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BJP Most Preferred Choice of Voters: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday cited poll data for Assembly elections over the decades to assert that the BJP has become people's most preferred choice for governance as its record of retaining power is better than the Congress and other parties. Speaking at the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, he said not any leader but "team spirit" should be credited for the party's big win in the recent Assembly polls, noting that besides winning in three States, the party's strength has also grown in Telangana and Mizoram, sources said. The Prime Minister also asked party leaders to use the language preferred by the masses in their interaction with them. While giving an example, he said they should use "Modi ki guarantee" instead of "Modi ji ki guarantee".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives for the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting at the Parliament House in New Delhi PTI

they won 18 of 36 times when in power, notching up a success rate of 50 per cent. It shows that the BJP is the most preferred party for running the Government, he said. In the case of a party in power in a State for two terms facing Assembly elections, the Congress' success rate is only 14 per cent compared to the BJP's 59 per cent, he added.

The Prime Minister reiterated that the four biggest "castes" for him are the poor, youth, women and farmers, and party leaders should work for their development. He asked MPs to participate in "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra", a Government exercise aimed at saturation coverage of various welfare schemes. Modi later wrote on X,

"Earlier today, attended the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting. Our party karyakartas are buoyed by the party's performance in the recent Assembly elections and are looking forward to working even harder in the times to come, spreading the message of development among people of all walks of life".

"We will continue to fulfil people's aspirations and empower the poorest, downtrodden and marginalised," he added. Earlier, Modi was given a standing ovation at the meeting following the party's stupendous win in three Assembly polls. Party MPs raised slogans lauding his leadership as senior leaders, including BJP president JP Nadda, felicitated Modi at the first meeting of the BJP Parliamentary Party in Parliament's Winter Session. The BJP scored a thumping win over the Congress in the Assembly polls in three States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. Modi's leadership has been cited as the primary reason for its big win. Even as the Congress snatched power from the BRS in Telangana, the BJP's vote share and tally rose. The BJP Parliamentary Party, which includes all its Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members, generally meets every week during sessions. In the meetings, its leaders, including Modi, speak on different issues relevant to the agenda in Parliament and also to its organisational and political campaigns. Modi greeted with slogans by treasury benches in the Rajya Sabha. Modi was greeted with the thumping of desks and slogans by Treasury Benches as he entered the Rajya Sabha during the Question Hour on

Thursday. He attends the Question Hour proceedings every Thursday, the day when queries related to the departments he handles are listed. This is the first time he entered the Rajya Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament that started on December 4. Soon after the Prime Minister entered the Upper House, some members also started raising slogans like "BJP guarantee, Modi guarantee" and "Teesri baar, Modi Sarkar" as he assumed his seat next to the Leader of the House Piyush Goyal. BJP president J P Nadda was also present in the House. In a separate event during the day, the Prime Minister urged people to become 'Viksit Bharat Ambassadors', saying it is an ideal way to spread the development agenda and utilise "our energies to fulfill our mission to make India a developed nation". Modi said 140 crore Indians have shown the world what people-powered development is. "Let us join in this mass movement by signing up on NaMo App, and accepting the 100 day challenge of performing simple but highly impactful tasks in the Viksit Bharat Ambassador module," he said. Modi said he looks forward to personally meeting some of the most energetic and bright ambassadors from all walks of life.

US and Canada not on the same page for India on Khalistan: EAM

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said there was no question of "equitable treatment" of the United States and Canada in relation to the allegations that Indian officials were involved in the targeting of Khalistan separatists in the two countries, as one had provided inputs to India and the other had not. Making this assertion in the Rajya Sabha, he also informed the Rajya Sabha that India has constituted an inquiry committee to look into the inputs received from the US as these have a bearing on the country's national security. He made this assertion days after Washington alleged an Indian link to a foiled plot to kill Sikh separatist Gurbhag Singh Pannun on its soil. Replying to a supplementary question on the US charges, the Minister said it is not directly connected to the original question which was on the foreign visits of Union Ministers. "Insofar as the US is concerned, certain inputs were given to us as part of our security cooperation with the United States. Those inputs were of concern to us because they (were) related to the nexus of organised crime, trafficking and other



matters. "Because they have a bearing on our own national security, it was decided to institute an enquiry into the matter and an inquiry committee has been constituted," he said. The Minister was also asked why there was no equitable treatment with regard to charges made by the Canadian Government. In response, he said, "Insofar as Canada is concerned, no specific evidence or inputs were provided to us. So, the question of equitable treatment to two countries, one of whom has provided input and one of whom has not, does not arise." Last month, US federal prosecutors charged Indian national Nikhil Gupta with working with an Indian Government employee in the foiled plot to kill Pannun, who holds dual citizenship of the US and Canada.



Centre promises Chennai relief

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CHENNAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has directed the Ministry of Home Affairs to release in advance the second instalment of the Centre's contribution to the SDRF of ₹493.60 crore to Andhra Pradesh and ₹450 crore to Tamil Nadu in view of the floods caused by cyclone Michaung, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said. Meanwhile in Chennai, following an aerial survey and a high-level meeting with Chief Minister MK Stalin at the Secretariat, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the first instalment of ₹450 crore had been released earlier to the State. "PM Modi is distressed by loss of lives in TN due to rains, flood," he said. In a post on X, Shah said the Prime Minister has also approved the first urban flood mitigation project of ₹561.29 crore for 'Integrated Urban Flood Management activities for Chennai Basin Project' under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF), which also includes Central assistance of ₹500 crore. The severe cyclonic storm Michaung has affected Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Though the extent of damage is varied, many areas of these States have been inundated, affecting standing crops, the Home Minister said. "To help the State Governments with the management of relief necessitated by the cyclonic storm, PM @narendramodi directed the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to release in advance the Central share of the 2nd instalment of SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) of ₹493.60 crore to Andhra Pradesh and ₹450 crore to Tamil Nadu," he said. "I pray for the safety and well-being of all those affected. We stand with them in this crucial hour and will ensure the situation normalises at the earliest," Shah said. Michaung left behind a trail of destruction in Andhra Pradesh, damaging 770-kilometre roads, uprooting trees and killing livestock. According to data shared by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), nearly 40 lakh people from 194 villages and two towns were affected by Michaung's impact.

Telangana welcomes its new Chief Minister

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Congress legislature party leader A Revanth Reddy was on Thursday sworn in as Chief Minister of Telangana which was attended by top Congress leaders, including Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan administered the oath of office and secrecy to Revanth Reddy and the Ministers at L B Stadium. Congratulatory messages poured for Reddy from top leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but the new CM's 'Bihari DNA' remark recently drew sharp reactions from BJP leaders who sought explanation not only from him but top Congress and its ally INDIA Bloc members. Members of Opposition parties, including Chief Ministers Mamata Banerjee, Hemant Soren, MK Stalin and others like Sharad Pawar, Sitaram Yechury were invited personally by Revanth by phone calls but none could make it due prior scheduled engagements however maximum of them had

participation in the oath ceremony by their representatives. Modi assured the new CM all possible support to further the progress of the State. "Congratulations to Revanth on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Telangana. I assure all possible support to further the progress of the state and the welfare of its citizens," Modi said. Besides Revanth, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka (Deputy Chief Minister), N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkata Reddy, C Damodar Rajanarasimha, D Sridhar Babu, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Ponnamp Prabhakar, Konda Surekha, D Anasuya (popularly known as Seethakka), Tummala Nageswara Rao and Juppally Krishna Rao took oath as Ministers. Senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, his deputy D K Shivakumar, and Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu also attended the ceremony.

Make in India eyeing one trillion

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The Centre on Thursday claimed exports of manufacturing-based products have increased significantly due to the Make-in-India programme, leading to a huge growth in employment opportunities in the country. Buoyed by the 'inflection turnaround', Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said earlier the services sector used to dominate the export figures, but pharmaceuticals, mobile phones and merchandise have replaced it now. He attributed the increase in the export of manufactured goods to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Make-In-India programme. According to 2022-23 export data, of total exports of USD 762 billion, USD 453 billion came from manufactured goods and USD 309 billion from services, the Minister said. "This is a big turning point. It is a reflection of change in the



country's economy. Manufacturing-based exports impact a common man's life. If we study the economy of countries like Japan and South Korea, we will see that they all, during their economic journey, focussed on manufacturing while moving from low-income to middle-income and then high-income," Vaishnaw, who

holds Communications and Electronics & IT portfolios, said at a Press conference. "If we study the growth period around the 1800 or early 1900 period of countries such as the US, Germany, France, UK etc, we find that they also focussed on manufacturing for moving from low income to

middle and high income. "Countries that have passed through the growth phase, all gave importance to manufacturing. This is what Modi did as the first big economic programme, economic philosophy and economics thought that he launched, Make It India, which has a big place in that," Vaishnaw said. "It is the reflection of a series of programmes and simplifications that were introduced after the success of Make in India, Design in India, Innovate in India among others. According to him, manufacturing-based growth has enhanced employment opportunities which is obvious from the data of formal employment or the registration in the provident fund that has gone from 6 lakh monthly or around 70 lakh annually to up to 14 lakh to 15 lakh monthly or around 1.8 crores annually.

INDIA awaits BJP CMs

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Amidst the ongoing huddle, the BJP is likely to name Central observers for electing the leaders of its legislature parties in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan on Friday amid indications that new Chief Ministers may be named over the weekend. The ruling party at the Centre, which secured an immense mandate in the Hindi heartland States, came under severe criticism from Opposition parties led by the Congress. They questioned the delay in naming the Chief Ministers, even as the grand old party was swift in appointing the Chief Minister in its winning State of Telangana on the same day. A senior BJP leader said the observers for all the three States are expected to be named on Friday. They will then travel to the respective States to oversee the meetings of newly elected MLAs where the future Chief Ministers will be named.



He said no decision has been taken yet on the choices of the Chief Minister and the party will keep in mind social, regional, governance and organisational interests in picking the three CMs. Leaders from three States have been meeting the top party brass, including Home Minister Amit Shah and party president JP Nadda, but sources played down their significance, saying such meetings are routine. "So many State leaders have been meeting our national leadership. There can be only

three Chief Ministers. One should not be reading too much into it," party source said, noting that many of the probables include MPs who have resigned from Parliament and are meeting national leaders as courtesy. As per agency reports, amid the suspense over whom the BJP will pick for the Chief Minister's post in Rajasthan, a visit by five BJP MLAs to a resort on the outskirts of Jaipur city created a buzz. The father of MLA Lalit Meena claimed the newly elected legislator from

Kishanganj had been confined there by the other four. After his father informed the party office, Meena was brought there on Wednesday morning. It was not immediately clear whether the other four stayed back at the resort on Sikar Road. BJP's Rajasthan unit president CP Joshi said, "There is no 'badabandi'. The MLAs are in their constituencies," he said, adding that any decision on who will the Chief Minister will be taken after the legislature party meeting." Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, a seasoned BJP leader from Madhya Pradesh, and Baba Balaknath, who is from Rajasthan, met Shah on Thursday. Both quit Lok Sabha after becoming members of Assemblies of their States. Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, whose meeting with many newly-elected MLAs have raised a few eyebrows, is also in the national Capital. She may also meet senior party leaders, sources said.

After Gujarat, Assam seeks a spot in the UNESCO sun

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NEW DELHI

The Government on Thursday told the Parliament that Assam's Charaideo Moidams, or royal burial mounds of the Ahom dynasty is India's nomination for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List for the year 2023-24. The unique burial mounds, represented by pyramid-like structures known as 'moidams', were used by the Tai-Ahom dynasty which ruled for around 600 years in Assam, from the 13th century to the 19th century, said Union Minister for Culture and Tourism G Kishan Reddy in response to a query in the Rajya Sabha. He was asked whether the Government has finalised India's nomination for consideration as World Heritage site for 2023-24 and the rationale behind the selection of sites for nominations. In his written reply to the question, Reddy said, "The nomination dossier of 'Group of Moidams-The Mound Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty' has been submitted as India's nomination for the year 2023-



24." "Selection of sites or properties for World Heritage nomination depends upon its Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), Authenticity and Integrity. These sites must fulfil one of the criteria of OUV as mentioned in the UNESCO Operational Guidelines, 2023," the Minister added. The Moidams contain the remains of Ahom dynasty royalty. Previously, the Ahoms were buried, but after the 18th century, they adopted the Hindu mode of cremation, and bones and ashes were enclosed in a "moidam" which is an earthen pyramid. These moidams are commonly known as the pyramids of Assam.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ram Chander Saini S/o Sh. Dharam Chand Saini, R/o H. No. 15/17, Near Hanuman Mandir, Badwalidhani, Ward No. 4, Hisar (Haryana), declared that my daughter Meena is out of my control, I evicted her from my all movable-immovable properties and have ended our relationship with her. anyone dealing with my daughter Meena will be self responsible. Not me or my family.

I, Safalta Rani Thaper W/o Late Seizer Pal Thaper R/o #78, Moden Town Kharar, Mohali disown my son Mohit Thaper from all my moveable & immovable properties. Anybody deal with him at their own risk.

I, Nilam Sharma w/o Shiv Kumar r/o VPO Khunda (Gurdaspur) declare that I am also known as Suman Rani alias Suman Sharma. Concerned note.

I, Hari Om, S/o Krishan Kumar, R/o House No.318, Binjhol Mod Village Maharana, Panipat, declare that my son Sandeep and his wife are out of my control. So I disown them from my movable and immovable property. In future, I and my family will not have any relation with them and any person dealing with them will be responsible for himself. There will be no responsibility for me or my family.

I Army No-15418280f, Rank-Hav Name: Rokade Tanhaji Bhalchandra S/O Bhalchandra R/O Command Hospital, Western Command, Chandimandir, Panchkula, Haryana, Permanent Address: Village & Po Vadgaonpur, Tehsil Ambegao, Distt. Pune, Maharashtra, Declare That, I Have Changed My Wife Name From Manisha Tanhaji Rokade (As Per Nk Record) To Rokade Manisha Tanhaji.

I, Kiran Kumari Dob 07-07-1988 (Existing Name And Dob In The Service Documents Of My Father) Daughter Of No 14263037-W Ex. Hav Arun Kumar Resident Of Village Barwasni Tehsil And Distt Sonipat (Haryana) 131001 Have Changed My Name And Dob From Kiran Kumari Dob 07-07-1988 To Kiran Dob 01-03-1989 (Existing In My Civil Documents) Vide Affidavit Dated 07-12-2023 At District Court Sonipat (Haryana).

I Harnesh Singh S/O Mewa Singh R/O Chak Karman Tehsil & District Ropar Declare That In Some Documentary Proofs, The Name Of My Father Is Mentioned/Spelt As Mewa Singh And In Some Proofs His Name Is Mentioned As Meva Singh Both Names Of Same And Single Person. He Also Known With Both Names.

I Manoj Kumar S/O Pyare Lal R/O #1365/A, Morigate, Manimajra, Chandigarh Disown My Son Himanshu, His Wife Anchal Sharma From My Moveable/ Immoveable Properties. They Are Out Of My Control. If Anybody Deals With Them They Will Do Their Own Risk/Responsibility.

We Naresh Kumar S/O Pyare Lal And Rina W/O Naresh Kumar R/O Almageer Tehsil Derabassi District Mohali Declare That Our Son Vijay Kumar And His Wife Tajinder Kaur And Their Son Vishal, Vivek And Sukpreet Are Out Of Our Control. So We Disown All Of Them From All Our Movable And Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Jiwani W/o Ram Jabar, House 730/15, BDC Sector 26, Chandigarh inform that my son's Munna and Deepak out of my control. I disown them from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Jaswant Singh S/o Kishan Singh R/o Village Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal declares that my son Virender Singh and his wife Usha Rani and my son Arun Kumar and his wife Saffu Pundir are out of my control so I disown them from my all moveable / Immoveable properties. They all are fully responsible for their work/ dealing. Deal with them at your own risk. Please note.

I, Suraj Prakash son of Sh. Pritam Dass resident of H. No 879, sector 47-A, Chandigarh do hereby declare that I have disown my son Rahul and his wife Riya from my all moveable/immovable properties. I will not responsible for any dealing by my son with any other person on his behalf and on my behalf. I will not responsible for any for any liabilities/transaction.

