming pools meeting international standards so that the players can practice throughout the year. Likewise, appropriate facilities for athletes and gymnasts should be ensured so as to boost these games in the State, he added. The Chief Minister also directed the officers to hold State Level Games every year on the lines of Khelo India Youth Games.

He added that this will motivate players to perform better and prepare them for Khelo India Youth Games and other International Sports Events. The State Sports Minister apprised the Chief Minister that the youth of Nuh district has vast potential in sports which can be channelized by engaging them in sports activities. Subsequently,

Khattar asked the officers concerned to explore the opportunities to set up athletic tracks and gymnasiums in Nuh district to tap the hidden potential of the youth of this area.

In another event, the Chief Minister said that with the 'Agnipath' scheme a new era has started in the human resource policy of the three forces. This is a major defense policy reform initiated by the Central Government. Khattar said that Agnipath is an excellent scheme not only for the youth but also for the Army, as on one hand the country's Defense Forces will be strengthened, on the other, after four years of dedicated service to the Nation, our Agniveers will play an important role in building a better society. The employment opportunities for the youth will increase with this scheme, which will greatly benefit the youth of Haryana, he added. The Chief Minister further said that till now, the outstanding sports persons are given direct jobs by the Haryana government under the Outstanding Sports Persons Recruitment Policy.

After the Outstanding Sports Persons Recruitment Policy, now the State Government has taken a big decision to give jobs to the Agniveers.

BRIEFS

Himachal CM receives torch relay of Chess Olympiad



Shimla: Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Wednesday received the torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad from Grand Master Deep Sengupta at Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the torch relay of Chess Olympiad on June 19 at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi. This torch will be taken to 75 cities in a span of 40 days before the final culmination at Mahabalipuram near Chennai. Thakur said that this year, India has received the opportunity to host the Chess Olympiad and when India is celebrating its 75th year of independence, Amrit Mahotsav, this Chess Olympiad torch will also be going to 75 cities of the country, which is historic in itself. Later, the Chief Minister handed over the torch relay to Grand Master Deep Sengupta, which is set to travel to Chandigarh. Earlier, General Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Chess Association, Sanjeev Thakur welcomed the Chief Minister and gave detailed information about Chess Olympiad. PNS

Punjab's former Dy CM receives threat calls, demand for ransom

Chandigarh: Nearly a month after he moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court challenging the State Government's decision to prune his security, Punjab's former Deputy Chief Minister OP Soni on Wednesday claimed to have received threat calls from the gangsters demanding ransom money. Soni, who has lodged a complaint with the police, claimed that he has received threat calls on his personal WhatsApp number from three different mobile numbers. The caller claimed himself to be one of the members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and tried to extort money from Soni. An FIR (first information report) has been registered at Amritsar's Cantonment Police Station against the unknown person(s). Soni has reportedly provided all the mobile numbers to the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) from which he had received calls. Soni has also sought the police protection for himself and his entire family as, as per the complaint, the caller had demanded money from the Congress leader, and had threatened him and his family members with dire consequences in case their demand was not fulfilled. Notably, a few days ago, former Ajnala MLA Amarpal Singh Bony had also reportedly received an extortion call. He got calls on his WhatsApp and the caller introduced himself as a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. Since then the police have increased Boney's security. PNS

BJP leader, who moved SC to seek transfer of Moosewala case to CBI, claims threat to life

Chandigarh: Days after he moved the Supreme Court seeking CBI inquiry into Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala's killing, the BJP leader from Mansa Jagjit Singh Milkha on Wednesday alleged threat to his life claiming that he was being followed daily. Milkha alleged that his life is in danger, and someone is carrying out his revenge. He also claimed that his car is also being followed by someone daily. However, the BJP leader rued that the police are not paying any heed to his concerns. Jagjit Milkha said that he had submitted a complaint to the SSP regarding this, while also providing all the numbers of the vehicles which have been following him in the past few days. "Despite all this, the police have not taken any action. Police is not taking the threat seriously. I have also sent all the information to the SSP on his WhatsApp, but he has not seen that," said Milkha claiming that he was not even given an appointment with the SSP when asked for. Milkha had contested the state assembly polls held early this year on a BJP ticket from Sardulgarh, but lost. He came to limelight when after Moosewala's murder on May 29, Milkha filed a petition in the Supreme Court to transfer Moosewala murder case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on June 4. PNS

Haryana will prepare SoP for use of drones: Chief Secretary

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal on Wednesday directed to constitute a four-member committee under the chairmanship of Director General (CID) to prepare Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) under Drone Policy in the state. To maintain peace and security in the state, there should be no unauthorized use of drones in the state. Apart from the SOP, the committee will suggest alternatives to further strengthen the policy, he said. Kaushal gave these directions during a meeting to review the case of mobile and interception here. The DC, SP, Ambala and representatives from LR Department will be the members of this committee. The committee will submit its report in 15 days. PNS

Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij tests Covid positive

Chandigarh: Haryana Health and Home Minister on Wednesday tested positive for Covid-19 for the second time. "I have tested Corona positive today. I have isolated myself. I request all those who have come into contact with me for the last few days to get themselves tested for corona and in the meantime isolate yourselves," Vij tweeted. PNS

New Haryana Vidhan Sabha building will be disastrous for Chandigarh, says architects' body

Chandigarh: Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Chandigarh Chapter has expressed grave concern over the proposal to have a new building for Haryana Vidhan Sabha in Chandigarh. Senior functionaries of the IIA Chandigarh Chapter have shot a letter to the Home Minister, Chief Ministers of Haryana and Punjab and the UT Administrator, stating that the proposed building near the railway station on IT Park Road in Chandigarh is a clear violation of the city's master plan and any such move will be nothing but tinkering with Chandigarh's unique character. In a press conference held in Chandigarh, SD Singh, chairman, IIA Chandigarh Chapter said that the idea of making a new Vidhan Sabha will be against the Master Plan of the city. PNS

Chess Olympiad torch to reach Chandigarh today

Chandigarh: The first ever torch relay for the 44th edition of the Chess Olympiad will be reaching the City Beautiful, Chandigarh on June 23 from Shimla. The torch relay was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 19. The main event will be held in Mahabalipuram from July 28 to August 10. Banwarilal Purohit, UT Administrator will flag off the torch relay from Rock Garden Chandigarh. This torch will be taken from Rock Garden to Sukhna Lake, Rose Garden, Panjab University and Sector 42 lake. The torch will be taken to 75 cities in a span of 40 days before arriving in Mahabalipuram near Chennai. PNS

Arrested IAS officer Popli in more trouble, 2 more file complaint

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

A day after senior IAS officer Sanjay Popli and his accomplice was arrested for allegedly demanding "one percent commission" for clearance of tenders for laying of sewerage pipeline at Navanshahr, two more contractors from Haryana's Karnal have submitted a complaint against the bureaucrat accusing him of demanding "two percent commission" from them.

Punjab Chief Minister's Office has received complaints from Karnal-based contractors alleging that Popli had demanded two percent commission from them in lieu of payment for laying sewerage lines in Morinda and Talwara. One of them, from one Rajesh Construction Company, has alleged that he was called

to a hotel in Jalandhar where the IAS officer had even threatened him to stop his payment of Rs 16 crore if the two percent commission was not paid. "I was called for a meeting on December 12, 2021, in a Jalandhar hotel. He also threatened me to implicate in a false case. On December 14, Popli called me to the office, and demanded Rs five lakh. I asked for the money from a friend and then gave it to the person sent by Popli," said the contractor.

Notably, Popli's arrest was made on late Monday night following a complaint by a Haryana-based government contractor on the state government's anti-corruption helpline. Karnal-resident Sanjay Kumar, a government contractor with a firm under the name of Dikhadala Cooperative Society Limited, in his complaint, stated

that Popli and his accomplice Sandeep Wats had demanded a cut of one percent for clearance of tenders for Rs 7.30 crores pertaining to sewerage works from him.

At that time, Popli was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board before he was transferred as Director Pensions in May; while Wats was posted as the assistant secretary in the Board. On late Tuesday evening, the Chandigarh Police had also booked Popli under sections of the Arms Act for possessing ammunition illegally. During searches at his house, the Vigilance Bureau had found 41 live cartridges of 7.65 bore, two cartridges or 32 bore, and 30 cartridges of .22 bore. The Sector 11 police station in Chandigarh then proceeded to book Popli under the Arms Act.



A Major fire broke out on Wednesday in the furniture market in Chandigarh which borders Mohali. Fire officials said furniture and other goods of several shops were gutted in the fire which broke out late afternoon. At least six fire tenders were pressed into service to control the blaze, the cause of which is yet to be known. Chaos reigned in the Sector 53 furniture market after the fire broke out there, with shopkeepers and their workers rushing to rescue their goods and putting them outside on the road. T Sharma / The Pioneer

SANGRUR BYPOLLS: A litmus test for AAP government in Punjab

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

More than three months after the main political test, all major parties in Punjab will try outscoring each other to come out with flying colours during the supplementary exam scheduled to be held on Thursday in the form of Sangrur by-poll. The result of the ballot-battle, expected to witness a multi-cornered contest, will be announced on Sunday (June 26).

For the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), bye-election to Sangrur Lok Sabha constituency is more than a matter of prestige with the party going all out to ensure it emerges victorious by retaining the seat for the third consecutive time. Moreover, the byelection would be a litmus test to check AAP's popularity, that romp home 92 of the total 117 seats in February polls, and also that of its policies and decisions during the past three months.

For the state's traditional political parties — the Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the bypoll would be more like a battle for political survival, especially with the comparatively young

AAP sweeping the conventional outposts from Punjab's political scene.

The opposition parties are banking on the recent incidents related to law and order to attack the ruling AAP, especially the broad daylight killing of globally-renowned Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala.

The principal opposition party, Congress, is banking on the young gun — Dalvir Singh Goldy — the former MLA from Dhuri who, this time, unsuccessfully contested against Bhagwant Mann during February assembly polls. The party, making a last pitch to seek votes, attacked the ruling AAP over the killing of Sidhu Moosewala, who had joined the Congress in December last and even unsuccessfully contested assembly polls from Mansa.

Congress, which is crumbling brick by brick in Punjab, tried to make Moosewala's killing an emotional issue against AAP government but, it seems, the grand old party could not achieve much success.

Except the state party president, the absence of party MPs, senior leaders like former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, former Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, among

others gave enough indications of the party's sincerity to contest the polls.

State's main regional party, SAD, is going back to woo its major vote base by harping on the panthic issue of releasing the Bandi Sikhs (Sikh prisoners), languishing in jails across the country even after completing their terms. So much so, the party has fielded sister of Khalistan-supporter and one of the assassins of former Chief Minister Beant Singh, Balwant Singh Rajoana, as "joint panthic candidate".

Akali Dal, this time, solely focussed its campaign over the Sikh detainees, with even the pictures of party patriarch Parkash Singh Badal, and its president Sukhbir Singh Badal, and other senior leaders missing from the party posters across the constituency. It is believed that the party wanted to win over its panthic vote-bank to make a comeback in the state's political scene.

At the same time, the saffron party, with several Congress leaders coming in its fold, is trying to increase its footprints in the border state, rather than ensuring a win. For bypoll, it has fielded former Congress leader and ex-MLA from Barnala Kewal Singh Dhillon. Even as the BJP tried

to portray Dhillon as Sikh face, a wave of resentment can be felt across the party cadre. In fact, pro-Dhindsa group, led by Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, also stayed away.

Adding another dimension to the multi-cornered contest, Khalistan-ideologue and former MP from Sangrur Simranjeet Singh Mann has also thrown his hat in the electoral ring from Sangrur. Interestingly,

Mann has been receiving good response in the constituency's rural areas which may be a cause of worry for other outfits.

Political observers even went on to maintain that it would not be wrong to say that main contest would be between the ruling AAP and Simranjeet Singh Mann of SAD (Amritsar-Mann).

The picture that emerges after visiting some of the assembly segments under the Sangrur Lok Sabha constituency shows that the ruling AAP is facing severe criticism for its three-month tenure, with the elected representatives from the constituency being the main culprits. People complained that the local MLAs, after coming to power, switched to new mobile numbers and became inaccessible,

and completely out of touch with the electorate.

At the same time, the opposition has largely targeted AAP over the allegations of deteriorating law and order situation in the state, coupled with the delay in fulfilling the pre-poll promises of providing free units of power, Rs 1000 to all 18-plus women, among others.

AAP, to claim the seat for the record third time, has infused all energy with the party supremo Arvind Kejriwal also holding a road-show for the party candidate and first-timer Gurmali Singh — party's district unit in-charge and sarpanch of Gharchon village. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who won the seat twice in 2014 and 2019, along with a team of Cabinet Ministers and MLAs extensively campaigned for party candidate holding a series of road-shows across the constituency for almost a week.

Amidst the belief that AAP's popularity has reached its peak especially due to public ire following Moosewala's brutal murder in the neighbouring Mansa district, the ruling party seem to have made an edge with the opposition parties marred with divisions in their rank and file.

Sangrur Lok Sabha seat fell vacant after Bhagwant Mann contested the February 20 Assembly polls from Dhuri and won.

The Sangrur constituency was earlier represented by Bhagwant Mann. Of the remaining 12 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab, the Congress has eight MPs, while two each are of the BJP and SAD.

Interestingly, Sangrur is known as the hinterland of Punjab's Malwa belt — the epicentre of several socio-economic movements. In fact, it is also known

for taking everyone by surprise as far as electoral politics is concerned.

In 2019, when the entire country was swept off its feet by the Modi wave, AAP's Bhagwant Mann survived and won Sangrur constituency — becoming the only MP from the party in the Lok Sabha.

16 candidates, 15.69L voters

Sangrur parliamentary constituency has a total of 15,69,240 eligible voters — including 8,30,056 male, 7,39,140 female, and 44 trans-genders. A total of 16 candidates — 13 men and three women — are in the fray.

Our economy may grow by 7.5% this year: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the Indian economy is likely to grow by 7.5 per cent this year "making us the fastest-growing major economy." He also said the value of the Indian digital economy would touch the \$1 trillion mark by 2025.

Making this assertion in a virtual address at the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Business Forum, he also said the kind of digital transformation taking place in India was never seen anywhere in the world earlier. Highlighting the growth trajectory, Modi said there is an opportunity to invest \$1.5 trillion under the national infrastructure pipeline.

The BRICS grouping brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41 per cent of the global population, 24 per cent of the global GDP and 16 per cent of the global trade.

"We are expecting a 7.5 per cent growth rate this year that will make us the fastest-growing major economy," Modi said. In a 'New India' transformative changes are taking place in every sector, he said, adding that a key pillar of the country's economic recovery is technology-led growth. He also said, "We are supporting innovation in every sector."



The BRICS Business Forum took place a day ahead of a virtual summit of the five-nation bloc. Modi will take part in the 14th BRICS Summit on June 23 and 24 at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping. The summit hosted by China will be held in the virtual mode. The conclave includes a High Level Dialogue on Global Development.

The upcoming summit takes place in the backdrop of the ongoing Ukraine conflict and stand-off between the armies of India and China in Eastern Ladakh for the last two years. The 13th BRICS summit was held in India in September 2021.

The BRICS has become a platform for discussion and delibera-

tion on issues of common concern for all developing countries. BRICS countries have regularly called for reform of the multilateral system in order to make it more representative and inclusive.

Discussions during the 14th BRICS Summit are expected to cover intra-BRICS cooperation in areas such as counter-terrorism, trade, health, traditional medicine, environment, science and technology and innovation, agriculture, technical and vocational education and training, and MSMEs.

Discussions are also likely on issues like reform of the multilateral system, combating the Covid-19 pandemic and global economic recovery, among others.

Demolitions in Prayagraj, Kanpur as per law: UP to SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh Government has told the Supreme Court that demolitions of illegal structures were carried out by its Kanpur and Prayagraj municipal bodies as per law and were not related to punishing the accused involved in violent protests following remarks by two BJP leaders on Prophet Mohammed. In an affidavit filed on Wednesday pursuant to pleas filed by a Muslim body Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind, the UP Government said, "The said demolitions referred to in the interlocutory applications have been carried out by the local development authority, which are statutory autonomous bodies, independent of the State administration, as per law as part of their routine effort against unauthorised/illegal constructions and encroachments, in accordance with the UP Urban Planning and Development Act, 1972".

It said that none of the actual affected parties, if any, have approached this court concerning the lawful demolition action. "It is humbly submitted that in so far as taking action against the persons accused in rioting, the State Government is taking stringent steps against them in accordance with a completely different set of statutes namely — CrPC, UP gangster, and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986 and Rules, 2021, Prevention of Public Property Damages Act and Uttar Pradesh Recovery of Damages to Public and Private Property Act, 2020 and Rules, 2021", said UP Government in the affidavit.

The affidavit pointed out that the factum of construction being illegal has also been admitted by the two builders in Kanpur. It pointed out that the top court in a recent writ petition filed by a political party concerning the alleged demolitions in Shaheen Bagh here, noted that only the affected party and not political parties should come forward and allowed withdrawal of the petition with liberty to approach the High Court.

"Furthermore, it is submitted that even if any such alleged demolition action is to be challenged,



the same is to be done by the affected party before the High Court, and not this court", the State Government said, adding that it is taking strong exception to the attempt by the petitioners to name the highest constitutional functionaries of the State and falsely colour the local development authority's lawful actions as "extra-legal punitive measures" against accused persons, targeting any particular religious community.

It said that all such allegations are absolutely false and are vehemently denied and urged the court to hold the petitioner to terms for the said false allegations without basis before this court. The UP Government further said that the petitioner has cherry-picked two demolition actions of illegal constructions in the properties of one Ishtiaq Ahmad and one Riyaz Ahmed that took place in Kanpur on June 11, 2022, in an attempt to falsely link the same to the rioting; however, it has failed to note that in both cases, certain portions of the two illegal/non-compliant structures in question took place; that both buildings were under construction and not in conformity with the permission granted.

It said that most importantly, proceedings under the Urban Planning Act against the two buildings had been initiated by the Kanpur development authority long before the incidents of rioting that took place in June 2022 - in one case way back in August 2020 itself, while in the other, in February 2022.

Convalescing Sonia asks ED for more time

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday wrote to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking postponement of her appearance in the National Herald case by a few weeks till she recovers completely. Sonia, who was discharged from hospital on June 20 after treatment of Covid complications, had been summoned by the agency for questioning on June 23 in the money laundering case. Sonia had earlier been scheduled to appear before the ED on June 8 but had sought more time from the probe agency in view of her Covid-19 infection. The agency had then issued a fresh summons.

"Since she has been strictly advised to rest at home following her hospitalisation on account of Covid and lung infection, Congress president Smt. Sonia Gandhi has written to ED seeking the postponement of her appearance there by a few weeks till she has recovered completely," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Twitter.

‘Nationalist’ Govt weakening military via Agnipath: Rahul

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After five days of continuous grilling by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday took on the Narendra Modi Government and said he will have to withdraw the controversial military recruitment initiative just like he had to roll back the farm laws after tendering an apology. Rahul alleged that the BJP Government "which calls itself nationalist" was "weakening" the armed forces through the 'Agnipath' scheme.

Taking a dig at the Centre over the 'Agnipath' scheme, Rahul also said those who talked about 'one rank, one pension' were bringing in 'no rank, no pension'.

Addressing Congress parliamentarians and legislators from across the country who gathered at the party AICC headquarters to express solidarity with him after he was questioned by the ED, Rahul said his questioning was an "unimportant" matter and the most important issue in the country was of jobs.

Rahul and his sister, party

general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were welcomed with slogans when they reached the AICC headquarters. Among those present were Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and his Rajasthan counterpart Ashok Gehlot. "MLAs and MPs have come to express their solidarity with Rahul Gandhi," Gehlot told reporters.

"Our MPs and MLAs are raising their voice against this conspiracy. All institutions of the Government are busy in this endeavour," his colleague Jairam Ramesh added. He said some MLAs and MPs had been stopped from coming here and the party would go ahead with the planning of its "Bharat Jodo yatra" from Kanyakumari to Kashmir starting October 2.

