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RELIEF FOR MIDDLE CLASS





Tax relief for the middle class, huge allocation infraructure and edusectors revival of 50 airports,

> leg up to auto some of the key highlights of the Union Budget 2023-24 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday. In a relief for the

middle class, the Finance Minister announced that those with an annual income of up to ₹7 lakh will pay

no tax under

regime.

the new tax

However, she made no changes for those who would prefer to continue in the old regime that provides for tax exemptions and For high salaried people, Sitharaman reduced surcharge from 37 per cent to 25 per cent for high net worth individuals with income above ₹2 crore. This would translate into a saving of around ₹20 lakh for those having a salary income of about ₹5.5 crore.

In what is being seen as a push for salaried class taxpayers to switch to a new tax regime where no exemptions on investments is provided, the Finance Minister in her Budget allowed a standard deduction of ₹50,000 under the new

The old tax regime provides for a similar deduction and no tax on income up to ₹5 lakh. Also, the basic exemption limit has been raised to ₹3 lakh from ₹2.5 lakh. A ₹2.5 lakh basic exemption limit was prescribed in the old tax

The move will lead to a saving of ₹33,800 for those earning up to ₹7 lakh annually and opting for a new tax regime. Those with income up to ₹10 lakh would save ₹23,400 and ₹49,400 saving would accrue to those earning up to ₹15 lakh.

In her Budget speech, Sitharaman said currently indideductions on investments and expenses such as HRA. viduals with a total income of up to ₹5 lakh do not pay any

"It is proposed to increase the rebate for the resident individual under the new regime so that they do not pay tax if their total income is up to ₹7 lakh," Sitharaman said, adding that the number of slabs would be reduced to five.

Under the revamped new tax regime, no tax would be levied for income up to ₹3 lakh. Income between ₹3-6 lakh would be taxed at 5 per_cent; ₹6-9 lakh at 10 per cent, ₹9-12 lakh at 15 per cent, ₹12-15 lakh at 20 per cent and income of ₹15 lakh and above will be taxed at 30 per cent.

"I propose to extend the benefit of standard deduction to the new tax regime. Each salaried person with an income of ₹15.5 lakh or more will thus stand to benefit by ₹52,500," Sitharaman said.

The Government in the Budget 2020-21 brought in an optional income tax regime, under which individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) were to be taxed at lower rates if they did not avail specified exemptions and deductions, like house rent allowance (HRA), interest on home loan, investments made under Section 80C, 80 D and 80 CCD. Under this, total income up to ₹2.5 lakh was

Currently, a 5 per cent tax is levied on total income between ₹2.5 lakh and ₹5 lakh, 10 per cent on ₹5 lakh to ₹7.5 lakh, 15 per cent on ₹7.5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, 20 per cent on ₹10 lakh to ₹12.5 lakh, 25 per cent on ₹12.5 lakh to ₹15 lakh, and 30 per cent on ₹15 lakh.

In her post-Budget interaction with the media, the FM said the Government has made the new income tax regime more attractive for taxpayers and has thus brought about "substantial changes" in its structure for the benefit of the middle class.

The personal income tax has had substantial changes (in the Budget) which will benefit the middle class. The new taxation regime has now got greater traction and incentive so that people can now unhesitatingly move to the new regime from old," the Finance Minister said.

Sitharaman said the Government wants to make the new tax regime attractive enough and compliance should not be burdensome on taxpayers. However, if someone feels the old regime is more beneficial, he/she can

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed the Union Budget as the trill "Gold I are the trill "Gold I a that will "fulfil dreams of the aspirational society, farmers and middle class".

In his first reaction to the Budget, Modi said the first Budget of the "Amrit Kaal" provides the foundation to fulfil the resolve for a developed India while giving priority to deprived sections of society as well. The Prime Minister said it will fulfil dreams of the aspirational society, farmers and middle class.

The middle class is a big force to fulfil dreams of a prosperous and developed İndia and our Government has taken many decisions to empower it, he said. "Our Government that always stood with the middle class has given huge tax relief to them," Modi said.

The Prime Minister con-

gratulated Sitharaman and her team for a "historic" Budget.

Citing the Budget proposals, Modi said success of digital payments has to be replicated in the agriculture sector and a scheme has been



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during presention of the Union Budget 2023-24 in the Lok Sabha in New Delhi on Wednesday

brought for laying down digital infrastructure for it. It will make cooperatives pivot of development of rural economy, he said. Modi called the traditional artisans such as carpenters, iron smiths, goldsmiths, potters, sculptors and many others as the creators of

the nation. "For the first time, the

country has come up with many schemes as a tribute to the hard work and creation of these people. Arrangements have been made for training, credit and market support to

Adani group stocks

Adani Enterprises calls off FPO, to refund investors

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Chares of Adani Group firms slumped on • Wednesday and have lost more than ₹7 lakh crore of their combined market capitalisation in the last five trading sessions amid concerns over US-based short seller Hindenburg Research's report.

The decline is about 38 per cent compared to the market valuation at the end of trading on January 24, the day when the report was released.

In a late-night development, Adani Enterprises decided to call off FPO and will return money to investors, the com-

pany's statement said.

Adani Group stocks have taken a beating on the bourses after Hindenburg in the report made a litany of allegations, including fraudulent | PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI tion, at the Gautam Adani-led group.

At the end of the trading session, all the group companies settled in negative territory with shares of three companies

hit their lowest price band. Shares of Adani Enterprises nosedived 28.45 per cent to close at ₹2,128.70 on the BSE despite the company's ₹20,000-crore share sale sailed through on the last day on Tuesday after non-retail investors bid in big vol-

There was, however, a muted response from retail investors and company employees.

The share sale opened on January 24.

Rlys' allocation soars 9-fold nosedive, ₹7L cr lost in decade to ₹2.4 lakh crore; roads, highways get ₹2.7L cr

The Modi Government has laid massive thrust on building road, rail and ports infrastructure in the Union Budget announced on Wednesday.

While the biggest gainer of this year's Budget is Indian Railways with the highest ever capital outlay of ₹2.40 lakh crore, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also increased the allocation for the roads and highways sector with

an enhanced outlay of ₹2.70 lakh crore. The outlay for the railways is nine times the amount provided in 2013-2014. Till 2014, Railways' capital expenditure was barely ₹45,980 crore annually but now a lot of projects are

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underway across the country. The allohas almost doubled from ₹15,157.86 crore in 2022-23 to ₹37,581 crore in

2023-24. With increased passenger expectations, the railways is planning to refurbish more than 1,000 coaches of pre mier trains such as Rajdhani, Shatabdi,

Duronto, Humsafar and Tejas. The interiors of these coaches will be improved with a modern look and

for enhanced passenger comfort.
With high speed Vande Bharat
trains set to hit the tracks, the allocation for track renewal has been increased from ₹15,388.05 crore in

2022-23 to ₹17,296.84 crore this year.

"THIS UNION BUDGET IS

NOT FUTURISTIC, TOTALLY OPPORTUNISTIC,

ANTI-PEOPLE AND ANTI-

— WEST BENGAL CHIEF

MAMATA BANERJEE

MINISTER

Focus on energy shift to aid green mobility

PNS NEW DELHI

The Union Budget on Wednesday focused on energy transition with an outlay of ₹35,000 crore to encourage green mobility with initiatives like vehicle scrappage police, hydrogen fuel and elec-2023, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the subsidies on electric vehicle batteries will be extended for one more year, hence manufacturing of EVs cheaper in India.

"I propose to continue the concessional duty on lithium-ion cells for batteries for another year," Sitharaman said.

The FM said she has allocated adequate funds to scrap old vehicles owned by the Central Government, and States will also be supported in replacing old vehicles and ambulances. Presenting the Budget for 2023-24, she said replacing old polluting vehicles is an important part of greening the economy.

Recently, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari had said more than nine lakh vehicles, owned by Central and State Governments, transport corporations and public sector undertakings, that are older than 15 years will go off the road from April 1 and new vehicles will replace

She also spoke about the recently launched National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of ₹19,700 crore, which will facilitate transition of econo-



mv to low carbon intensity, reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports and make the country adopt technology and market

leadership in this sector. "I come to green growth. The Prime Minister has given vision for LiFE, or lifestyle for environment. To spur a movement for environmentally conscious lifestyle, India is moving firmly for the panchamrit, the net zero carbon emission by 2070, usher in green industrial and economic transition. This Budget builds on our focus on green growth," the Finance Minister said in her Budget

"I would like to thank the Finance Minister for proposing ₹20,700 crore investment in the renewable energy sector, ₹19,700 crore for National Green Hydrogen Mission and enforcing provisions for vehicle scrappage policy for a sustainable and energy-efficient future,"

Govt gives wing to Udan, to revive 50 airports, heliports

"I AM SURE THAT THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE AND VISIONARY

BUDGET WILL GIVE FURTHER IMPETUS TO THE RESOLVE OF

THE MODI GOVERNMENT FOR A SELF-RELIANT INDIA, TAKING

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To improve regional air connectivity, the Narendra Modi Government will revive 50 additional airports, heliports, water aerodromes and advanced landing grounds in the next financial year. The announcement was

made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Union Budget for 2023-24. The announcement is part of a target to operationalise 1,000 UDAN routes during the currency of the

The allocation for the Civil Aviation Ministry in the Union



to ₹3,113.36 crore for 2023-24



(₹3.026.70 crore from revenue and ₹86.66 crore from capital). especially due to a sharp reduction in the amount set aside for Air India Asset Holding Ltd. For 2022-23, the revised allocation is ₹9,363.70 crore which is lower than ₹10,667 crore estimated earlier.

slashed by 32% PNS NEW DELHI

The allotment for the rural job guarantee scheme, MGNREGA which ensured livelihood to the most vul-nerable households during the Covid-19 pandemic, has witnessed a cut in Budget allocation with 2023-24

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Budget keeping aside ₹60,000 crore even though the revised estimate for FY'23 was at ₹89,400 crore, up from the Budget estimate of ₹73,000 crore. Overall, the Union Rural

Development Ministry has been allocated ₹1,57,545 crore in the Budget, around 13 per cent less than the estimated expenditure made by the ministry in the current fiscal.

The allocation for the flag-

ship MGNREGS too has been cut by almost one-third. Initially for 2021-22 ₹1,35,944.29 crore was allocated to the Ministry.

However, according to the revised estimates, which is a mid-year review of possible expenditure, it has gone higher to ₹1,81,121 crore while the actual expenditure for the Ministry in 2021-22 was ₹1,60,433.4 crore. MGNREGS has been allocated ₹60,000 crore for 2023-

24, almost 32 per cent lesser than revised estimates for last fiscal while in 2022-23, the Government had allocated ₹73,000 crore for MGNREGS in the Budget.

The expenditure as per the revised estimates was ₹89,400 crore.

NREGA budget |₹79K cr set aside for housing for urban poor under PMAY

PNS NEW DELHI

To give push to affordable housing for urban poor, the Union Budget 2023-24 has been enhanced by 66 per cent to over ₹79,000 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Presenting the Union

Budget 2023-24 on Wednesday, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the outlay of PMAY is being enhanced by 66 per cent to over ₹79,000 crore. In the Union Budget 2022-

23, the Finance Minister had proposed an allocation of ₹48,000 crore towards the government initiative of housing for all. The Government had promised that 80 lakh houses will be completed for identified



both rural and urban.

As of November 2022, more than 1.20 crore houses have been sanctioned under PMAY, of which more than 64 lakh have been completed, with the remaining in various stages of construction, the

ministry of housing and urban

affairs has said.

Also, ahead of the Budget, it was expected that the PMAY would receive an outlay of around ₹40,000 crore from the Centre. In the end, however, it ended up receiving nearly double the projected

amount. Credit Linked The

has been extended. It will give the homebuyers the financial elbow room to

Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for

Middle Income Group (MIG)

make a purchase but experts said a standard definition for 60m and 90m affordable homes would have given a bigger boost to the housing industry.
The PMAY, a flagship mis-

sion of the Government of India, was announced in June 2015, with an aim to address the housing shortage among the EWS/LIG and MIG cate-The scheme is handled by

the Ministry of housing and urban affairs. The programme has been extended to December 31, 2024, to comolete the houses sanctioned till March 31, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

- I. Tarlok Chand S/o Bhag Ram R/o Vill. Burj Kandhari, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab declare that my wife Paramiit Kaur and my daughters Poonam Bala and Nishu alias Nisha are out of my control. disinherit them from my all movable & immovable property. Any body deal with all of them with their own risk.
- I, Dayal Chand S/o Asha nand R/o 77A Old Nandwani Nagar Sonipat has disowned my son Deepak Madan & his wife Jaya from my all movable immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.
- I Gurmel Singh S/o Meva Singh R/o 201, Pooja Vihar, Ambala Cantt declare that my Son Jagdeep Singh and his wife Smt Baljinder Kaur are out of my Control. So i Disown them from my all Movable Immovable Properties.
- I, Pruthvigouda Yalagouda Sanganagoudra is son of Army No.15418357Y Hav. Yalagouda Sanganagoudra resident Village-Chivatagundi, Bailwad, District- Belagavi, State-Karnataka, Pin- 591102, have changed my name Pruthvigouda to Pruthvigouda Yalagouda Sanganagoudra Vide affidavit No.IN-PB66422929710166V dated 31
- Pathankot Akshata Yalaqouda Sanganagoudra is wife of Army No.15418357Y Hav. Yalaqouda Sanganagoudra resident Village-Chivatagundi. Post-Bailwad, District- Belagavi, State-Karnataka, Pin- 591102, have changed my name and DOB from Akshata to Akshata Yalagouda

Jan 2023 before notary public

April 1994 to 06 April 1995 Vide affidavit PB66419548628200V dated 31 Jan 2023 before notary public Pathanko I, Nirapati Mother of No

Sanganagoudra and DOB from 06

- 15630284N L/NK Pradeep Yadav resident of Village- Rajapur, Post-Rampur, Tehsil- Mariyahu, District-Jaunpur (UP) in my son service record my name wrongly recorded as Nirapati instead of Nilavati Devi affidavit PB67061678370311V dated 01 Feb 2023 before notary public Pathankot.
- I, Rovin Singh resident of Village-Sabdalpur, Daulatpur, Tehsil- Sayana, District-Bulandshahr State- UP, Pin-202398, in my service record my Wife & Mother name wrongly recorded as Sapana Chauhan instead of Sapna Chauhan and Mother name Ombati Devi instead of Omwati Vide affidavit No. IN-PB67029426986174V dated 01 Feb 2023 before notary public Pathankot
- I Manjinder Singh s/o Harbhajan Singh r/o village kather PO Chambaghat solan HP declare that my son Chanpreet Singh is out of my control so i disown him from my all movable and immovable properties anybody dealing with him will be do so at his/ her own risk.
- I, Sandeep Singh Army No. 4486860F Rank-Hay Name Sandeep Singh S/o Kali Ram serving with 15th SIKH LI and residence of Lakho Majra, Patiala, Punjab, now at present 15th SIKH LL C/o 56 APO Jalandhar Cantt Jalandhar declare that my daughter's Anmolpreet Kaur date of birth is service documents wrongly mentioned is 12/04/2010. but correct date of birth of my daughter is 12/10/2009.
- I, Parapathi Pramela Katyayani Devi W/O Parapathi Hari Rama Krishna Arun Kumar Reddy R/O 10258, Gali No 10, Dashmesh Nagar. Kacha Thaadewala Road Distt.Muktsar. In My Husband Passport No J2331936, My Name Was Wrongly Written As Parapathi Prameela Katvavani Devi, Which Should Be Changed To Parapathi Pramela Katyayani Devi
- I No. 1251855L Ex NK Gurdeen Singh S/O Gurdit Singh Resident Of Vpo. Hans Kalan Tehsil Jagraon District Ludhiana Punjab-142026 Have Changed My Name From Gurdeep Singh To Gurdeep Singh Hans And My Date Of Birth From 14-08-1951 To 23 01-1953 Vide Affidavit Dated 30th January 2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jagraon.
- I Baldev Kaur Spouse Of No. 1251855L Ex NK Gurdeep Singh Hans Resident Of Vpo. Hans Kalan Tehsil Jagraon District Ludhiana Punjab-142026 Have Changed My Name From Baldev Kaur To Baldev Kaur Hans Vide Affidavit Dated 30th January 2023 Before Executive Magistrate
- I Jasbir Singh S/o Dalip Singh Village Pishol Teh Guhla District Kaithal (Haryana) declare that I had adopted my nephew Jaspinder Singh S/o Gurnam Singh S/o Dalip Singh, now he is out of my control. So I disowned moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at
- his/her own risk
- I No. 15581889H Rank NK Pawanieet Singh Unit 121 Engr Regt C/o 99 APO S/o Gurnam Singh R/o Surghuri (Faridkot), Punjab, India declare that in my Army Service record the name of my son's name written as Agum while his correct name as per his

documents Agumdeep Singh may

be read as correct.

