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Ankita murder fury
engulfs U'khandProtesters set
resort on fire; BJP
expels accused's
father and former
Min from party

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Public anger over the murder of 19-year-old Ankita Bhandari in Uttarakhand led local residents on Saturday to set part of the resort run by main accused Pulkit Arya, son of a BJP leader and former State Minister level position holder Vinod Arya, on fire after the Government earlier started demolishing it late on Friday.

Enraged over the development, residents also damaged the vehicle of BJP's Yamkeshwar MLA Renu Bisht when she reached All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh after Ankita's body, recovered from Chilla canal early on Saturday morning on the seventh day after she was reported missing, was brought there for post mortem.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami ordered a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) while the BJP expelled the former



An illegally built resort of Ankita murder accused Pulkit Arya after it was partially demolished by authorities overnight, in Pauri Garhwal district on Saturday PTI

State Minister Vinod Arya and Ankit Arya, brother of main accused Pulkit, from the party with immediate effect. On Dhami's instructions, Ankit was also removed from the post of nominated vice chairman of OBC commission.

The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel had started searching for Ankita's body on Friday after learning from the accused about the location where she was thrown into the canal. The personnel found her body early on Saturday morning. The body was taken to AIIMS

Rishikesh where a number of protesters had gathered demanding the death penalty for the perpetrators of the crime.

Bisht reached the institute only to be greeted by slogans by the irate crowd with one of the people also breaking the rear window of her SUV.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police Ashok Kumar in a telephonic talks with the father of the victim assured him of all possible action to ensure that the perpetrators receive the death sentence.

C'garh varsity video
leak: Soldier held
for blackmailing
accused girl student

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Police on Saturday arrested an Army personnel posted in Arunachal Pradesh in connection with the Chandigarh University case, in which it was alleged that a hostel inmate recorded several objectionable videos of girl students in the common wash-room, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said on Saturday.

The police had earlier arrested a girl student and two men from Himachal Pradesh. Identified as Sanjeev Singh, he is suspected of blackmailing the accused girl student.

Yadav said based on forensic and digital evidence, the police team from SAS Nagar was dispatched to Arunachal Pradesh to arrest the accused.

He said the accused Army personnel was arrested from Sela Pass in Arunachal Pradesh with the support of Arunachal Pradesh Police, Assam Police and Army authorities in Arunachal Pradesh. The police have also obtained a 2-day transit remand of the accused from the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Bomdila to produce him before the Magistrate, he added.

During the ongoing probe by the Punjab Police, it is revealed that a serving Army soldier is likely to have been involved in acts chargeable under sections of the IPC and IT Act, an Army official said.

CBI raids 59 spots in
biggest crackdown
on child porn in India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In its biggest crackdown on child pornography, the CBI on Saturday carried out searches at 59 locations in 21 States and Union Territories in connection with two cases of circulation of online child sexual abuse material (OCSAM). The raids were part of the operation "Megha Chakra".

Dubbing "Megha Chakra" a painstaking and meticulous operation, the agency said it conducted nationwide searches at around 59 locations, including Faridabad and Fatehabad (Haryana); Dehradun (Uttarakhand); Kachh, Lunavada, Rajkot and Godhra (Gujarat); Maharajan, Hathras and Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh); Bardhaman and Murshidabad (West Bengal); Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Thane, Nanded, Solapur, Kolhapur and Nagpur (Maharashtra); Dhanbad and Ranchi (Jharkhand); Chittoor and Krishna (Andhra Pradesh); Bengaluru, Kodagu, Ram Nagar and Kolar (Karnataka); Raipur (Chhattisgarh), and New Delhi, the CBI said in a statement.

Likewise, the CBI also conducted the searches at Chelakkara and Mallapuram (Kerala); Dindigul (Madurai); Gurdaspur and Hosiarpur (Punjab); Chennai; Goa;



Hyderabad; Ajmer and Jaipur (Rajasthan); Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu); Guwahati, Dhimaji (Assam); Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh); Saran and Bhagalpur (Bihar); Agartala (Tripura); and Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) in two cases related to downloading/circulation of child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

The CBI has registered two cases under relevant provisions of the Information Technology Act based on information received from the Crime Against Children (CAC) unit of Interpol, Singapore, which had received the same from New Zealand police for sharing with the relevant country, the CBI said.

"It was alleged that a number of Indian citizens were involved in circulation/downloading/transmission of child sexual abuse material using cloud-based storage.

L-G orders FIR
against DJB staff
for siphoning off
₹20 cr water bills

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid an ongoing tussle with the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) dispensation, Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday directed Chief Secretary Nareesh Kumar to file an FIR against officials of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), bank authorities and private entities for allegedly embezzling ₹20 crore in water bills.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is the head of the DJB. Sisodia is already facing the heat in the alleged old excise policy and ghost teachers' scams.

The LG has also asked the Chief Secretary to identify the DJB officials or officers who had been allegedly siphoning off funds, fix responsibility and submit an action taken report within 15 days.

Later in a Press conference on Saturday, DJB vice-chairman and AAP MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj welcomed the Lt Governor's move saying that Sisodia had also recommended this sort of investigation.

Sources at the Raj Niwas said that the matter had first come to light in 2019 with the allegation that ₹20 crore collected in water bills from consumers was not deposited in the bank account of the DJB.

Despite the allegations, the contract of the company involved in the collection of bills was extended.

CAPSULE

INDIA SLAMS PAK FOR
KASHMIR RANT AT UNGA

New Delhi: Taking exception to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's comments on Kashmir in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), India on Saturday charged him with efforts to "obfuscate misdeeds in his own country and justify actions against India." New Delhi also blamed Islamabad for sponsoring cross-border terrorism.

INDIA 'STALLED' DURING
UPA ERA: NR MURTHY

Ahmedabad: N R Narayana Murthy, co-founder of IT giant Infosys, has lamented that economic activities in India were "stalled" and decisions were not taken by the Manmohan Singh government in time in the Congress-led UPA era.

GUV SEEMS TO REMIND
CM MANN OF HIS DUTIES

Chandigarh/New Delhi: The tussle between Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit and the State's AAP Government over the convening of the Assembly session escalated further on Saturday with the former seeking to remind Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann of his duties.

JHULAN BIDS ADIEU
GIVEN GUARD OF HONOUR

London: Playing her last international match of an illustrious career, Indian women's team seamer Jhulan Goswami received a guard of honour when she walked out to bat against England in the third and final ODI here on Saturday. Jhulan will end her glorious, two-decade career as women's cricket's highest wicket-taker.

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I, **Satnam Singh** s/o Sh. Surjeet Singh R/o H. No. 32, Vivekanand Colony, Near Gurukul, Kurukshetra declares that my son Aayush is out of my control. I disown him from all my movable and immovable properties. I & my family shall not be responsible for any kind of his act and dealing.

We, **Harish Chand** s/o Sh. Malik Chand R/o H. No. 101/11, Mohalla Saidan, Shahbad, District Kurukshetra declares that our daughter Niyati Kashyap is out of our control, so we disown her from all our movable and immovable properties. We & our family shall not be responsible for any kind of her act and dealing.

I, **Sumita Suri** W/o Ravindra Suri R/o # 1671-A, 1st floor, cooperative housing complex, sector- 79, SAS Nagar, Mohali declare that me and my Husband Ravindra Suri are staying Separately from last 2 years. I have no relation with him.

I, **Jaswinder Singh** S/o Lajja Ram R/o #1282, Mori Gate Manimajra Chandigarh declare that My Son Manoj Kumar and his wife Jatinder Kaur are out of my control. I disown them from my movable/immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own risk.

I, **Rama** W/o Shri Ghanshyam R/o 2, Parry Hotel Staff Road, Ambala Cantt. Declare that my son Sagar is out of my Control. So I Disown my Son Sagar from my all movable immovable properties.

I, **Jagdish** S/O Jaishi Ram R/o VPO Dhar Kalan Distt. Pathankot (Punjab) Declare that My Son's Rakesh Kumar, Narinder Kumar and Narinder Kumar's wife Priyanka Sharma, all are not in my control. I Disinherit these all three from My Movable/ Immovable Property. Anybody Dealing with them will do so at his/ her own Risk. Concerned Please Note.

I, **Harshita** D/o Munish R/o H.No. 91 W.No. 12 Kamal Colony Samrala Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab, lost her DMC and Pass Certificates of 10th Class ICSE Board. Her Year of Passing is 2021, Unique ID is 7394542, Index Number is 1213154/044, name of School is Sacred heart Convent School Samrala, Ludhiana. Anyone found please return on above address.

We, **Jaspal** S/o Sita Ram and Phulvati W/o Jaspal Vill Hamira Farm, Siana Saidan, Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra My Son Ajit Kumar Out of My Control. I, Disown them from all my movable/immovable properties. Anybody deal with him at their own risk.

I, **No. 15733966Y** NK Nagare Sachin Ramesh resident of VPO Theral Tehsil Patoda District Beed (Maharashtra) in my service record my Son name wrongly recorded as Nagare Tomas Sachin instead of Nagare Shreyash Sachin Vide affidavit No.IN-PB28924374160969U dated 24 Sep 2022 before notary public Pathankot.

I, **No. JC-522883X** Sub Narendar Kumar resident of VPO Majhin Tehsil Khundian District Kangra (HP) in my service record my Mother Smt Premi Devi DOB wrongly recorded as 27 March 1950 instead of 01 Jan 1957 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB28924783973227Udated 24 Sep 2022 before notary public Pathankot.

I, **Nayan** spouse of No. JC-462479W N/Sub Phadtare Santosh Pandurang resident of VPO Pimpri Tehsil Koregaon District Satara (Maharashtra) in my husband service record my name wrongly recorded as Nayan instead of Nayan Santosh Phadtare Vide affidavit No.IN-PB28923295050016U dated 24 Sep 2022 before notary public Pathankot.

I, **Bharpai** Widow Rameshwar Dass R/o H.No.365/2, Ward- 2,Hansi, District Hisar, have disowned Sarita (Widow of my son Satnarayan) and her daughters Sonia & Durga and her son Sushil from my moveable and immovable properties because they all are out of my control.I and my family will not be responsible for any transaction/behaviour done by them.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Parmod Gupta** S/o Ram Chander Gupta R/o 49, Gulab Nagar, Camp, Yamuna Nagar I have changed my name from Parmod Gupta to Parmod.

I, **Satish Jain** S/o Shrichand Jain R/o 22-B, Veer Nagar, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Satish Jain to Satish Kumar Jain.

I, **Mandeep Kumar** S/o Sh.Balwan Singh Village Khatkar, Tehsil Uchana, District Jind, have changed my name from Mandeep Kumar to Mandeep.

I, **Jyoti Sareen** W/o Pawan Kumar Sareen R/o 115, Green Avenue Near DSP House, Batala Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Jyoti Sareen to Priya Sareen. Concerned note.

I, **Sangeeta Goyal** W/o Rakesh Goyal R/o H.No. 645, Model Town, Panipat have changed my name from Sangeeta Goel to Sangeeta Goyal for all future purposes.

I, **Ramesh Goyal** S/o Harbilas Goel R/o H.No. 645, Model Town, Panipat have changed my name from Ramesh Goel to Ramesh Goyal for all future purposes.

I, **Jyoti Goyal** W/o Ramesh Goyal R/o H.No. 645, Model Town, Panipat have changed my name from Jyoti Goel to Jyoti Goyal for all future purposes.

I, **Rakesh Goyal** S/o Harbilas Goel R/o H.No. 645, Model Town, Panipat have changed my name from Rakesh Goel to Rakesh Goyal for all future purposes.

I, **Surinder Kumar** S/o Kishan Chand R/o 254, Kansapur Road, Shivpuri Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Surinder Kumar to Surinder Sharma.

I, **Sushma Rani** W/o Surinder Sharma R/o 254, Kansapur Road, Shivpuri Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sushma Rani to Sushma Sharma.

I, **Pashmeet Singh** S/o Joginder Singh R/o village Diwana, Tehsil Tohana, Sub-tehsil Khullian, Distt. Fatehabad have changed my name from Pashmit Singh to Pashmeet Singh for all future purpose.

I, **Santosh Kumari** W/o Sh. Vinod Bansal R/o Bansal Footwear, B-11/323, Street Karkhane Wali, Begu Road, Sirsa. That I have changed my name from Santosh Kumari to Santosh Bansal.

I, **Deepak Goel** s/o Roshan Lal r/o House Number 212, Urban Estate, Sector 2, Kurukshetra, have changed my minor daughter's name from Kashvi to Kashvi Goel. Concern please note.

I, **Sehrazpreet Singh** Hanjra S/o Lokhbir Singh, House no. 70, Gali no. 1, Moon Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar - I, Punjab changed my name to Sehrazpreet Singh.

I, **Gulshan Nagpal** S/o Sh.Dev Raj R/o H.No.1994, Urban Estate, Sector-10, Jind, Haryana, have changed my name from Gulshan Nagpal to Gulshan Kumar.

I, **Neha Nagpal** W/o Sh.Gulshan Kumar R/o H.No.1994, Urban Estate, Sector-10, Jind, Haryana, have changed my name from Neha Nagpal to Lalita.

I, **Vaibhav Nagpal** S/o Sh.Gulshan Kumar R/o H.No.1994, Urban Estate, Sector-10, Jind, Haryana, have changed my name from Vaibhav Nagpal to Vaibhav.

I, **Priyank Sethi** S/o Tejinder Kumar Sethi R/o H.No. 1583, Sec-13, Urban Estate Kamal have changed my minor daughter name from Kaina to Kaina Sethi. Please note for future.

I, **Rajneesh Choudhary** S/o Dharm Pal R/o Village Shamgarh, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Rajneesh Choudhary to Rajneesh Kumar. In future I may be known as Rejneesh Kumar.

I, **Angadbir Singh Mann** S/o Sandeep Mann R/o H.No. 138/2, Gali No.12, Near Shiv Mandir, Basant Vihar, Distt. Karnal declare that Angadbir Singh Mann & Angadbir Singh Maan both are same and one person. Please note for future.

I, **Rajeev Bhatia** S/o Chuni Lal Bhatia R/o H.No. 220,Sector-8, Urban Estate, Karnal, declare that I have changed my name from Rajiv Bhatia S/o Chuni Lal to Rajeev Bhatia S/o Chuni Lal Bhatia.

I, **Shreya Bhatia** D/o Rajeev Bhatia R/o H.No. 220,Sector-8, Urban Estate, Karnal, declare that I have changed my Name from Shreya D/o Rajeev Bhatia to Shreya Bhatia D/o Rajeev Bhatia.

I, **Chetna** D/o Mukesh Gupta R/o Kumar Motor Store, 40, Auto Market, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Chetna to Chetna Gupta for future.

I, **No. 2697694W** Rank Hav Sher Singh S/o Shri Mahabir Singh of Unit 23 Grenadiers C/o 56 APO.Have Changed my Wife Name from Reena Devi To Rina.

I, **Sanjay Kumar** Chugh s/o Amar Singh r/o h.no 1521 Triveni park sec-2 rohtak declared change my name from Sanjay Kumar s/o Amar nath to Sanjay Kumar Chugh s/o Amar Singh and in future my name is Sanjay Kumar chugh s/o Amar Singh.

I, **Puneet Kumar** s/o Narendar Kumar r/o h.no 21-C narain Singh Park Panipat declared change my name from Puneet Kumar to Puneet Khanna and in future my name Puneet khanna.

I, **Rajni Rani** w/o Bhupinder Kumar (ex Sep (ACP-1) Rank no. 14920889K) residence of # 882 ward No. 12, Near Sanjay hospital, Naraingarh District Ambala Haryana declared that in my husband army service record my name wrongly recorded Rajni Devi instead of Rajni Rani. In all other documents my name mentioned Rajni Rani like PAN Card Aadhar Card vote card RC etc. So my real and correct name is Rajni Rani.

I, **Sheetal Deshwal** Daughter of Shri Jitender Kumar BegumpurTabrpur, Bapoli, declare that I have changed my Name from Shital Birth Date30.01.1998 to Sheetal Deshwal Birth Date30.01.1999 Daughter of Shri Jitender Kumar

I, **Noor Gill** D/o Sh. Kulvir Gill R/o H. No. 521, Sec.02, Urban Estate, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra have declared that in my passport No. (H2743575) my name is Noor. But in my other documents my name mentioned Noor Gill. So I have changed my name from Noor to Noor Gill. All concerned note please.

I, Hitherto Known As Sushil Kumar Son Of Gurcharan Dass Residing At H.No.4027/22, Gali Kapoora Wali, Putlighar Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sushil Sharma.

I, Hitherto Known As Hardhaman Singh Son Of Surjeet Singh Residing At Vpo Jhander Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar-143606 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Hardaman Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Haramritdeep Singh Third Son Of Sarbjit Singh Residing At Jyotisar Colony, Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar-143115 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Haramritdeep Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Ajaib Singh Sandhu Son Of Kartar Singh Residing At W.No.12, Adarsh Nagar Zira Tehsil Zira District Ferozepur-142047 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ajaib Singh.