I, Komal spouse of No.2810060W L/NK Jagdhane Vikrant Kisanrao resident of Village- Phulenagar, Post-Nandgaon, Tehsil- Nandgaon, District- Nashik, State-Maharashtra, Pin- 423106, have changed my name from Komal to Komal Vikrant Jagdhane Vide affidavit No.IN-PB63505621676942V dated 01 Dec 2023 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Kavita Devi spouse of No.14664673M Hav Anil Kumar resident of Village- Gordanpur, Post- Gordanpur, Tehsil-Luksar, District- Haridwar, State-Uttarakhand, Pin-247663, have changed my name from Kavita Devi to Kavita Vide affidavit No.IN-PB64750562036518V dated 06 Dec 2023 before notary public Pathankot

I, Mewa Devi Mother of No.4201392N L/Hav Anil Kumar resident of Village- Dhaki, Post-Bandhara, Tehsil- Tijara, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301411, have changed my name from Mewa Devi to Mewa Vide affidavit No.IN-PB64819703564807V dated 06 Dec 2023 before notary public Pathankot

I, Vandna Singh spouse of No.4200756H Hav Rajan Singh resident of Village- Mawai, Post-Mawai, Tehsil- Churhat, District-Sidhi, State- MP, Pin- 486771, have changed my name from Vandna Singh to Vandana Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB65213179056981V dated 07 Dec 2023 before notary public Pathankot

I Chavda Jayshreeben Maheshbhai spouse of No. 17020856L Rank SEP Name - Chavda Maheshbhai Nathabhai residing at H.no. 95 Vadi Vistar Ishwariya Taluka Veralad distt. Gir Somnath Gujarat Pin 362268 that I have changed my name from Jayshti to Chavda Jayshreeben Maheshbhai . Concerned note

I Deepa Rani W/o Vikram Jain R/O H.no. 58 Gobind Nagar Mahesh Nagar Ambala Cantt that in my daughter's Kirti Jain CBSE matriculation certificate my name is wrongly mentioned as Deepa Jain but my actual name is Deepa Rani . Concerned note

I Renu Bala W/o Ashok kumar R/O B-13/62, Near Qadian Chungi, Dharampura Mohalla, Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. declare that Correct name of my daughter Minakshi Bhagat, But the time of admission and in school record my daughter's name has been recorded as Minakshi, My Daughter known as Minakshi Bhagat Not Minakshi, Pls all concerned note.

Bala W/O ex. Mangat Ram permanent resident of village Khanauda, district and tehsil Kaithal, Both my sons Mukesh and Manish are married. Both my sons and my two daughters-in-law are out of my ear, therefore I evict all four of them from my movable and immovable property, we will have nothing to do with them in the future.

I, Bachna Ram S/o Jiva Ram R/O Ward No.14, Fouji Plot, Pehowa Kurukshetra My Son Vizay Kumar and his wife Devika is out of my control. I, disown them from all My moveable and immoveable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Own risk.

I, Pinki W/o Late Ravi R/O H.No. 311-B, Near Valmik Mandir, Mohalla Axtar Nagar, Jalandhar declare that my son Nitin (Unmarried aged 20 years is out of my control. I disinherit him from my moveable and immovable properties. I and my family shall not be held responsible for any of his acts, deeds and things.

I, Anita Kumari W/o Aujan Singh R/o Village Ranipur Thinga, VPO Ranipur, Tehsil & District Pathankot, Declare That All Documents My Name Entered As Anita Kumari, But My Daughter Meeta Devi Whose Date of Birth 19-10-2007 is Holding S.S.A Account No.1380070 in Post Office Passbook/Record My Name is Wrongly Entered As Pooja, So Anita Kumari & Pooja is The Name of One Person. Kindly Note.

IJC580742N Rank Sub and Hony Lt Karan Singh VPO Safdarpur Tehsil Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Punjab have changed my address to Village Patti Kullian PO Safdarpur Tehsil Dasuya (Hoshiarpur).

I, Kiran Devi is legally wedded Spouse of Army No-JC No-344152A, Rank-Naib Subedar, Name- Rakesh Kumar Tiwari Address -VIII -Nagdlipur Post-Reotipur, Dist- Ghazipur, Teh- Zamaniya State- Uttar Pradesh Pin - 232328 declare that I have changed my name from Kiran Devi to Kiran Tiwari. Vide affidavit No- JD 0032426724, Dated-06/12/23

I, Varsha Singh is legally wedded Spouse of Army No 18002034F Rank- Hav Name Amresh Kumar Singh Presently Serving in 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address- Village-Naiki Hesag, Post-Kanhachatti Teh- Chatra, Dist- Chatra State -Jharkhand, Pin - 825401 declare that I have changed my date of birth from 16/07/1995 To 20/10/1995 Vide Affidavit No- JD 0032426723, Dated-06-12-23

मैं दिलराज पुत्र खैरती लाल निवासी नारायणपुर तहसील रायपुररानी (पंचकुला) ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरा पुत्र अमीर खान मेरे कहने सुनने से बाहर है। मैं अपनी पुत्र अमीर खान को अपनी तमाम चल अवल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। इनसे लेनदेन व सम्बन्ध रखने वाला स्वयं जिम्मेदार रहेगा।

मैं, मनीष राठी पुत्र राजेश राठी निवासी 813/34, विजय नगर, रोहतक ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरी बहन उषा राठी मेरे व मेरे परिवार के कहने-सुनने से बाहर है, इसलिए मैं उससे अपने सभी संबंध विच्छेद करता हूँ। भविष्य में उससे कार्य व लेन-देन करने वाला व्यक्ति स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा, मेरी व मेरे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

CHANGE OF NAME

I Manjit Singh s/o Sardul Singh R/O #2678 Sector 40-C Chandigarh have changed my name from Manjit Singh to Manjit Singh Bhamra.

I, Gaurav S/o Raj Kumar Goel R/O H.No. 1246/1, Falsa Mohalla, Sonipat have changed my name to Gaurav Goel for all future purposes.

I, Shallu Goel W/o Gaurav Goel R/O H.No. 1246/1, Falsa Mohalla, Sonipat have changed my name to Shalu Goel for all future purposes.

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Babu Ram R/O Village Rail Majra, Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar have changed my name from Pawan Kumar to Pawan Kumar Sharma. Pawan Kumar is my given name and Sharma is my surname.

I, Arundeeep Singh S/o Late Sh. Williamdeep Singh R/O H.No.: B002-09438/01, Mehak Nagar Hungria Road Kharar, SAS Nagar Mohali(Pb) have changed my name from Arundeeep Singh to Sunveer Singh. Both Names are one and the same person.

I, Rakesh Kumar Kansal S/o Sh. Late M.P. Gupta R/O H No. 136, Sector 32-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar Kansal to Rakesh Kansal.

I, Mamta Vij D/o Sh. Naval Kishore Vij W/o Sh. Ashok Anand R/O VPO Katgarh, Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab) have changed my name from Mamta Vij to Mamta (After Marriage).

I, Yashodamma Mother of Surumalli Raja Sekhar, R/O #3341/1, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh have changed my Name from Yashodamma to Surumalli Yashodamma vide affidavit dated 07.12.2023 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Durgamma Sister of Surumallu Raja Sekhar, R/O #3341/1, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh have changed my Name from Durgamma to Gedala Durgamma vide affidavit dated 07.12.2023 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Surya Kala K Mother of Vsser Vamsi Kolukuluri R/O #1413, Sector 47-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Surya Kala K to Kolukuluri Suryakala vide Affidavit Dated 07-12-2023 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Seetha Rama Raju K father of Vsser Vamsi Kolukuluri R/O #1413, Sector 47-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Seetha Rama Raju K to Kolukuluri Seetha Rama Raju vide Affidavit Dated 07-12-2023 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

Manjit Singh s/o Late Sh. Avtar Singh (aadhar card number 7793 6825 2758) R/O House number 12, sant Fateh Singh Nagar, dugri road , model Town, Ludhiana declares that I have changed my name from Manjeet Singh to Manjit Singh. Manjeet Singh and Manjit Singh is one and the same person. concerned note.

I, Dheeraj Sharma W/o Shri Bhagwan R/o Vill. Fazilpur Distt Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Dheeraj for all purposes.

I Suman W/O Sushil Rana H No 263 Sector 12A Village Raily Panchkula Haryana. Have Changed My Name From Suman Rani To Suman.

I, Parsuram S/O Shivji R/O H. No 345-46, Loha Mandi, Hisar (Hry.) have changed my name from Parsuram to Parshuram Tiwari for all purposes in future.

I, Ritesh Kumar Sharma S/O Late Rajender Kumar R/O #522, Sector-10, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Ritesh Kumar to Ritesh Kumar Sharma.

I, Jyoti W/o Rahul Sharma R/O 1084-A, Dwarika Puri Colony, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Jyoti to Jyoti Sharma.

I, Rohan S/O Dinesh Oberoi R/O 474, Joginder Nagar, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rohan to Rohan Oberoi.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Both Raj R/O Street No. 1-A, Gautam Nagar Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Naresh Kumar to Naresh Kumar Gupta. Concerned note.

I Dilbag S/o Dalip Singh R/o 399,VPO Sheikhpura Khalsa, Gharaunda, District Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Dilbag Kadian to Dilbag for all future purposes.

I, Hardip Singh s/o Ajit Singh resident of Village Qadian Gujran Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak Distt: Gurdaspur have changed my name Hardip Singh TO Hardeep Singh.

I, Parminder Mann S/o Davinder Mann R/o NIT Kurukshetra, Tehsil-Thanesar, Distt-Kurukshetra, have changed my minor son name from Yuvraj Mann to Jayaditya Mann.

I, Priyanka Ahlawat W/o Parminder Mann R/o NIT Kurukshetra, Tehsil-Thanesar, Distt-Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Priyanka Ahlawat to Priyanka Mann.

I, Preet Simar S/o Bhupinder Singh #6026-A Ground Floor, aman Homes, Sector 123 new Sunny Enclave Jandpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab. I have changed my name from Preet Simar to Preet Simar Singh.

I Diksha Bhoat (New Name) D/O: Sanjay, Labour Hostal, Near Kush Chowk, Krishna Nagar, Shimla Urban(T), H.P Declare That I have changed my name from Diksha (Previous Name) to Diksha Bhoat (New Name) All concerned please may note.

I, Dalbir Singh S/o Sumer Singh, R/O Ward No.18, Saudapur, Panipat declare that my name Dalbir has been recorded in my passport. But in my other document my name is Dalbir Singh. Dalbir and Dalbir Singh Both are my names. In future I will be known as Dalbir Singh.

I, Navdeep Singh s/o Harpal Singh r/o Vill. Udhowali Kalan, Teh. Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Navdeep singh to Navdeep singh. Concerned note.

I, Manish s/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar, R/O Flat no 2112-D, Fourth Floor, Block No. 27, Chandigarh Housing Board, Sector 63, Chandigarh have changed my name to Manish Dhiman.

I Ram Kumar s/o Ram Chander r/o village Bhagal tehsil Guhla distt Kaithal Haryana inform that I have changed my name from Ram Kumar Punia to Ram Kumar.

I Ankita allies Ankita Garg D/o Jitender Kumar Garg R/O H. No.384/2 Dev Nagar Near param Hans Kutia, Panipat declare that Ankita allies Ankita garg both are name same girl. Ankita know me in future.

I, Payal Mittal w/o Sh.Amit Mittal R/O H.no. 3059, Second Floor, Eldeco County, Sec-19, Sonipat have changed my name from Payal to Payal Mittal for all future purposes.

I, Suresh Mittal S/o Dei Ram Mittal R/O H.no. 3059, Second Floor, Eldeco County, Sec-19, Sonipat have changed my name from Suresh Chand Aggarwal to Suresh Mittal for all future purposes.

I No 14549269H Hav Ram Kumar , r/o Kharak Ramji tehsil and district jind have changed my daughter name from Sonia Rani to Sonia and also changed Date of birth 14.08.1997 to 09.08.1997.

I Shivani D/o Sushil Kumar R/O H. No. 19, Model Town Extension, Near Sawan park Panipat, I have changed my name from Shivani to Shivani Soni for all future purposes.

I No 1087888-X rank LD Name Subhash chander r/o VPO Kharak ramji distt. Jind have declare that my son name Changed from Sudhir Kumar To Sudhir Dhandha in future all purpose.

I, Sunita Garg W/o Vinod Kumar Garg R/O 1198/4, Mal Godam Road, Rohtak, declare that I have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Garg, In future for all purposes.

I Krishna Devi W/o Rajinder Kumar R/O H.No- 34D Dayal Bagh Ambala cantt Have changed my name from Krishna Devi Saini to Krishna Devi.

I Mukesh S/o Chuhar Ram R/O Village Pathreri Tehsil Naraingarh Distt Ambala have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Kumar

I Sonia W/O Mukesh Kumar R/O Village Pathreri Tehsil Naraingarh Distt Ambala have changed my name from Sonia to Sonia Gupta

I, Nidhi w/o Deepak Kataria r/o #903, New Prem Colony, Kaithal Road, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Nidhi to Nidhi Kataria. In future I should be known as Nidhi Kataria.

I, Kuldeep s/o Mohinder Singh r/o Village Phosgarh, Tehsil Indri, Distt. Karnal have Changed my name from Kuldeep to Kuldeep Kamboj. In future I will be known as Kuldeep Kamboj.

I, Aman s/o Mukesh Kumar r/o village Khairi, Sub Tehsil Babain, Distt. Kurukshetra Haryana declare that my father's name is wrongly mentioned as Mukesh Saini in my 10+2 certificate passed from CBSE Board. Whereas my father's correct name is Mukesh Kumar.

I, Aman s/o Mukesh Kumar r/o village Khairi, Sub Tehsil Babain, Distt. Kurukshetra Haryana declare that my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as Mamta in my 10+2 certificate passed from CBSE Board. Whereas my mother's correct name is Mamta Devi.

I Barinder Singh Saini S/O Maghar Singh VPO Kotla Nihang, Ropar have changed my name to Barinder Singh.

I Kreeti D/o Birender Singh R/O Bharawas, Dist- Rewari, have changed my name from Kreeti to Kreeti Yadav.

I Bantu S/o Jant Singh R/o Vill-Kounda, Po-Chanju, Tehsil-Churah, Jhakla(488), Chamba, Himachal Pradesh-176321 have changed my name to Karan Thakur.

I Birender Singh S/o Sh. Giani Ram R/o Village Bharawas, District- Rewari, have changed my minor son name from Yash to Yash Yadav.

I, Jagroop Singh S/o Santokh Singh R/o Village Mehrawala, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt. Amritsar, I have changed my name to Jagroop as given name and Singh as surname.

I Sukhdav Singh S/o Swarn Singh Village Gaziwal, Tehsil Baba Bakala, distt. Amritsar. I have name Changed my Name Sukhdav Singh to Sukhdev Singh.

I Pooja Choudhary, wife of Sanjeev Kumar, resident of Village Taprian (Nangali) Post Office Bhanupalli, Tehsil Nangal, District Rupnagar have changed my name from Kajal to Pooja Choudhary.

I Gurdev Singh son of Piarra Singh Village Varnala Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed the name of my minor son from Taranpreet Singh to Tarnpreet Singh. All concerned please note it.

I, Harjot Singh s/o Gurpreet Singh resident of H No: 850, Phase-7 Mohali, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Pin:160062, Punjab, India. I have changed my name to Harjot Singh Boparai for all future purposes.

I, Hardevinder Singh, S/o Sh.Gurbachan Singh Kang, R/o House no.6010 duplex modern housing complex, mainmajra, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Hardevinder Singh to Hardevinder Singh Kang.

I Preeti Malik Wife of Ankit Malik, Resident of House No. 22, Shri Balaji Golf View, Dera Bassi, Tehsil Dera Bassi, Distt. SAS Nagar have changed my name Preeti Puri from Preeti Malik.

I, Santosh Goyal W/o Pardeep Kumar, 11 Shanti Nagar Ward 2, Nilokheri (Karnal), have changed name to Santosh.

I, Kusum Nahata Alias Kusum Jain Lalwani W/o Sh. Ravindra Kumar Lalwani, R/o Flat No. 1002, Tower H, Victoria Heights, Pir Machhaila, SAS Nagar, Punjab. That I have changed my name from Kusum Nahata Alias Kusum Jain Lalwani to Kusum Lalwani.

