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India committed to free, open, inclusive Indo-Pacific: Modi

At Quad, PM calls for robust ties for eco prosperity, peace in region

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India is committed to a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region and called for robust economic ties between the countries to ensure continued growth, peace and prosperity.

Giving this assurance at the launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) in Tokyo, he also said this mechanism is a declaration of a collective desire to make the Indo-Pacific region an engine of global economic growth. He said the foundation of resilient supply chains must be 3Ts — Trust, Transparency and Timeliness.

These observations came against the backdrop of China adopting an aggressive stance in the region and repeatedly criticising the Quad combine. India, the US, Japan and Australia are part of the Quad.

Ahead of the Quad Summit, Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi on Sunday

said the Indo-Pacific strategy of the US is "bound to fail" as it is vigorously promoted by the US to "contain" Beijing.

The "Indo-Pacific strategy" is causing more and more concern in the international community, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, Wang Yi said at his joint press conference with Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou.

Meanwhile, speaking at the IPEF launch ceremony in the presence of US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida besides leaders of several other countries who virtually took part in the event, Modi said India has historically been at the centre of trade flows in the Indo-Pacific region, having the world's oldest commercial port in Lothal, Gujarat.

He stressed the need for finding common and creative solutions to tackle economic challenges of the Indo-Pacific region. He expressed India's commitment towards working with all countries of the region for an IPEF.

"India is committed to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region and believes that deepening economic engagement among partners is crucial for continued growth, peace and prosperity," said Modi.

PM woos Japanese inc, lists ease of doing biz

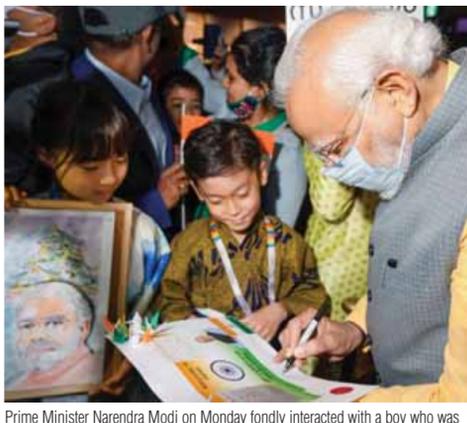
Modi proposes 'Japan Week' to celebrate business ties

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/TOKYO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday underlined several steps taken for ease of doing business in India and invited Japanese industry to explore more investment opportunities here.

Underlining India's robust economy, he said despite the slowdown in global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), India attracted record FDI of USD 84 billion in the previous financial year.

Terming this a vote of confidence in India's economic potential, Modi invited greater participation by Japanese companies in India and proposed celebrating Japan's contribution to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday fondly interacted with a boy who was waiting outside his hotel here and praised him for his fluency in Hindi and signed him an autograph in his tricolour drawing, in Tokyo on Monday

Mujhe makhan par lakeer karne mein maza nahi aata hai, main patthar par lakeer karta hoon
— PM NARENDRA MODI

India's development journey in the form of a 'Japan Week'.

He made this strong pitch while chairing a roundtable with Japanese business leaders in Tokyo.

Nitish bowls another googly on caste census

Convenes all-party meet; move seen as his increasing proximity to RJD

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In yet another sign of growing proximity between the Janata Dal(U) and the RJD in Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has convened an all-party to develop consensus on holding a caste census in Bihar. Leader of Opposition and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav recently met Nitish Kumar to press for holding the caste census.

The BJP has been all along opposed to such an exercise apprehending that could revive the Mandal politics all over again, but the party is expected to attend the meeting. The BJP leadership does not want the caste census to become a trigger for political instability in Bihar at a time when the relationship between the JD(U) and the saffron party is at an all-time low.

Incidentally, the Union Government had gone on record in Parliament saying there was no move to hold a countrywide caste census.

The move has come amid speculation that Nitish was moving away from the BJP and has finalised some secret "deal" with the RJD. The crisis in Bihar NDA has yet another dimension. There is a strong



buzz that the JD(U) may deny Raja Sabha nomination to Union Steel Minister RCP Singh, who is seen as close to the BJP leadership. The denial of ticket to RCP could be seen as yet another rebuff to the BJP by Nitish, who has already opposed the BJP on demand for a Uniform Civil Code and removal of a loudspeaker from masjids.

Nitish has also reservations about bringing back the CAA and the NRC and said that he would want that a suggestion made by his party in 2010 should be the criteria for the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act.

The political temperature in Bihar has also risen amid reports that Nitish has asked his party MLAs to stay put in Patna for the next 72 hours, while he himself is going to Rajgir on Tuesday. While JD(U) leader Shrawan Kumar denied that any such directive has been issued to the MLAs, reports said majority of the MLAs and senior JD(U) lead-

ers are camping in Patna. Incidentally, last time in 2018 when Nitish dumped the RJD to join hands with the BJP, he had gone to Rajgir, obviously to consider his political step away from the hustle and bustle of politics.

The way Nitish Kumar and his party have refused to comment on corruption cases and CBI raids against Lalu Prasad and his family members has become another talking point in Bihar politics. It was the same Nitish Kumar who dumped the RJD in 2018 on the issue of corruption.

Asked to comment on the date of the all-party meeting, Nitish said, "Many parties have agreed to the date. But we must have the consent of all parties for holding the meeting on any particular date."

The JD(U) leader, whose ally BJP has of late grown aggressive over the issue, expressed confidence that all parties in the state will back the proposed move before clearance is given by the cabinet.

CAPSULE

YOGA DAY IN PHYSICAL MODE AFTER 2 YEARS

New Delhi: After a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the main event of the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations on June 21 will be held in the physical mode at Mysuru in Karnataka.

SCIENTIST WITH IT MIN JUMPS TO DEATH

New Delhi: A 55-year-old scientist working with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology died after allegedly jumping-off from the seventh floor of the Shastri Bhawan in central Delhi on Monday, police said.

BIDEN BACKS JAPAN BID TO JOIN UNSC: KISHIDA

Tokyo: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has said that US President Joe Biden supports Japan's bid to join a "reformed" UN Security Council. If approved, Japan would join Britain, China, France, Russia, and the US as permanent members of the international body's security council.

Varanasi court order on maintainability of Gyanvapi suit today

PNS ■ VARANASI

Varanasi District Judge Ajay Kumar Vishvesha on Monday reserved his judgment on maintainability of the Shringar Gauri-Gyanvapi Mosque lawsuit. He will deliver the order on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a former seer of Kashi Vishwanath Temple filed a petition seeking permission to perform puja of the "Shivling" claimed by the Hindu side to have been found in the wuzu khana of the Gyanvapi mosque.

A city lawyer also submitted an application in the court demanding action against the Samajwadi Party national president, the AIMIM chief and six others.

District Judge Vishvesha started hearing the Shringar Gauri-Gyanvapi lawsuit on Monday afternoon.

Man who turned Khadi around is now Delhi LG

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Vinai Kumar Saxena, the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission, was on Monday appointed the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi replacing Anil Bajjal. He is the first man from the corporate and social sector to be selected for such a gubernatorial post. He is the person who made Khadi a global brand. President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday issued a notification to this effect.

"The President of India has accepted the resignation of Shri Anil Bajjal as Lt Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi. "The President of India has been pleased to appoint Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena to be the Lt Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office," read a communiqué issued by Rashtrapati Bhawan.



Vinai Kumar Saxena

Bajjal, who was appointed as the Delhi Lieutenant Governor in 2016, resigned last week citing personal reasons. Bajjal's resignation has led to speculation about who will replace him. Praful Patel, the administrator of Lakshwadeep and Daman & Diu, was the top choice for the post but the appointment of Saxena surprised everyone in the political circle.

Temp plunges, flights delayed as rain, gale lash Delhi-NCR

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Eight people were injured as trees and houses fell in different parts of the city after gusty winds accompanied by rain lashed the national Capital on Monday morning, bringing the minimum temperature down to 17.2 degrees Celsius from 29 degrees Celsius - nine degrees below normal. Heavy rain and thunderstorms in Delhi and its adjoining areas led to massive traffic jams and affected flight operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGAI).

According to information, around 130 flights were delayed — 90 at the departure terminal and 44 at arrivals — while 20 were diverted to other airports between 6 am and 10 am as wind speeds touching as high as 75 km per hour disrupted operations. Taking note of water-logging and traffic jams, Gurugram police issued an advisory to work from home for Monday.



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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that in an 80-minute period, the temperature in Delhi fell by 11 degrees from 29 degrees Celsius at 5.40 am to 18 degrees Celsius by 7 am.

Private weather forecaster Skymet said that the minimum temperature recorded in the city was not only the lowest of the season but also the lowest in a decade during May. The lowest all-time minimum in May stands at 15.2 degrees

Celsius, which was observed on May 2, 1982, it added.

According to Skymet Weather, mercury in Delhi went down by "10 degrees in one hour" on Monday morning. The temperature dropped from 29 degrees at 5:30 am to 19 degrees at 6:30 am. "Delhi recorded 17.2 degrees minimum temperature on May 23, its lowest during the decade for May. Record for the lowest is 15.2 degrees on May 2 in 1982.

US will defend militarily if China invades Taiwan: Biden

AP ■ TOKYO

US President Joe Biden said on Monday that the United States would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan, saying the burden to protect Taiwan is "even stronger" after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of self-governing in decades. Biden, at a news conference in Tokyo, said "yes" when asked if he was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded. "That's the commitment we made," he added.

The US traditionally has avoided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan, with which it no longer has a mutual defence treaty, instead maintaining a policy of "strategic ambiguity" about how far it would be willing to go if China invaded.

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I, Sant Singh S/o Sh Dayal Singh R/o H No. 26, Bhagwanpura, Manimajra Chandigarh, declare that my Son Harvinder Singh and his wife Veena Rani their Sons Master Anmol Singh & Khushpreet Singh, and my daughter Kulwinder Kaur out of my control. I disown them from my all movable, immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will be responsible at his own risk.

I, Sunil Kumar Rana S/o Harsarup R/o H.No. 416/10, Sudama Nagar, Gali No. 4, Sonipat have disowned my son Vishal Rana from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Krishna W/o Late Sh. Ram Mehra Singh R/o Vill. Mukimpur, PO Divalpur, Distt. Sonapat, Haryana have disowned my son Sumit & his wife Shikha from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Kamlesh Kumari W/o Inder Pal Madan R/o H.No-1459 Mukharji Park, Jagadhri Distt Yamunanagar inform that my Son Yogesh Madan, his wife Aman are out of my control So I disown both of them from my movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them will do so his/her at their own risk.

I, GS NO.176634Y Ch/Mech Vishwa Nath S/o Chaman Lal 1062 Field Workshop GREFF C/O 56 APO Declare that in My Service Record My Wife's Geeta Rani Date of Birth is Wrongly Written is 27.06.1974. Kindly Correct it as DOB 27.01.1975. Vide affidavit NO.AM 4911779 Dated 23.05.2022 Executive Magistrate, Pathankot (PB).

I, NO.15114242P NAIK Balwinder Singh S/O Jagat Singh VPO. Bamial Teh & Distt.Pathankot Declare that in My Service Records My Wife's Name Wrongly Written as Sushma Rani. Kindly Correct it as Sushma Devi. Vide affidavit Dated 12.05.2022 Notary Public, Gurdaspur (PB).

I, Saroj w/o Late Salim Ansari R/o # 224/11, Madiwala Town, Sector 13, Manimajra, UT Chandigarh declare that my son Mohd Mustfa and his wife Saista Parveen are out of my control. So I disown them from all my moveable/ immoveable properties. Anybody deals with them will do so at their own risk.

We Ram Kumar S/o Late Shri Ram Chander, Urmila W/o Ram Kumar R/o B-17/G Railway Colony, Ambala Cantt declare that our Son Himanshu are out of our Control. So we Disown them from our all Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Vinay Kumar S/o Tara Chand R/o 760, Housing Board Colony, Ambala Cantt declare that my Son Saurabh and his wife Sumanpreet are out of my Control. So I Disown them from my all Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Asha Rani W/o Suresh Chand, House 166/3, Near Nath Chaki Khudda Alisher, Chandigarh inform that my son Ravi and his wife Jyoti out of my control. I Disown them from my moveable/ immovable properties. In future they themselves responsible for any act.

I, Inderpal Singh S/o Amolak Singh, House 915, Shivalki Vihar, Nayagaon Mohali inform that my son Puneetinder Singh out of my control. I Disown him from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.

I, Urmila W/o Irkha Bahadur R/o Plot No. E-198, Industrial Area, Phase-8/B, (Mohali), Punjab declare that my son Dev Kumar is out of my control. So, I disown him from all my moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his own risk.

I, Tarsem Khan S/O Malika Khan R/O Village Amlika, Tehsil Derabassi Distt Sas Nagar Mohali Declared My Son Salamu is Out Of My Control So I Disown Him From All My Moveable Or Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Him On Their Own.

I Kuldip Kaur W/O No.-JC-238549F Rank Ex RIS Sukhjith Singh R/O Vpo. Sohian Distt Jagraon District Ludhiana Punjab Have Changed My Name From Kuldeep Kaur To Kuldip Kaur Vide Affidavit Dated 19 May 2022 Before Executive Magistrate Jagraon District Ludhiana And Date Of Birth From 11-10-1962 To 23-02-1959.

I Amarjit Kaur W/O Dham Pal Singh R/O H.N.O-22 W.No.-24 Preet Nagar Moga Distt. Moga 142001 Declare That Before Marriage My Name Was Sarabjeet Kaur And After Marriage My Name Is Amarjit Kaur. Therefore Sarabjeet Kaur & Amarjit Kaur Is One And The Same Person Of These Both Names. These Both Names Are Mine And Have Equal Legal Validity.

ਅਸੀਂ ਸੁਖਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਿਰਵੇਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਨਿਰਵੇਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸਵਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਂਸੀ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ 4 ਪੁੱਤਰ ਨਾਮੁਪ ਕੀ ਦਿਲਵਾਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਇਹ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਾਡਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਨੂੰ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਡੀ ਨੂੰ ਪੀਰਜ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਰਿਦਵਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਦਿਲਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਪਣੀ ਚੋਲ/ਅਚੋਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜਾਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਤੇ ਵੀ ਹੋਵੇ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਦਿਲਵਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਪਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਬਿਧਿਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

ਮੈਂ, ਕਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਰਾਜ ਕਮਲ ਕੰਬਲੀ 24/17 ਨੰਬਰ ਊਠਕਾਟੋਲ ਕਾਲੋਨੀ ਦੋਲਗਾ, ਹਰਦੀਪੀ ਦੋਲਗਾ, ਜਿਲਾ ਫ਼ੋਰੋਡਕਾਟ ਕਾਲੋਨੀ ਟੂਂ ਰਿ ਮੋਰਾ ਵੇਟ ਜ਼ਮੀਨਕਾ ਟਿੱਕ ਚ ਅਸੀਂ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੁਖਮੀਨ ਕੌਰ ਮੋਰੇ ਕਰਨੇ-ਸੁਨਕੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋ ਏ ਏਸਦੀਐ ਮੈਂ ਅਤੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਵਲ-ਅਕਲ ਅਸੀਂ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਸਬਿਧਿ ਮੈਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਰ-ਟੋਕ ਕਰਾਈ ਯਾਦਾ ਸੁਰਤ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਫ਼ੋਗਾ ਕਾਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਐਰ ਮੋਰਾ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ।

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Tony Narula S/o Sh. Ratanlal Narula R/o H. No. 1294, Sector 37-B, Chandigarh 160036 have changed my name from Tony Narula to Muneesh Narula.

I, Smt. Nirmala Sharma W/o No 233075 Ex W/o Ravinder Nath R/o VPO Mustapur Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Nirmala Sharma to Nirmala Kumari Prashar and my date of birth from 53 yrs as mentioned in the PPO to 15-09-1944. Concerned Note.

I, Jagdish Chander Bansal S/o Sh. Lakhmi Chand R/o H. No. 29, State Bank Colony, Opp Central Jail, Hisar Haryana hereby declare that I have changed my name from Jagdish Chander Bansal to Jagdish Bansal for all future purposes.

I, Paramjeet Kaur w/o sukjhinder Singh R/O Baagi Barara Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Haryana have changed my name Paramjeet Kaur to Kaur Paramjeet.

I, JC- 430922L Ex Sub (Hony Capt) Darshan Singh S/o Shri Hajoor Singh R/o Vill. Dulmiwal P/O Passi Kandi Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my daughter from Gursharan Jeet Kaur to Gursharan Jot Kaur. Concerned Note.

I, JC- 12264W Ex Sub (Hony Lt) Harjit Singh S/o Shri Hukam Singh R/o H.No 109, W.No 36, Moh. Gobind Garh Bahadurpur Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have change the name of my daughter from Surinder Kaur to Gurpreet Kaur and her date of birth from 01-06-1977 to 11-06-1977. Concerned Note.

I, Paramjeet Kaur (Adhar No.77260698249) W/o Narinder Singh R/o Village Chack Dhariwal (Sarna) Teh. & Distt. Pathankot Punjab. have changed my son name from sanampreet singh to sam randhawa Passport No.T9701442, Kindly Note.

I, Devinderjit Singh S/O Ranbir Singh # 220, Village Maloya, Chandigarh have changed my name to Davinderjit Singh.

I, Sukhvinder Singh S/o Sh. Ram Pal Village Sunheri Khalsa Tehsil Thanesar Distt Kurukshetra Haryana have changed my minor son's name from Deepam to Deepam Choudhary. Please concern note please.

I, Davinder Singh S/O Baljeet Singh R/O Vpo. Ishaq Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name To Davinder.

I, Sattbir Singh S/o No. 1585172H Rank Ex Hav, Gant Singh R/o H. No. 72, Preet Colony, Jandli, Teh - Ambala City, Distt - Ambala. have changed my name from Sattbir Singh to Sattbir Singh (Proposed/ adopted new name) Date of Birth 23-08-2004 vide Affidavit dated 23.05.2022 before Ambala.

I, Smt Lila Devi Widow of No. 1459991-A Ex Naik Late Gurdev Singh R/o VPO Lakhnoura, Tehsil Naringarh, Distt. Ambala. Have Changed my Son Name from Maink To Mayank.

I, No. 14647065-M Rank Nk, Bhagat Chandrakant Sopan S/o Bhagat Sopan Khundu of Unit 948 AD MSL REGT WKSP C/O 56 APO. Have Changed my Son Name from Sanchit To Bhagat Sanchit Chandrakant.

I, Nanda W/o No. 14647065-M Rank Nk, Bhagat Chandrakant Sopan of Unit 948 AD MSL REGT WKSP C/o 56 APO. Have Changed my Name from Nanda To Bhagat Nanda Chandrakant.

I, Gurwinder Singh S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O Village China Karam Singh, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Gurwinder Singh to Gurvinder Singh.

I, Shelly Mahajan W/o Rajinder Kumar R/o 108, Gali No. 5, Nehru Colony, Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Shelly Mahajan to Shelly.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Bhajan Lal Mehra R/O 25-A, New Garden Colony, Lawrence Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Rajesh Kumar to Rajesh Kumar Mehra.

I, Ankush S/o Anil Kumar R/o P.O. Kunjipura, Distt. Karnal informed that in my school certificate my mother name is Ravi but other documents my mother real name is Raj Rani. In future my mother name entered as Raj Rani in my all documents.

I, Rajbala W/o Rajbir # 566, New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Bala.

I, Anuj S/O Mir Chand # 228, Mauli Jagran Chandigarh, have changed my name to Anuj Kumar.

I, Deepak S/o Ashok Kumar # 675, Phase II Ramdarbar, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar.

I, Parveen Kumar S/O Ranjeet Singh R/O Nabipur, P.O. Kunjipura, Near Kamboj Chopal, Distt. Karnal have changed my son's name from Garvit to Garvit Nirmal.

I, Parveen Kumar S/O Ranjeet Singh R/O Village Nabipur, P.O. Kunjipura, Near Kamboj Chopal, Distt. Karnal have changed my daughter's name from Mishti to Mishti Kamboj.

I, Raghubir Kumar S/O Sunder Lal R/O 1K, Adarsh Nagar Model Town Ambala city inform that my real name is Raghubir Kumar S/O Sunder Lal & Raghuvir Singh is my wrong name.

I, Ratna B Singh W/o Yogesh Parmar R/O H.No- 230 Sec-8 Urban Estate Ambala City have changed my name from my daughter from Gursharan Jeet Kaur to Gursharan Jot Kaur. Concerned Note.

I, Mahima Prakash Sonkamble W/O Ankit Kalra R/O Hno. 373, Sector - 4, Huda Colony Naringarh Distt. Ambala I Have Changed My Name Mahima Surname Kalra.

I, Deepika D/o Mohan Lal R/O Bedi Colony Dhariwal tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur Have Changed my name to Deepika Kaur.

I, Sweety W/o Satish Kumar R/O B-27-779, Chhawani Mohalla, Ludhiana declare that my name is Sweety and I am also called as Suman Bala. That Sweety and Suman Bala is one and Same Lady/Person.

I, Rama Rani W/O Sh. Rajinder Pal R/O R/O B-34-11328/42 St. No. 11 Pavitra Gurjar Haibowal Kalan Ludhiana I Have Change My Name From Ramma Rani To Ramma.

I, Leela Devi W/o Om Prakash R/o 52, Vashisht Nagar, Near Marry Gold School, Ambala Cantt declare that my Daughter Rekha Bagan is my Daughter is Wrongly Mentioned as 30.04.1974 but her actual and correct DOB is 01.04.1976.

I, Leela Devi W/o Om Prakash R/o 52, Vashisht Nagar, Near Marry Gold School, Ambala Cantt declare that my Daughter Mamta Rani is my Daughter is Wrongly Mentioned as 01.05.1979 but her actual and correct DOB is 30.04.1980.

I, Darshan Lal s/o Kasturi Lal r/o Bohla Khalsa, Teh. Nigdhu, Distt. Karnal declare that in my passport number H2378505 my father's name spelling mistakenly recorded as Kastori Lal, But the correct spelling name of my father is Kasturi Lal.

I, Teena D/o Sajjan singh r/o Parshuram mandir wali gali, wadhawa ram colony, teh & distt Panipat declares that in my passport my name mention as Teena rani & in other documents as Teena. Now i want to change my name as Teena in future.

I, Krishna Dhingra W/o Chander Mohan Dhingra R/O H.No.9C, Narayan Singh Park Model Town Panipat Declare that I have change my name Krishna Dhingra to Krishana Dhingra and both are my name's but in future I should be known as Krishana Dhingra.

I, Amit Nanda S/O Sh. Om Prakash Nanda R/O H. No. 2085, Sector -13, Urban Estate, Karnal have changed my minor Daughter name Veronica to Veronica Nanda.

I, Amit Nanda S/O Sh. Om Prakash Nanda R/O H. No. 2085, Sector -13, Urban Estate, Karnal have changed my minor Daughter name Myra to Myra Nanda.

I, Amit Nanda S/O Sh. Om Prakash Nanda R/O H. No. 2085, Sector -13, Urban Estate, Karnal declare that in my passport my father's name written as Om Nanda. But his actual name is Om Prakash Nanda.

I, Smt Dawinder Kaur Widow Of No 0847731 Sea I Late Lakhwinder Singh Resident Of Village -Kishanpura, Parkash Colony, Dist- Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name And Dob From Dawinder Kaur (01 Oct 1954) To Davinder Kaur(Dob 15 Apr 1954) Vide Affidavit Before 1st Class Magistrate Thanesar, Kurukshetra.