"The spine of the country — MSMEs — has been broken by the Modi Government. I say to all those who train in the morning to get into the Army, Navy and Air Force that the Prime Minister has broken the spine of the country and this country will not be able to give jobs to its youth," Rahul said.

"No matter what the Government does, it will not be

able to give jobs as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has handed the country to two or three industrialists who cannot ensure jobs to the youth," he said. Now, they have "closed" even the last resort for the youth -- to get into the armed forces, he said.

"Now, train in the morning, get into the forces and then go home. I guarantee that after your stint in the military, you will not get any job," Rahul Gandhi said. "The Chinese Army is sitting on our land. It has snatched away over 1,000 square kilometre of our land. This truth has been accepted by the Government," he asserted.

He asserted that the Army should be strengthened but this Government is "weakening it". "When there is a war, results of this will be evident... They are weakening the Army, it will harm the country, and they call themselves nationalists," Rahul said, attacking the Government. "I had said about farm laws that Modi will have to take them back and he did. Now, the Congress is saying Modi will have to withdraw Agnipath scheme and the youth are standing with us on this," he said.

‘Rubber stamp Prez won’t work in India’

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Opposition candidate for the presidential polls, Yashwant Sinha, initiated his campaign strategy meeting on Wednesday at the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) office in the national Capital and said a "rubber-stamp President" will not work in the country. Sinha said the presidential election is not an individual battle but a fight for the issues facing the country.

"I am thankful to all the political parties that have given me the opportunity in the presidential polls. I am glad that these parties have given me that credibility. I wish to say that this election is not an individual fight for me. There are issues that the country is facing on which the Electoral College has to make a decision," Sinha said talking to the media after the meeting.

The former Union Minister said the BJP-led Centre is moving on a road that is not good for the country, as youngsters are suffering and now, the "joke" that the Government has played on unemployment with the "Agniveer" scheme for military recruitment, the entire country is up in arms, he said.

"The President's post is



extremely sensitive and I will not be under pressure from the Government," he said. Sinha will file his nomination for the presidential polls on June 27 and is most likely to begin campaigning from Jharkhand and Bihar.

"We will be going to various places in the country to campaign.... We are formulating a strategy on that. I congratulate Droupadi Murmu, but this is not me against her -- this is an ideological contest. We should not have a rubber-stamp President in the country," he said.

The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has named Murmu, a tribal leader from Odisha, as its candidate in the presidential polls.

Out of station MPs can inform and vote from State Assemblies: EC

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Members of Parliament (MPs) who would not be present in the Capital on July 18 to cast their vote in Parliament House for the presidential election can do so from State Assemblies, provided they inform the Election Commission (EC) in advance. In a letter addressed to all members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, the poll panel has reminded them that they can cast ballots at Room No. 63 in Parliament House.

"However, on account of unavoidable reasons and exigencies of circumstances, if you cannot be present in New Delhi on the date of poll, you can opt to exercise your right to vote at the presidential election at any of the polling places situated in the State or UT of Puducherry and NCT of Delhi," the June 16 letter said.

The MPs who intend to vote from one of the State Legislative Assemblies have to send a "formal request" to the EC by filling up a form. The request should reach the poll panel "not later than ten days before the date of poll" so that necessary arrangements can be made. "It may kindly be noted that the request once made and accepted by the Commission to vote at any State Legislative Assembly will be final and no further changes will be entertained in this regard," the poll panel has cautioned.

While normally MPs vote in New Delhi and MLAs at the premises of the Legislative Assembly of each State, facilities are provided by the EC for any MP to vote in the Assembly of a State.

Similarly, an MLA can vote at the polling booth set up in Parliament House, if s/he is in Delhi on the date of poll.

Leaders like KK Sharma (Congress), Jairam Ramesh (Congress), Yogendra Shastri (Congress) and Sudheendra Kulkarni were present at the meeting on Wednesday.

India, Australia Def Mins mull ties in manufacturing

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With China adopting an aggressive stance in the Indo-Pacific, India and Australia on Wednesday reaffirmed their shared objective of an open, free, inclusive, prosperous and rules based region.

The two sides also reviewed their Defence and strategic ties and security challenges during talks here between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and visiting Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles.

The two Ministers also explored industrial cooperation in the Defence manufacturing sector as well as ways to enhance capabilities

of their militaries. Marles is on a four-day visit to India from Monday amid geopolitical upheavals triggered by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Ukraine crisis is understood to have figured in the talks. Australia is a key partner of India and the strategic cooperation between the two sides has been on an upswing, both bilaterally as well as under the framework of the Quad or Quadrilateral coalition.

A joint statement issued after the parleys said the two Ministers reviewed the existing defence cooperation activities which have been increasing despite challenges of COVID-19 pandemic and discussed ways to enhance further coopera-

tion. The Ministers reviewed the defence and security pillars of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. They reaffirmed their commitment towards implementation of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership based on mutual trust and understanding, common interests and shared values, of democracy and rule of law.

They welcomed the growing diversity and frequency of defence exercises and exchanges between the two countries and undertook to build upon operational engagements through the India-Australia Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement.

Both Ministers com-

mitted to give fillip to the India-Australia Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Research and Materiel Cooperation, which will meet in Australia later this year.

This JWG is a crucial mechanism for boosting ties between defence industries. The Ministers discussed further opportunities for industrial cooperation between India and Australia to increase the resilience of supply chains and deliver capabilities to their respective defence forces. Rajnath and Marles also welcomed the plan to commence the landmark General Bipin Rawat Young Officer Exchange Programme in the latter half of 2022.



food and other amenities to tourists will also boost economic activities in border areas and generate employment for the local populace, the Defence Ministry said here on Wednesday. Giving details of the

scheme, officials said these amenities will be located on different sections of roads with the BRO. It has its reach in the remotest border areas and besides addressing strategic needs, it has been instrumental in socio-economic uplift of the Northern and Eastern borders.

This has resulted in increased tourist influx in these scenic locations, hitherto inaccessible. In order to provide conducive and comfortable transit of tourists on these roads, located at harsh climatic and geographical conditions, the need to establish multi-utility wayside

amenities along the major tourist circuits in these regions was recognised. Since the inaccessibility and remoteness of these roads preclude widespread commercial deployments, the BRO, by virtue of its presence, took it upon itself to open such facilities at remote places.

The scheme provides for development and operation of wayside amenities in public private partnership mode with agencies, on license basis, which will design, build and operate the facility as per guidelines of the BRO.

Amenities like parking for two

and four wheelers, food plaza or restaurant, separate restrooms for men, women and differently abled and first aid facilities are proposed to be provided. Selection of licensees will be done through a competitive process. The terms of the agreement will be for 15 years which may be further extended for a period up to five years. The 75 'BRO Cafes' will be located in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Manipur, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

Wrist health trackers help detect Covid before signs appear

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Health trackers strapped to the wrist for monitoring changes in skin temperature, heart and breathing rates can help detect Covid-19 days before the first tell-tale signs of the viral disease appear, according to a study published in the journal BMJ open.

The study shows that this data could be combined with Artificial Intelligence (AI) to diagnose Covid-19 even before any symptoms appear.

"While a PCR swab test remains the gold standard for confirming Covid-19, our findings suggest that a wearable-informed machine learning

algorithm may serve as a promising tool for presymptomatic or asymptomatic detection of Covid-19," the researchers said.

The researchers, including those from Risch Medical Laboratory, Liechtenstein base their findings on wearers of the AVA bracelet. The regulated and commercially available fertility tracker monitors breathing rate, heart rate, heart rate variability, wrist skin temperature and blood flow, as well as sleep quantity and quality.

Typical Covid-19 symptoms may take several days after infection before they appear during which time an infected person can unwitting-

ly spread the virus.

The researchers wanted to see if physiological changes, monitored by an activity tracker, could be used to develop a machine learning algorithm to detect Covid-19 infection before the start of symptoms.

As many as 1,163 participants under the age of 51 were drawn from the GAPP study between March 2020 and April 2021. Participants wore the AVA bracelet at night. The device saves data every 10 seconds and requires at least four hours of relatively uninterrupted sleep. The bracelets were synchronised with a complementary smartphone app on waking.

Health Min to hold high-level Covid review meeting

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Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has decided to hold a high-level review meeting on Friday with the core team of experts over increasing Covid-19 infections in the country.

As on date, 10 States — Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal and Gujarat — have over 1,000 active cases.

The core team of experts will include AIIMS director Dr Randip Guleria, ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava and NCDC director Sujeet Singh.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary of Department of Biotechnology Rajesh S Gokhale, Secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals S Aparna, among others, will also attend the meeting.

In a review meeting of INSACOG held last week, states/UTs were asked to submit a "larger number" of samples for whole genome sequencing from districts and areas which had seen a surge in COVID-19 cases over a period of seven days.

In the meantime, Dr Rajesh Karyekarte of B J Medical College in his study conducted on 116 patients who were infected with BA.2.38, an offspring of Omicron's sub-variant BA.2, said that, "We have done the genome sequencing of some samples from April to June and sent the report to the Government. During the analysis, we found that BA.2 is common, but its offspring BA.2.38 is also prevalent and is neck to neck with BA.2."

Himachal Pradesh

Public works Department

Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed item rate tender on from No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer Banjar Division, HP,PWD, Banjar on behalf of Governor of H.P. from the eligible contractors enlisted in HP,PWD for the following works, so as to reach in this office on or before **06.07.2022up to 11.00 AM** and the tender will be opened on the same day at 11.30AM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payment (non-refundable) up to **05.07.2022 at 4.00 PM**. The application for issue of tender forms shall be received upto **3.00PM on 04.07.2022**.

The Earnest money in the shape of National Certificate/Time deposit/Saving Account in any of the post office/Saving Bank Account of Nationalized Bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Banjar Division HP, PWD, Banjar must be accompany each tender. Conditional tender and the tender received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The offer of tender shall remain open for 90 days from the date of opening. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

All the contractors will have to bring with them attested copy of enlistment/ renewal/ exemption in earnest money. Contractor will be issued the tender forms only when they fulfill the terms and condition of form No. 6 & 8. Contractors should be registered under HP, Sales Tax Act. 1968/GST.

Job No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time	Cost of form
1	C/O Bini Khandragi road Km.0/0 to 2/0. (SH- Formation Cutting from Km.0/120 to 0/240)	497540	9952	Two months	350/-
2	C/O Link road from Barnadi Kenchi to Kalyana Km.0/0 to 4/800 under SCCP. (SH- Formation Cutting in Km.2/105 to 2/195).	496069	10000	Two months	350/-
3	C/O Link road from Barnadi Kenchi to Kalyana Km.0/0 to 4/800 under SCCP. (SH- Formation Cutting in Km.1/990 to 2/105).	499045	10000	Two months	350/-
4	C/O Sainj Dehuri road Km.0/0 to 7/00. (SH- Construction of Breast wall at RD-6/800 to 6/809).	116214	2400	Two months	350/-
5	Improvement of Black spot on Sainj Dhaughi road Km.0/0 to 6/250. (SH- Construction of 'W' metal beam crash barrier at RD-0/150 to 0/250.50).	313433	6300	Two months	350/-
6	Construction of Talara Kulagard road Km.0/0 to 2/400. (SH- C/O R/wall at RD-0/365 to 0/373& C/O Wire crated R/wall at RD-0/380 to 0/397)	464789	9500	Two months	350/-
7	C/O Jawali to Sojhatkha via Kaliumi Km. 0/0 to 3/500. (SH- Construction of Hume Pipe Culvert at RD-0/090 to 0/120)	384907	7700	Two months	350/-
8	RRD on Various roads in Sainj Section under Larji Sub division HPPWD Larji. (SH- Hiring of JCB (Loader-cum-Excavator) for removal of slips at various reaches)	499590	10000	Two months	350/-
9	RRD on Various roads under Larji Sub division HPPWD Larji. (SH- Hiring of JCB (Loader-cum-Excavator) for removal of slips at various reaches)	499590	10000	Two months	350/-
10	Construction of Jawali to Manhon road Km.0/0 to 5/300. (SH- Formation Cutting from Km. 0/480 to 0/630)	479444	9600	Two months	350/-
11	Construction of Jawali to Manhon road Km.0/0 to 5/300. (SH- Formation Cutting from Km.0/630 to 0/780)	498757	9976	Two months	350/-
12	Removal of formation Deficiency on approach road to Dhameuli (Banjar) Distt. Kulai (HP). (SH- Formation Cutting in various RDs)	474508	9500	Two months	350/-
13	Construction of Bini Khandragi road Km.0/0 to 2/0. (SH- Formation Cutting from Km.0/0 to 0/120)	492819	9900	Two months	350/-
14	Construction of Mashoru Bai to Dola road Km.0/0 to 0/755. (SH- Metalling and Tarring at Km.0/0 to 0/350)	497463	9950	One Month	350/-
15	C/O road from Lower Najan to Upper Najan Km.0/0 to 0/900. (SH-5/7 metre wide Formation Cutting in various reaches at RD-0/0 to 0/900)	479207	9600	One Month	350/-
16	C/O road from Lower Najan to Upper Najan Km.0/0 to 0/900. (SH-5/7 metre wide Formation Cutting in various reaches at RD-0/90 to 0/210)	497864	9600	One Month	350/-
17	Improvement & M/T of Bajaura Kandi road Km.0/0 to 12/500. (SH- ROFD at various reaches between RDs 10/910 to 12/290)	75283	1550	One month	350/-
18	RRD on Barnagi Mashyar road Km.0/0 to 10/0. (SH-C/O Retaining wall at RD-6/330 to 6/345).	486228	9800	Two months	350/-
19	Improvement of Siund to Railla road Km.0/0 to 19/0.(SH-C/O 900 mm dia RCC hume pipe culvert at RD-5/600 &7/200). (Deposit).	454096	9100	Two months	350/-
20	Improvement of Siund to Railla road Km.0/0 to 19/0.(SH-C/O 900 mm dia RCC hume pipe culvert at RD-8/880 & 9/420). (Deposit).	454096	9100	Two months	350/-
21	Improvement of Siund to Railla road Km.0/0 to 19/0.(SH-C/O 900 mm dia RCC hume pipe culvert at RD-15/096 and 15/110). (Deposit).	468550	9400	Two months	350/-
22	Improvement of Siund to Railla road Km.0/0 to 19/0.(SH-C/O Breast wall at RD-0/300 to 0/320 & 0/400 to 0/420). (Deposit).	399104	8000	Two months	350/-
23	Improvement of Siund to Railla road Km.0/0 to 19/0.(SH-C/O Retaining wall at RD-14/900 to 14/907.50). (Deposit).	423940	8500	Two months	350/-
24	Construction of Ghiyagi to Sajwar road Km.0/0 to 8/500. (SH- Formation Cutting at various RDs)	450099	9100	Two months	350/-
25	Construction of Jawali to Sojhatkha via Kaliumi Km.0/0 to 3/500. (SH- C/O Hume Pipe Culvert at RD-0/490 &0/530)	410290	8300	Two months	350/-
26	C/O 2.75/5.00 metre wide Jeepable road to village Shohal Km.0/0 to 0/500. (SH- C/O Breast wall at RD-0/077 to 0/100)	233226	4700	Two months	350/-
27	Construction of Chanon Kadahl road Km.0/0 to 6/200. (SH-C/O Retaining wall at RD-2/015 to 2/030). (Deposit)	392427	8000	Two months	350/-
28	A/R&M/O on Godigad to Kanyal road Km.0/0 to 10/0. (SH-C/O Retaining wall at RD-0/485 to 0/500)	483120	9700	Two months	350/-
29	Improvement of Black spot on Bhuinkapul to Kotla road Km.0/0 to 5/880. (SH-C/O Retaining wall at RD-2/005 to 2/020)	381138	7800	Two months	350/-
30	C/O Spengni Kandha road Km.0/0 9/900. (SH-C/O Retaining wall at RD- 4/920 to 4/935)	388110	8000	Two months	350/-
31	C/O Lambidhar to Deyun (Bhalidhar) road Km.0/0 to 7/0 under SSCP. (SH- Formation Cutting from Km. 6/075 to 6/300)	499285	10000	Two months	350/-
32	Restoration of rain damages on Banjar Bathood road Km.0/0 to 20/0. (SH-C/O Retaining wall at RD-14/700 to 14/730)	264910	5500	Two months	350/-
33	Metalling and Tarring on Sidhwan Thanicher road. (SH- Providing and laying CG Pavement at RD-1/915 to 2/030)	346901	7000	Two months	350/-
34	Metalling and Tarring on Sidhwan Thanicher road. (SH- Providing and laying CG Pavement at RD-0/115 to 0/145, 0/500 to 0/577 &1/900 to 1/915)	346901	7000	Two months	350/-
35	Metalling and Tarring on Sidhwan Thanicher road. (SH- Providing and laying CG Pavement at RD-0/0 to 0/115)	346901	7000	Two months	350/-
36	C/O Latpiti to Behalo road Km.0/0 to 6/0. (SH- C/O Breast wall at RD-0/0 to 0/025)	341818	7000	Two months	350/-
37	Metalling and Tarring on Banjar Khabal road Km.0/0 to 13/600. (SH- Providing and laying GSB,WBM G-II &G-III on approach road to Subj Mandi Banjar Km.0/0 to 0/170)	449598	9800	Two months	350/-
38	Improvement and M/T on Kandi Bajaura road Km.3/700 to 12/500. (SH- C/O Retaining wall at RD-11/090 to 11/100)	260661	5250	Two months	350/-
39	Improvement and M/T on Kandi Bajaura road Km.3/700 to 12/500. (SH- Leftout work of C/O 4.00 mtr span culvert right side abutment and wing walls at RD-5/585)	309513	6200	Two months	350/-
40	A/R&M/O Luhari At Manikaran road Km.6/0 to 11/0. (SH- Construction of Retaining wall at RD-10/055 to 10/070)	486391	9750	Two months	350/-
41	A/R&M/O various roads under Larji sub division HPPWD, Larji. (SH- Supplying and stacking dual directional berm material)	393577	8000	One month	350/-
42	C/O Latpiti to Behlo road Km.0/0 to 2/700. (SH- Formation Cutting at RD- 1/330 to 1/510). (under SCCP)	485800	9800	Two months	350/-
43	C/O link road from village Kaliumi to Soja Thach via Kot, Pokhri, Sharadhar, Jawali, Yuna & Machheroli. (SH- Providing and laying Cement concrete 1:2:4 at RD-0/0 to 0/125). (under SCCP)	377095	7600	Two months	350/-
44	C/O Dashehad to Bagi Kothi Chehni road Km.0/0 to 6/330. (SH- Formation Cutting from RD- 3/915 to 4/060)	484720	9700	Two months	350/-
45	C/O Dashehad to Bagi Kothi Chehni road Km.0/0 to 6/330. (SH- Formation Cutting from RD- 4/060 to 4/180)	484142	9700	Two months	350/-
46	C/O Dashehad to Bagi Kothi Chehni road Km.0/0 to 6/330. (SH- Formation Cutting from RD- 4/180 to 4/330)	491472	9900	Two months	350/-
47	C/O Teel to Chhunar road Km.0/0 to 3/0. (SH- Formation Cutting from RD- 0/0 to 0/135)	498740	9974	Two months	350/-
48	C/O Teel to Chhunar road Km.0/0 to 3/0. (SH- Formation Cutting from RD- 0/135 to 0/270)	498097	9962	Two months	350/-
49	C/O Khundan to Shattaymr road Km.0/0 to 6/500. (SH- C/O Sub-Structure of 300 mtr. R.C.C. Slab Culvert at RD-0/510) Job No.1. (under SCCP)	493498	9900	Two months	350/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
The contractors/Bidders must quote their PAN/Income Tax Number/GST No. on the tender along with the copy of the same be attached with the application. The contractor/Firms should attach copy of registration/Renewal with the application, Contractor/Bidder are advised to visit and examine the site where the work are to be carrying out and its surrounding. The contractors/Bidders should quote his rates Both in figure and words. Where there is any discrepancy between the rates in figure and in words. The rates in words will be governed. Contractors/Bidders must inspect the site to ascertain/familiar the site condition accessibility etc. before quoting the bid/tender. Conditional and telegraphic tenders shall not be accepted and rejected straightway. Tenders received after due date and time will be rejected. Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
Banjar Division,
HP, PWD, Banjar.