I, Jeevan Singh Rai S/o Jagjit Singh R/o Vill Sherwani kot Teh Distt Malerkotla, have changed my name to Jeevan Singh.

I, No 13961988L Nk. Sat Pal Singh (Retd.) R/O H.No. 1450/20, Hargobind Nagar, Salarpur Road, Kurukshetra, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra declare that in my service record my wife's & Son's name is wrongly written as Babita & Amit instead of Babita Rani & Amit Singh. Note all concerns.

I, Roopa Masih s/o Narjan Masih r/o Village Mahal Mangal Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak, Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) India have changed daughter name from Daizy to Daisy Chiday. Concerned note.

I, Ram Saroop S/o Genda Ram R/o 96, Ward No. 10, Near Telephone Exchange VPO Buria, Teshil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Ram Saroop Verma.

I, Narinder Kumar s/o Ram Saroop verma R/o 15, Sector-15, HUDA, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Narinder Verma.

I, Geeta midha W/o Sh. Gaurav Kumar Midha R/o C-3/402, Kingsbury Apartments, TDI City, Kundli, Up-tehsil Rai, Sonipat have changed my name to Geeta Midha for all future purposes.

I, Beant Kaur Insan W/o Sh. Gurchinder Singh R/o Gali no.-1, Begu road, Sukhsagar colony, Sirsa (Haryana) have changed my name to Beant Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Chauhan Samshad Khan S/o Harpal Khan R/o Village Fatehgarh Channa, Tehsil Samana, District Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Samshad Khan.

I Devinder Singh S/o Randhir Singh R/o House No 207, Ward No 7, Indra Puri, Samana (Patiala) have changed my name to Davinder Singh.

I Paramjit Kaur Anand W/o Davinder Singh R/o House No 207, Ward No 7, Indra Puri, Samana (Patiala) have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur.

I, Lovepreet S/o Hem Raj R/o House No. 379, Sai Dham, Bharat Nagar, Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Lovepreet to Lovepreet Sanyare.

I, Renu Handa alias Gurpreet Kaur W/o Subhash Handa R/o H.No. 744/19, St. No.7, Guru Nanak Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) declare that both above names are mine and of one same person.

I, No.3194153X, Rank : HAV, Name Ved Prakash Resident at Village Bhojan Rajgarh, District Churu, State Rajasthan, Pin 331301, have changed my Son Name from Vikash to Vikas vide affidavit no.IN-PB 65187486086207V, Dated 07-Dec-2023 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Sushila of spouse No.3194153X,Rank HAV, Name Ved Prakash, presently Resident at Village Bhojan Rajgarh, District Churu, State Rajasthan, Pin 331301, have changed my name from Sushila devi to Sushila Affidavit no. IN-PB 65187486086207V, Dated 07-Dec-2023 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Army No. 2606714N, Hav, B Sunil Kumar Reddy, Unit of 28 Madras C/O 56 APO, Resident at Village Mahanadhi, Palli, Po. Kalasapadu, Distt. YSR Kadapa, (AP) Pin code 516217 have changed my Son Name in all documents From Bigl Vemula Harsha Vardhan Reddy to Biji Vemula Harsha Vardhan Reddy. Vide Affidavit Dated 07 December 2023 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Vincyy Kuriakose, spouse of No. 15320644M, CHM, Shiju C Jacob Unit of 22 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Resident at Chirathalackal House, Valliyathi Tehsil Kozhencherry Distt. Pathanamthitta (Kerala)Pin-689649 Declare That my date of birth 28 May 1984 Wrongly written in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct date of birth 10/02/1980.

I, Vincyy Kuriakose spouse of No. 15320644M CHM Shiju C Jacob Unit of 22 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Resident at Chirathalackal House, Valliyathi Tehsil Kozhencherry Distt. Pathanamthitta (Kerala)Pintt. 689649 have change my name in all documents from Vincyy Shiju to Vincyy Kuriakose Vide Affidavit Dated 07 December 2023 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I Tania Mengi D/o Vijay Mengi w/o Sahil Arora resident of H.No. 55 A Gali No. 7 Kirti Nagar Ferozepur City have changed my name from Tania Mengi to Tania Arora after marriage. Both names are of one Person.

I, Gurdial Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Village Galowali Colony, PO Kotla Gujjar, Tehsil Majitha, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab declare that that my father was known by two names Bachan Singh and Gurbachan Singh. Bachan Singh and Gurbachan Singh is one and the same person.

I, Hitherto Known As Heena Dhawan Daughter Of Krishan Kumar Dhawan Wife Of Saurabh Khanna Residing At H.No.65, Lawrence Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Heena Khanna.

I, Hitherto Known As Suresh Kumar Son Of Banarsi Dass Residing At Village Rajpurara, Po Sarna Station, Tehsil And District Pathankot-145025 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Onkar Singh.

I, Nisha Soni W/O Sanjeev Kumar R/O H No. 550 Gali No. 3, Friends Colony, Gopal Nagar, Majitha Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Nisha.

I, Sharanjit Kaur W/O Narinder Singh R/O Village Sarhali Manda, Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Sharanjit Kaur To Sharnjit Kaur

I, Kuldeep Singh S/O Bawa Singh R/O Village Chogawan Ajnala Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Kuldeep Singh To Kuldeep Singh

I, Sawar Jetley S/O Sudheer Jaitly R/O H.No.1416/53, Krishna Colony Zamadar Di Haveli Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Sawar Jetley To Sawar Jaitly.

I, Diksha Verma W/O Akash Verma R/O H.No.F-7/136, 63-B, Kashmir Avenue, Near Lawrence School Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Diksha Verma To Diksha

I Hitherto Known As Mohinder Kaur Alias Mindo W/O Des Raj, Residing At Vpo Mauli, Teh. Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144632, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mohinder Kaur.

I Hitherto Known As Harjinder Kaur W/O Tirath Ram, Residing At Vill. Dhak Mazara, P.O. Dayalpur, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144419, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kamla Devi.

I, Rekha Rani W/O Balwinder Singh R/O H.No.20, South City-2, Near Hanuman Mandir, Prem Nagar Bohri Sahib Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Rekha Rani To Seema Rani

I Balwinder Singh S/O Balwant Singh Gill R/O H.No.22 Professor Avenue Chheharta Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Balwinder Singh Gill.

I, Bachiter Singh S/O Jagtar Singh R/O Vpo Akarpura Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur Have Declare That Bachiter Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname

I Paramjeet W/O Dharminder Singh R/O Vpo Bolewal Teh Batala Gurdaspur 143514 I Have Change My Name From Paramjit To Paramjeet.

I Nirmala Rani wife of Rajinder Kumar #119 dasmesh enclave mundi Kharar declare that

In Punjab, get 43 citizen centric services at doorsteps from Dec 10: CM Mann

PNS ■ FATEHGARH SAHIB/CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday said that to provide citizen-centric services to the people at their doorsteps, the state government will launch the 'Bhagwant Mann Sarkar, Tuhade Dwaar' scheme on December 10.

The CM, who conducted surprise checks at Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and Bassi Pathana Saanjh Kendras, said that the move is aimed at providing these services to people smoothly and conveniently. He said that this initiative will provide hassle-free and straight access to Government 2 Citizen (G2C) services by the launch of the Door-Step Delivery (DSD). He said that this initiative will bring all 43 critical G2C services - such as Certificates of Birth and Deaths, Income, Residence, Caste, Pensions, Electricity Bill Payments and others right to the doorsteps of citizens across the state.

Mann said that the citizens can avail of the service by calling a dedicated helpline num-

ber 1076 and scheduling an appointment at their convenience, adding that people will be informed of the documents required, fees applicable and others for the service to be availed adding that citizens will receive an SMS with the list of documents required and date/ time of appointment. He said that specially trained personnel will visit their homes or offices at the scheduled time with Tablets and complete the necessary paperwork, collect fees and give an acknowledgment receipt with which the Citizen can track his application.

He said that this scheme will not only enhance the convenience of people but also eradicate the role of middlemen thereby bringing in transparency, efficiency and citizen-centric governance. He said that citizens can avail themselves of the DSD Service through both Sewa Kendras and the dedicated helpline number 1076 from December 10, 2023, onwards. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that every effort is being made to facilitate the people so that they can get



their routine administrative work done easily.

He said elaborate arrangements will be made to facilitate thousands of pilgrims coming annually to pay respect during Shaheedi Jor Mel, adding that this sacred land is a source of inspiration for not only Sikhs but the entire humanity as all of them converge here every

year to pay respect to Chhota Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri on their martyrdom day.

The Chief Minister said that as every year lakhs of pilgrims visit this place during the Shaheedi Sabha so the state government is giving a complete facelift to this town, adding that the state government is duty-bound to facilitate

the pilgrims coming to this sacred place. He said that a viable mechanism will be put in place to ensure that no pilgrim faces any sort of problem during their visit.

Mann said that December during which the entire family of Guru Gobind Singh ji was martyred is the month of mourning for the entire humanity and the state government will not hold any function of joy and happiness from December 20-30. He said that this will be a humble tribute by the state government to the supreme sacrifice made by the family of Dashmesh Pitaah.

Punjab govt to dedicate 100 more Aammi Aadmi Clinics to people

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday said that the state government will dedicate 100 new Aam Aadmi clinics to people for imparting quality healthcare services to people. Chairing a meeting to review the working of Health and Family Welfare Department, he said that the state government is committed for strengthening and trans-

forming primary health care in the state. He said that the state government has so far dedicated 664 Aam Aadmi clinics to the people in which 84 essential drugs and 40 plus diagnostics are made available to people free of cost. He said that now 100 more such clinics will be inaugurated in the coming days to provide quality treatment to people.

Mann said that Aam Aadmi Clinics are acting as a cornerstone to revamp the healthcare system in the state, pointing out that more than 80 lakh patients have benefited in such clinics so far. He said that these clinics have revolutionized the health care sector in the state thereby immensely benefiting the common man.

Dwelling on another issue, the Chief Minister asked the officers to expedite the process to operationalise the upcoming medical colleges in the state. He said that after 75 years of independence, only three medical colleges have been opened in the state. However, Mann added that in the coming year, five more Medical colleges will be opened in the state.

Rs 1,457.13 crore spent on developmental works under CSR in 3 years in Hry

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal on Thursday said that the State has been leading in the region in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) spending, with Rs 1,457.13 crore spent over the past three years. Education received Rs 538.85 crore during this period, he added.

In a meeting focused on CSR, Kaushal directed Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments (HODs), and Deputy Commissioners to submit potential projects from their respective departments eligible for implementation under CSR. The identified CSR sectors include Eradicating Hunger, Poverty, and Malnutrition, Promoting Healthcare, Preventive Health, and Sanitation, Providing Sanitation and Safe Drinking Water, Empowering Through Education, Vocational Skills, and Livelihood, Promoting Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, Environmental

Sustainability and Conservation, Preserving National Heritage, Art, and Culture, Supporting Armed Forces Veterans, Promoting Sports at All Levels, Funding Research and Development, Developing Rural Communities, Addressing Slum Area Development and Providing Disaster Management, Relief, and Rehabilitation, he added.

In the meeting, Kaushal further highlighted the importance of these efforts for real-time monitoring, ensuring effective implementation, and promoting holistic development in the state through CSR initiatives and projects. The Haryana State CSR Trust (HSCSRT) has a dedicated web portal (haryanacs.org) where all government departments and districts can submit their prospective CSR projects. These submissions are visible to HSCSRT, government departments, and corporate partners, who can also propose their potential projects via email to HSCSRT, he added.

Govt committed for welfare of serving soldiers and ex-servicemen: Hry CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Extending his tribute to the valiant individuals serving on water, land, and air on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday said that these dedicated soldiers consistently exhibit invincible bravery in various challenging circumstances to safeguard the country's borders. "We owe our gratitude to those warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation," he added.

The Chief Minister further said that the State Government is committed to the welfare of ex-servicemen and dependents of martyrs and is continuously making efforts for their upliftment. In observance of Armed Forces Flag Day, the Chief Minister also contributed to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. Emphasizing the importance of collective support, he urged all citizens to generously contribute to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. Such contributions would be instrumental in aiding the rehabilitation and resettlement of the dependents of brave soldiers who have either sacri-



ficed their lives or incurred physical disabilities while in service. Khattar expressed his pride in contributing on Armed Forces Flag Day, underscoring the significance of honoring the indomitable courage and bravery of soldiers. He highlighted Haryana's rich tradition of valor and sacrifice, emphasizing the crucial role played by the state's warriors in the defense of the nation both before and after independence. The Chief Minister particularly commended the extraordinary bravery displayed by Haryana's soldiers during the Kargil war, noting that their

actions resonated globally and showcased the strength of the Indian Army.

In another event, Haryana, Home Minister Anil Vij commemorated the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the motherland on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day. On this occasion, the Home Minister voluntarily contributed to the fund, stating that the funds collected on this day are utilised for the welfare of the dependents of the martyrs. He also encouraged the residents to contribute willingly to the donation boxes placed by Zila Sainik Board on the occasion of Flag Day.

Punjab to introduce State Skill Training Scheme to enhance Youth employability: Aman Arora

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To increase youth employability in the state, Aman Arora, Minister of Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training, on Thursday directed the department officials to set up a Working Group to finalise Punjab Skill Training Scheme.

Addressing the stakeholders and training partners during open house discussion session on the proposed scheme and optimum utilisation of Multi Skill Development Centres here at PEDACOMPLEX, Arora said that short-term training (two months to one year) courses will be undertaken under the scheme to train students in Government Schools, Colleges, Universities, ITIs, Polytechnics, Multi Skill Development Centres (MSDCs), Health Sector Development Centres (HSDCs), Rural Skill Centres (RSCs) and those candidates who are experienced but are without skill certifications, besides imparting training to vulnerable sections of the society.

Saras and Crafts Fair marked opening of Int'l Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra

PNS ■ KURUKSHETRA

Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on Thursday inaugurated the Saras and Crafts fair by lighting the ceremonial lamp on the holy banks of Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra to mark the beginning of the International Gita Mahotsav 2023 amid the resonating sound of conch shells. The festivities began with Saras and Crafts Fair, which featured artists and craftsmen from 24 states, showcasing the cultural richness of their respective regions and contributing to making the inauguration ceremony memorable.

On the occasion, the Governor expressed his reverence by offering a floral tribute to the revered scripture, Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, signifying his deep reverence.

Dattatreya expressed his views while interacting with artisans from various states, calling this event a historic occasion for everyone involved.

He expressed confidence that the Saras and Crafts Fair, a spectacular start, would be meaningful for the artisans.

While emphasizing the historic significance of commencement of the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav, he recalled the divine teachings of Lord Krishna to Arjuna on the land of Kurukshetra thousands of years ago, asserting that the message of the Gita would resonate through the ages. He highlighted that the Gita Mahotsav isn't just a celebration confined to Kurukshetra but is being observed at an international level, attracting millions from across the country and abroad.

In another event, the Governor also inaugurated the media centre established for the International Gita Mahotsav-2023. Dattatreya praised both the central and state governments for their collaborative efforts in effectively disseminating the teachings of the

holy book, the Bhagavad Gita, to the masses.

He said that the Mahotsav, now held in various countries, is facilitated by the media, the fourth pillar of democracy, which plays a crucial role in spreading its message and also highlighted Kurukshetra's significance as a spiritual, religious, and educational centre.

The governor stated that the development of the pilgrimage sites on the 48 Kos Kurukshetra land began after the formation of the Kurukshetra Development Board. According to ancient beliefs, there are hundreds of pilgrimage sites spread throughout this area, of which the Board has documented approximately one hundred and sixty-four (164) pilgrimage sites so far. Kurukshetra, often regarded as a city of religion, karma, righteousness, and salvation, is currently educating students about the profound teachings of the Holy book Bhagavad Gita, he added.

Pb minister sets target to double treated water usage for irrigation

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Soil and Water Conservation Minister Chetan Singh Jauramajra, on Thursday, directed department officials to aim for a twofold increase in treated water usage for irrigation, besides focusing on leveraging pond water to reduce dependence on underground water sources.