I, Amit Nanda S/O Sh. Om Prakash Nanda R/O H. No. 2085, Sector -13, Urban Estate, Karnal declare that in my passport my father's name written as Om Nanda. But his actual name is Om Prakash Nanda.

I, Mujammel Sekh, Father of No. 14682429M, Hav, Najibor Rahaman, Unit of 805 FD, WKSP (607 EME BN) resident at Village + PO Jarur, District Murshidabad, (West Bengal) 742235 have changed my name from Tale Mun Bibi & Date of birth 20/02/1965 to 01/01/1965 Vide Affidavit Dated 23 May 2022 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Jasbir Singh S/O No. 1237242 Hav Kala Singh R/O Ward No. 10, Mohalla Jattan Wala Banur Tehsil Mohali Distt Sas Nagar Declared In My Father Army Record My Name Is Wrongly Recorded As Jasvir Singh. My Correct Name Is Jasbir Singh. Please Correct It.

I, Santilata Sahoo mother of NO-JC-774689F Rank Nb Sub Name Manas Ranjan Sahoo R/O VILL- Bedipur, Po Chakjagannathpur, Distt-Balasoer, State- Odisha, PIN-756053 hereby declare that I have changed my date of birth from 01/07/1955 to 21/05/1953 vide affidavit before Session Court, Hisar.

I, Kamlesh Devi W/o No. JC-729565A Rank Ex Sub Name Mahender Singh R/O 137/6, Gali No. 06, Jawahar Nagar, Hisar (Haryana) hereby changed my name from Kamlesh Devi to Kamlesh Kumari for all future purposes. My Date of Birth is 02-03-1971.

I, Ramkali W/o Atmanand, R/O Vill. Bhambhewa, Teh. Safidon, Distt. Jind (Hr) have changed my name Ramkali Samra to Ramkali and shall hereafter be known as Ramkali. Both names of a single person.

I, Kavita Kumari W/o Dalbir Singh, R/O H.No.527 Sec 8 U/E Jind, Teh. & Distt. Jind (Hr) have changed my name Kavita Samra to Kavita Kumari and shall hereafter be known as Kavita Kumari. Both names of a single person.

I, Dalbir Singh S/O Atmanand, R/O H.No.527 Sec 8 U/E Jind, Teh. & Distt. Jind (Hr) have changed my name Dalbir Singh Samra to Dalbir Singh and shall hereafter be known as Dalbir Singh. Both names of a single person.

I, Poonam W/o Sh. Jitender Kumar R/o H.No. 8/5, Gali No. 8-A, Aggarsain Colony, Sirsa. That I have changed my name from Poonam Sethi & Poonam Sathi to Poonam.

I, Sukhjith Singh S/O Amarjit Singh R/O H.No -69, Near Shiv Mandir, Hira Mahal Nabha have changed my name to Sukhjeet Singh .

I, Sonam Barange Spouse of No. 14653169K, NK, Premal Barange of Unit 607 EME BN Resident at Nagpur Road, Kamath, Multai, District Betul, (MP) 460661 have changed my name from Sonam Pawar to Sonam Barange Vide Affidavit Dated 23 May 2022 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Antimbala, Spouse of No. 14657973H, Hav, Amrat Lal, Unit of 805 FD WKSP (607 EME BN) C/O 56 APO, Resident at Village + PO Gunawad Tehsil & District Ratlam (MP) 457222 have changed my name from Antimbala Devi to Antimbala Vide Affidavit Dated 23 May 2022 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Ferdousi Begum Bibi, Spouse of No. 14682429M, Hav, Najibor Rahaman, Unit of 805 FD, WKSP (607 EME BN) resident at Village + PO Jarur, District Murshidabad, (West Bengal) 742235 have changed my name from Ferdosi Begum to Ferdousi Begum Bibi & Date of birth 15/10/1988 Vide Affidavit Dated 23 May 2022 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Talemun Bibi, Mother of No. 14682429M, Hav, Najibor Rahaman, Unit of 805 FD, WKSP (607 EME BN) resident at Village + PO Jarur, District Murshidabad, (West Bengal) 742235 have changed my name from Tale Mun Bibi & Date of birth 20/02/1965 to 01/01/1965 Vide Affidavit Dated 23 May 2022 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Najo W/o Tarsem Lal R/O H.No. 783, Street No. 3, Basti Jodhewal, Bajra, Distt.Ludhiana-141007, Punjab have changed my name from Najo to Naranjan Kaur.

I, Mukhtiar Ram S/O Harbans Lal R/O Vpo. Khaira, Phillaur, District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Ram Mukhtiar.

I, Manjit Kaur W/O Lashkar Singh R/O Ward Number 12 Kaloti Nagar Vpo. Tanda District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Kaur Manjeet.

I, Manmohan W/O Amritpal Singh Dhillion R/O 4471, Gali No.4, Ranjit Pura Ganga Building Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Manmohan To Manmohan Kaur Dhillion.

I Amanpreet Kaur Sumal W/O Karmjit Singh Buttar R/O Vill. Dhurkot, Tehsil Raikot Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Amanpreet Kaur Buttar.

I, Harjinder Singh S/O Jugraj Singh Brar R/O Vpo. Sukhanand Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Harjinder Singh Brar.

I Parminder Kaur Dhanjal W/O Kuldeep Singh R/O Vill. Kaipuri Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Parminder Kaur.

I Harjinder Singh S/O Harchet Singh R/O Ramuwala Harchoke Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Harjinder Singh Gill.

I Harmanpreet Kaur D/O No.-15135032H Ex-Hav Harjinder Singh R/O Vill. Dangian Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name From Harmanpreit Kaur To Harmanpreet Kaur.

I Tejwar Singh And Jagleshwar Singh S/O Sardara Singh R/O Vill. Malianwala Distt. Moga Declare That Am One And The Same Person Of Above Both Names.

I Tanvir Kaur W/o Ravinder Singh Kauldhar vill Machhike (Moga) have changed my name after marriage to Tanvir Kaur Kauldhar.

I Harjinder Singh Randhawa S/O Avtar Singh R/O Vill. Tallawal , Teh. Tapa, Distt-Banawal have changed my name Harjinder Singh.

I Harjeet Singh S/o Gurjant Singh R/O Village Chahal (Faridkot) have changed my name to Harjit Singh.

I Kiranjeet Kaur w/o Harjit Singh R/O Village Chahal (Faridkot) have changed my name to Kiranjit Kaur.

I, Tahel Singh Bhatthal s/o Santokh Singh r/o vpo Bhatthal sahija Singh tehsil& distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Tahel Singh.

I, Rampreet Kaur w/o Pardeep Kumar v.p.o chohla sahib tehsil & distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Ramanpreet.

I, Bachitar Singh S/O Sawinder Singh R/O Village Manan Tehsil & Distt Tarn Tarn Have Changed My Name To Rohan Paul.

I, No 4495888H Sep Vikramjit Singh S/O Sh Dilbag Singh Unit 2R.R. BN (Sikh LI) AND R/O VPO Lauhka Tehsil, Patti District Tarn Taran (PB) declare that i have changed the name of my real brother from Davinderpreet Singh To Dawinderpreet Singh

I, Joginder Singh S/O Talsa Singh R/O Vill. Mohi Khurd P.O. Thuha, Rajpura, Patiala have changed my name to Narmal Singh.

I, Puran Dass S/O Sh. Kala Singh R/O H.No.-334, Vill-Alika, Tehsil-Kawalai, Distt. Sirsa have changed my name to Sant Puran Dass. Concerned note.

I, Maninder Kumar S/O Harbans Lal R/O Vpo. Nurpur, Distt.Jalandhar-144012, Punjab have changed my name to Maninder Singh.

I, Balbir Singh S/O Sucha Singh R/O Vill. Thakar Ki, Po. Bhanoki, Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name spellings from Balbir Singh To Balvir Singh.

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I Kiranjeet Kaur w/o Harjit Singh R/O Village Chahal (Faridkot) have changed my name to Kiranjit Kaur.

I Hardeep Singh S/o Ajaib Singh R/O Village Harie Wala (Faridkot) have changed my name to Hardeep Singh Brar.

I Mangat Rai S/o Tarsem Lal R/O H.No.284, New Harindra Nagar Faridkot have changed my name to Mangat Rai Singla.

I, Sukhjith Kaur W/o Basant Singh R/O Gadi Wala (Ferozepur) changed my name to Sukhjeet Kaur.

I no 4468586M Ex NK sawinder singh s/o sh panna singh resident of vpo Bath tehsil & distt Tarn Taran (pb) I have changed the name of my son from Arashpreet singh to Arshpreet singh.

I Kusum W/O Sanjeev Kumar Residence Of Guruharsahai District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Kusum To Kusam.

I Sarbjit Kaur W/O Gurpreet Singh R/O Kothi No. 128, Church Road Ferozepur Cantt Have Changed My Name To Sarbjeet Kaur.

I Kiranjeet Kaur W/O Simranjeet Singh Bhullar R/O Village Khu Kalawa Wala Tehsil & District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Kiranjeet Kaur Bhullar.

I Simranjeet Singh S/O Lakhbeer Singh Bhullar R/O Village Khu Kalawa Wala Tehsil & District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Simranjeet Singh Bhullar.

I Archana Sawansukha W/O Gautam Sawansukha R/O House No. 4507, Wool Bazar Fazilka Have Changed My Name From Archana To Archana Sawansukha.

I Bikramjit Singh Virk S/O Gurnam Virk R/O HNo.2-C Ranjit Nagar Bhadson Road. Near Sachdeva Hospital Patiala have changed my minor daughter's name from Anhadot Kaur Virk to Anhad Kaur Virk

I Bikramjit Singh R/O Gurnam Virk R/O HNo.2-C Ranjit Nagar Bhadson Road. Near Sachdeva Hospital Patiala have changed my minor daughter's name from Avreen Kaur to Avreen Kaur Virk

I Aanchal Gupta (D/o Naresh Gupta) W/o Manu Aggar

Akal Takht jathedar calls Sikh youth to keep licensed weapons; stirs row

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The jathedar (head priest) of Sikhs' highest temporal seat — Akal Takht — Giani Harpreet Singh on Monday raked a controversy by asking the Sikhs to arm themselves with modern legal licensed weapons "as the current situation demands".

Giani Harpreet Singh, in his video message issued to the sangat (community) on the Gurta Gaddi Diwas (enthronement day) of Sikhs sixth master Guru Hargobind, asked the Sikh youth to follow the Guru and arm themselves. "Entire Sikh youth must learn gatka, talwarbaazi (sword-fighting), shooting...and every Sikh should try to keep modern licensed weapons, in a legal way, with themselves because of the developing circumstances," he said in the video message that failed to go down well with state's political leaders, including the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

Akal Takht jathedar, citing Guru Hargobind's four wars that he fought and won all, said that the time has come that the Sikhs should become strong by

reciting the bani, and arm themselves. He said that Guru Hargobind's message of Miri-Piri is effective even today, and the Sikhs should chant the name of Gurus along with practicing gatka, sword-fighting, and shooting, besides staying away from drugs.

Notably, Sikhs' sixth master Guru Hargobind was also the founder of the concept of Miri-Piri — a Sikh tradition connoting temporal and spiritual components of life. Guru Hargobind, by wearing the two kirpans (swords) of Miri (materialist, and political power), and Piri (spiritual power) has endowed on the Sikhs the importance of these two important aspects of life.

SPREAD MESSAGE OF PEACE, RATHER THAN ASKING SIKHS TO KEEP LICENSED MODERN WEAPONS: CM

Reiterating Punjab Government's commitment to maintain peace, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann urged Akal Takht's head priest to spread the message of peace, harmony, and brotherhood in society rather than asking Sikhs to

keep licensed modern weapons. Taking strong exception to the statement, Mann said: "We are living in a civilised society where the country is governed through the rule of law. Weapons don't have any place in a congenial and harmonious society."

Mann said that Akal Takht jathedar should focus on spreading the message of Gurbani which envisages 'sarbat da bhal' (welfare of one and all). He said that Jathedar should focus on disseminating this divine message of wellbeing of all in each household. "It is the need of hour to ensure that the state's hard-earned peace is maintained at every cost. Already inimical forces are trying to disturb the state's peace," he said, adding that weapons in every household can further pose a serious challenge.

DRAWS FLAK FROM OPPOSITION TOO

Apart from the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Akal Takht jathedar was in the line of fire of the leaders from opposition parties in Punjab. The state Congress presi-

dent Amarinder Singh Raja Warring urged the Jathedar to tell the reasons as to why Sikhs should possess licensed modern weapons. "It is a matter of serious concern that the Giani Harpreet Singh, who presides over the highest temporal seat of the Sikh community, had to give this call on the Gurta Gaddi Diwas of Guru Hargobind...everyone would like to know, whether he feels any particular threat to the community that its youth need licensed modern weapons," he said. Warring said that since the Jathedar Sahab holds an important and sensitive position in the Sikh community, "whatever he says is always taken seriously by the Sikh community and that is why he must also tell what are the reasons behind such a call for modern weapons". "Since the call comes from the temporal head of the Sikh community, it is a cause of grave concern for all of us...Every Punjabi in general and every Sikh in particular feels concerned as what made Akal Takht Jathedar to give such a call for licensed modern weapons," he added. Another senior Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said that it must be made clear why such a message was issued. "What is so alarming about the law and order situation in Punjab that the youths are being asked to seek licence for arms," asked Randhawa. As per Sikhism, keeping a kirpan for self-defence was mandatory as per the teachings of the Guru, but why licensed weapons. Punjab BJP president Ashwani Sharma said that Akal Takht jathedar's recent statements can be misleading, and "Punjab's hard won peace should never be tampered with". Another BJP leader Harjeet Singh Grewal said that such a statement was issued to ensure the safety of his own seat and keeping the Akalis relevant. Defending the statement, Shiromani Akali Dal leader Daljit Singh Cheema said that keeping weapons (kirpan) has been part of the religion and given the violence, some people are even keeping private security for their own safety, so there was no harm if people kept licensed weapons. Cheema, however, said that there should be a background check of those who were getting the licences.

Municipal polls in Haryana to be held on June 19

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Elections to 46 local bodies, 28 municipal committees and 18 municipal councils will be held on June 19 and the results will be declared on June 22, Haryana State Election Commissioner Dhanpat Singh announced on Monday. The notification for the polls will be issued on May 24 and nominations can be filed from May 30 to June 4, he said while addressing the media persons in Chandigarh. With the announcement, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force and hence no Officer or Official connected with the election work will be transferred till the completion of the election process. Singh said around 4,000 electronic voting machines would be used and over 10,000 government employees would be deputed on election duty. He said that NOTA (None of the above) option will be used in these elections and it is to be treated as a "Fictional Electoral Candidate" while declaring the election results.

Punjab CM for direct flights to Canada, US, UK from Mohali airport

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday directed the State Civil Aviation Department to immediately tie-up with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Airport Authority of India (AAI) for starting direct international flights from Mohali International Airport especially to Canada, US, and UK. Notably, at present, only two international flights are operational from Mohali International Airport to Dubai and Sharjah. Mann, chairing a meeting to review the functioning of Civil Aviation Department, said that since the major chunk of Punjabi population is settled in various countries including Canada, US, UK, New Zealand, and Australia, therefore, this initiative would facilitate the Punjabi diaspora settled abroad to visit their native places in Punjab in a seamless manner.

To give impetus to the agro and food processing industry in the state, the Chief Minister also asked the Department to immediately

start cargo flights from Mohali International Airport so as to make Punjab an open market.

The Chief Minister said this step would go a long way in giving much-needed boost to the export of food products across the globe in general and especially in supplementing income of state farmers manifold through this farmer friendly initiative. Likewise, the Chief Minister also asked the Department to immediately convene a meeting with the Haryana Civil Aviation Department for evolving a broad consensus on the name of Mohali International Airport, Mohali, after the legendary martyr. Highlighting the significance of Civil Aviation to propel industrialization across the State, the Chief Minister also underscored the need to make International Civil Enclave at Halwara to be operational at the earliest so that the trade and industrial activities in the vicinity of Ludhiana- the state's industrial hub could get a major boost.

Patiala MLA, wife & son get 3 years in jail for assault

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AAP MLA from Patiala (Rural) Balbir Singh was sentenced to three years in jail along with three others, including his wife and son, for assaulting his sister-in-law's family over 11 years ago.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Rupnagar Ravi Inder Singh, however, granted bail to the AAP's Patiala (Rural) MLA Balbir Singh and others after announcing the quantum of their sentences. Besides Singh, those who were sentenced but given bail are his wife Rupinder Kaur, son Rahul and another person, Parminder Singh. The case against the AAP MLA pertained to a fight in 2011 between his

family and that of his wife's sister Paramjit Kaur who had a land dispute with the lawmaker's family. The four were sentenced following their conviction for offences under sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons), 325 (punishment for voluntarily causing grievous hurt) and 506 (Punishment for criminal intimidation) of the IPC. The case against them was registered in June 2011 at the Chamkaur sahib police station in Rupnagar district on a complaint by Paramjit Kaur. The complainant had accused Singh and his family of assaulting her family. The court had framed charges in the case in August 2017.

8 ex-Haryana MLAs join Congress

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The Congress on Monday got a major shot in the arm as eight former MLAs and ex-ministers of the State joined the party in the presence of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Haryana Congress President Udaybhan in a programme held at its headquarters in Chandigarh.

These leaders include Sharda Rathore, Ram Niwas Ghodela, Naresh Selwal, Parminder Singh Dhul, Jile Ram Sharma, Rakesh Kamboj, Rajkumar Valmiki and Subhash Chaudhary. Along with them, Kishanlal Panchal has also left the LSP and joined the Congress. Welcoming these leaders and their workers, Hooda assured them of full respect and honor and said that such a large number of veteran leaders joining together are reflective of the sentiments of the people. "It is clear from these joining that the public sentiments are with the Congress which is getting a good response from the public as it is the only option for the future. The party is on a comeback trail," he said.

Pb extends by a month deadline to handover 'illegal' possession of govt or panchayat land

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Punjab Government on Monday announced to extend the deadline by a month for the people to voluntarily relinquish possession of the panchayat or government land by June 30, after which action would be initiated. Earlier, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had warned the encroachers to immediately hand over the government or panchayat land to the government by May 31.

Accepting another demand of the farmer leaders, the Government has also decided to issue a 15 days prior notice before removing the illegal encroachments from panchayat lands. The decisions were taken during a meeting between the state's Rural Development and Panchayats Minister Kuldeep Dhaliwal and representatives of 23 farmers' organizations at Punjab Bhawan on

Monday. Declaring that the Punjab Government will continue its drive to remove illegal occupants from Panchayat lands, Dhaliwal said that the interests of poor and small farmers would be fully protected. At the same time, the Minister said that the Punjab Government was removing illegal occupants from the Panchayat lands only after completing the legal process. He also made it clear that no one's house would be demolished.

The Minister, on the request of the farmer leaders, issued directions to the Department's officers to ensure that 15 days notice be served before removing illegal encroachments from panchayat lands.

"If any illegal occupier wants to present any document in his favour, he can give it to the District Development and Panchayat Officer, which will be thoroughly examined," he said.

Major bureaucratic and police reshuffle in Punjab

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In a major reshuffle, the Punjab government on Monday issued transfer and new posting orders of seven IAS and 34 PCS officers with immediate effect. Besides, 19 IPS officers, nine PPS officers, and one IFS officer were also shifted. Among IAS officers, Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, secretary (Finance), has been given the additional charge of Commissioner, Jalandhar Division; while Pardeep Kumar has been given the charge of Special Secretary (Transport).

Neelima, Punjab Health System Corporation's managing director, has been given the additional charge of Food and Drug Administration commissioner.



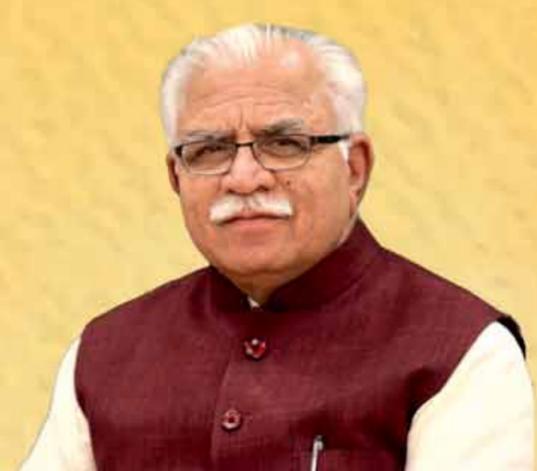


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Never take easy way out, PM tells Indians in Japan

Says BJP Govt has made the Indian democracy strong and resilient in last eight years

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/TOKYO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he never prefers to take the easy way out because of the teachings and training he received over the years.

Describing his work ethics during an interaction with the Indian diaspora in Tokyo, Modi said because of the teachings "I have got in my life, I have developed a habit that 'Mujhe makhana par lakeer karne mein maza nahi aata hain, main pathar par lakeer karta hoon.'"

He also said the BJP government has made Indian democracy strong and resilient. "In the last eight years, we have made our democracy strong and resilient. It is serving as one of the strongest pillars of progress," he said.

The Prime Minister said "We are working towards building a system that is not only inclusive but caters to a leak-proof governance to fulfill the aspirations of every citizen. We have a people-led government in the true sense in India today. This has become a key reason for strengthening democracy in India."

On ties between the two countries, he said India and

Japan are "natural partners" and Japanese investments have played an important role in India's development journey.

Addressing the Indian community in Tokyo on the first day of his two-day visit to Tokyo, Modi also said India's relationship with Japan is of spirituality, of cooperation and of belonging. There are more than 40,000 Indians there.

"Today's world needs to follow the path shown by Lord Buddha. This is the way to save humanity from the challenges facing the world today, be it violence, anarchy, terrorism and climate change," Modi said.

Noting that India has always found a solution no matter how big the problem is, Modi said that during coronavirus pandemic, there was an atmosphere of uncertainty, but even in that situation, India supplied 'Made in India' vaccines to cores of its citizens and also sent it to more than 100 countries.

Tracing the age old relations between the two countries, Modi said before Vivekananda was going to Chicago for his historic address, he had come to Japan and left a deep impression on his mind in Japan. He had openly praised the patriotism



of the people of Japan, the confidence of the people of Japan, and the awareness of the people of Japan for cleanliness, the Prime Minister said.

He also said the world is realising the speed and scale on which India is increasing its infrastructure and capacity building. Japan is an important partner in building this capacity of ours.

India is fortunate enough to have the blessing from Gautam Buddha. India is continuously serving humanity no matter how big the challenge is, India will find a solution to it, he said.

Modi arrived in Tokyo on a two-day visit on Monday to attend a summit of the Quad leaders. "Landed in Tokyo. Will be taking part in various programmes during this visit including the Quad Summit,

meeting fellow Quad leaders, interacting with Japanese business leaders and the vibrant Indian diaspora," Modi tweeted in both Japanese and English.

"Ohayo, Tokyo! PM @narendramodi arrives to a warm welcome in Tokyo on what is his fifth visit to Japan in the last 8 years," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

Modi interacted with children outside the hotel in Tokyo. He also saw the drawing of a young girl and signed an autograph for her during his interaction with the children.

He then interacted with a boy who was waiting for him with a drawing of the tricolour. Prime Minister Modi asked him from where he learnt Hindi and praised him for his fluency in the language.