I, **Samardeep Kaur** W/O Abhinandan Nischal R/O 172, Phase-1, Varindavan Garden, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Samardeep Kaur To Saanvi Nischal After Marriage.

I, **Sukhprit Singh** S/O Parshan Singh R/O Village Juinder Maha Purk, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran Have Declared That Sukhprit Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname.

I Hitherto Known As Kuldip Kaur Kalar W/O Amarjit Singh, Residing At Vill. Chak Prema, Distt. Kapurthala-144401, Punjab, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kuldip Kaur.

I Hitherto Known As Kalvinder Singh S/O Jeet Singh, Residing At Vill. Desalpur, Distt. Jalandhar-144002, Punjab, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kulvinder Singh.

I Hitherto Known As Kuldip Singh Mann Son Of Balधी Singh Residing At H.No.456-B, Akash Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kuldip Singh.

I Hitherto Known As Sukhwinder Kaur Mann Wife Of Kuldeep Singh Residing At H.No.456-B, Akash Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sukhwinder Kaur.

I **Sandhya Shori** W/O Munish Kumar R/O D 797 Ranjit Avenue Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Sandhya Shourie.

I Hitherto Known As Jasandeep Singh Son Of Rakshvinder Pal Singh Residing At 52, Sohan Avenue, Kot Khalsa, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jashandeep Singh.

I, **Vadhyra Kaur** W/O Tarlok Singh R/O 477, Gali Surain Singh Wali, Guru Ka KhooH, W.Number 17, Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Vadhyra Kaur To Vadya Kaur.

I **Harpreet Kaur** Alias Manpreet Kaur W/O Gurpreet Singh Aulakh R/O Vill Katora Po Arif Ke Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Harpreet Kaur Alias Manpreet Kaur To Manpreet Kaur Aulakh All Concerned May Please Note.

I, **Jaspreet Singh** Gulati S/O Sh. Kuljeet Singh R/O H.NO – 122/B3, Bhima Devi colony, Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name from Jaspreet Singh Gulati to Jaspreet Singh.

I, **Harvinder Singh** Gulati S/O Sh. Kuljeet Singh R/O H.NO – 122/B3, Bhima Devi colony, Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name from Harvinder Singh Gulati to Harvinder Singh.

I, **No- 14650996F** Rank NK Name Gavate Vijay Santoshrao R/O VPO Pimpalgaon Sarai, Teh. & Distt. Buldana, Maharashtra-443001 have changed in army record the name of my daughter from Aarati to Aarati Vijay Gavate vide affidavit dated 24-09-2022 before Session Court Hisar.

I, **Satnam Singh** S/o Sucha Singh R/o.VPO Muchhal Tehsil Baba Bakala Amritsar have Changed my name from Satnam Singh to Satnam Singh Sandhu

I, **Sukhraj Kour** W/o Harpal Singh R/o.VPO Basarke Gillan Tehsil Distt Amritsar Have Chaned my name Sukhraj Kour to Sukhraj Kaur

I, **Kamakshi Arora** D/o Bhupinder Kumar R/o.17, Ajnala Road Near Shiv Dham Mandir Jujhar Singh Avenue Amritsar have Chaged my name Kmakshi Arora to Kamakshi Arora

I, **Kawaljit** W/o Kulwant Singh R/O.M2/146, Tarn Taran Road Baba Budha ji Colony Amritsar have Changed my name to Kawaljit Kaur

I **Kamna Kashyap** W/O Raghav Seth R/O H. No. 54, R.B Estate, Near Petrol Pump, Loharka Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name After Marriage To Kamna Seth. All Concerned Please Note

I **Chamal Lal** Rana S/O Banarsi Dass Rana R/O H.No.1166/2, Sector 22, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Chaman Lal Rana. All Concerned Please Note

I **Vimmy Talwar** W/O Rakesh Mehra R/O H. No. F-1/362 C-47, Kashmir Avenir, Near Bhatia Hospital, Amritsar Have Changed My Name After Marriage To Vimmy Mehra. All Concerned Please Note

I, **Dawinder Singh** S/o Avtar Singh R/o panj Graian Nijran Ajnala Amritsar have Changed my name to Davinder Singh.

I, **Kavita** W/O Satish Kumar R/O Village & PO Dunera Tehsil Dhar Kalan District Pathankot, Declare That My Mother Name Correct Neeta Rani but My 10+2 Certificate his Wrongly Entered Nittia Rani and Father Name Correct नरसिंह लाल But My 10+2 Certificate in Wrongly नरसिंह लाल

I, **Deepak** S/O Late Till Raj Sharma R/O Village & PO Dunera Tehsil Dhar Kalan, District Pathankot, Declare That My Mother her Adhar Card No. 829103127015 his Correct Name Dev Kumari Sharma. But My Matriculation Certificate his Wrongly Entered Name Dev Kumari. It is certified that Dev Kumari and Dev Kumari Sharma is Only One and Same Person.

I, **Prem Shila Yadav** Wife of No- 15774357K Rank HAV (OFC) Name Shailendra Kumar Yadav Posted at 436, AD MSL REGT (SP) C/o 56, APO R/O Village Tajpur, PO Fulwariya, Tajpur, Distt. Chhapra (Saran), Bihar-841209 have changed in army record my name from Prem Shila Yadav to Prem Shila vide affidavit dated 07-09-2022 before Executive Magistrate, Chhapra, Saran, Bihar.

I, **Nisha** D/o Sh. Bhoop Singh R/o VPO - Abub Shahar, Tehsil - Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana) have changed my name to Nisha Suthar. All Concerned note.

I, **Parvesh Kumar** Malik S/o Sh. Bhim Singh Malik R/O 1981/6, Ram Gopal Colony Rohtak declare that my name Parvesh Malik, Parvesh Kumar are one and the same persone.

I, **Ashwani Kumar** son Dharampal resident Rajound Ward No. 2, Sub Tehsil Rajound, Kaithal changed My Name Ashwani.

I, **Kavita Devi** W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o Rajound Ward No. 2, Sub Tehsil Rajound, Kaithal changed My Name Kavita.

I, **Shalندر** S/o Ram Aasre R/o H.no. 20 P&T Colony Ambala Cantt Haryana that Shalendr and Shalinder Kumar are the names of one same person and my actual name is Shalندر.

I, **Barsha Kumari** Wife of Army No. 15348374Y Rank Nk. Name: Nikesh Kumar Thakur, Unit: 64 AER C/o 56 APO Patiala Resident of Vill. Deep, Dip, Madhubani, Bihar Pin- 847403 have changed my name from Barsha Kumari to my correct name Bersha Devi.

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ਅਜ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਮਿਤੀ 12.09.2022 ਨੂੰ ਦੀ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਸਿਟੀ ਕੋ-ਆਪਰੇਟਿਵ ਮਾਰਕਟਿੰਗ ਕੋਮ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈਸਿੰਗ ਕੋਮ ਸੋਸਾਇਟੀ ਲਿਮਟਿਡ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਸਿਟੀ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਸ਼ੀ ਰਾਜਨ ਗੁਰਬਖ਼ਸ਼ ਾਣੇ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਚੱਟ ਮੋਨੋਜਰ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਹੋਈ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਚੱਟ ਪਾਸ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ।

ਅਜ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਲਿਬਟ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਵੀਨ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਮੋਨੋਜਰ ਸਭਾ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਸਭਾ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਲਈ ਬਣਾਏ ਜੇਨਲ ਲਿਸਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਉਪ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਲ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸਭਾ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਨੀ ਲਈ ਉਪ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਕਿ ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਸਭਾ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਹੋ ਸਕੇ। ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਮੋਨੋਜਰ ਨੂੰ ਹਰੇਫ਼ਤਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਕਿ ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਦਾ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅਥਰਾਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ।

ਕਮਿਟੀ	ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ	ਮਿਤੀ	ਸਮਾਂ	ਸਥਾਨ
1.	ਸਭਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ/ਮੋਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚੋਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਆਖ਼ਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ	08.10.2022	-----	ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਮਲਵਾਲ ਰੋਡ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਸਿਟੀ
2.	ਮੋਂਬਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕੀਤੇ ਮਤੇ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਸਭਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਮਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	10.10.2022	ਸਵੇਰੇ 10 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸਮ 2 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
3.	ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਅਪਣੇ ਨਾਮਜ਼ਦਗੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਪਾਸ ਜਮਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	10.10.2022	02 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 4:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
4.	ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਪਾਸ ਨਾਮਜ਼ਦਗੀ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਤੇ ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	10.10.2022	4:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 5:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
5.	ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨਾਮਜ਼ਦਗੀ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਤੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਦੀ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਪਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	11.10.2022	ਸਵੇਰੇ 10 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
6.	ਨਾਮਜ਼ਦਗੀ ਪੇਪਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਤਰਾਂਤ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਸਹੀ ਪਾਏ ਗਏ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	11.10.2022	ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸਮ 2 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
7.	ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਪਾਸ ਨਾਮਜ਼ਦਗੀ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਾਪਸ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	11.10.2022	ਸਮ 2 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
8.	ਬਿਨਾਂ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਚੁਣੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਐਲਾਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	11.10.2022	3:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸਮ 4:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
9.	ਚੋਣ ਲੜ ਰਹੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	11.10.2022	4:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 4:30 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
10.	ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਚੋਣ ਲੜ ਰਹੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚੋਣ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਅਲਾਟਮੈਂਟ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	11.10.2022	4:30 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 5:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
11.	ਲੋੜ ਪੈਣ ਤੇ ਗੁਪਤ ਪਰਚੀਆ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵੋਟਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੈਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	12.10.2022	ਸਵੇਰੇ 10 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	-ਉੱਕੜ-
12.	ਵੋਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਚੋਣ ਨਤੀਜੇ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ	12.10.2022	ਵੋਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਬਾਅਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।	-ਉੱਕੜ-

ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਲਈ ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਸਥਾਨ (ਸ਼ਖਸੀ)	ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਸਥਾਨ
ਕਮਿਟੀ ਨੰ: ਜੇਨ ਨੰ: ਤੇ ਨਾਮ		
1. ਬਖਸ਼ੀ	12.10.2022-10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3:00 ਤੱਕ	ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ
2. ਬਖਸ਼ੀ	12.10.2022-10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3:00 ਤੱਕ	ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ
3. ਬਖਸ਼ੀ	12.10.2022-10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3:00 ਤੱਕ	ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ

ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਲਈ ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਸਥਾਨ (ਸਭਾਵਾਂ)	ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਸਥਾਨ
ਕਮਿਟੀ ਨੰ: ਜੇਨ ਨੰ: ਤੇ ਨਾਮ		
1. ਸਭਾਵਾਂ	12.10.2022-10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3:00 ਤੱਕ	ਦੀ ਕੋਬੇਜ਼ ਨਗਰ ਬੁਲਮੋਟਰੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ:
2. ਸਭਾਵਾਂ	12.10.2022-10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3:00 ਤੱਕ	ਦੀ ਬਾਹਦੀਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਬੁਲਮੋਟਰੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ:
3. ਸਭਾਵਾਂ	12.10.2022-10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3:00 ਤੱਕ	ਦੀ ਖਾਈ ਮੈਂ ਦੀ ਬੁਲਮੋਟਰੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ:

ਸਭਾ ਹਰ ਉਹ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਚੋਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੇ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਜਿਸ ਬਾਈਲਾਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਿਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸਭਾ ਦੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਲੜਣ ਲਈ ਬਰਤਾ ਪੁਰੀਆ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੋਵੇ। ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਬੋਰਡ, ਆਫ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਮਿਤੀ 08.10.2022 ਤੋਂ 12.10.2022 ਤੱਕ ਲਈ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਜ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੁਲਜ਼ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸੁਧਾਰ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਵੀਨ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਮੋਨੋਜਰ ਸਭਾ ਦੀ ਲਗਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨਕਲ ਮਤੇ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਉਪ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਬੋਰਡ, ਆਫ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਚੋਣ ਮਿਤੀ 08.10.2022 ਤੋਂ 12.10.2022 ਲਈ ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਤਿੰਨ ਪਤਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਚੋਣ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਚੋਣ ਅਥਰਾਰ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਮਤਾ ਨਕਲ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਅੰਮਲ ਹੋ ਅਤੇ ਜਿਸ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਨਕਲ ਲਈ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਉਹ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਕਬਜ਼ੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੈ।

ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ

BEFORE SH. HARJEET SINGH SANDHU, PCS ASSTL ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH. PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 154, SECTOR 11-A, Chandigarh (RP 11432) to the extent of 10.00% Share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late PARINDER SINGH KAUER.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt. PARINDER KAUER is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 154, SECTOR 11-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 10.00% Share.

It has been informed by MOHANJIT KAUER, JASPREET SINGH, JASPREET SINGH, MANJEET KAUER that Smt. PARINDER K



Mukhyamantri Sahara Yojana

₹3000 per month Financial Assistance to patients of serious diseases



PM Modi sounds poll bugle in his virtually Himachal Pradesh rally

PNS ■ MANDI

Ahead of the Assembly elections in the state, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday sounded the poll bugle in Himachal Pradesh, saying the people, particularly the youth, have made up their mind for the return of the BJP government in the state.

"The youth of Himachal know that with a clear and honest intention if anyone can develop Himachal, that is only BJP," Modi said in a virtual address to a youth rally named Yuva Vijay Sankalp rally, the first of the three rallies planned ahead of the poll announcement, in Mandi, the district with 10 Assembly segments.

Modi had to cancel his visit at the last minute owing to inclement weather and incessant rains.

Saying that the world's trust in India's government has grown, Modi said the BJP focused on giving opportunities to the youth. "The BJP government is working to boost tourism in Himachal Pradesh."



Expressing gratitude to the youth for assembling at the rally venue despite braving the rainfall, Modi said, "The BJP trusts the youth the most. Now the youth power of the country will fulfill the resolve of making India a developed nation in the 'Azadi ka amrit kaal'," he said.

The phrase 'Azadi ka amrit kaal' means a journey for the next 25 years to improve the

lives of the citizens of India, reduce the divide in development between villages and cities and reduce the government's interference in people's lives.

Stating that the people are now understanding the importance of a stable government, he said, "Even in UP and Uttarakhand, governments used to change every five years. But people elected the BJP gov-

ernment again in recent Assembly elections in both states."

The Prime Minister in his 20-minute address in Hindi, said, "In the coming days, I will surely come and will meet the people there."

Narrating the benefits of a double-engine government in the state and at the Centre and the speed of development and

the implementation of schemes, the Prime Minister said, "We have allocated Rs 14,000 crore for national highways in Himachal Pradesh. We also brought the facility of ropeway along with developing villages near the border areas. We also approved the proposal to add the Hatti community in the list of STs in the state."

He said for decades there

were coalition governments with an atmosphere of uncertainty. Due to that the people in the world were skeptical about the country. In 2014, a stable government was elected which brought stability to policy-making and governance."

After Mandi, Modi is likely to address public meetings in Bilaspur and Chamba town at later dates. BJP leaders Amit Shah and J.P. Nadda will also visit the state separately.

In his address, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that it will be a proud moment for the people of the State to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Chhoti Kashi Mandi, but due to bad weather the Prime Minister could not come to Mandi personally.

Former Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal, Vice President BJP Sदान Singh, State BJP Incharge Avinash Rai Khanna, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of various Boards and Corporation were present on the occasion.

Haryana CM visits Nada Sahib Gurudwara

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday extended heartfelt congratulations to the people of the Sikh community of Haryana on the decision of the Supreme Court to constitute a separate Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee for Haryana and said all 52 Gurdwara Sahib will work under the supervision of Haryana Gurdwara Management Committee in the spirit of harmony from now on.

Interacting with mediapersons after taking blessings of Guru Granth Sahib at the historic Nada Sahib Gurudwara in Panchkula, he said that the issue of separate Gurdwara Management Committee for Haryana was pending in the Supreme Court for a long time. After almost 8 years, the Supreme Court has given a verdict in favor of the Haryana Gurdwara Management Committee. Now, all 52 Gurdwara Sahib in the state will work under the supervision of this committee and will continue to serve the society through their selfless service.



Appealing to the Sikh community of Haryana, he said that they should cease all contradictions and continue service work together under one umbrella. He said that soon a team of all the Gurdwaras will be constituted in the state.

Responding to a question regarding the damage caused to crops due to incessant rain in the state, Khatrar said that it is continuously raining in the whole North India including Haryana from the last two days, due to which the paddy crop in the state is affected. He

said that special girdawari of the crops will be done as soon as the rains stopped and after assessing the damages, compensation will be given to the farmers as per the policy.

Khattar said that due to increase in moisture content in paddy, the Central Government has decided to purchase paddy from October 1. He said that some farmer leaders are asking for early procurement pointing out that there is no possibility of early procurement as the moisture content in the crop has increased due to rains and it is not possible to procure paddy by millers and procure-

ment agencies before the moisture recedes. He said that due to moisture, the problem of rice turning black and broken rice arises. Apart from this, not more than 20 percent of broken rice can be exported.