He reviewed the working of the department in a maiden meeting at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, here and emphasized the Government's firm commitment towards welfare of farming community of the state.

Jauramajra asked the officials to chalk out new programmes and intensify ongoing water conservation and management works, stressing on maximizing surface water use by increasing canal and treated water use in agriculture. He also laid special emphasis on



using village pond water as it would not only reduce ground water drawl but will also improve village ecosystems as regular recirculation of pond water reduces environmental pollution.

Reviewing the watershed scheme in Kandi region, the Minister stressed on improving livelihood of landless and women communities by providing them with financial assistance and training and also providing support on plan-

tations in convergence with Horticulture department.

The departmental officers made a presentation to the minister highlighting the works being implemented by the department and stressed the fact that the major thrust area of department is increasing irrigation water use efficiency and developing alternate and new surface water-based irrigation water sources for irrigation because almost 94% of state's water resources are being used in agriculture sector alone.

The officers apprised the minister about various new initiatives being planned by the department in near future. It is pertinent to mention here that major works of department include underground pipeline system, treated water use in agriculture, drip and sprinkler systems, rain water harvesting, check dam construction watershed based programmes besides others.

BRIEFS

HIMACHAL CM ATTENDS OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF NEW CM OF TELANGANA



Shimla: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu congratulated Revanth Reddy on assuming the office of Chief Minister of Telangana State and also attended the oath-taking ceremony of Revanth Reddy and his Cabinet at Hyderabad. In a statement issued in Shimla, Sukhu expressed hope that Telangana State will progress leaps and bounds under the newly formed congress government as the people have bestowed their faith in the leadership of Reddy and the Congress party.

PGI DIRECTOR INAUGURATES SKIN BANK AND CME ON "ADVANCES IN BURN CARE AND SKIN BANKING"

Chandigarh: Prof Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh inaugurated Skin Bank at the Department of Plastic Surgery on Thursday. Atul Parashar, Head Department of Plastic Surgery, PGIMER Chandigarh informed that it is one of the first Skin Banks in the Northern Region. Skin Bank facility will be very useful for patients with major burn injuries. The Director also inaugurated a CME on "Advances in Burn Care and Skin Banking." In a statement, the leading experts in the field of burn injuries shared their insights on the latest developments in burn management, ranging from innovative surgical techniques to advancements in post-burn rehabilitation. Skin is the largest organ of the human body with crucial protective function, and skin lost due to burns must be replaced by skin from elsewhere. This process is called 'skin grafting', and uses skin harvested from either the patient's own body, or donated skin from deceased individuals, they added.

HOODA DEMANDS INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO HOCH TRAGEDY IN HRY

Chandigarh: Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Thursday demanded an independent inquiry to probe the hooch tragedy in the State. "Deaths due to poisonous liquor are not stopping in the State. Within 3 years, incidents like Sonipat, Panipat, Ambala and Yamunanagar have taken place in Haryana in which dozens of people died due to poisonous liquor. This is not possible without protection. Despite major incidents, the government did not take action against any big players," he alleged. Commenting on the election results of five states, Hooda told the reporters in Chandigarh that the party is reviewing the reasons for the defeat. "However, if we look at the results in depth, Congress has got about 10 lakh more votes than BJP in four states. Even in Haryana's neighboring Rajasthan, the difference in votes between BJP and Congress was only two percent. Congress has won 29 out of 34 seats adjoining Haryana," he stated.

EVERY MONTH CITIZENS WILL RECEIVE ELECTRICITY BILLS: HRY POWER MINISTER

Chandigarh: Haryana Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister Ranjit Singh on Thursday said that every consumer will get their electricity bill each month. He said this while attending the 'Bijli Panchayat' organised by the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam at the Public Works Department Rest House in Hisar. On the occasion, he addressed the concerns of urban and rural consumers. Representatives from 20 Gram Panchayats of four districts and various villages presented their concerns before the Energy Minister during the Bijli Panchayat. Addressing the issue of delayed billing, he stated that a meeting would be held soon to quickly make decisions so that citizens could receive their electricity bills every month.

GOVT FORMS GURUGRAM METRO RAIL LIMITED TO IMPLEMENT METRO CONNECTIVITY PROJECT FROM MILLENNIUM CITY CENTRE TO CYBER CITY GURUGRAM

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, who is also the Chairman of Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation, on Thursday said that it has been decided to form a new company, Gurugram Metro Rail Limited, to implement the metro connectivity project from Millennium City Centre to Cyber City Gurugram. This will provide a circular mobility corridor connecting Millennium city centre to Subhash Chowk to Railway station, Rezagala Chowk to Cyber city coming full circle. Further, this will be taken up by the new company which will be headed by the Union Secretary for urban Development with Joint venture of 50% each of the Government of India and Haryana Government. While all upcoming projects will be implemented by the new company, the existing Rapid metro project will be dealt by HMRTC. Kaushal said this while presiding over the 54th meeting of Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation (HMRTC) here in Chandigarh.

OVER 110,000 GOVT JOBS OFFERED TO YOUTHS PURELY BASED ON THEIR MERIT: HRY MIN

Chandigarh: Haryana School Education, Forest, and Environment Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar on Thursday said that in Haryana, over 110,000 government jobs have been offered to youths purely based on their merit without any cost or bias, significantly uplifting their morale. More than one lakh youth have been trained under the Haryana Skill Development Corporation, which provides education and training in employment-related subjects to the youth. Gujjar formally inaugurated the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra-Jan Samvad Programme' in Sankhera and Jathari villages of Jagadhri. Participating as the chief guest, the Minister encouraged the villagers to avail themselves of the government's welfare schemes, listened to their concerns, and provided immediate directives for solutions.

With IIT Madras, Hry Police to start pilot project in Panchkula for timely medical assistance to accident victims

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To improve road safety and ensure timely medical assistance for accident victims, Haryana Director General of Police Shatrughan Kapur on Thursday said that a pilot project will be started soon in Panchkula in collaboration with IIT Madras. This project, aimed at optimizing emergency response to road accidents, will be implemented in Panchkula. Additionally, a proposal has been submitted to the Haryana government to provide free medical treatment to

accident victims for the first 48 hours, he added.

Addressing a virtual meeting with senior police officers of the traffic wing across the state, Kapur highlighted the importance of the project and its potential impact. He explained that the initiative involves the development of a mobile app called 'Sanjaya.' This app will provide crucial information to first responders, including the location of the nearest blood banks, ambulances, and hospitals. This will significantly improve the timeliness and efficiency of medical

care for injured victims.

"The golden hour after a road accident is critical for survival," Kapur emphasized. "This app will play a vital role in ensuring that victims receive the medical attention they need during this critical period."

Apart from providing real-time ambulance availability data, "Sanjaya" will also feature maps of major roads, national highways, state highways, and district roads. Moreover, hospitals will be rated based on their performance in treating accident victims. This rating system is intended to further

enhance the quality of care provided to injured individuals.

Kapur also stressed the need for strict adherence to traffic rules, particularly lane driving. It was informed in the meeting that a total of 1,83,962 challans for lane driving have been issued by the Police Department from January 01, 2023 to November 30, 2023 from which a total fine of Rs 13,77,81,950 has been collected. So far this year, a total of 13 special drives against lane driving have been conducted in which a total of 38,758 challans have been issued.



Artists performing at the 13th Chandigarh National Crafts Mela at Kalagram on Thursday.

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Situation remains grim in parts of Chennai, suburbs

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Parts of the city and its suburbs in adjoining districts remained water-logged on Thursday, days after Cyclone Michuung brought torrential downpour, paralysing life in the metropolis and its surrounding areas. Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Chengalpatt bore the brunt of cyclone Michuung, which crossed the coast in Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday, before it brought heavy rains to the said four districts on December 4. The government said relief activities have been expedited and that efforts to pump out stagnant water were on in different places in the city. Velachery and parts of west Tambaram suffered from waterlogging today as well, even as food packets were air-dropped in the Pallikaranai area here. Manali in north Chennai was among the severely affected areas. Officials said drinking water, 12,000 litres of milk, milk powder, bed-



Cyclone Michuung

sheets and food for about 15,000 people in Manali have been dispatched. Residents complained of inflated milk prices in many localities. Chief Minister M K Stalin visited Anakaputhur locality near the city and reviewed the relief work underway. He also distributed food to the affected people. The opposition hit out at the ruling DMK over the pace of relief work. AIADMK general secretary and Leader of Opposition, Edappadi K Palaniswami claimed that of the 35,000 key interior roads under the city corporation, 20,000 were still inundated. In a statement, he questioned the government's assertion of implementing a Rs 4,000 crore storm water drain project in the city and demanded that CM Stalin release a white paper on the matter. PMK leader and former Union Minister Dr Anbumani Ramadoss said normalcy was yet to return in many parts of the affected districts and urged the government to speed up the work.

Cyclone flattens crops in AP, leaves farmers in despair

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

On December 5, Cyclone 'Michuung' hit the coast of Andhra Pradesh with destructive winds and heavy rains, flattening thousands of acres of standing crops, inflicting huge losses on farmers in the state. While the state government has assured compensation, the tenant farmers, a severely affected lot are not hopeful of relief as they believe it may not reach them. They said the landowners may not share the relief sums with them. According to

information shared by the Nellore district administration, agricultural crops in more than 8,400 acres and horticultural crops in 1,700 acres were damaged. In Krishna district, paddy crops in 17,000 hectares, groundnut in 903 hectares, black gram in 2,275 hectares and cotton in 213 hectares, among others were destroyed. A statewide estimate of the crop loss is yet to emerge as a note from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said agriculture and horticulture damage will be assessed after rainwater recedes.

2015 attack on BSF convoy NIA attaches properties of 2 LeT terrorists

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

The National Investigation Agency on Thursday attached the properties of two key Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives for their involvement in the 2015 terror attack on a BSF convoy in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir. Two BSF personnel were killed and 13 others injured in the attack, which took place on August 5, 2015 on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in Narsoo village of Udhampur district. One terrorist was killed and another, identified as Naveed, was arrested in the retaliatory action by the security forces. "The two accused whose properties have been attached today were also subsequently arrested and are currently undergoing trial in the NIA special court, Jammu," the anti-terror probe agency said. As per the NIA investigations, the duo -- identified as Fayaz Ahmed Itoo alias Fayaz Khar and Khurshed Ahmed Bhat alias Surya -- are members of the banned Pakistan-backed terror organisation LeT, the agency said. All the prime accused in the case (RC-08/2015/NIA/DLI) have been charge-sheeted and are



under trial under various provisions of Ranbir Penal Code, Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act 1946, Passport (Entry into India) Act 1920 and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act 1967. In the instant case, four immovable properties, that include a single storey residential house belonging to Fayaz Ahmed Itoo, in village Khudwani, Tehsil Qaimoh in district Kulgam and a two-storey residential house, along with two plots of land, belonging to Khurshed Ahmed Bhat @ Surya in village Chursoo and Sail, Awantipora, district Pulwama, have been attached under Section 33 (1) of UAPA, 1967, in pursuance of the recent orders of NIA Special Court, Jammu.

Soldiers dedication in protecting nation is unparalleled, says Modi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday honoured the courage and sacrifices of the country's brave soldiers on Armed Forces Flag Day, saying their dedication in protecting the nation is "unparalleled". In a post on X, the prime minister also urged the people to make contributions to the Armed Forces Flag Day fund. Since 1949, December 7 is observed as Armed Forces Flag Day throughout the country to honour the martyrs and the men in uniform who valiantly fought and continue to fight on borders to safeguard the country's honour. "Today, on Armed Forces Flag Day, we honour the courage, commitment and sacrifices of our brave soldiers. Their dedication in protecting our nation is unparalleled," Prime Minister Modi wrote on X. "I also urge you all to make contributions to the Armed Forces Flag Day fund," he added. Speaking at the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, Modi said, "We remember our brave soldiers on the Armed Forces Flag Day and said the country's first scam had taken place in their area only."

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, senior party leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the prime minister remembered the martyrdom of soldiers with great respect and paid tribute to them on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day. "It's Armed Forces Flag Day today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his speech today, while addressing MPs, remembered the martyrdom of the soldiers with great respect and paid tribute to them," Prasad said. "Through this platform of the party, we also pay our respects to the martyrs," he said, asserting that the BJP will always salute the sacrifice of the country's soldiers. "There was a time when for several years there used to be talks about scams in the Army. The first scam in the Army was of Jeep, then submarine scam and AugustaWestland chopper scam," Prasad said in an apparent attack on the Congress. "On one hand there was cut and commission in every thing and on the other hand there was not even bullet proof jackets for the soldiers of the country," the BJP leader said. He said it's a matter of pride that Prime Minister Modi has

done a lot for the armed forces, ranging from making equipment available to implementation of one-rank-one-pension for them. "It's been nine years (since BJP came to power at the Centre under PM Modi), there has not been any scandal in purchases," the BJP leader added. Speaking at the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, the prime minister said that while the results of the just concluded assembly polls were "excellent," the mood of the country is that it doesn't want to stop in its march towards progress. "Our job is give it leadership," Modi told BJP MPs. The prime minister said India's economy is today discussed all over the world. India should become self-reliant in every sphere of life, he added. Modi said, "This is such a country where someone from the Red Fort says give up cooking gas subsidy and one crore people give up gas subsidy," he said. "Don't underestimate the people of such a country," he added. He said that his 'Vocal for Local' call remained successful this Diwali with sale of local goods worth Rs 4.5 lakh crore during the festival.

Nizamabad PFI criminal conspiracy case

NIA chargesheets 17th accused

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has charge-sheeted a man in connection with a criminal conspiracy by the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) in Nizamabad in Telangana to recruit, radicalise and train youths to carry out acts of terror and violence, an official said on Thursday. Nossam Mohamad Yunus is the 17th accused charge-sheeted under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act by the NIA in the case. The charge sheet was filed in a special NIA court in Hyderabad, the official said. A spokesperson of the agency said Yunus is a trained PFI cadre who was engaged in motivating and radicalising impressionable Muslim youths with the aim to carry out violent terrorist activities in furtherance of the PFI conspiracy to establish an Islamic Rule in India by 2047. "NIA has found that the accused was involved in recruiting vulnerable youth and imparting weapons training to them in PFI weapons training camps, specifically organised for

that purpose in a clandestine manner. "He was training them in the use of lethal weapons to kill their 'targets' by attacking their vital body parts such as throat, stomach and head. Further, he was also found actively promoting enmity between different religious groups in the country," the spokesperson said. The case was initially registered by the VI Town police in Nizamabad district of Telangana in July last year. The NIA took over the investigation from the Telangana Police a month later and filed its first charge sheet against 11 accused in December last year and second charge sheet against five accused in March. The NIA has been probing the anti-India activities of PFI and its many affiliates, which were declared as an "unlawful association" by the Ministry of Home Affairs in September last year, the spokesperson said. The official said the ban on the PFI and its associates came after investigations conducted by various state police units and national agencies exposed their role and involvement in violent activities in many parts of the country.



Maharashtra Government not keen to face questions: Patole

PTI ■ NAGPUR

Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole on Thursday alleged that the government was not keen to face questions concerning farmers after an adjournment motion by his party colleague and leader of opposition in assembly Vijay Wadettiwar was rejected. An adjournment motion is moved to discuss a "definite matter of urgent public importance". Speaking to journalists at Vidhan Bhavan here after the adjournment of the House on the first day of the Winter Session, Patole said that had the government been serious about issues tied to farmers, then it would have allowed the adjournment motion moved by Wadettiwar. Farmers had high hopes from the session's first day, he said. The Congress leader said that the Eknath Shinde government is ready to discuss issues related to Vidarbha but has no time to look into matters about farmers in the region. Accusing the government of arriving in Nagpur for "tourism," he said this session will have only 5 days in a "real sense". The Winter Session, which started on Thursday, is scheduled to end on December 20. Patole said the government should spell out clearly whether it wants to help the farmers or just make announcements. Earlier in the day, the Opposition protested at the Vidhan Bhavan demanding farm loan waiver, bonus on paddy crop and higher minimum support prices (MSP) for cotton and soybean. It said farmers have been badly hit by unseasonal rains and hailstorms. Deputy Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday had slammed the Opposition for skipping the customary tea party ahead of the session saying it did not raise any issue related to the Vidarbha and Marathwada regions.