'India, Japan can be imp pillars of secure region'

Modi writes Op-ed in Yomiuri Shimbun in Japan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid China's aggressive actions in the Indo-Pacific region, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asserted that India and Japan would contribute towards building an open, free and inclusive Indo-Pacific region, connected by secure seas, integrated by trade and investment, defined by respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity and anchored in international law. He said the two democracies "can be important pillars of a stable and secure region".

Writing an Op-ed on the vibrant relations between India and Japan in 'Yomiuri Shimbun, Modi who is on a two-day visit to attend a summit of the 'Quad' leaders at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida, said a peaceful and prosperous Indo Pacific region will be critical for a better future for the entire world.

The Quadrilateral Security dialogue (Quad) is a strategic security dialogue between Australia, India, Japan and the United States.

"As two democracies, strategically located in the Indo-Pacific region, we can be important pillars of a stable and secure region. That is why our



partnership is expanding across a broad range of areas," he said in the article published in the mainline paper published from Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka and other major cities.

"Our defence ties are growing rapidly, from exercises and information exchanges to defence manufacturing. We are doing more in cyber, space and underwater domains," Modi said in article titled 'India-Japan: A Partnership for Peace, Stability and Prosperity'.

India and Japan will also contribute towards building an open, free and inclusive Indo-Pacific region, connected by secure seas, integrated by trade and investment, defined by respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity and anchored in international law, Prime Minister wrote, amidst China's aggressive postures in the region.

China has territorial disputes with many countries in the strategic Indo-Pacific

region including Taiwan over which the US President on Monday sent a warning to Beijing with the latter verbally retaliating.

The Chinese government claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

"Besides security, together and with like-minded partners in the region and beyond, in institutions and arrangements like Quad, we are promoting initiatives for development, infrastructure, connectivity, sustainability, health, vaccines, capacity building and humanitarian disaster response in the region," Prime Minister Modi said.

"Special, Strategic, Global. Each of these three words that describe the India-Japan partnership has a unique significance, yet they fall well short of the true potential of our ties," Modi said.

In a tweet, he said: "Penned an op-ed on the vibrant relations between India and Japan. Ours is a partnership for peace, stability and prosperity. I trace the journey of our special friendship which

completes 70 glorious years. @Yomiuri_Online"

"I have had the opportunity of regularly interacting with the Japanese people since my days as Gujarat CM. Japan's developmental strides have always been admirable. Japan is partnering India in key sectors including infrastructure, technology, innovation, start-ups and more," he said in a series of tweets.

From Bodhisena to Swami Vivekananda, India-Japan cultural ties have a long and rich history of mutual respect and learning from one another, Prime Minister said.

Among Mahatma Gandhi's cherished personal possessions were small statues of Mizuru, Kikazaru and Iwazaru, the Three Wise Monkeys, he said.

Prime Minister Modi said that his own conviction about this partnership began in his early days as Chief Minister of Gujarat.

It was not just the sophistication of Japanese technology and skills, but also the seriousness and long-term commitment of Japan's leadership and businesses, that made Japan Gujarat's preferred industrial partner and the most prominent presence in Vibrant Gujarat Summits since its inception, he said.

INSHORT

NCPDR ORDERS FIR AGAINST RALLY ORGANISERS
New Delhi: The apex child rights body NCPDR on Monday sought registration of an FIR against those responsible for allegedly letting a child raise provocative slogans during a political rally in Kerala. A short video of a boy sitting on the shoulder of a person during the "Save the Republic" rally held by the Popular Front of India (PFI) in Alappuzha on May 21 and raising allegedly provocative slogans has gone viral on social media.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY
KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND
Applications are invited for filling up the two posts of Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade) (General Central Services, Group C, Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial) in the Pay Matrix Level 2 of the Pay Matrix (Rs. 19900-63200/-) as per 7th CPC in the Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi on Deputation/Absorption basis from amongst the Dispatch Rider (Group 'C') and Group 'C' employees in level - 1 in pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900/-) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare who possess valid Driving License for Motor Cars on the basis of a Driving Test to assess the competence to drive Motor Cars failing which from officials holding the post of Dispatch Rider on regular basis or regular Group 'C' employees in level - 1 in the pay matrix (Rs. 18000-56900/-) in other Ministries of the Central Government.
Note : The detailed advertisement including application format and essential qualifications have been published in the Employment News dated 07-13 May 2022 and is also available on the CIP website, i.e. www.cipranchi.nic.in. Sd/- Director

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) DIVISION BARAMULLA
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
NIT No.: 02/EE/PMGSY/Bl/E-TENDERING-OF-2022-23 Dated:- 21/05/2022
For and on behalf of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla invite e tenders on Percentage Basis for the following works with Two Years DLP for Serial No. 1 to 3 & Three Years DLP for Serial No. 4 from the eligible & approved contractors of J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other States.
S.No. 1. Name of Work with Package No. :- Renewal coat/ Macadamisation of road Tangwari Payeen to Harshar, Length 2.50 Kms, Package No JK03-90, PMGSY Division Baramulla.
Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs. in Lacs) :- 32.63. **Cost of documents (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 0.10. **Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 0.65. **Time for completion (Days) :-** 45 Days. **Tender Call :-** 2nd. **Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid) :-** 06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM. **Class of contractor :-** 'A' Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments.
S.No. 2. Name of Work with Package No. :- Renewal coat/ Macadamisation of road Lalpora to Nowlari, Length 3.00 Kms, Package No JK03-53, PMGSY Division Baramulla.
Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs. in Lacs) :- 55.76. **Cost of documents (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 0.10. **Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 1.12. **Time for completion (Days) :-** 45 Days. **Tender Call :-** 2nd. **Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid) :-** 06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM. **Class of contractor :-** 'A' Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments.
S.No. 3. Name of Work with Package No. :- Renewal coat/ Macadamisation of road Nambian to Gurivan, Length 3.00 Kms, Package No JK03-100, PMGSY Division Baramulla.
Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs. in Lacs) :- 61.64. **Cost of documents (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 0.10. **Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 1.23. **Time for completion (Days) :-** 45 Days. **Tender Call :-** 2nd. **Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid) :-** 06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM. **Class of contractor :-** 'A' Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments.
S.No. 4. Name of Work with Package No. :- Renewal coat/ Macadamisation of road Nambian to Watalpora, Length 4.50 Kms, Package No JK03-96, PMGSY Division Baramulla.
Tender Cost Incl GST (Rs. in Lacs) :- 124.36. **Cost of documents (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 0.10. **Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs. in Lacs) :-** 2.49. **Time for completion (Days) :-** 60 Days. **Tender Call :-** 2nd. **Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid) :-** 06-06-2022 At 11.00 AM. **Class of contractor :-** 'A' Class in PWD or equivalent in CPWD/Railways and other state Governments.
1. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website www.pmgstendersjk.gov.in from 23-05-2022 (04:30PM) To 04-06-2022 upto 04:30PM.
2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website www.pmgstendersjk.gov.in from 25-05-2022 (10:00 AM) To 04-06-2022 upto 04:30 PM. The bid uploaded on the Website upto due date and time will be opened online on 06-06-2022 at 11:00 AM in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bid as specified, the bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
3. The complete bidding process will be online.
4. Cost of Bid Form is Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) per package (non-refundable) only in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Accounts Officer PMGSY Kashmir payable at Srinagar.
5. This is conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids shall be opened accordingly online on same Web Site at the Office of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla at Ahmad Complex, Delina, Baramulla Kashmir on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by Registered Post or by hand falling which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.
6. The bidders are advised to upload the required documents/ Information strictly as per the formats given in Section 3-Qualification Information. The bidder who fails to comply with the said instructions shall be declared as Non-responsive.
7. The bidders are informed that failure to complete the work within the stipulated time shall result into blacklisting of the bidder for two years.
8. The Date and time of opening of Financial Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.pmgstendersjk.gov.in. This is conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids shall be opened accordingly online on same Web Site at the Office of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla, Ahmad Complex, Delina, Baramulla Kashmir.
9. Details can be seen in the bidding documents.
10. The intending bidders are advised to study the entire bidding document before preparation and submission of their bids. This includes clause 3 (Eligible Bidders), 4 (Qualification of Bidders of ITB (Instruction to Bidders)), Appendix to ITB, Section 3 (Qualification Information), Contract Data to G.C.C. & Section 7 of Bidding Document.
11. Sd/- Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Baramulla
12. Dated: 23.05.2022

Now, pension relief for kin of missing Central Govt staff in militancy-hit areas

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In a major relief, particularly for Government employees serving in militancy affected areas like Jammu & Kashmir, North-East as well as Naxal prone pockets, the Centre has notified rules extending pensionary benefits to missing Central Government employees.

According to the earlier rule, the next of kin of an employee would not receive the family pension, if he or she went missing and the family pension would not be paid till the missing Government was declared dead in accordance with the law or till seven years had passed since he went missing.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announced that the government has relaxed

family pension rules for missing central government employees. "Now, in all cases where a government servant covered by NPS goes missing during service, the benefits of family pension will be immediately paid to the family of the missing government servant.

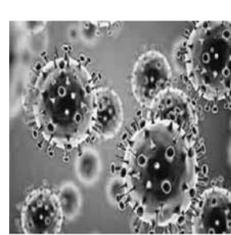
In case he re-appears and resumes service, the amount paid as family pension during the intervening time of his missing period can be accordingly deducted from his salary," Jitendra Singh said in a Press note. The Minister said this is going to provide huge relief particularly in those regions where instances of government employees going missing are reported more frequently. He said, cases of abduction of central government employees working in violence-prone areas have come to the fore and therefore to instill confidence and to protect them and their family interests, the changes in the pension rules were brought about.

New Covid variants don't pose a threat yet, says INSACOG

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Though the first confirmed BA.4 and BA.5 variants of the Sars-CoV-2 have been detected in India from Hyderabad and Tamil Nadu respectively, these do not yet pose a concern as its other variant, BA.2, an offshoot of Omicron, continues to be dominant in India, already prevalent widely across the country, said the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) in its latest bulletin.

"BA.2.01 and BA.2.12 are BA.2 sub-lineages that have been detected and many old BA.2 sequences have been reclassified into these new sub-lineages. So far these sub-lineages are not reported to be associated with increased severity of disease," said INSACOG in its latest bulletin on results of genome sequencing. According to data submit-



ted to GSAID during the past four weeks, 773 samples were of the Omicron variant, making it about 97.2% of the total submitted samples of the said variant. "Suspected recombinant sequences are under further analysis," said the consortium in the bulletin. The BA.4 variant was detected earlier this month in Hyderabad in samples taken from a traveller from South Africa, where this strain of Omicron has been causing the current Covid-19 wave, people aware of the matter said, adding that this information is subject to an official confirmation.

Inter-State Council with PM as chairman, six Mins reconstituted

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Inter-State Council that works to promote and support cooperative federalism has been reconstituted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Chairman and all Chief Ministers and six Union Ministers as members.

This apart, 10 Union Ministers will be the permanent invitees to the Inter-State Council.

According to an official notification, the union ministers who were made members of the council are: Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nirmala Sitharaman, Narendra Singh Tomar, Virendra Kumar, Hardeep Singh Puri, Nitin Gadkari, S Jaishankar, Arjun

Munda, Piyush Goyal, Dharamendra Pradhan, Pralhad Joshi, Ashwini Vaishnav, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Kiren Rijiju and Bhupender Yadav. The mandate of the council is to create a strong institutional framework to promote and support cooperative federalism in the country, activate the council and zonal councils by organising its regular meetings. It also facilitates consideration of all pending and emerging issues of the centre-state and inter-state relations by the zonal councils and inter-state council and develop a sound system of monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the inter-state council and zonal councils.

ED seizes foreign currency worth ₹1.53-cr at Kolkata airport

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said it has seized foreign currencies worth Rs 1.53 crore from a domestic passenger at the Kolkata airport under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The flyer had travelled from Gorakhpur to Kolkata with the foreign currencies. "During search (of the suspect flyer), 1,998 numbers of foreign currencies consisting of USD 1,65,000 and Euro 30,460 (equivalent to Rs 1.53 crore) were found in the possession of the passenger. However, he has failed to provide the source of the said foreign exchange and the purpose of traveling with such a huge amount of foreign exchange without any valid document.

Making allegations against judges now 'unfortunately' becoming new fashion: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Monday said that making allegations against judges is "unfortunately" becoming a new fashion now and the stronger the judge, the greater the allegations against him. The apex court, while hearing an appeal filed by an advocate who was found guilty of contempt by the Madras

Centre warns restaurants against forceful service charge

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) on Monday warned restaurants against levying service charges forcefully on consumers. The department has reminded restaurants and eateries that it is the discretion of the consumers to pay or not pay the service charges as they are completely voluntary. The DoCA has convened a meeting with the National Restaurant Association (NRA) on June 2 to discuss the issue. In a letter written by Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, DoCA to President, National Restaurant Association of India, it has been pointed out that the restaurants and eateries are collecting service charge

ASHA workers get Global Health Leaders Award, PM lauds feat

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Known as the pillars of the healthcare system in India, one million ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers have brought laurels to the country as they bagged the Global Health Leaders Award-2022 at the ongoing 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. "ASHA (which means hope in Hindi) are more than 1 million female volunteers in India, honoured for the crucial role in linking the com-

Centre warns restaurants against forceful service charge

munity with the health system, to ensure those living in rural poverty can access primary healthcare services, as shown throughout the Covid-19 pandemic," said a statement from the World Health Organisation (WHO). They were one of the six recipients of the award. The ASHA initiative, which falls under the National Health Mission, was launched in India in 2006. However, they are not well-paid. But this has not deterred them from doing yeoman services, which were particularly visible dur-

Centre warns restaurants against forceful service charge

ing the Covid virus in the last two years. Soon after an announcement was made by the WHO conferring award on them, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to appreciate them. "Delighted that the entire team of ASHA workers have been conferred the WHO Director-General's Global Health Leaders' Award. Congratulations to all ASHA workers. They are at the forefront of ensuring a healthy India. Their dedication and determination are admirable," he said.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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 interest 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/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor (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.	Manish Kumar/ Surjit Gill (16500003968 & QZJAL0005035876) & H No B/2016/168, Street No. 07, Fatehgarh Rd, B Shankar Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab 146001	House Bearing Kharsa No. 3743/1386(2-4), Hadbast No.247, Villages Premgarh, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab/ May 17, 2022	December 30, 2021 Rs. 23,52,304/-	Hoshiarpur

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: May 24, 2022
Place: Hoshiarpur
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, KARNAL

217 Darabi Lane, Sadar Bazar, Near Ravi Das Mandir, Karnal
Telephone No. 0184-228484, E-Mail: arcakn@yahoo.com, website: www.rcsharyana.gov.in

Election Programme of Members of the Managing Committee of The Bandarala Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd., Bandarala Teh. Assandh, Distt. Karnal to be held 08.07.2022

S.No.	Programme	Date	Time	Place
1.	Exhibition of list of voters as required under sub Para 2 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	30.05.2022 to 02.06.2022	9.00 AM to 5.00 PM	1.0/o ARCS Karnal 2. Inspector C.S Assandh-II 3. Concerned Branch C.B 4. Common Place of the Area of Operation CIS
2.	Filling of objection if any of voters list as per Sub Para 3 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	03.06.2022	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM	1.0/o ARCS Karnal H.No. 217 New Ramesh Nagar Near Ravidas Mandir, Karnal
3.	Hearing of objection voters list as required 35(4)(APPENDIX A PART-III)	03.06.2022	2.00 PM to 4.00 PM	---
4.	Filling of Nomination Papers	27.06.2022	10.00 AM to 2.00 PM	---
5.	Display of list of received nominations papers	27.06.2022	4.00 PM	---
6.	Scrutiny of nominations papers	28.06.2022	10.00 AM to 2.00 PM	---
7.	Display of list of valid nominations papers	28.06.2022	4.00 PM	---
8.	Withdrawal of nomination papers	30.06.2022	10.00 AM to 2.00 PM	---
9.	Allocation of Symbols	30.06.2022	4.00 PM	---
10.	Taking of poll if necessary	08.07.2022	9.00 AM to 4.00 PM	In the office of the Bandarala Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd., Bandarala (Karnal)

Note: 1. It is compulsory of all voters to bring their Society pass book / others photo ID
2. Total no of 07 Managing Committee will be Elected out of them 05 Members of ARI and 02 Member of Non-Ari.
3. Out of 07 Elected Committee Members, at least 2 Woman, 1 S.C. Member and if B.C Voters more than 10% One B.C. Member will Elected.
(Anu Koshish) Returning Officer
Cum-Assist Registrar,
Cooperative Societies, Karnal

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Election Programme of Members of the Managing Committee of The Barota Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd., Barota Teh. & Distt. Karnal to be held 08.07.2022

S.No.	Programme	Date	Time	Place
1.	Exhibition of list of voters as required under sub Para 2 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	30.05.2022 to 02.06.2022	9.00 AM to 5.00 PM	1.0/o ARCS Karnal 2. Inspector C.S. Chirao 3. Concerned Branch C.B 4. Common Place of the Area of Operation CIS
2.	Filling of objection if any of voters list as per Sub Para 3 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	03.06.2022	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM	1.0/o ARCS Karnal H.No. 217 New Ramesh Nagar Near Ravidas Mandir, Karnal
3.	Hearing of objection voters list as required 35(4)(APPENDIX A PART-III)	03.06.2022	2.00 PM to 4.00 PM	---
4.	Filling of Nomination Papers	27.06.2022	10.00 AM to 2.00 PM	---
5.	Display of list of received nominations papers	27.06.2022	4.00 PM	---
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9.	Allocation of Symbols	30.06.2022	4.00 PM	---
10.	Taking of poll if necessary	08.07.2022	9.00 AM to 4.00 PM	In the office of the Barota Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd., Barota

Note: 1. It is compulsory of all voters to bring their Society pass book / others photo ID
2. Total no of 07 Managing Committee will be Elected out of them 05 Members of ARI and 02 Member of Non-Ari.
3. Out of 07 Elected Committee Members, at least 2 Woman, 1 S.C. Member and if B.C Voters more than 10% One B.C. Member will Elected.
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Election Programme of Members of the Managing Committee of The Dadupur Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd., Dadupur Roran, Block Nising at Chirao (Karnal) to be held 08.07.2022

S.No.	Programme	Date	Time	Place
1.	Exhibition of list of voters as required under sub Para 2 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	30.05.2022 to 02.06.2022	9.00 AM to 5.00 PM	1.0/o ARCS Karnal 2. Inspector C.S. Chirao 3. Concerned Branch C.B 4. Common Place of the Area of Operation CIS
2.	Filling of objection if any of voters list as per Sub Para 3 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	03.06.2022	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM	1.0/o ARCS Karnal H.No. 217 New Ramesh Nagar Near Ravidas Mandir, Karnal
3.	Hearing of objection voters list as required 35(4)(APPENDIX A PART-III)	03.06.2022	2.00 PM to 4.00 PM	---
4.	Filling of Nomination Papers	27.06.2022	10.00 AM to 2.00 PM	---
5.	Display of list of received nominations papers	27.06.2022	4.00 PM	---
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8.	Withdrawal of nomination papers	30.06.2022	10.00 AM to 2.00 PM	---
9.	Allocation of Symbols	30.06.2022	4.00 PM	---
10.	Taking of poll if necessary	08.07.2022	9.00 AM to 4.00 PM	In the office of the Dadupur Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd., Dadupur Roran (Karnal)

Note: 1. It is compulsory of all voters to bring their Society pass book / others photo ID
2. Total no of 07 Managing Committee will be Elected out of them 05 Members of ARI and 02 Member of Non-Ari.
3. Out of 07 Elected Committee Members, at least 2 Woman, 1 S.C. Member and if B.C Voters more than 10% One B.C. Member will Elected.
(Anu Koshish) Returning Officer
Cum-Assist Registrar,
Cooperative Societies, Karnal

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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.	Duraganagouda Ninganaagouda Patil/ Girijavva Ninganaagouda Patil/ Cingandan 5 Battalian, BSF Kharsa, Amritsar, Punjab Amritsar 143105-QZJHBL0005002094	Schedule "B" (Particulars of Secured Property) (As described in the Loan document / property document covering Plot No-97, 5th Cross TMC No349/97 Huligerbhana Mukti Nagar bellhatti Shigri Road, Mukti Nagar Laxmeshwar Dist Gadag Tq Shirhatti) (Admeasuring an area of As Per Sale Deed) Bounded By North: As Per Sale Deed, West: As Per Sale Deed, East: As Per Sale Deed, South: As Per Sale Deed	09.02.2022/ Rs. 19,17,249.00/-	09.08.2021

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

Date: May 24, 2022
Place: Amritsar
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to general public that Smt. Usha Mittal wife of Mohan Lal R/o Sirsa is owner of A Shop bearing Property Tax ID No. SRAS/906/124/1 measuring 31.11 sq. yards, situated at Gali Mani Ram Haveli Wali, Sirsa vide Sale deed no. 1216 dated 09.05.2019 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar Sirsa. She has lost Original Last Page of her previous original sale deed no. 4122 dated 08.07.2010 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar Sirsa some where. If any person have any objection regarding mortgage of said property or have claim any right in above said sale deed, may lodge/inform him claim within 7 day to the undersigned of the publication of this notice.
Manjit Singh Sethi, Advocate, 117, F-Block, Sirsa, 98121-19593

बेदखली सूचना

मे रणधीर सिंह पुत्र जोतीराम निवासी गांव खेरी मण्डला जिला हिसार हरियाणा का ह् अपने हल्क से ब्यान करता हू कि मेरा पुत्र नवीन लिसने हमारी मज्जी के खिलाफ प्रेम विवाह कर लिया है इस कारण मैं उन्हें अपनी चल व अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करता हू बिना मैं इनसे कोई किसी प्रकार का लेन देन करता हू तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा ना कि मैं या मेरा परिवार।

LOST/ NOTICE

My Original Booking receipt, Flat Buyer Agreement of TDI Espania Royale, SONIP has been lost of Customer ID-KRH-00203 vide booking no. BOO0030/0200/12-13 of Rs. 2674671/- dated 14/07/2012. Finder may contact, Sanjay, 9813065308.

Lost & Found

I, Naresh Kumar s/o Shripal r/o Model Town, Pehowa Kurukshetra, declare that the Form C Allotment Letter No. 1909 dated 14.02.2001 of my house No. 7, Model Town, Pehowa Kurukshetra, which has been lost somewhere. Whoever found it, inform me at the above address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE MR. HARJEET SINGH SANDHU, PCS, ASST. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.
Subject: Regarding transfer of lease hold rights in respect of Semi Industrial Site No.403, Sector-37-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 25% share on the basis of Un-Registered Will dated. 09.12.2018 of Sh. Ram Kishan S/o Late. Sh. Diwan Chand. It has been informed by Sh. Mahesh Kumar Budhrija; that Lessee of above said property to the extent of 25% share has expired on 10.02.2021 and upon the death of said Lessee Late. Sh. Ram Kishan having following members, i.e.