- Murtzapur, (Kurukshetra) declare that my son Naresh Kumar is out of control. I disown them from all moveable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their
- I, Suresh Kumar s/o Kailash Chand r/o 11/11, Mohalla Saidan, Shahabad Markanda (Kurukshetra) inform that my son Surai and his wife Jvoti are out of control. That's why I disown them from my movable and immovable properties. My family will not be responsible for their good or bad deeds and transactions in future.

CHANGE OF NAME

- I. Neetu Jain D/o Prem Chand Jain (w/o Rajender Singla) r/o 1666/8, Tikka Colony, Salarpui Road, Kurukshetra have changed my name from Neetu Jain to Neetu w/o Rajender Singla after marriage.
- I. Gurdas Chand S/o Hira Lal R/o H. No. 1-B. Near Senior Model School, Model Town-2. Fatehabad (Haryana) have changed my name from Gurdas to Gurdas Chand for all future purposes.
- I, Raman Singh S/o Sh Rajender Saroha R/o Village liwaspur tehsil Rai district sonipat has changed my name to Raman Saroha for all purposes.
- I, Beant Kaur Alias Charanji Jit Kaur D/O S. Dashan Singh Holder Of Indian Passport No J 4484058 Issued At Vancouver On 09/03/2011, Permanent Resident Of Village Walipur Kalan, Post Office Bhatha Dhua Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana, Punjab India And Presently Residing At 11915,78 Avenue, Delta, BC, V4C 6VA. Canada Do Hereby Change My Name From Beant Kaur Alias Charanjit Kaur To Beant Kaur Gill With Immediate Effect.
- I, Anita Rani Singla W/o Bhushan Kumar R/o Mandi kalanwali Tehsil kalanwali District Sirsa declares that in my Aadha Card and other documents my name mentioned as Anita Rani Singla while in my school marksheet my name is Santosh Rani. Both names Santosh Rani and Anita Rani Singla are mine and of one person. All concerned please note.
- I. Sunita W/o Dharmveer Singh R/o village Fazilpur, Distt. Sonipat declare that i have changed my name from Sunita Devi to Sunita, also changed my D/O/B from 12/8/1970 to 01/01/1974 in my husband's service records. Please note for
- I. Surender Kumar S/o Mohan Lal R/o Patel Basti near Arya School Opposite Shyam Mandir Sirsa have changed my name to Surender Kumar Verma.
- I, Manjit Kaur W/o Avtar Village-Alipur, Distt Panchkula have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet I. Kulwinder Kaur D/o Mota
- Singh Now W/o Didar Singh Alias Didar Singh Shergill R/o VPO Sikri Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Puniab declare that I Kulwinder Kaur Alias Kulwinder Kaur Shergill is one and the same person. Please concerned note.
- I, Didar Singh S/o Rattan Singh R/o VPO Sikri Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that I Didar Singh Alias Didar Singh Shergill is one and the same person. Please concerned note.
- I Raveena D/o Mahesh Chhabra R/o House no 21/7 Ram Nagar, Karnal declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from AbhaGiri to Tisha for all future purpose.
- I, Sakshi Manhas LIC Policy No. 133936886 D/o Rakesh Kumar Village Chak Noor Ali, PO Garhdiwala Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur Declare That I have changed my name from Sakshi Manhas to Sakshi my name be amended in my LIC Policy
- I, Surbhi D/o Sh. Krishan Lal Resident of H.No. 3158, Sec-28-D. Chandigarh declare that i have change my name Surbhi to Surbhi
- I. Roshan Lal Chawla S/o Khraiti Lal Chawla R/o 198, Village & Post Office Shadipur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana declares that Khraiti Lal Chawla & Desrai both are my father's name, and both are one and the same person.
- I, Isham Singh S/o Chohal Singh R/o Village Gadhauli Khurd. Gadhaula, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declare that Isham Singh and Hisham Singh both are my name, one and the same person.
- I, Ram Wati W/o Isham Singh Village Gadhauli Khurd, Gadhaula, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declare that Ram Wati and Ram Vati both are my name, one and the same person.
- I, Daljit Singh S/o Dilbag Singh R/o VPO Duhre, Jalandhar, Punjab has changed my name from Daljit Singh to Daljit Singh Kamboh. All concerned please
- I, Pankaj Sharma S/o Vinod Kumar Sharma, Plot No. 34, Karan Vihar, Gali No 33, Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Pankaj Sharma S/o Vinod Kumar Sharma to Pankaj Vats S/o Vinod
- I. Basanti W/o Bilochan Singh, House 2134, Ground Floor, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Basanti to Basanti Devi.

- R/o H.No. 74/14, Kirpal Nagar, Rohtak Haryana-124001 have changed my name from Gourav to Gourav Kapoor for all future
- I, JC-501302F Ex Sub (Hony Capt) Baljinder Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/o Ghalian PO Nangal Bihalan Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my mother from Sawarn Kaur to Swaran Kaur and her date of birth from 18-05-1954 to 01-01-1953.
- I Smt Swaran Kumari W/o No 7022251 Late Hav Sita Ram R/o Ward No. 50, Kalsi Sub Station, Old Hariana Road Near Balmik Ashram Distt. Hoshiarpur Puniab have changed my name from Swaran Kumari to Sawaran Kumari and my date of birth from 18 years to 01-01-1940.
- I Himani Dhamija W/o Vikas Dhamija R/o h.no 25 friends colony model Town near Aneja petrol pump Panipat (Haryana) declared Before marriage my name is Ilimani and after marriage my name is Himani Dhamija both are my name but now I have changed my Name from Ilimani to Himani Dhamija, so I may be known as my new name Himani Dhamija in future for all purpose.
- I Saloni Dhamija W/o Vivek Dhamiia R/o H.no 25 friends colony model Town near Aneia petrol pump Panipat (Haryana) declared Before manage my name is Saloni Munjal and after marriage my name is Saloni Dhamija both are my name but now I have changed my Name from Saloni Munjal to Saloni Dhamija, so I may be known as my new name Saloni Dhamija in future for all purpose.
- I Navoreet S/o Dharminder Singh R/o 15, Near Bda Gurudwara Nanhera, Ambala Cantt. Have Changed my Name from Navpreet To Navpreet Singh
- I Annapurna Gedela M/o Upendra Gedela R/o Air Force Station, Ambala Cantt have my Name from changed Annapurna Gedela To Gedela Annapurna Vide affidavit Dated 01/02/2023 before Distt. Court Ambala.
- I No. 2664970N Ex Hav Dhram Singh S/o Daya Chand R/o 31, Samta Vihar, Opp Industrial Estate, Ambala Cantt, Distt, Ambala. Have Changed my Son Name from Surender Singh To Surender Kumar & Changed DOB from 15.04.1980 To 04.02.1982.
- I, Shanti Devi Wd/o No 3138406 Late Sepoy Siri Chand R/o Vill. Chimthroli P.O. Kanina Teh. Kanina, Distt. Mohindergarh (Harvana) declare that my name Santi and my DOB 01.07.1936 are wrongly mentioned in my late husband Army record. But my correct & actual name is Shanti Devi and my correct DOB is 01.01.1932
- I, Sandhya Kumari W/O Madan Lal Resident Jandrai Uparli Tehsil/ Distt. Pathankot Declared That I Have Change My Name From Sandhya Kumari To Sandya Devi Please Note.
- I, Kuldeep Singh s/o Chanderbhan r/o village Rasina, Tehsil Pundari, Kaithal have changed my minor son's name from Aditya to Aditya Balda
- I, Sonu Singh S/O Jagii Singh R/O H.No.1424, Gali Punjab Singh, Chowk Baba Sahib Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Sonu Singh To Yuvraj Singh.
- Bala Daughter Of Madan Lal Rikhi Wife Of Sanjay Sarpal Residing At 16-A, Krishna Square 2, Amritsar-143001 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As
- Rajni Sarpal. I, Hitherto Known As Altaf Son Of Jameel Khan Residing At H No 2146 Gali No 6 Dashmesh Nagar, Guru Nanak Pura Road. Amritsar -143006 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall
- Hereafter Be Known As Altaf Khan. I. Hitherto Known As Dilawar Singh Aulakh Son Of Jodh Singh Residing At Village Dyal Rajputan, Po Shahbazhpur, District Tarn Taran-143415 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Dilawar
- Singh. I. Hitherto Known As Dilbag Singh Dhillon Son Of Mangal Singh Residing At Vpo Jeobala District Tarn Taran-143302 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Dilbag Singh.
- I, Hitherto Known As Parvinder Kaur Dhillon Wife Of Dilbag Singh Residing At Vpo Jeobala, District Tarn Taran 143302 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Parvinder Kaur.
- I, Hitherto Known As Abhijeet Singh Dhillon Son Of Dilbag Singh Residing At Vpo Jeobala, District Tarn Taran-143302 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Abhijeet Singh.
- I, Hitherto Known As Ruby D/O Kashmir Singh Wife Of Sardul Masih Residing At Village Nawan Pind Taragarh, Post Office, Satkoha, District Gurdaspur-143518 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ruby Mattu.
- I, Hitherto Known As Ramandeep Mahant Son Of Khajinder Singh Residing At H.No.3, Divine Square, Palm Grove, Airport Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ramandeep Singh Mahant.

- I, Hitherto Known As Gagan S/O Amar Nath R/O 1157/11, Gali Subedar, Hathi Gate, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gagan Kumar.
- I Isha Khanna W/O Neeraj Chopra R/O H.No.54 Shastri Nagar Majitha Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Isha Chopra.
- I, Nirmal Jeet Singh S/O Karam Singh R/O H.No.582, Akash Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road Near Water Tank Pathanko Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Have Changed My Name From Name From Nirmal Jeet Singh To Rajni Bala To Rajni. Kindly Note. Nirmaliit Singh.
- l, Mejar Singh S/O Gurbachan Singh R/O Vpo. Lopoke District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Mejar Singh To Major Singh. I, Harjinder Singh W/O
- Major Singh R/O Vpo. Lopoke District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Harjinder Singh To Hariinder Kaur. I. No. 14936646h L/Hav
- Suhas Patil Resident Of #172/1, Netaji Galli, Kiniye, Peeranwadi Hukkeri, Belagavi, Karnataka Declare That I Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Saanvi To Saanvi Suhas Patil Vide Affidavit No. Jd0033641899 Dated 01-02-2023, Before Notary Public, I, Neema Spouse Of
- 14936646h L/Hav Suhas Patil Residing At #172/1, Netaji Galli. Peeranwadi Hukkeri, Kiniye, Belagavi, Karnataka Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Neema To Neema Suhas Patil Vide Affidavit No. Jd0033641900 Dated 01-02-2023, Before Notary Public, Amritsar. I, Gurjeet Singh S/O Inder
- Singh R/O 40, L-3/990, Gali No.11 Namdev Colony, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Have Certified That My Father Was Known By Two Names Inderjeet Singh And Inder Singh. I, Baljit Kaur W/O Satpal
- Singh R/O H No.7. Ram Avenue. Opp New Amritsar Gate, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Baljit Kaur To Baljeet Kaur. I. Rita Devi D/O Rajendra Prasad W/O Pradeep Kumar #
- 2389, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Deepika. I, Dinesh kumar s/o Tikaya Ram Nagpal r/o h.no 1178 block-C Ansal sushant city panipat declared change my name Dinesh

Kumar to Dinesh Kumar Nagpal

and in future my name is Dinesh

- Kumar Nagpal. I. Manesh W/o Sunder Singh R/o H.No. 1675, Sector-14, Hisar (Hry)-125001 here by that declare I have changed my name from Munesh Devi to Manesh for all future purposes.
- I. Anshu Sachdeva W/o Ravi Sachdeva R/o H. No. 223, Sector 16, Hisar (Haryana) hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anshu / Anshu Banga to Anshu Sachdeva for all future purpose.
- I, Garima Rani W/o Moninder Phogat R/o H. No. 809, Sant Nagar, Hisar (Haryana) hereby declare that I have changed my name from Garima Rani to Garima Phogat for all future purpose.
- I, Gagandeep Kaur R/o H.No.471, Sector-8 Urban Estate, Kurukshetra Harvana Indiafrom Gagandeep Kaur to Gagandeep Kaur Aulakh, after marriage.
- I, Ramesh (Old name) s/o Chandagi Ram r/o Village Birsujra SubTehsil Babain, Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar (New name).
- I, Rahul (Old name) s/o Ramesh Kumar r/o Village Birsujra SubTehsil Babain, Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Rahul Saini (New name).
- I, Mahesh Kumar S/o Surajmal Village Malvi, Tehsil Julana, Distt Jind Haryana inform that in my Army service record my daughter name wrongly recorded Dalal and DOB Seema 21.03.1989. My daughter correct name is Seema Kumari and DOB is 23.03.1989.
- I Baliit Kaur W/O Gurwinder Singh R/O Village Salpani Khurd Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name Balieet Kaur
- I Amir Singh Ossan S/O Joginder Singh R/O Hno. 4587, Shyam Colony , Jhansa Road Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name Amir Singh
- I Vasudha Batra D/O Amit Batra R/O 170/8943 Naya Bans, Near Preet Ice Cream Parlor Ambala City Have Changed My Name From Vasuda To Vasudha I Yuvraj S/O Kamal Kumar
- R/O 552, Phase-1 Near Jagg Property Dealer, Jaggi Garden Ambala City Have Changed My Name From Yuvraj To Yuvraj I Manish S/o Satpal Batra

H.N.58.

Panipat(132103) Haryana have

changed my name Manish to

sector-12.