He said every grain of crops will be procured in the state and no laxity will be taken in this regard. He said that for the paddy which has reached the mandis, the officers of Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board have been directed to keep the paddy in the mandis under the shed or cover it with tarpaulin at a safe place till the rain stops.

Punjab CM assails opposition parties as "chronic liars"

PNS ■ FARIDKOT

Slamming the opposition parties as 'chronic liars', Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said that instead of working for the well being of people these leaders are habitual of finding faults in every pro-people initiative of the state government.

Addressing the gathering after paying obeisance at Tilla Baba Sheikh Farid, he said that these leaders have no other work except criticizing the several citizen centric decisions taken by the state government. He asserted that the previous governments have plundered the public wealth mercilessly, adding that successive governments in the state have even surpassed Britishers in looting the taxpayers money. However, Mann said that his government will recover every single penny from these corrupt leaders and optimally utilize it for the welfare of people.

The Chief Minister, while

listing several initiatives of his government, said that the Aam Aadmi government is providing corruption free governance to the people adding that pilferages in the public money have been plugged and now that money is being used for the state and its people. He said that his government has passed the historic 'One MLA, One Pension' scheme to ensure judicious utilization of public funds. Likewise, Mann said that around 100 Aam Aadmi Clinics have been dedicated across the state to people for imparting quality health services.

Mann said that on one hand the process for new recruitment has been started and on the other wheels have also been set in motion to regularize the jobs of contractual employees. Likewise, he said that the state government will soon embark on a scheme to provide Atta Dal to the beneficiaries at their doorsteps. Bhagwant Mann also said that pensions will also be disbursed to the eligible beneficiaries at their homes.

War of words intensifies between Punjab Governor and government over legislative business

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With the Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Saturday seeking to "remind" Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann of his duties and asserting that his legal advisors were not adequately briefing him on the same, a fresh war of words ensued between the Governor's office and the government.

The row between the Raj Bhavan and the AAP government escalated on Friday after the Governor sought a list on the legislative businesses to be taken up in the proposed Assembly session on Tuesday, evoking a strong reaction from Mann, who said it was "too much".

Earlier, Purohit had foiled the state government's plan to summon a special Assembly session on September 22 to bring a confidence motion.

On Saturday, he wrote to the chief minister and said, "After reading your statements in today's newspapers, it appears to me that perhaps you are 'too much' angry with me." He further said, "I think your legal advisors are not briefing you adequately. Perhaps, your opinion about me will definitely change after reading the provisions of Article 167 and 168 of the Constitution, which

I'm quoting for your ready reference." While Article 167 defines a chief minister's duties towards the governor, Article 168 speaks about the composition of the state legislature.

On Friday, Mann had openly expressed his unhappiness over the governor's demand saying his consent before any session of the legislature is a formality.

"Gov (Governor)/Presi (President) consent before any session of Legislature is a formality. In 75 years, no Presi/Gov ever asked list of Legislative business before calling session. Legislative business is decided by BAC (Business Advisory Committee of the House) and Speaker," Mann had said in a tweet. "Next Gov will ask all speeches also to be approved by him. Its too much," he had said.

In this escalation of war of words between the government and the Governor's office, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said it was condemnable that Governor Banwarilal Purohit has sought details of legislative business for the proposed Assembly session on September 27.

Cheema, who was the Leader of Opposition in the previous state government,

said the Governor's office is constantly interfering in the work of Punjab and not allowing an elected AAP government to work freely. "I want to ask the Governor to check the record of his office and tell the people how many governors have asked the ruling government to provide information about the purpose of summoning an assembly session. Till today, no governor did it. Only he is doing so, because he is working at the behest of the BJP."

Cheema lashed out at the BJP for trying to stop the AAP government in Punjab through the Governor's office and said the BJP is afraid of growing popularity of AAP in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh ahead of the Assembly elections in the both states. He said AAP is dedicatedly working for the welfare of people and after Delhi and Punjab now there is a wave for change in other states. "The AAP is becoming a major threat to the BJP in the forthcoming elections and that's why they are now scared," he said.

Cheema told the media that in many states like Maharashtra, Goa and Arunachal Pradesh, the BJP toppled governments after buying ruling MLAs under its

devious "Operation Lotus". They are intimidating Opposition MLAs with the CBI, the ED and through money. "They are murdering democracy. But this operation has been stopped by AAP first in Delhi and now in Punjab. Due to this, the BJP has now opted for another tactic and is using the Governor's office to stop AAP," Cheema added.

Joining the issue, another Cabinet Minister Aman Arora termed it "unfortunate and condemnable". Arora said that in the past 75 years no President or Governor has ever asked for the list of legislative business before calling the session. "This is happening for the first time because the Punjab Governor is clearly working in cahoots with the BJP and the Congress to weaken the democratic system and stop the Aam Aadmi Party government from working for the welfare of common people," he said.

Arora accused Purohit of cancelling the earlier special session scheduled for September 22 at the instance of the BJP-led Centre to make the party's "Operation Lotus" a success. The Governor is acting at the behest of the BJP, he alleged addressing the media in Chandigarh. "If 117 MLAs want to discuss and resolve

public issues, then why is he fearing," asked Arora. He alleged that the Governor houses in states with non-BJP governments have become places for "hatching conspiracies".

Asked whether the state government will provide the details sought by the Governor, Arora said a decision in this regard will be taken after the chief minister and the Vidhan Sabha Speaker hold legal consultations.

Whether the confidence motion will be moved, he evaded a direct reply. "Just wait for it. Whatever happens will be before you," he said. Asked if the Governor has again denied permission for the Assembly session, Arora said, "Let him do so, we will plan accordingly." Arora asked the Governor to play his role and not to interfere in the functioning of MLAs.

As per convention, the Governor gives approval to the recommendation of the Cabinet for holding a session and then before the session, the Business Advisory Committee mutually decides about the issues to be discussed, he said, adding, "The BJP-appointed Governor of Punjab is acting as if he is a school principal and elected members of the state Assembly are his students."

Chandigarh University case: Punjab Police arrests army personnel from Arunachal Pradesh

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Making fourth arrest in the Chandigarh University case, Punjab Police on Saturday arrested an Army personnel posted in Arunachal Pradesh, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said on Saturday.

The arrested accused has been identified as Sanjeev Singh, who is suspected of blackmailing the accused girl student.

Yadav apprised that based on forensic and digital evidence, the Police team from SAS Nagar was dispatched to Arunachal Pradesh to arrest the accused.

He said that the accused Army Personnel was arrested from Sela Pass in Arunachal Pradesh with the support of Arunachal Pradesh Police, Assam Police and Army authorities in Arunachal Pradesh. The SAS Nagar Police have also obtained a two-days transit remand of the accused from the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Bomdila to produce him before the Magistrate in SAS Nagar, he added.

BRIEFS

OFFICERS SHOULD ENSURE DRAINAGE OF WATER FROM WATERLOGGED AREAS IN THE STATE: KHATTAR

Chandigarh: In view of the incessant rains in the state, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday directed the Deputy Commissioners of all districts to ensure the drainage of water from the waterlogged areas at the earliest. Officers should stay vigilant in order to drain water from the waterlogged areas and special arrangements should be made in this regard, added the Chief Minister. He said that the water logging problem should be resolved with immediate effect so that the common people and farmers do not face any inconvenience. For this, necessary machinery like pumps, motors, HDPE pipes, etc. should be arranged in the districts. It has been raining continuously from the last two days in the state and the Meteorological Department has expressed the possibility of rain continuing for the next one or two days.

PUNJAB RECORDS 21.87 PERCENT INCOME INCREASE FROM STAMP SALE AND REGISTRATION

Chandigarh: Punjab Revenue Minister Bram Shanker Jimpa on Saturday said that 21.87 percent more income has been deposited to the state treasury from the sale of stamp papers and registration of land and properties in August 2022 as compared to August 2021. He said that from August 1 to August 31 2022, an income of Rs. 281.18 crore has been deposited to the treasury under the head "stamp and registration". He said that this is 21.87 percent more than last year's August month. In the year 2021, this income was Rs. 230.70 crores. Jimpa said that this year, Punjab will register more increase in revenue from land registries and sale of stamp papers.

PUNJAB IN A BIG CRISIS AS OFFICERS ARE FEELING VICTIMIZED BY AAP : CHUGH

Chandigarh: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday demanded that criminal cases should be registered against the AAP leaders who not only prevent civil servants from discharging their official duty but also subject them to public humiliation. Condemning the incident in which the deputy commissioner of Faridkot was made to be in tears by an AAP leader, Chugh said it was an alarming situation in Punjab in which AAP leaders are causing a public mess and are making it difficult for the government officials to discharge their duties. He said the other day a senior police officer was subjected to public humiliation in Jalandhar and was transferred to please the AAP leaders. "It is their boorish and bullish behaviour of AAP leaders that is bringing shame to Punjab every other day and it is time the police start registering cases against those who are insulting the civil servants and preventing them from doing their official work", said the BJP leader in a statement.

CENTER MUST GIVE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR STUBBLE MANAGEMENT: MEET HAYER

Gujarat/Chandigarh: Punjab Environment Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer has demanded immediate compensation from the central government to manage paddy stubble to solve the problem of stubble burning. Speaking during the national conference of the ministers on environment, forest and climate change of all the states of the country on the environment, Meet Hayer said that Punjab is ready to contribute its share and now the Government of India must do the same and announce a matching compensation amount for the farmers. The Environment Minister said that the pollution caused by stubble burning is not only a problem for Punjab but the entire country. He said that when the need arose, the farmers of Punjab brought the country out of the food crisis by filling the grain stores of the country and now the Center should take the hand of the farmers. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the state government is conducting a large-scale awareness campaign to encourage farmers not to burn straws and in this regard, they are also making farmers aware through students by meeting with the Vice Chancellors of all state universities.

IED PLANTED UNDER SI'S CAR: POLICE ARRESTS MAN WHO PROVIDED MOTORCYCLE

Chandigarh: Punjab Police on Saturday said it has arrested the person who arranged a motorcycle used by accused persons in planting an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) beneath the Sub-Inspector car in Amritsar on the directions of Canada-based gangster Lakhbir Singh alias Landa. DGP Gaurav Yadav said the arrested accused has been identified as Satnam Singh alias Honey of Patti in Tarn Taran. This is the ninth arrest in this case. He was in direct contact with Landa and executing the tasks on ground assigned by him. The development came a day after the arrest of main perpetrator, identified as Yuvraj Sabharwal alias Yash, who along with Deepak (arrested) of village Patti in Tarn Taran, had retrieved and planted the IED under the SUV Bolero (PB02-CK-0800) of SI Dilbag Singh parked outside his residence in the area of C-Block Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar on August 16.

CEC INAUGURATES ELECTION EXHIBITION AT GAIETY



Shimla: The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey inaugurated an Election Exhibition at historical Gaiety Theatre on Saturday. The exhibition showcases SVEEP activities pertaining to electoral processes organized in the districts all over the State under the UTSAP campaign. The Commission evinced keen interest in the exhibition and also interacted with the Deputy Commissioners who were present there to brief about the SVEEP activities being undertaken in their respective districts. The exhibition will be displayed till 26th September at Tavern Hall of Gaiety Theatre. The Commission also launched the "Election Song" for awareness of the voters in various dialects of Himachal Pradesh. A live performance on Election Song was also given by the HP Police Band, 'Harmony of the Pines', besides a skit on electoral awareness was performed by Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of Government Degree College, Arki and a lively interaction with the audience by state icon Radio Jockey Shalini. Earlier, the CEC launched a signature campaign by signing on the wall set up for awareness of the voters.

PFI incite youth to join ISIS, LeT: NIA

Agency: Group conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist activities

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has alleged that the radical outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) encouraged vulnerable youths to join terrorist organisations, including Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT), Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) or Daesh and Al-Qaida, and also conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing a terrorist act.

The NIA has also claimed that the documents seized during the nation-wide searches conducted at offices of PFI and its leaders contain highly incriminating materials targeting prominent leaders of a particular community. In a remand petition submitted before the NIA special court in Kochi on Thursday seeking custody of 10 persons in connection with a case registered



by the agency's Kochi office, the agency alleged that the radical Islamist outfit conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist act as a part of violent jihad. It said the PFI spreads "dis-affection against India by wrongful inter-

pretation of government policies to the particular section of people" to create hatred against the state and its machineries.

"During the investigation, based on materials collected, it has been disclosed that the accused named in the FIR were actively involved in the organised crimes and unlawful activities repeatedly, to terrorise other religious sections of the society, besides creating fear in the mind of general public based on the larger conspiracy hatched among themselves and others," the report said.

In near simultaneous raids across the country, a multi-agency operation spearheaded by the NIA on September 22 led to the arrest of 106 activists of the Popular Front of India in 11 States for allegedly supporting terror activities in the country. "The seized documents also contain highly

incriminating materials related to targeting prominent leaders of a particular community. The Hit List seized clearly shows that the PFI, which is working through its leaders, members and associates have gone far ahead in creating atrocities among the community," the report said.

With an intention to disrupt public tranquility and propagating alternative justice delivery system, "the PFI encouraged youths to join terrorist organisation" including Lashkar-e-Taiba, Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Al-Qaida and "also conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist act" as a part of violent jihad, it said.

"The case involves key players of the society and they are highly influential even to the effect of stalling the community and its progress by a mere call.

The common man stands threatened by the stand taken by the accused and their henchmen," the report added. The agency said the devices confiscated from the accused and from the offices of the PFI needed to be analysed at Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) in Thiruvananthapuram. The probe agency had produced 10 accused before the court and sought their custody to "unearth larger conspiracy hatched by the accused/cadres and office bearers/leaders of PFI".

The agency said the Ministry of Home Affairs had on September 16 directed it to probe the matter following which a case was registered on September 19 under various sections of the IPC and the UAPA. The NIA court had remanded the accused to judicial custody.

Nitish, Lalu to meet Sonia today, may push for pre-poll alliance

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, along with RJD patriarch Lalu Prasad and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, will call on Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Sunday.

The meeting assumes importance in the backdrop of discussions on Opposition unity. Both Nitish and the RJD are pushing for a pre-poll alliance ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election rather than a loosely tied-together front.

The Bihar leaders will be in the national Capital to attend a rally to mark the birth anniversary of former deputy Prime Minister and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) founder Devi Lal in Fatehabad, Haryana, organised by INLD leader O.P. Chautala. A senior JDU leader said a formula is being worked upon similar to 2004 for a pre-poll alliance where alliances can be forged at the State level



amongst parties comfortable in sharing space like the one that exists in Bihar.

Such an alliance can be explored in five major States — Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, which together send 222 members to the Lok Sabha.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury asserted that Opposition unity at the national level is a chimera that no one should chase. "I have said it repeatedly, that alliances have to be formed at the State level keeping in mind the unique political factors of each State," he said.

In 2004 too informal alliances existed prior to the

election among the several of the constituent parties of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) at State level. The Congress for example was in alliance with Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in Jharkhand, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in Maharashtra, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in Tamil Nadu and the RJD and the LJP in Bihar. The rally organised by Chautala will be attended by several Opposition leaders including NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena leader and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, DMK leader Kanimozhi and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah.

Yechury too will be present at the rally. Chautala has also sent invitations to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and Telugu Desam Party chief (TDP) Chandrababu Naidu, for attending public meeting.

MEA warns Indians against fake job rackets in Thailand, Myanmar



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Saturday asked all Indian nationals aspiring for jobs in foreign countries to be wary of dubious foreign companies and urged them to verify the credentials of foreign employers and antecedents of recruiting agents in view of many Indians lured to Myanmar as part of a scam.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said instances of "fake job rackets" offering lucrative jobs in Thailand by dubious IT firms have come to the notice of Indian missions in Bangkok and Myanmar.

"Instances of fake job rackets offering lucrative jobs to entice Indian youths for the posts of 'digital sales and marketing executives' in Thailand by dubious IT firms involved in call centre scam and cryptocurrency fraud have come to our notice recently by our missions in Bangkok and Myanmar," the MEA said.

"The target groups are IT skilled youth who are duped in the name of lucrative data entry jobs in Thailand through social media advertisements as well as by Dubai and India-based agents," it said in an advisory.

The MEA said the victims are reportedly taken across the border illegally, mostly into Myanmar, and held captive to work under harsh conditions. It advised Indian nationals not to get "entrapped" in such fake job offers being floated through social media platforms or other sources.

"Before travelling on tourist/visit visa for employment purposes, Indian nationals are advised to check/verify credentials of foreign employers through concerned Missions abroad, and antecedents of recruiting agents as well as any company before taking up any job offer," it said.

The Indian embassy in Myanmar recently rescued over 30 Indians out of 60 who were trapped in that country's Myawaddy area after falling prey to an international racket promising jobs in Thailand.

Myawaddy area in south-eastern Myanmar's Kayin state bordering Thailand is not fully under the control of the Myanmar government and certain ethnic armed groups hold sway over it.