1. Suresh Kumar Budhrija Son
 2. Davinder Kumar Budhrija Son
 3. Mahesh Kumar Budhrija Son
 4. Ashok Kumar Budhrija Son
 5. Smt. Santosh Kumari Daughter
- Now, Sh. Mahesh Kumar Budhrija, has applied for transfer of lease rights in respect of Semi Industrial Site No.403, Sector-37-D, Chandigarh held by Late Sh. Ram Kishan in his favour, on the basis of Un-Registered Will dated. 09.12.2018 of Sh. Ram Kishan S/o Late. Sh. Diwan Chand. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.
- If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicant, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary(s) and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Harjeet Singh Sandhu, (PCS), Asstt. Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK RANJIT AVENUE BRANCH, AMRITSAR

Whereas, the Undersigned being the "Authorized Officer" of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the NPA Account	Description of the Immovable Properties	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
(1) Sh. Bhajan Lal S/o Sh. Ram Parkash and Smt. Atti W/o Sh. Bhajan Lal and Guarantor : Sh. Nitin S/o Sh. Naninder Kumar	Property bearing House No. 68, measuring 146.66 sq. Yards, Abadi B.B Enclave Phase 1, Chabal Road, Bharanwal Sub urban, Amritsar vide Document dated 12-05-2016, bearing Document no. 1468, Book no. 1, Volume no. 14551, Page no. 12 in favour of Sh. Bhajan Lal S/o Sh. Ram Parkash and Smt. Atti W/o Sh. Bhajan Lal and bounded as North : Road 40 ft wide, South : Passage, East : Plot no. 67, West : Plot no. 69.	10-06-2021	23-05-2022	Rs. 20,94,926/10 as on 31-05-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 10-06-2021 and less recovery if any, affected till date
(2) Sh. Gurnam Singh S/o Sh. Beer Singh and Sh. Dhir Singh S/o Sh. Mangal Singh and Guarantor: Sh. Hardeep Singh S/o Sh. Niranjan Singh	Property bearing Plot no 105 and 106, measuring 300 sq. yards, Kharsa no. 96/14/2(0-3), 96/3/3(2/0-7) Min, situated in Area Village Nanli, Near Abadi Preet Avenue, Ram Nagar Colony, Tehsil Amritsar-II, Distt Amritsar vide Document dated 22-01-2007, bearing Document no. 15024, Book no. 1, Volume no. 2790, Page no. 2122, in favour of Sh. Gurnam Singh S/o Sh. Beer Singh and Sh. Dhir Singh S/o Sh. Mangal Singh and Bounded North : Other Property, South : Road, East : Other Property, West : Other Property	01-01-2022	19-05-2022	Rs. 6,38,769/33 as on 01-01-2022 + interest, other charges w.e.f. 01-01-2022 and less recovery if any, affected till date
(3) Sh. Gulshan Kumar S/o Sh. Sushil Kumar and Smt. Sunita W/o Sh. Gulshan Kumar and Guarantor: Sh. Charanjit Singh S/o Sh. Jaswant Singh	Property bearing House no. 7, measuring 110 sq. yards, situated in the Revenue Estate of Nanli, Near Pioneer Avenue (Varun Enclave), Hadbast no. 283, Tehsil Amritsar-II vide Document dated 02-05-2016, bearing Document no. 1644, Book no. 1, Volume no. 6693, Page no. 3839 in favour of Smt. Sunita W/o Sh. Gulshan Kumar and bounded as North : Property of other, South : 20 ft wide Street, East : Plot no. 6, West : Plot no. 8	10-06-2021	19-05-2022	Rs. 4,84,152/57 as on 31-05-2021 + interest, other charges w.e.f. 10-06-2021 and less recovery if any, affected till date
(4) Sh. Balwinder Pal S/o Joginder Pal and Guarantor: Smt Geeta W/o Balwinder Pal and Sh. Avtar Singh S/o Sh. Santokh Singh	Property bearing House no.12-36 min, measuring 112.77 sq. yards. Wakia Rakha Gumtala Sub-Urban, Sant Avenue, Amritsar, vide Document dated 19-03-2018, bearing Document no. 15529, Book no. 1, Volume no. 7417, Page no. 4344 in favour of Sh Balwinder Pal S/o Sh. Joginder Pal and bounded as North : Street 15 ft. South : Plot no 35 and 13, East : Plot no 36, West : Plot no 12.	06-08-2021	19-05-2022	Rs. 10,40,524/33 as on 05-08-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 06-08-2021 and less recovery if any, affected till date
(5) Sh. Manjotpreet Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh and Smt. Kulwant Kaur W/o Sh. Avtar Singh and Guarantor: Sh. Avtar Singh S/o Sh. Pishora Singh	Property bearing Plot no. 205 min. 206 min. Kharsa no. 1970 min, area 111.11 sq yards, situated in the Revenue Estate of Sultanwind Sub Urban Taraf Mahal-I, Abadi Kanwar Avenue, Amritsar-I, District Amritsar, vide Document dated 27-02-2018, bearing Document no. 9565, Book no. 1, Volume no. 15006, Page no. 2829 in favour of Smt. Kulwant Kaur W/o Sh. Avtar Singh and bounded as North : Plot no. 205 min, South : Plot no. 206 min, East : Ownership of others, West : 30' Passage	06-08-2021	23-05-2022	Rs. 20,52,736/29 as on 05-08-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 06-08-2021 and less recovery if any, affected till date
(6) Sh. Sh. Buta Singh S/o Sh. Sohan Singh and Guarantors: Smt Tarsem Kaur W/o Buta Singh and Sh. Davinder Singh S/o Harbans Singh	Property i.e. One House, measuring 50 sq. yards, having Kharsa no. 551 min, situated in area Rakha Sultanwind Sub Urban, Abadi Shaheed Baba Sangat Singh Nagar, Near Abadi Jawahar Nagar, Amritsar vide Document dated 17-02-2012, bearing Document no. 11368, Book no. 1, Volume no. 11367, Page no. 1314, in favour of Sh. Buta Singh S/o Sh. Sohan Singh and bounded as North : Ownership of Seller, South : Passage, East : Ownership of seller, West : Passage	10-06-2021	23-05-2022	Rs. 6,47,051/12 as on 31-05-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 10-06-2021 and less recovery if any, till date affected
(7) Smt. Ranjit Kaur S/o Sh. Darshan Singh and Guarantors: Sh. Darshan Singh S/o Bhan Singh and Sh. Emanuel Alex S/o Subash	Plot no. 9, House no. 465 new measuring 72.22 sq. yards i.e. 3 Maria being 3/247 share in Kharsa no. 140 min (6-0), 140 min (6-7) in Revenue Estate of Tungbala Sub Urban, Abadi Indra Colony, Amritsar-II vide Document dated 09-01-2006, bearing Document no. 10810, Book no. 1, Volume no. 2392, Page no. 43, in favour of Smt. Ranjit Kaur W/o Sh. Darshan Singh and bounded as North : Street, South : Street, East : Plot no. 8, West : Plot no.10 (House no. 466)	03-04-2021	19-05-2022	Rs. 10,24,545/76 as on 03-04-2021 + interest, other charges w.e.f 03-04-2021 and less recovery if any, affected till date
(8) Sh. Harish Kumar S/o Late Davinder Kumar & Guarantors (i) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar S/o Late Sh. Davinder Kumar (ii) Smt. Jyoti W/o Sh. Harish Kumar	Plot no. 1, Kharsa no. 639 min Sub Urban Circle no. 110, Abadi Krishna Nagar, Amritsar vide Document dated 08-04-2022 bearing Document no. 255, Book no. 1, Volume no. 1371, Page no. 8081, in favour of Sh. Harish Kumar S/o Late Sh. Davinder Kumar and bounded as North : Property of other, South : Plot no. 2, East : Property of other, West : Gali	03-04-2021	19-05-2022	Rs. 19,43,868/23 as on 03-04-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 03-04-2021 and less recovery if any, till date affected
(9) Sh. Baljit Singh S/o Sh. Rudha Singh and Smt. Charandeep Kaur W/o Sh. Baljit Singh and Guarantor: Sh. Vishal Trehan S/o Sh. Roshan Lal	Property One House bearing no.188-189, measuring 400 sq. yards, Kharsa no. 32/4 Min, situated in the Revenue Estate of Rakh Shikargah, Abadi Himmat Singh Avenue, Near Guru Har Rai Colony, Tehsil Amritsar-II Distt Amritsar vide Document dated 29-09-2009, bearing Document no. 7036, Book no. 1, Volume no. 3768, Page no. 6667, in favour of Sh. Baljit Singh S/o Sh. Rudha Singh and Smt. Charandeep Kaur W/o Sh. Baljit Singh and bounded as North : Other's Property, South : Passage 20 ft, East : Other's Property, West : Passage 20 ft.	08-11-2021	19-05-2022	Rs. 18,26,706/- as on 08-11-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 08-11-2021 and less recovery if any, till date affected
(10) Sh. Shiv Kumar S/o Sh. Balwant Rai and Guarantors: Smt. Anita S/o Sh Shiv Kumar and Sh. Chandar Parkash S/o Balwant Rai	Property bearing House no. 588/589 Kharsa no. 571 min, Khatoni no. 27/56, Wakia Rakha Tung Pai Urban, Abadi New Golden Avenue, Amritsar vide Document no. 24758 dated 22-01-2013, owned jointly by Sh. Shiv Kumar and Smt. Anita and vide Document no. 24758 dated 22-01-2013 owned by Smt. Anita and bounded as North : Plot no. 588-589, South : Plot no. 588-589, East : Plot no. 584, West : 20 ft street.	03-04-2021	23-05-2022	Rs. 10,75,528/42 as on 03-04-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 03-04-2021 and less recovery if any, till date affected
(11) Sh. Pankaj Shingari S/o Sh. Deepak Shingari and Smt. Neha Shingari W/o Sh. Rajiv Shingari and Sh. Rajiv Shingari S/o Sh. Subhash Shingari and Guarantor (i) Sh. Deepak Shingari S/o Sh. Satpal Shingari (ii) Sh. Subhash Shingari S/o Sh. Satpal Shingari (iii) Smt. Rajni Shingari W/o Sh. Subhash Shingari (iv) Smt. Geeta Shingari W/o Sh. Deepak Shingari (v) Smt. Mamta Rani S/o Sh. Roshan Lal (vi) Sh. Chetan Swaroop S/o Sh. Babu Ram Swaroop (vii) Smt. Ranjana Chopra W/o Sh. Rajesh Chopra	Property bearing House no. 98-A measuring 180.55 sq. yards, Kharsa no. 48/14/2, 15/2 min, Wakia Rakha Gumtala Sub-Urban, Abadi Jujhar Singh Avenue, Ajnala Road, Amritsar vide Document dated 27-02-2018, bearing Document no. 22883, Book no. 1, Volume no. 5320, Page no. 2426, in favour of Sh. Pankaj Shingari S/o Sh. Deepak Shingari, Smt. Neha Shingari W/o Sh. Rajiv Shingari and Sh. Rajiv Shingari S/o Sh. Subhash Shingari and bounded as North : Plot no. 98 min, South : Road 20 ft wide, East : Property of others, West : Road 24 ft.	06-08-2021	19-05-2022	Rs. 10,51,339/78 as on 05-08-2021 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 06-08-2021 and less recovery if any, till date affected

Date: 24-05-2022
Place: Amritsar
Sd/- Authorized Officer

STATE BANK OF INDIA SMECC, RANI KA BAGH, AMRITSAR

POSESSION NOTICE (FOR MOVEABLE ASSET)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice under Section 13(2) to borrowers / guarantor on date mentioned here under 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 respective borrower / guarantor and the public in general that the Authorized Officer of Bank has taken possession of the asset described herein below in the exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of said Act read with Rules 8 of the said rules, on the date mentioned against account. The borrowers / guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with asset and any dealing with the asset will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for amount mentioned besides interest and other charges thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Name of the NPA Account	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
M/s Bittu Transformer Jai Gali, Josan Market, Hall Bazar, Opp. Ram Bagh Chounki, Amritsar through its Prop. Sh. Kuldeep Kumar S/o Sh. Hajari Lal R/o House no. 153, Gali no. 3, Gobind Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar	08-02-2022	21-05-2022	Rs. 7,54,091/- + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 07-02-2022 and less recovery if any, till date affected



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Tightrope

The new Australian PM has his task cut out with regard to his role in QUAD *vis-à-vis* China



The Chinese feel that Australian Labour Party leader Anthony Albanese, who succeeds Scott Morrison as the Prime Minister, may adopt a less hostile attitude towards them. Where does that feeling leave the QUAD? The US-initiated security dialogue is about countering the projection of Chinese power in the Indo-Pacific. As an equal partner in the quadrilateral, how the Albanese-led Australia interprets the growing tension between China and the United States becomes crucial for both. The QUAD had a chequered first phase when under Liberal John Howard, Australia withdrew from the dialogue, and his successor, Labour's Kevin Rudd, did not rejoin. The strategic initiative got a second life in 2017, and the four members are today more serious than ever to protect the QUAD. That is why the QUAD would like to reassure themselves that the shrillness of the campaign in the run-up to the just-concluded Australian elections, particularly over the Liberal-Labour spat over who is closer to China and who is not, will not find its echo now that Albanese has taken over. The QUAD and the Australian people want to know if Albanese will review or continue with Morrison's policies. The China-Australia ties were at their worst during Morrison's tenure. In the recent election campaign, Labour was under intense public scrutiny over its China policy. The Morrison-led Liberals accused Albanese of being soft on China, claiming that "the Chinese Government has picked their horse and he's sitting right there". A video showing Albanese trying to speak in Mandarin at an Australian Chinese trade association dinner in 2018 was recirculated afresh.

Albanese did not take the bait and maintained that there will not be a major change on contentious matters like Taiwan and the South China Sea. He said Australia's relationship with China "will remain a challenging one", and that the friendship with the US will remain the "first pillar" of Australia's foreign policy. Closer to the election, the Labour party displayed a similarly hardened attitude towards China. Labour's Penny Wong — the new Foreign Minister — led her campaign saying they will not take "a backward step" on Australia's current tensions with China. The same Wong had said a year ago that the bilateral friction does not mean that "there's no room for improvement in our actions". Wong also criticised Morrison for preferring the AUKUS-linked nuclear-powered submarines pact over the French submarine deal. The Labour at that time wanted Australia to have a view separate from the US over military and security matters. To think that Albanese, new to international diplomacy at this level, would adopt an America-first policy and simultaneously try to rationalise relations with China appears far-fetched. For its part, China is leaving no stone unturned to send the message that a healthy relationship is in the interests of both countries. Beijing will lose no opportunity to drive a wedge in the QUAD. It is time for the real Albanese to stand up.

PICTALK



Anchored boats during a dust storm at a ghat in Varanasi

PTI

Embarrassing cover-up

The Taliban have ordered all female TV news anchors to cover their faces while on air

The Taliban-led Islamic Emirate Government in Afghanistan has pronouncedly returned to its crooked ways, especially with regard to the country's women. Actually, it's always been biased against the fair gender, even when it was in power the last time in Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001. After they seized power again in August last year, the Taliban initially appeared to have moderated their restrictions somewhat, announcing no dress code for women. But in recent weeks, they have made a sharp, hardline pivot that has confirmed the worst fears of the rights activists and further complicated the Taliban's dealings with an already distrustful international community. On March 23, 2022, the first day of the school year in Afghanistan, eager female students arriving for class found closed gates and armed Taliban guards posted there. Despite the *de facto* authorities' assurances only days earlier that schools would reopen for girls above sixth grade, they had barred girls from further education. The Minister of Higher Education — part of an all-male Government — has stated publicly that Islam is more important than qualifications, so education is of no value to boys or girls.



Then earlier this month, the Taliban's Ministry for the Prevention of Vice and the Propagation of Virtue ordered all women to wear head-to-toe clothing in public that leaves only their eyes visible. The decree said women should leave the home only when necessary and that male relatives would face punishment for women's dress code violations. And now, as per a report last weekend, Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have started to enforce a new order requiring all female TV news anchors in the country to cover their faces while on air. After the order was announced midweek, only a handful of news outlets initially complied. But on Sunday, most female anchors were seen with their faces covered after the Taliban's Vice and Virtue Ministry began enforcing the decree. However, the presenters are obviously not happy with the diktat. They feel it's the imposition of "just an outside culture" and there "aren't feeling good at all" while presenting programmes. But all hope's not lost. Not yet! In an act of solidarity with female colleagues, the channel's male personnel covered their faces with masks, including the main evening newsreader. Way to go, you are fighting for a cause.

True trustees of the Constitution?

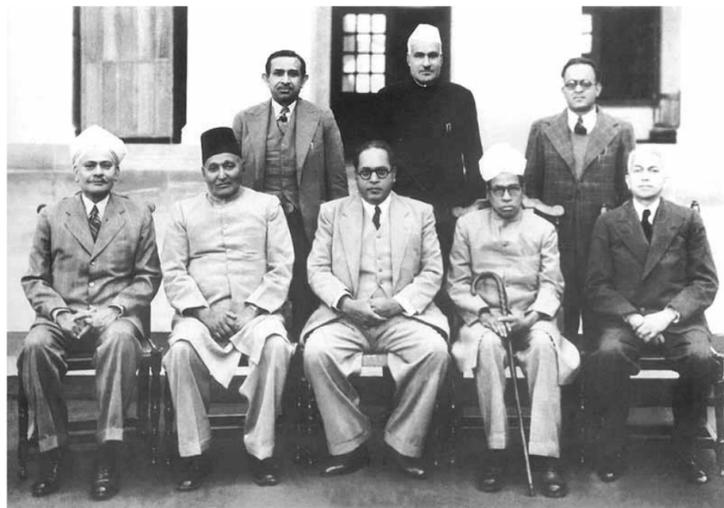


JS RAJPUT

Our forefathers, who drafted the Constitution, had pictured an entirely different scenario for the development of the nation than what it has now become

The unseating of the then Union Government by the people in May 2014 shocked those who were convinced of being the only conscience keepers to the nation, the protectors of the Constitution of India. Come September 2015, certain authors, poets and film personalities gave expression to their hurt conscience on what they thought were increasing intolerance and "unmaking of India". Recently, another letter written by 108 bureaucrats to the PM received only stunted media response; that too, from ideologically inclined fellow travellers. Selective efforts, people understand, are mere manifestation of the loss of hegemony over institutions and regular sources of support from the corridors of power. India deserves far more unbiased and credible civil society think tanks. Is it not intriguing that those worried about the 'victimisation of a particular community, intolerance and attack on secular fabric' just prefer to keep mum when orchestrated violence takes place in West Bengal before and after Assembly elections. Their conscience is not aroused when two ministers of the Maharashtra Government are put behind bars, but refuse to resign! The 108 custodians of the Constitution just did not remember TT Krishnamachari, Keshav Deva Malaviya or Lal Bahadur Shastri! Does it not indict the bureaucracy as a whole when the house of a senior IAS officer is raided and over ₹17 crore in cash is recovered? When orders of the Supreme Court of India on loudspeaker decibel levels are flouted for years and insistence on it being implemented is resisted? The unscrupulous come in the support of the deviant! Does the highest Indian judiciary deserve this treatment?

In Maharashtra and Rajasthan, the State Governments are openly encouraging the flouting of court orders on decibel levels; these two Governments are also the custodians of the spirit of Constitution. Why can't the 'hurt and worried' luminaries issue an appeal to



respect the judiciary? As one peruses the Constituent Assembly debates, one is inspired by the spirit and intent that remains organically present during these deliberations, conducted with Rajendra Prasad as its president. The chairman of the Drafting Committee, BR Ambedkar, was admired for his comprehension of the socio-economic and cultural context of India. He had thorough comprehension of the global scenario and had acquired a great futuristic vision. He made a historic speech on November 26, 1949, when the draft was finally approved by the Constituent Assembly: "Whatever the Constitution may or may not provide, the welfare of the country will depend upon the way in which the country is administered. That will depend upon the men who administer it. It is a trite saying that a country can have only the Government it deserves." Those with a hurt conscience must have read it all when they entered the corridors of power to implement the provisions of the Constitution, and preserve

and protect its spirit. Did they realise that it was imperative on the part of the implementers, including the elected representatives, bureaucrats and legal luminaries to remember Ambedkar's expectations: "I shall only hope that all those whose good fortune it may be to work this Constitution in future will remember that it was a unique victory which we achieved by the unique method taught to us by the Father of the Nation, and it is up to us to preserve and protect the independence that we have won and to make it really bear fruit for the man in the street. Let us launch on this new enterprise of running our Independent Republic with confidence, with truth and non-violence and, above all, with the heart within and God overhead." On November 25, 1949, senior Congress leader Mahavir Tyagi was given four minutes to speak, which he considered "the most precious of my life, past, present and future". The Draft Constitution was a 'concrete picture' before them, in which each of the members had contributed; and Ambedkar was the chief artist. It would be very relevant



IN MAHARASHTRA AND RAJASTHAN, THE STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE OPENLY ENCOURAGING THE FLOUTING OF COURT ORDERS ON DECIBEL LEVELS; THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO THE CUSTODIANS OF THE SPIRIT OF CONSTITUTION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS SLASHING FUEL PRICES LOGICAL?

Sir — A reduction in central excise duty per litre of petrol by ₹8 and ₹6 for each litre of diesel will translate into retail prices on these fuels dropping by ₹9.5 per litre and ₹7 per litre. Again, the price subsidy for LPG of ₹200 per cylinder to beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme is a boon. So it is in the hands of the Finance Minister to control inflation. If this holds true, then inflation can be controlled periodically in the same way instead of making people struggle. Tax reduction must be at once passed to consumers who are now reeling under direct or indirect taxes. At the same time, the taxes levied must be routed towards reduction of burden of purchasing power of every citizen of State-Central sectors. It is the duty of an elected Government to give concessions to the lower strata of people to ease their day-to-day expenses in terms of fulfilling their basic daily needs. So far they haven't taken positive steps to enhance the purchasing power of the lower and middle class citizens. It is time to control commodity prices; the sale of things should be streamlined and made available in the open market.

CK Subramaniam | Navi Mumbai

INDIA'S CONDITION SAME AS LANKA'S?

Sir — Sri Lanka, our neighbouring country, is experiencing an unprecedented economic collapse that has pushed its Government into a deep crisis. Lanka is struggling to import basic necessities for its 22 million people because of its diminishing foreign reserves and crippling debt; anti-Government protests even turned violent which led to the burning of the houses of the President and other Ministers houses, and this violence ultimately led to the PM's resignation. The policies of Rajapaksa led the \$81 billion economy to bankruptcy. The two policy blunders were the cutting of taxes overnight and barring the import of chemical fertilisers and pesticides to push Lanka into organic farming.

Appreciate the nuances first



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, while speaking about our country's foreign policy again on foreign land, had compared the conflict with China on Leh and Doklam with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. However, it is expected that he should have learnt a thing or two about the foreign policy from his forefathers, perhaps someone like Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. Pt Nehru had such foresight that he predicted way back in the 1950s that Atal Bihari Vajpayee will one day become the PM of India, and his saying came true in 1998-

99 when Vajpayee became our PM. When Indira Gandhi took the bold decision on Bangladesh, the entire Opposition highly praised Indira Gandhi. When PV Narasimha Rao was the PM, an Indian delegation to the UN was led by leader of the Opposition AB Vajpayee; such instances are rarely seen these days. The foreign policy of any country is a continuous process and, even with the change of Government, the policy and a nation's stand on most issues remain the same. Present example is before us in the context of the Russia-Ukraine war, where India followed its own foreign policy and maintained neutrality as well as old relations with Russia and also purchased oil from it by paying in roubles. Side by side, India is also attending the QUAD meetings and, on this front, even Pakistan had praised the foreign policy of India many times.

Yash Pal Raihan | Jalandhar

Diminishing foreign reserves, huge piles of debt, devaluation of currency, rising inflation, rupee value dropping its lowest level compared to dollar and total economic collapse has compelled the people of Sri Lanka to struggle for their basic needs. The shortage of almost everything from food, medicines to cooking gas has resulted in social unrest and political turmoil. Lankans often call out that there is a threat to their country from Islamic extremists. Same is the situation in our country. Our economy is damaged, rupee value has fallen, commodity prices are out of the reach of common man.