R/o

Manish Batra for all future I, Ravi S/o Krishan Kant Shukla R/o # 366. Guru Nanak Colony, A.K. Farm, Barmajra, S.A.S. Nagar Mohali Punjab, declare that I have changed my name from Ravi to Ravi Kumar Shukla

- I. Samarieet Singh Bais S/o Late Sh. Aieet Singh Bais. Flat No. 1102, Tower-A, Green Lotus Avenue, Near Singhpura Gate, Zirakpur (SAS Nagar), changed my daughter name from Maithili Kaur Monga, Concerned Note. Singh to Aishwarya Singh
- I Rajesh S/O Sh. Padam Singh Thapa R/O House No. 1, I, Baljinder Singh S/o Ghola Singh, VPO Manvi, Teh. & Dist. V.P.O. Devinagar, Sector-3, Malerkotla, have changed name Panchkula. Haryana given Baljinder and Singh Changed My Name From Rajesh To Rajesh Thapa. I Ashok Kumar S/O Narair
- I. Nirmal W/o Gurbhajan Dass R/O #1573. Near Mahavir Singh, Flat No.212-B, Dhanas, Mandir, Rajpura District Patiala Chandigarh, have changed my name from Nirmla Kumari to Have Changed My Name Ashok Nirmal and known by both names. Babbar To Ashok Kumar. I, Rajni Bala W/O Sanjeev I Himansi Babbar W/O
- Kumar R\O Hno 139 Anandpur Chirag Babbar R/O H.No.1564/73 Near Ntc School Rajpura Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name From Himansi To Himansi Babbar
- I. Kiran W/o Raiesh Kuma I. Neelam Rani W/o Gauray R/o H.No.36-37 Mohalla Ghartholi Sharma R/o Village Balu, Tehsil Pathankot Tehsil & District Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Pathankot. Declare That My 10th declares that I have changed my Certificate My Name is Entered as name from Neelam Rani Neelam Devi. In future, I will be Kiran Sakolia, so i declare that known by the name of Neelam Kiran And Kiran Sakolia is One of Devi. All concerned please note. The Same Person, Kindly Note.
- I, Veena Rani Midha W/o I, Khushi D/o Pawan Kumar Subhash Bathla R/o H.No. 931, R/o 159/10, Nand colony No 1, Sector 13-17, Huda, Panipat, pehowa Kurukshetra Harvana -132103 declare that Changed My Given Name Khushi after my marriage I have changed Surname Shahi. my name from Veena Rani Midha I, kulwant Singh S/o Jhanda to Kajal Bathla for all future Singh Vpo Harigarh Bhorakh,

Pehowa.

Surname Singh

names are mine.

Kurukshetra Have

Changed My Given Name Kulwant

Mohammad S/o Fakkar Ram

Village Thol Sub Tehsil Ismailabad,

Kurukshetra My Driving License

No. 4120070026185 in which my

name is Kaka Ram, both these

W/O Naveen Kumar Singh Service

Number 15487665k Rank Dfr Clk

R/O Village H.No.327 Rampuram.

Shyam Nagar Kanpur, Kanpu

Nagar Uttar Pradesh Pin Code

208013. Have Changed My Name

Swati Singh Bhadouria Is Wrong

But My Name Swati Singh

Bhadauria Is Correct. Vide Affidavit

No.In-Pb66918099154775V Dated

01-02-2023 Before Notary Public

Service Number 15499485n Rank

Ld R/O Village- Kahdarian, Rajouri

Jammu And Kashmir Code

185202. Have Changed My Name

Sonika Is Wrong. But My Name

Sonika Kumari Is Correct. Vide

01-02-2023 Before Notary Public

Kumar Service Numer 15502288

Rank Ld R/O Maharam Garhi

Pradesh Pin Code 281201. Have

Wrong.But My Name Khusboo Is

Correct. Vide Affidvait No.In-

01-02-2023 Before Notary Public

Naveen Kumar Singh S/O

Surendra Singh R/O H.No.327

Rampuram, Shyam Nagar Kanpur

Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh Pin

Code 208013 State Uttar Pradesh

Declare That In My Army Record

My Son Name Shourya Pratap

Singh Bhadouria Is Wrong, But My

Son Name Shourva Pratap Singh

Bhadauria Is Correct. Vide Affidavit

No.In-Pb66920647514223V Dated

01-02-2023 Before Notary Public

W/O Wasekar Ashish Nanaji R/O

Samta Nagar, Sawangi Meghe

Distt- Wardha, State- Maharastra

Pin-442001. Do Hereby Solemnly

Affirm And Declare As Under My

Husband Is Army Soilder His

Service Record My Name Rajni

Ashish Wasekar Is Wrongly

Entered But My Correct Name

Ranjana Ashish Wasekar As Per

Adhar Card Rajni Ashish Wasekar

And Ranjana Ashish Wasekar Is

The Same Person Affidavit No.In

Pb66808448018662V And Date

V&PO Kalanaur, Tehsil Kalanaur

Have Changed my name

Manpreet to Manpreet Singh.

Singh S/O Sewa Singh R/O Vpo.

Dhakowal Tehsil And District

Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed

My Minor Daughter's Name

Bhumika To Bhumika Kaur Vide

Affidavit No. E-Stamping No. INPB

I Rani W/O Gurjitpal Singh

R/O Vpo. Baghpur District

Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed

My Name From Rani To Rani

Sukhwinder Singh R/O Village

Sukhia Nangal Post Office Khalu

District Kapurthala Punjab Have

Changed My Name To Singh

Singh R/O Vpo. Dihana Distt.

Hoshiarpur Have Changed My

Singh R/O Vpo. Dihana Distt.

Hoshiarpur Have Changed My

Saini R/O Village Nandan Post

Office Bassi Purani District

Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed

Village Raghwal Post Office

Manohta District Hoshiarpur

Punjab Have Changed My Name

I Eashtpal Singh S/O

Mohinder Singh R/O Village Lehal

Gurdaspur Punjab Have Changed

I Balwinder S/O Piara R/O

My Name To Silky Sehdev.

To Balwinder Singh.

Post Office Dhariwal

My Name To Singh Eashtpal.

Name To Charanjit Singh.

Name To Paramjit Kaur.

I Charnjit Singh S/O Pritam

I Parmjit Kaur W/O Charanjit

I Silky Sahdev W/O Sanmeet

I Surinder Singh S/O

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Surinder.

I Manpreet S/O Tarsem Lal

I No.4476077H Hav Jaswant

01-02-2023.

Please Note

I, Ranjana Ashish Waseka

Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

I, 15487665k Rank Dfr Cli

Changed My Name Khushaboo I

I, Khushaboo W/O Pavan

No.In-

Dated

Uttar

Dated

I, Sonika W/O Rakesh Kuma

Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

Pb66926135912229V

Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

Baina Dehat, Mathura.

Pb66922294471451V

Gurdaspur, Punjab, India

Affidavit

I, Swati Singh Bhadouria

I, Kaka Ram alias Safi

I Haridasi Halder w/o Sanat Halder r/o Kuthuriya E Para, post juran pur, kaliganj, Nadia, west Bengal 741150 declared that Haridasi and Honi Dasi both are my name and I shall be known as in future Haridasi Halder.

purposes.

- I. Parul Verma W/o Sh. Amit Verma R/o H. No. 444, Urban Estate-II, Hisar, Harvana, 125005 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Parul Soni to Parul Verma for all future I, Jyoti Bala W/o Harmesh
- Arva Nagar, Kartarpur, District Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son From Prince To Prince Kumar. I. Gurmeet Preetamdass Klair S/o Preetamdass Sadhuram Klair R/o H.No.156, Near Ravi

Dass Mandir. VPO. Khurla Kingra

Kumar R/o H No 472, Ward No 12,

- Distt.Jalandhar (144003) have changed my name to Gurmeet I. Ravinder Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh R/o VPO.Bassi. Po. Jaid, Teh.Bholath, Distt Kapurthala-144621, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Ravinder Singh To Ravinder
- I, Priyanka W/o Baljinder Singh R/o H.No.613, Basti Peer Dad, Jalandhar, Punjab-144002 Have Changed My Name From Priyanka To Priyanka Kaur. (Kaur as Surname)

Singh.(Singh as Surname)

- I, Mandip Kumar S/o Paramjit Lal R/o H.No. 336-A, Green Avenue, Kala Sangha Road, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my name from Mandip Kumar to Mandeep Agarwal Nagra.
- H.No. 187A, Street No. 06, Arman Dhilwan Dakoha. Nagar Jalandhar-144023, Punjab have changed my name from Karan to Karan Kalia (Surname as Kalia). I, Chaitanya Chkshoo Thakur S/o Thakur Gurdial Singh R/o

I, Karan S/o Sant Kumar R/o

Hospital, Saffron City, Hoshiarpur-146001, Punjab have changed my Thakur Chaitanya Chkshoo Singh. I, Satiya Kaur W/o Mann Singh R/o Vill. Mehandipur, Po. Abdullapur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur-144214, Punjab have

H.No. 154, Block-A, Near Aman

- changed my name to Satwinder Kaur. I, Sarbjeet Kaur wife of No JC-273350Y Rank Ex.Sub Name: Pargat Singh s/o Guriant Singh r/o H.No.52, Street No. 3, Village Air Avenue Kheri, PO Sular, Tehsi and Distt. Patiala change my name and DOB from Sarabiit Kaur & 10-05-1986 to Sarbieet Kaur and DOB to 12-02-1986. In my
- husband's service record. I. Sunita Kumari W/o Bidhi Chand R/o House No. 850. Sante Majra Colony, Near Banni Homes, Kharar, District S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab declare that Sunita Kumari, and Sunita Devi, is the one and the same person, known by both names
- I Adarsh Kumar S/o Harish Chander R/o #5172 Urban Estate Phase-2, Patiala have changed my name to Adarsh Kumar Verma
- I Ramesh Verma W/o Adarsh Kumar Verma R/o #5172 Urban Estate Phase-2 Patiala have changed my name to Ramesh Kumari Verma.
- I, Anupam Walia W/o (GS-183711L, PNR) Sandeep Walia VPO Fatehpur, Distt- Kaithal, Haryana 136042 hereby affirm and declare that in the office record of my husband my name Anupama Walia has erroneously mention. My correct name is Anupam Walia.Vide Affidavit No-50AA 253744, Dated-28-11-2022
- I, Narpat Singh Chauhan S/O Sh. Shiv Dayal R/O H. No. 919-P. Sector 25, Panchkula, Have Changed My Name From Narpat Singh To Narpat Singh Chauhan. I Jagpreet Singh S/O Dilbag
- Singh R/O Vill Agwan Po Barila Kalan Ps Kalanaur Tehsil And Distt Gurdaspur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Jagpreet Singh To agpreet Given Name And Singh Is My Surname
- I Rahul S/O Suresh Kumar R/O Village Bahu Akberpur, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak Haryana-124001 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rahul To Rahul Balhara. In Future I Will Be Known As Rahul Balhara.

- I Maninder Kaur W/O Jagdish Singh Jaggi R/O Tibbi R/O Village Munak Khurd District Sahib Road Sri Muktsar Sahib Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Maninder Kaur To Maninder Saini, After Marriage.
 - Sohan Lal Kanda R/O H.No.226. Khalwara Gate, New Abadi, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Have Changed My Name From Shiv Kumar To Shiv Kumar Kanda.
 - I. Paramiit Kaur W/O Harinder Pal R/O Vpo. Jagatpur Jattan, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Paramjit Kaur To Parmjit Kaur.

I Suman W/O Sarwan Singh

Punjab

- I, Hitherto Known As Prabhjit Kaur Riyat W/O Harjinder Singh R/O Village Bhullarai, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala, Punjab, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Prabhjit Kaur After Marriage.
- I, Harinder Pal S/O Joginder Ram R/O Vpo. Jagatpur Jattan, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name Harinder As Given Name & Pal As Surname.
- I Renu Verma W/O Lovkesh Kumar R/O Mandi Board Plat No.30-A Opposite Post Office Balachaur Have Changed My Name To Renu Bala.

I Rajan D/O Narinder Kumar

R/O Vpo. Mahil Gaila District

- S.B.S. Nagar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Rajan To Rajanpreet Kaur. I Deepak S/O Ashok Kumar R/O Ward No.10, Garhshankar Tehsil Garhshankar District
- Changed My Name From Deepak To Deepak Bhangania. I Manjit Singh S/O Sohan Singh R/O Village Rail Majara Tehsil Balachaur District S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name

From Manjit Singh To Manjit

Kumar.

Hoshiarpur (Punjab) India Have

I Amarjit Kaur W/O Jaspal Singh R/O Village Sulhani Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Amarjit Kaur To Amarjeet

I, Jasvir Singh Sandhu S/o

Bagicha Singh R/o Village Jarikpur, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala Have Changed My Name To Jasvir Singh. I, Gurwinder Kaur Sidhu W/o Jasvir Singh R/o Village

Jarikpur, Tehsil Rajpura, District

Patiala Have Changed My Name

To Gurwinder Kaur.

- I, Ranjit Singh S/o Gurnam Singh R/o Vill: Sahalian Po. Bariowal Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) changed my name to Ranjeet Singh.
- Bariowal Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) changed my name to Sarabjit Kaur. I Jafar Ali S/o Jagsir Khan Vill Himatpura, Distt. Moga have

Singh R/o Vill: Sahalian Po.

I, Sarbjit Kaur W/o Ranjeet

- changed my name Zaffar Ali. I Gurdeep Singh S/o Sarbjit Singh Vill Saidoke Distt. Moga have changed my name Gurdeep Singh Dhaliwal.
- I Gurwinder Singh alias Gurwinder Ram S/o Nachhatar Singh R/o H.No.556, Darvesan Wali Gali Vill-Lalhai Giddarbaha-152101 Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib, have changed my name to Gurwinder Singh.
- I, Amandeep Singh S/o Harphool Singh Brar R/o Vill: Khara Teh-Kotkapura (Faridkot) changed my name from Amandeep Singh to Amandeep Singh Brar. I, Veerpal Kaur W/o Kuldip
- Singh Sandhu R/o Vill: Bharana Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) Pb, changed my name to Veerpal Kaur I, Jaswinder Pal S/o Prem
- Chand R/o St.No. 2 Adarsh Nagar Kotkapura (Faridkot) changed my minor daughter name from Vanshika to Vanshika Chaudhary. I, Sukhdeep Kaur W/o
- Gurparsad Singh R/o H.No. 22 2nd Floor Aman Green Chandigarh Road Near City Heart Teh-Kharar (SAS Nagar, Mohali) Pb, India, changed my name from Sandeep Kaur to Sukhdeep Kaur.
- I Jaskarn Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/o Village Sharinwala Brar District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Jaskaran Singh. I Gurmeet Kaur alias
- Parkash Kaur Buttar W/o Gurdev Singh R/o Assa Buttar District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Kaur Buttar. I Rasbeer Singh Brar S/o
- Apminder Singh R/o Bhai Jarnail Singh Road, Shri Muktsar Sahib Declare That I Am Also Known As Rasbeer Singh And That Rasbeer Singh Brar And Rasbeer Singh Both Are Name Of A Single Person. I Ramandeep Kaur Sandhu
- C/o Gurinderpal Singh R/o Near Jaitu road, Gurusar (Faridkot) have changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur. I Rampal Singh S/o Malkit
- Singh R/o Village Bargari, Teh. Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my Name to Rampal Singh Dhillon. I Gurmit Singh S/o Harnek
- Singh R/o Village Malke (Moga) have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh I Kusum W/o Satish Kumar
- Goyal R/o Fattu Dhinga, Kapurthala, Fattu Dhinga, Punjab-144601, have changed my name to Kusum Goval.
- I Sindo W/O Arjan Singh R/O Village Bachre Tehsil & Distt Tarn

Have Bank Ltd. That one Borrower Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh and Sh. Varpreet Singh and Sh. Daljit Singh sons of Late Sh. Raljinder Singh has applied Loan on Property Situated in village Alamgir. Teshil Dera Bassi, Distt S. A. S. Nagar, Hadbast no. 225, Khewat no. 70/64, Khatoni no. 138, Khasra no. 796/1 (3-0), 797 (2-6) Kitte 2 measuring 5 Bigha 6 Biswa and Khasra no. 796/2/1 (2-13), 1106/175 (1,10), 1149/170, (1,10), Kitte 2 measuring 5 Changed My Name To Suman I Shiv Kumar Kanda S/O I-10), 1148/ 794 (0-18) Kitte 3 measuring 5 Bigha 1 iswa owned vide Sale deed no. 5294 dated 4/01/2022, Sale deed no. 5581 dated 25/01/202**2** and sale deed no. 2929 dated 07/09/2021 That as per client n old chain of property Original Sale deed no. 15636 lated 01/02/2013 in favour of Smt. Archana Gupta w/o ated UJVZZUJ3 in Tavour of Smt. Archana Gupta wio h. Sushil Gupta, Original Sale deed no. 1583 dated 1/02/2013 in favour of Sh. Gumam Singh Slo Sh. Isher ingh, Original Sale deed no. 2560 dated 20/09/2016 in wovur of Sh. Jagtar Slo Sh. Gumam Singh and Sh. Surjit ingh Slo Sh. Gumam Singh, Original sale deed no. 134 ated 02/06/2020 in favour of Deepinder Singh Slo Sh. Light Singh Critinal Sale deed no. 897. dated

MISSING DEED NOTICE

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bhaya and Sh. Ramesh Mahajan S/o Sh. Budha Ma

lost and not Found. Hence If any concern Bank,

on having any claim/objection on above lost deed

e/she may kindly raised your objection in writing with in 4 days to Adv. Parminder Singh, House no. 362, Line 10. 8-D, Sector-C, Defence Colony, Ambala Cantt.