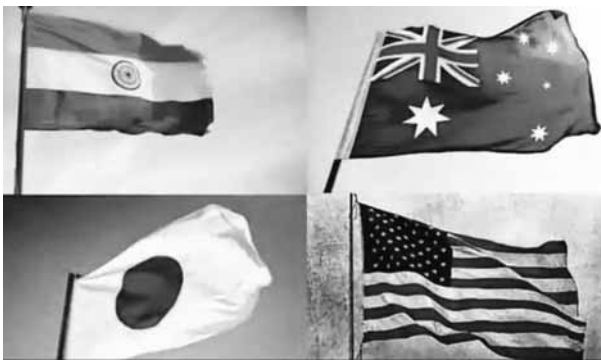
QUAD leaders vow free, open Indo-Pacific region

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/NEW YORK

With China asserting itself in the Indo-Pacific region, the Quad combine has said it is against any unilateral actions to change the status there or increase tensions and called for rules-based international order.

This caution was sounded by the foreign ministers of the Quad grouping, comprising India, Australia, US and Japan. The Ministers met late Friday on the sidelines of the ongoing 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The Quad grouping meet was held to deepen Quad multilateral cooperation in support of advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific, which is inclusive



and resilient, according to the joint readout of the meeting held here on Friday.

The meeting was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his counterparts Penny Wong of Australia, Hayashi Yoshimasa of Japan and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

"The Quad's vision is for a

region where the rules-based international order is upheld, and where the principles of freedom, rule of law, democratic values, peaceful settlement of disputes, sovereignty, and territorial integrity are respected," the joint readout released by the US State Department said. "We strongly oppose any unilateral actions that seek to

change the status quo or increase tensions in the region," the four foreign ministers said.

They reaffirmed their conviction that international law, peace, and security in the maritime domain underpins the development and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific," according to the readout.

"We also reaffirmed our unwavering support for ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) unity and centrality, ASEAN-led regional architecture, and practical implementation of ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific," it said.

China 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 installa-

tions in the South China Sea. China also has territorial disputes with Japan in the East China Sea. China and India are also involved in a protracted military standoff in eastern Ladakh. India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control were key for the overall development of the bilateral ties.

In the meeting, they also underscored the Quad's unwavering support for the UN Charter, including its three pillars, and their steadfast commitment to strengthening and reforming the UN and international system.

"The Quad affirmed its support for a UN that solves the consequential challenges of our time and safeguards our shared and interconnected resources. This includes the full

implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals," the four ministers said.

The leaders said they are committed to advancing a comprehensive UN reform agenda, including through the expansion of permanent and non-permanent seats of the UN Security Council so that the Council reflects the current global realities and incorporates more geographically diverse perspectives.

The foreign ministers said they look forward to the counter-terrorism tabletop exercise being hosted by Australia later in 2022. They intend to meet in person for the next Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi in early 2023.

'Army capable to give befitting reply to enemy'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Army is capable of giving a befitting reply to any adversary and when it engages with China, it does so on an equal footing, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Saturday.

Asserting this point at an event to release a five-volume book on Deendayal Upadhyay in presence of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, he said, when China conducted first nuclear test in 1964, Deendayal Upadhyay was the first one who spoke in favour of India



conducting its nuclear test, the minister said. When India carried out its first nuclear tests in 1998 in Rajasthan under the leadership of then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the idea was not to use the weapon against any country but to maintain a deterrent, he said.

"Because of that deterrence, the Indian Army today has full confidence of self-defence. Today in 2022, when India's army engages with China, it does so on an equal footing. If any power looks towards India with evil intention, Indian soldiers have the capability to give a befitting reply," he said.

Rajnath said country's goal is not only to make items for its needs, but also to export defence items to other countries. "I can say we are moving fast towards fulfilling dreams of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay," he said.



Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah during inauguration of five Border Outposts of 'Sashastra Seema Bal', in Fatehpur, Bihar, on Saturday

BJP panel indicts TMC for violence during Nabanna Chalo Abhiyan, submits report

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The five-member delegation formed by BJP national president JP Nadda to probe the violence during 'Nabanna Chalo Abhiyan' on September 13 submitted its report to him at his residence on Sunday indicting the TMC leaders and the Government for allegedly allowing 'unprovoked violence' against the BJP workers and recommending a central probe into the incidents.

The delegation, which visited the state and met the BJP leaders and workers, injured in the incidents, took stock of the situation after the BJP's protest march in Kolkata that led to clashes with the police.

The report said the state police at the instance of the TMC made unprovoked brutal attacks and made arrests of peaceful BJP protestors who came under heavy stone pelted. The panel has recommended a central probe into the violence against the BJP workers.

Nadda had formed a party panel to investigate the violence that happened during the 'Nabanna Chalo' rally. The members of the delegation were asked to probe the situation on the ground level and investigate what led to the violence in Kolkata on September 13. The fact finding committee consisted of former Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police, Brijlal, MPs Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore



and Samir Oraon, Aparajita Sarangi and Sunil Jakhar. Among others, they visited injured BJP councillor Meena Devi Purohit. Central BJP leaders Sunil Bansal, Mangal Pandey and Asha Lakra also visited the affected party cadre in Kolkata. "The BJP workers were tortured by the police on the day of Nabanna Abhijana. Many were injured and are still suffering due to police atrocities," said Bansal.

According to Meena Devi Purohit, she had to get seven stitches in her head as she was attacked from behind by male policemen wielding lathis. "These were goondas in police uniforms." Earlier there were 34 years of left-rule violence and now there is TMC's violence, she said.

After meeting Meena Devi Purohit at her residence, one of the BJP panel member Sunil Jakhar said the force used by the police during the protest was a mere show of arrogance by the TMC.

These atrocities show the barbarism of the TMC. Abhishek Banerjee said that he would have shot the party workers. This is sheer arro-

gance. The people of Bengal are observing this arrogance and the corrupt activities of TMC," Jakhar said. Former union minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore also criticised Abhishek Banerjee's comment and said the TMC leader's remark should be condemned by everyone.

TMC General Secretary and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee had earlier made controversial remarks saying that if he were in the police's shoes, he would have shot BJP workers during the 'Nabanna Chalo' protest march.

"Meena Devi is a senior lady. Look what they have done. Mamata said police used restraint? Does Abhishek Banerjee's comments show restraint? It is absolutely condemnable" said Rathore. Several police personnel as well as BJP leaders and workers sustained injuries as the party's "protest rally against corruption" in West Bengal turned violent on September 13. Visuals from Kolkata streets showed violent mobs pelting the police with stones and bricks as well as attacking them with lathis and setting fire to the Kolkata Police's cars also showing injured BJP leaders.

Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari, the party's Hooghly MP Locket Chatterjee and senior leader Rahul Sinha and several other leaders were detained by the police.

Mumbai's former Police Commissioner arrested in NSE phone tapping case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey in relation to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) phone tapping case. He was earlier arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and was presently in judicial custody.

The CBI has secured from a Mumbai court four-day custody of Pandey in connection with the alleged illegal phone tapping of NSE employees by his information technology firm. The CBI approached a special CBI court seeking his custody in connection with the tapping case.

The CBI will subject Pandey to custodial interrogation during his four-day custody. In addition to Pandey and former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of National Stock Exchange (NSE) Chitra Ramkrishna, the CBI has also named another former NSE CEO and MD Ravi Narain in the case.

It is alleged iSec Securities Pvt. Ltd. one of the firms that conducted a security audit of NSE, had illegally tapped phones of NSE employees during 2009-17, the CBI has alleged in its FIR. The company was incorporated by Pandey in March 2001 and he quit as its director in May 2006. His son and mother took over



charge of the company after Pandey's exit. On July 19, the ED Pandey in connection with a money laundering case linked to the alleged illegal phone tapping of NSE employees. The retired 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer was arrested after two consecutive days of questioning in connection with the money laundering case.

Pandey is facing two connected FIRs by the ED and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) of illegal interception of phones of NSE employees by iSec Services Private Ltd, a company founded by him, and violation of Securities and Exchange Board of India guidelines in conducting NSE's system audit.

In its FIR, the CBI had alleged that Ravi Narain and Ramkrishna, both former chief executives of the NSE, had roped in company founded Pandey to snoop on the stock market employees by illegally intercepting their phone calls.

India hits back at Pak PM for comments on Kashmir in UNGA

Sehbaz Sharif's remarks over Kashmir issue false, says India, reprimands Islamabad of indulging in cross-border terrorism

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Taking exception to Pakistan Prime Minister Sehbaz Sharif's comments on Kashmir in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), India on Saturday charged him with efforts to "obfuscate misdeeds in his own country and justify actions against India."

New Delhi also blamed Islamabad for sponsoring cross-border terrorism.

Giving this terse message while exercising its right to reply to Sharif's statements at the UNGA, First Secretary of Indian mission in UN Mijito Vinito the United Nations, termed Shehbaz Sharif's claims over the Kashmir issue false and accused Islamabad of indulging in "cross-border terrorism".

"It is regrettable that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has chosen the platform of this assembly to make false accusations against India. He has done so to obfuscate misdeeds in his own country and to justify actions against India," Vinito said. In an apparent ref-



erence to terrorist Dawood Ibrahim, he said the country that claims to seek peace with its neighbours, would never shelter conspirators of 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts. Vinito said such a country would not make unjustified and untenable territorial claims against its neighbours.

A polity that claims it seeks peace with its neighbours would never sponsor cross border terrorism. Nor would it shelter planners of the horrific Mumbai terrorist attack, disclosing their existence only under pressure from the international community," he said.

Shehbaz Sharif, in his address brought up the Kashmir issue and said India's "illegal and unilateral" actions on August 5, 2019, to change the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, further undermined the prospects of peace and inflamed regional tension.

He also said Islamabad

wants peace with all its neighbours, including India, but it is possible only after a "just and lasting solution to the Kashmir dispute." Sharif claimed that India's "illegal and unilateral" actions to change the special status of Jammu and Kashmir has inflamed regional tensions.

"I think it's high time that India understood this message loud and clear that both countries are armed to the teeth. War is not an option. It is not an option. Only peaceful dialogue can resolve these issues," he added.

Referring to the recent incidents of forced abduction and marriages of girls from Hindu, Sikh and Christian families in Pakistan, Vinito said it is ironic that the country which has committed "grave violation of minority rights" is speaking about minorities on a global platform. "The desire for peace, security and progress in the Indian subcontinent is real. It is also widely shared.

US steps up diplomatic efforts with China on Taiwan, Russia

AP ■ NEW YORK

The Biden administration on Friday ramped up its diplomatic efforts to press China to end provocative actions against Taiwan and warned it about any active support for Russia in its war against Ukraine.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken made both cases in a meeting with his Chinese counterpart on Friday in a meeting on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly in New York, according to US officials. The session was one of the few that Blinken kept on his schedule after the death of his father on Thursday.

The officials wouldn't describe the Chinese response, but said Foreign Minister Wang Yi was receptive to the messages and that the two men discussed the need "to maintain open lines of communication and responsibly manage the US-China relationship, especially during times of tension."

The talks between Blinken

and Wang come amid a period of intense tensions on both issues and ahead of an expected meeting in November between Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping. Biden's recent comments about Taiwan and China's tacit support for the war in Ukraine are just two of the latest irritants in relations between Washington and Beijing.

State Department spokesman Ned Price said Blinken had affirmed to Wang the administration's commitment to "maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait" despite Biden's assertion earlier this week that the U.S. Would send troops to defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion.

China regards the self-governed island of Taiwan as its sovereign territory, has not ruled out force to reunify it with the mainland and has in recent months stepped up military activity in the area. That activity is at least partially in response to high-level U.S. Congressional visits to Taipei, including by



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and stepped-up American arms sales.

Blinken "stressed that preserving peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait is critical to regional and global security and prosperity," Price said in a statement. It added that the

U.S. Remains committed to its "one-China policy" which does not support Taiwanese independence.

On Russia, U.S. Officials said Blinken underscored the damage that would be done to the Sino-U.S. Relationship should Beijing take a more

active role in supporting the war in Ukraine. U.S. Officials have said they are cautiously optimistic about recent comments from Chinese leaders about their concerns over the war and its consequences, and Blinken wanted to drive the point home.

Blinken "highlighted the implications if the PRC were to provide support to Moscow's invasion of a sovereign state," Price said in the statement. "PRC" refers to China's formal name, the People's Republic of China.

The US-China relationship has become increasingly fraught in recent years over multiple issues, including the persecution of Muslims and ethnic minorities in China's western Xinjiang region, clampdowns on dissent in Tibet and Hong Kong, aggressive Chinese actions in the South China Sea and against Taiwan, and the handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

Nonetheless, Price said the US continues to be "open to cooperating with the PRC where our interests intersect.

Russia shells Ukrainian cities Amid Kremlin-staged votes

AP ■ KYIV

Russian forces launched new strikes on Ukrainian cities as Kremlin-orchestrated votes took place in occupied regions of Ukraine to create a pretext for their annexation by Moscow.

Ukraine's presidential office said the latest Russian shelling killed at least three people and wounded 19.

Oleksandr Starukh, the Ukrainian governor of Zaporizhzhia, one of the regions where Moscow-installed officials organised referendums on joining Russia, said a Russian missile hit an apartment building in the city of Zaporizhzhia, killing one person and injuring seven others.

In the five-day voting in the eastern Luhansk and Donetsk regions and Kherson and Zaporizhzhia in the south that began on Friday, election officials accompanied by police officers carried ballots to homes and set up mobile polling stations, citing safety reasons.

The votes are set to wrap up Tuesday, when balloting will be held at polling stations.

Ukraine and its Western allies dismissed the referendums as a sham with no legal force.

They alleged it was an illegitimate attempt by Moscow to slice away a large part of Ukraine, stretching from the Russian border to the Crimean Peninsula.

A similar referendum took



place in Crimea in 2014 before Moscow annexed it, a move that most of the world considered illegal.

"Half of the population fled the Donetsk region because of Russian terror and constant shelling, voting against Russia with their feet, and the second half has been cheated and scared," Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged Ukrainians in occupied regions to undermine the referendums and to share information about the people conducting "this farce".

He also called on people to try to avoid the partial troop mobilisation Russian President Vladimir Putin announced on Wednesday or to sabotage and desert the Russian military if they ended up in the ranks.

"If you get into the Russian army, sabotage any activity of the enemy, hinder any Russian operations, provide us with

any important information about the occupiers — their bases, headquarters, warehouses with ammunition," Zelenskyy said.

Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai said the voting "looked more like an opinion survey under the gun barrels", adding that the Moscow-backed local authorities were sending sending armed escorts to accompany election officials and to note the names of individuals who voted against joining Russia.

In the Ukrainian capital, about 100 people from the Russia-occupied city of Mariupol, which is part of the Donetsk region, gathered to protest the referendum, covering themselves in Ukrainian flags and carrying posters "Mariupol is Ukraine".

"They ruined the city, killed thousands of people, and now they are doing some kind of profanation over there," said Vladyslav Kildishov who helped organise the rally.



QUAD nations to assist each other in taking action against malicious cyber activities

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

In a stern warning to state-sponsored malicious cyber activities, the grouping of India, Australia, Japan and the United States — collectively called Quad — has said they would assist each other in ensuring the security and resilience of regional cyber-infrastructure.

A joint statement issued after foreign ministers Penny Wong of Australia, S Jaishankar of India, Hayashi Yoshimasa of Japan and US Secretary of State Tony Blinken met on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session in New York called on states to take reason-

able steps to address ransomware operations emanating from within their territory.

"We exercise responsibility to assist each other in the face of malicious cyber activity, including from ransomware, against critical infrastructure," it said.

The joint statement described this as a call to action.

The foreign ministers said that the Quad countries are committed to an open, secure, stable, accessible, and peaceful cyberspace and support regional initiatives to enhance the capacity of countries to implement the UN Framework for Responsible State Behavior in Cyberspace.

L.69 group of nations commit to instilling 'new life' in efforts towards achieving UNSC reform

PTI ■ NEW YORK

The L.69 group of countries from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific have committed to instilling 'new life' in their efforts towards achieving reform of the UN Security Council.

The grouping also underlined that lack of progress in the process has serious implications not only for the continued relevance of global governance institutions but also for world peace and security.

A high-level meeting of members of the L.69 group and other invited like-minded countries on 'Reinvigorating Multilateralism and Achieving Comprehensive Reform of the UN Security Council' was held here Friday on the margins of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister of St. Vincent and Grenadines Ralph Gonsalves and co-hosted by



India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

In a joint statement, the group reaffirmed that adapting the United Nations to the contemporary world realities necessarily requires "urgent and comprehensive" reform of the Security Council, the principal organ for international peace and security.

The L69 group reiterated that an expansion of the security council in both permanent and non-permanent categories, as well as reform in its working methods, is "indispensable" in making it more representative, legitimate and effective.