Zeeshan | Kazipet

SIDHU'S CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Sir — With a fight for the fourth playoff spot, the fight between bat and ball was more tense than usual. The last two matches evinced keen interest from the bookie angle as the result would have had a bearing on the final outcome. The way Ashwin swept and pulled his old team-

mates from CSK was exhilarating, while the match between MI and DC was somewhat disappointing as the Delhi side could score within 160 and thereby lost a fair chance of going to the playoff stage. MI, who were doing bad so far, prevented DC with a facile win. Royal Challengers Bangalore are having a minus run rate and that could have ousted them from the championship with NRR. However, the tournament reached the final stage with such interest to decide the last four positions. GT, RR and LSG booked their berth with facile wins and that too with a higher net run rate to show. RCB got a backdoor entry because of MI making a match of the final game. As a matter of fact, a number of bookies were arrested during IPL 15 and we would like to see fewer controversies during the final stages of the championship.

CKR Nathan | Ghaziabad

SOUNDBITE

It's always people first for us. The decision (slashing fuel prices) will positively impact various sectors.



Prime Minister — Narendra Modi



Australia ex-Prime Minister — Scott Morrison

Getting (to act in) Aashram was more of a gift from the universe.



Actor — Esha Gupta



Indian Grandmaster — Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is a part-time politician and a habitual offender.



BJP spokesperson — Gaurav Bhatia

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A candle produces more CO₂ than a single firecracker



PRITAM SINGH

More than 95% human activities over the past 4-5 decades are responsible for inching 'mother-earth' towards getting warmer year after year, eclipsing our life-system. Stephen Hawking had unequivocally predicted ('a veiled threat') that our planet will gradually rise its temperature and will become a 'hot-fireball' in next six centuries; and to protect it - "we need to act now before it's too late". The human's lust for deriving more power from fossil fuels for our vehicles and industry is having a serious cause of concerns of scientists and environmental experts; warrants to have adequate notice of active derivative - "The Wax" - we use very frequently in our daily life. We burn every-year more than three 'billion-candles' on cultural and religious occasions. They significantly increase the level of 'greenhouse gases', inviting new threats to human health. Most of the candles are made from 'Paraffin wax' - derivative of petroleum - which have common carcinogenic toxins released by burning of diesel in IC engines. For instance, each 50 gm household candle burns for about four hours. That produces about 39 gm of carbon dioxide. A single candle thus produces nearly 30 times more carbon dioxide than a single fire-cracker which produces a mere 0.4 gm. The 'collective flames of earth's gradual burning' are reaching to the coldest region Antarctica opening-up the gate-ways of destruction of humanity from multiple fronts ranging from North and South poles of Antarctica to the ecologically vulnerable and fragile-points known as 'third pole of earth' - the Himalayan range - melting the precious



'snowy regions'. These snowy regions are solid water (ice) which act to play a significant role of our "life-line on earth" - cooling down the earth's temperature compatible to our living conditions. Is the sun to blame for rising temperature on earth? No. The earth's climate is influenced by the sun and acts as giver of life. However, the scorching heat touching new records is not attributable to the sun's activities. The most abundant 'greenhouse gases' physically or chemically are responsible. "It will continue to get more-hotter and fiercer until humans stop burning of fossil fuels" climatologists from Oxford University contend.

An analytical data from the satellites have observed that the sun's energy output has changed less than 0.1% in the last 40 years whereas earth's warming has increased by at least 1.1° Celsius (1.9° Fahrenheit) in 142 years. The warming has increased, since 1975, at the rate of roughly by 0.15 to 0.20°C per decade. Planets like Venus have carbon dioxide content that is 1,54,000 times more than on earth (about 19000 times on Mars). It produces such Green House Gases impact that the surface temperature is over 475 degree Celsius, sufficient to melt lead. The alerts of Stephen Hawking warrant serious measures to bridle this spiral at any cost. Some studies at University of North Carolina predict that five lakh lives can be saved by the year 2030 if the GHG are controlled. For mitigating the impact of the lurking shadow of climatic dangers, all the countries should unanimously step-up their priorities and revisit the whole issue of 'using fossil fuels and its derivatives' to meet our 'bare-minimum needs' only. Accordingly, India being more vulnerable in respect of pollution-related issues, it is high time the regulatory authorities framed more stringent guidelines and launched massive public-awareness campaigns across the nation for the betterment of our future generations.

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Indian power sector is pushed to the brink

Among other things, free discoms from State control, allow them to set tariff for all consumers and permit private firms into the distribution business



UTTAM GUPTA

Faced with an acute power crisis caused amongst others by sudden spurt in power demand in this season, the Modi Government has fired all cylinders to tackle the most crucial of all bottlenecks in the way, namely coal which accounts for nearly 52 percent of total power generation capacity in the country.

During April/May 2022, the Union Power Ministry - using powers vested in the Government under Section 11 of the Electricity Act, 2003 - issued directions to (i) all imported coal-based plants (ICB) to operate and generate power to their full capacity and (ii) all generation companies (gencos) based on domestic coal to import at least 10 percent of their fuel requirements (there is a move to further raise it to 30 percent).

Other measures include asking all gencos having captive coal mines to maximize production from their mines; Coal India Limited (CIL) - a central public sector undertaking (CPSU) which contributes about 85 percent of domestic coal production - to auction its mines 'not under use' to private companies; galvanizing railways' infrastructure to move coal from mines to plants site etc.

The Government has also announced financial and price support measures to help gencos actually see things happening on ground zero.

Thus, it has directed the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC Ltd) "to arrange short term loans for a period of six months with adequate safeguards for ICB plants, which are under stress". It has also allowed 'pass-through' of the increase in cost of imported coal under the power purchase agreements (PPAs) of gencos with power distribution companies (discoms).

The Government's intent is to increase availability of coal - both from domestic and imported sources, by putting more money in the hands of gencos so that they can pay for higher cost imported fuel (in just about two months, its price is up by \$100 per ton, courtesy difficult geopolitical situation) and even more importantly, allow them charge more from discoms to recover the higher cost.

But things may not pan out as desired. The discoms (mostly owned and controlled by State Governments) may not agree to hike in tariff; besides such revisions are open to challenge in the court. It won't be easy to sell expensive stuff in the 'power exchange' either as under the extant regulations, the tariff chargeable is subject to a cap. As for garnering additional production, effort there won't yield results in the near term.

Even if the Government is able to surmount these problems by forcing the buyers (read: discoms) to pay for the higher cost and removing the tariff cap on sales in the exchange, this will push the already fragile discoms into deeper mess.

The discoms are in dire straits because



HAD THE PRODUCTION COME ANYWHERE NEAR THE TARGET, THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE POWER SECTOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AGGRAVATION OF DISCOMS WOES COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. THE HUGE SHORTFALL DEMONSTRATES THE DIRE NEED FOR BETTER PLANNING AND TIMELY EXECUTION OF PROJECTS

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State Governments order them to supply a sizeable chunk of electricity to households and farmers at a fraction of the cost of purchase and distribution or even free (in some states, subsidy accounts for 30-40 percent of discoms' revenue).

Although, States promise to reimburse discoms the excess of the cost over realization from sale, most of them either don't reimburse at all or do it partially and that too after delay. This results in huge under-recovery on units sold to HHs/farmers.

Discoms' under-recoveries are exacerbated by high aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) loss - a jargon for power theft. To offset, they charge high tariffs on supplies to industries and businesses. Despite this cross-subsidization, overall, discoms incur huge loss.

Thanks to persistent losses, as of March 31, 2022, they had piled up a mammoth debt of over ₹600,000 crore. They also owe about ₹100,000 crore to independent power producers (IPPs) and other generators in the public sector such as NTPC.

The efforts to revitalize discoms have been going on for two decades with four major schemes launched in 2002, 2012, 2015 and 2021; yet none has delivered. The last two under the Modi Government deserve special mention.

Under Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) launched in November 2015, the Centre coordinated a financial restructuring package (FRP) of ₹400,000 crore for discoms in lieu of their committing to reduce AT&C losses from 20.7 percent during 2015-16 to 15 percent by 2018-19 and reducing the gap between average revenue realisation (ARR) from sale of electrici-

ty vis-a-vis the average cost of supply (ACS) or the ACS-ARR gap from ₹0.59 per unit during 2015-16 to 'zero' by 2018-19.

During 2019-20, discoms' AT&C losses were 18.9 percent against the 15 percent target for 2018-19, while ACS-ARR gap was ₹0.42 per unit against the target of 'zero' for 2018-19.

In the Union Budget for 2021-22, the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman launched a 'Reforms-Linked, Result-Based Scheme for Distribution' (RLRBSD) with an allocation of over ₹310,000 crore. Under this scheme also, in lieu of support to discoms, the government set targets for reducing AT&C losses to 12-15 percent and ACS-ARR gap to 'nil' by 2025. The release of money - under the Scheme - is linked to their meeting various reform targets.

As in the past, these are hollow proclamations. Under UDAY also, discoms were required to set their house in order. But, they didn't. The current AT&C losses at about 25 percent are even higher than 20.7 percent during 2015-16 (when the scheme was launched). Forget reduction. Hence, claims under RLRBSD don't inspire.

How will the crisis triggered by coal shortage and the manner in which the government is dealing with it impact discoms' finances?

The direction to all ICB plants to maximize generation and to domestic coal based plants to do 10 percent/30 percent blending with imported coal will result in sharp increase in the cost of power purchase by discoms. Since, our political brass won't let HHs/farmers pay even a paisa more and industries are already crippled by high tariff - ₹10 per unit plus in most states; hence can't be further

increased, this will end up further inflating their losses.

In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had set a coal production target of 1500 million tons (MT) for 2019-20. During 2019-20, India produced around 730 MT. In 2020-21, production declined to 716 MT (courtesy, Covid). During 2021-22, at 777 MT it exceeded the 2019-20 level but was barely 50 percent of the target.

Had production come anywhere near the target, the current crisis in the power sector and consequential aggravation of discoms woes could have been avoided. The huge shortfall demonstrates the dire need for better planning and timely execution of projects. Modi also needs to plan for a smoother transition to renewable sources ensuring that conventional source (read: coal) which currently takes a major share of the load doesn't become an impediment.

However, the most important thing our political class needs to do is to actually carry out reforms in the power sector at ground zero. This will call for unshackling of discoms from State control, giving them freedom to set tariff for all consumers (HHs/farmers included), allowing private firms in distribution business and vesting infrastructure for transmission, wheeling and last-mile delivery of power in an independent entity which should provide access to it on 'common carrier' principle in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner.

If, any State Government wants to give subsidy to farmers and HHs, it should be given directly to the beneficiaries using the direct benefit transfer (DBT) mechanism.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

THEY (THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE) HAVE COMPLETELY CHANGED. THEY DON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING; THEY ARE ARROGANT.
— CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



YES, THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE HAS CHANGED. YES, THEY FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. NO, IT'S NOT CALLED ARROGANCE.
— EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER S JAISHANKAR

Russia will not disappear soon

It is awaiting leadership change

Russian President Vladimir Putin will almost certainly not be in power three years from now. The war he foolishly began in Ukraine has fatally undermined his political credibility among the Russian elite (and among a large though mostly silent part of the population). One way or another, he will be replaced.

He may even save everybody the trouble by dying before he can be removed. He definitely doesn't look well, his behaviour is increasingly erratic, and rumours that he is suffering from some terminal disease abound. Russia is not a fascist state, just a kleptocracy where the thieves and the thugs have taken power, but Putin's personal behaviour does begin to resemble Hitler in his bunker in the final days, and Hitler too



GWYNNE DYER

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The views expressed are personal.)

was very ill. Putin knows nothing about military matters, but he is reportedly micro-managing single 'battalion combat groups' (about 1,000 men) in the currently stalled Russian offensive in eastern Ukraine, trying to retrieve a military situation that has sunk into stalemate. Very Hitlerian. So what will become of Russia when he goes?

Alexander J. Motyl thinks it may just disappear. In an opinion piece in 'The Hill', the leading political website in Washington, Motyl, a political scientist at Rutgers University, suggests that "The Russian Federation could metamorphose into 10 or more states, only one of which would be known as Russia. That would change the face of Eurasia forever." It certainly would, but it



does imply the permanent demise of a state that has dominated northern Eurasia for the past four centuries (the first Russians reached the Pacific in 1647). It also ignores the remarkable homogeneity of that state's population: 81% are ethnically Russian, while none of

the many minority group even reaches 4%. There have been occasions, most recently during the civil war of 1917-22, when Russia was temporarily carved up into rival jurisdictions, but these interludes have never lasted long. The sense that there is a special Russian identity, even a unique 'Russian civilisation', always reasserts itself.

Decolonisation came late to the Russian empire and was harder to recognise, because Russia's imperial possessions were around its own land borders rather than across the oceans. Nevertheless, it was the same process, and just as irreversible (as Putin has been discovering).

Russia is as unlikely to split up permanently as France or Japan. Motyl's speculations on its break-up are wishful think-

ing, possibly motivated by the fact (unmentioned by 'The Hill') that both his parents were born in Ukraine.

It is understandable that Ukrainians might wish Russia to vanish, but that is not going to happen. So what will happen when Putin goes?

We cannot know yet what a genuinely post-Communist Russia would look like. Although it's 31 years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, almost all the people in senior political positions began their careers in the Communist Party. The ideology was dumped, but the administrative style and the factional struggles remain.

Moreover, one single man, Vladimir Putin, has dominated Russian politics for more than two-thirds of that time. It's hard to disentangle what is intrinsi-

cally Russian in the way Russia has been run during that time from what was just part of Putin's personality, but we are about to find out.

The default position is to say that the Russians are somehow fundamentally different from other Slavs. After all, the Poles and the Czechs got real democracy and genuine prosperity after 1991, whereas the Russians got Putin, border wars, and (for most people) genteel poverty.

But there were two big differences that had nothing to do with 'national character', whatever that is. One was that all the former 'satellite countries' of Eastern Europe immediately ditched their local Communist collaborators and got a whole new set of politicians, whereas Russia was essentially stuck

with the old Commies wearing new hats.

The other difference was that the western Slavs experienced the change as liberation, whereas their former rulers saw it as a loss of empire that stranded tens of millions of Russians in places that were suddenly foreign countries.

It would have been unreasonable to expect these two sets of people to react in the same way, and sure enough they didn't. But it's equally unreasonable to be convinced that Russians will go on behaving in the same ways when the ex-Communist ruling elite loses power (which may be imminent) and a new post-imperial generation takes over instead.

We have no idea what's coming out of the box then. It could even be something good.

Biden: US would intervene with military to defend Taiwan

AP ■ TOKYO

President Joe Biden said on Monday that the US would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan, saying the burden to protect Taiwan is "even stronger" after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of self-governing in decades. Biden, at a news conference in Tokyo, said "yes" when asked if he was willing to get involved militarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded. "That's the commitment we made," he added.

The US traditionally has avoided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan,



with which it no longer has a mutual defence treaty, instead maintaining a policy of "strategic ambiguity" about how far it would be willing to go if China invaded. The 1979 Taiwan

Relations Act, which has governed US relations with the island, does not require the US to step in militarily to defend Taiwan if China invades, but makes it American policy to ensure Taiwan has the resources to defend itself and to prevent any unilateral change of status in Taiwan by Beijing.

Biden's comments were likely to draw a sharp response from the mainland, which has claimed Taiwan to be a rogue province. A White House official said Biden's comments did not reflect a policy shift.

Speaking alongside Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Biden said any effort by China to use force against Taiwan would "just not be

appropriate," adding that it "will dislocate the entire region and be another action similar to what happened in Ukraine".

China has stepped up its military provocations against democratic Taiwan in recent years aimed at intimidating it into accepting Beijing's demands to unify with the communist mainland.

"They're already flirting with danger right now by flying so close and all the maneuvers that are undertaken," Biden said of China. Under the "one China" policy, the US recognises Beijing as the government of China and doesn't have diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

However, the US main-

tains unofficial contacts including a de facto embassy in Taipei, the capital, and supplies military equipment for the island's defence.

Biden said it is his "expectation" that China would not try to seize Taiwan by force, but he said that assessment "depends upon just how strong the world makes clear that that kind of action is going to result in long-term disapproval by the rest of the community".

He added that deterring China from attacking Taiwan was one reason why it's important that Russian President Vladimir Putin "pay a dear price for his barbarism in Ukraine," lest China and other

nations get the idea that such action is acceptable. Fearing escalation with nuclear-armed Russia, Biden quickly ruled out putting US forces into direct conflict with Russia, but he has shipped billions of dollars in US military assistance that has helped Ukraine put up a stiffer-than-expected resistance to Russia's onslaught.

It's not the first time Biden has pledged to defend Taiwan against a Chinese attack, only for administration officials to later claim there had been no change to American policy.

In a CNN town hall in October, Biden was asked about using the US military to defend Taiwan and replied, "Yes, we have a commitment to

do that." Biden's comments came just before he formally launched a long-anticipated Indo-Pacific trade pact that excludes Taiwan.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan confirmed Sunday that Taiwan isn't among the governments signed up for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, which is meant to allow the US to work more closely with key Asian economies on issues like supply chains, digital trade, clean energy and anti-corruption. Inclusion of Taiwan would have irked China. Sullivan said US wants to deepen its economic partnership with Taiwan on a one-to-one basis.

Lankan police arrest 1,500 people in connection with May 9 violence



PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan police have arrested at least 1,500 people so far in connection with the violent clashes between anti- and pro-government protesters in country earlier this month that killed at least 10 people and injured over 200 others, according to a media report on Monday.

On May 9, violence erupted in Sri Lanka after supporters of former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa attacked peaceful anti-government protesters demanding his ouster over country's worst economic crisis that led to acute shortages of staple food, fuel and power.

According to Sri Lanka Police spokesman SSP Nihal Thaldawa, 1,500 people have been arrested in connection with violence, online portal newswire.lk reported.

Thaldawa further said 152 persons have been arrested in past 24 hours. On Saturday, Inspector General of Police Chandana D Wickramaratne was interrogated by Criminal Investigation Department (CID) over his alleged actions that triggered violent clashes that killed at least 10 people and

Lanka's controversial 21st Amendment to Constitution fails to come up for Cabinet approval after SLPP's objection

PTI ■ COLOMBO

In a major blow to Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, the proposal for 21st Amendment to Constitution to curb the unfettered powers of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, scheduled to be referred to Cabinet on Monday was not presented before it.

According to sources, the proposal was not presented in Cabinet after parliamentarians of ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) objected to it in its present form. They demanded that the proposed legislation be approved by Attorney General before referring it to the Cabinet. The 21st Amendment is expected to annul the 20A which gave unlimited powers to President Gotabaya

injured over 200 others.

Last week, Galle district MP Ramesh Pathirana informed the Parliament that Senior Police DIG in-charge of Western Province Deshabandu Tennakoon informed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa that Wickramaratne had instructed him not to block mob heading to Galle Face to disrupt anti-government protesters, online



Rajapaksa after abolishing the 19th Amendment which had made Parliament powerful over the president.

The constitutional reform was a major plank of the agreement between Rajapaksa and Wickremesinghe when he took over the job of the prime minister on May 12. Rajapaksa had also pledged reforms in the Constitution in an address to the nation earlier this month. The 21st Amendment would make it impossible for those with dual citizenship to hold a seat in Parliament.

portal Colombo Gazette had reported. Pathirana added that President demanded action be taken to prevent situation from spiralling out of control. Following President's orders, police rushed to spot and fired tear gas and water cannons on mob, by which time scores were injured and at least 10 people were dead, according to Colombo Gazette news portal.

Albanese sworn in as PM in Australia ahead of Tokyo summit

AP ■ CANBERRA

Australia's new prime minister was sworn in on Monday ahead of a Tokyo summit with President Joe Biden while vote counting continued to determine whether he will control a majority in a Parliament that is demanding tougher action on climate change.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's center-left Labor Party ousted predecessor Scott Morrison's conservative coalition at Saturday's election. The coalition had been in power under three prime ministers for nine years.

"I want to lead a government that has the same sentiment of optimism and hope that I think defines the Australian people," Albanese said in his hometown of Sydney before flying to the national capital Canberra to be sworn in.

Albanese, who describes himself as the first ever candidate for the office of prime minister with a "non-Anglo Celtic name" and Malaysian-born Penny Wong, Australia's first foreign minister to be born overseas, were sworn into office by Governor-General David Hurley before the pair flew to Tokyo for a security summit on Tuesday with Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Biden rang Albanese to



congratulate him on his election win and express the president's wish to make the countries' alliance stronger, the White House said.

Morrison's decision to resign as prime minister during the early vote counting enabled Hurley, who represents Australia's head of state, British monarch Queen Elizabeth II, to appoint his replacement without evidence that Albanese can control a majority of seats in parliament's lower chamber where governments are formed.

Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles was also sworn in and will act as prime minister while Albanese is in Japan. Katy Gallagher and Jim Chalmers were sworn into economic ministries.

Labor appears assured of 75 seats, one short of the majority in the 151-seat House of Representatives needed to form an administration. The conservative coalition was on track for 58, unaligned lawmakers 12 and six seats were too close to call, the Australian Electoral Commission said.

Bangkok governor's election handily won by Opposition figure

Bangkok: Residents of Thai capital Bangkok, in their first opportunity in nine years to vote for their city's governor, have elected an independent politician seen as representing opponents of country's military-backed government, results released early Monday showed.

Chadchart Sittipunt had been widely predicted by opinion polls to top field, but significantly outpaced expectations by taking 1,386,215 votes, or almost 52% of the 2,673,696 votes cast in Sunday's election, according to virtually complete but uncertified returns. He competed in a field of 31 candidates, with voter turnout just under 61%. The 55-year-old Chadchart, though running as an independent, was seen by

both supporters and opponents as a proxy for Pheu Thai party, the main Opposition grouping in Parliament. He served as transport minister in a Pheu Thai government in 2012-2014, and stood as one of party's prime ministerial candidates in 2019 general election.

"Now that we've received an order from people, I would start working right away, visiting communities and areas to see where I could begin my work as soon as I can as a governor," Chadchart told reporters Monday morning. "I have a young, energetic team who are keen to move." The independent candidate who was seen as a stand-in for the ruling Palang Pracharath party ran a weak fifth in race. (AP)

UK's Boris Johnson awaits judgment of 'partygate' report

AP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been shadowed by career-threatening scandal for months - but so far he has escaped unscathed. This week he faces one more threat to his political future: a comprehensive report into lockdown-breaching parties in government offices that is expected to be published within days.

Senior civil servant Sue Gray is due to release her findings on "partygate," the scandal over more than a dozen gatherings in Johnson's No. 10 Downing St. Residence and nearby buildings that took place when coronavirus restrictions barred people in Britain from mixing with others.

Beijing extends work-from-home order as Covid-19 cases rise

Beijing: Beijing extended orders for workers and students to stay home and ordered additional mass testing Monday as cases of COVID-19 again rose in the city.

Numerous residential compounds in Chinese capital have restricted movement in and out, although conditions remain far less than in Shanghai, where millions of citizens have been under varying degrees of lockdown for two months. Beijing on Monday reported an uptick in cases to 99, rising from a previous daily average of around 50.

7 dead, 120 others rescued in Philippine ferry fire

AP ■ MANILA

A ferry carrying more than 130 people caught fire Monday while approaching a northeastern Philippine province, killing at least seven people while most passengers and crew members were rescued, the coast guard said.