Ram Joshi and Co-applicants: Smt own, Patiala as approached SBFC Finance Limite ille SBFC Finance Private Limited) for availing LAP Loan vide Application No. 40210600002227 the property i.e. Three Shops and House no. 6 (Old no. 62-63) situated at Ratan Nagar, Trip aidan, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala, Area measuring (Saldan, Tehsil and Distt. Patala, Area measuring C-8 Marias I.e. 235 sq. vds, comprised in Knewat/Khatorin o. 1727/2684, Khasara nos. 21/2/41/C-9, Kita 1, Total Area 0-8 Marias out of which J1 share I.e. 0-8 Marias i.e. 235 sq. vds in the name of Sh. Gurpreet Joshi Sfo Sh. Sukholev Ram Joshi vide Transfer deed no. 2020-21/11/11/14529 dated 05.03.2021 and vide mutation no. 25886 as per revenue records. The present owner (Sh. Gurpreet Joshi) is stating that the previous Original Sale deed no. 298 dated 26.04.1978 in the favour of Sm. Saroj Bala Wio Sh. Sukhdev Ram joshi regarding the property mentioned above has been lost and regarding this a DDRID No.311926/2023 dated 01.02.2023 registered with Police Station, Tripuri Town. The SBFC Finance Limited (Erstwhile SBFC Finance Private Limited) is required the above said missing Original Sale deed ired the above said missing Original Sale de or creation equitable mortgage. As per declaration urnished by the present owner/s of the said propert red and no mortgage has been creat ver the said property in favour of any other Bank on ny financial Institution. The said property has never the said property in favour of any other bank to be said property in favour of any other bank to be said property in favour of any other bank to be said property in favour of any other bank to be said property in favour of any other bank to be said property in favour of any other bank to be said property has never be said property has never be said property by the said property has never be said property by the said property has never be said property by the said property has never by the said property by the said property has never by the said property by t een sold or transferred to any person and the sam not a subject matter of any dispute in court of law. on/s having any claim against or in respect schedule hereunder or any part thereof by way or sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered). Gif-rust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance bequeath, partnership, possession, lease, sublease enancy, license, lien , charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to north he same in writing to me with supportin documentary evidence at the address mentione nerein below within 7 days from the date publicatio and returned to me or above mentioned company anyone found the above mentioned missing 5 als deed, failing which the claim; if any of such person with a great properties of the properties of the properties of the saled, failing which the claim; if any of such person with a great properties of the properties of the saled, saling which the claim; if any of such person with saled. Saling which the claim if any of such person with saled. Saling which the claim if any of such person with saled. ed, failing which the claim, if any of such per ed to have waived and my client sha oceed with the disbursement of loan and creation ortgage in respect thereof. If any person ha rievousness contact below. Rupinder Singh Advocate Chamber No. 508, 4th

oor Yadwindra Complex District Court, Patiala Or ehalf of SBFC Finance Limited (Erstwhile SBFC inance Private Limited). Patiala M:- 99143-79170

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh. Dinesh Kumar Mittal **District and Sessions**

Judge, Hisar

POOJA DEVI

COURT NOTICE

VS. RUPA RAM ETC

CNR NO. HRHS01-004223-2021

NEXT DATE:- 10-03-2023 AT 10.00 A.M. laim petition under Section 166 of ne Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 (As ended upto date) for the grant of Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore on account of Death of Sh. Vino nar son of Dhula Ram, resident o illage Talwandi Rana, Tehsil and vistrict Hisar who died on 05.06.2021 ue to the injuries sustained in vehicular accident date

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: Defendant No. 2.

Kiranbhai Undariya - Shamjibhai resident of village Pasuda Taluka Anjar, Kutchh, Gujarat, GUJARAT above titled case, the defendant erved. It is ordered that defendant(s espondent(s) No.2 should appear through counsel on L0-03-2023 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs= district_notice&district=Hisar District and Sessions Judge

Dated, this day of 25-01-2023. COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF

Sh. Dinesh Kumar Mittal District and Sessions Judge, ROHTASH

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Union Budget AAP, Cong pick holes; BJP sings in praise

PNS CHANDIGARH

 $T^{\text{he budget evoked sharp}}_{\text{and contrasting reactions}}$ by the political parties in this part of the region with the ruling Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) in Haryana describing the budget as a "milestone in making of modern India", the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab and ruling Congress in Himachal Pradesh have criticized the Centre's annual financial statement for being anti-farmers and anti-poor.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had lashed out at the BJP-led Central Government for meting out step motherly treatment to the border state completely ignoring it.

At the same time, Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has dubbed the Budget as "disap-pointing" and "contrary to common man's expectations" while adding that it was "mere artful trickery" to achieve the desired ends.

Centre acting with spirit of revenge against Punjab: CM Mann

Accusing the Central Government of acting with the spirit of revenge against Punjab, Chief Minister

MANOJ KUMAR

The Union Budget present-

ded by Union Finance

Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

on Wednesday evoked mixed

reactions among various stake-holders from this part of the

region. People involved in

travel and tourism industries

welcomed the annual exer-

cise, while small and medium-

scale traders felt it ignored the

pursuing Post Graduation

January 26 parade, and now the

State is missing from the Union

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At the same time, he rued

Mahender Singh, who is

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presented by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman. Slamming the Centre for presenting an "anti-Puniab, anti-people, anti-farmers and directionless" Union Budget, Mann said: "It is shameful that going by its

myopic mindset, the Union Government has completely ignored the state thereby bringing a huge disrespect to countless sacrifices made by the brave and hard-working Punjabis in pre and post independent era.

He said that Punjab's all enuine demands have been blatantly ignored" and the state has figured nowhere in the Union Budget. "After Republic Day, this is the second deliberate attempt of the BJPled Central Government to undermine Punjab's contribution," said Mann adding that he fails to understand why the BJP is meting out such step-motherly treatment with Punjab. "Being a border state, we had demanded Rs 1,000 crore for Bhagwant Mann on modernization of BSF and Wednesday said that earlier state Police from the Centre Punjab was missing from the which is necessary to combat

Budget '23 will prove to be a milestone in making of modern India: Hry CM

PNS CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday said that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has presented the 'Amrit bud-get' prepared while keeping in mind every section of the s o c i e t y .
"The seven priorities of the government towards the country and the society in the budget will benefit every section. This budget presented in 'Amrit Kaal' will prove to be a milestone in the making of modern India," he added.Khattar said that the general budget will prove fruitful in the direction of making the country the leading economy of the world. "It is not just a budget, but also a vision document of the 'Amrit Kaal' of futuristic

India. This is an all-encompassing and all-inclusive budget, giving new energy to the counr v m e n . It will contribute significantly in writing a new chapter of good governance, poverty alleviation, socio-economic transformation and employment generation," he asserted.Khattar said that the resolve to include all sections

response from various stakeholders

of the society in the main-stream of development is visible in every aspect of this budget. "Special focus has

been laid on infrastructure development, health, employ-

housing, social welfare, farmers welfare, higher education, innovation and research; which will also be beneficial for Haryana," he said.

He added that the announcement of Indian Institute of Millet for coarse grains, promotion of fisheries and horticulture sector, or connecting one crore farmers with natural farming are many such decisions which will further strengthen our agriculture system.

Hailing the provisions made in the budget to connect New India with tech-nology, Khattar said that promotion of DIGILocker, systems like e-courts will take the country even further in the era of technology.

employees, the exemption limit

on leave encashment has been

increased to Rs 25 lakhs from

Rs three lakhs. This huge jump

will benefit a very large num-

student (Commerce) from PU,

said: "Exemption limit in

income tax has been increased

from Rs five lakh to Rs seven

lakh which will lead to a rise

in money flow in the market."

and medium-scale traders who are the foundation of the econ-

Another student Sumeet criticized the budget by saying that it has ignored the small

Anuradha Singh, another

ber of retiring employees.

Budget disappointing, contrary to expectations of common man: Himachal CM

PNS SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday said that the Union Budget was disappointing and contrary to the expectations

of the common man. "The Budget is a mere artful trickery to achieve the desired ends...There is nothing in this Budget for any section of society," said Sukhu, adding that the Budget has not talked about ways to control inflation and unemployment.

The Chief Minister said that the people were waiting for "achhe din" as lured by the BJP in 2014. "The Union Government has lost its only

opportunity to fulfill announcements as per the promises before the Lok Sabha elections to be held in 2024," he said. "The Budget lacks the vision on the employment sector and no reasonable thinking has been made in this direction. There is no mention of urban employment and farmers who were expecting a raising loan limit.

There was no announcement for subsidies on the farming tools or fertilizers," he added. Besides, there was no addition on MGNREGA allocation, thereby completely ignoring the rural employment avenues. "Nothing has been projected for the state in the Union Budget. There is no allocation for expansion of rail infrastructure and for the national highways. Even the changes in income tax slabs were not up to the people's expectation as it has not given any relief to the middle class," he said, adding that this is a Budget "to get the rich richer and the poor poorer". Stating that no special grant has been announced for the states under debt burden, Sukhu said: "Not only Himachal, there are many other states sailing in the same boat and reeling under debt. We have inherited the debt burden of around Rs 75,000 crore from the previous government, besides there is a liability of paying arrears to employees and pensioners amounting to nearly than Rs 11,000 crore," he said.

Union Budget 2022-23: **Who Says What?**

Budget will advance economic reform and industrial growth in the nation. New doors of progress will open with this budget and new employment opportunities will be created...All sections of society will be satisfied with the budget...I thank the Centre for including the State Government's digital library scheme in the central budget-

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister **Dushyant Chautala**

Union Budget has disappointed all sections of the society and actually proved to be a classic jumla of the BJP Government at the Centre...Budget has failed to address Punjab's concern, particularly agriculture-

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja

The budget is visionless and directionless...people, especially the poor and underprivileged, were expecting some special announcements to provide relief to the common man who has been reeling under extreme price rise since the COVID outbreak but all their hopes were shattered...There is nothing for the farmers in this budget and moreover, no legal guarantee has been announced for the MSP as expected by the farmers all across India-

Leader of Opposition in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Partap Singh

Budget is anti-poor, farmers, labourers, small traders and farmers...Budget is silent on the issue of preventing inflation and creating employment...There's no provision in the budget to provide relief to the people...Farmers are agitating for MSP and employees are agitating for old pension scheme, but the budget is silent even on their demands-Leader of Opposition in Haryana Vidhan

Sabha Bhupinder Singh Hooda

Union Budget 2023 has failed farmers, rural, poor, and youth besides failing to do anything to revive the agricultural and industrial sector in Punjab-

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal

I am really disappointed with Union Budget...Tax benefits proposed in the Budget are almost nil if inflation is taken into account... There's nothing much announced for the industrial sector...The only good thing in the Budget is a substantial increase on infrastructure expenses-AAP Rajya Sabha MP from Punjab, Sanjeev Arora

It is a growth-oriented budget as it has clearly indicated the Government's vision for Amrit Kaal through a focus on '7 Priorities'... This year's budget scores well on many fronts including its focus on developing infrastructure, meeting green goals, providing tax relief to the middle class and boosting

CII Northern Region chairman Anshuman Magazine

Union Budget 2023 will act as a turbo engine to propel and excel India's fastest growing economyIt is a Bumper Bonanza Budget' for youth, tax payers, MSME, women, farming community, LIGs beside many other sectors...The Budget is pathbreaking and will provide wings to India's growth story by focusing on investment, increased expenditure, employment, and ease of doing business-BJP national spokesperson Jaiveer Shergi

away from giving

Even the government runs unfortunate, he said while cau-

Include Punjabi on signboards by Feb 21 or face action: Punjab Govt

PNS CHANDIGARH

Over two months after the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann exhorted the Punjabis to start a mass movement for putting all signboards on private and public buildings across the State in mother-tongue Punjabi language by February 21 or face action, the Punjab Government has issued formal orders asking one and all to write all signboards and names plates, in public as well as private establishments, in the state in Punjabi language.

Giving three-week's time, till February 21 - the International Mother Language Day, the Government has asked the concerned to make the desired changes, failing which a fine — ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 5,000 — could be imposed as per the Punjab

weapons from across the bor-

der, especially through hi-tech

names of all the government offices, semi-government offices, educational institutions, boards, corporations, NGOs, shops and business establishments have to be written in Punjabi language (Gurmukhi script). That was not all! The

for making the changes at government institutions will be fined as per the Punjab Official the second and third violations, entered schools and children

Diploma (Travel and Tourism (Economic) Chandigarh, said Management) in a Panchkulathat the budget would do a lot based college, said: "Overall, of positive things in the comthe budget is very good, and on ing years. A huge 33 percent behalf of the tourism industry, increase in Capital Investment I'd like to welcome this budhas been made to Rs 10 lakh get." Referring to the mencrores, which will have a castioning of the tourism sector in cading beneficial impact on all the beginning of the budget speech, he said it was for the the segments of the economy. With regards to personal

taxation, the Finance Minister first time that the sector has proposed the New Tax Regime been given such importance. Terming the proposals of the budget, presented by Union Finance Minister as the default system, with no tax applicable for income up to Rs seven lakhs. The basic tax Nirmala Sitharam for 2023-24 slabs have also been revised, providing relief to taxpayers. For non-government salaried as excellent, Aman Verma, a student of Panjab University

Union Budget evokes mixed

the smuggling of drugs and the cold shoulder to this demand by not allocating a budget for it thereby com-

He added that the state's demand for starting Vande Mataram trains from Amritsar ones. pletely jeopardizing security in the border state," he said. and Bathinda to Delhi; and connecting all five Takhts

through rail route have been ignored. Stating that the budget has exposed

omy. Apart from other bene-

fits to the middle class, there is

no indication for the genera-

tion of employment, which is

a burning issue, he said. Hailing the Union Budget-

2023 as futuristic and growth-

oriented, founder of renowned

startup Pumpkart KS Bhatia

said that the Finance Minister

has opened up a plethora of opportunities for the agri start-

ups. The president of Chandigarh Territorial

Congress Committee HS

Lucky has termed the Union

Budget as an eyewash and with no futuristic approach.