RO NO. 1898/22-23 Dt. 22-06-2022

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि तत्कालीन नगर सुधार मण्डल पानीपत अब निम्न पानीपत के रिकार्ड अनुसार स्वामी नं. 24 में दूकान नं. 102 नगर सुधार मण्डल पानीपत के द्वारा पी-टी-ओ-आर 77 / 1318 दिनांक 03.05.1977 के माध्यम से श्री चन्द्र मान पुत्र स्वामी श्री हर नारायण निवासी मकान नं. 423 / 10, पानीपत को अस्तित्व को हटा दिया है। निम्नकी मूल्य निर्धारित 21-11-1998 को हो चुकी है। उनकी मूल्य उपरोक्त अब उनका मूल्य प्रमाण पत्र व वसीयत प्रलेख नं. 101 दिनांक 30-08-1994 इत्यादि संलग्न करते हुए श्रीमति कलवती घमेली स्वामी श्री चन्द्र मान ने उक्त दूकान अपने नाम दूसेपर व कनवसे डीड करने का मुख्यालयमा आम श्री नरेश कुमार (प्रलेख नं. 299 दिनांक 15-03-2022) के माध्यम से आवेदन दिया है। इस सार्वजनिक नोटिस के माध्यम से आम जनता को सूचित किया जाता है कि स्वामी श्री चन्द्र मान पुत्र श्री हर नारायण को वसीयत व शपथ पत्र अनुसार दूकान नं. 102 क्लॉम नं. 24 को श्रीमति कलवती घमेली स्वामी श्री चन्द्र मान के नाम दूसेपर व कनवसे डीड करने बारे अगर किसी को कोई आपत्ति है तो इस सूचना के प्रकाशित होने से 15 दिन के अन्दर अन्दर लिखित रूप में दस्तावेज सहित अपनी आपत्ति नगर निगम कार्यालय पानीपत में दर्ज करवाये निर्धारित समय पर आपत्ति प्रपत्र न होने पर उपरोक्त प्लॉट को श्रीमति कलवती घमेली स्वामी श्री चन्द्र मान के नाम दूसेपर कर दिया जाएगा। उसके बाद कोई ऐतराज मान्य नहीं होगा।

कार्यकारी अधिकारी
नगर निगम, पानीपत

Please take notice that I Renu Bala W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar have lost Original Previous sale deeds dated 12.04.2019 bearing vasika no. 135 in favour of Sh. Dharam Singh Saini and Sh. Avtar Singh and 17.11.2008 bearing vasika no. 2675 in favour of Sh. Harinder Singh, Sh. Balwant Singh, Rajesh Kumar in respect of the Plot measuring 08-78-08, Comprised in Khasra No. 635, Situated in the village "Jasran", Tehsil Amloh & Distt. Fatehagrh Sahib.. which was purchased vide registered sale deed dated 19.10.2020 bearing vasika No. 1243. A DDR dated 16.06.2022 was lodged with Sanjh Kender PSOC Gobindgarh Fatehgarh, LR No. 244296/2022. I am availing a loan facility from HDFC Bank Ltd. Against this property. If anyone has any objection please contact Mr. Sherry Sandhu, Advocate @ 9814493393 within 15 days of the publication of this notice otherwise no claim shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Sudesh Sawhney D/o Kanshi Ram Anand R/o 206/1, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar declares that I have lost my Provisional Forest License no. YN/SAW/SPF/2017/1171 at Yamuna Nagar on Dt. 21.06.2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Pooja Sawhney D/o Balu Ram Tanwar R/o 41 - 42, F Block, Professor Colony, Yamuna Nagar declares that I have lost my Provisional Forest License no. YN/EN/SPF/2017/1177/367, Dt. 30.11.2017 at Yamuna Nagar on Dt. 21.06.2022.

LOST & FOUND
I, Daljit Kaur W/o Sh. Swaran Singh R/o House No. 514, Phase-1, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)-160055, Punjab, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that original Registry of my House No. HE-1010, Phase-1, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) is lost & that the Registry was registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) vide Vasika No. 659 dated 23.05.2008. And incase the original Registry document is found, I will inform concerned department's office.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sub: Transfer of Type-A, H.No.231, GH-2, Housing Board Colony, Sector-31, Panchkula in the name of Smt. Suman Devi W/o Sh. Des Raj R/o VPO-Rattewall, Panchkula on the basis of general transfer Sh. Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Prabhru Ram living instestate property. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the property No. Type-A, H.No.231, GH-2, Housing Board Colony, Sector-31, Panchkula which stands in the name of Sh. Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Prabhru Ram as per record of this office. It has been reported by the applicant (s) that Sh. Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Prabhru Ram who has the owner of this property applied for General Transfer on 06.06.2022 have applied for the General Transfer for the said property his/her name on the basis of documents of General Transfer Policy Smt. Suman Devi W/o Sh. Des Raj R/o VPO-Rattewall, Panchkula they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on. ESTATE MANAGER, HOUSING BOARD HARYANA, PANCHKULA

Lost & Found
I, Vasu Taneja S/o Ajay Taneja R/o Tower-F, Flat No.602, Phase No.2, La. Regencia Panipat declared that my Original transfer deed Vasika No. 5987, dated 27.08.2019 has been lost in nearby bus Stand Panipat on dated 11.06.2022. It's police D D R No. 1323404522202125. If anyone found its my document please contact above address.

हैफेड बीज प्लांट गन्नौर, सोनीपत
अल्प अवधि निविदा
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हैफेड बीज प्रोसेसिंग प्लांट गन्नौर निकट आई.टी.आई. को गेहूं बीज पैकिंग के लिए नीचे दर्शाई गई वस्तुओं की जरूरत है।

क्रम संख्या	वस्तु का नाम	मांगी गई संख्या	सरोहर राशि
1.	लीड सील	94 किलो	200
2.	घागा	200 कोन	100
3.	लेबल	63000	500

इस्कुफ पार्टी दिनांक 30.06.2022 को उपस्थित होकर सील बंद लिफाफे में अपने टेड दिन के 11 बजे तक इस कार्यालय में जमा करा सकते हैं। जो उसी दिना 11:30 बजे उपस्थित पार्टियों के सामने खोले जायेंगे। अगर जरूरी होगा तो टेड के बारे में नेगोशिएशन भी की जा सकती है। टेन्डर करीब 100 रुपए के मुआतन पर महाबांधक सीड प्रोसेसिंग प्लांट गन्नौर के कार्यालय से प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। कमेटी को वस्तुओं की संख्या घटाने व बढ़ाने का अधिकार होगा। कमेटी को बिना किसी कारण बताए टेन्डर रद्द करने का अधिकार होगा।
महाप्रबंधक
हैफेड बीज प्लांट गन्नौर
सोनीपत (फोन नं. 0130-2461515)

PUBLIC NOTICE				
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005				
The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.				
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Pargat Singh, Amanpreet Kaur, Kanwarjit Singh, Kiranjot Kaur, Kirpal Singh, Manjit Kaur, Pargat Singh Huf, Simran Kaur, Talwinder Singh, H No J 12/1284 Old 4560 Bazar No 4 Sultanwind Road Guru Nanakpura Amritsar Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00004950185	House Bearing No.151/1-2, Khasra No.869, Khanna Sumari No.9655/37 (Sale Deed Wasika No.7183, 7182 & 7186 dated 13/07/1989), Gali No.7 Sarwarpura Taliwal Chowk Amritsar Punjab	30/04/2022 Rs. 1,60,01,672/-	31/05/2021
2.	Jeevandee Singh, Gurmeet Kaur, Jaspreet Kaur, H No 135 Saheed Bhagat Singh Colony Ward No 12 Rajpura Punjab. A/c No. LBRJP000004950683	House No.135, Near A.P.J Hospital (Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony) Rajpura Patiala Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 15,48,533/-	21/10/2021
3.	Jeevandee Singh, Gurmeet Kaur, Jaspreet Kaur, H No 135 Saheed Bhagat Singh Colony Ward No 12 Rajpura Punjab. A/c No. LBRJP000005345488	House No.135, Near A.P.J Hospital (Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony) Rajpura Patiala Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 3,10,277/-	21/10/2021
4.	Mukesh., Parveen., H No 728 Street No 7 Gurbax Colony Patiala Punjab. A/c No. LBPA700003868629	House Comprising in Khewat/ Khatoni No.577/1236, 1242, Khasra No.13/19/1/2 (0-8) Out of Which Ok-1.1/3m and Khasra No.13/19/1/4/3 (4-1) Out of Which Ok-7m Total Area Measuring Ok-8.1/3m I.e, 240 Sq. Yd. At Street No.7 Gurbax Colony Village Tafazalpura Tehsil & Distt. Patiala Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 8,34,745/-	06/12/2021
5.	Mukesh., Parveen., H No 728 Street No 7 Gurbax Colony Patiala Punjab. A/c No. LBPA700003868630	House Comprising in Khewat/ Khatoni No.577/1236, 1242, Khasra No.13/19/1/2 (0-8) Out of Which Ok-1.1/3m and Khasra No.13/19/1/4/3 (4-1) Out of Which Ok-7m Total Area Measuring Ok-8.1/3m I.e, 240 Sq. Yd. At Street No.7 Gurbax Colony Village Tafazalpura Tehsil & Distt. Patiala Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 17,92,159/-	06/12/2021
6.	Mukesh., Parveen., H No 728 Street No 7 Gurbax Colony Patiala Punjab. A/c No. LBPA700003868631	House Comprising in Khewat/ Khatoni No.577/1236, 1242, Khasra No.13/19/1/2 (0-8) Out of Which Ok-1.1/3m and Khasra No.13/19/1/4/3 (4-1) Out of Which Ok-7m Total Area Measuring Ok-8.1/3m I.e, 240 Sq. Yd. At Street No.7 Gurbax Colony Village Tafazalpura Tehsil & Distt. Patiala Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 8,14,279/-	06/12/2021
7.	Mukesh., Parveen., H No 728 Street No 7 Gurbax Colony Patiala Punjab. A/c No. LBPA700005466226	House Comprising in Khewat/ Khatoni No.577/1236, 1242, Khasra No.13/19/1/2 (0-8) Out of Which Ok-1.1/3m and Khasra No.13/19/1/4/3 (4-1) Out of Which Ok-7m Total Area Measuring Ok-8.1/3m I.e, 240 Sq. Yd. At Street No.7 Gurbax Colony Village Tafazalpura Tehsil & Distt. Patiala Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 5,25,036/-	06/12/2021
8.	Pansy Atwal, Eric K Masih, H. No. 109, Kidwai Nagar, Near Shiv Shakti Mandir Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00000351364	Plot Comprised In Khasra No. 24/15/1, Khewat/ Khatoni No. 1678/1889 Haibowal Kalan, Mahavir Jain Colony, Near Gandhi Colony, Ludhiana Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 4,26,977.9/-	05/02/2022
9.	Pansy Atwal, Eric K Masih, H. No. 109, Kidwai Nagar, Near Shiv Shakti Mandir Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00000592121	Plot Comprised in Khasra No. 24/15/1, Khewat/ Khatoni No. 1678/1889 Haibowal Kalan, Mahavir Jain Colony, Near Gandhi Colony, Ludhiana Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 55,845/-	05/02/2022
10.	Sahib Singh, Sandeep Kaur, Taruna Rani, H No 285 Nandanpur Road Jalandhar Punjab. A/c No. LBJAL00005131626	Plot No.285, Comprised In Khasra No.19/6, 15, 16, 20/1011, 12/2, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 23, 27/1/2, 3, 4 Situated At Vivekanand Park Maqsoodpur Jalandhar Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 5,00,410.84/-	03/02/2022
11.	Sahib Singh, Sandeep Kaur, Taruna Rani, H No 285 Nandanpur Road Jalandhar Punjab. A/c No. LBJAL00005131627	Plot No.285, Comprised In Khasra No.19/6, 15, 16, 20/1011, 12/2, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 23, 27/1/2, 3, 4 Situated At Vivekanand Park Maqsoodpur Jalandhar Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 13,42,600.99/-	03/02/2022
12.	Taranjit Singh, Amarjit Kaur, H No N 25 Jagjeet Nagar Threkey Road Baddowal West Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00005304358	Plot Comprised in Khasra No. 1364/307, 1369/308, 309, 1370/310, 1373/311, 1380/318, Khatta No. 156/181 As Per Jamabandi For Year 1997-98 (Khatta No. 184/203 As Per Jamabandi For Year 2012-13) Village Threkeyabadi Known as Jagjit Nagar Co-Operative House Building Society Limited, H.B. No.156 Ludhiana Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 3,53,722/-	03/01/2022
13.	Taranjit Singh, Amarjit Kaur, H No N 25 Jagjeet Nagar Threkey Road Baddowal West Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00004975958	Plot Comprised in Khasra No. 1364/307, 1369/308, 309, 1370/310, 1373/311, 1380/318, Khatta No. 156/181 As Per Jamabandi For Year 1997-98 (Khatta No. 184/203 As Per Jamabandi For Year 2012-13) Village Threkeyabadi Known As Jagjit Nagar Co-operative House Building Society Limited, H.B. No.156 Ludhiana Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 17,76,380.82/-	03/01/2022
14.	Varinder Singh, Reetu Thakur, Plot No 117 St No 02 Near Kunj Vihar Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00005348425	Property Comprised In Khasra No. 27/10, Khatta No. 408/412, H.B No. 178 Situated At Village Kuliyeawal Abadi Known as Gopal Nagar Ludhiana Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 4,97,205/-	03/01/2022
15.	Varinder Singh, Reetu Thakur, Plot No 117 St No 02 Near Kunj Vihar Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00005320948	Property Comprised In Khasra No. 27/10, Khatta No.408/412, H.B No. 178 Situated At Village Kuliyeawal Abadi Known As Gopal Nagar Ludhiana Punjab	18/05/2022 Rs. 10,03,578.99/-	03/01/2022
16.	Dharam Pal., Paramjit Kaur., Amarjit, Dhadhai Mohalla, Gali No-2, Nim Wala Chowk Palahi Road Phagwara Punjab. A/c No. LBJAL00000352186	Khewat/ Khatoni No-31/38, 39, Comprised In Khasra No-10, Kanshi Nagar, V Kot Sadique, Jalandhar, Punjab	13/05/2022 Rs. 4,36,252.74/-	05/02/2022
17.	Manohar Lal Jain, Ankil Jain, Swati Jain, 3400/A Gali No 18 Ward No 19, New Madhopuri Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00003155983	House Bearing M.C. No. B-24-3400/A Comprised in Khasra No. 268/3, Khatta No. 2177/2390 Situated At Village Taraf Saidan, H.B No. 172 Abadi Known as New Madhopuri Ludhiana Punjab	13/05/2022 Rs. 22,10,659/-	03/01/2022
18.	Mohammad Tasleem Farooqi, Waseem Raja, Samiya Afireen, Farooqi Enclave, Nabha Road Near Shahi Road, Sangpur, Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00005266798	Plot Comprised in Khasra No. 115/2-10, 116, 117, 118, 137, 199/135 Min/5 18, 229/200/135 Min, Khatta No. 42/66, H.B No.113, Situated At Abbaspora Tehsil Malerkotla Distt. Sangrur Punjab	13/05/2022 Rs. 10,15,260/-	27/01/2022
19.	Monish Kapoor, Deepika Kapoor, H No 2724 Sf Ph-7, Sas Nagar Mohali, Punjab. A/c No. LBZMO00005214646	Flat No. E-21, Ground Floor Paradise Apartment, Shivalki City Bearing Khewat/ Khatoni No.116/138, Comprised in Khasra No.17/15 (8-0), 6 (8-0), 16/1/1 (2-8), 10/3 (2-16), Kittle 4 Village Chhajumajra, Hadbast No.33, Kharar Sas Nagar Mohali Punjab	13/05/2022 Rs. 31,89,473/-	03/02/2022
20.	Nirmal Singh, Gurjinder Kaur, Ram Garh Sardaran, Ludhiana Punjab. A/c No. LBLUD00005531405	Khasra No.444/6-0, 445/6-0, 700/3-0, Khatta No.188/284, 285, Kittle 03 H.B No.27 Village Bhikampur Tehsil Ahmedgarh Sangrur Punjab	13/05/2022 Rs. 19,56,288/-	03/02/2022
21.	Pritpal Kaur Nagra, Rattan Anmol Singh , H No 51. Dashmesh Colony Rajpura, Patiala Punjab. A/c No. LBPA700004142440	Flat No.10122, 12th Floor, Tower 10 Afs Casa Espana, Sector-121 Distt. Sas Nagar Mohali Punjab	13/05/2022 Rs. 50,35,638/-	03/01/2022
22.	Rakesh Mann, Satya Devi, Ashok Kumar Ocharan Dass, H. No. 277/2, Guru Nanakpura West Jalandhar Punjab. A/c No. LBJAL00000758291	House No.316, Comprised in Khasra No. 9309, 9310, 9316, 9317, Khatta No. 3954/4860 Karol Bagh, Jalandhar Punjab	13/05/2022 Rs. 1,72,137.63/-	05/02/2022
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PAPER WITH PASSION

First among equals

The NDA holds a distinct advantage as the presidential election nears

The ruling National Democratic Alliance has selected former Jharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu as its presidential candidate. "I am surprised as well as delighted. As a tribal woman from remote Mayurbhanj district, I had not thought about becoming the candidate for the top post," she said at her Rairangpur residence. It did not come as a big surprise to political commentators though, for it was widely speculated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi may opt for a person from either the tribal community or other backward classes (OBCs). All other major groups — Muslims, Dalits, Sikhs, women — have been represented. By choosing her as its presidential candidate, the BJP-led NDA expected to get support not just from the



MPs and MLAs from tribals but also from Odisha, her native State. The BJD, which is in power in Odisha, holds over 2.8 per cent of representation in the electoral college that will elect the President. "I am optimistic of support from all members of the Odisha Assembly and MPs," she said, "I am daughter of the soil. I have the right to request all members to support me as an Odia." Her optimism is well-grounded. Odisha Chief Minister and BJD boss Naveen Patnaik is favourably inclined towards her candidature. He tweeted: "Congratulations Smt #DraupadiMurmur on being announced as candidate of NDA for the country's highest office. I was

delighted when Hon'ble PM @narendramodi ji discussed this with me. It is indeed a proud moment for people of #Odisha." This will help her — and the NDA.

Equally important is the support she has got from Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. "We express happiness at the candidature of Droupadi Murmu for President. She is a tribal woman and it is a matter of great happiness that a tribal woman is the candidate for the highest position in the country," Nitish Kumar said. At any rate, the top BJP leadership is active and adroit enough to have its way, as evident from the political storm raging in Maharashtra. This is bad news for the Opposition which had propped up former BJP leader Yashwant Sinha as its presidential candidate. Opposition politicians had hoped that if somehow they managed to get their candidate occupy Rashtrapati Bhawan, it would not only add momentum to the campaign to eventually oust the BJP from office. That seems to be very difficult today; developments in Maharashtra have shown that not just the anti-BJP coalition is precarious but also that Opposition leaders are flatfooted. On the other hand, the BJP top brass calibrated all its moves. Supporting a tribal woman can be criticised as tokenism, but then it is not the first time tokenism has affected presidential poll; in 2007, for instance, the Congress selected Pratibha Patil, who was not a political heavyweight or household name, as its candidate. The BJP has been playing that game, and bagging rich dividends. And it is likely to get the President of its own choice.

PICTALK



A view of the swollen Jhelum river following incessant rain, in Srinagar

PTI

Trouble next door

India will do well to learn lessons from the goings-on in its immediate neighbourhood

There are several political developments taking place in our neighbourhood, and all of these portend to our own polity, what may be wrong with it, or what should be corrected. Sri Lanka is burning. Pakistan is in the black. Afghanistan remains simmering under its newfound cloak of civility. Nepal, under the new Prime Minister, has just about found its step after the former communist-leaning Premier was ousted. The suffocating situation in Myanmar is also nothing new. Now Kuwait's crown prince has dissolved Parliament and called for an early election following a stand-off between the Government and elected Assembly that has hindered fiscal reform. Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah has said that the decree would be issued for the dissolution of Parliament, the Gulf region's oldest. Even the ruling Emir of Kuwait has blessed the dissolution move. The Opposition lawmakers are staging an open-ended sit-in since last week at the Parliament complex to press Sheikh Meshal to name a new Prime Minister to replace the caretaker Premier who has faced a combative Parliament. The political crisis, which has blocked the country's economic and social progress, seems to be worsening.