At least four people remained missing after fire engulfed the M/V Mercraft 2 while it was approaching a seaport in Real town in Quezon province from Polillo island. Many of the 134 passengers

and crew were forced to jump into water, coast guard officials said. The survivors were rescued by vessels in the area, they said. The fire apparently started from engine room, the officials said. The wreckage has been towed to shore in Real.

Pictures released by coast guard showed fire engulfing ferry and dark smoke billowing from it. Injured survivors on stretchers were taken to waiting ambulance vans while a rescuer tries to revive an unconscious survivor by pressing on his chest. (AP)

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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.
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1.	Arun Kumar Jha/ Babita Jha (9600001622 & QZDEL00005004690)	Property No- A-581, First Floor, Without Roof, Block- A Shastri Nagar Delhi, Delhi/ May 20, 2022	September 27, 2021/ Rs 13,71,019/-	Delhi/ NCR

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Xinjiang in focus as UN rights chief arrives for China visit

Beijing: Allegations of human rights abuses in China's north-western Xinjiang region are the dominant issue on a visit by the United Nations' top rights official that starts Monday.

Michelle Bachelet's visit is the first to China by a U.N. High commissioner for human rights since 2005, but rights groups warn it threatens to whitewash the ruling Communist Party abuses in Xinjiang. China has locked up more than a million members of its Uyghur, Kazakh and other Muslim minorities in what critics describe as a cam-

paign to obliterate their distinct cultural identities. China says it has nothing to hide and welcomes all those without political bias to visit Xinjiang and view what it describes as a successful campaign to restore order and ethnic cohesion.

Bachelet will begin her six-day visit in the southern city of Guangzhou before travelling to Kashgar and the Xinjiang regional capital of Urumqi. Details have been tightly held and China's entirely Communist Party-controlled media have not reported on her visit. A key question is whether

Bachelet will be allowed to visit the now-largely empty internment camps that China calls reeducation centres and meet with figures imprisoned over calls for greater religious, political and cultural freedoms, such as Ilham Tohti, an economist and winner of the Sakharov Prize. China has also been accused of using forced labour, coercive birth control and separating children from their incarcerated parents, and monitoring group The Dui Hua Foundation says fasting for Ramadan or selling Islamic books has also been targeted.

Iran vows revenge over killing of Guard member in Tehran

Dubai: Iran's hard-line president vowed revenge on Monday over killing of a senior Revolutionary Guard member gunned down in heart of Tehran day before, a still-mysterious attack on country's powerful paramilitary force.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi hailed Col. Hassan Sayyad Khodaei as a martyr and blamed "the hand of global arrogance," a reference to United States and its allies, including Israel, for his slaying. There has been no claim of responsibility for killing, carried out on Sunday afternoon by two unidentified gunmen

on a motorbike. They shot Khodaei five times in a car, an unarmored budget SAIPA Pride - among the cheapest, most-common Iranian vehicles.

But style of brazen attack bore hallmarks of previous slayings in Iran blamed on Israel, such as those targeting country's nuclear scientists. "I have no doubt that revenge against criminals for blood of this martyr is assured," Raisi said before leaving Tehran for a state visit to sultanate of Oman, a strategic Gulf Arab state that traditionally mediates between Tehran and West.

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CIN : L17100HR1983PLC033460 Website: www.uliltd.com, Email id: investorrelations@uliltd.com, Phone: 011-49075251
Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter & Year Ended 31st March, 2022
(Rs. in lac, except per Share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2022 [Audited]	31.12.2021 [Unaudited]	31.03.2021 [Audited]	31.03.2022 [Audited]	31.03.2021 [Audited]
(Refer Notes Below)						
1	Total Income from Operations	223.21	176.16	120.16	525.32	314.13
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	24.30	45.56	55.11	67.05	52.96
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items	24.30	45.56	14.02	67.05	11.87
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	13.84	45.56	14.02	56.59	11.87
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	300.00	300	300.00	300.00	300.00
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)					
	a) Basic	0.46	1.52	0.47	1.89	0.40
	b) Diluted	0.46	1.52	0.47	1.89	0.40

Notes :
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended March 31, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2022 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.uliltd.com
2 The figures for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the year to date figure up to nine months of the respective financial year.
3 Figures of the above Previous periods have been regrouped/reclassified/ restated wherever necessary.

Date : May 23, 2022
Place : Gurugram [Haryana]
For United Leasing & Industries Limited
Anil Kumar Khanna [Managing Director]
DIN : 00207839

Russian forces step up shelling in Ukraine's east

AP ■ KYIV

Russian forces have stepped up shelling in Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland as they press their offensive in the region that is now the focus of fighting in the 3-month-old war.

Meanwhile, a Ukrainian court is expected to sentence a Russian soldier on Monday in the first war crimes trial of the conflict.

The 21-year-old sergeant, who has pleaded guilty to shooting a Ukrainian man in the early days of the war, could get life in prison.

Grinding battles in the Donbas, where Ukrainian and Russian forces are fighting town by town, have forced many civilians to flee their homes.

"We haven't been able to see the sun for three months. We are almost blind because we were in darkness for three

months," said Rayisa Rybalko, who hid with her family first in their basement and then in a bomb shelter at the local school before fleeing their village of Novomykhailivka.

"The world should have seen that."

Her son-in-law Dmytro Khaliapin said heavy artillery pounded the village. "Houses are being ruined," he said. "It's a horror."

In Tokyo on Monday, U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida joined in condemning Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. Earlier on his trip to Asia, Biden signed legislation granting Ukraine \$40 billion more in U.S. Support for its defense against the Russian attack.

Polish President Andrzej Duda traveled to Kyiv on Sunday to support Ukraine's European Union aspirations and addressed Ukraine's parliament, receiving a standing

ovation when he thanked the lawmakers for letting him speak where "the heart of a free, independent and democratic Ukraine beats."

Poland has become an important ally of Ukraine, welcoming millions of Ukrainian refugees and becoming a gateway for Western humanitarian aid and weapons and a transit point for some foreign fighters who have volunteered to fight Russian forces.

Western support - both financial and military - has been key to Ukraine's defense, helping their outgunned and outnumbered forces to repel Russia's attempt to take the capital of Kyiv and fight them to a standstill in other places.

In the face of those setbacks, Moscow has outlined more limited goals in Ukraine, with its sights now on trying to expand the territory that Russia-backed separatists have held since 2014.



Ukrainian forces dug in around Sievierodonetsk, the main city under Ukrainian control in the Luhansk province of the Donbas, as Russia intensified efforts to capture it. Gov. Serhiy Haidai accused the Russians of "simply intentionally trying to destroy the city... Engaging in a scorched-earth approach."

Russians had occupied several towns and cities in Luhansk after indiscriminate, 24-hour shelling and concentrating forces and weaponry there, bringing in troops from Kharkiv to the northwest, Mariupol to the south, and from inside Russia.

Oleksandrivka, a village outside of Sievierodonetsk.

Ukraine's parliament voted Sunday to extend martial law and mobilize its armed forces for a third time, until Aug. 23.

Ukrainian officials have said little since the war began about the extent of their country's casualties, but Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday that 50 to 100 Ukrainian fighters were being killed, apparently each day, in the east.

While the east is now the focus of fighting, the conflict is not confined there. Powerful explosions were heard early Monday in Korosten, about 160 kilometers west of Kyiv, the town's deputy mayor said.

It was the third straight day of apparent attacks in the Zhytomyr District, Ukrainian news agencies reported.

In other developments, Ukraine's first lady, Olena Zelenska, gave a rare interview

to national broadcaster ICTV alongside her husband and said she has hardly seen him since the war began.

"Our family, like all Ukrainian families, is now separated," she said.

Zelenskyy called the interview itself "a date on air," and

the couple, who have two children, joked in front of the journalists. "We are joking, but we are really waiting, like everyone else, to be reunited, like all families in Ukraine who are separated now, waiting for their relatives and friends who want to be together again," he said.

Zelenskyy calls for 'maximum' sanctions against Russia

AP ■ DAVOS

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is calling for "maximum" sanctions against Russia during a virtual speech at the World Economic Forum gathering.

He says in a virtual speech Monday that sanctions need to go further to stop Russia's aggression, including an oil embargo, all of its

banks blocked and cutting off trade with Russia completely.

Zelenskyy says his country has slowed Russian advances and his people's courage has stirred unseen unity of the democratic world.

He pushed for the complete withdrawal of foreign companies to prevent supporting its war.

Russian soldier gets life in Ukraine's 1st war crime trial



AP ■ KYIV

A Ukrainian court sentenced a 21-year-old Russian soldier to life in prison on Monday for killing a Ukrainian civilian, sealing the first guilty conviction for war crimes since Moscow's invasion three months ago. Sgt. Vadim Shishimarin pleaded guilty to shooting a Ukrainian civilian in the head in a village in the northeastern Sumy region in the early days of the war.

He testified that he shot the man after being ordered to do so.

He told the court that an officer insisted that the Ukrainian man, who was speaking on his cellphone, could pinpoint their location to the

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given Pursuant to Regulations 29 & 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, 30th May, 2022 at the corporate office of the Company, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Financial year ended 31st March, 2022. This information is also available on the website of the Company (www.monnetgroup.com) and on the website of the Stock Exchange. (www.bseindia.com)

By order of the Board of Directors
MONIND LIMITED
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Priya
Place : New Delhi
Company Secretary

NORTHERN RAILWAY
INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM
Tender Notice No. 82222915 Dated: 23.05.2022
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	82222915	Equivalent to Harmonic HD1000i with Advance Haemostasis 36cm	40 Nos	17.06.2022

NOTE -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.
2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

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SALE NOTICE
The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price	EMD
ICICI BANK LTD VS TARUN CHAUHAN, OA- 87/2019	Vehicle No. DL6CM5155 Make and Model- BMW 520D Manu Year- 2013	Rs. 4,80,000/-	Rs. 48,000/-

Note: DD/PO of EMD amount has to be made in favour of ICICI bank Limited, payable at Delhi.
Auction Date: June 08, 2022 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Place of Auction: Godara Yard, Khewat No. 166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chowk, Behind Gyan Devi, School, Sec - 17, Sukhrali, Gurugram-122022
Contact Person-Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

Terms of Sale
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at auction site with original KYC documents and DD/PO of EMD amount in favour of ICICI bank Limited, payable at Delhi to participate in the auction. Successfully bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the Approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited. The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot No-7, Rohini Sector-8 New Delhi- 110085 for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicles.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B)
PROJECT CIRCLE DIVISION IST SRINAGAR

CORRIGENDUM

Subject: - Design and Construction of Kulgam Bypass on NH-444 taking off from existing chainage Km 61+650 and rejoining at Km 73+100 of existing chainage (Revised Design Chainage from Km 50+260 to Km 59+010 (Old Design Chainage Km 53+600 to Km 62+350) as 2 lane with/ut paved shoulder in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC mode.

Reference:- This office NIT No PCD-R&B 04 of 2022 23 under endorsement PCD-Ist/NIT/368-78 dated: 13-04-2022

Please read the below mentioned condition of NIT/RFP for the subject work as under:-

1. Earnest Money @ 2% of Advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank guarantee shall be submitted online.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
R&B Project Circle Division 1st Srinagar.

No. DIPK-2521/22
Dated: 23.05.2022

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Case Details	Asset Details
ICICI BANK LTD VS DHARMENDER, CS (COMM) 52/20	Vehicle No. HR3825502 Make and Model - TATA WINGER, Manu Year - 2019
ICICI BANK LTD VS RIZOO SOOD, CS (Comm) No. 798/2019	Vehicle No. UP14ET9537 Make and Model - GENERAL MOTORS SAIL, Manu Year - 2015
ICICI BANK LTD VS NANJEET JHA, Suit No. 1044/18	Vehicle No. DL12B2790 Make and Model - GENERAL MOTORS SAIL, Manu Year - 2017
ICICI BANK LTD VS VINOD GIRI, CS (COMM) No. 1168/2019	Vehicle No. DL5CQ014, Make and Model - MARUTI SUZUKI Wagon R, Manu Year - 2018
ICICI BANK LTD VS NASEEM KHAN, CS NO. 424/18	Vehicle No- DL3SDM9022, Make & Model - HERO SPLENDOR PLUS, Manu Year-2016, Reserve Price: Rs. 13,00,000/- EMD Amount Rs.2000/-, EMD is to be made in favour of ICICI BANK LIMITED payable at Delhi and Bidder has to bring original EMD at site with KYC
ICICI BANK LTD VS MARC ANATONIO XAVIER, Suit No. 42/2018	Vehicle No- DL2CAT8986, Make & Model -MARTU SUZUKI CIAZ ZDI, Manu Year-2015, Reserve Price: Rs. 2,20,000/- EMD Amount Rs.22000/-, EMD is to be made in favour of ICICI BANK LIMITED payable at Delhi and Bidder has to bring original EMD at site with KYC
ICICI BANK LTD VS MOHINDER PAL KAUSHAL, CS No.3191/18	Vehicle No. DL1RTA1662, Make and Model- MARUTI SUZUKI RITZ, Manu Year-2015
ICICI Bank Ltd. Vs. SOBHA RAM, C.S. NO 3168/19	Vehicle No- UP16ET0758, Make & Model - HYUNDAI XCIENT, Manu. Year-2016

Auction Date: June 08, 2022 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Place of Auction: Mahakal Parking Yard, Khwaso No. 527 Village Bantaha Near Indane Gas Plant Loni Ghaziabad- UP- 201102
Contact Person-Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

Terms of Sale
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23.05.2022
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE, Ground Water Division, Nowshera, Sgr.

Gist of e-Tender.

E-N.I.T. No: PHE/GWDS/ 06 of 05/2022

For and on behalf of lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited in two cover system with 50 meters depth from registered Water Well Drillers/Contractors as per the details given in tender document.

S.No 1. Name of work :- Construction of (07 No) 125 mm dia machine drilled hand pump wells in District Kupwara.

Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs :- Rs. 18.50 Lacs

Earnest Money :- Rs. 37000/-

Cost of Tender Document :- Rs. 1000/-

Time of completion :- 30 Days

Class of Contract :- Registered for Drilling 125 mm dia Machine Drilled Hand Pump Wells

Programme :- B2V Phase-3rd

Technical Sanction:- PHE/GWD/08 of 05/2022

AAA Accorded Order No. : 317-DDCK of 2020 Dated: 02-11-2020

Critical Dates / Information.

- 1. Publishing Date :-** 21-05-2022 (04:00 PM)
- 2. Period of Downloading of Bids:-** 21-05-2022 (04:00 P.M.) to 30.05.2022 (02.00 P.M.)
- 3. Period of Submission of bids :-** 21-05-2022 (04:00 P.M.) to 30.05.2022 (02.00 P.M.)
- 4. Date of opening of Tender. :-** 31-05-2022 at (02:00 P.M)
- 5. Tender Receiving Authority:** Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Srinagar Kashmir-190011
- 6. Document Cost : Non-Refundable** in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt deposited to **Account Head 0215** in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar (at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)
- 7. Bid Validity Period: 180 Days**
- 8. The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on** www.Jktenders.gov.in
- 9. The bids of only those agencies shall be accepted who posses valid registration certificate of construction of 125mm dia machine drilled Hand pump wells.**

No. DIPK-2447/22
Dated: 21-05-2022

Sd/- Executive Engineer

RATHI BARS LIMITED
CIN No: L74899DL1993PLC054781
Regd. Office : A-24/77, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044
Ph: 011-42760373, 42730360
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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Monday, the 30th Day of May, 2022, at 04.00 P.M.**, inter alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2022. This notice is available on the Company's website at www.rathiteels.com and also on the website of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. www.bseindia.com.

For Rathi Bars Limited
Sd/-
Satinder Singh
Company Secretary and Compliance officer

Place: New Delhi
Date: 24.05.2022

MODI RUBBER LIMITED
CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392

Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad, (U.P.)
Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com
Email: investors@modigroup.net; Phone: +91-11-47107398

NOTICE
Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 29th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday on 28th day of May, 2022 at 02.30 PM at Corporate Office: 4-7/C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110025 to inter-alia approve the following:

- Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements alongwith the Auditor Reports thereon of the Company for the year ended on March 31, 2022.

For Modi Rubber Limited
Sd/-
(S K Bajpai)
Head - Legal & Co. Secretary

Place : New Delhi
Date : May 18, 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd. on 28th May 22 at Delhi District Branch O-7, 1st Floor, above Look Saloon, Lajpat Nagar 2, New Delhi-110024, Faridabad District: branch D-2, First Floor/NLT, Near 1-2 Chowk, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 and Gurugram District: branch First Floor, Property No. 342/9, Subhash Nagar, New Railway Road, Gurugram-122001, District: Gautam Budh Nagar: Branch add- Plot No. 5, Ground Floor, Opposite White Castle Hotel, Main Dabri Road, Salarpur, Bhangal, Sector-101, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida 201304 (UP), Ghaziabad District: branch add- B2, Basement, RDC Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad -201002, Hapur District: add- First Floor, Above PC Jewellers, Garah Pargana, Garah Road, Tehsil & District Hapur - 245101, (U.P.)

The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers.

The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to all linked accounts of Customer ID for various customers mentioned below with branch details:
Delhi: AP0016661, AP0119828, AP0213242, AP0014597, AP0016148, AP0016373, AP00167955, AP00171938, AP0017274, 46, AP0017468, AP0017550, AP00183054, AP00187324, AP00190807, AP00194599, AP00195948, AP00198128, AP00202481, AP0025718, AP00270760, AP00282120, AP0029243, AP00305872, AP00310599, AP00311006, AP00313107, AP00313577, AP00316233, AP00321398, AP00331128, AP00334291, AP00338411, AP00340625, AP00345118, AP00351228, AP00352686, AP00357235, AP00358242, AP00358339, AP00363381, AP00363857, AP00365340, AP00366097, AP00366587, AP00369260, AP00370605, AP00372944, AP00376772, AP00378633, AP00384012, AP00385874, AP00398299, AP00401388, AP00406727, GHAZIABAD: AP00393983, AP00392826, AP00363651, AP00362506, AP00377474, AP00384220, AP00401398, AP00407642, NOIDA: AP0033070, AP00353151, AP00368967, AP00378807, AP00392511, AP00393559, AP00406834

For more details, please contact:
SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd.
Contact Number(s): Lajpat Nagar 1800-102-8012 / 011- 40302228 / 207, Faridabad: 01294314725/104450 and Gurugram Branch 0124-474037,
Ghaziabad branch- 920522672, Hapur branch - 8439761293, Noida branch: 8368589407,
(SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd. reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)

FORM G - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Under Regulation 36A(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1 Name of the Corporate Debtor	Ansal Urban Condominiums Private Limited
2 Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	19th September, 2008
3 Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, Delhi, India, under The Companies Act, 1956
4 Corporate identification number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U51909DL2008PTC183513
5 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	115, Ansal Bhawan - 16, K. G. Marg New Delhi - 110001
6 Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	10th March, 2022
7 Date of invitation of expression of interest	24th May, 2022
8 Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	Details are available and can be obtained by sending an email to cirp.ansalurban@gmail.com .
9 Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	Details are available and can be obtained by sending an email to cirp.ansalurban@gmail.com .
10 Last date for receipt of expression of interest	08th June, 2022 (before by 5:00 P.M.)
11 Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	18th June, 2022
12 Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	23rd June, 2022
13 Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	2nd July, 2022
14 Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	23rd June, 2022
15 Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	Eligible prospective resolution applicants set out as per S. No. 8 and after executing the Non-Disclosure Agreement/undertaking can get on request by email in electronic form.
16 Last date for submission of resolution plans	23rd June, 2022 (before by 5:00 P.M.)
17 Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	By Post or by hand delivery in sealed envelope followed by an email confirmation
18 Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	22nd August, 2022
19 Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Rajesh Ramrani Reg No- IBBI/PA-002/IN-PN0099/2021/13187
20 Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Rajesh Ramrani D-44, 2nd Floor, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028 Email: rajeshramrani2407@gmail.com
21 Address and email to be used for correspondence with the Resolution Professional	83, National Media Centre, Shankar Chowk, Nr. Ambience Mall/DLF Cyber City, Gurugram, Haryana -122002 Email: cirp.ansalurban@gmail.com
22 Further Details are available at or with	Can be obtained by sending email at cirp.ansalurban@gmail.com
23 Date of publication of Form G	24th May, 2022

Rajesh Ramrani (Resolution Professional)
For Ansal Urban Condominiums Private Limited
Reg No- IBBI/PA-002/IN-PN0099/2020-21/13187
D-44, 2nd Floor, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028
Date: 23.05.2022, Place: Gurugram

Russian diplomat to UN in Geneva quits in protest against attack on Ukraine

AP ■ DAVOS

A veteran Russian diplomat to the U.N. Office at Geneva says he handed in his resignation before sending out a scathing letter to foreign colleagues inveighing against the "aggressive war unleashed" by President Vladimir Putin in Ukraine.

Boris Bondarev, 41, confirmed his resignation in a letter delivered Monday morning at the Russian diplomatic mission after a diplomatic official passed on his English-language statement to The Associated Press.

"For twenty years of my diplomatic career I have seen different turns of our foreign policy, but never have I been so ashamed of my country as on Feb. 24 of this year," he wrote, alluding to the date of Russia's invasion.

Reached by phone, Bondarev - a diplomatic counselor who has focused on Russia's role in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva after postings in places like Cambodia and Mongolia - confirmed he handed in his resignation in a letter addressed to Ambassador Gennady Gatilov.

A spokesman for the mission didn't immediately respond to calls and a text message from the AP seeking comment.

The resignation amounts to a rare - if not unprecedented - public admission of disquiet about Russia's war in Ukraine among the Russian diplomatic corps, at a time when Putin's government has sought to crack down on dissent over the invasion and sought to quell conflicting narratives from the government line about how the "special military operation" - as it's officially known in Russia - is proceeding.

"It is intolerable what my government is doing now," Bondarev told the AP. "As a civil servant, I have to carry a share of responsibility for that, and I don't want to do that."

Bondarev said he had not received any reaction yet from Russian officials, but added: "Am I concerned about the possible reaction from Moscow? I have to be concerned about it." Asked if some colleagues felt the same, he added: "Not all Russian diplomats are warmongering. They are reasonable, but they have to keep their mouths shut."

Expectation of rate hike in next policy 'no-brainer': RBI

New Delhi: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday hinted at another interest rate hike in early June to bring down stubbornly high inflation rate which has remained above the tolerance level for the past four months.

"Expectation of rate hike, it's a no-brainer. There will be some hike but how much I will not be able to tell now... To say that 5.15 (per cent) may not be very accurate," Das said in an interview with CNBC-TV18.

The next meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled for June 6-8.



RBI, in its first rate move in two years and its first hike in nearly four years, raised the repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.40 per cent following an off-cycle meeting earlier this month.

In April RBI raised its inflation forecast for the current fiscal year to 5.7 per cent from earlier estimate of 4.5 per cent and lowered its GDP estimate to 7.2 per cent from 7.8 per cent for 2022-23, citing the impact of escalating geopolitical tensions triggered by the Russia-Ukraine war.

Das further said the RBI and government has entered into another phase of coordinated action to cool down inflation.

RBI has taken a number of steps to moderate inflation in the last 2-3 months, he said, adding that the government on other hand has taken measures, including wheat export ban and cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel. All these put together will have sobering impact on price rise, he added.

Retail inflation has been above RBI's upper tolerance level for the past four months.

The government has mandated MPC headed by the RBI Governor to keep the retail inflation between 2 to 6 per cent. As per the latest print, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

inflation increased to 7.79 per cent against 6.95 per cent in the previous month and 4.21 per cent in April 2021.