Centre's anti-farmers

last budget of incumbent Modi Government but despite fall claims,

"Today, taxes are being levied on every item in the form of

GST and every citizen has to

bear the brunt of taxes direct-

ly or indirectly. The basic

problem of price rise and

unemployment has not been

addressed in this budget," he

added.Prateek Mittal

Executive Director of Sushma

Group — a real estate firm,

said that this budget will boost

realty prospects in tier II cities

as it allocates Rs 10 lakh crore

in capital investment outlay

and intends to set up an urban

infra development fund with

an annual allocation of Rs

Motia Group, said that the

demand for real estate will rise

as the government announced

a new tax regime and tax

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crops to farmers which is very Punjab on key issues. Ensure new Industrial Policy dedicated

to industry soon: Pb CM directs officers

Official Languages Act.
As per the orders, the

names of roads, name plates, milestones, and signboards will also be written in Punjabi lan-

After February 21, the government officials responsible Languages (Amendment) Act, | are available like grocery items 2021, which warrants fine of Rs 500 for the first violation, up to \mid ter of worry. It is not the ques-Rs 2,000 and up to Rs 5,000 for

Drugs have entered schools, available like grocery: Pb Guv

 $D_{\text{a}}^{\text{escribing drug menace as}}$ state, Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Wednesday expressed shock that drugs have entered into schools too. On a two-day tour of Punjab's border villages, the Governor said that villagers have informed him that drugs are available like grocery items at general stores. Mincing no words, the Governor said that gangsters are controlling drug network in Punjab while sitting in jails while asking the state Director General of Police (DGP) to keep a tab on such activities. "Villagers say drugs at general stores...It is a mattion of adults only. Drugs have are getting addicted. Parents are

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feeling helpless," he said. "Some children get addicted to the extent that they start stealing in their homes and we are getting several complaints in this regard. They get trapped in clutches of gangs who are dominating," Purohit told reporters in Pathankot. During his twoday programme, the Governor is visiting Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Fazilka and Ferozepur during which he will interact with sarpanches and other prominent local residents of the districts and take feedback from people on problems being faced by them. On drug issue, the Governor said: "Situation is such that if we go to villages, villagers say drugs are available like grocery items at general stores...Police may not be knowing but villagers know everything." Clarifying that the objective of his visit is not to blame anyone, but make

people understand and aware of the situation, he said: "The objective of my visit is not to blame anyone. But I have to make people understand and aware of the situation." "I will praise administration and BSF that many (drug) seizures are taking place. But it (drug consignments) are getting caught, but many are not otherwise how is it reaching schools and villages. It is a matter of big worry. We need to strengthen our police stations," he said. He said that Pakistan was using drugs in its proxy war against India and carrying out smuggling of contraband through d r o n e s . "Pakistan cannot dare to fight

us directly, so using drones and smuggling they are sending these things here," he said. Stressing that the people of border areas need to be aware, the Governor said: "I had talked of

forming security committees (in border areas) in an earlier meeting. Officials have told me many security committees have been formed, but we need to strengthen these committees." The Governor had, in September last year, visited border areas and at that time too he had expressed concern over the drug menace. He had then also issued directions to officials to keep a close vigil over illegal mining near the border. With the Governor and the Aam Aadmi Party government being involved in a squabble in the past over some issues, Purohit, in response to a question, said: Tell me a single example if I have told anything to government which is not according to the Constitution." To protect Constitution, under which I have taken oath, is governor's responsibility.

Policy will put the state on high growth trajectory of industrial

PNS CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday asked the officers to ensure that new Industrial Policy is dedicated to industry

Mann, chairing a high level review meeting, said that Punjab is on the threshold of becoming a front-runner industrial state in the country; and the new Industrial Policy, being prepared by the State Government, will act as a pivot for it.

"For the first time, this has been for-

industry policy has been formulated after taking the views of all the stakeholders, especially the industrialists," he said. The Chief Minister said that the suggestions of the state's industrial captains have been duly incorporated in this

Likewise, Mann said that

the opinions received from the industrial tycoons, during his recent visits to Hyderabad, Chennai, and Mumbai too, have been included in it. This new industrial policy will give much needed fillip to industrial

growth of the state, he added. At the same time, the officers have been asked to ensure that this policy is finalized very soon so that it can be duly industrialists at the earliest,"

implemented in the State. "The officers must ensure that this policy is dedicated to the said Mann expressing hope that the policy will put the state on high growth trajectory of industrial growth.

Power situation to worsen in paddy season: Power Engineers warns Govt, writes to CM includes free and subsidized

MONIKA MALIK

alling for "immediate cor-Crective and timely actions", Punjab power engineers have warned the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led State Government that the state may face in power shortage or blackouts during the upcoming paddy season across the State. They have attributed the same to the Punjab power corporation's precarious financial situation. state's mounting subsidy bill, widening expenditure gap, no increase in power generation, and the Government's "costly indecisions".

The PSEB Engineers' Association, in a letter addressed to the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Wednesday, stated that the upcoming paddy season "is going to be challenging for the indecisions" attributable only to the Punjab Government. The power demand is expected to exceed 15000 MW, with dwindling finances and no increase in power generation in the state sector, ordinary consumers will face power interruptions and blackouts if immediate corrective and timely actions are not taken by the Punjab Government."

The Association pointed out that that the financial position of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has been steadily deteriorating, particularly due to non-payment of subsidy by the Punjab Government, and defaulting payments by various State Government departments. "Punjab Government's annual power subsidy bill in this financial year is expected to cross Rs 19,000 crore in 2022-23, which

power to industries, agriculture, and domestic consumers, that too without considering the backlog subsidy payment of Rs 9,020 crores," stated the letter. The letter pointed put that the payments against waiver of defaulting amount by the Punjab Government for about Rs 1,555 crore is pending for almost one year and due to non-payment of electricity bills by the Punjab Government departments, the default towards Punjab Government has exceeded Rs 2,600 crore.

Stating that Punjab's power sector is heading towards a "man-made financial and power crisis", The Association stated that concerned government authorities have deliberately underestimated the expenditure on power subsidy by almost Rs 7,000 crore. "Now, with no budget provision for

PSPCL is being forced to arrange funds on its own by loans from banks and financial institutions at high interest rates and this lending will increase the overall cost of power for the ordinary consumers." The association pointed that Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA), a major component of the tariff and allowed by the PSERC time to time to compensate for the inflation in coal prices, has been kept pending by the government. "For the first time in the history of Punjab, Government has denied FCA which is another unrecoverable hole in the finances of PSPCL...if PSPCL fails to arrange sufficient funds through loans to cover these gaping holes in its finances, and thereby failing to procure sufficient electricity, coal, materials or defaults in payment for

electricity purchase during the coming summer season, people of Punjab will have to face serious power shortages and blackouts in the coming paddy season," it added. Pointing that the inordinate delay in making appointments of important posts in both PSPCL and PSTCL is negatively affecting the efficacy of the state power sector, the Association said that the sorry state of affairs has been further compounded by the interference of private consultants from a Bengluru-based private company in the day-today decision making of the power corporations. It has been alleged that AAP supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been interfering through this private firm. Talking about the AAP government's decision to give 600 free units, the engineers body stated that the "new challenge" has resulted in unprecedented peak in the power demand in the winter months for domestic consumers.

FASTag-enabled parking facility PNS CHANDIGARH

Surajkund Mela to have

To provide a hassle-free experience for visitors at 36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela that will kickstart in Faridabad on Friday, a smart parking facility has been introduced by the Haryana Tourism and the Surajkund Mela Authority. The facility will make use of a FASTag-enabled technology for easy payments and visitors will be able to use the Park+ app to discover, book, and prepay for a parking spot at government-approved parking areas, near the Mela.

This is the first time in the country that such advanced parking and online ticket booking technology is being used for an event. The fair will come to a close on February 19. According to the officer, to use the app-based parking serto download the Park+ app (available on iOS and Android), enter the location to park the vehicle, choose the parking spot and book it for a specified time and make the payment through the app.

vices, the visitors are required

"The parking facility at Surajkund Mela is being revolutionized with the introduction of smart parking for a hassle-free experience sle-free experience. BookMyShow along with Park+ has been engaged to enable smart parking solu-tions at Surajkund Mela grounds," said Neeraj Kumar, Managing Director of Haryana Tourism Corporation and Administrator, Chief Surajkund Mela Authority. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is the 'Partner Nation' in the fair and the north-eastern region of

India is the 'Theme State'.

Gulati removed as Pb women panel head PNS CHANDIGARH

Punjab government has Premoved BJP leader Manish Gulati from the post of the Punjab State Commission for Women (PSCW) chairperson revoking the letter granting her "extension" after completion of her three-year tenure.

The state's Social Security and Women and Child Development Department withdrew a letter, dated September 18, 2020, which had given Gulati an extension as the state women panel's head.Gulati, sharing close ties with the Patiala royal family, especially the former Chief Minister Cont. A marinder Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Patiala MP Preneet Kaur, was appointed as Commission's chairperson months after the formation of the Congress Government. A former Congress leader, Gulati joined the BJP in February last.

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Refer to the advertisement of the Physical paper publication published in The Ploneer (Eng.) & Daily Azad Soch (Pun.), Chandigarh (Punjab) Edition on 13th, Dec'2022, under the Borrower's name HARPREET SINGH, LAN no. LBPAT00004411605 & LBPAT00004411606 & LBPAT00004637716. Due to an inadvertent mistake in the Property Address was mentioned as HOUSE NO.60, SUNNY ENCLAVE, COMPRISING IN KHEWAT/ KHATONI NO.15/23, KHASRA NO.8//16(8-COMPRISING IN KHEWAT/ KHATONI NO.15/23, KHASRA NO.8/16(8-0), 17(8-0), 18(8-0)19(9-0), 20(6-4), 21(8-0), 22(8-0), 23(8-0), 24(8-0), 25(8-0), 9/11(8-0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 18(8-0), 19(8-0), 20(8-0), 21(8-0), 19/1(8-0), 20(8-0), 18(8-0), 18(8-0), 12(8-0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 18(8-0), 19(8-0), 20(8-0), 21(5-13), 20/1/1/1/(1-2), 14/2(3-0), 18(8-0), 18 DISTT. PATIALA PUNJAB. ADMEASURING AN AREA OF 4900 SQ. FT.
/ December 08, 2022 instead of HOUSE NO.60, SUNNY ENCLAVE,
COMPRISING IN KHEWAT/KHATONI NO.15/23, KHASRA NO.8//16(8-0), 17(8-0), 18(8-0)19(9-0), 20(6-4), 21(8-0), 22(8-0), 23(8-0), 24(8-0),
25(8-0), 9//11(8-0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 18(8-0), 19(8-0), 20(8-0), 21(8-0),
19//1(8-0), 2(8-0), 3(8-0), 4/1(5-0), 7/2(5-0), 8(8-0), 9(8-0), 10(8-0), 11(8-0),
0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 18(8-0), 19(8-0), 20(8-0), 21(5-13), 20//1MIN(3-7),
2MIN(7-18), 3(8-0), 4(8-0), 5(8-0), 6(8-0), 7/1(5-18), 9/1MIN(1-9), 14/2(3-0), 15(8-0), 16(8-0), 20 DISTT PATIALA PUNJAB. ADMEASURING AN AREA OF 500 SQ. YD. / December 08, 2022 We therefore, request to read it as HOUSE NO.60 SUNNY ENCLAYE, COMPRISING IN KHEWAT/ KHATONI NO.15/23 SUNNY ENCLAVE, COMPRISING IN KHEWAT/ KHATONI NO.15/23, KHASRA NO.8/16(8-0), 17(8-0), 18(8-0)19(9-0), 20(6-4), 21(8-0), 22(8-0), 23(8-0), 24(8-0), 25(8-0), 9/11(8-0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 18(8-0), 19(8-0), 20(8-0), 21(8-0), 10(8-0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 13(8-0), 12(5-0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 14(5-0), 7/2(5-0), 8(8-0), 10(8-0), 11(8-0), 12(8-0), 13(8-0), 18(8-0), 14(5-0), 20(8-0), 21(5-13), 20/11MIN(3-7), 2MIN(7-18), 3(8-0), 4(8-0), 5(8-0), 6(8-0), 7/1(5-18), 9/1MIN(1-9), 14/2(3-0), 15(8-0), 16(8-0), 25(6-7), KITTE 44 VILLAGE GHALORI, TEHSIL & DISTT. PATIALA PUNJAB. ADMEASURING AN AREA OF 500 SO, VP. / December 08, 2022 while the other contents in Date: February 02, 2023
Place: Patiala AREA OF 500 SQ. YD. / December 08, 2022 while the other contents in

CAPITAL PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujrat-362266,

Branch Office: 1st Floor, Vijaya Building, N-17, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002]

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES) Nhereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 02.11.2022 calling upon the borrowers amely Classic Polymers, Classic Fabrics, Classic Laminates, Raman Singla and Smiefy Singla to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 10,60,93,622-(Rupees Ten Crore Sixty Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two Only) ithin 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the orrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 31st day of January of the year 2023.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited for an amount of Rs. 10,60,93,622/- (Rupees Ten Crore Sixty Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two Only) and interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES All that part and parcel of the House Bearing M.C.L. No. B-18-759/1 on House No. 264 R feasuring 213.87 Sq. Yards. Out of 427.75 Sq. Yards. Situated at Model Town, Ludh

All that part and parcel of the House No. 264 R, Model Town, Ludhiana, Punjab-141002. All that part and parcel of the House No. 08, Baba Nand Singh Nagar Dugri, Ludhiana

All that part and parcel of the Plot No. 72, Saini Colony, Near Moti Nagar, Ludhiana

All that part and parcel of the Plot No. 73, Saini Colony, Near Moti Nagar, Ludhiana Punjab-141010.

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED PLACE: Ludhiana, Punjab

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक punjab national bank

निविदा आमंत्रण

पी.एन.बी. कृषक प्रशिक्षण केंद्र (PNB FTC), सच्चाखेडा जिला जींद में बिल्डिंग की मरम्मत के काम के लिए ठेका आधार पर निविदा आवेदन आमंत्रित हैं । काम की अनुमानित लागत दस लाख रूपये है। कार्य की विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए निदेशक, पी.एन.बी. कषक प्रशिक्षण केंद्र, सच्चाखेडा के पास उपलब्ध है। डच्छक व्यक्ति अथवा फर्म 16.02.2023 शाम 5:00 बजे तक कृष्क प्रशिक्षण केंद्र (PNB FTC) सच्चाखेडा, जींद में पूरा ब्योरा एवं लागत के साथ अपने आवेदन सीलबंद लिफाफे में जमा कराएँ।

निदेशक, पी.एन.बी कृष्क प्रशिक्षण केंद्र, सच्चाखेड़ा

Trident Ltd reports total income of Rs 16,247 million for Q3 FY23 The company achieved an income of Rs 47,203 EBITDA for Q3FY23 at INR 2,790 million with

million in the first 9 months of FY23.

margin at 17.2% and INR 6,855 million for 9MFY23 with margin at 14.5%. PAT for Q3FY23 at INR 1,420 million with mar-

gin at 8.7% and INR 3,055 million for 9MFY23 with margin at 6.5%. Chandigarh / Ludhiana: Trident Limited, a verti-

cally integrated Textile (Yarn, Towel & Bedsheets) and Paper (Wheat-Straw based) & Chemical manufacturer announced its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2022. Financial Highlights:

Trident Limited's Total Income for Q3FY23 is INR 16,247 million as compared to INR 19,611 million in Q3FY22 whereas INR 47,203 million for 9MFY23 as compared to INR 50,885 million for 9MFY22.