FBI director Christopher to visit India next week

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

FBI Director Christopher Wray will visit India next week against the backdrop of Washington's allegations about an Indian link to a foiled plot to kill a Sikh separatist on American soil. US ambassador to India Eric Garcetti referred to Wray's upcoming visit at an event on Wednesday while talking about the strength of US-India relationship and frequency of visits to New Delhi by top Biden administration officials. "This was the Number 1 country she (US Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen) went to outside of the United States - four times this year. The Secretary of State (Antony Blinken) just came here for the third time. Secretary of Defense (Lloyd Austin) for the second time. The FBI director is here next week," he said. It is expected that Wray will



hold talks with senior Indian security officials. The Washington Post last week reported that the Biden administration was so concerned after discovering the plot to kill Sikh separatist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun that it sent CIA Director

William J Burns and Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines to India in August and October respectively to demand investigation and hold those responsible to account. US Principal Deputy NSA Jonathan Finer visited India this week during which

he held talks with External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Deputy NSA Vikran Misri. Following the visit, the White House said Finer conveyed to New Delhi the importance of holding accountable anyone found responsible in the probe announced by India to investigate the alleged Indian link to the "lethal plotting". Last week, India described as a "matter of concern" the US linking an Indian official to a man charged with conspiring to kill Pannun. It said follow up action will be taken based on findings of an inquiry panel investigating the allegations. India has already constituted a probe team to investigate the allegations. The US federal prosecutors charged Nikhil Gupta, 52, of working with an Indian government employee in the conspiracy to kill Pannun.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/PATNA

Welcoming the Manipur government's move to lift the ban on liquor in the State, the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC), the apex body of Indian alcoholic beverages industry, has now urged the Bihar Government to end prohibition in the state to boost its economy, end unlawful trade of poor quality alcohol in state, and avert hooch tragedies. CIABC has been urging Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to end prohibition in a manner that the government is able to get revenues for the state's development without compromising on the desired social goals. "By ending over three-decade long prohibition, the Manipur government has taken a positive step forward which would not only earn Rs 600-700

crore as annual tax revenues, but also help tackle the menace of sale of illegal liquor and spread of drugs. It is going to give a major fillip to the state's economic growth," said CIABC Director General, Vinod Giri. CIABC said that the Bihar Government should also follow suit and lift prohibition which has crippled the growth and development of Bihar and led to so many deaths due to hooch tragedies. "Bihar is paying a heavy price of the prohibition policy in the form of proliferation of unlawful and spurious liquor, hooch tragedies, rise of crime syndicates and loss of legitimate Government revenues. Bihar's growth and development has been affected as the state is losing out on revenue from the legitimate liquor trade which is estimated at around Rs. 10,000 crore per annum. Repeated hooch tragedies have so far seen

over 300 deaths since 2016, close to 5 lakh cases are pending in courts clogging justice delivery system, and around 3 lakh people have been put behind bars for something which the rest of the country finds perfectly lawful. Liquor mafia has been thriving in the state. Keeping all these aspects in mind, we have been urging the Bihar government to end prohibition and open up liquor trade in the state in a responsible manner," said Giri in a statement. The CIABC DG also noted that prohibition has led to creation of liquor mafia, besides causing major damage to the state's economy and potential investments, thus hitting job creation. Revenue from liquor sales used to be a major source of revenue for the state exchequer. Bihar is missing out on an annual revenue of around Rs.10,000 crore, forcing the state towards debt crisis."

Kerala Governor not discharging his duties: Vijayan

PTI ■ KOCHI

The ongoing war of words between the Left government and the Kerala Governor heated up further with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday alleging that Arif Mohammed Khan was not discharging his duties. Vijayan, while responding to reporters' queries about some statements made by Khan a day ago, said he has no problem if the Governor was a

"Sangh Parivar follower". "But the Governor has to function as a Governor. He is presently not discharging the duties of a Governor," the chief minister alleged. Khan on Wednesday had said that he was open to advice from the state government, "but not pressure from them." He was referring to the appointments of Vice Chancellors (VCs) to various universities in the state. The Governor had also said

the state government should come to Raj Bhavan and give him an explanation if they wanted urgent action regarding any bill or ordinance. He also asked Vijayan to ensure that the Marxist party's members and supporters avoid calling Pakistan Occupied Kashmir as 'Azad Kashmir' and not "stoke the fires of separatism and regionalism." Khan made these comments in response to media reports



about him not signing two ordinances sent for his approval by the government. On the ordinance issue, the chief minister said that if the Governor had anything to say to him, he should say it directly and not through the media. Ever since the recent Supreme Court verdict quashing the reappointment of Gopinath Ravindran as VC of Kannur University and berating the Left government for its


"unwarranted intervention" in the matter, there has been a war of words between Khan and the Left government. The apex court had found fault with Khan's order reappointing Ravindran to the post, saying the Governor had earlier "abdicated or surrendered" the statutory powers for reappointing the VC. It had also said it is the Chancellor who is conferred with competence under law to appoint or reappoint VCs.

"No other person, even the pro-chancellor or any superior authority can interfere with the functioning of the statutory authority," it had held. Following the verdict, Khan had said that state Higher Education Minister R Bindu was not to be blamed as the chief minister had used her for seeking the reappointment of Ravindran. He had accused the chief minister of having exerted pressure on him in the matter.

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SHAPING UP INDIA'S 'TECHADE'

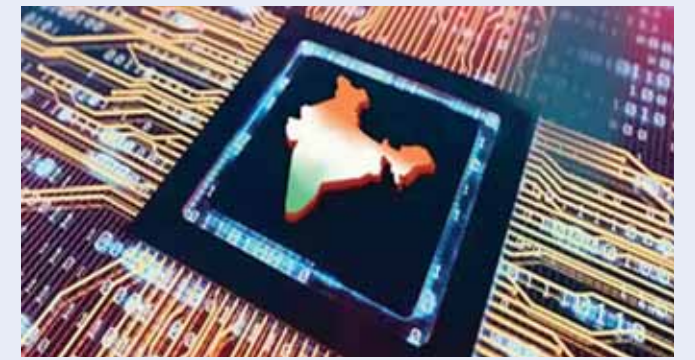
Technology is at the heart of future geo-political arrangements



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

Much of the discourse in Delhi this week was focused on the use of technology and its impact on society. This happened at a time when most of India was discussing the impact of the crucial state election results on the upcoming national elections next year. The conspiracy narrative that finally emerged after the last votes had been counted was that somehow, the winning team managed to technologically hack the electronic voting machines, at a mass level, which resulted in an outcome that wasn't expected! The techno-political challenges apart, there were many parallel conversations that pointed to the centrality of technology in modern geopolitical equations.

External affairs minister was addressing a global technology summit that discussed in detail the role technology, is likely to play in the wake of expected higher decibels on the political front (with the two largest democracies India and the US getting in the election mode next year and the overall impact on future of the planet. External affairs minister S Jaishankar said "We all intuitively know that the march of technology is really the history of human progress and actually pretty much every era has its particular sets of technological advancements which have defined it. We also know that the history of the world, the balances of power, the making and unmaking of nations, of civilizations are all in one way or another a reflection of how technology has grown. Now, in terms of the policy challenges that it presents, one of course is the need to regulate technology because many technologies also come with downsides and we have seen that expressed in world affairs through regimes and treaties and rules."



In one of the most candid admissions, the minister highlighted the pitfalls of India following an ideological (to be read as non-aligned) blinder-induced foreign policy approach for nearly three decades. The obvious reference was to the opt-out from the US block on nuclear technology cooperation back in the 1960s when the then US president had offered India to build a nuclear weapon of its own. India had refused on ideological high grounds and the prevailing foreign policy mindset. Some of these drained onto the national psyche, where India beyond a point, was content with importing most finished goods while sticking to being a monsoon-dependent agrarian economy. Keeping to the context Mr Jaishankar said "Where India is concerned, I think today we are, in many areas, very clearly playing catch-up. We're playing catch-up because while our era of reform started three decades ago, the era of reform was not necessarily the era of technology, and we conceptualised reform in much narrower terms.

if I were today to sum up the last decade because I think we are now very clearly at the tail end of what is the second term of the Modi government, perhaps one major difference has been the centrality of technology in approaching public policy and to approach governance and towards national security. So, if one looks today at the domestic direction, the push on manufacturing, and this itself is a debate in this country, there are people who believe that it is not our competence, I would say even our karma, to do manufacturing, and that we would be wasting our time, energy and resources embarking on that path. But here's a common-sense proposition. You're not going to be able to do R&D if you don't have competitive manufacturing. You can't encourage people to be at the cutting edge if you are not at the middle level of the same business." This focus on technology at the heart of future geo-political arrangements is one dominant theme getting into 2024.

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Has SAARC lived up to its expectation?



SANTOSH MATHEWS

SAARC Charter Day is observed on December 8 by eight member countries. It is time to analyse its journey; what has been achieved and where it is headed



The South Asian Regional Cooperation also known as SAARC, is a regional cooperation comprising eight countries i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. When SAARC was initially constituted in 1985, there were only seven member states however in 2007, Afghanistan was added to this regional grouping.

The SAARC was set up in order to ensure that economic, social and cultural development occurred in the region. However, over the last few years, we have seen a decline in any kind of engagement on these fronts. Further the major objective of ensuring that the living standards of the people has gone downhill and there have been blatant human rights violations in the region which has caused individuals to lose their dignity in a myriad of ways. Regional integrity which was the founding idea behind SAARC has faced a serious blow with the skirmishes and standoff between India and Pakistan. These conflicts have spill over into other avenues as well, which has effectively brought the SAARC functionalities to a grinding halt. Thus, also putting the peace and harmony of the region in jeopardy. The conflicts have prevented states from being able to build sustainable cooperation to promote economic, social or cultural development as a regional block. However, one must note that despite the fact that the regional block is not functioning as it was envisioned, states continue to have individual interactions with each other on various fronts of cooperation. The major driving factor behind the creation of SAARC was the acceleration of the process of economic growth. Further in order to realize this the SAARC states created an institutionalised regional economic cooperation through the Committee on Economic Cooperation.

The agenda for this committee was to promote various methods and ways through which economic and trade relations could be intensified. The biggest step undertak-



WE MUST NOT LOSE HOPE AS THE REVITALISATION OF SAARC IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST AND COULD CHANGE THE WAY WE ARE PERCEIVED ON INTERNATIONAL PLATFORMS

en by the committee towards helping realize this goal was the creation of the SAARC Preferential Trading Agreement (SAPTA) in 1993. The SAPTA came into force in 1995 with the sole goal of promoting free trade among the member states in the region. To a large extent, this Agreement can be credited for reducing the trade barriers in the region to a large extent and for kindling the fire of free trade in the region. The SAPTA was replaced by the South Asian Free Trade Area at the twelfth SAARC meeting which was held in Islamabad. The South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) though signed in 2004 was operationalized in 2006 and for a while, it was able to promote trade in the region but has fallen flat at the present due to political conflicts that exist between the two nuclear power states of the South Asian region. Over the years both the SAPTA and the SAFTA have failed to achieve their goals of accelerated economic growth in the region. Further, the incapacitation of Afghanistan to act as a state the Taliban has ruined the economy of the state. However, there is a need to strengthen the SAFTA and create a more durable structure like that of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Drawing a parallel with recreating the same possibilities through SAFTA that the AfCFTA is set to bring to the region. According to a recent World Bank report the AfCFTA is set to boost the regional income by 7% which when converted to dollars amounts to \$450bn. Thus, impacting the quality of life of women, daily wage labourers and unskilled. This in turn enables the region to lift around 30 million people out of extreme poverty by 2035. The AfCFTA will be able to achieve this goal by diversifying exports,

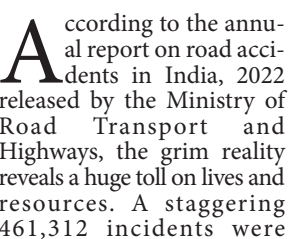
accelerating growth, competitively integrating into the global economy and increasing foreign direct investment. If the SAARC could implement the SAFTA in a much more aggressive manner it would aid in the upliftment of around 736 million people living in extreme poverty in the South Asian Region. Terrorism is not something that is new to the region and is however something that is overlooked to a large extent. States in the region tend to engage and counter-terrorism as individual actors rather than work together collectively as a block to prevent this from escalating in the region. Terrorism and politically instigated violence is not something that is new to the region and has persisted from before the inception of the SAARC. There is a need for SAARC to contribute to the strengthening of practical and implementable counter-terrorism cooperation. The Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is a permanent organ of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and it aims at the promotion of cooperation between member states against three identified tents of counter-terrorism i.e. terrorism, separatism and extremism. If the SAARC could create something similar to the RATS it would greatly benefit their current individualistic fight against terrorism. From the perspective of India, why does SAARC play an important role in the foreign policy of India? If the SAFTA is properly operationalized it would be able to achieve its goal which is to reduce the customs duties to zero in the region. Thus, enabling India to boost its economic growth not just in the region but internationally as well. Further, the framework agreement on energy cooperation in the South Asian

Region would enable India to mitigate the shortage faced in electricity production. Further, it would allow all member states to achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Accord as the electricity created under this Agreement leans towards green energy sourced from renewable sources. SAARC as an organisation had come up with a Visa exemption scheme wherein certain categories of dignitaries were exempted from Visas. If this idea is to see fruition there is a need for states to set aside their differences and work together. India has always been the forerunner of Space development initiatives and it would be an added feather to the cap of India if we could launch the SAARC regional satellite. It would also help boost the amity between the respective member states. Further, the revitalization of SAARC would play an important role in enabling India to curb the rampant spread of Chinese influence in the region. With the Chinese influence becoming stronger in Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Nepal, it is imperative for India to show these states that India can do for them what China offers as with the political tilt of various governments of the member states of SAARC the influence of China waxes and wanes. India needs to capitalise on this before it is too late and the damage is done. SAARC as a regional grouping is still of incredible importance. It is true that SAARC as a regional grouping is dormant now. However, we must not lose hope as the revitalisation of SAARC is in our best interest and could change the way we are perceived on international platforms.

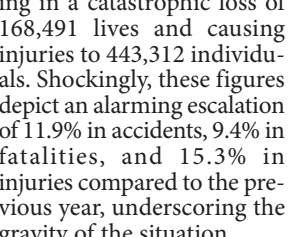
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Road safety: Rising accidents is a cause of concern

In the last few years, the nation has witnessed an alarming surge in road mishaps, surpassing even China in harrowing game of road safety roulette



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According to the annual report on road accidents in India, 2022 released by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the grim reality reveals a huge toll on lives and resources. A staggering 461,312 incidents were reported in 2022 alone, resulting in a catastrophic loss of 168,491 lives and causing injuries to 443,312 individuals. Shockingly, these figures depict an alarming escalation of 11.9% in accidents, 9.4% in fatalities, and 15.3% in injuries compared to the previous year, underscoring the gravity of the situation. These figures carry far more significance than just numbers; they stand for broken lives, devastated families, and a massive socio-economic

burden on society. Every victim of road accidents serves as a stark reminder of how vital it is to deal with this growing emergency. The question now becomes apparent: Why is our nation, known for its inventiveness and resourcefulness, unable to address this issue and provide an appropriate and effective solution to the growing menace of road accidents? This situation seems to be the result of several circumstances, including a mix of careless driving, speeding, intoxication, and a disregard for following traffic regulations. This, together with insufficient enforcement of traffic laws and lack of awareness among people, keeps the situation dangerous on India's highways.