Meanwhile, in Sri Lanka, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe admitted in Parliament that its economy has "completely collapsed" and an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is the only path to revival. While it is a fact that the island nation faces a far more serious situation beyond mere shortages of fuel, gas, electricity and food, any financial rescue plan with the IMF is not expected until Colombo agrees with its creditors on restructuring its \$51 billion foreign debt, which could take months. The country first defaulted on its debt in April and went cap-in-hand to the IMF, which asked Colombo to raise taxes and restructure loss-making state enterprises, but it made people angrier. To soothe the seething population, Sri Lanka's Cabinet has approved an amendment to the Constitution that could curtail presidential powers. Besides, Sri Lanka's Parliament sessions will be restricted to two days this week instead of four days amid the current fuel supply crisis. The situation in India is no better. Unemployment is rampant, inflation is rising, growth is slowing and the nation is seemingly in the throes of lumpen elements that threaten to derail our foreign relations anytime. We must seriously be on our guard!

Gulf nations must avow India's step

The Government has asserted its respect for all religions while the Gulf countries have often been suspect in establishing their secular credentials



VIVEK GUMASTE

The *démarche* issued by a host of Islamic nations with regard to the unfortunate Nupur Sharma incident had stirred up a hornet's nest in India and unleashed a welter of emotions. An ugly cocktail of shame, embarrassment, anger and frustration swirled and vitiated the air. There have been concerns about India's international image; some have rued over its impact on trade with the Arab world.

A former BJP leader sanctoriously claimed that India's "image has now come crashing down". He further averred that "... (It) caused grievous damage to our image as a liberal, secular democracy..." But is this really so? Do we need to feel ashamed? And did this controversy erode our credibility as a liberal secular democracy?

We, one person's aberration, even if the individual belongs to the ruling party, cannot indict an entire nation, its people and its Government. Second, the Government did act to rectify the indecorum by asserting its respect for all religions and by suspending the errant office bearer. Nupur Sharma has since apologised for her remarks.

Next, let us take a closer look at those Muslim countries that are hectoring India on morality. These include Kuwait, Qatar, Iran, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Jordan, Bahrain, Maldives, Malaysia, Oman, Iraq and Libya. The majority of them are autocracies which designate Islam as the official religion; a caveat that automatically relegates all other religions to second-class status.

Countries like Saudi Arabia



prohibit the construction of non-Muslim places of worship; in other Gulf countries, non-Muslims have to seek Government permission. These countries do not even afford non-Muslims the basic courtesy of dignity in death. Kuwait and Qatar do not allow cremations forcing non-Muslims to fly dead bodies out of the country to their native places. And let us not forget that Qatar is the country that indirectly endorsed MF Hussain's blasphemy against Hindu gods by honouring him with a citizenship.

In contrast, despite all the criticism that the Modi Government has been subject to, both at home and abroad, and despite all the talk of Hindu hyper-nationalism, we still remain a liberal democratic country par excellence that treats all its citizens equally. Muslims have the same rights as any Hindu. They have access to the same educational institutions, same job opportunities, the same health facilities and are beneficiaries of the same ration cards. They can build their own mosques and pray unhindered in these. We cannot be shamed by countries whose record on religious freedom is ques-



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tionable. We need to be confident in our own skin and answerable to ourselves alone as the bearers of an ancient moral civilisation.

Coming to the question of trade, the Gulf Cooperation Council (consisting of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates) is a major trading partner with exports of \$44 billion and imports worth \$110 billion (2021-22). About a third of India's crude oil needs (Saudi Arabia 18 per cent; UAE nine per cent and Kuwait five per cent) are supplied by the Gulf countries. However, since the Russia-Ukraine crisis, the equation is fast changing. Crude oil supplies from Russia have dramatically shot up reaching 3.36 million metric tonnes in May 2022 — a nine-fold monthly increase compared to 2021. India's dependence on oil from Gulf countries is significant but can be balanced by increasing supplies from Russia.

On the flip side, the Gulf countries are overwhelmingly dependent on India for their food needs. Specifically, India accounts for 84 per cent, 91 per cent and 80 per cent of Qatar's, Kuwait's and Iran's rice

requirements. So, vulnerability due to trade disruption extends to both sides.

What is most concerning is that this outrage has emboldened terrorists to threaten India with attacks and encouraged anti-social elements amongst India's Muslims? It has led to calls for beheading on national television, rioting through the streets and obscene calls for Hindu genocide from mosque tops. The Government of India has done the right thing to defuse the crisis by reiterating its respect for all religions and by suspending the errant office bearers.

The Gulf countries too must step up to the plate. After having vented their disapproval publicly, they must now show maturity if they do not want the narrative to be hijacked by radical fundamentalists. To put an end to the matter, they need to release another statement that welcomes the Indian Government's actions and acknowledges India as a genuinely secular nation.

(The author, a US-based academic and political commentator, frequently writes on current affairs in India. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

START AGNIPATH ON TRIAL BASIS

Sir — While working out the financial benefits of the Agnipath scheme, national security concerns and administrative feasibility cannot be brushed aside. The moot question is whether after completing four years in uniform, they will be able to withstand the pressures of unemployment. These well-trained youths can easily be lured, recruited and exploited by anti-social elements, creating newer challenges after completing their tenure. There is no gain saying that the new recruitment scheme for jawans is being pushed in a hurry to counter the rising discontentment among the unemployed youth and ever-growing resentment against the Government.

Another rational way of revisiting the Agnipath scheme is to downsize the Army, as China did in 2015 by giving 2.3 lakh soldiers VRS as part of its modernisation drive. The poor execution of SPARSH is a case in point. The new pension system for the armed forces veterans, which was launched with much fanfare in 2021 for post-2015 retirees, also ended in a fiasco as on May 1, almost 60,000 ex-servicemen were kept deprived of their pension. Taking lessons from its poor execution, it is essential to run Agnipath on a trial basis first.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

RADICAL REFORMS AFTER CONSULTATIONS

Sir — This refers to 'Some reforms may look unfair at first, but help nation in long run: Modi' (June 21). The PM's statement is relevant because it comes against the backdrop of widespread protests against the Agnipath scheme. Irrespective of the merits and demerits of the scheme, it has turned into a burning issue. Also, it is difficult to ignore the fact that this is the third big reform by the Modi-led Government to face such serious opposition. The land reform Bill in its first term and the farm reforms Bill in its second term were withdrawn to avert likely electoral losses despite there being enough reasons to persist with these.

Comments malign Cong's image



The way in which the leaders of the Opposition Congress and its former Ministers were seen losing their cool in public meetings in the recent past, is sad. Their frustration was evident in their statements. The kind of abusive language used by Shaikh Hussain about the Prime Minister of the country in the Congress' protest public meeting in Nagpur and after that at Delhi's Jantar Mantar, by former

Union Minister of Congress, Subodh Kant Sahai. It's a sad state of affairs. The Congress has been an old national party. It has had a golden history. But today, the language the senior Congress leaders are using in public meetings is not in any way in the interest of the party.

What derogatory remarks are being made by the leaders about certain constitutional posts, they don't even care about it. The Congress has ruled the country for more than 60 years and all that has been possible only because of the nation's people. It has also been the tradition of Congress to respect the sentiments of the same people. The Prime Minister is not only a leader of a political party, his is a constitutional post, leading the country in the world. Insulting any constitutional post does not suit the leaders of a national party like the Congress. Such statements will only hurt the image of the Congress.

Rajender Kumar Sharma | Haryana

The issues that these two aborted reforms set out to address remain, and are likely to have a detrimental impact on the Indian economy. While it is possible the opposition to such reforms was inevitable, it is also possible that their intensity might have been diminished through a consultative process involving all stakeholders, an elaborate detailing of the contours of the reforms. However, when it comes to the adoption of radical reforms, good intentions and a majority in Parliament may not necessarily translate into instant and universal acceptance.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

NEED TO HARMONISE WITH TECH

Sir — With great admiration and belief in the columns of your newspaper, I seek to bring to your attention the fast-growing menace of tech addiction and the resultant health scares among the youth of our country. Today, we are able to enjoy some of the most convenient gadgets to have ever existed, which offer far more information and

sources of entertainment than any other. As a result, the upcoming generation has been becoming increasingly information-heavy. The number of hours an average person spends in gaining information, whether wanted or unwanted, is fast increasing, with a screen in front of our eyes showing us new wonders every minute.

And on top of that, the wonders are as per choice and preferences. All this temptation often leads young children to spend much more time on these gadgets than what's healthy. And even though we may not realise it instantly, it levies a huge load of tiredness on our brains and eyes, often leading to inexplicable stress and irritability. Hence, through the pages of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to appeal to the youth worldwide to maintain a balance of all spheres of life to fully enjoy it.

Divyansha Sharma | Ujjain

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SOUNDBITE

Many reforms in the present may seem unpleasant... but over time, there are benefits.



Prime Minister —Narendra Modi



Afghan ambassador —Farid Mamundzay

Music is also a form of yoga, which I have been practising since childhood.



Singer —Sukhwinder Singh



India chief coach —Rahul Dravid

I am happy to inform you that the Indian farmers are completely protected.



Commerce Minister —Piyush Goyal

FIRST COLUMN

UNIFORM CIVIL CODE TO STRENGTHEN UNITY

India already has a fairly uniform set of laws



RAJENDRA PRASAD GUPTA

In a country as diverse as India, a lot has changed during the 75 years of Independence. India is continuously climbing the ladder of success. The country is asserting itself as a major economic and military power. In such a milieu, there is an urgent need that India, like other nations, strengthens the initiative of national integration by passing a uniform civil code.

The criminal code, civil procedure code, the Special Marriage Act, etc., apply uniformly to all citizens. Barring a few exceptions, India has a fairly uniform set of laws.

The British government had entrusted the responsibility of initiating a uniform civil code to Warren Hasting in 1772 when he was conferred the civil, judicial and administrative responsibility. Later, the British government emphasised the need to compile the codification of Indian laws on various subjects in 1835, with a few exceptions.

Article 25 of the Indian Constitution gives us freedom of conscience and freedom to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion, including the protection of our cultural diversity. At the same time, there is Article 44, which upholds a "uniform civil code" for citizens. It is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy of the Indian Constitution.

In order to bring uniformity in law, various courts have often said in their judgments that the government should strive towards ensuring a uniform civil code.



With the passage of time, many laws have been changed in India. The demand for a uniform civil code has also been going on since the time of Independence. In fact, even the framers of the Constitution had deliberated on it, but it was put on hold due to opposition by the Muslim representatives.

India will not be the first nation to implement a uniform civil code. The US, Canada, and European nations as well as many Islamic countries like Turkey, Indonesia, and Sudan have uniform civil codes.

By promoting the politics of appeasement in India, a select few fundamentalist organisations, which are protected by political parties, are engaged in dividing the country. If one looks at the developments in history, one will find that since Independence these organisations have been involved in anti-national activities. Many conspiracies have been hatched for the purpose of precluding a uniform civil code. Owing to vote bank politics, top leaders of many major political parties started fear-mongering, telling the Muslim community that a uniform civil code would violate their rights as enshrined in the Constitution.

These politicians forget that the same Constitution has also talked about implementing a uniform civil code. They should also be aware that a uniform civil code has been in force in Goa for years, which has proved to be effective in maintaining harmony and a peaceful environment, and accelerating development there.

Therefore, it would be better if today we make meaningful efforts to solve the problem and not leave it to the future. This step will also be commendable and in tune with the motto of 'One Nation and One Legislation.'

For this it is necessary that the Centre, Parliament and state governments agree on this issue to develop a national consensus. While preserving cultural diversity, it is necessary that no person should be discriminated against. As far as possible, there should be the same law in India and a uniform civil code.

Several pending issues like triple talaq, Article 370, and Ram Mandir have been addressed in the last few years. This has raised hope that uniform civil code will also become a reality.

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BJP's foreign outreach serves national interest

The outreach is an exercise to realise democratic ideals and reach out to those uninitiated and curious about our country

India is the world's largest democracy and the Bharatiya Janata Party is the world's largest political party. Despite many challenges it faces, Indian democracy remains vibrant and inclusive.

The BJP being one of the representatives of democratic ideals of India, outreach with foreign and domestic constituents has been a constant for the party over several decades. Technology has recently emerged as a force multiplier. The world has for long been watching democratic evolution in India. Foreign commentators have interpreted the noise of democracy in India in different ways. Some sections have even fallen prey to the biases which coloured their writing on India. Some, however, have been genuinely unaware of the various facets of Indian democracy for many reasons, including distance and lack of communication.

Biases, prejudices, and preconceived notions are the key challenges that the BJP has sought to address in its outreach to diverse audiences. 'Know BJP' is an initiative of the ruling party to give insights into party's functioning to foreign diplomats.

BJP president Jagat Pratap Nadda and senior party functionaries have held three interactions with foreign diplomats. Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar has also been present in such interactions.

In the third meeting, the BJP president gave a detailed view of BJP's policies and programmes to the envoys of six countries, including those from Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey, and Laos. The second part of 'Know BJP' exercise took place close on the heels of Raisina Dialogue, which was attended by foreign ministers of 14 countries, diplomats, foreign affairs commentators and other stakeholders, including those from the US, Australia and Israel.

The two events were independent of each other but complemented each other in furthering the national interest.

The latest phase of direct communication was held with the diplomatic community from the Central Asian countries with whom India has age-old ties, dating back to the first global outreach by the emperor Ashoka, whose pillars were installed in these countries. The Raisina Dialogue saw Jaishankar in his element while reiterating India's worldview and confronting the narrow perspectives of some of the key foreign commentators to the immediate flash-point in the Russia-Ukraine war.

Indian perseverance to make the world take note of the wrongs perpetrated on the South Asian subcontinent has begun bearing fruit with the emergence of greater understanding about the pitfalls of an expansionist China. For decades, it has been causing problems on the Line of Actual Control on the eastern front of India, while Pakistan exports terrorism as its state policy on the western front.

This global understanding has come on the back of discreet but uninterrupted dialogue by the leaders of India with their foreign interlocutors. This was first set in



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motion by former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Jaswant Singh-Strobe Talbott dialogue, which went on for several years, had laid the foundation for the Indian pivot in Asia for the US, which also augmented the global outreach of India.

Notably, former BJP chief and deputy PM LK Advani had set in motion the party's foreign outreach by creating a foreign cell and the overseas friends of the BJP, which are playing important roles in the outreach, who in turn have become vocal advocates of Indian national interest. Deployment of technology for outreach by the BJP in the last one decade by tapping the full potential of social media platforms has given a boost unseen in the past.

Vajpayee, being a true democrat, had the idea to connect with the Indian diaspora to tap their growing influence to work for the Indian national interest. Needless to say, increase in the Indian outreach with foreign capitals corresponds with the rise in the politico-economic clout of the Indian diaspora.

In PM Modi, the Indian diaspora got the perfect voice for Indian national interest. Predictably, the interactions with the diaspora are a regular feature during his foreign visits. So, while Vajpayee laid the foundation for the connect with the world, Modi has upgraded it by building a grand edifice of an India that's connected with every corner of the world—from developed countries to island nations, from the African continent to the developing nations and the immediate neighbourhood. He has deployed full resources to build relationships of

a reliable and dependable friend.

For many, the BJP is a relatively new political party, for they have been used to seeing Congress in power for decades. The BJP gained full majority in the Lok Sabha only in 2014 under the leadership of Modi. This happened again in the 2019 general election. While Vajpayee led the government within the coalition limitations, PM Modi has the unprecedented popular mandate to unlock India's fullest potential. The Modi-led government at the Centre has carried out a legislative agenda which was earlier seen as impossible.

Revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave a special status to Jammu and Kashmir. Then the archaic practice of triple talaq among the Muslims was discarded; this caught the attention of many in the world. Such political will to carry out hard reforms is tough to find even among many world leaders. This fuels curiosity of foreign commentators in the BJP and its leadership; this has necessitated a creative outreach strategy, so that we could keep pace with the fast-changing global narrative.

The outbreak of Covid-19 tested the characters of national leaders of several countries. India with over one billion population was seen by many as too vulnerable to the deadly pandemic. But the incumbent Indian leadership proved equal to the task; in fact, it excelled in its response with two made in India vaccines that shielded not just Indians but millions in several countries. The neighbouring countries remained solely dependent on India.

PM led the outreach at the policy front, holding consultations with the scientific community to find answers to the looming challenges in the form of Covid-19. India showcased why the country is the pharma capital of the world, with the Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro expressing gratitude for the medicines and vaccines by equating the efforts with Hanuman carrying the 'Sanjeevani Booti' for injured Lakshman.

The BJP's outreach with the poor during such trying times shaped the party's deep social reach in the form of distribution of dry ration kits to millions of people during lockdowns and thereafter. BJP workers ran community kitchens across the country. Blending of the social and political work further helped the endeavour.

Dialogue and dissemination are in the DNA of the BJP and its parent organization, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Foreign commentators have their misgivings about the RSS and the BJP because of the long-term narratives fed to them by the political rivals and the well-entrenched 'Left-liberal ecosystem.'

RSS Sarsangchhalak Mohan Bhagwat held extensive interactions with the representatives of the foreign media at Vigyan Bhavan a few years ago where he responded to all the questions. He explained to them the worldview and functioning of the organisation.

The BJP leaders have their ears to the ground; outreach helps them know the pulse of the people. They are not the prisoners of history; they are willing to walk the tough road.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

WE HAVE OPENED UP THE SPACE AND THE DEFENCE SECTORS WHICH, FOR DECADES, WERE UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL. —PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 75 YEARS, SERVICE CHIEFS ARE BEING FRONTED TO DEFEND A GOVERNMENT'S POLICY DECISION. —LEADER OF OPPN IN THE RAJYA SABHA MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

South Africa: Anti-graft Prez faces scam charges

A politically-linked former spy hurled some not-very-convincing charges at President Ramaphosa, ruining latter's name

Once upon a time (about four years ago) Cyril Ramaphosa was seen as South Africa's last, best hope. Since the end of Apartheid in 1994, the leadership of the country's ruling African National Congress (ANC) had passed from the wise and heroic Nelson Mandela to the intellectual but ineffectual Thabo Mbeki and then to the corrupt and ignorant Jacob Zuma.

But in 2018 the fractured and demoralised ANC pulled itself together, remembered its purpose, and replaced Zuma as president with Cyril Ramaphosa. Hope soared: Ramaphosa had a long record of activism in the struggle against Apartheid; he was a former trade union leader; and he was so rich that he didn't need to be corrupt. He was the ideal candidate.



GWYNNE DYER

(The author's new book is The Shortest History of War)

For a while it went well. The economy didn't grow much and unemployment stayed very high, but Zuma's chief cronies fled abroad, others were charged with various crimes, and even Zuma wound up in jail. Ramaphosa was at least trying to clean up the mess—but then, two years ago, there was a burglary at his wildlife game farm in Limpopo province.

Nobody heard about it at the time, because Ramaphosa didn't mention it publicly. That's understandable, because the burglars allegedly found \$4 million in cash hidden in cushions on his sofa. That's not a good look for a president whose USP is fighting corruption, so no report was made to the police. Ramaphosa just swallowed the loss.

That's not as crazy as it sounds: Ramaphosa is one of the richest men in South Africa, and \$4 million is less than one per cent of his wealth. He could just be trying not to draw attention to it. But then, early this month, Arthur Fraser, former head of South Africa's intelligence agency, lodged a criminal complaint with the police about the affair.

Fraser said that Ramaphosa's 'presidential protection unit' (bodyguards) had tracked down the burglars, kidnapped, and interrogated them, and then bribed them to keep quiet about the cash. Maybe Ramaphosa was just trying to protect his reputation as a man of the people, but even so he would have been breaking the law. And then Fraser outed him.