"Interest rates in almost every country today are negative, except Russia and Brazil. The target for inflation for advanced economies is about 2 per cent. Except for Japan and one more country, all advanced economies have inflation of over 7 per cent," he said. "We will move towards positive real rates, but it is impossible to forecast how soon because of the evolving situation," said the governor.

PTI

India, Brazil agree to further strengthen ties in agri, allied sectors

New Delhi: India and Brazil have agreed to strengthen their cooperation in agriculture and allied farm sectors.

Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala met his Brazilian counterpart Marcos Cordeiro during a five-day visit that concluded on May 20.

"Rupala held very fruitful discussions with his Brazilian counterpart and both ministers agreed to further strengthen the mutually beneficial ties," an official statement said.

Rupala also held meetings with Presidents of the Brazilian Association of Zebu Breeders (ABCZ), Mayor of Uberaba, Brazilian Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock (CNA), and Brazilian Cooperatives Organization (OCB) and discussed ways to increase cooperation in the dairy sector through Research and development (R&D), genetic improvement, and trade and investment.

In January 2020, Brazil for the first time in its history had signed 15 memorandum of understandings (MoU) and agreements with India and decided to widen cooperation in various areas including animal husbandry and dairying,

oil and natural gas, bio-energy, ethanol, trade and investment, and many more.

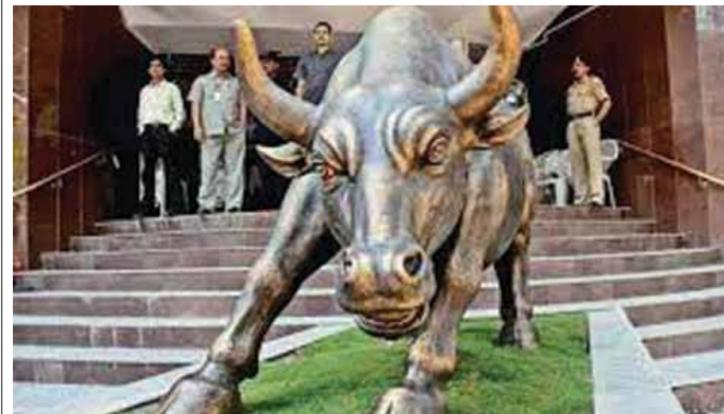
A Joint Declaration of Technical Cooperation between the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and Brazilian Zebu Breeders Association (ABCZ) was also signed in 2020.

During the visit, Rupala also visited the Embrapa Cattle Dairy (Embrapa Gado de Leite) research center in Juiz de Fora and stressed on the early finalization and implementation of a work plan under the MoU signed in 2021.

Training of Indian professionals in Brazil in IVF technology and identification of Brazilian companies to take up IVF embryo production in India are the key activities being identified under the work plan.



Markets pare gains to end flat in volatile trade; Sensex slips 38 pts



Mumbai: In a highly choppy session, equity benchmarks pared early gains to settle on a flat note on Monday, with the Sensex falling 38 points amid a heavy sell-off in metal stocks.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex encountered volatility during the day and settled 37.78 points or 0.07 per cent lower at 54,288.61. During the day, it hit a high of 54,931.30 and a low of 54,191.55.

The broader NSE Nifty declined 51.45 points or 0.32 per cent to end at 16,214.70.

From the Sensex firms, Tata Steel tumbled the most by

12.53 per cent, followed by UltraTech Cement, ITC, Power Grid, HDFC, HDFC Bank, HCL Technologies and Reliance Industries.

In contrast, M&M, Maruti, Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Asian Paints and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the gainers.

"Nifty once again gave up the intra day gains and ended in the negative. Metals stocks sold off post the levy of export duties over the weekend on iron ore and some steel inter-mediate," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

Meanwhile, Asian markets in Shanghai, Seoul and Tokyo ended higher, while Hong Kong settled lower.

Equity exchanges in Europe were trading mostly higher in the afternoon session. Stock markets in the US had ended on a mixed note on Friday.

International oil benchmark Brent crude gained 1.15 per cent to USD 113.8 per barrel.

Foreign institutional investors offloaded shares worth Rs 1,265.41 crore on Friday, as per stock exchange data.

Gold jumps ₹170; silver rallies ₹458

New Delhi: Gold jumped ₹170 to ₹50,926 per 10 gram in the national capital on Monday in line with firm global precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal finished at ₹50,756 per 10 gram. Silver also rallied ₹458 to ₹61,792 per kg from ₹61,334 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,857 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 21.99 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded higher with spot prices at COMEX trading 0.56 per cent up at USD 1,857 per ounce on Monday. Gold prices traded higher extending weekly gains supported by weaker dollar," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities), HDFC Securities.

Steel products' prices should fall by 10% for primary producers: EEPC

Kolkata: In the wake of rising input costs, especially primary steel, the government's decision to remove import duty on raw materials for the metal production would lower costs for domestic steelmakers and reduce prices by around 10 per cent, an Engineering Export Promotion Council official said on Monday.

The move would help engineering goods manufacturers and exporters become more competitive in the global markets, EEPC India chairman Mahesh Desai said.

He also said, "imposition of export duty on iron ores and a host of steel intermediaries would increase the domestic availability of the key industry inputs".

The government levied an export duty of 15 per cent on almost all the major steel products, including stainless steel.

In order to reduce the overall cost of domestic production of steel products, the Centre slashed import duty on coking coal and anthracite from 2.5 per cent to zero.

Meanwhile, import duties



for coke or semi-coke and ferromanganese were lowered too, from 5 per cent to zero and 2.5 per cent to zero, respectively.

"Downstream exporters feel primary steel products prices will fall by 10 per cent for primary producers and 15 per cent for secondary steel producers," Desai said in his reaction.

He said that a reduction in fuel prices would ease logistics costs which have been hurting the sector.

"All the steps together would not only help the industry beat the surging input costs but also improve liquidity. We welcome the government decision and greatly appreciate the timely response," he said.

Rising inflation has emerged as a major headache for policymakers across the world, he said, adding that the persistently elevated price poses a serious "risk to demand and growth".

Maruti Suzuki to acquire AI firm Sociograph Solutions

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Monday said it will acquire an equity stake of 12.09 per cent in Sociograph Solutions Pvt Ltd (SSPL) for about Rs 2 crore.

SSPL is an artificial intelligence (AI) software company that specialises in visual AI platform predominantly used to help enterprises improve sales experiences and improve efficiency in their business.

"The investment would help MSI strengthen its offering to customers by creating a customised sales experiences on the web, virtual reality and augmented reality," the auto major said in a regulatory filing.



Crude oil futures gain on spot demand



New Delhi: Crude oil prices on Monday rose by ₹43 to ₹8,661 per barrel as participants widened positions on a firm spot demand.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude oil for June delivery traded higher by ₹43 or 0.5 per cent at ₹8,661 per barrel in 7,787 lots.

Analysts said the raising of bets by participants kept crude oil prices higher in futures trade.

Globally, West Texas Intermediate crude oil was down by 0.92 per cent at USD 111.30 per barrel, while Brent crude traded 1.09 per cent lower at USD 113.78 per barrel in New York.

Sintex Industries Q4 net loss at ₹119 cr

New Delhi: Textiles maker Sintex Industries Ltd on Monday reported narrowing of consolidated net loss to ₹119.30 crore for fourth quarter ended March 2022.

The company had incurred a net loss of ₹144.05 crore during January-March period a year ago, Sintex Industries said in a regulatory filing.

Revenue from operations

was up at ₹1,028.49 crore during the quarter under review as against ₹721.62 crore in the corresponding period of previous fiscal year.

Total expenses were at ₹1,189.41 crore as against ₹894.06 crore. For the fiscal year ended March 2022, it reported a net profit of ₹573.82 crore as compared to ₹1,306.41 crore profit in 2020-21.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

RAIN GAMES LAUNCHES GAME MAGIC T23

New Delhi: India's first hack-proof real money gaming start-up for professional gamers, Rein Games, today unveiled Magic T23, India's first innovative, real money card game. A new genre of card game, it involves tactical decision making & quick thinking and is ideal for even a family to play together. Magic T23 is also India's most transparent game with features like replay, fair play, instant withdrawal & fastest KYC.

EXCON-22: FASTEST PRODUCTS EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED FOR INDIA

New Delhi: Sany, one of the leading manufacturers and suppliers of construction machinery, is all set to unveil at mega trade fair EXCON its state-of-the-art products exclusively designed for the application in India, while keeping Indian customer requirements in mind. We were eagerly waiting for this event to unfold since last two years, said Deepak Garg, MD of Sany South Asia. He added Sany has worked with different engine manufacturers on biodiesel.

Rupee recovers from record lows to end 15 paise higher at 77.55/USD

Mumbai: Rupee recovered from record lows and settled 15 paise higher at 77.55 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, supported by a weak greenback overseas.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 77.69 against the US dollar. It moved in a range of 77.51 to 77.69 during the session.

The rupee finally snapped its three-session losing streak and closed at 77.55, registering a rise of 15 paise over its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee had settled at a record low of 77.70 against the American currency. According Gaurang Somaia, Forex & Bullion



Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, rupee continued to consolidate and volatility remained confined to a narrow range despite chopiness in domestic equities.

"Today volatility for the dollar could remain low as no major economic data is expected to be released from the US.

We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to trade sideways and quote in the range of 77.20 and 77.80," Somaia added.

However, unabated foreign fund outflows and firm crude oil prices weighed on the rupee and kept the appreciation bias capped.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 1 per cent lower at 102.12.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 37.78 points or 0.07 per cent lower at 54,288.61, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 51.45 points or 0.32 per cent to 16,214.70.

Non-payment of TDS not a ground for initiation of insolvency process: NCLAT

New Delhi: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has held that dues on account of non-payment of TDS can not be a ground to initiate insolvency proceedings against any company. Setting aside an order of the Kolkata bench of NCLT, the appellate tribunal said "the process of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) cannot be utilised" for recovery of TDS dues by an operational creditor of the company.

"The consequences of non-payment of TDS are provided under Income Tax Act, 1961, and income tax authorities have ample powers to take appropriate action," said the NCLAT bench headed by Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan.

The bench said the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has committed a "serious error" while directing to initiate insolvency proceedings over a section 9 application filed by an operational creditor under the IBC after admitting that non-payment of the TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) amounts as default.

"We are of the view that it is not for us to consider whether TDS amount has been paid or not... We, thus, are of the view that the Adjudicating Authority (NCLT) has committed a serious error in admitting the Section 9 Application on the ground of non-payment of two TDS amounts," the NCLAT said.

Prolonged high temperatures could worsen inflation, hurt growth: Moody's

New Delhi: Prolonged high temperatures are credit negative for India, as that could exacerbate inflation and hurt growth, Moody's Investors Service said on Monday.

Over the longer term, India's highly negative credit exposure to physical climate risks means its economic growth will likely become more volatile as it faces increasing, and more extreme incidences of climate-related shocks, it noted. The rating agency said although heat waves are fairly common in India, they usually occur in May and June.

However, this year New Delhi witnessed the fifth heatwave in May with the maximum temperature touching 49 degrees Celsius.

"The prolonged high temperatures, which are affecting much of the northwest of the country, will curb wheat production and lead to extended power outages, exacerbating already high inflation and hurting growth, a credit negative," Moody's said.

The Indian government has revised down its estimates for wheat production by 5.4 per cent to 105 million tonnes for

the crop year ending June 2022, given lower yields amid higher temperatures.

"The lower production, and fears that a surge in exports to capitalise on high global wheat prices would add to inflationary pressures domestically, has prompted the government to ban the export of wheat and to divert it toward local consumption instead.

"Although the move will partially offset inflationary pressures, it will hurt exports and subsequently growth. The ban comes at a time when India - the world's second-largest

wheat producer - could have been capitalising on the global output gap from wheat following the Russia-Ukraine military conflict," Moody's said.

Global wheat prices have jumped 47 per cent since the conflict began in late February.

The agency said India's export partners will likely face a further surge in wheat prices because of the ban. They include Bangladesh, which absorbed 56.8 per cent of India's wheat exports in fiscal 2021, Sri Lanka (8.3 per cent), UAE (6.5 per cent) and Indonesia (5.4 per cent).

P-Notes investment rises to ₹90,580 cr in April

New Delhi: Investments in the Indian capital markets through participatory notes (P-notes) increased slightly to Rs 90,580 crore at the end of April, as foreign investors are shifting allocation from China to India amid a significant economic slowdown in the most populated country.

P-notes are issued by registered Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to overseas investors who wish to be a part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly. They, however, need to go through a due diligence process.

According to Securities

and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) data, the value of P-note investments in Indian markets - equity, debt, and hybrid securities - stood at Rs 90,580 crore at April-end, compared to Rs 87,979 crore in March.

In February, the investment reached Rs 89,143 crore against Rs 87,989 crore in January.

Sonam Srivastava, the founder of Sebi-registered investment advisor Wright Research, said the investment via P-notes rose last month from March, as FPI were net sellers in Indian markets in April with a negative flow in both equity and debt segments.

"The rationale for this slight increase could be that foreign institutional investors are shifting allocation from China to India given the significant economic slowdown in China, or that the IPOs which came out in April pulled in foreign investors. So, there is a tiny up move from March numbers but seeing strategic foreign hedge funds take positions in India is exciting," she added.

Manoj Trivedi, co-founder, Jama Wealth, Sebi-registered investment advisor, said these are legitimate instruments. They can be potentially used for money laundering purposes. When Indian markets are

buoyant, there has been an effort to bring P-Notes within regulatory jurisdiction, but controls have been lifted when capital inflows have been plummeting.

"Given that FPIs have been net sellers in the market for some time, there seems to be an uptick in investments through P-notes.

It probably points to overseas investors continue to look at India as an attractive investment destination, but just want to ensure that they do not get stuck with regulatory compliance in case there is a need to make a quick exit," Srivastava said.

The first half (of the tournament) I was playing some of the best cricket I've ever played, and I'm still taking lots of confidence from that going into the play-offs

— JOS BUTTLER

GT take on Royals for place in final

IPL Playoffs: Super Over could determine winner in case of disruptions

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Equipped with a lethal bowling attack and boasting a number of quality finishers, debutants Gujarat Titans will start as favourites against spin-heavy former champions Rajasthan Royals when the two teams face-off in the first IPL Qualifier, here on Tuesday.

Captaining a team in the IPL for the first time ever, a fit-again Hardik Pandya has been a revelation this season as he led from the front with both bat and ball to ensure a top finish for his team in the league stage.

Apart from firing at number 4, Pandya has used his resources well, be it the death bowling of wily Rashid Khan or making his batting exploits count to go alongside the fiery duo of David Miller and Rahul Tewatia. Every little thing has fallen in place.

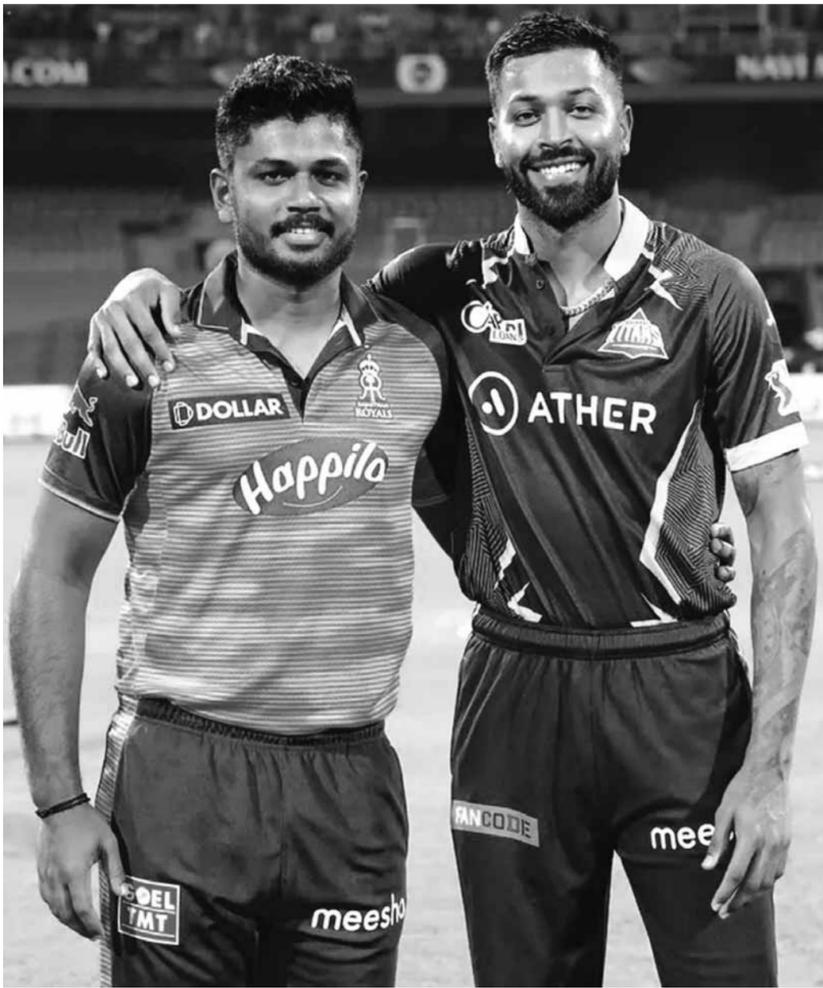
Their weak link was their top-order batting with highly-rated Shubman Gill failing to convert his starts but the addition of veteran Wriddhiman Saha has done wonders for the team.

The discarded India wicket-keeper-batter is batting with a newfound passion at the top of the order and has scored three half-centuries in nine matches to make up for Gill's lacklustre run.

While the Afghan leg-spinner has been outstanding in the middle and death overs, India senior pacer Mohammed Shami has given them perfect starts, by being the highest wicket-taker (11 wickets) in the powerplay this season.

Saha, who has been making headlines since he was axed for Team India, will look to make a point as he along with Bengal teammate Shami play in front of their home crowd again.

The fact that the playoffs will be



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played on fresh tracks would put the seamers in focus and Pandya may look to bring in Alzarri Joseph to go alongside Lockie Ferguson and Shami.

The Titans had defeated the same opponents by 37 runs in the league stage but the inaugural edition champions have a spin-heavy attack to go with rich experience and they might prove to a tricky customer.

The Titans also have looked vulnerable as they suffered three defeats in last five matches, including an eight-wicket thrashing by Royal Challengers Bangalore in their previous outing, which would mean that the Pandya-led side has to step up.

Three of Titan's four defeats, and four of Royals' five losses have come while setting up a target as the toss would also be a key area of concern.

The Sanju Samson-led outfit boast of both the Orange and Purple Cap holders this season -- Jos Buttler and Yuzvendra Chahal.

They also have the experience of Ravichandran Ashwin whose versatility has come to the fore especially in the second-half of the season. Ashwin's batting has also made a huge difference.

Batting at number 5 ahead of their regular batters Shimron Hetmyer and Riyan Parag against Chennai Super Kings the other day, Ashwin smashed an unbeaten 23-ball 40 to script a five-wicket win that also sealed their top-two finish.

But for them to repeat their 2008-IPL winning show, the Royals would not just need an Ashwin but the top-order to fire.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A Super Over could decide IPL 15's champions should rain gods play spoilsport and no play is possible in regulation time.

If not even an over a side is possible, the league standing will take precedence and will decide the winner, according to an IPL briefing note.

This will also apply to the Qualifier 1, Eliminator, Qualifier 2, which do not have reserve days.

May 30 has been kept aside as a reserve day for the summit clash, which will begin at 8pm.

With the IPL moving to Kolkata for the playoffs and inclement weather forecast for the city, the IPL has issued certain guidelines in case of rain-interrupted games.

While Gujarat Titans take on Rajasthan Royals in Qualifier 1 on Tuesday, Lucknow Super Giants will play Royal Challengers Bangalore at the same venue the next day in the Eliminator.

The second Qualifier and the final are slated to be played in Ahmedabad on Friday and Sunday respectively.

"The number of overs in the playoff match may, if necessary, be

reduced so that each side has the opportunity to bat for five overs," the IPL guidelines read.

"For the Eliminator and each Qualifier playoff matches, in the event that it is not possible to schedule a five-over match to complete by the end of the extra time on the original day, the teams will, if conditions permit, play a Super Over to determine the winner of the relevant Eliminator or Qualifier match."

If the Super Over is not possible "the team that finished highest in the league table after the 70 matches of the regular season shall be declared the winner of the relevant playoff match or final," it added.

In case of the two Qualifiers and the Eliminator, if one innings is complete but no

Play is possible in the second, the DLS method will come into play.

If the final starts on May 29 that is at least one ball is bowled then the "match will resume at the point where it stopped on the previous day. For the avoidance of doubt, any match recalculations done without the match actually restarting on the previous night will be ignored."

to be back among runs.

Their batting too has slumped with Samson and Hetmyer's loss of form and they would look to get into the act ahead of the big match.

The fact that the loser of the Qualifier One will get a second shot at making the final will give both the teams some breathing space.

Disappointed with last few games: Jos Buttler

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Star Rajasthan Royals batter Jos Buttler is "disappointed" with his form in the last few games but said he is taking a lot of confidence from the big knocks that he had played early in the tournament going into the IPL play-offs.

The English wicketkeeper-batter has accumulated 629 runs at a strike rate of 147, including three hundreds and three fifties, this season but has slowed down in the business end of the tournament with single digit scores -- 2, 2, 7 -- in his last three outings.

"I've obviously been delighted with my form in the IPL, but a bit disappointed with the last few games," said the 31-year-old Buttler ahead of RR's first qualifier against Gujarat Titans at the Edens Gardens on Tuesday.

"The first half (of the tournament) I was playing some of the best cricket I've ever played, and I'm still taking lots of confidence from that going into the play-offs."

RR finished second in the points table behind new entrants Gujarat Titans.

Retiring out is risky but can give competitive advantage: Ashwin

Experienced spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who has impressed both with ball and bat this season, feels certain decisions like retiring out can provide a competitive edge to the teams if done properly.

"It's important to understand how it (a decision) is going to give us an edge in important moments. I think (retiring out) is part of the future of the game in T20 cricket, and I believe it's there to stay," said Ashwin, RR's most economical bowler this season.

"People are going to perceive it as risky because once you retire a batter out and things don't go your way you might have to explain that. But if it's executed well, then it can give you a competitive advantage." Ashwin has scored 183 runs and picked up 11 wickets at an economy of 7.14 this season.

WARNE HAS BEEN WATCHING ME FROM ABOVE: CHahal

Yuzvendra Chahal credited his success to the closely knit group and said playing for RR

I kept learning as a batter & captain: Sanju Samson

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Leading the franchise for a second full season, skipper Sanju Samson said he has never stopped learning and communication has been one of the key components of his captaincy. "I think I've actually developed and I kept on learning as a batter and also as a captain. I'm really enjoying the responsibility of leading this team, especially with so many experienced players in our side."

"I think when you lead a side, it's very important to have that kind of perspective where you allow people to

come and talk to you in pressure situations and allow them to express their ideas," said Samson.

"I do receive a lot of information, a lot of suggestions... So, I'm really enjoying the unity and the willingness of everyone to contribute to the team, and I think it's very important to listen to everyone. But I also know that the final call has to be from my side, and I have to take the ownership of each and every decision made by the team."

has also been special because of the late Shane Warne, who had led the team in the inaugural season.