"We commit to instilling a new life in our efforts during the 77th session of the General

Assembly and urgently call on all members states of the United Nations to join hands to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council," the group said in a statement adding they affirm their commitment to making concrete progress on UNSC, including through a reenergized intergovernmental process.

"We further recognise that lack of progress in security council reform has serious implications, not only for the continued relevance of global governance institutions but also for global peace and security and delivering on the purposes, principles and promises of the United Nations Charter," the statement said.

Iranian women furious over headscarf death

AP ■ NEW YORK

The tears come quickly to Masih Alinejad when she talks about the messages she's received in recent days from women in Iran protesting against their government after a young woman died in police custody over a violation of the country's strict religious dress code.

They talk about the risks, possibly fatal ones, in facing off against government forces that have a long history of cracking down on dissent. They share stories of saying goodbye to their parents, possibly for the last time. They send videos of confrontations with police, of women removing their state-mandated head coverings and cutting their hair.

At least 11 people have been killed since protests began earlier this month after the funeral of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who died in custody after



being detained by Iran's morality police.

"I feel the anger of people right now through their text messages," Alinejad told The Associated Press in New York City, where the 46-year-old opposition activist and writer in exile has lived since fleeing Iran following the 2009 election.

"They have been ignored for years and years," she said. "That is why they are angry. Iranian women are furious now."

Amini's death spurred this latest explosion of outrage. She had been detained September 13 for allegedly wearing her hijab too loosely in violation of strictures demanding women in public wear the Islamic headscarves. She died three days later in police custody; authorities said she had a heart attack but hadn't been harmed. Her family has disputed that, leading to the public outcry.

Protests started after her

September 17 funeral, and have taken place in more than a dozen cities. According to a tally by The Associated Press based on statements from state-run and semiofficial media, at least 11 people have been killed, while a state TV anchor said the number is even higher.

The Iranian government has pushed back, clashing with demonstrators and clamping down on internet access.

Alinejad shares the outrage of the protesters; for more than a decade she has been an outspoken critic of the theocracy that rules the country and its control over women through the required wearing of the hijab and other measures. In 2014, she started My Stealthy Freedom, an online effort encouraging Iranian women to show images of themselves without hijabs.

"Let me make it clear that Iranian women who are facing guns and bullets right now in the streets, they're not protesting

against compulsory hijab like just a small piece of cloth. Not at all," she said.

"They are protesting against one of the most visible symbols of oppression. They are protesting against the whole regime."

Alinejad, who grew up following the rules on religious coverings in the small Iranian town where she was born, began pushing back against being forced to don certain garments when she was a teenager.

But even she, who now displays her full head of curly hair as a matter of course, didn't find it easy to overcome a lifetime of conditioning.

"It was not easy to put it away, like overnight," she said. "It took three years for me, even outside Iran, to take off my hijab."

She said the first time she went out without a religious covering, in Lebanon, she saw a police officer and had a panic attack. "I thought the police are going to arrest me."

US terminates designation of Af as major non-NATO ally

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden has terminated the designation of Afghanistan as a major non-NATO ally, more than a year after the Taliban captured power in Kabul.

In 2012, the United States named Afghanistan a major non-NATO (MNNA) ally, which cleared the way for the two countries to maintain a defence and economic relationship. The designation gave several facilities and concessions to Afghanistan in terms of defence and security-related assistance and equipment.

"By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 517 of the



Foreign Assistance Act of 1961,...I hereby terminate the designation of Afghanistan as a Major Non-NATO Ally of the United States for the purposes of the Act and the Arms Export Control Act," Biden said in a presidential memorandum to the Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

The change in Afghanistan's status follows Biden's withdrawal of US troops from the

country last year, ending nearly 20 years of war.

Afghanistan swiftly fell back into the hands of the Taliban, which have repeatedly made assurances to the international community that they will protect the rights of women and girls, while simultaneously stripping away many of their freedoms and protections.

The MNNA status was first created in 1987. With Afghanistan's status rescinded, the US will have 18 major non-NATO allies, according to the State Department.

They are Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, South Korea, Thailand and Tunisia.

Abortion a matter of freedom for Biden, Democrats

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The way President Joe Biden sees it, the overturning of Roe vs. Wade was not just about whether a woman has a right to obtain an abortion.

"It's about freedom," Biden said at a private fundraiser in New York this past week.

Vice President Kamala Harris takes an even bolder approach when she talks about abortion.

"Extremist, so-called leaders trumpet the rhetoric of freedom while they take away freedoms," she told voters in Illinois this month.

That deliberate echo of "freedom" from Biden, Harris and other top White House officials shows how Democrats — eager to keep abortion front of mind heading into the November elections — at the



highest ranks are increasingly co-opting traditionally conservative rhetoric in a blunt appeal to a broad swath of the electorate.

White House aides think the message is a particularly potent one, especially when combined with repeated reminders about the GOP's proposals on abortion, which often do not include exceptions for rape or the mother's health that are popular with voters.

In Lebanon, boat tragedy kills 89 but others plan to migrate

AP ■ NAHR EL-BARED (LEBANON)

Thousands of Palestinians held prayers on a small soccer field in a refugee camp in northern Lebanon on Saturday, to mourn one of the scores of migrants who died after their boat sank off Syria's coast this week, even as others vowed to undertake the same perilous voyage.

Abdul-Al Abdul-Al, 24, kissed his father goodbye Tuesday before boarding a crowded boat leaving from a nearby town seeking a better life in Europe. It was his 14th attempt to flee the crisis-hit Mediterranean country, this time ending with the return of his dead body. He was to be buried in the camp where he was born, his father, Omar, told The Associated Press during the funeral procession.



The head of al-Basel Hospital in Syria's coastal city of Tartus said Saturday that the death toll has reached 89, adding that of the 20 others who were receiving treatment at the medical center, six were discharged.

The Lebanese army announced Saturday that troops have detained the man who allegedly organised the deadly trip.

The incident was the dead-

liest so far as a surging number of Lebanese, Syrians, and Palestinians have been trying to flee Lebanon by sea to Europe in search of jobs and stability. In Lebanon, tens of thousands have lost their jobs while the national currency has dropped more than 90% in value, eradicating the purchasing power of thousands of families and pulling three-quarters of the population into poverty.

‘India on track to attract \$100 bn FDI this fiscal’



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is on track to attract USD 100 billion foreign direct investment (FDI) in the current fiscal on account of economic reforms and ease of doing business, the government said on Saturday.

In 2021-22, the country received the 'highest ever' foreign inflows of USD 83.6 billion.

"This FDI has come from 101 countries, and invested across 31 union territories and states and 57 sectors in the country. On the back of economic reforms and Ease of

Doing Business in recent years, India is on track to attract USD 100 billion FDI in the current FY (financial year," the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement.

It said that to attract foreign investments, the government has put in place a liberal and transparent policy wherein most sectors are open to FDI under the automatic route.

The reform measures include liberalization of guidelines and regulations, in order to reduce unnecessary compliance burden, bring down cost and enhance the ease of doing

business in India, it added.

FDI equity inflows in India dipped by 6 per cent to USD 16.6 billion during April-June period of the current fiscal.

It also said that to address the import of low-quality and hazardous toys and to enhance domestic manufacturing of toys, several strategic interventions have been taken by the government.

The import of toys in 2021-22 have reduced by 70 per cent to USD 110 million (Rs 877.8 crore). On the other hand, exports rose by 61 per cent to USD 326 million.



REITs can raise short-term debt at lower cost as Sebi allows issue of commercial papers: Industry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi's decision to allow Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) to issue commercial papers will help in raising short-term debt at a lower interest cost, according to real estate industry experts. REIT, a popular instrument globally, was introduced in India a few years ago to attract investment in the real estate sector by monetising rent-yielding assets. It helps unlock the massive value of real estate assets and enable retail participation.

At present, there are three listed REITs — Embassy Office Parks REIT, Mindspace Business Parks REIT and Brookfield India Real Estate Trust — on Indian stock exchanges, but all these are of leased office assets.

On Thursday, Sebi allowed

emerging investment vehicles, REIT, and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT), to issue commercial papers, subject to certain conditions.

Commercial Paper or CP in market parlance refers to a short-term debt instrument issued by companies to garner funds generally for a time period up to one year.

Welcoming the decision, Vinod Rohira, CEO, Mindspace Business Parks REIT, said: "Sebi's move to allow REITs to issue commercial papers provides an additional avenue of financing through short-term debt instrument at comparatively lower costs and shorter timelines."

This would aid in bringing down the cost of capital for 'AAA' rated REITs, he said.

Vikaash Khdloya, CEO, Embassy REIT, said the global

REITs have long used commercial paper as a short-term financing option.

This will further reduce the cost of capital for REIT and deepen the available capital pools which already include banks, FPIs and insurers, he said.

"The introduction of commercial paper in India further validates the creditworthiness of REITs as they continue to transform commercial real estate sector in the country," Khdloya said.

Piyush Gupta, Managing Director, Capital Markets and Investment Services, Colliers India, said, the capital raising options for REITs have been opening up.

The Sebi's decision will provide an avenue to raise short-term debt at a lower cost and in a shorter turnaround time, he

said. Sebi's move came after Reserve Bank Commercial Paper Directions last month indicated that InvIT and REIT having net worth of at least Rs 100 crore are eligible to issue commercial papers.

REITs and InvITs need to abide by the guidelines prescribed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for issuances of commercial papers and follow the conditions of listing norms prescribed by Sebi.

The issuance of listed CPs should be within the overall debt limit permitted under the REITs and InvITs rules.

While a REIT comprises a portfolio of commercial real assets, a major portion of which is already leased out, InvITs comprise a portfolio of infrastructure assets such as highways and power transmission assets.

No decision taken on oil refinery plant location in Maha, says Puri

PTI ■ CHANDRAPUR

Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday said the Centre has not taken any decision to set up an oil refinery project in any specific area in Maharashtra.

Speaking to reporters in Chandrapur, he said the state government will have to discuss the project's location with the Central government.

He alleged the erstwhile government (in Maharashtra) had allocated land for the project but later refused under the pretext of changing the location, which derailed the project.

"Following this, the state (Maharashtra) and the country faced huge economic losses in the last two-and-a-half years," Puri alleged.

Puri was apparently referring to the Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemical project, proposed to be built at Nanar village in Ratnagiri district in coastal Konkan, but it was scrapped before the 2019 polls at the insistence of Shiv Sena, the then alliance partner of BJP.

Establishing a 60-million metric tonne per annum oil refinery will be the biggest plant in the world, Puri said.

Amazon India customer base from tier 2, 3 cities jumps 2-fold during festive season sale

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

E-commerce firm Amazon India on Saturday said it has recorded a two-fold jump in its customer base from tier 2 and 3 cities during the first 36 hours of its festive season sale.

Tier 2 and 3 cities accounted for 75 per cent of the total customer base of the e-commerce major during its 'Great Indian Festival' sale, an Amazon India spokesperson told PTI.

"75 per cent of the customers came from tier 2 and tier 3 cities. We saw 2 times more customers from Tier 2 and 3 cities compared to last year," the spokesperson said. The festive season sale of the company started from September 23 and will end before Diwali next month. The company gave 24 hours early access to Prime members.

Amazon claims to have recorded sale of 10 lakh unique products offered by small and

medium business and startups from its platform during the first 36 hours of its festive season sale.

The company said its Prime member sign ups grew 1.9 times than last year and 68 per cent of the total new sign ups were from tier 2 and 3 cities. Amazon charges a fee from Prime users for special services but sign-ups comprises both paid and non-paid users. "It is encouraging to witness small and medium businesses, startups, artisans, women entrepreneurs offer a wide selection of products to our customer across India," said Manish Tiwary, Vice President & Country Manager, India Consumer Business, Amazon.

According to Amazon, customers showed preference for television brands like Samsung, OnePlus, Mi, LG and Sony.

The company's Amazon Business segment recorded 50 per cent growth in customers during the present sale.



"Amazon Business saw around 50 per cent growth in customers, over 100 per cent jump in orders and more than 200 per cent jump in sales over last year along with a 2 times growth in customers placing bulk orders for their business or corporate gifting needs. The number of sellers getting at least one business order grew by 23 per cent over last year," the statement said.

Amazon India has expanded its same-day delivery service to more than 50 major cities and towns in India for Prime members. "Same-Day Delivery within hours is now available in 2.5 times more pin codes compared to last year, growing from 14 cities to 50 cities and towns this year, including Surat, Mysuru, Mangalore, Bhopal, Nashik, Nellore, Anantapur, Warangal, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Patna among others," the company said.



Meesho records 80% jump in sale with 88 L orders on day 1 of festive season sale

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Softbank-backed e-commerce firm Meesho on Saturday said it registered around 80 per cent jump in the business with close to 87.6 lakh orders on Friday, the first day of its five-day festive season sale.

Tier 2, 3 and 4 cities accounted for around 85 per cent of orders on day one, the company said in a statement.

"Meesho clocked a record around 87.6 lakh orders on the first day of its flagship festive sale event — the Meesho Mega Blockbuster Sale. This is the highest number of orders recorded by the company in a single day — up about 80 per cent from day one of previous year's sale," the statement said.

The company said that it has received orders from deep corners of the country such as Jamnagar, Alappuzha, Chhindwara, Davengere, Hassan, Gopalganj, Guwahati, Siwan, Thanjavur and Ambikapur.

"With a wide assortment of around 6.5 crore active product

listings at lowest prices, the sale exemplifies Meesho's mission towards democratising e-commerce for everyone," it said.

Fashion, beauty & personal care, home & kitchen, and electronic accessories were the top-selling categories on day one, while consumers bought everything from sarees to analog watches, jewellery sets, mobile cases and covers, bluetooth headphones, choppers and peelers in record volumes to fulfil their festive shopping aspirations, the company said.

"With around 85 per cent of orders and approximately 75 per cent of sellers coming from Tier 2 and beyond cities, we are humbled to have created a far-reaching impact in the deepest corners of the country.

"We will continue to fuel the discoverability of hyperlocal businesses and products, empower MSMEs and further boost accessibility and affordability for our heterogeneous base of consumers," Meesho CXO for Business Utkrishta Kumar said.

Byju's clears \$ 230 mn dues to Blackstone for Aakash acquisition

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Etech firm Byju's has cleared USD 230 million payment that was due to private equity investment firm Blackstone for acquiring a majority stake in test

preparatory firm Aakash Educational Services, according to sources privy to the development.

Byju's had acquired Aakash in April for around USD 950 million.

"Byju's paid USD 230 million to Blackstone for acquiring a stake in Aakash," the source told PTI.

While it cleared payments that were due to the founder of Aakash in July, the payment of Blackstone was deferred based on a mutual agreement.

Founders of Aakash and Blackstone continue to hold a minority stake in the firm.

Acquisition of Aakash has been positive for Byju's business.

Payment to Blackstone and non-closure of USD 800 million funding round due to non-payment of committed investment from Sumeru Ventures



and Oxshott have been two main issues that raised questions on Byju's business performance.

Byju's co-founder and CEO Byju Raveendran at the time of announcing the result had said that the contractual commit-

ment of the two investment firms is still there, but the fund has not come and these entities have not made any investment in the last six months.

Byju's booked a loss of Rs 4,588 crore for the fiscal year

ended March 31, 2021, 19 times more than the preceding fiscal.

The losses in the 2020-21 fiscal widened from Rs 231.69 crore in 2019-20. Revenues during FY21 dropped to Rs 2,428 crore from Rs 2,511 crore in FY20.

But in the following fiscal, ending March 31, 2022, the company said revenue soared four-fold to Rs 10,000 crore but it did not reveal profit or loss numbers for that year.

Byju's said the losses widened in FY21 mainly on account of deferment of some revenue and losses incurred from WhiteHat Jr.

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Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank, Manav Chowk, Ambala City

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Tender Notice

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Tender No.16/EE(G)/CPH/2022-23 for "Annual maintenance of the Coolers & Pumps including replacement of main pipe line of 4*69 MVA Generator Transformers at Chibro Power house"

Estimated cost: ₹ 12.51,376/- GST Extra.

Date of availability of tender on website: 26-09-2022 from 11:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of tender: 17-10-2022 up to 16:00 Hrs.

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‘Kalin nagari’ all set to host 4-day international carpet fair from October 15-18

PTI ■ BHADOHI (UP)

Carpet traders of Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi district, popularly known as "kalin nagri" for its exquisite weaving skills, are gearing up for a four-day international carpet fair to be held from October 15-18.

Weavers, exporters and all other stakeholders, anxiously waiting for a revival of the industry after Covid pandemic, are expecting to book a handful of overseas shipment orders during the fair to be held in this town for the first time.

Organised by the Carpet Export Promotion Council under the Union textile ministry, the biannual fair was earlier held either at New Delhi or Varanasi.

The fair is scheduled to be held at Bhadohi, less than 50 kilometres from Varanasi, from October 15-18, officials said.



Carpet Export Promotion Council chairman Umar Hameed told PTI that the council has sent invitations to 350 importers of 60 countries.

"Almost 300 importers have already registered for attending the fair. The importers who are coming are primarily from countries, including America, Australia, Brazil, Belgium, Germany and Italy," he said.