The news is now out all over town, and by this week Ramaphosa was under attack from all sides. "Criminals do not report crimes when the proceeds of their crimes are stolen," as Julius Malema, leader of the opposition Economic Freedom Fighters party, put it, and a great many other people in Parliament and in the street

took the same view.

This comes at just the wrong time for Ramaphosa, who faces a leadership challenge in the ANC in December. His anti-corruption campaign within the party has not prospered, and Zuma's supporters staged riots that killed hundreds when he was jailed. Now Zuma's out of jail, and Ramaphosa is tarred with the same corruption brush himself.

There's a lot that's wrong with this story. Arthur Fraser, the former spy chief who brought the complaint against Ramaphosa, is a close ally of Zuma's. The South African President does hold regular cash auctions of his prize Ankole cattle and various game animals at his farm, but why would he hide the cash in pillows? Tax avoidance?

This is a man who has sat on literally dozens of boards and is allegedly worth \$450 million. If he wants to avoid taxes, he has lawyers aplenty; he doesn't need sofa cushions. The whole 'burglary' operation, and especially the source and the timing of the 'complaint', smells like a political sting. Nevertheless, Ramaphosa is in deep trouble.

The real object of the sting would have been to highlight Ramaphosa's great and unexplained wealth. He probably didn't break the law to get it, like Zuma did, but he didn't inherit it and he didn't earn it by hard work. He just got paid huge sums to sit on boards, and invested the proceeds wisely.

Ramaphosa got on those boards as part of the ANC-sponsored 'Black Economic

Empowerment' programme, one of whose purposes was to provide a reliable, low-profile income stream for its political work. Most of its supporters were very poor, but the chosen 'BEE' appointees were expected to donate much of their large incomes to the ANC.

It's less lurid than Zuma's route to great wealth via partnership with Indian 'entrepreneurs' in a project of 'state capture', but both men's riches came from their ties to the ANC. To the average voter in Alexandra township, the two men will look exactly the same.

That is why the ANC will probably lose its majority in Parliament in the 2024 election, after 30 years in power. High time, really, even though nobody knows what's coming out of the box next.

Ukraine journalist, soldier ‘coldly executed’: Press group

AP ■ KYIV

A Ukrainian photojournalist and a soldier who was accompanying him when they were killed in the first weeks of Russia's invasion appear to have been "coldly executed" as they were searching Russian-occupied woodlands for the photographer's missing image-taking drone, Reporters Without Borders said Wednesday, citing its findings from an investigation into their deaths.

The press freedom group said it went back to the spot where the bodies of Maks Levin and serviceman Oleksiy Chernyshov were found April 1 in woods north of the capital, Kyiv.

The group said it counted 14 bullet holes in the burned hulk of their car still at the scene.

The group said disused Russian positions, one of them still booby-trapped, were found close by. Also found were the remains of food rations, cigarette packets and other litter seemingly left by Russian soldiers.

Some of Levin and Chernyshov's belongings, including the soldier's ID papers and



parts of his bulletproof vest and the photographer's helmet, were also recovered, it said.

A Ukrainian team with metal detectors also uncovered a bullet buried in the soil where Levin's body had lain, it said.

The group said that finding suggests "he was probably killed with one, perhaps two bullets fired at close range when he was already on the ground."

A jerrycan for gasoline was also found close to where Chernyshov's burned body had been recovered, it added.

Reporters Without Borders said its findings "show that the two men were doubtless coldly executed."

Levin and Chernyshov were last heard from on March 13. A GPS tracker in their vehicle gave their last position, in woods north of Kyiv, the group said.

It said Levin had lost his drone in the area on March 10 and hadn't been able to recover it because he'd come under Russian fire. Drones have become a common tool for photojournalists to get aerial photos and video.

Ukraine-based publishing house CEO, journalist killed in action

IANs ■ KIEV

Chief Executive Officer of Ukraine-based Blitz-Inform Publishing House Volodymyr Chepovy has been "killed in action" when defending Ukraine against Russian forces.

The statement was made on Telegram by the National Union ring to spokesperson of the Deputy Head of Kiev City State Administration Liudmyla Shykota, a Ukrinform news agency reported.

"Today it has been confirmed that Blitz-Inform Publishing House CEO, Business publication Editor-in-

Chief, Business 100 project initiator Volodymyr Chepovy was killed in action. Enthusiastic, cheerful, active," Shykota wrote.

Chepovy's death was also confirmed by political expert Vitalii Kulyk.

"Volodymyr Chepovy went to war as a volunteer fighter of the Territorial Defense Forces and was killed in the early weeks of June. His body was identified just yesterday," Kulyk noted.

Volodymyr Chepovy became the 34th media professional to have been killed since the Russia-Ukraine war started.

Reporters Without Borders said Levin had on occasion shared information gleaned from his drone, including about Russian positions, with Ukrainian forces.

"But the use of his drone was

first and foremost a journalistic endeavour, confirmed by his entourage and shown by the images sold to the media since the start of the Russian invasion," it said.

Drone strike hits Russian refinery near Ukraine



AP ■ MOSCOW

A drone strike caused a fire at a refinery in southwestern Russia near the border with Ukraine on Wednesday, but no one was hurt and the blaze was contained quickly, officials said.

The fire engulfed industrial equipment at the Novoshakhtinsk oil processing plant in the Rostov-on-Don region. The authorities said that dozens of fire-fighters extinguished the flames in a half-hour and no one was hurt.

The refinery said in a statement that the fire was caused by a strike carried out by two drones, describing it as a "terrorist" act.

It didn't give further details, but the state news agency Tass said that two Ukrainian drones flew over the plant and one of them slammed into a heat exchanger, triggering the fire.

Ukrainian officials haven't claimed responsibility for the drone strike.

A video posted on a messaging app channel showed a drone flying by and hitting what was purported to be the refinery, a giant plume of smoke rising into the sky.

The authenticity of the video couldn't be independently verified.

The Rostov regional governor, Vasily Golubev, said that fragments of two drones were found on the territory of the plant. The refinery said it temporarily suspended the operations to assess the damage.

Wednesday's attack on the refinery follows a series of explosions and fires in western Russia amid Moscow's fighting in Ukraine in an operation that began nearly four months ago.

In April, two Ukrainian helicopter gunships struck an oil depot in Belgorod, according to Russian officials, causing a massive fire. Several other explosions and fires hit refineries, oil depots, and an ammunition storage facility.

Europe told to prepare immediately for Russia to turn off all gas exports

IANs ■ LONDON

Europe needs to prepare "immediately" for Russia to turn off all gas exports to the region this winter, according to the head of the International Energy Agency, who has called on governments to work on reducing demand and keeping nuclear power plants open.

Fatih Birol said that the reductions in supplies in recent weeks the Kremlin has attributed to maintenance work could, in fact, be the beginning of wider cuts designed to prevent the filling of storage facilities in preparation for winter, as Russia seeks to gain leverage over the region, The Guardian reported.

"Europe should be ready in case Russian gas is completely cut off," he said in an interview with the Financial Times. "The nearer we are coming to win-



ter, the more we understand Russia's intentions." "I believe the cuts are geared towards avoiding Europe filling storage, and increasing Russia's leverage in the winter months."

EU countries are racing to refill storage sites, with Germany hoping to reach 90 per cent of capacity by November. Its stores are only half full, The Guardian reported.

Member states have also

been working to reduce their reliance on Russian fossil fuels, by sourcing gas from other countries, including the US, and by speeding up the switch to renewable energy, although officials have conceded that the race to phase out Russian oil and gas would mean burning more coal and keeping nuclear plants going.

Birol said emergency measures taken by European gov-

ernments to reduce energy demand had probably not gone far enough, and urged countries to work on preserving energy supplies.

"I believe there will be more and deeper demand measures as winter approaches," Birol said. He added that gas supplies may need to be rationed, if Russia were to further reduce gas exports.

Moscow has reduced or even cut off gas deliveries to several EU countries in recent weeks, in response to their decision to impose sanctions on the Kremlin over its invasion of Ukraine.

Russian gas supplies to Europe received through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline - which runs under the Baltic Sea to Germany - have been falling, The Guardian reported.

Diary of 12-year-old Ukrainian refugee to be released

AP ■ NEW YORK

The reflections of a 12-year-old refugee from the Russian invasion of Ukraine will be published this fall. Yeva Skalietska's book is called "You Don't Know What War Is: The Diary of a Young Girl from Ukraine."

Union Square & Co. Will release her account Oct. 25.

"Everyone knows what the word war means, but practically no one knows what this word really represents," Skalietska said in a statement released Wednesday. "I want the world to know what we have experienced."

Skalietska's book begins with her 12th birthday, shortly before the Russians attacked on Feb. 24. She had been living in Kharkiv with her grandmother when the bombing began. (Yeva's parents separated when she was a baby, and her grandmother has raised her).

"She describes the bombings they endured while sheltering underground, and their desperate journey to West Ukraine. She shares her confusion about why the Russians would



attack them, since she speaks Russian and follows many of their customs," according to Union Square's announcement.

"After many endless train rides and a prolonged stay in an overcrowded refugee center in Hungary - because several countries in Europe refused them entry - Yeva and her beloved grandmother eventually find refuge in Dublin, where she bravely begins to forge a new life, hoping she'll be able to return home one day," the publisher said.

Union Square will donate a portion of the proceeds to Ukraine refugee organizations.

Germany's Scholz: G7 to discuss 'Marshall plan' for Ukraine

AP ■ BERLIN

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Wednesday that he wants to discuss the outlines of a "Marshall plan for Ukraine" with the leaders of the Group of Seven countries at their upcoming summit in Germany. Scholz hopes for a united front on long-term support for Ukraine when he hosts the annual G-7 summit in Bavaria next week.

The group of the world's

leading economic powers is made up of the US, France, Germany, Italy, the UK, Canada and Japan. The chancellor told Germany's parliament that "rebuilding Ukraine will be a task for generations."

Recalling his visit last week to Irpin, a Kyiv suburb that saw intense fighting, he said that "some things there remind not just me of the pictures of German cities after World War II."

‘Politically motivated’ Western sanctions on Russia have caused global economic challenges: Putin

PTI ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday said the "politically motivated" Western sanctions on his country have caused global economic challenges like decrease in business activity, a spike in unemployment, a shortage of raw materials and difficulties in ensuring global food security.

In his address to a business conference of the BRICS hosted by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Putin also said that Russia was in the process of rerouting its trade and oil exports towards countries from the grouping which comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

"New politically motivated sanctions are imposed again and again, the mechanisms of putting

pressure on competition are being reinforced," he was quoted as saying by the state-run TASS news agency.

"A deliberate breakdown of cooperation ties is taking place, transport and logistics chains are collapsing," he said.

"All this is contrary to common sense and elementary economic logic, is to the detriment of the interests of business on a global scale, and negatively affects the well-being of the population, essentially, of all countries."

"As a result, problems in the global economy are becoming chronic," he said.

"There is a decrease in business activity, an increase in unemployment, a shortage of raw materials and components, difficulties in ensuring global

food security are being exacerbated, prices for grain crops and other basic agricultural products are driven up," Putin said without referring to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Putin ordered a "special military operation" against Ukraine on February 24. The US-led Western nations have imposed crippling sanctions on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine.

Ukraine is one of the world's top grain producers along with Russia, but has been unable to export to global markets because of a blockade of its Black Sea ports. The BRICS countries, Putin said, are developing business in difficult conditions.

"Entrepreneurs in our countries are having to build their business in difficult conditions when Western partners neglect

the basic principles of a market economy, free trade, the inviolability of private property, pursue an essentially irresponsible macroeconomic course, including the launch of a printing press, uncontrolled emission and the accumulation of unsecured debts," he said.

Noting that despite all problems and difficulties, BRICS businesses have been "consistently enhancing mutually beneficial ties in the areas of trade, finance, and investment", Putin said that in the first three months of 2022, trade between Russia and the BRICS countries increased by 38 per cent - and reached USD 45 billion.

"Contacts between Russian business circles and the business community of the BRICS countries have intensified.

Chinese President Xi hits out at US, EU for imposing sanctions against Russia

PTI ■ BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday hit out at the US and EU for imposing sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, saying the act of wilfully imposing curbs will harm people around the world.

History has shown that hegemony, group politics and bloc confrontations bring neither peace nor stability, but rather war and conflict, President Xi said in a keynote speech delivered in a virtual format at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum.

The Ukraine crisis has again sounded the alarm for humanity: Countries will surely end up in security hardships if they place blind faith in their positions of strength, expand military alliances, and seek their own safety at the expense of others, Xi was quoted as saying by the state-run Xinhua news agency.

In his speech at the Business Forum, Xi hit out at the US and EU for imposing sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, saying the act of wilfully imposing sanctions will bring disasters to people around the world.

Describing sanctions as boomerangs and double-edged swords, Xi said those who politicise, leverage and weaponise global economy and wilfully impose sanctions by taking advantage of dominance in international financial and monetary systems will eventually harm others and themselves and bring disasters to people around the world.

The BRICS Business Forum meeting was held ahead of Thursday's 14th summit of BRICS nations - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, which will be held in Beijing via video link followed by high-level dialogue on global development the next day.

China is this year's chair of the BRICS.


Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa are expected to take part in the summit hosted by President Xi.

The Summit will be held in virtual format under the theme of Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said in a statement.

Noting that safeguarding peace is the common cause of all humanity, Xi said that only if everyone cherishes and upholds peace, and remembers and learns from the bitter lessons of war, can there be the hope of peace.

"Facing the turmoil and instability in the world, we should keep firmly in mind the original aspiration of the UN Charter, as well as our mission to promote peace," Xi said.

Urging the international community to abandon zero-sum game and jointly oppose hegemony and power politics, Xi called for the building of a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, equity and justice, and mutually beneficial cooperation.



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & REMOTE SENSING
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
for
Preparation of Revision Document of J&K Action Plan for Climate Change

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, the Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing (DoEERS) of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), is inviting the services of a reputed technical organization for the revision of the UT Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The interested organizations may submit the Expression of Interest (Eoi) by providing required information as given in the Eoi document.

The complete Eoi, supported by the relevant documents must reach the office of the Director, Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), Parysaran Bhawan Transport Nagar, Gladini, Narwal, Jammu / SDA Colony, Bemina, Srinagar /email id dlrkjers@gmail.com on or before **13.07.2022, 12:00 noon**. The email/envelope must be clearly superscripted as "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR REVISION OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE ACTION PLAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE". The offers shall be opened by the Departmental Evaluation Committee to be constituted for the purpose, on **14th July 2022**, in the Office chamber of the Director, Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, J&K Govt., Jammu/Srinagar. The detailed EOI document is available on our website www.jkdears.com

The Eoi may be submitted through Email/Registered Post/Speed Post. The DoEERS shall not be held responsible for any postal delay for non-receipt of Eoi within the scheduled date and time. The DoEERS reserves the right to reject any or all the Eois without assigning any reasons thereof.

The important details pertaining to the submission of the EOI are as under:

Date of issue of EOI	: 20.06.2022
Date of Pre-Bid Conference	: 29.06.2022, 11:30 am
Due date for submission of EOI	: 13.07.2022, 12 Noon
Date of opening of EOI	: 14.07.2022, 12 Noon

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Dated: 20.06.2022
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French paratroopers conduct military drill in Estonia

AP ■ TALLINN

French armed forces conducted a surprise military exercise in Estonia, deploying more than 100 paratroopers in the Baltic country that neighbours Russia, the French defense ministry said Wednesday.

The airborne operation conducted on Tuesday night and dubbed Thunder Lynx "enabled, at very short notice, the dropping of about 100 paratroopers" from France's 11th Airborne Brigade "over an area secured by Estonian soldiers," the statement said.

The hastily organised exercise in Estonia, a NATO ally, was executed as an act of "strategic solidarity" amid Russia's war in Ukraine.

"The airborne operation



illustrates the ability of the French armed forces to intervene, in emergency, and support an allied country," a French defense ministry statement said.

France was one of the first countries to send its troops to Europe's eastern flank following Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24.

France has around 500 sol-

diers deployed to Romania as part of NATO's Rapid Reaction Force and has been a key player in NATO's bolstering of forces on the alliance's eastern flank since the war started.

In May, France deployed an air defense system to Romania that NATO said "can ensure protection to the forces operating within the area."

Indonesian Prez to visit Russia, Ukraine

IANs ■ JAKARTA

Indonesian President Joko Widodo will visit Moscow and Kiev by the end of June and meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky respectively, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told a press briefing on Wednesday.

Retno said that during the visits, Widodo will discuss the food crisis caused by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Xinhua news agency reported.

The "special visits" would show that Indonesia, as the host country of Group of 20 (G20) Summit in November, was "actively responding" to the ongoing geopolitical issue.

Indonesia has fully expected that Russia, one of G20 members, will attend the summit, while Ukraine was also invited for the

meeting as a guest country.

"We fully understand that the situation now is very complicated, and all of the countries in the world know that. Thus, through the visits, the president wants to contribute to overcoming the food crisis that has been caused by the war and has impacted the poor countries. The President wants to push for the spirit of peace," Retno said.

She pointed out that President Widodo would be the first president from the Southeast Asia region to visit both countries since the conflict broke out in February.

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been going on since then, which has been widely reported to trigger a rise in global food and energy prices.

Before travelling to Moscow and Kiev, Widodo will first attend the G7 Summit in Germany.

Afghanistan quake kills 1,000 people, deadliest in decades

AP ■ KABUL

A powerful earthquake struck a rural, mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, killing 1,000 people and injuring 1,500 more in one of the deadliest quakes in decades, the state-run news agency reported. Officials warned that the already grim toll may still rise.

Information remained scarce on the magnitude 6.1 temblor near the Pakistani border, but quakes of that strength can cause serious damage in an area where homes and other buildings are poorly constructed and landslides are common.

Experts put the depth at just 10 kilometers - another factor that could lead to severe destruction.

The disaster posed a major test for the Taliban-led government, which seized power last year as the U.S. Planned to pull out from the country and end its longest war, two decades after toppling the same insurgents in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

Rescuers rushed to the area by helicopter Wednesday, but the response is likely to be complicated since many international aid agencies



left Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover.

Reaching rural areas even in the best circumstances remains difficult in Afghanistan, a landlocked nation just smaller than Texas with rutted mountain roadways that may now have sustained significant damage.

In light of those difficulties, a Taliban official asked for international help. "When such a big incident happens in any country, there is a need

for help from other countries," said Sharafuddin Muslim.

"It is very difficult for us to be able to respond to this huge incident."

Neighbouring Pakistan's Meteorological Department said the quake's epicentre was in Afghanistan's Paktika province, some 50 kilometers southwest of the city of Khost.

Buildings were also damaged in Khost province, and tremors were felt some 375 kilometers away in the

Pakistani capital of Islamabad.

Footage from Paktika showed men carrying people in blankets to waiting helicopters. Others were treated on the ground. One resident could be seen receiving IV fluids while sitting in a plastic chair outside the rubble of his home and still more were sprawled on gurneys.

Some images showed residents picking through clay bricks and other rubble from destroyed stone houses, some of whose roofs or walls had caved in. The death toll given by the Bakhtar News Agency was equal to that of a quake in 2002 in northern Afghanistan. Those are the deadliest since 1998, when a 6.1 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tremors in Afghanistan's remote northeast killed at least 4,500 people.

In most places in the world, an earthquake of that magnitude wouldn't inflict such extensive devastation, said Robert Sanders, a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

But a quake's death toll more often comes down to geography, building quality and population density.

"Because of the mountainous area, there are rockslides and land-slides that we won't know about until

later reporting. Older buildings are likely to crumble and fail," he said.

"Due to how condensed the area is in that part of the world, we've seen in the past similar earthquakes deal significant damage."

The Taliban are still trying to reconstitute government ministries abandoned by staff loyal to its previous Western-backed government, and it was not clear how officials arrived at the casualty tolls reported by Bakhtar.