"I know it's just the first season here (at Royals) for me, but it feels like I've been playing here for many years. I'm really relaxed here mentally, and I believe the credit goes to the people here, who take really good care of me... It has really made me connect with the franchise at a different level," said the Purple Cap holder.

"On the other hand, it's also special for me because Warne's side played for RR and I was the first-ever Royal, and I think his blessings are with me. I feel like he's been watching me from above."

Warne has been watching me from above: Chahal

VASTRAKAR SHINES IN SUPERNOVAS 49-RUN WIN

PTI ■ PUNE

Pooja Vastrakar picked up four wickets for just 12 runs in a brilliant pace-bowling display as Supernovas notched up an easy 49-run win over Trailblazers in a record-breaking opening match of the Women's T20 Challenge here on Monday.

The 22-year-old Vastrakar claimed the wickets of Trailblazers' captain Smriti Mandhana (34), her opening partner Hayley Matthews (18), No 4 Sophia Dunkley (1) and Salma Khatun (0) in two separate spells to tear apart the batting line-up of the defending champions.

England left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone and Australia all-rounder Alana King chipped in with two wickets apiece as Trailblazers could only score 114 for 9 in 20 overs while chasing 164.

The Supernovas had earlier scored the tournament's highest-ever score of 163 all out after opting to bat.

Trailblazers made a strong start to their chase with Mandhana and Matthews putting on 39 runs for the opening wicket in five overs.

But Vastrakar struck triple blows on



Trailblazers to leave the defending champions in deep trouble.

She first had the wicket of Matthews off the last ball of the fifth over and then dismissed skipper Mandhana and Dunkley in the space of four balls in the eighth over.

Wickets kept on tumbling in quick succession as Sharmin Akhter (0) was out in the next over for a duck to be King's first victim of the day.

Runs were hard to come by for Trailblazers as they reached 71 for 4 at the halfway mark. But two quick wickets in

the 11th over bowled by Ecclestone virtually ended the contest.

Ecclestone had Richa Gosh (2) off the second ball of the over and Arundhati Reddy (0) was run out in the next delivery as Trailblazers batters looked in a hurry to return to the hut.

Harmanpreet Kaur brought Vastrakar for her second spell and the pacerwoman got immediate success by having Khatun to reduce Trailblazers to 73 for 7 at the end of 12 overs.

Asking rate had climbed more than 11 runs an over by then and one-down Jemimah Rodrigues (24) tried to make a match out of it but she also fell in the 14th over to Meghna Singh to extinguish any hopes of Trailblazers' fight back.

Earlier, Supernovas captain Kaur top-scored with 37 off 29 balls while Harleen Deol and Deandra Dottin chipped in with 35 and 32 respectively.

They, however, lost five wickets in the last two overs for just eight runs, including that of Kaur, in a dramatic collapse.

Matthews was the pick of the Trailblazers bowlers with figures of 3 for 29 while Salma Khatun took two for 30 runs.

County stint will keep me in good stead: Pujara

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Back in national team for the Edgbaston Test after scoring a bagful of runs in County cricket, Cheteshwar Pujara said his stint for Surrey will hold him in good stead when India takes on England in the one-off red ball fixture in July.

The 34-year-old Pujara scored 720 runs, including two double hundreds and two centuries, in five Division two games for Sussex, which forced the selection committee to give him a call-up for the rescheduled 'fifth' Test of the last series.

"I am glad to have been selected for the England Test, and happy that my recent county performances were recognized," Pujara told PTI.

"Having spent some time in the middle during the county games, I do believe



it will keep me in good stead as we get ready for the game against England.

"As always, looking forward to preparing and training well ahead of the tour, and do hope to continue contributing to the Indian team," he added.

The fifth Test, which was postponed last year due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the Indian camp, is scheduled from July 1 to 5 in Birmingham.

Going through a poor run of form, Pujara had been left out of India's home Test series against Sri Lanka earlier this year but he made a return to the squad after producing a scintillating performance for Surrey.

Pujara amassed an unbeaten 201 against Derbyshire, before scoring 109 against Worcestershire. He also smashed 203 and 170 not out against Durham and Middlesex. Playing for Saurashtra in the Ranji Trophy, Pujara had also hit 91 against Mumbai and 64 not out against Goa. Pujara has scored 6713 runs at 43.87 in 95 Tests for India.

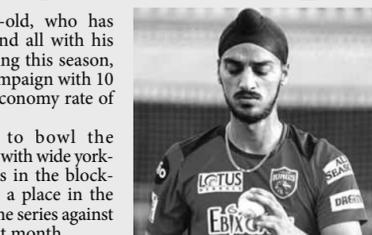
Arshdeep delighted to represent India

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Delighted to earn a maiden national call-up, left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh said bowling to the big-hitting Punjab Kings batters in the nets helped him perfect his yorkers.

The 23-year-old, who has impressed one and all with his death over bowling this season, ended his IPL campaign with 10 wickets and an economy rate of 7.70.

His ability to bowl the change-ups along with wide yorkers and deliveries in the block-hole earned him a place in the squad for the home series against South Africa next month.



Arshdeep got to know the good news on his way to Punjab's last league stage match against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Sunday.

"I got to know just before the match, in the bus that I have got selected in the Indian team. Because the match was going on I didn't feel much," Arshdeep told teammate Harpreet Brar after Punjab Kings' five-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad.



Usman dropped for WI ODIs

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has dropped leg-spinner Usman Qadir and hard-hitting batters Asif Ali and Haider Ali for next month's limited-overs international series against the West Indies.

"Usman, Asif and Haider remain in our plans for the shortest format as we have a series of T20s lined up this year, including the T20 World Cup," chief selector Mohammad Wasim said in a statement on Monday.

Wasim said the return of vice-captain Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz from injuries resulted in Usman's absence for the ODI series. Both players missed Pakistan's last ODI series at home against Australia.

Rawalpindi will host the three one-day games, which are part of the Cricket World Cup League, on June 8, 10 and 12.

OSAKA OUT AT FRENCH OPEN

AP ■ PARIS

Former world number one Naomi Osaka lost in the first round of the French Open on Monday, 12 months after controversially quitting the tournament, while women's title favourite Iga Swiatek stretched her winning streak to 29 matches.

Osaka, a four-time Grand Slam champion, was knocked out 7-5, 6-4 by American 27th seed Amanda Anisimova -- the same player who ended the Japanese star's title defence at the Australian Open this year.

An error-plagued Osaka served up eight double faults and committed 29 unforced errors on her return to Roland Garros, after withdrawing in 2021 when she refused to honour mandatory media commitments before revealing she had been suffering from depression.

"It's tough to see Naomi Osaka in the first round so I knew it wouldn't be easy," said Anisimova, who reached the semi-finals in Paris three years ago.

"I knew I had to play my best tennis and the conditions were not easy."

As rain fell on the outside courts, Swiatek required just 54 minutes to dispatch Ukrainian qualifier Lesia Tsurenko 6-2, 6-0 under the roof on Court Philippe Chatrier.

The 20-year-old Swiatek, who took over as world number one following Ashleigh Barty's shock retirement, has won her last five tournaments and is bidding for a second French Open in three attempts.

"Today was a pretty good match," said Swiatek. "I love playing here even though the last couple of days it's been raining and pretty dark."

The 2020 champion will play Ukraine's Dayana Yastremska or American Alison Riske for a spot in the last 32.



Swiatek is unbeaten since February and has the longest winning streak on the WTA tour since Serena Williams won 34 matches in a row in 2013.

"I'm pretty sure that it can end, but I just want to keep going. I'm sure someday my streak will stop."

"I'm just focusing on tennis and playing my game, not on stats or some numbers."

DJOKOVIC, NADAL READY TO ROLL

Defending champion Novak Djokovic and 13-time French Open winner Rafael Nadal start their Roland Garros campaigns

later on a star-studded Monday.

Djokovic plays Yoshihito Nishioka of Japan in the first of 10 night sessions -- introduced at Roland Garros last year when a pandemic curfew saw most late matches played in front of empty stands.

It is the world number one's first Grand Slam match since his high-profile deportation from Australia. He won his first title of the year at the Italian Open earlier this month.

"I feel I am always in that contention to fight for any Grand Slam trophy," said Djokovic, who is seeded to meet Nadal in the quarter-finals and Spanish teenage sen-

sation Carlos Alcaraz in the last four.

Djokovic's last match at a major was his loss to Daniil Medvedev in last year's US Open final, a defeat which denied the Serb a calendar Grand Slam.

Nadal has yet to win a title on his beloved clay this season, but played down concerns over the chronic foot issue that resurfaced in Rome.

"There is nothing to recover," said Nadal, who faces Australia's Jordan Thompson. "What happened in Rome is something that happened very often in my practices." "I was suffering after that for a couple of days, but I feel better. That's why

I'm here." Nadal began the year with a 20-match winning run, capturing a second Australian Open title to claim a record 21st Grand Slam and move ahead of Djokovic and Roger Federer.

The 35-year-old's record at the French Open stands at a staggering 105 wins and just three losses since his 2005 title-winning debut. Djokovic has been responsible for two of those defeats. One came in the bruising semi-final 12 months ago, the most recent clash of the pair's epic 58-match rivalry.

Reigning women's champion Barbora Krejckova will play France's Diane Parry

Naomi may skip Wimbledon over ranking points row

AP ■ PARIS

Former world number one Naomi Osaka on Monday said she may skip Wimbledon over the decision to strip the Grand Slam tournament of ranking points.

"I would say the decision is kind of affecting my mentality going into grass, like I'm not 100% sure if I'm going to go there," said Osaka after her 7-5, 6-4 loss to Amanda Anisimova in the French Open first round.

"I would love to go just to get some experience on the grass court, but at the same time, I don't want to say pointless, but I'm the type of player that gets motivated by seeing my ranking go up."

"I'm the type of player who gets motivated by the idea of rising in the rankings," said the four-time major winner.

"So the intention of this measure was good, but the execution is all over the place."

The ATP and WTA tours last week removed ranking points from Wimbledon after the All England Club banned Russian and Belarusian players in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

Wimbledon chiefs branded the move by the two tours, which threatens to reduce the sport's most prestigious tennis tournament to the status of an exhibition event, as "disproportionate".

On Monday, former US Open champion Sloane Stephens said she supported the move to strip points from Wimbledon.

"I think the decision that was taken was the correct one," said the American.

"I think that there is a lot of things that happened behind the scenes that the press are not aware of, and I think there has been a lot of mishandling of how everything was handled."

in round one. The Czech world number two has been sidelined by an arm injury since late February and is yet to play on clay this year.

'For Lewandowski, Bayern is history', says his agent

AP ■ MUNICH

Robert Lewandowski's agent Pini Zahavi has made it clear the Polish striker wants to leave Bayern Munich, amid reports Barcelona have made an offer.

"For Robert, things are very clear: he wants to leave FC Bayern this summer," Zahavi told German daily Bild.

Lewandowski has already said he wants to leave Bayern, where he has a year left on his contract, with Barcelona reportedly offering 32 million euros (\$34 million) to sign the 33-year-old.

Zahavi warned Bayern: "Of course they can keep Robert for another year, to be fair he has a contract until 2023, but I wouldn't recommend that to them."

"For Robert Lewandowski, FC Bayern is history." A back-to-back winner of FIFA's best male player award, Lewandowski has won every title available since joining Bayern in 2014, including eight Bundesliga trophies for a total of 10 having won two with ex-club Dortmund.

He also won the Champions League with Bayern in 2020.

Lewandowski was top-scorer in the

Bundesliga last season for the fifth year running after netting 35 goals in Germany's top flight.

Bayern CEO Oliver Khan and director of sports Hasan Salihamidzic have both publically stated the club will not let Lewandowski leave after 2023.

On Sunday, Salihamidzic slammed Zahavi on a Sport1 talk show.

"He (Lewandowski) has an adviser who has been messing with his head all year," Salihamidzic fumed. Zahavi played a role in David Alaba leaving Bayern for Real Madrid on a free transfer, leading to former club president Uli Hoenes once describing the player agent as a "piranha".

NEUER EXTENDS HIS STAY

FC Bayern Munich on Monday announced that the club has extended Manuel Neuer's contract by a further year till June 30, 2024.

Germany No.1 moved to Munich from Schalke in 2011. The 36-year-old has been FCB captain since 2017. Neuer has won 10 Bundesliga titles, five DFB Cups, five DFL Supercups, two Champions Leagues, the FIFA Club World Cup and the UEFA Super Cup at FC Bayern.

Ten Hag aims to smash Liverpool-City duopoly

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United's new manager Erik ten Hag believes it is possible to end the dominance of Manchester City and Liverpool despite taking over a struggling side that finished a lowly sixth in the Premier League.

United ended up 35 points behind champions City, who pipped Liverpool to the title by a point, as the Red Devils registered their lowest-ever

Premier League points tally.

City boss Pep Guardiola has now claimed four titles in five years, while Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp can complete a treble of cup trophies this season should the Reds see off Real Madrid in Saturday's Champions League final.

Guardiola and Klopp -- the managers of United's two biggest rivals -- have consistently battled it out for the major trophies, leaving

the Red Devils, without silverware since 2017, as bystanders.

However, the Dutchman challenged the suggestion it

would take the departure of one or both of Guardiola and Klopp for United to be able to compete again.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that Original sale deed No B-27 208/1508-D, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana. Bearing Vaska No. 27153 dated 18-03-1991. Rakha 1-49-45 Sq. Yds. Executed by MC Ludhiana in favour of Late S. Harpreet Singh S/o Inderpal Singh. Further mutated in the name of Smt. Daljeet Kaur W/o Late S. Harpreet Singh and Sh. Sumitshwar Preet Singh S/o Late S. Harpreet Singh, has been lost/misplaced, for which DDR Bearing Serial Number 12 dated 11-06-2015 has lodged entered in Chowki Atam Park, Ludhiana.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to notice of the public at large that the previous title deed No 9507 dated 9-3-2017 & 2086 dated 30-12-2015 & 30354 dated 19-7-1989 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Mansa have been lost. It is informed by the party the above said deed have not been mortgaged with any Bank/Finance institution/person and same has been missing. If any body have been objection regarding the mortgaging of the same may respond with 14 days to the undersigned After the expiry of the stipulated period of 14 days, No claim what so ever shall be entertained. Detail of the property: Owner of Property: Asha Rani wife of Parshottam Kumar son of Birkh Bhan resident of Mansa Property (Residential) measuring 7 Marla i.e. 74339 share of land measuring 21 Kanal 19 Marla kharsa No 5337/4(23-139) shewat and khata No 1194/2070 Mansa dated for the year 2017-18 of Mansa Khat owned by Asha Rani wife of Parshottam Kumar vide sale deed No 2021-22/659/14908 dated 10-1-2022 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Mansa bounded by As per deed: North: Street side 20 feet. South: Master Harbars Lal side 20 feet. East: Pawan Kumar son of Jagarham side 93-3/4 feet. West: Master Harbars Lal side 93-3/4 feet. by MUKESH MITTAL (ADVOCATE) on the behalf of Bank. 9915316276.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005

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

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken 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/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount In Demand (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Davinder Pal Singh/ Haminder Kaur/ LBLUD00004808612/ LBLUD00005182389/ LBLUD00004808616/ LBLUD00005305609	Property No.B-2-1597 (old) and B-2-1597/1k (New), Village Taraf Mahal Baghat, Anya Mohalla Beri Street, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana Punjab/ May 18, 2022	June 19, 2021 Rs. 2,22,98,311/-	Ludhiana
2.	Gurjit Singh/ Manpreet Kaur/ Joginder Singh/ LBJAL0004974279/ LBJAL0000531506	House No.31, Kharsa No.2640, 31955/2644, Tagore Nagar Near Tehsil & Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab/ May 17, 2022	November 15, 2021 Rs. 30,47,817/-	Jalandhar

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: May 24, 2022
Place: Punjab (Ludhiana, Jalandhar)

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

कोऑपरेटिव बैक COOP Cooperative Bank
FULLY COMPUTERISED BANK H.O.: SADAR BAZAR, GURDASPUR

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE AND MOVABLE PROPERTIES) [RULE (8-1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Gurdaspur Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against accounts calling upon the borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the date mentioned against account. The borrowers / guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of The Gurdaspur Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. for an amount of mentioned below and further interest / other charges accrued thereon. The borrower attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the NPCA Account	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
M/s Sagar Dairy through its Prop. Sh. Both Raj Saini S/o Sh. Mulkh Raj R/o 127 Jasant Nagar Garha, Jalandhar and Guarantors (I) Smt. Shashi Bala W/o Sh. Both Raj Saini, R/o 127, Jasant Nagar Garha, Jalandhar. (II) Sh. Vijay Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Parkash Sharma (M/s Sharma Medical Store), Ward no. 10, Marmoon, District Pathankot	09-03-2021	19-05-2022	Rs. 75,96,437/- as on 31-12-2020 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected

DESCRIPTION OF THE MOVEABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY / ASSET :
(i) All current assets investment and other moveable fixed assets of Borrower / Shashi Bala.
(ii) Non Agriculture property : Double Storey Commercial Building in area of 4 Marla 235 sq. feet in the Abadi of Garha Hadbast no. 304, Kharsa no. 23/20, Tehsil and District Jalandhar and bounded as East : Surinder Kumar, West : Surjit Singh, North : Road, South : Gurdas Singh. The property referred above is connected with Sale deed dated 18-04-2001, Wasika no. 408, Registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar Jalandhar. (Further Location as per Site plan / valuation certificate / Title deed(s) and details as per other documents placed on Bank Record) (within Municipal limits Jalandhar) + Any other property as per bank record.
Date : 24-05-2022 Place : Jalandhar Sd/- Authorised Officer

India concede late goal to draw-1-1 with Pak



PTI ■ JAKARTA

Defending champions India conceded a late goal to allow arch-rivals Pakistan walk away with a 1-1 draw in their opening Pool A match of the Asia Cup men's hockey tournament, here on Monday.

India took the lead in the ninth minute through Karthi Selvam before Abdul Rana broke their neighbours' heart by equalising in the 59th from a penalty corner. India will next play Japan on Tuesday. Pakistan had the first scoring chance in the third minute in the form of a penalty corner, but they failed to stop the ball properly as India survived.

Seconds later, it was India's turn to secure a penalty corner but Neelam Sanjip Xess' effort was saved by the Pakistan goalie Akmal Hussain.

The Indians continued to put pressure on the Pakistan defence and secured two more penalty corners in the first quarter, the second of which was converted by Karthi, who

scored his first international goal after his flick went inside the Pakistan citadel after getting a deflection off the stick of defender Muhammad Abdullah.

In between Pakistan also got another penalty corner but the effort went wide.

Soon after the start of the second quarter, Pakistan goalkeeper Hussain made a fine reflex save to deny Pawan Rajbhar from point blank range.

Pakistan made a bright start after the change of ends and threatened the Indian defence early on. Second into their third quarter, Pakistan secured their third penalty corner but Rizwan Ali shot his flick wide.

A lapse in concentration cost India dearly as a long ball caught, an otherwise alert Indian defence, off guard in the final two minutes, resulting in a penalty corner for Pakistan.

Rana pushed in from a rebound after Mubashar Ali's flick was saved at the goal line by Yashdeep Siwach.

आवश्यक सूचना

संस्था के सभी सदस्यों को सूचित किया जाता है कि हिन्दू शिक्षा समिति (रजि.) कैथल की प्रबन्धक कमेटी का चुनाव दिनांक 07 जुलाई 2022 दिन वीरवार को तीन वर्षों के लिए निम्नलिखित कार्यक्रम अनुसार होगा :-

नामांकन फार्म मिलने की तिथि	27.06.2022 से 30.06.2022	प्रातः 9:00 बजे से सांय 2:00 बजे तक
नामांकन फार्म जमा करवाने की तिथि	01.07.2022 से 02.07.2022	प्रातः 9:00 बजे से सांय 2:00 बजे तक
नामांकन फार्म वापिस लेने की तिथि	03.07.2022	प्रातः 9:00 से सांय 2:00 बजे तक
नामांकन फार्म जांच पडताल की तिथि	04.07.2022	प्रातः 11:00 बजे तक
चुनाव चिन्ह आवंटन	04.07.2022	प्रातः 11:30 से सांय 2:00 बजे तक
चुनाव	07.07.2022	प्रातः 9:00 बजे से सांय 4:00 बजे तक
चुनाव स्थान	हिन्दू कन्या सीनियर स्कूल, अम्बाला रोड, कैथल	

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हिन्दू शिक्षा समिति (रजि.)

SARVA HARYANA GRAMIN BANK
REGIONAL OFFICE: PLOT NO 1, SHGB HOUSE, SECTOR-3, ROHTAK-124001, MOB. 8570006652

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Under SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Rule 8 (1) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) READ WITH RULE 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 27/12/2021 calling upon the Borrower Sh. Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Chotu Ram and Smt. Sona Devi W/o Sh. Satbir Singh R/o H. No. 474A, Ward No 10, Near Opposite Krishna Vatika/garden Sainipura, Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, Distt. Jhajjar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice aggregating to Rs. 4074814/- (Forty lakh seventy four thousand eight hundred fourteen Rupees only) as on 31.03.2021 and interest thereon plus other charges which may fall due thereupon (Figures are subject to audit and without prejudice). The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank has taken possession of property as described herein below in exercise of powers conferred upon him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with the rule 9 of the said rules on this 19.05.2022. Property No. 1 detail as below.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with such property will be subject to the charge of Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank, Branch Office Bahadurgarh for an amount of Rs. 4074814/- (Forty lakh seventy four thousand eight hundred fourteen Rupees only) as on 31.03.2021 and interest thereon plus other charges which may fall due thereupon (Figures are subject to audit and without prejudice). The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub sec 8 of sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Name of Branch	Name of Account	Name of owner of property	Description of property mortgaged	Date of Demand notice	Date of paper Possession	Amount o/s as on date of demand notice
1.	Bahadurgarh	Sh. Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Chotu Ram and Smt. Sona Devi W/o Sh. Satbir Singh Loan a/c no. 80599800000013 and 80599nc00090712	Sh. Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Chotu Ram and Smt. Sona Devi W/o Sh. Satbir Singh	H. No. 474A, Ward No. 10, Near Opposite Krishna Vatika/garden Sainipura, Bahadurgarh, Distt. Jhajjar within M.C. Limit Bahadurgarh Residential property measuring 358 Sq. Yards (250 Sq Yards+ 108 Sq yards) out of land comprised in Khewat no. 1586/1423min, Khatoni no. 2299, Kharsa no. 1931/1(0-3) & Khewat no. 1120, New Khewat no. 1478/1318min, Khatoni no. 2162.	27.12.2021	19.05.2022	Rs. 4074814/- as on 31.03.2021 plus expenditure and interest thereon

Kharsa no. 5203/1932, 1933(0-4), situated at Sainipura, on main Sainipura road, Bahadurgarh, Near Opp. Krishna Vatika, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, Distt. Jhajjar. Deed No. 394 dated 13/04/2018 Supplementary Deed/Tatima no. 2027 Tatima blood relation transferred deed 2027 dated 08/06/2018 Deed No. 8368 dated 02/01/2019 Supplementary Deed/Tatima no. 9091 dated 22/01/2019 Date of Mortgage : 04/02/2019, bounded as under: Bounded as under: East : House of Chandan Singh side 79' West : House of Chandkaur side 71' North : Rasta Sare Aam side 44' South : Ruhil Flats side 42'.

This notice is without prejudice to any other Remedy available to the bank

Date: 23.05.2022
Place: Rohtak

Rajeev Kumar
Authorised Officer
Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank, Regional Manager, Rohtak