EBITDA for Q3FY23 stood at INR 2,790 million with an EBITDA margin at 17.2% and INR 6,855 million for 9MFY23 with margin at 14.5%.

Profit after tax for Q3FY23 reported at INR 1,420 million with PAT margin of 8.7% and INR 3,055 million for 9MFY23 with margin at 6.5%.

Net Debt stood at INR 8.466 million in 9MFY23 vs. INR 12,972 million (Mar 2022), reduction of INR 4,506 million.

Net Debt to Equity has improved to 0.22 x as on

31st Dec 2022 from 0.34 x in March 2022.

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR LAXMI 10 EARTH WEDNESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY

MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket

1st Prize (20)Rs.9500/-Common to all series(On 4 digits)

2nd Prize (20)Rs.5000/-Common to all series(On 4 digits)

3rd Prize (200)Rs.1000/-Common to all series(On 4 digits)

0730 1687 2179 2863 3001 3865 5236 6102 7372 8018 4th Prize (200)Rs.500/-Common to all series(On 4 digits)

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5th Prize (4000)Rs.100/-Common to all series(On 4 digits)

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1240	1244	1276	1296	1325	1362	1443	1456	1511	1536
1592	1628	1712	1740	1772	1778	1887	1992	2005	2032
2037	2063	2144	2238	2256	2289	2324	2337	2340	2374
2389	2403	2468	2488	2525	2545	2585	2615	2780	2802
2837	2884	3008	3047	3051	3055	3074	3076	3151	3184
3185	3393	3482	3601	3622	3705	3745	3807	3825	3827
3855	3873	3901	3929	3940	4010	4081	4129	4136	4148
4226	4242	4255	4263	4291	4373	4478	4480	4580	4677
4704	4714	4771	4930	4973	5025	5110	5129	5133	5256
5290	5325	5425	5427	5524	5527	5551	5710	5818	5870
5885	5920	5981	6012	6058	6108	6153	6160	6223	6292
6435	6496	6510	6512	6546	6549	6584	6683	6717	6733
6738	6777	6785	6804	6941	6951	7038	7124	7182	7298
7308	7317	7331	7417	7433	7469	7530	7637	7666	7685
7687	7730	7781	7787	7889	7913	8042	8050	8070	8107
8114	8138	8182	8194	8288	8389	8572	8844	8903	8983
8986	8994	9004	9030	9093	9122	9130	9158	9233	9255
9276	9473	9582	9804	9813	9878	9896	9967	9994	9996

Amount of Seller Prizes will be paid as approved in the scheme. Issued by Directorate of PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES Check the final result with Official Gazette Notification

District Information Technology Society Panipat

Room No. 112, 1st Floor, Mini Sec. Panipat, Mob.: 8168644768/9896853358

Short Tender Notice

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Required Quantity	E/Money (In Rs.)	Additional Security from the Successful Bidder	Bid Fees (In Rs.)	Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid	Date & T Opening	
1	White Paper A4 (75 GSM)	3400 Rim	10000/-	As per Norms	500/-	14-02-23 Time 11-30 AM	Technical Bid 14-02-23 Time 12-00 PM	Financial Bid 14-02-23 Time 03-00 PM
2	White Paper FS/ Legal (75 GSM)	1420 Rim						
3	White Paper A3 (75 GSM)	410 Rim						
4	Tonner 2501 (RICOH)	44 Tonner	10000/-	As per Norms	500/-	14-02-23 Time 11-30 AM	14-02-23 Time 12-00 PM	14-02-23 Time 03-00 PM
5	Tonner 2014 (RICOH)	44 Tonner						

for Deputy Commissioner -cum-Chairman. DITS, Panipat

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh. Delhi-110005 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 Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what

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.	Mr. French Arabian Aroma, Neeta Bedi, Subir Bedi, M/S Etiosha Pan (Borrower/ Co- borrowers), 081505500664, 081555000002, 140555000010 and 140505500288	Property No. 40, Sector 53, Phase-1, Industrial Estate Kundli, Sonipat, Haryana 132103. Area - 10764 Sq. Ft	6,60,73, 698.85/- as on Jan	Rs. 5,04,00, 000/- Rs. 50,40,000/-	February 06, 2023, From 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM	February 24, 2023, 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 February 23, 2023 before 05:00 PM 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 ICiCl Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh. Delhi-110005. on or before February 23, 2023 before 05:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before February 23, 2023 before 05:00 PM 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 February 23, 2023 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank 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 8584874809/9599281817.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Augeo Asset Management 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.lcicibank.com/n4p4s Date: February 02, 2023 Authorized Officer Place: Sonipat **ICICI Bank Limited**

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132, 133, 134, Sector- 9C,

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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.	Saajan Ahuja (Borrower), Gagan Ahuja (Co- Applicant), Raj Kumar Ahuja (Co-Applicant), Seema Ahuja (Co-Applicant)- LBYGR00004412769 and	House No- C/7/119, Property Id:- 0537, Ghandhi Dham Jagadhri, Yamunanagar, Haryana. Area: 403.33 Sq Yards	Rs. 3,04,82, 055 as on January 23, 2023	Rs. 1,03,00, 000/- Rs. 10,30,000/-	February 20, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	February 24, 2023 from- 11:00 AM Onwards

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The Authorized 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: February 02, 2023 **Authorized Officer** Place: Yamunanagar

ICICI Bank Limited

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR LAXMI 20 GREEN WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

DATE:01/02/2023 MRP Rs 20/- Per Ticket 1st Prize (10)Rs.9500/-(On 5 digits)

12519 13743 16740 26521 32987 37305 41359 51258 51578 53250 2nd Prize (50)Rs.2500/-(On last 4 digits) 1322 1542 2021 2335 5926 6867 7049 8009 8535 9420

3rd Prize (50)Rs.1000/-(On last 4 digits) 0558 1005 3368 3619 5349 7917 8157 8818 9734 9953

4th Prize (50)Rs.500/-(On last 4 digits)

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0527 2133 2577 2986 3695 4196 6268 6869 9133 9469 5th Prize (1000)Rs.200/-(On last 4 digits)

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4989 5511 5967 6022 6072 6278 6346 6468 6488 5879 6125 6397 6585 6877 6528 6637 6655 6731 6776 6813 6829 6834 6886 6904 6941 7076 7135 7143 7196 7202 7326 7349 7361 7429 7465 7482 7570 7588 7602 7657 7841 7849 7852 8034 8081 8104 8206 8208 8234 8283 8303 8369 8558 8673 8677 8318 8421 8459 9253 8753 8824 8909 8969 9065 9114 9232 9237 9254 9299 9386 9441 9477 9486 9510 9565 9576

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THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER U.T., CHANDIGARH. ubject:- Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 50% share in respect of House No. 2771, Sector 22-C, Chandigarh (RP-4732) in the name of Smt. Shanti Devi W/o Sh. Saran Dass, on the basis of Registered WILL dated 18.04.2018 of Sh. Saran Dass

S/o Sh. Kishan Lal.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office the property known as House No.2771, Sector 22-C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50% share, stands in the name of

It has been reported by Smt. Shanti Dev W/o Sh. Saran Dass that Sh. Saran Dass wner, to the extent of 50% share, of the above said property has expired on 21.09.2018. Now, Smt. Shanti Devi has applied for the transfer of 50% share of the above said property in her favour, on the basis of Registered WILL dated 18.04.2018 of Sh. Saran Dass S/o Sh. Kishan Lal and informed the names of all the legal heirs o deceased as under:-

Sr. No.	Name	Relation with the Deceased
1.	Shanti Devi	Wife
2.	Raj Kumar	Son
2. 3.	Mala	Daughter
4.	Anita	Daughter
5.	Usha	Daughter
5. 6.	Rajesh Kumar	Son
7.	Sanjay	Son
8.	Veena	Daughter

others legal heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Office U.T.,

anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of above named applicant they may furnish in vriting in the office of the undersione of this notice, failing which the said share in he said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later

Sh. Sumeet Sihag, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE , Kamal Sharma S/o Budh Ram Sharma R/o

Village Kakrauni, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declares that Sale Deed No. 2634 dt 06.12.2013 in favour of Seema Devi W/o Mohinde Singh has been lost at Bus Stand Bilaspur on d 24.01.2023. It has not been mortgaged with an Person / Bank / Financial Institution. Any person and other loan department can submit their claim a Manoj Parashar Advocate Chamber no.218 Block -A Second floor District court Jagadhri Yamuna Nagar Ph no.9416686444

PUBLIC NOTICE

, Shalini Goel W/o Sanjeev Goel R/o H. No. 2143-2144, Sec 17, HUDA, Jagdhri, Yamuna Nagar declares that I have lost Regd Decree / Deed No. 4776 dt. 16.09.2010 at Jagadhri on dated 21.01.2023. It has not been mortgaged with any Person / Bank / Financial Institution.

Public Notice

I Santosh DOB 01-07-1958(existing in the spouse documents) spouse of 14326583A-EX NK(Late) Jagbir singh resident of 798, sector-23, sonipat, haryana have changed my name & DOB from santosh DOB-01-07-1958 to santosh devi DOB-6/1957(as per civi vide affidavite dated 31-01-2023

कार्यालय नगर निगम, रोहतक

सार्वजिनिक सुचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम रोहतक की कर शाखा के स पत्तिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आई डी नं. 1H4J0840 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आई डी नं. प्रतिस्व कर्षा कर्षा नार्वे अवस्व कर्षा कार्यों क्षेत्र कर्षाची अने क्षेत्र करियों ने, श्रे शिव नान्दल के नाम से दर्ज है अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर में इस आई खे नं में प्रार्थी सावित्री, अनिल कुमार, राजीव सुनील देवी के द्वारा वसीयत/वार्सान के आधार पर अप सुनाल दवा के द्वारा क्यायत,ग्वारसान का आवार पर जनन नाम तबदील करवाना चाहतें है, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर अन्दर नगर निगम कार्याल्य में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यया यह प्रभारती देन जन्मा जानात क्य करवार, जनमा पर प्रभारती टेक्स में इनके नाम तबदील कर दी जाएगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा।

नोट:- सहदेव सिंह पुत्र राम सिंह रजिस्ट्री अनुसार मालिक हैं। जिनका देखन्त हो चुका है। रकबा 200 वर्गगज सहदेव सिंह के नाम है जो कि बिल् में 250 वर्गगज गलत दर्शा गया है व नाम गतत दर्शाया गया है।

क्रमांक : мск/zто/2023/176 **कृते, आयुवत,** दिनांक 01.02.2023 **नगर निगम, रोहतक**।

PUBLIC NOTICE That my client Shri Rajeev kumor son of Shri Sohan Lal declare that he is

owner of House measuring Plot meas uring 100 sq yard situated at Shiv Colony, Karnal, Within M.C Limit, Tehsi and District Karnal with all rights appur tenant thereto vide registered Sale Deed No. 4041/1 Dated 21.7.2017. now raising loan from Fullerton India Credit Limit and lost the death certificate and Varsan Certificate of Shri Fateh Chand son of Shri Joti Ram which he received from hie LRS pertaining to above said properties missing if any individual finstitution is having any information /charge/ lien then con tact undersigned within 7 days. Deepak Saini Advocate Chamber No. 373 District Courts Karnal (for Fullerton India Credit Limit with its original) 9416280273.

सार्वाजानिक सूचना जन साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गीता देवी उर्फ गीता

शर्मा पत्नी स्व. श्री बृज मोहन शर्मा ने जायदाद नं. 2557/5/4 बंगाली मोहल्ला अम्बाला छावनी जो कि Brij Mohan भंगारती मोहरूरना अंगमारता छावनी जो कि Brij Mohan Sharma, Saiya Parkash Sharma के नाम(Occupancy Righ) के काराम में गृहकर रिकार्ड में दर्ज है अब मृत्यु प्रमाण पत्र / शराधमण के काराम में गृहकर रिकार्ड में दर्ज है अब मृत्यु प्रमाण पत्र / शराधमण के आधार पर अपने नाम करवाने बारे नाम पत्रिष्ट अध्यासाल सरद जो मों में आवेदन के प्रमाण करों भी श्राविक के पह नाम तक्योंल बारे किसी भी कार्य हिरस में भीतर ऐतराज सहित इस कार्योलय में किसी भी कार्य दिश्य में भीतर ऐतराज सहित इस कार्योलय में किसी भी कार्य दिश्य के भीतर ऐतराज सहित इस कार्योलय में किसी भी कार्य हिरस में भीतर ऐतराज सहित इस कार्योलय में किसी भी कार्य हिरस में भीतर ऐतराज सहित इस कार्योलय में किसी भी कार्य हिरस में भीतर ऐतराज सहित इस कार्योलय में किसी भी कार्य हिरस में भीतर के काराम में नाम बदल दिया जाएगा सचिव नगर परिषद अम्बाला

24/4 (1/2 Part) हरणालाल राड अन्याला छवना जा कि Late Sh. Dinesh Kumar Bansa के नाम(Cocupancy Right) के कालम में गृहकर रिकार्ड में दर्ज है अब मृत्यु प्रमण पत्र / शायपात्र के आधार पर अपने नाम करवाने बारे नगर परिषद अम्बाला सदर जोने में आवेदन किया है अगर किसों में पळविंच को गह नाम तबदील बारे किसी भी तरह का ऐतराज हो तो 15 दिन के भीतर ऐतराज सहित इस कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में भारतुत कर रकता है अन्यव्य पियमानुषार (occupancy Right) के कालम में नाम बदल दिया जाएगा स्विच्य नगर परिषद अम्बाला

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PUBLIC NOTICE GARG, HCS ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T.,

> Subject: Transfer of LEASE HOLD RIGHTS in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1016/1,SECTOR 30-B, Chandigarh (AH 1016/1/30B) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of

dated 11/08/2017. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt. MISS CHANDER KANTA MONGA is the owner RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1016/1, SECTOR

Court Decree On Basis Of Registered Will

30-B , Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00 % Share. It has been informed by RITU GULATI that after all the stake holders/legal hiers have entered into has been passed by the Hon'ble Court.