In Kabul, Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Akhund convened an emergency meeting at the presidential palace to coordinate the relief effort, and Bilal Karimi, a deputy spokesman for the Taliban government, wrote on Twitter to urge aid agencies to send teams to the area.

The "response is on its way," the U.N. Resident coordinator in Afghanistan, Ramiz Alakbarov, wrote on Twitter. That may prove difficult given the situation Afghanistan finds itself in today.

After the Taliban swept across the country in 2021, the U.S. Military and its allies fell back to Kabul's Hamid Karzai International Airport and later withdrew completely.



US senators reach bipartisan compromise on gun violence bill

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Senate bargainers reached agreement Tuesday on a bipartisan gun violence bill, potentially teeing up final passage by week's end on an incremental but landmark package that would stand as Congress' response to mass shootings in Texas and New York that shook the nation.

Lawmakers released the 80-page bill nine days after agreeing to a framework for the plan and 29 years after Congress last enacted major firearms curbs. It cleared an initial procedural hurdle by 64-34, with 14 Republicans joining all 48 Democrats and two allied independents in voting yes. That strongly supported a prediction by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., of approval later this week. Passage by the Democratic-led House could follow quickly.

Though Republicans blocked tougher restrictions sought by Democrats, the accord marks an election-year breakthrough on an issue that pits the GOP's staunch gun-owning and rural voters against Democrats' urban-centered backers of firearms curbs. That makes it one of the most incendiary culture war battlefields in politics and a sensitive vote for some lawmakers, particularly Republicans who might alienate Second Amendment stalwarts.

The legislation would toughen background checks for the youngest firearms buyers, require more sellers to conduct background checks and beef up penalties on gun traffickers. It also would disburse money to states and communities to improve school safety and mental health initiatives.

Aides estimated the measure would cost around \$15 billion, which Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, the lead

Democratic bargainer, said would be fully paid for.

Resolving one final hurdle that delayed the accord, the bill would prohibit romantic partners convicted of domestic violence and not married to their victims from getting firearms. Convicted abusers who are married to, live with or had children with their victims are already barred from having guns.

The compromise prohibits guns for a person who has "a current or recent former dating relationship with the victim." That is defined in part as one between people "who have or have recently had a continuing serious relationship of a romantic or intimate nature." An offender's ability to own a gun could be restored after five years if they've not committed another serious crime.

On another late dispute, the bill would provide \$750 million to the 19 states and the District of Columbia that have "red flag" laws making it easier to temporarily take firearms from people adjudged dangerous, and to other states with violence prevention programs. States with "red flag" laws that receive the funds would have to have legal processes for the gun owner to fight the firearm's removal.

Momentum in Congress for gun legislation has a history of waning quickly after mass shootings. Lawmakers are scheduled to begin a two-week July 4th recess by this weekend.

The legislation lacks far more potent proposals that President Joe Biden supports and Democrats have pushed unsuccessfully for years, derailed by GOP opposition. These include banning assault-type weapons or raising the minimum age for buying them, prohibiting high-capacity magazines and requiring background checks for virtually all gun sales.

UK plans to rewrite human rights law; critics cry foul

AP ■ LONDON

The British government on Wednesday unveiled plans for a Bill of Rights it says will strengthen free speech and the power of Parliament - but that critics argue will rip up human rights protections for ordinary people.

The government published the bill days after courts in the UK and Europe, on human rights grounds, stopped Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative administration deporting people seeking asylum in Britain to Rwanda. If approved by Parliament - where it faces a battle - the legislation will raise the bar for bringing human rights legal claims. It will reduce the ability of foreign nationals convicted of a crime in Britain to challenge deportation on the basis of their human rights.

The government says the goal is to reduce "trivial" and "frivolous" claims.

The law will also give British courts the power to ignore rulings by the European Court of Human

Rights, currently the ultimate arbiter of rights law for dozens of countries, including the U.K. It was an ECHR judge who ruled last week that an Iraqi man should not be sent to Rwanda under the government's controversial deportation plan, a judgment that led to the flight being grounded.

Justice Secretary Dominic Raab said the bill, which would replace the U.K.'s Human Rights Act, would "curb abuses of the system and inject a bit more common sense" into human rights law.

Raab said Britain would retain its "fundamental commitment" to the European Convention on Human Rights, but its move could set it on a collision course with the Council of Europe, which oversees the Strasbourg-based rights court.

The Govt depicted the Bill of Rights as an assertion of British sovereignty in the wake of the country's departure from the EU. However, the European Court of Human Rights is unconnected to the EU; it is an international tribunal supported by 46 countries.

AP ■ CANBERRA

Authorities declared the final seats on Wednesday in a greener, more fragmented Australian Parliament following May 21 elections.

The election brought Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's center-left Labor Party to power for the first time in nine years.

The Australian Electoral Commission on Wednesday declared the Victoria state seat of Cooper was the 77th won by Labor in the 151-seat House of Representatives where parties need to control a majority to form government.

The opposition conservative Liberal Party was later declared the winner of the Western Australia state seat of O'Connor.

Labor's narrow majority means that the government will not have to negotiate with the opposition or unaligned lawmakers to get legislation through the lower chamber.

But that is not the case in

Australian authorities declare final results after election



the Senate, where Labor holds only 26 of the 76 seats.

If Labor got all 12 senators from the minor Greens party to support legislation, the government would only need to persuade one of the six remaining independent or unaligned legislators to reach a majority. The environmentally focused Greens held only nine seats in the

previous Senate.

An early test will be when the government attempts to enshrine in legislation a new greenhouse gas reduction target on July 26 when the Parliament sits for the first time since the election.

Labor was elected on a pledge to reduce Australia's emissions by 43% below

2005 levels by 2030. The government last week formally adopted the target, but enshrining it in law would make the task of changing the target more difficult for a future administration to achieve.

The conservative coalition went to the election last month with a less ambitious target of a reduction of 26% to 28% by the end of the decade. Opposition leader Peter Dutton has ruled out the 32 opposition senators supporting Labor's 43% target.

Greens leader Adam Bandt has said he will push the government to ban new coal mines and gas projects when that target legislation is negotiated. The Greens want Australian emissions reduced by 75% by 2030.

Key CPC Cong expected to confer a rare 3rd term for Prez Xi, to be held in 2nd half of 2022

PTI ■ BEIJING

President Xi Jinping on Wednesday announced that the 20th Congress of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) will be held in the 2nd half of this year --- a high-profile party event during which he is widely expected to be conferred an unprecedented third term.

The 20th National Congress of the CPC will be held in the second half of this year to draw China's development blueprint in the next stage, Xi said, while addressing the BRICS Business Forum via video link, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Xi who turned 69 on June 15, is



widely expected to continue in power for the rare third term, perhaps for life, defying the 68-year retirement age rule followed by his predecessors.

The official retirement age for Chinese leaders is 68 or two five-year tenures at the helm.

His number two leader, Premier Li Keqiang, who will turn 67 on July 1, has already announced retirement after completing his 10-year tenure this year.

Described as the "core" leader of the party like the party founded by Mao Zedong, Xi, heading the CPC, the powerful military and the Presidency is widely expected to get endorsed by the key once-in-a-five-year-Congress.

The CPC Party Congress was due to be held in October, but based on Xi's announcement on Wednesday, it is expected to take place any time soon.

Xi's third term was regarded as a foregone conclusion after China's national legislature, the National People's Congress (NPC) removed the two-term limit for President through a key constitutional amendment in 2018.

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Israeli lawmakers voted in favour of dissolving parliament in a preliminary vote on Wednesday, setting the wheels in motion to send the country to its fifth national election in just over three years.

The motion was the first step in a series of votes before the formal disbanding of the government.

It came two days after Prime Minister Naftali Bennett announced he was disbanding his unravelling governing coalition of eight ideologically diverse parties just over a year after he took office.

The historic coalition, which uneaten longtime leader Benjamin Netanyahu, was wracked by infighting and

Israel lawmakers vote for dissolving Parliament

defections in recent months.

It included dovish parties committed to a two-state solution with the Palestinians, hawkish ultranationalists who oppose a Palestinian state, and a small Islamist faction, the first Arab party to join a government.

A series of proposals for dissolving parliament were passed by a vast majority of the 120 members of Knesset, the Israeli parliament.

But a final vote on at least one of the motions is still required in order to dissolve

parliament, and that is expected to be held next week.

Once it passes, Bennett will step down as prime minister and hand over the reins to his ally, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid. New elections are expected to be held in October.

Bennett and Lapid formed their coalition of parties united solely in their

opposition to Netanyahu last year after four inconclusive elections in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Parliament was deadlocked between those who supported a Netanyahu-led government and those who refused to join forces with him while he was under indictment for corruption.

Netanyahu is on trial and faces charges of fraud, breach of trust, and accepting bribes in three high profile cases.

He has denied any wrongdoing and has repeatedly dismissed the accusations as part of a witch-hunt to oust him from office.

Nawaz Sharif can be arrested if he doesn't secure transit bail: Pak Min

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Deposed Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif can be arrested if the PML-N supremo does not secure transit bail while returning to the country from the UK, the country's law minister has said.

Sharif - against whom several corruption cases were launched by the government of former prime minister Imran Khan - had left for London in November 2019 after the Lahore High Court granted him four-week permission allowing him to go abroad for his treatment.

Federal Minister for Law Azam Nazeer Tarar said Tuesday that if former prime minister Nawaz Sharif does not secure transit bail while coming back to Pakistan, he can be arrested, Geo News reported.

The 72-year-old supremo of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) is the elder brother of the current Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

In 2020, Islamabad High Court's Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani issued non-bailable arrest warrants for the PML-N supremo after he failed to return to Pakistan following the expiry of his bail.



Time and again, there have been rumours of the former prime minister's return to Pakistan, but the speculation gained momentum after the formation of the coalition government in April - as the PML-N is the major player in the coalition.

The three-time prime minister had given an undertaking to the Lahore High Court to return to Pakistan, citing his record to face the process of law and justice within four weeks or as soon as he is declared healthy and fit to travel by doctors.

He was also given bail in the Al-Azizia Mills corruption case in which he was serving seven-year imprisonment in Lahore's high-security Kot Lakhpat jail.

In his press conference on Tuesday, Tarar - a senior PML-N member said that if Nawaz Sharif receives transit bail, then he cannot be arrested upon arrival in Pakistan, the report added.

Saudi crown prince visits Turkey

AP ■ ANKARA

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is scheduled to arrive in Ankara on Wednesday, making his first visit to Turkey following the slaying of Saudi columnist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul.

As Saudi Arabia and Turkey press ahead with efforts to repair ties that were strained by Khashoggi's killing, the crown prince will meet President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the last leg of a Middle East tour that also took him to Egypt and Jordan. Erdogan said talks with Prince Mohammed, who is commonly referred to by his initials MBS, would focus on advancing Turkish-Saudi relations to a "much higher degree."

Erdogan visited Saudi Arabia in April, paying his first visit to the kingdom since 2017, a year before the gruesome Khashoggi killing.

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R.O. No. 359 Corrigendum & Time Extension-01 Dt. 22.06.2022
(The following dates of Tender No. - 01/EE(E&M)/ICHARI/TN/2022-23 and Tender No. 02/EE(E&M)/ICHARI/TN/2022-23 are being extended as follows alongwith corrigendum.
1. Earnest money should be read as 37,140.00 and 36,318.00 respectively.
Last date of downloading the tender:- upto 10:00 hrs. of 11.07.2022
Last date for submission of tender:- upto 15:00 hrs. of 11.07.2022
Tender opening Date & Time: Upto 11:30 hrs. of 12.07.2022
All other terms & conditions shall remain same. For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in"
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

N.I.T. No.	E-File No. 126732
Name of work and its location	Tender for "Provision for shot Blasting of LHB coaches as well as Bogies & Springs of LHB coaches at RCNK/SNP" for a period 12 months.
Approx. cost of work	Rs. Tender Cost Rs. 91,00,899.30/- (Rs. Ninety One Lacs Eight Hundred Ninety Nine and Three Zero paise only) including GST @18%.
Earnest Money	Rs. 1,82,000/-
Completion period of work	12 Months of date of execution of work
Cost of Tender document on cash/by post	NIL
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 11:00 hrs. on 04.07.2022 Opening of Tender at 11:30 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
complete details of tender can be seen	
No. : E-File No. 126732	1524/22
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Office of the Chairman State Level Purchase Committe,
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(Directorate of Sheep Husbandry, Lalmandi, Srinagar)
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e-Nit No:- DSHK/ACCTTS/2022-23/4012-22 Dated:- 20-06-2022
Subject: E-Procurement Notice for the supply of PPR Vaccine.
For and on behalf of LT. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Territory of India, e-Tenders in two bid system (Technical-1 and Financial bid-2) through Chairman State Level Purchase committee, Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K, Kashmir (Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir) are invited from Original manufacturers/companies of repute and firms in line possessing valid authorization of principals, for fixing the rate contract for supply of PPR Vaccine (live attenuated freeze dried).
The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility, criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of supply/contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.
1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice :- **20-06-2022**
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents :- **20-06-2022 to 14.07.2022**
3. Bid submission start date :- **21-06-2022**
4. Bid submission end date :- **14-07-2022 (04:00 pm)**
5. Date and time of opening of bids (online) :- **15-07-2022 (2:00 P.M)**
1. Instructions for bidders regarding e-tendering process: -
i. Bidders are advised to download bids submission manual from the "Downloads option as well as from Bidders Manual kit" on the website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint themselves with bid submission process.
ii. To participate in bidding process bidder has to get a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), as per Information Technology ACT-2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from an approved vendor.
iii. The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with the Digital Signature. No bidding will be accepted in physical form.
iv. Bids will be opened online as per the schedule mentioned at Para-1.
v. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
2. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
(Note: Scan all the documents on 100dpi with Black and White option.)

Sd/- Chairman State Level Purchase Committee
Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu & Kashmir
DIPK-4561/22 Dated: 22.06.2022

Nifty to slide to 14,500 by year-end: BofA Securities

Mumbai: Indian equities will bottom-out only in August or September and the 50-share benchmark Nifty will fall by another 6 per cent to 14,500 points by the end of this year, an American brokerage said on Wednesday.

A cut in companies' earnings as the advantage from cheaper inventory buffer wears off, continuing headwinds on crude oil prices and "vulnerable" valuations of Nifty stocks even after the recent correction were cited by BofA Securities as the factors which will drag down the markets. The brokerage had initially estimated the Nifty will rise to 19,100 by the end of the year and revised the target down to 17,000 after the sell-off.

The benchmark, which closed 1.44 per cent down at 15,413.30 points on Wednesday, has been losing ground over the past few weeks, driven by factors like monetary policy tightening globally and higher commodity prices following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"We are cautious on markets despite the recent market correction. In addition to glob-



ally tightening monetary conditions and a slowing economic outlook, including fears of a recession in the US, we see other risks," analysts at the brokerage said.

Other factors driving the brokerage to be cautious include earning cuts of up to 4 per cent with the risk of more downgrades and crude prices, which it said can spike to USD 150 per barrel. Meanwhile, the brokerage said the rupee will depreciate beyond its own expectations to Rs 81 against the US

dollar by the end of 2022.

The rupee slumped 21 paise to a record low of 78.35 against the greenback on Wednesday.

"We believe the risks are still skewed towards more depreciation for the rupee as the fundamental outlook has deteriorated further primarily due to higher oil and other commodities," it said.

However, the analysts were quick to add that the RBI's reserves of nearly USD 600 billion will be a mitigating factor against the risks. **PTI**

Markets fall after 2-day breather amid weak global cues

Mumbai: Equity indices slipped in the negative territory on Wednesday after a two-day breather, with the BSE Sensex tumbling 709.54 points following weak trends in global markets.

Unabated foreign fund outflows also played spoilsport for the bourses.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 709.54 points or 1.35 per cent to settle at 51,822.53. During the day, it declined 792.09 points or 1.50 per cent to 51,739.98.

The NSE Nifty fell 225.50 points or 1.44 per cent to end at 15,413.30.

From the Sensex pack, Tata Steel, Wipro, Reliance Industries, IndusInd Bank, HCL Technologies, Bajaj Finserv, Titan and Bajaj Finance were the major laggards.

On the other hand, TCS, HUL, PowerGrid and Maruti Suzuki India were the gainers.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Hong Kong, Seoul, Shanghai and Tokyo ended lower.

European markets were also trading in the red in mid-

session deals.

The US markets recorded smart gains on Tuesday.

"Pull back rallies can be sharp and it was sharp yesterday. The important question is -- will this continue? There is no economic news, except the softness in crude, to sustain the rally.

"There is no reason for FIIs to change their selling strategy since the dollar continues to be strong and US bond yields are attractive and expected to rise further," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

The BSE Sensex had zoomed 934.23 points or 1.81 per cent, while the NSE Nifty climbed 288.65 points or 1.88 per cent on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude dropped 4.19 per cent to USD 109.8 per barrel.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net sellers in the capital market, as they sold shares worth Rs 2,701.21 crore on Tuesday, as per exchange data. **PTI**

No purchase of coal from Russia after April 20: Tata Steel



New Delhi: Tata Steel has not made any purchase of PCI coal from Russia post its April announcement of severing business ties with Russia amid the ongoing conflict with Ukraine, a company spokesperson said on Wednesday.

On April 20, Tata Steel had said it would stop doing business with Russia. To ensure business continuity, all its steel manufacturing sites in India, the UK and the Netherlands have sourced alternative supplies of raw materials to end its dependence on Russia.

"Tata Steel would like to issue a clarification in view of the incorrect information floating around in some sections of the media with respect to the buying/ importing of coal from Russia," the spokesperson said. A deal for supply of 75,000 tonne of PCI coal was finalised in March 2022 and the contract became effective weeks before Tata Steel's April announcement.

The shipment was received in May 2022 to honour the business commitment made before the announcement.

"Post the announcement, Tata Steel has not made any fresh purchase of PCI coal from Russia. As a responsible corporate, we have and will continue to remain committed to our stated stance and resulting obligations," the spokesperson said.

The pulverised coal is used by steelmakers in the blast furnace (BF) as an auxiliary fuel. Pulverised Coal Injection (PCI) is a process that involves injecting large volumes of fine coal particles into the raceway of the BF. **PTI**

Shah to address national conclave on urban cooperative banks today

New Delhi: Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to address a national conclave that will deliberate on the future role of the urban cooperative credit sector in the country.

The conclave will discuss various issues related to Scheduled and Multi-State Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies and will also felicitate Urban Cooperative Banks that have completed 100 years of service to society, an official statement said.

The Minister of State for Cooperation B L Verma, Chairman Emeritus of the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB) H K Patil and senior ministry officials will be present at the event.

Among other issues, the Conclave will discuss recommendations of the Reserve

Bank of India's expert committee, the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020, and its impact and developments, the role of credit societies in the financial sector scenario with special reference to multi-state societies and the issue of regulation and taxation of cooperative credit societies.

The Conclave will also felicitate Urban Cooperative Banks that have completed 100 years of service to society. There are 197 such banks in the country.

Urban Cooperative Banks are among the oldest banking institutions in the country. They are banks organised and managed by a cross section of people from society that could include teachers, lawyers, traders, doctors, engineers, social workers and others for providing banking services to their members. **PTI**

Sebi sends ₹5 lakh notice to Future Enterprises in disclosure lapses case

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday sent a notice to Future Enterprises asking it to pay over Rs 5 lakh in a matter pertaining to disclosure lapses about initiation of arbitration proceedings against Future Group by Amazon.

The regulator also warned the company of attachment of assets and bank accounts if it fails to make the payment within 15 days.

The notice came after the company failed to pay the fine imposed on it by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). In an order passed in March, the capital markets regulator had slapped a fine of Rs 5 lakh on Future Enterprises for disclosure lapses in the case related to arbitration proceedings against Future Group by Amazon.Com NV Investments Holdings LLC. Future Enterprises failed to



disclose to the exchanges the information regarding the initiation of arbitration proceedings and also the passing of an order dated October 25, 2020 in favour of Amazon.

In its notice, Sebi directed Future Enterprises to pay Rs 5.21 lakh, which includes penalty, interest and recovery

cost, within 15 days.