Haji Jalil Ahmed (91), a carpet manufacturer and exporter who has been actively involved

in organising carpet fairs for a long time, said, "The fair was first organised in Delhi 35 years ago. It has come a long way since then and is now being organised at Bhadohi. The medium and small traders of the district will benefit most from the trade fair."

General Manager of the All India Carpet Manufacturers' Union Aslam Mahboob said that the state government has taken several steps to facilitate the carpet fair in Bhadohi, which is well-connected with the Varanasi airport.

"Foreign importers will be able to reach the fair spot in 30 minutes after landing at Varanasi airport," Mahboob said.

District Magistrate Anil Kumar said preparations for the fair are in full swing and all aspects of the event are being looked into.

BPCL signs pact with Brazil's Petrobras to diversify crude oil sourcing

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) on Saturday said it has signed an agreement with Brazilian national oil company Petrobras for sourcing crude oil from the Latin American nation as part of plans to diversify its sourcing needs.

BPCL imports a large volume of crude oil which is turned into fuel such as petrol and diesel at its three oil refineries at Mumbai, Bina in Madhya Pradesh and Kochi in Kerala.

The firm, which gets majority of its supplies from west Asian nations such as Iraq and Saudi Arabia, is looking to diversify its sources of supply in an attempt to cut down reliance on any particular region.

Company chairman and managing director Arun Kumar Singh and Petrobras CEO Caio Paes de Andrade signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Brazil. BPCL said in a statement.

Logiy Spaces, AA Holdings to invest \$ 37 mn to build logistic park in Karnataka

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Industrial and logistic park developer Logiy Spaces has tied up with AA Holdings to build a new project at Narasapura, Karnataka with an investment of USD 37 million (around Rs 300 crore).

In a statement, AA Holdings, which has recently been formed by Abhijit Verma, said it has formed a joint venture with Logiy Spaces to invest USD 37 million for the development of 1 million square feet of industrial and logistics park.

The project is scheduled for completion by September 2023.

"In our endeavour to enable local landlords and aggregators to become successful micro entrepreneurs and fulfil the need for quality commercial spaces in the country, we floated AA Holdings to provide them the right guidance and mentorship," said Verma, the MD and CEO of AA Holdings.



"We will be developing 1 million square feet of industrial and logistics park in the suburbs of Karnataka at an investment outlay of USD 37 million. This project will be executed in a joint venture with Logiy Spaces," he added.

Narasapura is one of the biggest industrial regions in Karnataka, under the district jurisdiction of Kolar and is well connected to notable cities and highways of Kolar, Malur, Hoskote, Bangalore, Chennai, Chittoor and NH 4 among others.

INDIA WHITEWASH ENGLAND IN JHULAN’S LAST WALTZ

Record first ever clean sweep on England soil

PTI ■ LONDON

A fairy-tale ending befitting her glorious career marked Jhulan Goswami's last waltz as India Women beat England by 16 runs in the third and final ODI to record their first clean sweep in this country.

That the feat was achieved at the Mecca of Cricket — Lord's — made it doubly satisfying.

Sent into bat, India were all out for a paltry 169, and at that point it looked like the tourists may have fallen many runs short of making the match a memorable one for their legendary seamer, who is calling it quits after two decades of incredible service to the game.

However, the Indians managed to eke out a win as Charlotte Dean (47) was adjudged run out in controversial fashion, for backing up. Dean, who nearly pulled off a stunning win for the hosts after they were reeling at 65 for seven and then 103 for eight, was out of her ground and Deepti Sharma simply held the ball to remove the bails, leaving the English flabbergasted.



Recently, ICC while modifying the playing conditions had moved this kind of dismissal from 'unfair play' to 'run out'. The changes would come into effect from October 1. On expected lines, the day revolved around the 39-year-old warhorse Jhulan Goswami, who is leaving the scene as women's cricket's highest wicket-taker, having started her journey way back in 2002.

Harmanpreet Kaur, who let Jhulan call the toss in a touching gesture, was

unable to hold back her tears, even as the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) planned to name a stand at the Eden gardens after the 'Chakdaha Express'.

She finished with excellent figures of 2/30 in her full quota of 10 overs, including three maiden overs.

The competitive Indian has seen the game evolve during her long journey that was marked with some unforgettable moments and few unpleasant days.

While she was not expected to be at

her peak in her final series, Jhulan did enough on her own to go out on a high, having bowled tidily in her last three international matches.

She was lucky to have got her first wicket of the day with a short one, her second scalp came when the pacer bowled Kate Cross with her ball number 10,001 in ODIs, again something which no other player has achieved

England captain Amy Jones's decision to field first seemed to have paid dividends as India kept losing wickets at regular intervals to be bundled out in 45.4 overs. India were in deep trouble at 29 for four pretty early into their innings, but them came the revival.

All-rounder Deepti Sharma top-scored for the visitors with an unbeaten 68 off 106 balls, while opener Smriti Mandhana was the second highest scorer, making exactly 50 runs in 79 deliveries. Barring these two, and Pooja Vastrakar (22), to some extent, none of the Indian batters could make any substantial contribution in the final game of the series, which the tourists had pocketed with wins in the first two matches.

Among England bowlers, medium pacer Kate Cross returned with excellent figures of 4/26, while there were two wickets apiece for Freya Kemp and Sophie Ecclestone.

She would spit fire even while bowling at me in nets: Mithali



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Jhulan Goswami's commitment to the game was such that she would 'spit fire' even while bowling in the nets, and at the receiving end of it often was her longtime teammate and captain, Mithali Raj.

India's finest ever batter Mithali, who called time on a glorious career in July, on Saturday welcomed her contemporary and fast-bowling great Jhulan into the former cricketers' club.

Having shared the dressing room for close to two decades, Mithali and Jhulan saw the massive growth of women's cricket in India, shared many memorable wins and also some heartbreaking losses.

Speaking to PTI on Jhulan's immense impact, longevity and relentless hard-work over the years, Mithali began by talking about the 'Chakdaha Express' early days when she came into the Indian team as a 19-year-old.

"We are of the same age, so we have that comfort level and communication. It was always very easy to reach out to her and speak to her. Someone who

was always high on energy on the ground, may be because she is a fast bowler," said Mithali.

The 39-year-old became the leading wicket-taker in ODIs through sheer dedication. Though swing was not her biggest weapon, accuracy and use of the seam got her a bagful of wickets.

The competitive spirit in Jhulan was very much evident even in the nets, recalled Mithali. "In the nets, I would often ask her 'why are you spitting fire, you are my teammate only na'. Then she would say 'to get out is the toughest'. She always had the competitive streak including domestic cricket where we played against each other often. I enjoyed that rivalry as well."

A fast bowler is expected to have a tough exterior but Jhulan was also gentle at heart. Mithali recollected a game in domestic cricket that revealed Jhulan's softer side.

"We were playing in the semifinals (Railways versus Bengal). I did not carry my helmet during that domestic season. Jhulan was aiming right at my head and I did leave a lot of her bouncers.

CAB planning to name stand at Eden Gardens after Jhulan Goswami

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) is planning to name a stand at the Eden Gardens after legendary India seamer Jhulan Goswami, in recognition of her excellent services to the game.

Hailing from West Bengal's Chakdaha town in Nadia district, the 39-year-old Jhulan brought the curtains down on her glorious, two-decade career with the third and final ODI against England at Lord's on Saturday.

"We are planning to name a stand after Jhulan Goswami at Eden Gardens. She is a special cricketer and deserves to be with the legends. We will approach the army for the necessary permission. We are also planning a special felicitation for her on the annual day," CAB President Avishek Dalmiya said. "At CAB we give equal importance to women's cricket and hence we see so many talented cricketers. They are of course inspired by Jhulan's achievements. Though she has retired from international cricket we would love her to play in the woman's IPL," he added.

Women's cricket's highest wicket-taker, Jhulan, fondly known as 'Chakdah Express', bids adieu to international cricket with over 350 wickets, a feat no bowler has achieved so far.



I don't practice too much but like to be specific: Karthik

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Specific practice and not 'too much of it' helps Dinesh Karthik come up with the big hits in extreme pressure situations.

One such case was on Friday night when he smashed a six and four to seal the game for India after nine runs were needed off the last six balls.

Asked about his process, the designated finisher in the team said creating scenarios in the nets helps him perform in the middle.

"Over a period of time, I've been practising for this, I've been doing it for RCB now and I'm happy doing it here. So it's a consistent routine for a period of time."

"I do a lot of scenario practices and also Rahul (Dravid) bhai and Vikram (Rathour) bhai has been accommodating of how I want to practice, what are the kinds of shots I want to practice."

"I have been very specific with it. I don't practice too much but I like to keep it as specific as possible," said Karthik after India levelled the series

against Australia.

In the first game, Karthik came to bat after Axar Patel while on Friday he was sent ahead of the left-arm spinner.

"I think it's something that we are trying, there are times when there could be a couple of overs where an Axar Patel could target a spinner and take them on."

"So that is the kind of logic at that stage and having a left hander and leg spinner bowling is a good matchup. So we try and use that option sometimes."

"So that's one of the reasons why we try and do it depending on how the game is unravelling at that point of time," said the 37-year-old.

Karthik played ahead of Rishabh Pant in the opener but a truncated game allowed the management to accommodate both in the playing eleven for the second T20.

"Today we required four bowlers to finish off the 8 overs as each bowled two but we actually had five options. So when you have five options, that's the luxury of having a world class all rounder in Hardik Pandya," said Karthik.

Harshal, Chahal's form in focus ahead of series decider against Australia

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

India will be hoping their key bowlers, Harshal Patel and Yuzvendra Chahal, are back to their best when the hosts take on Australia in the series-deciding third T20 International here on Sunday.

India were able to plug the gaps in Nagpur to level the three-match series with a comprehensive win in the eight-over-a-side contest. But they will need their bowlers, especially Harshal and Chahal, to overcome their struggles ahead of the T20 World Cup.

India had got off to an electric start in the last game with Axar Patel bowling a fiery two-over spell that included a couple of wickets but they are struggling at the back end of the innings.

While Jasprit Bumrah is sure to carry the responsibility, senior seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar's poor show at the death overs is a real concern. He struggled in the Asia Cup and in the opener against Australia.

He was dropped for the second T20, perhaps, because skipper Rohit Sharma felt he needed only four bowlers for the eight overs but Bhuvneshwar's form is worrisome.

Death overs specialist Harshal, who is returning from an injury, also hasn't inspired confidence and perhaps needs a couple of matches more to find his rhythm.

The right-arm medium pacer, who relies on his variations to be effective, has conceded 81 runs in his six overs at an economy rate of 13.50 and is the most expensive bowler in the series. He has struggled to get his lengths right, remaining



wicketless.

India rely on their spinners in the middle overs and while Axar has been a big positive, Chahal has faltered. He went for a lot of runs in the Asia Cup and the trend has continued against Australia.

India will, however, breathe a sigh of relief as Bumrah was his vintage best, showing no signs of rust after returning from his back injury.

In the batting department, the famed top order comprising Rohit, KL Rahul and Virat Kohli needs to be more consistent. The trio has not fired in unison for a while.

Suryakumar Yadav has also been patchy in the past few games with Hardik Pandya churning out match-winning performances.

Another chink in the Indian batters' armour is leg spin. The have continued to struggle against leggies and Adam Zampa has utilised this weakness well.

Dinesh Karthik, who played his role of a finisher to perfection in the previous game, is likely to get more game time. Skipper Rohit would also

like to give Axar, who is a like-to-like replacement for the injured Ravindra Jadeja, a go with the bat to see how the all-rounder performs in crunch situations. Additionally, he is the only left-hander in the side apart from Rishabh Pant.

The Australians, on the other hand, would also be concerned with their bowling.

After outplaying India in the first game, the Australians were at the receiving end in the second match, eventually losing by a massive six wickets. While Aaron Finch and Matthew Wade managed to put runs on the board, their bowling department failed miserably once again.

In the absence of the injured Nathan Ellis, pacers Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Daniel Sams leaked over 11 runs an over. All-rounder Cameron Green has also been expensive.

Wade has been brilliant with the willow but with a World Cup to defend in their backyard, the Australian team management would like the big-hitting Glenn Maxwell, who has scored just a run in two games, to pick up form.

David is versatile and adds to Australia's batting options: Finch

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Big-hitting Tim David is a "versatile and flexible" player and his presence only adds to the options that Australia possess going into the T20 World cup, feels skipper Aaron Finch.

The Singapore-born batter, known from his explosive knocks, made his debut for Australia in the first T20.

"What Tim brings to the table obviously is some great form in competitions around the world. In various batting positions I know in the PSL, he batted at 4 and had a great tournament, other tournaments, he batted five and six," Finch said.

"So we see him as a really versatile and flexible player and obviously his power speaks for itself."

"We've all seen how destructive he can be once he gets in and in terms of the order I think it just depends on the game situation, maybe, some matchups in the opposition as well."

Talking about David's batting position, he said: "Ideally, it'd be right towards the back



end because the top order has done a great job.

"But I think if you look down our World Cup squad, we've got some power there with Maxwell, Stoinis, David, Wade and Smith. We've got a lot of options there which is really good."

Australia suffered a six-wicket loss to India in the second T20 which was reduced to 8 overs a side due to wet outfield.

"It's important that you're always looking at ways to improve and obviously we were with Maxwell at three, Tim David at four. So we're trying to be a bit more aggressive up

front and yeah, we haven't played too many shortened games," Finch said.

"Especially leading into a World Cup, we've to put some thought into it over some time. Josh Inglis came out at the last minute, and Sean Abbott took his spot. That was just to give us an extra bowling option, not knowing how the wicket would play."

"So there's just a little bit of execution with bat and ball I think at times that probably just swung the momentum of the game. And obviously, the way the Rohit played was pretty special. And also Axar the way that he bowled, he was outstanding."

Bangladesh, Ireland qualify for 2023 Women's T20 World Cup

PTI ■ DUBAI

Bangladesh and Ireland have qualified for the 2023 Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa after winning their respective semi-finals at the qualifying event in Abu Dhabi.

Bangladesh completed a 11-run win over Thailand and Ireland beat Zimbabwe by four runs in matches played at the Zayed Cricket Stadium on Friday to book their berths, joining Australia, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the West Indies, who have already made it to the 10-team tournament.

Bangladesh captain Nigar Sultana Joty said: "We came here to qualify for the T20 World Cup, and we did it! We have been playing together for so many years, this is our time to show the world how good we are, how much we have improved as a side."

Ireland captain Laura Delany said: "It (qualification) is massively important for the



growth of the game in Ireland. We feel fortunate that Cricket Ireland have introduced full-time contracts and I think we are starting to see the benefit of that.

"It is a lot of relief that we won. They run us till the last ball, it was a very competitive game. We are thrilled to be there. We have tried to veer off from focusing on the World Cup. We weren't successful last time so wanted to do things differently. We are proud to have got over the line today."

Papua New Guinea (PNG), Scotland, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United States of America (USA) were the other teams to compete in the eight-team tournament.

Duleep Trophy Final: West Zone have one hand on trophy

PTI ■ COIMBATORE

West Zone closed in on a memorable come-from-behind victory as they took out the South Zone top and middle-order after setting them an improbable victory target of 529 in the Duleep Trophy final here on Saturday.

Reeling at 156 for six at stumps on the fourth and penultimate day, South Zone were staring at a heavy defeat as they trailed by 375 runs.

West Zone put up a mammoth 585 for four in their second innings after conceding a 57-run first-innings lead to their opponents.

Prolific run-scorer Sarfaraz Khan recorded a fine, unbeaten century (127 off 178 balls) to continue West's charge after overnight double centurion Yashavi Jaiswal was dismissed for 265 at the SNR College Cricket Ground.

At the end of third day's



play, West Zone were 376 for three and Jaiswal was batting on 209 off 244 balls. Jaiswal began the day from where he had left last evening, adding seven more boundaries to the 23 he had hit by the end of third day's play.

Jaiswal eventually fell to off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham, having faced 330 deliveries during his monumental knock and added 164 runs with Sarfaraz for the fourth wicket.

There was no respite, however, for the South bowlers as Sarfaraz went about his task with consummate ease to swell his team's overall lead and put them in a commanding position.

In all, Sarfaraz found the fence 11 times and cleared it twice, while also stitching together an unbroken partnership of 103 runs with Het Patel (51 not out) to compound South Zone's misery.

The declaration from West

skipper Ajinkya Rahane came after Sarfaraz completed his century on Duleep Trophy debut. Patel, coming off an excellent 98 in the first innings, scored his runs quickly, facing just 61 balls while hitting seven fours and a six.

Batting for five sessions, West left their opponents flattened, and the South Zone team did not quite recover from that. This was evident from their second innings batting as, with the exception of Rohan Kunnammall (93 off 100 balls), all batters failed to live up to the challenge.

Even as his colleagues left one after another, Kunnammall was able to bat fluently for the runs he scored with his team in an extremely difficult situation.