It is obvious that for ensuring road safety, improving the condition of the road networks is crucial. Dangers for commuters are further compounded by poorly maintained roads, inadequate signages, insufficient illumination, and a dearth of separate

pedestrian sidewalks and cyclist pathways. Furthermore, a plausible factor contributing to this menace is the ease of getting a license by people as well as the faulty administrative procedure for issuing driving licenses in India. There are apparent loopholes and variations in the driving examinations for issuing licenses in different Indian states. The procedure for obtaining driver's licenses may further vary from district to district. In certain places, it is fairly flexible, while in others, it is quite rigid. Here, the role of corruption, assumingly prevalent in local offices, cannot be denied which, probably, becomes a cause of issuing licenses to undeserving persons, who, through

their negligent driving, put the lives of others in danger. This is not a secret that driving licenses can be obtained relatively easily in our country. On the contrary, getting a driver's license in countries such as Germany is almost akin to a quest for a holy grail. In Germany, getting a driver's license is considered one of the toughest jobs as it requires passing highly difficult tests and procedures. Moreover, a corruption-free system makes sure that people with full driving competence, capacity and skill as well as an understanding of road conditions only get a driver's license. Moreover, in Germany, detailed road safety regulations are in place which require the parties involved in an accident as well

as those witnessing an accident on the road mandatorily to stop, notify the police, assist the victims and ensure that help arrives. Any contravention of such rules makes the violator liable for heavy penalties and punishments. Moreover, Indian laws for ensuring road safety need reforms, especially Indian penal laws. The lax colonial age law in this respect is usually misused and also lacks in creating an effective deterrence. For example, Section 304 A of the IPC allows for a maximum sentence of two years for causing death by negligence—a very short sentence, when compared to the current needs. The Motor Vehicle Act of 1988 also requires significant reforms. While the Act

was amended and Section 134A was added to protect people who save the lives of others from criminal or civil liability as a result of the Save Life Foundation's PIL, no significant changes have been observed till now. Road safety must become a top priority as India moves forward on its path to development and global leadership. To ensure safer roads for all, it is essential to adopt a culture of responsible driving, support infrastructural improvements, push for strict policy reforms and enforce laws strictly.

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Fighting between Israel and Hamas rages in Gaza's 2nd largest city

AP ■ RAFAH (GAZA STRIP)

Israeli troops battled Hamas militants on Wednesday in the centre of the Gaza Strip's second-largest city, the military said. The ground offensive has sent tens of thousands of Palestinians fleeing to the territory's southernmost edge and prevented aid groups from delivering food, water and other supplies. Two months into the war, Israel's offensive into southern Gaza was bringing to Khan Younis the same fierce urban fighting and intensified bombardment that obliterated much of Gaza City and the north of the territory in recent weeks.

But in the south, the areas where Palestinians can seek safety are rapidly shrinking. Ahead of the assault, Israel urged residents to evacuate Khan Younis, the childhood home of two top Hamas leaders. But much of the city's population remains in place, along with large numbers who were displaced from northern

Gaza and are unable to leave or wary of fleeing to the disastrously overcrowded far south.

Cut off from outside aid, people in United Nations-run shelters in Khan Younis are fighting over food, said Nawraz Abu Libdeh, a shelter resident who has been displaced six times. "The hunger war has started," he said. "This is the worst of all wars."

The UN says some 1.87 million people — over 80 per cent of the population of 2.3 million — have already fled their homes, many of them displaced multiple times. Almost the entire population is now crowded into southern and central Gaza, dependent on aid.

Late Wednesday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres used a rarely exercised power to warn the Security Council of an impending "humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza and urged members to demand a cease-fire. He invoked Article 99 of the UN Charter, a step no UN chief has taken in half a century, which says the secretary-general may



A journalist films a display of people who were killed at the Nova music festival in an Oct. 7 cross-border attack by Hamas, during a press tour of the 06:29 memorial recreating the festival grounds on the day of the massacre, in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday.

AP/PTI

inform the council of matters believed to threaten international peace and security.

Israel accused the UN chief of "a new moral low" and "bias against Israel". The United States signalled it would not support Security Council

action.

Earlier Wednesday, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk said, "Palestinians in Gaza are living in utter, deepening horror". Speaking at a news conference in Geneva, he said that

"my humanitarian colleagues have described the situation as apocalyptic".

Israel's campaign has killed more than 16,200 people in Gaza — most of them women and children — and wounded more than 42,000, the territory's Health Ministry said late Tuesday. The agency has said many are also trapped under rubble.

The ministry does not differentiate between civilian and combatant deaths.

Israel has vowed to fight on, saying it can no longer accept Hamas rule or the group's military presence in Gaza after the October 7 attack that triggered the war. Hamas and other militants killed about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took captive some 240 people in that attack.

An estimated 138 hostages remain in Gaza after more than 100 were freed during a cease-fire in late November. Their plight and accounts of rape and other atrocities committed during the rampage have deepened Israel's outrage

and further galvanized support for the war.

URBAN WARFARE NORTH AND SOUTH

The refugee camp within Khan Younis was the childhood home of Hamas' top leader in Gaza, Yehya Sinwar, and the group's military chief, Mohammed Deif, as well as other Hamas leaders — giving it major symbolic importance in Israel's offensive. Israeli military spokesperson Daniel Hagari said Sinwar is "not aboveground", he is underground, but would not elaborate on where Israel believes him to be. "Our job is to find Sinwar and kill him."

The military said its special forces at Khan Younis had broken through defense lines of Hamas fighters and were assaulting their positions in the city centre.

It said warplanes destroyed tunnel shafts and troops seized a Hamas outpost as well as several weapons caches. The Israeli accounts of the battle could not be independently confirmed.

Video released by the military showed commandos and troops moving amid sounds of gunfire down city streets strewn with wreckage and buildings with giant holes punched into them. Some took positions behind an earthen berm, while others inside a home fired out through a window, its flowered curtains fluttering around them.

Hagari said heavy fighting was also continuing in the north, in the Jabaliya refugee camp and the district of Shujaiya.

Hamas posted a video it said showed its fighters in Shujaiya moving through narrow alleys and wrecked buildings and opening fire with rocket-propelled grenades on Israel armoured vehicles. Several of the vehicles are shown bursting into flames.

Its account could not be independently confirmed. But Hamas' continuing ability to fight in areas where Israel entered with overwhelming force weeks ago signals that eradicating the group while

avoiding further mass casualties and displacement — as Israel's top ally, the US, has requested — could prove elusive. Israel accuses Hamas, which has ruled Gaza for 16 years, of using civilians as human shields when the militants operate in residential areas and blames that for the high civilian death toll. But Israel has not given detailed accounts of its individual strikes, some of which have levelled entire city blocks.

The military says 87 of its soldiers have been killed in the Gaza ground offensive. It also says some 5,000 militants have been killed, without saying how it arrived at its count.

PUSHED TO THE EDGE

Tens of thousands of people have fled from Khan Younis and other areas to Rafah, on Gaza's southern border with Egypt, the UN said.

Rafah, normally home to around 280,000 people, has already been packed with more than 470,000 who fled from other parts of Gaza.

Johnson denies he wanted to let Covid 'rip' through population

AP ■ LONDON

Former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Thursday rejected suggestions that he wanted to let COVID-19 "rip" through the population as he defended his handling of the pandemic during a second day of testimony at a public inquiry into the crisis.

Johnson shook his head and responded "No, no, no" as he was confronted with a series of diaries by his



chief scientific adviser that indicated he had argued in favour of letting the virus spread rapidly to increase immunity to COVID-19 rather than imposing further restrictions on the people of Britain.

The former prime minister, who is testifying under oath, said he was simply pushing scientists to explain why such a strategy wouldn't work as the government debated whether to impose a second national lockdown in the autumn of 2020 when infection rates were rising and vaccines weren't yet available.

Johnson said critics should look at his public statements and actions, rather than "people's jottings from meetings that I have been in" when they assess the government's response to the pandemic.

"I think, frankly, it does not do justice to

what we did — our thoughts, our feelings, my thoughts, my feelings — to say that we were remotely reconciled to fatalities across the country, or that I believed that it was acceptable to let it rip," a frustrated Johnson said under questioning from the inquiry's chief legal counsel, Hugo Keith.

Johnson's government implemented a series of less draconian measures including a 10 p.m. curfew, work from home advice and regionally targeted restrictions in September and October of 2020 before it finally imposed a second national lockdown on October 31.

Johnson defended his efforts to balance the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. He was grilled about his government's "Eat Out to Help Out" programme, which supported the hospitality industry by subsidising restaurant meals, and delays in

imposing a second national lockdown as infection rates began to rise toward the end of 2020.

Leading scientists have testified that they weren't part of the discussions on the program and that it was obvious it would increase transmission risks. Johnson said he had no reason to question the restaurant initiative.

"I must emphasise, it was not at the time presented to me as something that would add to the budget of risk," he said. His remarks came after weeks of testimony by other ministers, including former Health Secretary Matt Hancock, who said they sought to raise the alarm inside the government. Hancock argued that thousands of lives could have been saved by putting the country under a lockdown a few weeks earlier than the eventual date of March 23, 2020.

RWANDA DEPORTATION POLICY

Rishi Sunak's leadership in turmoil

AP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's leadership of the governing Conservative Party is facing turmoil on Thursday after a bruising Cabinet resignation and open attacks by backbenchers over his government's controversial policy to deport illegal migrants to Rwanda.

The 43-year-old British Indian prime minister is caught in the middle of two strands within his party, one on the extreme right voiced by sacked home secretary Suella Braverman calling for an extreme agenda to override legal challenges and the other more centrist view of the UK not being seen to breach its human rights obligations. The clash came to a head on Wednesday night when Robert Jenrick, someone seen as a Sunak ally, resigned as his Immigration Minister, declaring that his boss' new Safety of Rwanda Bill designed to over-

ride a Supreme Court block "does not go far enough".

"I cannot continue in my position when I have such strong disagreements with the direction of the government's policy on immigration," wrote Jenrick in his resignation letter to Sunak.

Describing the small boat crossings across the English Channel by illegal migrants as doing "untold damage" to the country, Jenrick insisted that the government needed to get much tougher against "highly contested interpretations of international law".

"I have therefore consistently advocated for a clear piece of legislation that severely limits the opportunities for domestic and foreign courts to block



or undermine the effectiveness of the policy. A bill of the kind you are proposing is a triumph of hope over experience," he added.

In his reply letter, Sunak countered by saying that the new bill would be "the toughest piece of illegal migration legislation ever put forward by a UK government" and that his former Cabinet ally's opposition to it was "based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the situation".

"If we were to oust the courts entirely, we would collapse the entire scheme. The Rwandan government has been clear that they would not accept the UK basing this scheme on legislation that could be considered in breach of our international law obligations.

There would be no point in passing a law that would leave us with nowhere to send people to," he claimed.

UK PM loses ally as immigration minister resigns

London (PTI): Britain's Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick has resigned from Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Cabinet over "strong disagreements" with the government's Rwanda policy of deporting illegal migrants. Jenrick, who was seen as a Sunak ally until recently, Wednesday said he felt the emergency legislation presented in a parliamentary statement by his boss, Home Secretary James Cleverly, did not go far enough to end the "merry-go-round of legal challenges".

Sunak responded to his resignation by saying he was "disappointed" but that his reasoning to quit the post was "based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the situation".

"It is with great sadness that I have written to the Prime Minister to tender my resignation as Minister for Immigration", Jenrick said in a post on X after questions in the House of Commons where he was missing from the front bench.

"I cannot continue in my position when I have such strong disagreements with the direction of the government's policy on immigration," he said. Jenrick said that small boat crossings across the English Channel were doing "untold damage" to the country and the government needed to place "national interests above highly contested interpretations of international law".

"I have therefore consistently advocated for a clear piece of legislation that severely limits the opportunities for domestic and foreign courts to block or undermine the effectiveness of the policy," he wrote in his resignation letter to Sunak on Wednesday. "A bill of the kind you are proposing is a triumph of hope over experience," he added. In his reply, Sunak countered by saying that the new bill would be "the toughest piece of illegal migration legislation ever put forward by a UK government".

'Vegas shooter who killed 3 is professor'

Las Vegas (AP): Terrified students and professors covered in classrooms and dorms as a gunman roamed the floors of a University of Nevada, Las Vegas building, killing three people and critically wounding a fourth before dying in a shootout with police.

The gunman in Wednesday's shooting was a professor who had unsuccessfully sought a job at the school, a law enforcement official with direct knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press.

He previously worked at East Carolina University in North Carolina, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorised to release the information publicly.

The attack was the worst shooting in the city since October 2017, when a gunman killed 60 people and wounded more than 400 after opening fire from the window of a room at Mandalay Bay casino on the world-famous Las Vegas Strip only a couple miles from the UNLV campus.

Lessons learned from that shooting — the deadliest in modern US history — helped authorities to work "seamlessly" in reacting to the UNLV attack, Sheriff Kevin McMahon said at a news conference.

About 11:45 a.m., the gunman opened fire on the fourth floor of the building that houses UNLV's Lee Business School, then went to several other floors before he was killed in a shootout with two university police detectives outside the building, UNLV Police Chief Adam Garcia said.

Authorities gave the all-clear about 40 minutes after the first report of an active shooter.

Three people were killed and a fourth was hospitalized in critical but stable condition, police said. It wasn't immediately clear how many of the school's 30,000 students were on campus at the time, but McMahon said students had been gathered outside the building to eat and play games.

Vivek Ramaswamy calls Nikki Haley 'fascist, corrupt'

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Calling her "fascist" and "corrupt," biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy launched a tirade against his Republican presidential rival and fellow Indian-American Nikki Haley, who refrained from a verbal duel, saying it is not worth her time to respond to him.

Ramaswamy launched the volley of charges against the former South Carolina governor and US ambassador to the UN in Arizona during the Republican Party's fourth presidential debate, which was attended by just four candidates, the other two being former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

The front-runner for the Republican Party's nomination, former President Donald Trump, skipped the debate once again and held a fundraiser in Florida instead.

Participating in the debate, Ramaswamy, 38, accused Haley of having "a corruption problem" and held up a pad of paper with "NIKKI = CORRUPT" written on it. This resulted in a mix of boos and cheers from the audience. He called her "a puppet" and accused her of "using identity politics" as "a

form of intellectual fraud."

"Nikki, you were bankrupt when you left the U.N. After you left the U.N., you became a military contractor," he started and recounted her journey to end with further allegation: "That math doesn't add up. It adds up to the fact that you are corrupt."

"It's not worth my time to respond to him," Haley, 51, said when asked by the moderator to respond to the allegations. However, Ramaswamy did not give up and continued to attack Haley.

"The only person more fascist than the Biden (US President Joe Biden) regime now is Nikki Haley, who thinks the government should identify every one of those individuals with an ID," he alleged. "That is not freedom, that is fascism, and she should come nowhere near the levers of power, let alone the White House," he said.

Ramaswamy was referring to a recent remark by Haley in which she said that social media users needed to be verified by name, "Every person on social media should be verified, by their name. That's, first of all, it's a national security threat. When you do that, all of a sudden, people have to stand by what they say," she said.



Republican presidential candidate businessman Vivek Ramaswamy with his wife Apoorva and son acknowledges supporters after a Republican presidential primary debate hosted by NewsNation on Wednesday, at the Moody Music Hall at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

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Turkish, Greek leaders signal improved relations between two NATO allies

AP ■ ATHENS

After several years of strained relations that raised tensions to alarming levels, longtime regional rivals Greece and Turkey made a significant step on Thursday in mending ties during a visit to Athens by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Ahead of his one-day visit, Erdogan had promised a "win-win" approach that could lay the foundation for broader cooperation, with hopes of also resetting his country's ties with Western allies.

"It is natural for there to be problems between two countries, even more so among brothers," Erdogan said after meeting with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. "The issue is the will to resolve those problems and differences of opinion." With both leaders showing a marked departure from the testy, sometimes outright belligerent rhetoric of the last few years,

Erdogan said of the Aegean Sea through which the two NATO members' border runs: "We want to convert the Aegean into a sea of peace and cooperation. We wish to be an example to the world with the joint steps we will take as Turkey and Greece." "I say it openly," Erdogan said, according to a translation of his comments. "There is no problem between us so great that it cannot be resolved, provided we move with good faith and we focus on the big picture."

The longstanding disputes between Greece and Turkey have led the two countries to the brink of war three times in the last 50 years. Centring on maritime boundaries and exploration rights for resources in the Aegean Sea and eastern Mediterranean, the latest flare-up occurred in 2020, when navy ships from the two countries

shadowed each other in the eastern Mediterranean.

As relations deteriorated, Erdogan said as recently as last year that he no longer had any interest in meeting with Mitsotakis. But Thursday's visit will be the third time this year that Erdogan and Mitsotakis have met, signalling a significant push to improve ties.