In the event of non-payment of dues, the markets regulator will recover the amount by attaching and selling the company's moveable and immoveable properties. Besides, the firm faces attachment of its bank accounts. **PTI**

Rupee plunges by 27 paise to record low of 78.40 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee declined by 27 paise to a record low of 78.40 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday due to unabated foreign fund outflows and losses in the domestic equities.

A stronger greenback overseas also weighed on the rupee sentiment, forex traders said. However, receding crude prices in the international market restricted the rupee's loss, they added.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened flat at 78.13 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 78.13 and a low of 78.40.

The domestic unit finally ended at a record low of 78.40, down 27 paise over its previous close. In the previous session, the rupee had settled at 78.13 against the US dollar.



The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, strengthened by 0.05 per cent to 104.48.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, dropped 4.46 per cent to USD 109.54 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 709.54 points or 1.35 per cent lower at 51,822.53, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 225.50 points or 1.44 per cent to 15,413.30. **PTI**

Gold declines ₹205; silver down by ₹ 926

New Delhi: Gold price in the national capital on Wednesday fell by ₹205 to ₹50,487 per 10 gram in line with a decline in international rates of the precious metal, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal settled at ₹50,692 per 10 gram.

Silver also tumbled by ₹926 to ₹59,959 per kg from ₹60,885 per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, gold was quoting lower at USD 1,825 per ounce while silver was trading flat at USD 21.28 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading 0.41 per cent down at USD 1,825 per ounce on Wednesday. Gold prices are struggling on a stronger dollar and weaker bond yields," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities) at HDFC Securities. **PTI**

73% of sellers in India rely on sales technology at least once a week: Report

Mumbai: With the Covid-19 pandemic disrupting the sales process, around 73 per cent of sellers surveyed are using technology at least once a week to get access to real-time data to drive sales, says a report.

Companies are increasing their appetite for data-based insights to better gauge buyer intent and drive greater sales, the LinkedIn sixth edition of the 'APAC State of Sales 2022' report stated.

In fact, more than eight in 10 (84 per cent) sales professionals in India have lost at least one deal to an important decision maker changing roles in the past year alone.

Therefore, access to the right intel has become mission-

critical for sales functions across the board, the report opined.

To avoid these repercussions, three in four (73 per cent) sellers in India are now using sales tech at least once a week to get access to accurate real-time data, indicating the growing preference for CRM systems and sales intelligence tools in the industry, it said.

Findings also suggest that younger (under 35 years) professionals are leading this tech-savvy shift, given that they are 1.2 times more likely to use CRM tools for over 3 hours in a week as compared to their older (over 35 years) counterparts.

But as more businesses turn to tech, sales managers must seek ways to deal with the impending challenge of 'dirty data', with 2 in 5 sellers (46 per cent) and CRM users (38 per cent) identifying incomplete inaccurate data as their largest challenge, it suggested.

"Over the past two years, the rise of remote work has accelerated the use of technology across industries.

Our data shows that three-quarters (73 per cent) of sellers in India today are relying on sales technology at least once a week, which clearly means that data is driving the

future of sales," LinkedIn Sales Solutions for India Head Abhai Singh said. **PTI**

Jain Irrigation shares jump over 10% on Rivulis deal

New Delhi: Shares of Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd on Wednesday jumped over 10 per cent after the company said its global irrigation business will be merged with Temasek-owned Rivulis in a cash-and-stock deal, a move that will help the firm to reduce its consolidated debt.

The stock jumped 17 per cent to ₹43.90 during the day on the BSE. It ended at ₹41.35, a gain of 10.27 per cent.

At the NSE, it rallied 9.86 per cent to settle at ₹41.20 apiece. In volume terms, 48.32 lakh shares were traded at the BSE and over 4.25 crore shares at the NSE during the day.

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In the merged entity, it will have a 22 per cent equity stake, while Rivulis will hold 78 per cent. The deal is likely to be concluded in the next six months, he said, adding that the combined entity will have a revenue of USD 750 million. At present, Rivulis has an annual revenue of USD 400 million, while that of Jain Irrigation's global irrigation business is USD 350 million. **PTI**

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Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd's wholly-owned subsidiary Jain International Trading and Rivulis have entered into definitive transaction agreements. **PTI**

Emami Realty aims at 50% sales growth in FY23

Kolkata: Emami Realty has projected that real estate demand will remain robust despite economic headwinds, and is aiming at a 50 per cent jump in sales to ₹750 crore in the current fiscal, a top company official said on Wednesday.

The real estate arm of the diversified Emami Group has targeted retiring its long-term debt by 2023-24, which is now pegged at ₹118 crore, he said.

The developer, which has a land bank of around 2,500 acres in 7-8 cities in the country, will leverage the resource for new projects and explore monetisation of a part of it in the next few years.

"Economic headwinds, high commodity prices and other associated costs affected us by around 20 per cent.

Despite all these, robust demand will continue and help overcome the challenges.

"We are expecting a topline of ₹750 crore in the current fiscal from the standalone operations as against nearly ₹500 crore sales achieved in FY22," Emami Realty MD and CEO Nitesh Kumar told PTI in a telephonic interview.

The total revenue from projects, including joint venture ones, is pegged at ₹1,180 crore during the fiscal.

The combined revenue in FY22 was ₹950 crore, registering an 85 per cent year-on-year growth.

After the introduction of real estate regulations, home buyers have been switching to organised real estate companies, he said, adding that such a trend helps these firms maintain strong sales. **PTI**

IGIA India's first airport to switch over to renewable energy sources: DIAL

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Airport on Wednesday stated that it has becomes the India's first airport to switch to renewable sources for its energy needs and is running entirely on hydro and solar power from June 1.

As per the statement released by the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), this is a major step by the airport toward achieving the ambitious goal of becoming a net zero carbon emission airport by 2030.

"Approximately 6 per cent of the airport's electricity requirement is met from the onsite solar power plants. These plants are on the airside and on the roofs of the Cargo terminals

of the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport," it said.

"Starting June 1, 2022, Delhi Airport has adopted renewable energy use from the hydropower plant for its demand of the remaining 94 per cent, thus ending its dependency on non-renewable power. This move will help Delhi Airport in the reduction of indirect energy emissions whopping 200,000 tonnes of CO2 every year," it read.

"DIAL has a 7.84 MW solar power plant on the airside, whereas as part of stakeholder collaboration, operators of the Cargo terminals at Delhi Airport have added another 5.3 MW rooftop solar power plant," DIAL said.



Union Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav, and the Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), G. Kishan Reddy flag off 'Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train' on Shri Ramayan Yatra, in New Delhi on Tuesday

SERENA MAKES WINNING RETURN

AP ■ EASTBOURNE

Serena Williams made a winning comeback after a year on the sidelines as the American legend teamed with Ons Jabeur to beat Sara Sorribes Tormo and Marie Bouzkova 2-6, 6-3, 13-11 in the Eastbourne International doubles on Tuesday.

Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam singles champion, was back in action for the first time since she made a tearful exit from Wimbledon last year.

The 40-year-old suffered a leg injury during her Wimbledon first round match against Aliaksandra Sasnovich and had not been seen on court since.

Before Williams made the surprise announcement of her return last week, rumours of retirement had swirled around her for several months.

But, with Wimbledon starting on June 27, Williams finally resumed her career, playing with Jabeur at the Wimbledon warm-up event by the Sussex seaside.

Williams and Tunisia's Jabeur, who is third in the WTA singles rankings, saw off Spain's Sorribes Tormo and Bouzkova of the Czech Republic in the last-16 tie.

Although Williams was far from her vintage best, she will be encouraged by her first outing for 12 months.

She and Jabeur will face Japan's Shuko Aoyama and Taiwan's Chan Hao-ching in the quarter-finals.

"It was so fun to play with Ons. We had a lot of fun and our opponents played amazing. We were happy to stay in there," Williams said.

"I called Ons, she has been playing so well and I knew I needed to play some matches and she has always been so nice to me on tour.

"Yeah, I caught some fire behind me, it was good."

Serena has been given a wildcard to play in the singles at Wimbledon as



she restarts her history bid.

Williams is one Grand Slam crown away from equalling Australian Margaret Court's record of 24 singles titles at the majors.

The last of Williams' 23 Grand

Slam singles titles came at the Australian Open in 2017.

Since then she has lost four Grand Slam finals, including at Wimbledon in 2018 and 2019.

Williams won the seventh and

most recent of her seven Wimbledon singles titles in 2016.

Serena, who became a mother in 2017, has plummeted to 1,204th in the WTA rankings due to her period out of action.

TENACIOUS SPIRIT

Wimbledon is widely considered Williams' best chance of winning another Grand Slam and this was her first step towards that goal.

After so long away, Serena soaked up the applause during a raucous reception from the crowd when she walked onto court in the early evening sunshine.

Williams' husband Alexis Ohanian was watching from the stands as his wife made an understandably rusty start.

With Williams' groundstrokes initially lacking their usual precision, the first set quickly slipped away.

Serena was appearing in doubles competition on grass for the first time since 2016, when she won Wimbledon with her sister Venus.

The 14-time Grand Slam doubles champion was well short of peak form and Bouzkova and Sorribes Tormo twice led by a break at the start of the second set.

But Williams showed the tenacious spirit that has defined her career, striking the ball cleaner and crisper as she and Jabeur hit back to level the match at one-set all.

In the match-deciding tie-break, Serena squandered a match point on her serve with a wayward forehand at 9-8 and Jabeur wasted another at 10-9.

But the pair saved a match point from Bouzkova and Sorribes Tormo at 10-11, reeling off the last three points to clinch a dramatic victory in the dusk.

In the Eastbourne women's singles, last year's Wimbledon runner-up Karolina Pliskova lost 6-1, 4-6, 4-6 against Britain's Katie Boulter.

Spanish top seed Paula Badosa was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by British wildcard Jodie Burrage.

In the men's singles, Ryan Peniston also enjoyed an impressive victory on home turf, beating French Open quarter-finalist Holger Rune 4-6, 7-6, (7/5), 6-1.

Mane joins Bayern

AP ■ MUNICH

Bayern Munich confirmed the signing of Sadio Mane from Liverpool on Wednesday, as the Senegal forward signed a three-year deal with the Bundesliga champions.

Bayern have reportedly paid a fee which could rise to 41 million euros (\$43 million) for Mane.

The 30-year-old won the Champions League, Premier League, FA Cup, League Cup and Club World Cup titles during six years on Merseyside.

"My agent told me that there were also enquiries from other clubs, but for me, the feeling was right from the start when Bayern presented their plan with me," Mane told German daily Bild.

"It was the right club at the right time.

"It is one of the biggest clubs in the world and the team are always fighting for all the titles."

Mane added he wants to

"do everything to make sure I win titles with my teammates".

Bayern won a 10th straight Bundesliga title last season.

Mane, voted African footballer of the year in 2019, is a versatile attacker who has spent the majority of his career on the wing but can also play through the middle.

His arrival will ease the pain for Bayern if wantaway striker Robert Lewandowski leaves the club, while Serge Gnabry is also stalling over a contract extension.

"Sadio Mane is a global star, who underlines the appeal of Bayern and will increase the attractiveness of the Bundesliga as a whole," said Bayern president Herbert Hainer.

"Fans come to the stadiums to see unique players like this."

The signing of Mane takes some pressure off Bayern sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic after Lewandowski made it clear he would not extend his contract which expires next year.



Boehly named new Chelsea chairman, Granovskaia departs

AP ■ LONDON

Todd Boehly on Wednesday was named as Chelsea's new chairman to replace Bruce Buck and will act as interim sporting director after the club confirmed the departure of Marina Granovskaia.

Granovskaia is stepping down from her role as director as part of a shake-up at Stamford Bridge, leaving co-controlling owner Boehly to spearhead Chelsea's negotiations in the transfer window.

All the top Boehly-Clearlake Capital consortium figureheads have been added to Chelsea's new board following the purchase of the club from Roman Abramovich.

"As custodians of Chelsea FC, we now begin executing our long-term vision and plan for the club, creating an outstanding experience for its passionate, loyal fans, and continuing to challenge for top honours in line with Chelsea FC's dedicated history," said Boehly.

"Working together, side by side, we are firmly committed to winning, both on and off the pitch. For us, that effort has begun."

Clearlake chiefs and Chelsea co-controlling owners Behdad Eghbali and Jose Feliciano have also been added to the Blues' new board.

Los Angeles Dodgers co-owner Mark Walter, Swiss magnate Hansjoerg Wyss and British tycoon Jonathan Goldstein have all been officially named on the Chelsea board.

Chelsea will now start the search for a permanent sporting director, with Granovskaia leaving the club after almost 20 years at Stamford Bridge.

Granovskaia rose to prominence as one of the toughest negotiators in football in Abramovich's Chelsea reign.

"Boehly will operate as interim sporting director until the club names a full-time replacement, continuing the club's work towards its targets during the current transfer window,"

said Chelsea's statement.

Granovskaia will remain available during the current transfer window to help the club's transition.

Chelsea face a hectic summer transfer market of transfer dealings.

The club, who finished third in the Premier League last season, have been linked with Sevilla's Jules Kounde, Manchester City's Raheem Sterling and Barcelona forward Ousmane Dembele.



PSG president denies Zidane talks



AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain president Nasser Al-Khelaifi insisted he "never spoke" with Zinedine Zidane about becoming coach in an interview published by French daily Le Parisien on Tuesday, saying the club had "chosen another option".

"We never spoke with him, neither directly, nor indirectly," said Al-Khelaifi, without ruling out that others in Qatar had approached the former France star.

"When I say 'we', it's PSG. Me, I am the president of PSG and I never spoke with him."

The Qatari official said the club was keen to head in a different direction.

"We chose a coach who will

be the best for what we want to put in place," said Al-Khelaifi as he confirmed talks with Nice boss Christophe Galtier.

"I hope we'll quickly find an agreement but I respect Nice and the president (Jean-Pierre) Rivere, everyone stands up for their own interests."

TEXTOR COMPLETES LYON TAKEOVER

Lyon president Jean-Michel Aulas said on Tuesday a deal had been struck for US businessman John Textor to complete a takeover of the seven-time French champions.

Eagle Football Holdings, a sports investment vehicle controlled by Crystal Palace shareholder Textor, is set to acquire a majority stake in the Ligue 1 club.

Delayed Tokyo 2020 Olympics cost double original estimate



AP ■ TOKYO

The final price tag for last year's Tokyo Olympics was more than double the city's original 2013 estimate after a one-year coronavirus postponement added to the already hefty bill.

The organising committee said Tuesday the Games had cost 1.42 trillion yen, the equivalent of \$13 billion at the time.

At today's rates, with the yen at a 24-year low against the dollar, the figure would be \$10.4 billion.

Tokyo 2020 was held a year later than planned because of the pandemic — the first Olympics postponed in peacetime — and spectators were banned from nearly all events, which were held under strict

Covid-19 countermeasures.

The Games cost twice the 734 billion yen that the Tokyo Games organisers had predicted in their bid to the International Olympic Committee in 2013, but less than the final pre-Games budget unveiled in December 2020.

Despite losing out on ticket sales, organisers saved some cash by simplifying events and avoiding the cost of hosting millions of fans.

The organising committee, which disbands at the end of June, said the event's final cost was 200 billion yen less than projected in its pre-Games budget in 2020 and 29 billion yen less than the final slimmed-down costs prediction in December 2021.

"It's up to everyone involved in this event to pass on the legacy of the Tokyo Olympics to the next generation," said Tokyo 2020 chief Seiko Hashimoto.

Tokyo experienced a Covid-19 surge last year as the Olympics approached, fuelling fears the event could worsen outbreaks in Japan and possibly the world.

The northern Japanese city of Sapporo is bidding to host the Winter Olympics in 2030.

A March survey of Sapporo and the surrounding region showed that a majority of the public are in favour of holding the event.

Officials have ruled out holding a public referendum on the 2030 bid.

PRAVIN THIPSAY

In my column 'Champion born this month', today I have the pleasure of presenting a beautiful game by a champion who can be called William Shakespeare of Chess. Let us see what some 'all time greats' have said about him. — "He was the most accurate Chess Player" and "He was probably the greatest genius in Chess" — Bobby Fischer. Or "He mostly played with zero inaccuracy" and "He is the only player who never made a blunder" — Garry Kasparov. Or "Finest Chess player ever existed" — Adolf Anderssen.

Though nothing much has been said about Morphy by the Soviets, most of the Soviet Chess Trainers give a lot of emphasis on teaching his way of play. In the famous book 'Miniatures by World Champions', Anatoly Karpov has dedicated more than one third of the book to the games of this all time great player.

Yes, I am talking of the undisputed Champion, Paul Morphy!

Paul Charles Morphy (22nd June 1837 — 10th July 1884) was born at New Orleans in a wealthy distinguished family. According to his uncle Ernest Morphy (a strong and imaginative player himself), no one formally taught Chess to Paul. However, at the age of 13, Paul became famous as the best player in

DE RIVIERE – PAUL MORPHY

United States. In 1850s Paul Morphy visited Europe and defeated the strongest players in the world with such an ease that he was acknowledged as the Best Chess Player in the World. (The official World Champion titles, however, started much later, in 1886). Morphy's victory over Count Carl Isouard and Duke of Brunswick of France is probably the most famous Chess game. His stunning Rook and Queen sacrifice against the then British Champion Henry Bird finds place in every book on Chess combinations.

Morphy didn't talk or write much about Chess but his simple quote "Help your pieces so they can help you" is the best advice a Chess Trainers could give to their pupils. Paul Morphy demonstrated that the safety of King and activity of pieces invariably decided outcome of a Chess game. Even today, the times of Paul Morphy are known as "The Golden Era of Chess".

Today we will see a comparatively unknown but extremely creative game by Morphy. I was lucky to see it as a child, that too, annotated by master of King side attack, Grandmaster Leonid Shamkovic. I was indeed greatly impressed by the



originality of Morphy's play then but I must confess that today I stand even more impressed by the game, the planning as well as the execution.

1. e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5

This double attack on Black's f-pawn is a standard procedure of attacking 'f7'. 4...d5 5.exd5 Na5!

The classical system of counter-attack for Black. Instead of recapturing the pawn at d5, Black goes after the enemy bishop.

6.d3?!

This move allows Black to take the initiative but it was a popular choice at that time.

Better is 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nf3 e4 10.Ne5 Bd6 though Black's lead in development compensates for the sacrificed Pawn.

6...h6

Black drives back the White knight. 8.Nd4 ...Bc5! 9.Nb3? allows Bg4! with a powerful initiative to Black.

8.Nfd2 is bad due to 8...Bg4! 8...Nxc4 9.dxc4 Bc5! 10.h3! 10...0-0 11.Nh2 Nh7?!

Black shows a very deep understanding of the position since he realizes that piece play alone will not break through White's position. He

prepares a 'Pawn Storm' by pushing the f-pawn till it is stopped by White pieces. However, more accurate would have been 11...e3! 12.Bxe3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ne4 14.Nf1 Qh4+ 15.g3 Qf6! 16.c3 Bf5! 17.Nbd2 Nc5!;

11...c6! was a strong alternative as well. 12.Be3! was called for. 12...f5 13.Nb3 Bd6! 14.0-0

Trying to castle on the Queen side would have led to catastrophe. For example, 14.Bd2? e3!! 15.fxe3 Bg3+ 16.Kd1 Nf6! 17.Be1 Bxh2! 18.Rxh2 b5! 19.Nd4 bxc4 20.Qxc4 Nxd5 21.Nc6 Ba6 22.Nxd8 Bxc4 23.Nc6 Nxe3+ 24.Kc1 Rae8! 25.Bb4 Rf6 26.Na5 Bd5 27.g3 Nf1 etc.

14...Bxh2+! 15.Kxh2 f4!

Black has the advantage due to his active pieces and White's vulnerable king.

The knight enters the game with a gain of tempo on the White queen. 17.Qg6!? was an interesting option. For example, 17...Bf5 18.Qh5 Bxc2 19.Nd4 Bd3 etc.

17.Qd3! would have led to a complex and unclear position.

The move played -- 17.Qd4? --, allows a stunning combination followed by an unexpected finale.