Now, RITU GULATI has/have applied for the Transfer of Lease Rights in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1016/1, SECTOR 30-B , Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00 % Share held by MISS CHANDER KANTA MONGA in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Court Decree On Basis Of Registered Will dated 11/08/2017. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary)in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, iling which the said share in the said rty will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be

entertained at any later stage. Sanyam Garg, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की कर शास्त्रा के सम्पतिकर रिकार्ड में नई पॉपर्टी आई. डी. न. N/A पुरानी प्रोपरी आई.डी.नं. २५२८४०८ए३०४ वार्ड नं./पता नई अनाज मंड़ी, रोहतक धर्म देवी के नाम से दर्ज है, अब नुगर निगम के रिक्रॉर्ड में इस आई डी नं. में पार्थी ागरा गांग अनिल कुमार, सुभाव चन्द्र, धाराया, स्तीरा कुमार, लखनी देवी, सुदेश कुमारी, भुपेनद दुर्ग, पिरोका, नीरू अपने नाम दर्ज करवाना चाहते हैं, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबील करने में कोई भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अक्टर- अन्दर नामए निमान कार्यालय में अपनी आपति दर्ज करवाए, अन्याय यह मलकियत रहन है नाम कार्यालय में अपनी अपनी दर्ज करवाए, अन्याय यह मलकियत रहन है नाम कार्यालय में अपनी स्वार्थ अपनी दर्ज करवाए, अन्याय यह मलकियत रहन है नाम कार्यालय के अपनी स्वार्थ अपनी स्वार्थ करवाए, अन्याय वह मलकियत रहन हो नाम कार्यालय के अपनी स्वार्थ करवाए, अन्याया वह मलकियत रहन हो नाम करवाए करवाण करवाए करवाए करवाण करवाए करवाण करवाए करवाण करव नाम तबदील कर दी जाएगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम रोहतक कोई उतरदायी नहीं होगा।

दोञीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

सर्व साधारण को सचित किया जाता है कि नगर म, रोहत्क की केंर् शास्त्रा के सम्पतिकर रिका में नई पॉपर्टी आई. डी. न. N/A पुरानी पोपर्टी आई.डी.नं. 93C310U207 वार्ड नं./पता 16, शोरी मार्केट. रोहतक धर्म देवी पत्नी स्व. राम चन्द्र के नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड में इस आई डी त जा भी कारण नाम सुदेश कुमारी, मुचैद हुने, प्रियंका, नीरू, अनिल कुमार, सुगाष चन्द, धमरयान, सतीय कुमार, लक्षी देवी, अपने नाम दर्ज करवाना चाहते हैं, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तब्दीन करने में कोई भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर- अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपति दर्ज करवाए, अन्यया यह मलकियत उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जाएगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगुम रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा।

क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

LOST-FOUND l, Sanjeev Kumar, Manager, Punjab Nationa Bank, Branch Officer, Thanesar, Kurukshetr inform that the following persons have be lost some documents I detail of the and their lost documents as follows:- 1). Mahinde Kumar Chopra r/o H.No.366, Sector-13, UE Kurukshetra. SALE DEED NO.1348, date 28.06.1989 & other Original property doc

2) Equitable Register No.1 (E-OBC), Thanesar & Equitable Register No. 19 of PNB, Thanesar. DDR application No. 1323/20772300040.

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Sector-13, UE, Kurukshetra all original property documents related to loan and its chain DDR application No. 1323/20772300039. al Bhatti r/o H.No. 2166, Sector-7 ng Board Colony, Kurukshetra. Sal deed No.6077 dated 19.12.2016 and related loan property document. DDR application No 1323/20772300036. 5) Rakesh Kumar Goyal S/o Krishan Chan-

3) Ashwini Kumar & Amita Jain R/o H.No.315

Goyal R/o SRS Royal Hills Society, Pear Heights, Flat No.P001, Tower C-3, Sector-87 Nehar Par, Farldabad, 121002. All origina Property documents and its chain related to Loan. DDR application 1323/20772300038. 6) Neha Kangra r/o #1104, Sector-4, UE, Ku rukshetra. Title deed No.6341 date 19.01.2017 and all related Original propert

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कार्यालय तहसीलदार, अवाला शहर

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन-साधारण क

स्चित किया जाता है कि हरप्रोत सिंह निवासी किंगा विहार कालीनी, नजदीक शिव मंदिर, धूलकोट अंबाला शहर से मृतक स्व. जसरागल सिंह के कानूनी वारिस की रिपोर्ट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्रारा हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलंग हल्फनामा व रिपोर्ट नगर पार्थद व अधीक्षक नगर निगम अंबाला अनुसार मृतक स्व. जसपाल सिंह के निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस है:-1. हरपीत सिंह -पुत्र 2. अजीत सिंह -पुत्र 3. गुरमेज कीर - पत्नी। यदि इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपित हैं तो वह तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पिस्तिकेशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर-2 आपित दर्ज करता सकता है। वत किया जाता है कि हरप्रीत सिंह निवासी किं दिन के अन्दर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकता है।

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Defence allocation jumps 13%

Gets ₹5.94L cr

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

The defence budget for the next fiscal was increased by nearly 13 per cent to Rs 5.94 lakh crores from the last year's allocation of Rs 5.25 lakh crores. In an effort to sustain the pace of modernization, the capital outlay saw a jump for 2023-24 to Rs 1,62, 600 crores from Rs 1,50,000 crores last

Given the tense situation at the borders facing China, the Government has assured that more funds will be made available as and when required to keep up the operational readiness of the armed forces. The capital budget caters for procurement of weapon and allied

The revenue budget for 2023-24 was hiked from Rs 2,59,500.48 crores last year to Rs 2,70,120.14 crores for the next financial year. This budget head takes care of salaries of armed forces personnel, maintenance of equipment and weapons, fuel costs and day to day functioning of the three

If capital and revenue budgets for the coming fiscal are clubbed together, the hike totals nearly 5. 7 per cent compared to revised estimate for 2022-23. The overall defence budget

as mentioned above combine ministry of defence(Civil), revenue, capital and defence pensions. Pensions form a substantial part of the defence budget. Rs 1,38,205 crores were allocated for the next fiscal as compared to Rs 1,53, 414 crores for the last year.

As regards Service allocation for capital budget, the IAF got the highest share of allocation amounting to Rs Rs 57,137 crores. It will enable the IAF to procure more than 100 fighter jets to address the issue of depleting squadron strength besides acquiring other state of art equipment.

The Navy got the second highest capital outlay totaling



Rs 52,804 crores for the next fiscal year.

The Navy is all set to buy fighter jets for its two aircraft carriers the coming months and initiate process for the production of next set of six conventional submarines. They will be manufactured within

The Army was allotted Rs 37,241 crores to maintain its tempo of modernization in the backdrop of tension along the Line of Actual Control(LAC)facing China. The capital allocation will help the Army to procure light

tanks, artillery guns and assault

rifles.

The defence ministry said the Capital Investment Outlay has been increased steeply for the third year in a row by 33 per cent to Rs 10 lakh crore, which would be 3.3 per cent of GDP. This will be almost three times the outlay in 2019-20.

This increase is a reflection of the Government's commitment towards sustainable augmentation in the area of modernisation and infrastructure development of the Defence Services, it said.

Moreover, the capital bud-

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"The Budget demonstrates

said the defence minister.

"By creating jobs through

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ture in border areas particulary the Northern borders facing

Organisation(BRO). For the next fiscal, the BRO got Rs 5,000 crore for the next fiscal as compared to Rs 3,500 crore in the last fiscal.

China has seen a jump of 43 percent for the Border Roads

This will boost the border infrastructure thereby creating strategically important assets like Sela Tunnel, Nechipu Tunnel and Sela-Chhabrela Tunnel and will also enhance border connectivity.

Defence Minister Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated Éinance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting a growth-oriented budget stating that priority has been given to provide support to farmers, women, marginalised sections.

Rajnath exuded confidence that the Union Budget 2023-24 will help in achieving the Government's goal of making India a \$5 trillion economy and among the world's 'Top Three' economies within a few years.

Opportunistic, anti-poor Budget: Didi **SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the Union Government for producing what she called an "anti-people, anti-poor and opportunistic Budget" which was anything but futuristic.

"Today the Government

claims to have placed a Budget which is anything but a budgetary exercise because I could have done that in half-an-hours time," Banerjee said adding "this Budget is anti-people, anti-poor, and full of lies and

Dismissing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claims that it was a "historic" Budget and alleging that it was a vote-oriented exercise Banerjee said, "they are claiming that it is historic and futuristic ... but I say it is not ... it is not futuristic but an opportunistic Budget which instead of showing light brings darkness."

Though she would not name Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman the Chief Minister said "they have said nothing

about unemployment issues and rising prices ... there are 3.7 crore jobless people in the country and not a word has been spent on that ... nothing has been said about ways to contain inflation ... whereas they have tried to entice a section of people keeping the upcoming elections in mind ... the suffering of the common

Attacking the Union

Government for "pursuing the policy of divestment," Banerjee said "they are selling out everything ... all the public sector units are being sold out and not a word has been spared on that ... We expected a holistic

man will only continue."

Budget and not the kind they have imposed on the people of

Bengal Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya too attacked the Centre for placing a Budget aimed at the poll-bound States only. "This is an election oriented Budget which has nothing for the common man ... they are not releasing the funds which are due to us and are claiming that they have placed a historic Budget ... where is the reference of the

funds belonging to our State that they have held up," she said. Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh too attacked the Centre for introducing a "disguised Budget." He said this is a Budget which "can be compared to demon king Ravana who came in the disguise of a Sadhu and then abducted Mother Sita."

Will help make Modi's dream of making India eco superpower true: BJP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{op\ BJP\ leaders\ and\ Union}_{\ Ministers\ hailed\ the}$ Budget 2023 as visionary and said this will help make the dreams of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India an economic super power during the Amrit kal.

Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the Budget as "all-inclusive and visionary", saying that this will give impetus to the PM Modi-led government's resolve for self-reliant India.

"The budget-2023 brought by the Modi government is a budget that lays a strong foundation of Amrit Kaal. I am sure that this all-inclusive and visionary budget will give further impetus to the resolve of the Modi government for a selfreliant India, taking every section along. Congratulations to PM Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for this Amrit Kaal Budget," Shah said.

Referring to the budget proposals, Shah outlined how the Budget reflected the government's push for strong infrastructure and a strong econocapital expenditure by 33 per cent to Rs 10 lakh crore and keeping the fiscal deficit at 5.9 per cent is commendable. This reflects the foresight of the Modi government to build a new India with strong infrastructure and a strong econo-

giving huge tax relief to the storage capacity in the budget, ation and increased spending on agriculture, housing,

middle and salaried class. The increase in tax rebate from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh and unprecedented changes in tax slabs will greatly benefit the middle class. Along with this, I also welcome the relief given to the government employees," said the home minister.

Lauding the budget provisions, Shah referred to the Digital Library to make books available to the youth, to increase agricultural loans to Rs 20 lakh crore, to start the PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana to make the country's traditional artisans and craftsmen self-reliant.

my," Shah said. "With the plan to set up the "Thanks to Modi ji for world's largest decentralized

farmers associated with cooperative societies will be able to store their produce and sell the produce at the right time and get a fair price. This will play an important role in Modi ji's resolve to increase the income of farmers," he tweeted.

Union defence minister Rajnath Singh said the budget has focused on growth and wel-

"The Union Budget for 2023-24 presented by FM Nirmala Sitharaman under the guidance of PM Modi is focused on growth and welfare, with a priority to provide support to farmers, women, marginalised sections and the middle class," Rajnath said.

He highlighted job cre-

professionals alike," he further said. The defence minister said that the Budget is expected to bring in change that will help India become s \$5 trillion

"The Union Budget 2023-24 is expected to bring about positive changes in the country that will lead us towards achieving our goal of becoming a \$5 trillion economy and 'Top Three' economies within few years," Rajnath said.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari praised the budget for giving impetus to infrastructure development, and said, "It is a budget to promote modern infrastructure in the country, which will lay the foundation for a new India and improve the lives of 130 crore

Nadda lauded Prime Minister Modi and union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman for an inclusive, growth-oriented, and visionary budget.

Indians.".BJP President J P

The first union budget of Amrit Kaal reflects Prime Minister Modi's vision and foresight ", said Nadda adding that "it highlights core vision of the Prime Minister Modi" and "brings out the welfare schemes "to benefit those at "the lowest rung of the Pyramid".

The BJP president welcomed the increase in the Income tax rebate to Rs seven lakh from the current Rs five

Union Minister Jitendra Singh said the "Amrit Kaal

Budget" infuses new energy to India's growth trajectory and is the outcome of an all inclusive people-centric agenda relentlessly pursued by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In his tweet, the minister said, "The #AmritKaalBudget presented by FM Smt @NSitharaman is the outcome of all inclusive people-centric agenda relentlessly pursued by PM Sh @NarendraModi." "Equal focus on women,

youth, middle class, farmers, etc. It infuses new energy to India's growth trajectory steering it to stay on track as a global bright star," it said.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the budget has given a boost to education, skill development and job creation.

Ít lays a solid foundation for transforming India into a technology-driven, knowledge-based economy, he said.

Reacting to the announcements made by the Finance Minister in her budget speech in Lok Sabha, Pradhan said the Union Budget for 2023-24 has drawn a meticulous blueprint for "India@100".

'Giving a boost to education, skill dev, entrepreneur-

ship, R&D, digital infrastructure, green growth & job creation, Amrit Kaal Budget draws a meticulous blueprint for India@100 and lays a solid foundation for transforming India into a technology-driven knowledge-based economy," Pradhan tweeted.

Budget will make way for country's progress: Thakur Slamming the opposition, inflation in India has been

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday investments in infrastructure said the Union Budget 2023 is projects paired with increased spending on agriculture, housthe first budget of "Amrit Kaal," and this budget will make way turing sectors will help create for the country's progress

"The first budget of Amrit Kaal has created a strong base for India's bright future. This budget is for the poor, farmers, women, youth & middle class as well. We'll provide hi-tech learning for our youth and provide stipends to 47 lakh youth," said Thakur.

"This is Amirt Kaal's maid-



en budget, and this budget has the potential to pave the route for a developed India," said Thakur. Rural people, youngsters, farmers, women, and labourers: this budget includes something for everyone, which is why we name it Kushiyon ka Budget', the Minister added.

he stated that the opposition has nothing to question in this budget, which is why the opposition is a little upset; they intended to politicise the budget, but they can't since this budget is for everyone. Because budget is for everyone. Because there is nothing to criticize in Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's ing why changes to income tax bracket limitations have been made, and why new skill-oriented programmes have been included, Thakur said.

When asked about the country's inflation and employment, Thakur remarked that, in comparison to neighbouring Pakistan and the West,

under control and has steadily fallen over time. Increased capital expenditure and government investment will progressively boost the number of jobs in the coming times.

the blueprint for the next 25 years, citing expenditure figures Thakur said: "This budget has provided a framework for future times, and coming years, it is almost 9 times larger than the previous budgets, several new initiatives have been initiated with the intentions of making India future ready."

500 'waste to wealth' plants to come up under GOBARdhan: FinMin

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said 500 new 'waste to wealth' plants under GOBARdhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) scheme will be established for promoting a circular economy.

These will include 200

compressed biogas (CBG) plants, including 75 plants in urban areas, and 300 community or cluster-based plants at a total investment of Rs 10,000 crore. Presenting the Union Budget for 2023-24, she also said the government will facilitate 1 crore farmers to adopt natural farming. The GOBARdhan scheme focuses on managing and converting cattle dung and solid waste on farms into compost, biogas, and bio-CNG. In addition to keeping the village clean, it provides additional income for

The GOBARdhan scheme also aims to make farmers more self-reliant in converting 'waste to energy.' For every district, the Government of India provides technical assistance as well as financial support of up to 50 lakhs to achieve the safe disposal of cattle and organic

farmers and cattle herders.



aims to help villages safely manage their cattle waste, agricultural waste, and organic waste. Develop decentralized systems to turn cattle and organic waste into wealth for communities. The effective disposal of waste in rural areas is to reduce vector-borne diseases and promote environmental sanitation.