All of South Zone's experienced batters failed and fell to the pace duo of Atit Sheth and Jaydev Unadkat, who bowled very well and grabbed two wickets apiece.

PCB appoints foreign coaches for two domestic first class teams

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has appointed two foreign coaches for two of its domestic teams for the upcoming premier first class tournament and the national 50-over competition.

Nottinghamshire's Paul Franks and Leicestershire's Paul Nixon will be the head coaches of the Central Punjab and Sindh sides in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy and national 50-over competition this season.

Franks, who has worked as assistant coach under Peter Moores at Nottinghamshire county, has replaced Pakistan's Abdul Razaq as head of the Punjab side while Nixon, a former head coach with Leicestershire and England player, will be at the helm of affairs for the Sindh team.

PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja has made his intentions clear to have more foreign influence in domestic and junior cricket. Apparently, it is his brainchild to have foreign coaches and trainers working with the six

domestic first class teams.

Also, this could be the first time that any foreign coach has been appointed to work with domestic teams in a full season.

In the inaugural Pakistan Junior League which begins next month, the PCB has appointed South Africa's Gordon Parsons, New Zealand's Nicholas Webb, England's Julian Fountain, Julian Wood, and Toby Radford to work with the six teams under the Board's pathways development programme.

A reliable source in the PCB said all the foreign coaches working in domestic and junior teams are being paid through sponsors working with the Board.

The local coaches working with domestic teams are also getting a good amount of money as they are paid monthly salaries of between five to six lakh rupees along with other benefits.

The Board has encouraged former Test, international and first class players to work as coaches.

FIERCE LIKE FIRESTORM YET SOFT LIKE MARSHMALLOW: FEDERER AND NADAL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Holding hands and crying together, while sitting next to each other, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, the two biggest sporting icons, unknowingly, produced yet another unforgettable moment that will be recorded for posterity.

There was not a single eye that wasn't moist at the O2 Arena in London, the place where Federer bid a tearful adieu to the game during the Laver Cup.

It was an unforgettable and emotional moment.

The players who appeared to be made of steel and were driven by an indomitable spirit, were melting. There was no inhibition, no shame. Such was the occasion.

Tears trickled down his cheeks, and the sobs were loud as Federer began thanking his companions, his fans and family after playing his last game.

It was simply overwhelming, it was human.

The two, without an iota of doubt, are the most fiercest of players to have stepped on the tennis courts. The ones who redefined the game and showed how much a human body can be pushed or can achieve.

And yet they showed, inside those steely bodies they possessed child-like pure hearts that knew more than just the exhilaration of victory, and the agony and torment that accompanies defeat.

They showed that despite being fierce rivals inside the sporting arena, off it you could be respectful to your competitors. That they are more than just incredibly skilful artists.

It is this adorable and inspiring human element that catapults Federer and Nadal to a different pedestal in today's world, when hurling insult in



the garb of aggression has become fashionable.

The humility of these two legends is like a balm for the soul.

While what they did with racquets in their hand will always be priceless teaching lessons for budding players, their public conduct and the way they carried themselves, is equally invaluable and worth emulation.

Indian cricketing icon Virat Kohli, too, gushed over their statesmanship.

"Who thought rivals can feel like this towards each other. That's the beauty of sport. This is the most beautiful sporting picture ever for me," Kohli tweeted with the a picture of the two.

"When your companions cry for you, you know why

you've been able to do with your god given talent. Nothing but respect for these 2."

While tournaments are public events, where people can choose to hide their real selves and rather create an image, Federer's genuineness and humility has been testified by his tennis colleagues.

Recently a player revealed how inside the locker rooms, Federer won't speak without "please" and "thank you".

It's not that they did not have moments where they faltered, but maintaining decorum, grace and

humbleness for over two decades, is simply amazing. He possesses the toughest of shots, found impossible-looking angles with ridiculous ease, and yet arrogance was miles miles away from him. He would pull off a magical shot but won't yell after

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Punjab & Sind Bank Won Two Awards under EASE 4.0

Honorable Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and Secretary Financial Services Shri Sajnay Malhotra presented two Awards to Punjab & Sind Bank during PSB Reforms Agenda EASE 4.0 Award function held at Mumbai on 16-09-2022 hosted by IBA i.e Runner up trophy for Top Improvement in EASE 4.0 reforms and Runner up trophy under the Collaboration theme. Shri Swarup Kumar Saha, MD & CEO, Shri Kollegal V Raghavendra, ED and other Senior executives received trophies on behalf of Punjab & Sind Bank.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH			
TENDER NOTICE			
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 2			
1.	Repair/Restoration of Road cut in Sector 32 D and Industrial Area Phase 1, Chandigarh.(Road Cut made by M.C.P.H. Sub Division No.18, Chandigarh) (Charge to Revenue Head) Estimated Cost : Rs. 11.13 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs. 22,270/- Time Limit : 03 Months	23.09.2022 To 30.09.2022 upto 12.00 noon	30.09.2022 at 12.00 noon
2.	Renovation & Maintenance of Gram Sampark, Aaganwari & Patwari Building of Village Makhan Majra, Chandigarh (Village Development Fund) Estimated Cost : Rs. 6.89 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs. 13,790/- Time Limit : 03 Months	23.09.2022 To 30.09.2022 upto 12.00 noon	30.09.2022 at 12.00 noon
3.	Providing and Applying road marking paint on various roads and parking under jurisdiction of Road Sub Division No.8, MC Chandigarh. (Village Development Fund) Estimated Cost : Rs. 18.81 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs. 37,620/- Time Limit : 01 Month	23.09.2022 To 30.09.2022 upto 12.00 noon	30.09.2022 at 12.00 noon
4.	Special repair of Panchayat Ghar, Activity Centre, Dharmashala at village Behlana, Chandigarh. (Village Development Fund) Estimated Cost : Rs. 16.31 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs. 32,620/- Time Limit : 03 Months	26.09.2022 To 03.10.2022 upto 12.00 noon	03.10.2022 at 12.00 noon
5.	Special repair of Harijan Dharamshala Hellomajra, Chandigarh (NRB) Estimated Cost : Rs. 06.26 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs. 12,530/- Time Limit : 03 Months	26.09.2022 To 03.10.2022 upto 12.00 noon	03.10.2022 at 12.00 noon
6.	Renovation of Gram Sampark, Aaganwari and Patwari Building for Village Raipur Kalan, Chandigarh. (Village Development Fund) Estimated Cost : Rs. 06.09 Lacs EMD Amount : Rs. 12,180/- Time Limit : 03 Months	26.09.2022 To 03.10.2022 upto 12.00 noon	03.10.2022 at 12.00 noon
Note :- 1) Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at www.chandigarh.gov.in or tenders.chd.nic.in			
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Roads Division No.2, Room No.303, M.C. Chandigarh			



Superb finish ensures cut for Tvesa and Vani at Irish Open

PTI ■ DROMOLAND

Faced with the prospect of missing the cut with four holes to go, India's Tvesa Malik (69) and Vani Kapoor (70) moved into a different gear to safely get into the weekend at the KPMG Women's Irish Open.

At 2-under each for 36 holes, both, Tvesa (73-69) and Vani (72-70), getting ready for the Hero Women's Indian Open next month, were T-42.

The cut fell at one-under-par with 63 players making it through to the weekend.

Playing together, Tvesa was 1-over and Vani was 2-over with just four holes to go and the cut looked likely at 1-under. Coming off a disappointing bogey each on the 14th, Tvesa and Vani birdied the 15th.

Then on Par-5 16th, Tvesa birdied yet again but Vani went one better by landing an eagle. Then as Tvesa parred the Par-3 17th, Vani picked another birdie. On the closing par-5 18th, Tvesa picked a birdie and Vani parred and both were well inside the cutline, which duly fell at 1-under.

However, Diksha Dagar (72-75) and Amandeep Drall (74-80) had a disappointing week as they missed the cut.

Sweden's Moa Folke fired an exceptional round of 10-under 62 and led by two strokes at the halfway stage.

It was a sensational day for the 27-year-old Swede who started with a birdie on the first and then added another on the third. Then came three more in a row from sixth through to the eighth to make the turn in 5-under 30.

A dropped shot on the 11th was overcome as Folke rolled in four birdies consecutively on holes 13 through 16 before finishing with an eagle on 18.

Three players sit in a tie for second place with Denmark's Smilla Tarning Soenderby, Spain's Carmen Alonso and Czechia's Klara Spilkova all on 10-under-par.

Two players share fifth place after 36 holes with Dutch golfer Anne Van Dam and Finland's Ursula Wikstrom on nine-under-par having shot rounds of 68 and 66, respectively.

Julius Baer Cup: Erigaisi to meet Carlsen in final



PTI ■ NEW YORK

Young Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi got the better of Liem Quang Le (Vietnam) to set up a final clash with world no.1 Magnus Carlsen in the Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament.

While the 19-year old Erigaisi had to fight hard to subdue the challenge of his Vietnamese rival, Carlsen won 3-1. In the Erigaisi-Liem Le match, the first game ended in a draw

before the Indian won the second to go ahead. A draw followed in the third before the Vietnam player drew level with a 32-move victory. However, in the tie-breaker, it was Erigaisi all the way as he won two straight games to book a spot in the final, to be played Carlsen was made to work hard for his passage into the final by the Keymer. The German teenager fought to stay in the match as both games 1 and 2 ended in draw before the World No.1 broke through to win the next two.

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Small farmers, street vendors, small entrepreneurs, auto rickshaw drivers and domestic helps form the largest segment of the society and are important partners in the developmental journey of India.

With the objective of the Antyodaya, poor is the central point of vision of Government of India. This largest segment of the society is getting strengthened with the continuous efforts of the Government.

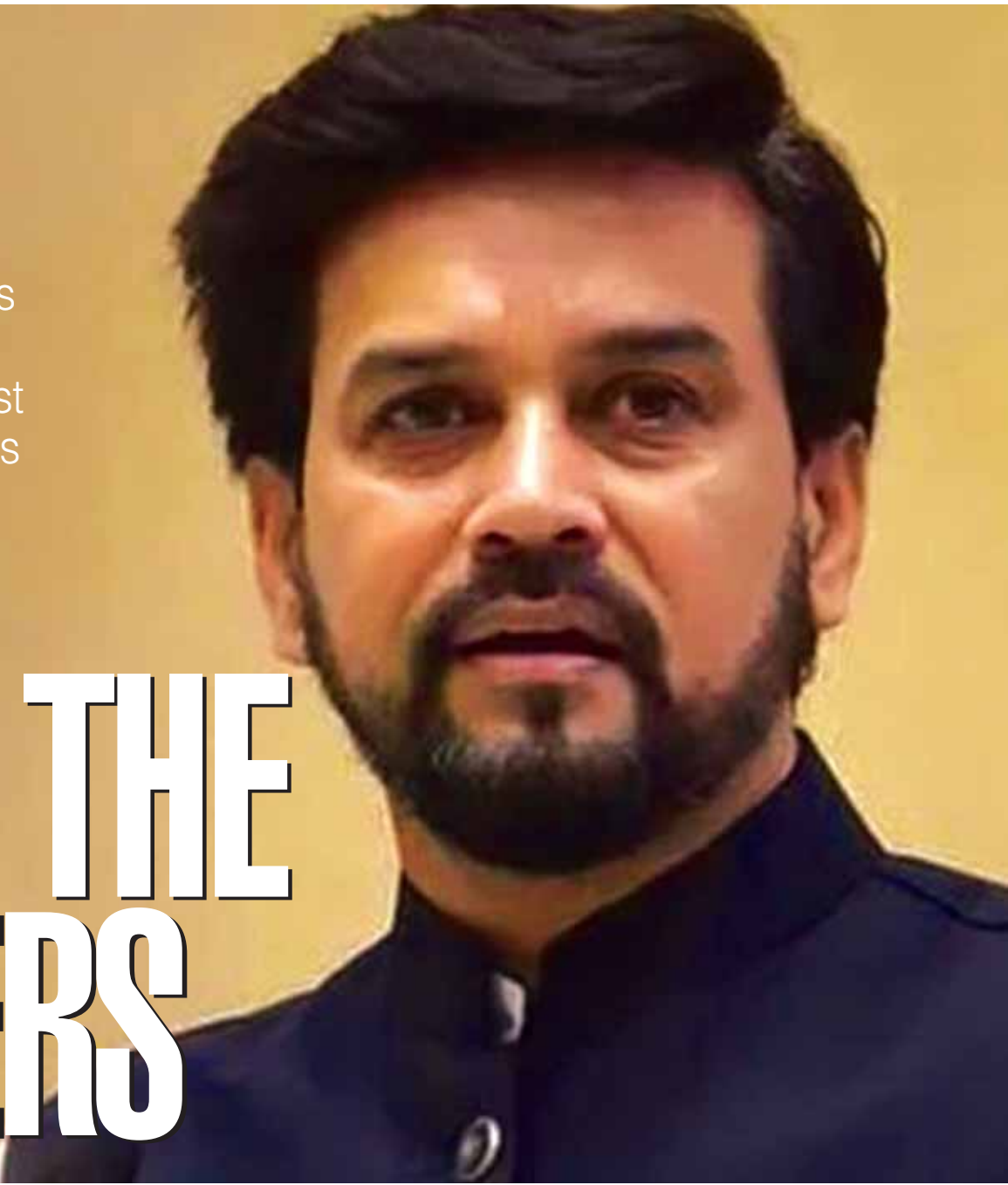
- Major transformation in rural India through Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission and Self Help Groups (SHGs); number of SHGs increased **three fold** in last 8 years along with **four times** increase in Women's participation
- Easy access to **emergency loan** to more than **1.19 crore** beneficiaries under ECLGS scheme, loans amounting to **₹3.68 lakh crore** sanctioned till now
- Collateral free loans to over **32 lakh** street vendors under PM SVANidhi Yojana
- More than **36.5 crore** MUDRA loans amounting to **₹20 lakh crore** to small entrepreneurs
- Street vendors, retailers and small entrepreneurs brought under the ambit of MSME; getting benefitted under **priority sector lending**
- More than **11 crore** farmers getting **₹6,000** per year under PM-KISAN
- Kisan Credit Card issued to more than **3.13 crore** farmers under a special drive
- Total Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of **₹25 lakh crore** to beneficiaries
- Unprecedented boost to Khadi and products of village industries, business turnover exceeds **₹1 lakh crore**, lakhs of employment opportunities in the rural sector

The study has been published in *Physical Chemistry Letters*.

“Life is tough; and if you have the ability to laugh at it, you have the ability to enjoy it.”
—Salma Hayek



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TIME TO TAME THE RABBLE ROUSERS

The cat is out of the bag. Or it was always out in the open but everyone pretended to look the other way, till its low growl turned into a high-pitched roar and its threat menacing and imminent. No offenses to the canines, though; we are referring to the big cats of the TV screens.

Two back-to-back whistleblowing—first by Union Information and Broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur, and second by the Supreme Court of India—underline the threat posed by the TV anchors, to both the mainstream media itself and the peace and harmony of the country.

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Not for nothing, speaking at the 7th Annual Gathering and 20th Meeting of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), Thakur focused his speech on the threat posed by such dangerous debates.

Speaking on the occasion Thakur has said that the biggest threat to mainstream media is not from new age digital platforms but from the mainstream media channel itself.

The minister said inviting guests who are polarizing, who spread false narratives and who shout at the top of their lungs damages the credibility of a channel. “Your decisions regarding the guest, the tone, and visuals - define your credibility in the eyes of the audience. The view may stop for a minute to watch your show, but will never trust your anchor, your channel or brand as a trusted and transparent source of news”, he added.

Turning to the audience, the Minister asked “Are you going to watch as the younger audience switches and sweeps through the shrill on TV news or are you going to bring back the Neutrality in NEWS and Discussion in DEBATES to stay ahead of the game?”

A day later, on September 21, the Supreme court expressed serious concern at the hate speeches in the media and hinted that it might put in some regulations/guidelines to check the menace.

Upset that the Government has done nothing to curb the propagation of hate speeches in the media, the Court asked the Government of India "why it is standing as a mute witness when all this is happening".

A bench of Justices KM Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy was hearing a batch of writ petitions seeking the Court's intervention to regulate hate speech.

"What are the provisions of law which relates to Hate Speech in India?", Justice Joseph asked when the hearing started.