Morphy clinched the issue with 17...Nf3+!!

A beautiful sacrifice which creates decisive light square weakness on White's King side.

17...Bxh3? allows White to

defend with 18.Bxf4! Bd7 19.Kg1 etc. 18.gxf3 Qh4 19.Rh1!

White seems to have guarded his King side well. The obvious capture 19...Qxh3 check gives White a clear upper hand after 20. Kg1 whereas an attempt to bring the King Rook in play with 19...Rf6 allows White to move the King to safety after 20.Kg2!

However, Morphy had already planned his final assault after the Rook move as well.

The point! Now the White King has been caught in a cage with no possible escape.

20.Nc5 leaves the White Queen unguarded and is punished with 20...Rf6! 21.Bxf4 Bf5+! 22.Kg1 Rg6+ 23.Bg3 Qxd4 etc.

20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Qxf4 Qxf4+ 22.Kxh3 Qxf3+ 23.Kh2 Qxf2+ 24.Kh3 Rf8 is hopeless.

20.Rg1? allows 20...Bf1 check-mate! 20. Kg1 allows 20...Qg5 ch, 21. Kh2, Qg2 Checkmate.

20...Rf6 21.Qxf6

21.Ra1! leads to an immediate mate after 21...Bf5+ 22.Kg2 Rg6.

21.Nc5 trying to bring the Knight for defence is too slow. Black plays 21...Rg6! followed by a deadly discovered check by the Queen. 21.Qd3 (to stop ...Rg6) allows a similar finish as in the game. 21...Qxf2+! 22.Kxh3 Qg3# 21...Qxf2+! 22.Kxh3 Qg3 Checkmate!

NEW ERA STARTS FOR WOMEN IN BLUE

In 1st match after Mithali Raj's retirement, Harman-led India will take on Sri Lanka in 1st T20I

PTI ■ DAMBULLA

The Indian women's cricket team will be eyeing a fresh start under new all-format skipper Harmanpreet Kaur against Sri Lanka in the first T20 International of the three-match series, starting here on Thursday.

With the T20s all set to feature in the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and also at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup eight months away, India will look to begin their campaign on a high.

This will be the first international assignment for the Indian women since the disappointment at the 2022 Women's World Cup.

Notably, the Indian team, for the first time, will be without the legendary Mithali Raj, who hung up her boots earlier this month after an illustrious 23-year-old career.

On the personal front, skipper Harmanpreet will be eyeing a milestone.



The 33-year-old batter, who has amassed 2319 runs from 121 matches, needs another 46 runs to eclipse Mithali in the shortest format.

The spotlight will also be on vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet and coach Ramesh Powar, who recorded a seven-match winning streak in the last T20 World Cup before India were knocked out in the semifinals by South Africa.

Hosts Sri Lanka, on the other hand, will start the series on the back foot as they were recently white-washed 0-3 by Pakistan in a T20 series.

However, the Indians will have to remain vigilant against the likes of Sri Lankan veterans Oshadi Ranasinghe and Chamari Athapaththu.

The Indians last played a one-off game against New Zealand in the

shortest format in February this year, which they lost by 18 runs.

Going into the series, the likes of Mandhana, Shefali Verma, Deepti Sharma and pacer Pooja Vastrakar will inject enough confidence owing to their current form.

Going by current form and world rankings, India will definitely start as favourites against the Island nation and the hosts will need to raise their game by leaps and bounds to upset the Indians.

India skipper Harmanpreet said fielding is one area they are giving more emphasis on in the series against Sri Lanka.

"As a team, there are quite a few areas we are currently working on to improve keeping in mind this particular series against Sri Lanka. While our core strength lies in our batting, we are giving extra efforts to improve our fielding skills," she said.

"All our top batters and bowlers are fit for this series and we all expect to give our very best in this series,"

said Harmanpreet in the pre-match press conference.

The three-game T20 series will be followed by as many ODIs, scheduled to be played at Pallekele on July 1, 4 and 7.

SQUADS

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Simran Bahadur, Yastika Bhatia, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Richa Ghosh (WK), Sabbhineni Meghana, Meghna Singh, Poonam Yadav, Renuka Singh, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Pooja Vastrakar, Radha Yadav.

Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu (C), Nilakshi de Silva, Kavisha Dilhari, Vishmi Gunaratne, Ama Kanchana, Hansima Karunaratne, Achini Kulasuriya, Sugandika Kumari, Harshitha Madavi, Hasini Perera, Udeshika Prabodhani, Oshadi Ranasinghe, Inoka Ranaweera, Sathya Sandeepani, Anushka Sanjeevani, Malsha Shehani, Tharika Sewwandi.

We've several top order batters, everyone will get chance: Harman

PTI ■ DAMBULLA

The Indian team is packed with a number of top-order batters and the new all-format captain Harmanpreet Kaur says all will get a chance to show their worth in the T20 series against Sri Lanka, starting Thursday.

Elegant left-hander Smriti Mandhana, explosive Shafali Verma, Sabbhineni Meghana and Yastika Bhatia are all top-order batters in India's 15-player squad.

In the absence of Smriti, it was Shafali and Yastika, who opened the batting against New Zealand in February.

"We do have many top order batters, including three to

four of them, who can play as openers. But, when it comes to this team, everyone will have opportunity to showcase their skills," Harmanpreet said on the eve of the series-opener.

"We all are representing our country and whatever opportunity might come at some point, we must make the best use of it.

We have many batters who can play at any position. We will try to give everyone the space to bat where they feel comfortable," she added.

Harmanpreet also backed talented all-rounder Jemimah Rodrigues, who was not included in the last ODI World Cup squad, but has now made a return to the side for the series against Sri Lanka.



Pak recall fit-again Yasir Shah for SL Test

AP ■ KARACHI

Pakistan selectors Wednesday recalled fit-again Yasir Shah for the two Test match series against Sri Lanka next month, after the leg-spinner's career was put on hold by nagging injuries last year.

The 36-year-old played the last of his 46 Tests 11 months ago in the West Indies but has not been selected since over lack of fitness, missing a series in Bangladesh and another at home against Australia.

Yasir started his career in

2014, becoming the quickest to 200 Test wickets after 33 matches four years later, while anchoring Pakistan's spin attack.

He now has 235 wickets in 46 Tests.

Chief selector Mohammad Wasim said Yasir's inclusion would improve the team's spin attack.

"Our spin department is boosted with the return of Yasir, who proved himself as a match-winner," said Wasim.

Yasir took 24 wickets in Pakistan's 2-1 win during their last Sri Lanka tour in 2015.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Wednesday announced the schedule of Pakistan's tour next month.

"Pakistan will play a three-day warm-up match between 11-13 July in Colombo while the first Test will be played at Galle from 16-20 July," SLC said.

The second Test will be staged in Colombo from 24-28 July.

Left-arm slow bowler Nauman Ali is the other frontline spinner in the 18-man squad, which will be led by

Babar Azam.

Uncapped middle-order batsman Salman Ali Agha and former skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed are also part of the squad, but opener Abid Ali was not selected despite recovering from a heart problem.

Spinning allrounder Mohammad Nawaz has also been recalled. He was named in the squad for Australia Tests but was withdrawn due to injury.

Squad: Babar Azam (captain), Mohammad Rizwan, Abdullah Shafique, Azhar Ali, Faheem Ashraf, Fawad Alam,

Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Imam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Nawaz, Naseem Shah, Nauman Ali, Salman Ali Agha, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Saud Shakeel, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Shan Masood, Yasir Shah.

Jamie Overton to make England debut vs NZ



AP ■ LEEDS

Jamie Overton will make his debut for England in the third and final cricket Test against New Zealand starting Thursday after fellow fast bowler Jimmy Anderson was ruled out because of an ankle injury.

Overton's twin brother, Craig, was also in the squad and an option to replace Anderson but England went with the more inexperienced of the siblings in the only change to the team at Headingley.

England holds an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

England captain Ben Stokes said Anderson had a "puffy ankle," and wasn't sure if he'd be healthy enough to play in next month's Test against India.

"Unfortunately Jimmy's not pulled up as well as we would have liked him to, so Jamie Overton's going to make his debut this week," Stokes

said.

"It's unfortunate for Jimmy, but we've got a massive Test against India coming up as well. I'm not too sure how serious it is, to be honest."

Stokes said Jamie Overton offered a "point of difference" because of his extra pace.

"He fills a different role from Jimmy," Stokes said, "but to have someone in your back pocket who can bowl 90 mph is big for us.

"That's the only change this week. As tempting as it was to get both twins out there playing for England, Jamie's the only change."

Craig and Jamie Overton were looking to become the first set of twins to play for England.

New Zealand hasn't named its team for the match. **England:** Alex Lees, Zak Crawley, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow, Ben Stokes (captain), Ben Foakes, Matthew Potts, Jamie Overton, Stuart Broad, Jack Leach.

Former captain Rumeli Dhar retires

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former India women's team captain Rumeli Dhar on Wednesday announced her retirement from all forms of the game.

The right-handed batter and medium pacer announced her decision through an Instagram post.

"23 years of my cricket that started from Shyamnagar in West Bengal has finally come to an end as I announce my retirement from all formats of cricket," Dhar said in her post.

The 38-year-old played four women's Tests, in which she scored 236 runs with one half-century. She has picked up eight Test wickets since making her debut against England in 2005 at Delhi. She played her last Test against the same opponent in 2006 at Taunton.



She also played 78 WODIs, scoring 961 runs and taking 63 wickets, with six half-centuries since her debut against England in 2003 at Lincoln. She played her last ODI in 2012.

Dhar, who played for Bengal among other domestic sides, also featured in 18 T20s, in which she scored 131 runs and took 13 wickets after making her debut against England Women in 2006.

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CORRIGENDUM
Please Refer To The "E-Auction Sale Notice" Published In This Newspaper On 22.06.2022. The General Public hereby intimated that in the **BORROWERIS & GUARANTORIS NAME:** 1. Crown Enterprises (Punjab) 2. Sukhwinder Singh S/o Jasir Singh (Punjab) 3. Paramjit Kaur S/o Jasir Singh (Punjab) 4. Gurmeet Kaur W/o Jagjeet Singh (Punjab) 5. Jasjeet Singh S/o Shri Hazara Singh (Punjab) 6. Jagjeet Singh S/o Shri Jasbir Singh (Punjab) 7. Sandeep Kaur (Punjab) & Amandeep Kaur (Punjab). **Loan Account No** 958056. 1) E-AUCTION DATE: 23.07.2022, 10.30 AM TO 11.30 AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES. 2) **LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC** 26.07.2022. **TILL 5 PM 3) DATE OF INSPECTION:** 23.07.2022. **BETWEEN 12:00 AM TO 01:00 PM IST Should Be Read as on.** Rest of the Notice Will Remain Same.

Place: Chandigarh,
Date: 22.06.2022

AUTHORISED OFFICER,
HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Indian Bank
Branch Office : SCO No. 7, Bank Square, Chotti Baradari, Patiala

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
Notice is hereby given that the following borrower has defaulted in the repayment of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned NPA. The notice under section 13(2) of the Securitisation of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 were issued to the borrower/guarantors on their last known address by the registered post. However the notices have been returned unserved & the authorised officer has reasons to believe that the borrower/guarantors are avoiding the service of notice as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name of the Borrower & Guarantor	Details of the Property	Date Of NPA	Date Of Demand Notice & Amount
Borrower : Jagtar Singh Jaggi S/o Charan Singh, Plot No. 21, Krishna Enclave, Village Baran, Patiala-147001. Guarantor : Harish Kumar Kalyan S/o Raj Kumar Kalyan, House No. B-19/423, Dhak Bazar, Near Old Sabji Mandi, Patiala-147001.	Equitable mortgage of Plot No. 21 at Krishna Enclave Village Baran, District Patiala measuring 0-5 3/4 Biswa or 287.50 sq. yards vide jamabandi 2010-11 Khewat No. 163/1, Khatoni No. 265 to 267 Khasra No. 1212/6-5, 1213/6-5, 1226/6-5, 1227/6-5, 1232/6-5, 1233/6-5, 1210/6-5, 1205/12-1, 1206/8-10, 1207/8-10, 1208/9-7, 1209/3-15, 1211/6-0, 1211/10-6, 1228/6-5, 1229/8-8, 1230/7-13, 1231/6-5, 1248/6-5, 1249/4-19, 2625/1250/1-5, 2626/1250/1-15, 1249min/1-11, 2627/1250/1-9, kitta 24 Total area 127-19 and share to the extent 0-5 3/4/2559 and is bounded as under : East : Plot No. 22 Side 75', West : Plot No. 20 Side 75', North : Boundary Wall Side 34'6", South : Road 35' wide side 34'6".	11.02.2022	Rs. 11,45,915/- as on 21.03.2022 plus further interest at the agreed rate w.e.f. 22.03.2022

The above Borrower /Proprietor are advised to pay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days as per provisions of the Securitisation of financial Assets and enforcement of security interest Act, 2002. Moreover the borrower/ guarantors are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the above secured assets mentioned above in any manner whatsoever without our prior consent. This is prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject act and/or any other law in force.

DATE: 22.06.2022**PLACE : Patiala****Authorised Officer**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACC, Clock Tower, BHIWANI

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) Under SARFAESI Act. 2002 Read with Security Interest {Rule-8(I)}
Whereas the undersigned action under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act.] 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with 2[rule 3] of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, issued demand notice u/s 13(2) in the following account/borrower/Guarantor on the dates mentioned here under below calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice within 60 days of the date of the notice. The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the respective Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred in him under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for the amount mentioned herein below besides interest and other charges/expenses against this each account. The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act. In respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

S. No	Name of Borrower / No Guarantor & Loan A/c No.	Description of the immovable mortgage	Date of demand notice	Amount as per demand notice	Date of possession notice
1.	Smt. Meena Devi w/o Sh. Anil Kumar, R/o H. No. 1635, City Station Area, Near Modern High School, Netaji Nagar, BHIWANI (Loan A/c No. 38096610479)	Equitable mortgage of property Land measuring 0Kanal-2Marla-45Sarsai (i.e. 1/2 Share of Land measuring 0Kanal-5Marla), comprised in khewat no. 2009, khatoni No. 2416, khasra No. 53/18/2/3/4(0-5), Situated at waka Mouja Bhiwani Lohar, BHIWANI in the name of Smt. Meena Devi w/o Sh. Anil Kumar, vide Sale Deed No. 9461 dated 29-09-2011.	11-04-22	Rs. 3,22,498.81 as on 11-04-22	18-06-22

This is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.
Date: 22/06/2022
Place: Bhiwani

State Bank of India
(Authorized Officer)

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)
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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagee/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060119357760 Naresh Jindal (Borrower), Nisha (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-22 Rs. 431963/- Four Lac Thirty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three only as on 15-Mar-22	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land / Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Municipal Corporation Plot No 34 20/15/2 Abadi Moja Jodyayan Yamuna Nagar Jagadhari Haryana Admeasuring 92.58 Sqyds	17-Jun-22
(A/c No.) L9001060722262871 Aina Cosmetics (Borrower), Monika Juneja (Co-Borrower), Jatin Juneja (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-22 Rs. 1299251/- Twelve Lac Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One only as on 15-Mar-22	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land / Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Municipal Corporation Dogra Gate Near Shiv Mandir Mck No 350 2 Commercial Kaithal Haryana Admeasuring 65.67 Sqyds	21-Jun-22

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

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Date: 22-June-2022
Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Union Bank of India
Regional Office : Jalandhar
Veer Partap Bhawan, Shastri Market, Jalandhar

NOTIFICATION FOR EMPANELMENT OF GOLD JEWEL APPRAISERS
We intend to empanel New gold Jewel Appraisers / Professionals. They will be engaged at branches to assist in the process of Gold Jewels quality Assessment and weight measurement. The services of the empaneled appraisers are purely a matter of Contract. There would be no claim for employment by the appraiser whether part time or full time at any point of time in future. **ELIGIBILITY :-**
Applicant should be Indian national and permanent resident of nearby area of the branch and well established in his / her area of operations / trade / business / vocation and KYC compliant. The Applicant should be a skilled goldsmith having minimum three [3] years of experience in the similar line of business. The Applicant should preferably be a member of the local allusion market with proper identification. The Applicant should preferably possess a certificate of experience in jewel making issued by a training institute like Dept. of MSME, Gold Jewel Association, Gold Smith Association etc. Preference will be given to applicants having license of Testing Gold Ornaments. Flexible surety deposit to be made at the time of empanelment.
The applicant should not have been convicted of any criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment in the past. The Applicant should not be closely related to any staff of the branch for which he / she is being empaneled. The Applicant who are already on the panel of others Banks / FI can also apply with no objection certificate from the Bank / FI. However, preference will be given to those who qualified and interested to work with our bank exclusively. The Gold Appraisers will be paid appraisal fee as per the bank norms. Acceptance / Rejection of the application is at the sole discretion of the Bank and no further correspondence will be entertained in this regard. **Last date for Submission of the application is 30-06-2022. For Further details and application please contact nearest Branch / Regional Office of Union Bank of India or our Website : www.unionbankofindia.co.in . For any query please contact at Mobile no. 77 106-84310. Note : Below is list of branches where Jewel appraisers required.**

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Bhogpur	Jalandhar	Lohian Khas	Jalandhar	Athouli	Kapurthala
Bilga	Jalandhar	Mohatpur	Jalandhar	Hamira	Kapurthala
Boparai	Jalandhar	Mustafapur	Jalandhar	Phagwara	Kapurthala
Chandani Nagar	Jalandhar	Nakodra	Jalandhar	Sultanpur Lodhi	Kapurthala
Chughtai	Jalandhar	Nurmahal	Jalandhar	Banga CPBB	Shahed Bhagat Singh Nagar
Daduwal	Jalandhar	Phillaur	Jalandhar	Mussapur	Shahed Bhagat Singh Nagar
Focal Point	Jalandhar	PIMS - Jalandhar	Jalandhar	Bajwara	Hoshiarpur
Garha Road	Jalandhar	Rammandi	Jalandhar	Dasuya	Hoshiarpur
Jundhiala	Jalandhar	Shahkot	Jalandhar	Hoshiarpur	Hoshiarpur
Kapurthala Road	Jalandhar	Shanker	Jalandhar	Mahilpur	Hoshiarpur

REGIONAL HEAD

Election Programme of The Kaithal Distt. Cooperative Labour & Construction Fed. Ltd. Kaithal Distt. Kaithal to be held on dated 24-07-2022

Sr.No.	Programme	Date	Time	Place
01	Filling of Nomination papers	04.07.2022	09:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	Office of Assistant Registrar Coop. Soccs., Amargarh Gamari, Kaithal
02	Scrutiny of the Nomination paper	06.07.2022	09:00 AM to 12:00 Noon do
03	Display of list of validity Nominated candidates	06.07.2022	2:00 PM do
04	Withdrawal of the Nomination papers	08.07.2022	09:00 AM to 2:00 PM do
05	Allocation of Symbols	08.07.2022	3:00 PM do
06	Display of the list of Contesting Candidates	08.07.2022	4:00 PM do
07	Taking of Poll if necessary	24.07.2022	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Places given below

Note: It is compulsory for all voters to bring their Identity Card at the time of polling

DETAIL OF PLACES

Sr.No.	Zone No.	Name of Zone	Places of Poll
01	Zone No. 01	Kaithal City Reserve for Women	In the O/o The Kaithal Distt. coop L/C Fed Ltd Kaithal
02	Zone No. 02	Kaithal City (East and North Village)	In the O/o The DPCARDB Kaithal
03	Zone No. 03	Kaithal City (West and South Village)	In the O/o The Kaithal Central Coop Bank Ltd Kaithal
04	Zone No. 04	Pundri	In the O/o The Pundri Mkg Ltd. Pundri
05	Zone No. 05	Rajound	In the O/o The Rajound PACS
06	Zone No. 06	Kalayatt Reserve for Women	In the O/o The Kalayatt PACS
07	Zone No. 07	Siwan Reserve for SC	In the O/o The Siwan PACS
08	Zone No. 08	Guhla	In the O/o The DPCARDB Branch Cheeka

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