"Our bilateral relations have experienced turbulence that at times have dangerously threatened them, and with them (threatened) security and peace in the Eastern Mediterranean," Mitsotakis said, addressing the Turkish president as "my dear president", and "Mr. President, dear Tayyip". Mitsotakis noted the importance of the "calmer path" that bilateral relations have been on over the past few months. "Greece and Turkey, Turkey and Greece should live in peace, express their known differences, discuss them honest-

Shah selected as BBC chairman

AP ■ LONDON

Dr Samir Shah, an Indian-born media executive with over 40 years of experience in TV production and journalism, has been named as the UK government's preferred candidate to take over as the new BBC chairman. The 71-year-old, who was honoured with a CBE (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth II in 2019 for services to television and heritage, will replace Richard Sharp, who was forced to resign after his communication with former prime minister Boris Johnson came under scrutiny.

Shah will now be quizzed by cross-party MPs of the House of Commons Media Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee for pre-appointment scrutiny before formally taking charge of the public service broadcaster.

"With a career spanning



more than 40 years in TV production and journalism, Dr Shah has a wealth of experience to bring to the position of BBC Chair," UK Culture Secretary Lucy Frazer said on Wednesday, confirming the selection as per the appointment process.

"He has a clear ambition to see the BBC succeed in a rapidly changing media landscape, and I have no doubt he will provide the support and scrutiny that the BBC needs to meet

the challenges and opportunities of the future," she said.

The minister said Shah's knowledge of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and his belief in its role as a national broadcaster alongside his extensive work to promote diversity in broadcasting will be invaluable in helping to ensure that the BBC reflects, represents and serves communities across the whole of the UK.

"The BBC is, without doubt, one of the greatest contributions we have made to global culture and one of our strongest calling cards on soft power," Shah said.

"If I am able to put what skills, experience, and understanding of public service broadcasting I have built up during my career to help this brilliant organisation meet the complex and diverse challenges it faces over the coming years, it would be an honour," he added.

US military grounds entire fleet of Osprey aircraft

Washington (AP): The military announced late Wednesday it was grounding all of its Osprey V-22 helicopters, one week after eight Air Force Special Operations Command service members died in a crash off the coast of Japan.

The Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps took the extraordinary step of grounding hundreds of aircraft after a preliminary investigation of last week's crash indicated that a materiel failure — that something went wrong with the aircraft — and not a mistake by the crew led to the deaths.

The crash raised new questions about the safety of the Osprey, which has been involved in multiple fatal accidents over its relatively short time in service. Japan grounded its fleet of 14 Ospreys after the crash. Lt. Gen. Tony

Bauernfeind, head of Air Force Special Operations Command, directed the shutdown "to mitigate risk while the investigation continues," the command said in a statement. "Preliminary investigation information indicates a potential materiel failure caused the mishap, but the underlying cause of the failure is unknown at this time."

In a separate notice, Naval Air Systems Command said it was grounding all Ospreys. The command is responsible for the Marine Corps and Navy variants of the aircraft.

The Air Force said it was unknown how long the aircraft would be grounded. It said the shutdown was expected to remain in place until the investigation determined the cause of the Japan crash and made recommendations to allow the fleet to return to operations.

Divides over trade, Ukraine in focus as EU, China's leaders meet

AP ■ BEIJING

Atop European Union official told Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Thursday that China and the EU must address both the imbalances in their trading relationship and Russian aggression against Ukraine.

The two are divided on both issues. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, meeting Xi in the Chinese capital, said they need to manage their differences responsibly.

"China is the EU's most important trading partner," von der Leyen said in opening remarks posted on the commission's website. "But there are clear imbalances and differences that we must address."

Xi said that China and the EU should handle their differences through dialogue, and pushed back against what his government sees as a shift in European policy on China toward a more strident and competitive approach. The two sides "should not regard each other as rivals because of different systems, reduce cooperation because of competition,

and confront each other because of differences," he said, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

The meeting comes a day after EU member Italy announced it was withdrawing from Xi's signature "Belt and Road" initiative that aims to build a global network of Chinese-financed roads, ports and power plants. Italy became the first G7 country to sign on to the initiative in 2019, when the government at the time promoted it as a way of increasing trade with China while getting investments in major infrastructure projects.

Neither outcome materialized. In the intervening years, Italy's trade deficit with China has ballooned from 20 billion euros to 48 billion euros (USD 21.5 billion to USD 51.8 billion.) Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin defended the initiative and appeared to imply that Italy had been influenced by forces hostile to China.

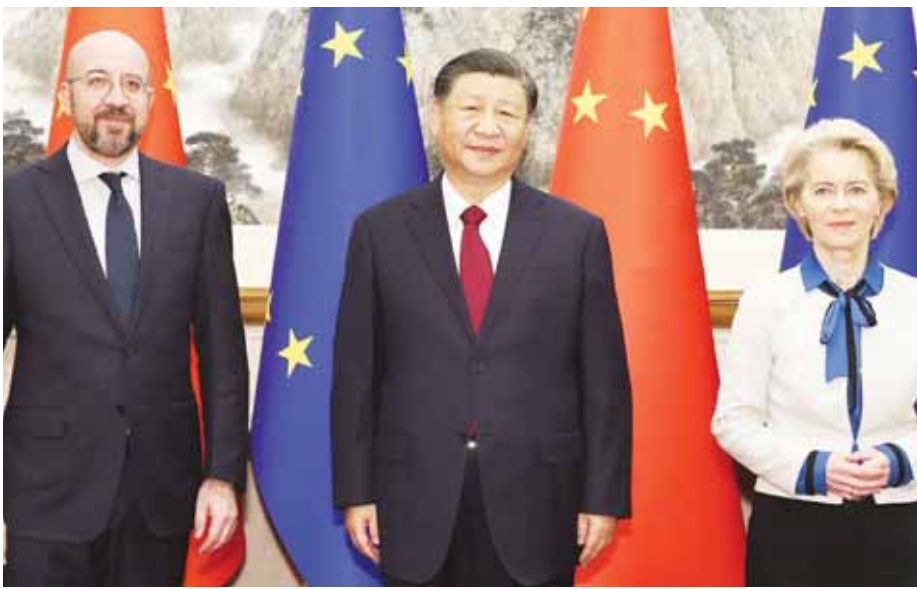
"China firmly opposes smearing and undermining cooperation in building the Belt and Road and opposes

stoking bloc confrontation and divisions" Wang said at a daily briefing on Thursday.

After nearly three years of self-imposed isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic that took a heavy toll on its economy, and having adopted an assertive foreign policy that seeks to challenge the US-led world order, China now appears to be taking a slightly more moderate tone.

Xi held four hours of talks with US President Joe Biden last month in California in their first face-to-face meeting in a year, with the leaders vowing to stabilise their fraught relationship. Von der Leyen and Charles Michel, the president of the EU Council, met Xi in the morning and were meeting with China's No. 2 leader, Premier Li Qiang, later in the day. Von der Leyen, as commission president, heads the day-to-day business of the EU, while Michel chairs the summits of EU leaders.

The talks were "candid, frank, in-depth and constructive," Wang Lutong, director general of the Foreign Ministry's European



In this photo released by Xinhua News, Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping, centre, stands for a group photograph with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, right, and European Council President Charles Michel prior to their meeting at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

AP/PTI

Department, told reporters following the meetings. He repeated China's call for an immediate cease-fire in Ukraine and the opening of talks between Western leaders

and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Dialogue on human rights, economic cooperation, people-to-people exchanges, open trade, the environment, food

security and China's claim to Taiwan were also discussed, Wang said. The European Union is calling on China to improve market access for products from its 27 member

US House motion urges Pak to uphold democratic institutions, human rights



PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A resolution has been introduced in the US House of Representatives urging Pakistan to uphold democratic institutions, human rights, and the rule of law, as the cash-strapped country prepares for general elections in February.

The resolution introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Mitch McCormick and Congressman Dan Kildee this week affirmed its strong support for democracy in Pakistan, including free and fair elections reflecting the will of the people of Pakistan. It also called on the President and the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Pakistan to ensure democracy, human rights, and the rule of law are upheld.

The resolution that has been sent to the House Foreign Affairs Committee "urges the Government of Pakistan to uphold democratic institutions, human rights, and the rule of law, and respect the fundamental guarantees of due process, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and freedom of speech of the people of Pakistan."

It condemns attempts to suppress the people of Pakistan's participation in their democracy, including through harassment, intimidation, arbitrary detention, or any violation of their human, civil, or political rights; and condemns any effort to subvert the political, electoral, or judicial processes of Pakistan. The resolution comes at a time when Pakistan, which is facing both political and economic instability, is preparing to hold the general election on February 8.

Sharif's appeal against conviction in Al-Azizia case to be heard on merit

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

In some relief to former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif, the Islamabad High Court on Thursday decided to hear on merit an appeal by him against his conviction in the Al-Azizia Steel mill corruption case as he eyes a record fourth term as premier in the next elections.

Sharif, 73, was sentenced to seven years in jail and imposed a heavy fine by an anti-corruption court in December 2018 after he failed to convince the court that he had nothing to do with the steel mill set up by his father in 2001 in Saudi Arabia.

A division bench comprising IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurang-zeb announced the decision. The same bench had acquitted the former premier in the Avenfield case on November 29. After hearing

arguments, the bench rejected a plea by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) to send back the case to the trial court for its re-trial. The decision by the IHC means that it would hear the actual substance of the case, including the charge, the defence and the weight of evidence, and not just focus on matters of procedure or jurisdiction. The former premier was present at the time of the hearing and should have been relieved by the court's decision to hear the appeal on merit as he had already been acquitted in the Avenfield case which like the Al-Azizia steel mill case is based on allegation of assets beyond means. Sharif was living in exile in Saudi Arabia at the time the mill was set up after the former military ruler Pervez Musharraf toppled his government in 1999 and bundled out of the country the former first family. Sharif's

son Hussain Nawaz was the administrative head of the mill.

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) maintained that the mill was established by using the corruption money Sharif accumulated during his rule, a charge he denied saying that part of the funds for the facility were provided by the Saudi government. It was also stated during the hearing that the Qatari royal family had invested in the mill while Sharif's father Muhammad Sharif chipped in with USD 5 million as his share. However, the defence side failed to provide credible proof of funds used to set up the mill and the former premier was declared as guilty. Sharif filed an appeal in the Islamabad High Court but he left Pakistan in 2019 and the process was stalled as he was declared absconder for failing to appear in the court. On his return in October after more

than four years, his appeal was revived and not up for hearing.

He was already acquitted in the Avenfield case in which he was convicted in July 2018 and sentenced to ten years in Jail. He also got relief in the Flagship corruption case in which he was declared innocent by the court in 2018 but the acquittal was challenged in the IHC by the NAB. Sharif, the only Pakistani politician who became the prime minister of the coup-prone country for a record three times, returned to the country in October to lead his party in general elections scheduled in February 2024.

Last week, the anti-corruption watchdog withdrew its appeal and Sharif's innocence was restored in the case. Sharif landed into hot waters in 2017 when he was disqualified by the Supreme Court following a protracted tussle with the military establishment.

Court asks ISI chief to submit report on audio leak of call between Imran's wife, her lawyer

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The Islamabad High Court on Thursday asked the ISI chief Lieutenant General Nadeem Anjum to submit a report on who was behind the alleged leaked audio of a call between former prime minister Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi and her lawyer Latif Khosa. The court also asked the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to conduct audio forensics of the leaked call between the former first lady and her counsel to probe the origins of its release, Geo News reported.

Justice Babar Sattar issued the order during the hearing of a petition filed by Khosa against the leaked audio between him and his client. Justice Sattar also directed for a copy of the plea to be sent to the Director-General of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Lt Gen Anjum, seeking a report from the spy chief with findings detailing who was behind the audio leak.

The court also issued notices to FIA, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra), and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), seeking their response on the matter. The court adjourned the hearing of the case till December 11.

During the proceedings on Thursday, Justice Sattar questioned how private conversations of people were being broadcast on television channels. He also overruled the objections to the application. "What is the registrar's office's objection to the application?" he asked. Khosa, in his reply to the judge, said the objection is on filing a miscellaneous application and not a separate plea. "A miscellaneous petition can be filed in the audio leaks case." The lawyer said that counsel-client conversations are privileged. "Big Boss is listening to everything, you must know this," Justice Sattar quipped, leaving the courtroom with laughter. He then

asked who was recording the audio, in reply to which Khosa said, "Everyone knows who records."

The judge emphasised that the court could not work on assumptions. Khosa, who is also representing the former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman, in multiple cases, said the matter was not only concerning for him but for all lawyers across Pakistan.

"How will the justice system work if a lawyer cannot talk to his client freely?" he asked. The judge then inquired if the audio surfaced on social media. "Audio was also aired by all TV channels," Khosa replied. "Did it first surfaced on Twitter or elsewhere," Justice Sattar inquired, probing the platform where the audio first surfaced. He said it was possible to find out who recorded the audio if the origins of its release were distinguished. Khosa censured Pemra for its ignorance while news channels ran the audio leak on air.

"Otherwise, Pemra turns off the screen upon taking someone's name [on-air]," the lawyer said. Khosa also complained that people have stopped talking to him over a phone call as his mobile set is no longer safe.

On Wednesday, Khosa filed a petition against the audio leak of his conversation with Bushra Bibi, requesting the court to ask respondents, delinquent authorities, officials and agencies not to tape the former first lady's telephone calls nor telecast or print it in the electronic, print or social media. The plea, filed on behalf of Khan's wife, sought action against those behind leaking the conversation.

"It is further prayed that to stem the illegal intrusion into the petitioner's privacy of communication through cell/telephone or otherwise the respondents be directed to remove the surveillance gadgets/devices and those found involved be directed to be prosecuted under the law," the petition read.

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian lawmakers on Thursday set the date of the country's 2024 presidential election for March 17, moving Vladimir Putin a step closer to a fifth term in office.

Members of the Federation Council, Russia's upper house of parliament, voted unanimously to approve a decree setting the date. "In essence, this decision marks the start of the election campaign," said Valentina Matviyenko, speaker of the Federation Council. Russia's central election commission is to hold a meeting on the presidential campaign on Friday. Putin, 71, hasn't yet announced his intention to run again, but is widely expected to do so in the coming days now that the date has been set.

Under constitutional reforms he orchestrated, he is eligible to seek two more six-year terms after his current one expires next year, potentially allowing him to remain in power until 2036. Having established tight control over Russia's political system, Putin's victory in the

March election is all but assured. Prominent critics who could challenge him on the ballot are either in jail or living abroad, and most independent media have been banned. Neither the costly, drawn-out war in Ukraine, nor a failed rebellion last summer by mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin appear to have affected his high approval ratings reported by independent pollsters. Who would challenge him on the ballot remains unclear.

Two people have announced plans to run: former lawmaker Boris Nadezhdin, who holds a seat on a municipal council in the Moscow region, and Yekaterina Duntsova, a journalist and lawyer from the Tver region north of Moscow, who once was a member of a local legislature. For both, getting on the ballot could be an uphill battle. Unless one of five political parties that have seats in the State Duma, Russia's lower house, nominates them as their candidate, they would have to gather tens of thousands of signatures across multiple regions. According to Russian election laws, candidates put forward by

The EU is looking for better market access for a range of products including cosmetics, infant formula, wine and other alcoholic beverages. China has angered the EU by taking a neutral stance in what most European countries see as a Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. The EU is calling on China to use its influence with Russia to end the invasion, ensure that exports from or via China are not aiding Russia's war effort and support Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's peace formula.

Von der Leyen said the EU and China have global responsibilities as major powers and a shared interest in peace and security. "That is why it is essential to put an end to the Russian aggression against Ukraine and establish a just and lasting peace consistent with the UN Charter," she said.

Xi said China and the EU should promote political settlements of international hot-spot issues, according to CCTV, which did not include any specific mention of the wars in Ukraine or Gaza.