This is the crux of the matter. Hate speech is not defined under any law, though there are

- specific provisions to check them.
- In its report submitted to then I@B minister Ravishanker Prasad in March 2017, the Law Commission of India underlined the following legislation to deal with hate speech.
- (i) *the Indian Penal Code, 1860* (hereinafter IPC)
- Section 124A IPC penalises seditious
 - Section 153A IPC penalises 'promotion of enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony'.
 - Section 153B IPC penalises 'imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration'.
 - Section 295A IPC penalises 'deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs'.
 - Section 298 IPC penalises 'uttering, words, etc., with deliberate intent to wound the religious feelings of any person'.
 - Section 505(1) and (2) IPC penalises publication or circulation of any statement, rumour or report causing public mischief and enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes.
- (ii) *the Representation of The People Act, 1951*
- Section 8 disqualifies a person from contesting an election if he is convicted of indulging in acts amounting to the illegitimate use of freedom of speech and expression.
 - Section 123(3A) and section 125 prohibit the promotion of enmity on grounds of religion, race, caste, community, or language in connection with an election as a corrupt electoral practice and prohibits it.
- (iii) *the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955*
- Section 7 penalises incitement to, and encouragement of untouchability through words, either spoken or written or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise
- (iv) *the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988*
- Section 3(g) prohibits religious institution or its manager to allow the use of any premises belonging to, or under the control of, the institution for promoting or attempting to promote disharmony, feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities.
- (v) *the Cable Television Network Regulation Act, 1995*
- Sections 5 and 6 of the Act prohibit transmission or re-transmission of a programme through cable network in contravention to the prescribed programme code or advertisement code. These codes have been defined in rules 6 and 7 respectively of the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994.
- (vi) *the Cinematograph Act, 1952*



COMMENTING ON THE ROLE OF THE ANCHORS IN PROPAGATING HATE SPEECH, JUSTICE JOSEPH SAID - "THE ROLE OF THE ANCHOR IS VERY IMPORTANT. HATE SPEECH EITHER TAKES PLACE ON MAINSTREAM TELEVISION OR IT TAKES PLACE IN SOCIAL MEDIA. SOCIAL MEDIA IS LARGELY UNREGULATED. ...AS FAR AS MAINSTREAM TELEVISION CHANNEL IS CONCERNED, WE STILL HOLD SWAY, THERE THE ROLE OF THE ANCHOR IS VERY CRITICAL BECAUSE THE MOMENT YOU SEE SOMEBODY GOING INTO HATE SPEECH, IT'S THE DUTY OF THE ANCHOR TO IMMEDIATELY SEE THAT HE DOESN'T ALLOW THAT PERSON TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY TIMES SOMEBODY WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING HE IS MUTED, A PERSON IS NOT GIVEN PROPER TIME, HE IS NOT EVEN TREATED COURTEOUSLY"



- Sections 4, 5B, and 7 empower the Board of Film Certification to prohibit and regulate the screening of a film.
- (vii) *the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973*
- Section 95 empowers the State Government, to forfeit publications that are punishable under sections 124A, 153A, 153B, 292, 293 or 295A IPC.
 - Section 107 empowers the Executive Magistrate to prevent a person from committing a breach of the peace or disturbing the public tranquility or to do any wrongful act that may probably cause breach of the peace or disturb the public and tranquility.
 - Section 144 empowers the District Magistrate, a Sub-divisional Magistrate or any other Executive Magistrate specially empowered by the State Government on this behalf to issue an order in urgent cases of nuisance or apprehended danger. The above offences are cognizable and thus have serious repercussions on the liberties of citizens and empower a police officer to arrest without orders from a magistrate and a warrant as in section 155 CrPC.
- The commission suggested amendment to the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 by adding new provisions on '**Prohibiting incitement to hatred**' following section 153B IPC and '**Causing fear, alarm, or provocation of violence in certain cases**' following section 505 IPC, and accordingly amending the First Schedule of the CrPC.
- The commission in its report said that hate speech has always been a live debate in India and the issue has been raised time and again before the legislature, the court as well as the public. In Pravasi Bhalai Sangathan v. Union of India¹¹, the Supreme Court dealt with a case where the petitioners prayed that the State should take peremptory action against makers of hate speech, the Commission said, and added, the Court did not go beyond the purview of existing laws to penalise hate speech as that would amount to 'judicial overreach'.
- "The Court observed that the implementation of existing laws would solve the problem of hate speech to a great extent. The matter was referred to the Law Commission to examine if it 'deems proper to define hate speech and make recommendations to the Parliament to strengthen the Election Commission to curb the menace of "hate speeches" irrespective of, whenever made', the commission said.
- Justice Joseph suggested that the government should come forward to put in place an institution to check hate speech. The court also asked the Government to clarify whether it proposes to act on recommendations of the Law Commission of India regarding amendments to deal with hate crimes.
- The Centre told the court that only 14 states have given their response to the Law commission's recommendation. The Sc

directed the remaining states to immediately file their replies and asked Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde to collate the responses of the States.

Commenting on the role of the anchors in propagating hate speech, Justice Joseph said - "The role of the anchor is very important. Hate speech either takes place on mainstream television or it takes place in social media. Social Media is largely unregulated....As far as mainstream television channel is concerned, we still hold sway, there the role of the anchor is very critical because the moment you see somebody going into hate speech, it's the duty of the anchor to immediately see that he doesn't allow that person to say anything further. Unfortunately, many times somebody wants to say something he is muted, a person is not given proper time, he is not even treated courteously".

Justice Joseph went on to add: Freedom of expression of the press, we don't have it separately unlike the US....there should be free debate no doubt about it but, you should also know where to draw the line because there is a huge influence, particularly with the visual media....they produce a very serious effect on your brain. Freedom is for the listener. The freedom of speech is actually for the benefit of the listener. How would the listener ever make up his mind after listening to a debate where it is just a babble of voice, you cannot even make out what is happening."

When Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde stated that, "the industry is unregulated and there are no sanctions" one of the petitioners Ashwini Upadhyay countered, "Until hate speech is defined this will go on."

Asserting that hate speech poisons the very fabric, and can't be permitted, Justice Joseph said, "Political parties will come and go but the nation will endure the institution including press it is the important part, without an independent press no country can go forward, it is important that we have true freedom, there", Justice Joseph said.

"Stressing the need for a regulatory mechanism, Justice Joseph continued: "The problem is we don't have a regulatory mechanism for TV. I believe that all channels were fined heavily in England. We don't have that system here. Law means sanction, sanctions must be effected...the problem is that they are not being dealt with firmly. If sanctions are effected this will go... Any anchor will have his views, any anchor will not diverge from the view the channel is taking, they will all be intertwined, you can't divulge from it, but what is wrong is when you have people of different views you are calling them and you are not allowing them to express those views....in doing that you are bringing hate and your TRP is going up and you are driven by that and nobody is going to look into it and take care of it then it is very sad".

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Copyright falls prey to mighty Internet

Globalisation and post-glob-alisation have brought us ever closer to each other. This intricate journey was only made possible by a vast net-work of information and com-munication technologies (ICTs). As a result, we all have experienced a slew of mod-ernisation, standardisation and deterritorialisation drives all around the world. At the heart of this colossal process lies a “superior and never seen before “brand new upheaval called “information revolution”. As this information is gone in the great internet machine, it has witnessed another global movement called the digital revolution. The information revolution accompanied by the digital revolution has pushed knowledge beyond the control of the sovereign nation-states.

Before moving into the problems and prospects of safeguarding the copyright laws, let us see what copyright is all about. Copyright is regarded as ‘author’s right’. In legal terms, it is meant to describe the set of rights that the creators or the owners have over their literary and artistic works. The very word “works” refer to books, music, paintings, sculptures, films, computer programmes, data-bases, advertisements, maps and technical drawings as specified by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). Regardless of the WIPO conventions and other relevant global covenants, the copyright law is territorial and national in scope. Therefore, wherever an author or a creator resides or his work is first published, the applicability of the copyright protection depends on the national laws of the country in which the particular author demands protection. The term of a copyright law depends on several factors such as whether the work has been published or if so, the date of its first publication. Once it is published, the copyright lasts for the life of the author and additional 70 years after his/her death. Under the US Copyright legislation, an anonymous work, a pseudonymous work or a work made for hire, the copyright is guaranteed for a period of 95 years from the year of its first publication or a period of 120 years

from the year of its creation, whichever expires first.

Precisely, there is nothing like international copyright law applicable to all the nations. Therefore, no single copyright law can protect an author’s work throughout the world with a single registration like the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) that allows patent filing in a multinational context. Nevertheless, nearly 180 nations have already ratified the historic Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of 1886, administered by the WIPO. This convention sets a minimum standard for the protection of the rights of the creators of the copyrighted works across the nations. Besides, there have been serious efforts to bring copyright legislations under one single umbrella among the members of the European Union (EU). However, the biggest challenge to this harmonisation effort is emerging from a host of numerous national copyright laws currently existing in the EU nations. The Berne Convention, apart from calling for establishing minimum standards of protection, has two unique principles: “National Treatment” and “Automatic Protection”. The first principle of “National Treatment” underlines that works originating in one signatory nation are given the same protection in other signatory nations as each grant to works of its creators. The second principle of “Automatic Protection” refers to the idea that copyright inheres automatically in a qualifying work upon its fixation in a tangible medium and without any required prior formality.

Indeed, the origin of the global copyright governance system is very much linked to the invention of the printing machine by Johannes Gutenberg in Germany around 1440. By 1483, when printing machines reached England, various monarchs starting from King Richard III to King Henry in 1553 shaped a new regime of copyright that later defined the international copyright governance. Then, the era from 1661 to 1911 witnessed the evolution of a detailed copyright law in Britain.

Now in India, we have a



defined copyright regime, and its roots lie in the long British colonial regime. The copyright legislation was first introduced in India in 1874 during the time of East India Company. This act was replaced by the Copyright Act of 1914 which was just a replica of the then existing Copyright Act of 1911 in Britain. When India became independent, we got our first Copyright Act in the year 1957 which came into practice in 1958. The new Act immediately replaced the colonial

copyright laws thereafter. The same Copyright Act was subsequently amended in 1983, 1984, 1992, 1994 and 1999. Again, the Copyright Act was amended in 2012. It was done to bring the Copyright law into compliance with the WIPO treaties such as the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT). Further it must be highlighted that the obligation under Article 11 of Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property

Rights (TRIPS) which came into effect under the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1995, Article 7 of the WCT and Article 9 of the WPPT are to provide for commercial rental rights for computer programmes and cinematograph films. This right was introduced in India by using the word “hire” in Section 14 of the current Copyright Act. Thus, the Indian Copyright Law is now capable of addressing both national and global concerns under the new global gover-

nance regime brought by the WTO-TRIPS.

In spite of having a globally effective IPR regime, the information revolution and digital revolution have pushed knowledge maintenance to the brink of a serious danger. We receive information so very easily that we don’t even realise the worth of the creator or the owner. Information super-highway is widely perceived as a modern-day colonial tool both to subjugate and exploit the massive resources from the Global South by the rich and technologically advanced nations from the Global North.

With connectivity growing at an unimaginable speed, people are increasingly becoming restless. Once powerful nation-states seem to surrender to market forces. What Karl Marx, the legendary German socialist thinker, prophesised in the 19th century about the “with-ering away of the state” (capitalist) is now turning right at the very heart of the capitalist nations. Nonetheless the bitter truth is that today the mighty western liberal nation-state is facing challenges from several points, and they are all multi-national forces. These counterforces are not only transnational corporations and the gigantic markets controlled by them but also from civil and human rights movements, global civil society and international non-governmental organisations and at times from international terrorist organisations consistently backed by very strong radical religious movements. It is all spearheaded by the availability of knowledge networks accompanied by advancements in communication and technology networks. Super knowledge owners like Google, Microsoft, Facebook and a host of other electronic platforms have made learning available to all. And it is both a boon and bane. The information superhighway is now dominated by a large network of MNCs mostly based in advanced nations like the US, Japan, the UK, Germany, France, Canada, etc. The global flow is in their hands. The poor and developing nations are at the mercy of these gigantic corporations controlled by the developed countries.

The world is now at a crossroads. Knowledge has exploded. The owners of knowledge are finding it too difficult to protect their creations. The intriguing part of the TRIPS and post-TRIPS global IP regime is that they all have failed to address the pitfalls of the huge information revolution. Today no single person or enterprise is the sole owner of knowledge or any other technical knowhow. It is fully diffused. It is there everywhere. Then how to safeguard it and how the creators will be benefitted from their long hard work? The solution to this problem is too complex.

The global and national copyright legislations are facing an uphill task today. Nowhere the knowledge is safe. And there is no place to hide. Of course, there are stringent punishments awarded to law breakers, but then there is no end to predators till date. Frankly, the wide network of the transnational forces has weakened the long hand of the copyright law that used to be there much before the advent of the mighty Internet. Today the global knowledge economy is beyond the reach of the nation-state. Therefore, the knowledge networks that are supposed to aid all and share the benefits of innovations do not accord equal power to all. It further leads to a great digital divide between the countries of the North and the South. And this is creating an uneven world of knowledge. There is a large gap between access to knowledge and exploiting the benefits of the same in both sides of the globe. Today the global knowledge economy has gone beyond the arms of the copyright laws. It has long been Microsottified. Thus the owners of knowledge are solely in the hands of the big corporations of the advanced nations.

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PERSPECTIVE

Tobacco ads: Celebrities shirk moral responsibility

Professional ethics entail a cluster of values and principles that guide the behaviour of the professionals concerning what is right and what is wrong based on loyalty, accountability, honesty, and respect for the law. Hence, the celebrities’ acts of promoting harmful practices like tobacco consumption certainly are incompatible with the professional moral principles that posit serving larger social interests



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The “smoking zone” has been shifted from industrialised developed countries to developing countries. While eighty per cent of the 1.3 billion tobacco users belong to the third-world countries, India sees more than a million deaths due to tobacco consumption accounting for 9.5 per cent of all deaths. Going by a World Health Organization report of 2014, a scary health concern induced by tobacco consumption puts a heavy burden on India’s economy as around 53 per cent of the tobacco-related deaths are attributed to non-communicable diseases and 80 per cent of them include chronic respiratory diseases, cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes. Accordingly, it is no surprise that the Indian state has been struggling to reduce tobacco consumption by 30 per cent by 2025.

At this juncture, promoting tobacco consumption by cinema celebrities is indeed not only depressing but also immoral, unsocial if not completely illegal. In a country like India, the cinema celebrities are often followed and imitated by the people passionately. Such fan following is often capitalised on by the big business and corporate bodies to further their business interests. It is not uncommon to see the people imitating the dressing and other

styles of the cinema celebrities in their daily life. Such imitations reflect upon the tremendous effect the celebrities have on the fans. While these celebrities are well within their rights to endorse a brand, the promotion of tobacco consumption invites criticism on moral and social grounds, for society demands a minimum amount of moral and social responsibilities from the public figures.

Accordingly, the general actions of the cinema celebrities and their acts of promoting tobacco consumption warrant moral scrutiny. These actions of promoting something as bad as tobacco that has negative implications on human health and societal integrity can be evaluated on various moral parameters. First, the performance of the action in the realm of restricted individual liberty (harm principle) can be employed. According to utilitarian philosopher John Stuart Mill, two types of actions are performed by humans: Self-regarding action (SRA); and Other-regarding action (ORA). The SRA is the one that influences the agent himself or herself. Explaining further, Mill says, an action ceases to be an SRA when it directly impairs others. However, the ORA is the one that affects others and thus it entails moral criticism.



This distinction, fundamentally, serves as a base for the broader horizon of individual liberty as well as serves as a reason to delimit individual liberty by justifying the state/country’s interference in it. The state’s interference in individual liberty is conditioned by the “Harm Principle” which says, “The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilised community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not a sufficient warrant”. It entails

that the harmful ORA of an agent morally permits others, including the state, to intervene in individual liberty. Thus, the state has the right to interfere in an individual’s liberty when it is required for the well-being of others/society. However, drawing a sharp line between SRA and ORA is difficult which leads to the claim that they both overlap each other and the act of promoting tobacco consumption is a good example in this regard.

Although the cinema celebrities do have their liberties to select the

roles to enact, the platform and the message they want to deliver through the act cannot be left unevaluated. With a clear knowledge that tobacco causes irrecoverable diseases and immense suffering, the action of the cinema actors’ promotion of tobacco consumption certainly influences the common people in many ways, eventually harming their bodies. Thus, these other-regarding actions of the celebrities fail to satisfy the condition which prevents the state to interfere and it is immoral as well since it ceases to bring maximum good in maximum number. While the state is taking major steps in the form of enacting laws to prevent tobacco consumption, those laws should include taking stringent actions against those who foster harmful practices like tobacco consumption despite their social position.

The second moral issue concerning advertising tobacco centres on the action itself. It violates the moral universal humanity principle that says, “act in such a way that you always treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, never simply as a means, but always at the same time as an end.”

In other words, this principle entails that an agent should act in

such a way that action never uses humans as means for any end. On the contrary, the cinema celebrities are using, though indirectly, other humans for their vested interests of making fortune ignoring their moral responsibility and respect towards other fellow humans and the society. Accordingly, these celebrities fail to satisfy the humanity principle since they are using others in the form of exploiting the passionate emotions of the common humans and thereby these celebrities lap into the sphere of immorality.

Moreover, it is pertinent to reiterate that the noble professions tend to serve the well-being of fellow humans and society alike. Professional ethics entail a cluster of values and principles that guide the behaviour of the professionals concerning what is right and what is wrong based on loyalty, accountability, honesty, and respect for the law. Hence, the celebrities’ acts of promoting harmful practices like tobacco consumption certainly are incompatible with the professional moral principles since it entails responsibilities to serve larger social interests.

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