Russian lawmakers clear path for Putin's 5th term

AP ■ MOSCOW

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a party that is not represented in the State Duma or in at least a third of regional legislatures have to submit at least 100,000 signatures from 40 or more regions. Those running independently of any party would need a minimum of 300,000 signatures from 40 regions or more. Those requirements apply to Putin as well, who has used different tactics over the years. He ran as an independent in 2018 and his campaign gathered signatures. In 2012, the Kremlin's United Russia party nominated him, so he didn't need them. The central election commission plans online voting in addition to traditional paper ballots in about 30 Russian regions and is considering stretching the voting across three days -- a practice that was adopted during the pandemic and widely criticized by independent election monitors. Those measures on top of restrictions on monitoring adopted in recent years will severely limit the possibility of independent observers, according to Stanislav Adnrechuk, co-chair of Golos, a prominent independent election monitoring group.

Russian schoolgirl shoots classmate dead, kills self

AP ■ MOSCOW

A Russian schoolgirl shot several of her classmates with a gun on Thursday, killing one person and injuring five others, before killing herself, state news agencies and authorities said. The shooting happened at a school in Bryansk, a region that borders Ukraine, Russia's Investigative Committee said. Children were reportedly among the wounded. One of the people injured was in serious condition, Russian state news agency RIA Novosti said. Video shared by RIA Novosti showed children cowered in a classroom behind a door barricaded with upended desks and chairs during the attack.

Preliminary investigations found that the 14-year-old girl had brought a pump-action shotgun to the school that she used to fire at her classmates, Russia's

Investigative Committee said. The girl's father was taken for questioning as a witness, RIA Novosti said. Investigators also wanted to ask him how his daughter came into possession of the gun, the Telegram channel Shot reported. The presidential Children's Rights Commissioner, Maria Lvova-Belova said on her Telegram channel that she was overseeing the care of the injured children. In March, the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Lvova-Belova and Russian President Vladimir Putin for war crimes, accusing them of responsibility for the abduction of children from Ukraine. Russia's Interior Ministry said it was looking into a motive for the shooting, which

is one of several school shootings in the country in recent years. In September 2022, a gunman opened fire in a school in central Russia, killing 17 people and wounding 24 others before shooting himself dead.

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Agnes Chow says she still feels under watch of Hong Kong police in Canada

AP ■ BANGKOK

Pro-democracy activist Agnes Chow, who left Hong Kong for Canada and doesn't plan to return to fulfil her bail conditions, said on Thursday she still feels under the watch of the Chinese territory's police after moving to Toronto. Chow is one of Hong Kong's most prominent young activists and was arrested in 2020 under a Beijing-imposed national security law that was enacted following 2019 anti-government protests.

While she has not been charged and was released on bail, police confiscated her passport before returning it to her this year under certain conditions, including a visit to mainland China with author-

ities. Chow said in an interview with The Associated Press that Hong Kong's national security police called her twice to ask her about her status after she left the city to pursue further studies in September.

"They keep trying to make me feel like I'm under their eyes," she said. The intimidation of Hong Kong dissidents like Chow reflects the severe erosion of the freedoms promised to the former British colony when it returned to China in 1997. But both the Beijing and Hong Kong governments have hailed the security law, saying it brought back stability to the city.

On Tuesday, Hong Kong leader John Lee hit out at Chow's decision to not return to Hong Kong to meet her bail

conditions. He called Chow a "liar" and said attempts by police to offer her lenient treatment eventually led to them being deceived. Chow will be pursued for life unless she turns herself in, he said.

Chow rejected the government's claim that police had offered her leniency, insisting her personal safety and freedom had been infringed. She said the restrictions imposed by the authorities on her daily life had badly affected her mental health.

She said in an Instagram post on Sunday that her passport was only returned to her so she could pursue a master's degree after she agreed to go to mainland China with national security authorities. During that trip in August, she visited

to an exhibition on China's achievements and the headquarters of tech giant Tencent, she said. She was asked to pose for photos.

Later, police asked her to write a thank you letter to them before returning her passport to her, she said.

Chow pondered for "a really long time" whether to publicise her experience. She said her trip showed the Hong Kong police were adopting more of the style of mainland Chinese authorities to "control" and "intimidate" political dissidents. "If I did not make my story public, these photos, these letters might one day become the evidence of my patriotism. That is something I do not want to see," she said.

Chinese navy ships first to dock at new pier at Cambodian naval base linked to Beijing

Phnom Penh (AP): Chinese naval vessels have become the first ships to dock at a new pier at a Cambodian naval base that the United States and some international security analysts say is destined to serve as a strategic outpost for Beijing's navy. The docking of the two ships, which received little publicity, coincided with an official visit to Cambodia this week by China's top defense official, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission He Weidong.

News of at least two Chinese ships docking at the Ream Naval Base on the Gulf of Thailand came out indirectly, through a Facebook post on Sunday by Cambodian Defense Minister

Tea Seiha. It said he visited the base to see preparations for Cambodian navy training and to inspect progress on infrastructure construction, but did not mention China by name. He also posted photos showing Cambodian officials with Chinese Ambassador Wang Wentian, and reviewing Chinese sailors. At least two warships could be seen in the photos, one whose gangway identified it as the Chinese navy corvette Wenshan.

Satellite photos taken Sunday by Planet Labs PBC analyzed by The Associated Press show what appear to be two Chinese warships docked at the base. They correspond to the images shared online by Tea Seiha.



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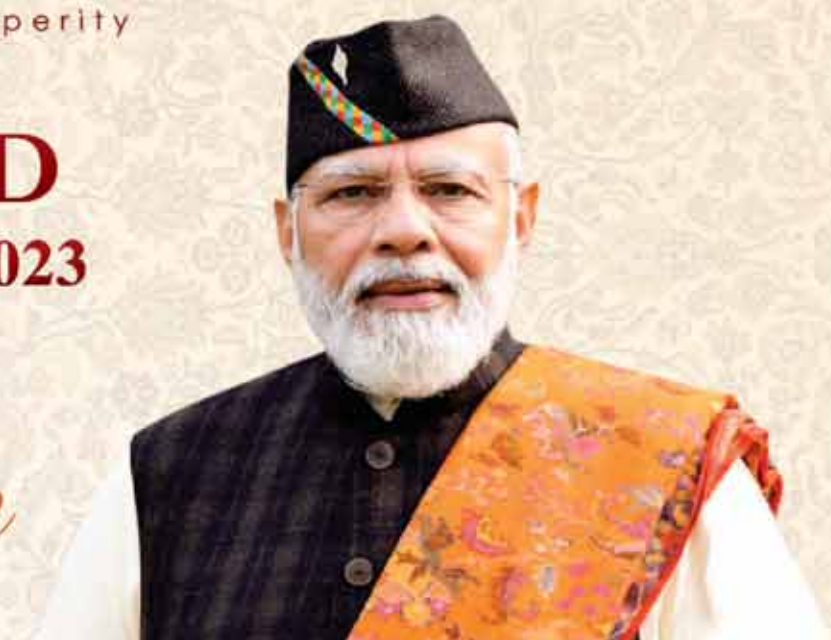


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PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The second edition of India's biggest table tennis tournament, the WTT Star Contender will be held in Goa from January 23 to 28 next year.

World Table Tennis (WTT),

conceptualised by the International Table Tennis Federation in 2019, serves as the epicentre for professional men's and women's table tennis events globally. The series encompasses a multitude of events throughout the year, with the four Grand Smashes standing out as the

highest-ranked tournaments. The tournament is a part of the six-star Contender series events where only the top-30 players are eligible to participate, with six players compulsory from the top 20 in the world rankings. The tournament boasts of a prize pool of USD 250,000 and ranking points will be up for grabs. The event is also a qualifier for the WTT Cup Finals and WTT Champions Series. "Playing against world-class players or watching them from close quarters always inspires the younger generation. This tournament is a great opportunity for our Indian players," Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) secretary-general Kamlesh Mehta said in a release.

The first edition of the WTT Star Contender Goa took place earlier this year and had some of the world's biggest stars on show, including world No. 1 Fan Zhendong, Japanese prodigy Tomokazu Harimoto, world No. 4 Wang Yidi, and World No. 5 Hina Hayata. Besides, the tournament also saw the participation of 40 Indian players, which was the highest for a WTT event. China's Liang Jingkun and Yidi had won the men's and women's singles titles respectively in the inaugural edition of the tournament. The tournament will be co-hosted by Stupa Sports Analytics and Ultimate Table Tennis under the guidance of TTFI.



Simone has Inter aiming for a Serie A title

AP ■ ROME

His playing career was overshadowed by the exploits of his big brother. His coaching career has hitherto been marked by near misses. Now - finally - Simone Inzaghi appears destined to have his moment in the spotlight. Approaching the midpoint of Serie A, Inzaghi's Inter Milan leads the league and is the favourite to win the title. After routing city rival AC Milan 5-1 in the derby in September, Inter drew at second-placed Juventus and put on a convincing performance in a 3-0 victory at defending champion Napoli in successive matches over the last two weeks. "It was a show of force," Inzaghi said after the win at Stadio Diego Armando Maradona. "But, we have a lot of work ahead, and we're going to approach it in the same manner that we did over these last three-and-a-half months." While Inzaghi played on the star-studded Lazio team that won Serie A in 2000, it was Filippo "Superpippo" Inzaghi who gained the bigger headlines by helping Juventus and Milan to a series of domestic and European titles and Italy to the 2006 World Cup trophy. Now, Filippo is on the other end of Serie A, having recently been hired to coach last-placed Salernitana. The brothers are scheduled to meet in February. While Simone had a successful start to his coaching career at Lazio by winning an Italian Cup and a couple of Italian Super Cups with the Roman club, he was thrust into a difficult position at Inter when Antonio Conte left unexpectedly after guiding the Nerazzurri to the 2021 Serie A title. In his first season, Inzaghi's Inter finished two points behind Serie A champion AC

Milan after a season-long duel. Then, last season, Inter beat Milan in the Champions League semi-finals before falling to Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, albeit by a respectable 1-0 in the final. Now, all of a sudden, Inzaghi is being compared to Inter's most successful coaches - Helenio Herrera, Giovanni Trapattoni, Roberto Mancini, Jose Mourinho and Conte - even though his biggest achievements with the Nerazzurri remain two Italian Cups and two Italian Super Cups. The reasons behind the praise are not just the results. It's also about Inter's attacking style and flair with Inzaghi's preferred 3-5-2 formation, which has produced the most goals (33) in Serie A and the least goals conceded (7). Lautaro Martinez leads the league with 13 goals; Marcus Thuram has added a new dimension after replacing the departed Romelu Lukaku as Martinez's strike partner; Nicolò Barella has been a force in midfield; the defence hasn't missed a beat despite injuries; and goalkeeper Yann Sommer has made Inter fans quickly forget Andre Onana's move to Manchester United. "It's still early and anything can happen - there are so many matches this time of the year that you could have two or three injuries and it could turn everything around instantly - but Inter is a squad that plays physical, technical and rational football," said Italy coach Luciano Spalletti, who guided Napoli to the title last season and previously was in charge at Inter. Up next for Inter is Udinese on Saturday. Then, Real Sociedad visits the San Siro on Tuesday in a game that will decide which team wins their Champions League group. Both sides have already secured passage to the knockout stages.

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I, Ruchika D/o Hardeep Singh R/o 76, Ward No. 10, Water Works Road, Near Naina Devi Mandir, Narwana, Jind, Haryana- 126116. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ruchika Singh.

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I, Poonam Rani w/o Lalit Kumar, R/o village Bilaspur, tehsil Bilaspur, Distt Yamunanagar, have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Rani. In future, I should be known and known as Poonam Rani.

I, Monika Verma Mother of Reyansh Pathania,R/o H.No-C-35, Army Flats, Sector-4, MDC, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name from Monika to Monika Verma.

I, Harsh Kumar S/o Tony Ram R/o V.P.O Pipliwala, Teh. Bilaspur, Distt Yamunanagar, have changed my name from Harsh Kumar to Harshdeep Singh. In future, I should be known & called as Harshdeep Singh.

I Jaswant S/o Bahadur Dhaliya, R/o H. No. B37/351 Gali Jhurra Wali, Top Khana Mod, Patiala have changed my name from Jaswant to Jaswant Dhaliya.

I Nachattar Kaur W/o Bant Singh R/O Sidhuwal, Sidhuwal, Patiala, Patiala, Punjab - 147001, have changed my name to Mahinder Kaur.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Suraj Industries- (Borrower), Vinod Garg, Vishal Garg, Babita Rani, Pooja Rani (Guarantor) L.A.N: 359305000065/ 359360000004	1. As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering: Land Measuring 01K-06M Being 52/132 Share of Total Land Measuring 03K-06M Comprised In Khewat No.579 and Khasra No.102/5/1/2/1(3-6), Sale Deed No.945 Dated 21.06.2012 Situated In Mauja Bhattua Kalan Sub Tehsil Bhattu Kalan, Distt. Fatehabad Haryana. (admeasuring an Area of 01K-06M). 2. As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering: Land Comprised In Khewat No.751/580, Khatoni No.1013 and Khasra No.102/5/1/2(2-0), Sale Deed No.1207 Dated 09.11.2004 Situated In Mauja Bhattua Kalan Sub Tehsil Bhattu Kalan, Distt. Fatehabad Haryana. (admeasuring an Area of 02K-0M). 3. As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering: Land Comprised In Khewat No.586, Khatoni No.856 and Khasra No.102/4/2(2(0-16) 5/2(2(0-9), Sale Deed No.3213 Dated 27.03.2012 Situated In Mauja Bhattua Kalan Sub Tehsil Bhattu Kalan, Distt. Fatehabad Haryana. (admeasuring an Area of 01K-05M). 4. As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering: Land Measuring 11M-05 Sarasi Being 48/264 Share of Total Land Measuring 03K-06M Comprised In Khewat No.579, Khatoni No.849 and Murabba No.102/5/1/2/1(3-6), Land Measuring 0M-02 Sarasi Being 2/234 Share of Total Land Measuring 01K-06M Comprised In Khewat No.578, Khatoni No.848 and Murabba No.102/4/1/2(1-6), Land Measuring 14M-07 Sarasi Being 266/900 Share of Total Land and Measuring 02K-10M Comprised In Khewat No.583, Khatoni No.853 Sale Deed No.50 Dated 08.04.2010 Situated In Mauja Bhattua Kalan Sub Tehsil Bhattu Kalan, Distt. Fatehabad Haryana. 5. As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering: Land Measuring 0K-02 Sarasi Being 2/234 Share of Total Land Measuring 01K-06M Comprised In Khewat No.578 and Khasra No.102/4/1/2(1-6), Land Measuring 0K-11.5 M Being 23/132 Share of Total Land Measuring 03K-06M Comprised In Khewat No.579, Khasra No.102/5/1/2/1(3-6) and Land Measuring 14m-6.5 Sarasi Being 265/900 Share of Total Land Measuring 02K-10M Comprised In Khewat No.583 and Khasra No.102/4/2/1/1(2(0-9), 4/2/1/3(0-10), 5/2/1/1(0-10), 5/2/1/2(0-7), 5/2/1/3(0-7) Sale Deed No.1512 Dated 26.07.2012 Situated In Mauja Bhattua Kalan Sub Tehsil Bhattu Kalan, Distt. Fatehabad Haryana. 6. As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering: Land Measuring 03M-7.5 Sarasi Being 23/396 Share of Total Land Measuring 03K-06M Comprised In Khewat No.579 and Khasra No.102/5/1/2/1(3-6), Land Measuring 04M-8.5 Sarai Being 133/1350 Share of Total Land Measuring 02K-10M Comprised In Khewat No.583 and Land Measuring 01 Sarasi Being 1/351 Share of Total Land Measuring 01K-06M Comprised In Khewat No.578 and Sale Deed No.1569 Dated 26.07.2012 Situated In Mauja Bhattua Kalan Sub Tehsil Bhattu Kalan, Distt. Fatehabad Haryana.	Rs. 6.15, 62,540/- as on November 02, 2023	Rs. 3.34, 00,000/- to Rs. 33.40, 000/-	December 20, 2023 from 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM	January 19, 2024 from 11:00 AM onwards

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till January 18, 2024 before 05:00 P.M failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before January 18, 2024 before 05:00 P.M and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before January 18, 2024 before 05:00 P.M along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi- 110005 on or before January 18, 2024 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited On 8126013708/7304914763 Please note that Marketing agencies 1.M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: December 08, 2023

Place: Fatehabad

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