Besides, the government will take up mangrove plantation along the coastline under the new MISHTI scheme, she added. Sitharaman also said the government would promote conservation values through a scheme to encourage optimal use of wetlands.

Further, a green credit programme will be notified to incentivise environmentally sustainable and responsible

actions by companies, she said. Gaurav Kedia, Chairman, Indian Biogas Association said the Budget prioritizes the adoption of green fuel, energy, and building practices to reduce carbon intensity and create new green job opportunities.



The Opposition parties have ■ slammed the Union budget for 2023-24 as anti-people devoid of any vision to address the problems of employment or

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi slammed the Modi Government over the budget, claiming that its 'mitr kaal' budget (as against Amrit kaal budget described by the BJP) "has no vision to create jobs as well as no plan to tackle inflation, and proves that the Centre has no roadmap to build India's future."

"Mitr Kaal Budget has: NO vision to create Jobs. NO plan to tackle Mehngai. NO intent to stem Inequality. 1% richest own 40% of the wealth, 50% poorest pay 64% of GST, 42% youth are unemployed -yet, PM doesn't Care!", Rahul said in a tweet.

"This Budget proves the Govt has NO roadmap to build India's future," he said.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the Narendra Modi government has "looted" the country by increasing prices of flour, pulses, milk and cooking gas, he claimed that the budget is proof that people are "continuously losing faith in the BJP".



ernment has made life difficult for the people. The country's economy has been deeply hurt. The Modi government has done nothing except loot the country's wealth.

"This budget will be called 'Naam Bade Aur Darshan Chhote Budget' (big on announcements and short on delivery)," Kharge said after the presentation of the Union

The Congress president alleged that the budget has been made with elections and not the country in mind.

"No effort has been made in this budget to find a solution to massive unemployment. Inflation is hurting every household and the common

"There is nothing in the budget that would reduce prices

of items of daily use," he said. Kharge claimed that there is nothing in this budget for the welfare of Dalits, tribals and backward classes or to protect their rights.

"MNREGA budget reduced by Rs 38,468 crore. So what will happen to the poor? There is no boost to the education and health budgets, in fact, they have been reduced.

"The anti-farmer Narendra Modi government has given nothing in the budget for farmers! It was promised to double the income of farmers in 2022. Why was it not fulfilled? Where is the MSP guarantee? The neglect of the farmers contin-

ues," he alleged.
The Leader of Opposition
in Rajya Sabha accused the Modi government has ruined the banking sector.

The fugitives looted the country and fled, he said, alleging that wilful defaulters are to the tune of Rs 3 lakh crores.

There is a slippage of Rs 36 lakh crores in bank NPAs. But no solution has been mentioned in the budget. Also, there is not a word on the risk posed to SBI and LIC, Kharge alleged.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said while there are some good things in the budget, there was no mention of MNREGA, poor rural labour, employment and inflation. Some fundamental questions remained to be answered, he claimed.

His party colleague Karti Chidambaram said he is a believer in a low tax regime, and so "any tax cuts are welcome because giving more money into the hands of the people is the best way to boost the economy." In an stinging reaction, West Bengal Chief Minister and the TMC leader Mamta Banerjee termed the Union Budget "anti-people and claimed that the changes in the income tax slabs will not help

Boost to Ayush services, research



IANS ■ NEW DELHI

The integration of the Ayush system in the National Health ecosystem has got a major boost in the Budget 2023-24 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday.

The total allocation to the Ayush Ministry has increased by 20 per cent to Rs 3,647 crore. The budget has also emphasised on promoting evidence-based research in Ayush systems through Ayush research coun-

"The budget allocation to centrally-sponsored National Ayush Mission (NAM) has got a 50 per cent increase from Rs 800 crore to Rs 1200 crore. The NAM is majorly focused on providing cost effective Ayush services with the universal access through up-gradation of Ayush Hospitals and Dispensaries, comprehensive primary health care through upgrading health care facilities

as Health & Wellness Centers (HWC), and co-location of Ayush facilities at PHCs, CHCs & DHs", said Ayush Ministry in a statement.

The NAM also supports cultivation of medical plants, production of quality and standardised ingredients for supply of Ayush, integration of medicinal plants in farming systems and increasing export of value added items of medicinal plants. All the states (Rs 920 crore), union territories (Rs 96 crore) and north eastern areas (Rs 231 crore) have also witnessed an increase in grants-in-aids i.e from Rs 861.97 crore to Rs 1,246.73 crore, said the ministry.

The ministry said, "The budget considers the strength of the traditional Indian system of medicine. Other Ayush systems like homeopathy, unani, siddha, naturopathy and sowa rigpa need to be promoted through enhancing education facilities and community outwww.dailypioneer.com

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Good Budget

Budget 2023-24 has something for everyone, and yet there has been no fiscal profligacy

here is a term often used for pre-poll budgets, mostly by the Opposition to disparage the government of the day — 'political budget.' Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget 2023-24 certainly doesn't fall under this category. One of the biggest political budgets was the one that the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government made in 2008. It announced a Rs 60,000-crore farm loan waiver, which went up to almost Rs 72,000 crore. The waiver helped the UPA's return to power next year. There was a strong correlation between the amount spent in states and the UPA's electoral fortunes in it. Thankfully, Sitharaman has steered clear of the reprehensible populism the UPA exhibited 15 years ago. Yes, she can be accused of



trying to placate income-tax payers by giving them relief, but the fact is that it was long overdue. The point to be stressed here is that the biggest beneficiaries are those who are in the lowest brackets. This means more money in the pockets of common people which they will either invest or spend — and thus boost demand and savings, both of which are desirable. Micro, small and medium enterprises have also been extended income-tax benefits. What is conspicuous about personal income-tax cuts is the fact that the people in the highest tax slab have also been given relief. The highest tax rate in our country is 42.74 per cent, which is among the highest in the world. She has proposed to bring this down to 39 per cent.

This is a very courageous step in a country where it is fashionable to slam the rich — and especially when her party is gearing up for the general elections in 2024.

In line with the Narendra Modi Government's emphasis on infrastructure, the Finance Minister has steeply increased, third time in a row, the capital investment outlay by 33 per cent to Rs 10 lakh crore. This is around 3.3 per cent of the gross domestic product or GDP. This will be almost three times the outlay in 2019-20. She went on to point out that the direct capital investment by the Centre is complemented by the provision made for creation of capital assets through grants-in-aid to states, thus making the 'effective capital expenditure' to Rs 13.7 lakh crore. She rightly emphasised upon her Government's focus on capital expenditure to enhance growth potential, generate jobs, crowd in private investment, and provide a cushion against global headwinds. A good thing about the Budget is that, even though it has something for everyone — from the middle classes to the rich, from MSMEs to big corportations — fiscal prudence has been maintained. While pegging the fiscal deficit for 2023-24 at 5.9 per cent of GDP, she pledged to tread "the path of fiscal consolidation, reaching a fiscal deficit below 4.5 per cent by 2025-26." The fiscal deficit already came down from 6.7 per cent in 2021-22 to 6.4 per cent in 2022-23 (revised estimates). In a nutshell, Budget 2023-24 is good.



Preparations are underway for the G20 meeting, in Agra

Not in good humour

Rajinikanth's public notice stopping mimicry artists from mimicking him is rather harsh and uncalled for

■ imicry and stand-up comedy are 'national' pastimes of people in the southern states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Specialists in mimicry eke out a living caricaturing their favourite film stars and politicians and these programs are the most wanted ones in star-studded stage shows in India and abroad. Earlier there were only one or two comedy artists to mimic film stars and their mannerisms. In South India where film stars are adored like demiGods, their fans go berserk when the comedy artists dish out the mannerisms and style of their superstars. In yesteryears, there were fashion stores and hairdressing saloons named after M G Ramachandran. Shivaii Ganesan, and Jaishankar, the Tamil matinee icons. Not long ago, we had Khusbu Wines in Chennai named after the diva of Tamil films. Many restaurants in Tamil Nadu serve the delicious Khushbu Idly, known for its softness and distinct taste. At no point in

> time MGR, Shivaji, or Khushbu have questioned the propriety of the persons who 'misused' their names and style to entertain people. Last week, the reigning superstar of Tamil films Rajinikanth came out with a public notice he issued through his lawyer declaring that whoever mimics his style and mannerism and makes use of his name for commercial purposes stand to face civil and criminal cases.

The public notice portrays him as an actor with a humongous reputation and he enjoys a celebrity status and has the 'personality/publicity/celebrity/rights over all facets of his personality'. No one can blame Rajinikanth for questioning the propriety of businessmen and entrepreneurs exploiting his name in com-

mercial ventures. But his decision to say no to poor mimicry artists would rob them of a chance to earn a livelihood and this is certain to cast a shadow over the goodwill enjoyed by the superstar. There was a lot of heart burning when superstar Amitabh Bachchan, music maestro llayaraja, and playback singer K J Yesudas demanded that they be paid royalty by performers who make use of their acting and singing talents. The Indian Copyright Act has indeed put restrictions on the wanton misuse of such works by vested interests. But the truth remains that a true artist should not be greedy and ask the wannabe artists for royalties because it would be like robbing from begging bowls. The mimicry artists should show restraint and stay away from spoofing the maestros and superstars. One should not set the house on fire to kill a rat.

Economic reality check on China



China though making strides in the economic field is on a slippery slope. Its economic model exploits countries and is hegemonistic in approach

hina has been hog-ging the bright limelight for the last two decades, almost since the beginning of the current century for a growing economic powerhouse status and a country destined to overtake the US in economic and geopolitical might. The way it was developing its infrastructure and creating a most cost-competitive global manufacturing base was, to say the least, mind-boggling. But what was being projected and envisaged in 2003 is not being reiterated today, twenty years later. What is the reason?

The last two years have shaken the economic pillars of China. The real estate sector which accounts for nearly 30 percent of the Chinese economy has slipped into deep recessionary doldrums. Evidenced by the collapse of the Evergrande, the real estate business entity stricken by high debts and its serviceability crisis, the overall picture of the country's economy and its short and medium-term outlook is anything but bright. The writer happened to visit China in 2014 and is privy to scores of high-rise multistoried residential buildings on the outskirts of its IT hub city Cheng Du and all the buildings are vacant-looking like deserted ghost houses.

The situation is, regrettably the same, nay worse, nine years later in 2023. The flats remain unsold in large numbers with the allottee- buyers unable to pay their housing loan installments due to shrinking or unsteady incomes. The writer also saw that at that time, the average cost of goods and services in China was 3 times that of India, which today is more than 4 times. Let me cite a few figures in regard to China's economy vis- a -vis India. Central Govt. debt (percentage of GDP) is 76.89 for China and 83.4 for India. While the GDP growth rate for China is three percent, for India, it is 6.84. The Debt per capita (in USD) in China is 7164 and for India, it is 1724. The inflation rate (percent) for China is 2 percent and for India, it is 6.89.

The above is 2022 figures but with the recent global eco extracted from www.statista.com. nomic downturn caused by What do the above figures con- Covid-19 and now the pro-



analytical inferences.

The economic soundness indices of China and India are quite comparable, with important parameters tilted heavily in India's favor. The reason? China has grown too fast too much and its growth is unsustainable. The figures speak for themselves. China's model of economic growth is undemocratic, with capitalist processes foisted on a communist, totalitarian base. This provides an unstable, unsustainable model of economic growth. China has kept the inflation rate low by artificially tight fiscal means through restricted resort to printing more currency, even during the Covid-19 period when GDP and income growth sharply declined. This, seen along with the Communist regime's restriction on citizens' savings and withdrawals from their bank accounts, is already causing grave social distress leading to protests and uprisings. With the growth rate declining to 3 percent and the country now in the grip of a most serious Covid-19 pandemic, the short-term economic outlook of the country looks extremely grim.

China's past growth has been fuelled by exports rather than domestic consumption



CHINA HAS KEPT THE INFLATION RATE LOW BY **ARTIFICIALLY** TIGHT FISCAL MEANS THROUGH RESTRICTED **RESORT TO** PRINTING MORE CURRENCY, EVEN **DURING THE** COVID-19 PERIOD WHEN GDP AND **INCOME GROWTH SHARPLY DECLINED**

global demand has heavily declined and China's huge factories are idling to the extent of 40-50 percent on an average. This is exacerbating the already burgeoning domestic debt crisis, with many banks going bust.

It is relevant to observe that China is also present in the midst of an energy crisis with its huge thermal power electricity generating plants starving of coal whose imports from Australia have declined in the recent past due to the worsening of its political relations with that country. The shortage of electricity has put that much additional strain on its manufacturing industry.

The worst thing that could have happened to China is its much-touted BRI running into a quandary. Thanks to China's opaque policies and systems and unabashedly hegemonic designs, its BRI investments in many countries have run into logjams and the BRI project is turning out to be an unqualified failure. Taking over ports and establishing military bases in the BRI host countries has sullied China's image and shown it as a businessunfriendly hegemonic power with predatory designs.

It is also important to note India's advantageous position over China under the present economic circumstances. India's cost of production is less

than one-fourth of China's and with a much younger labor workforce; it sits on a much better pedestal for manufacturing sector growth. It can easily wrest from China the position of the global manufacturing hub. The most important factor in India's favor is its present geopolitical goodwill and China's worsening relations with major countries owing to its dubious role in the Covid-19 pandemic. In the present situation of political, economic, and social turmoil all over the world in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine war with overt or covert military involvement of many other countries, India is poised

well to take the big economic

leap forward ahead of China. China's economic model has shown now beyond a semblance of doubt that the economic progress of a country is long-term sustainable only with a fair model delivering equitable benefits to collaborating countries. It can never provide long-term, stable economic progress with an exploitative model and undemocratic systems behind it, which are not compatible with the natural development patterns of humans on this planet.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMBIGUOUS STAND

Sir — When US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Tel Aviv this Monday, it appeared that he might have planned to visit, given the heightened tensions between Palestinians and Israelis. But no, it was decided three months back. But the purpose of his coming, which must have been at that time, completely changed after his arrival. West Bank and

went to Ramallah. When he met Benjamin Netanyahu, appealed to him to maintain peace. When he met Mahmud Abbas, he expressed concern over the settlement of Israelis. Also repeated the same old tune that every US representative has been repeating since 1974. That is the matter of adopting a 'two state' policy is the only solution to the problem. The United Nations had described this policy as the

only solution to the problem. But Israel rejected it outright. Because to obey it would mean that the Israelis would have to free the Arab lands captured in the brief Arab-Israeli war of June 1967. In the present situation, Israel would like to shift the entire Palestinian population to Antarctica and hand over the entire land to the Jews. On September 13, 1993, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization negotiator Mahmoud Abbas signed a Declaration of Principles Interim Self-Government Arrangements, commonly referred to as the "Oslo Accords", at the White House. When Netanyahu took power for the first time in 1996, he immediately threw that agreement in the wastebasket. Well, now the world's most fanatical religious government is in power in Israel, in such a situation only blood will be shed there. The solution has now gone further than

even a dream. Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

CANDLEMAS DAY

Sir — February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, which is also the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary. The their domestic manufacturing apart from

Unstoppable Novak



winning a record-extending tenth title, Novak Djokovic has renewed his affinity with the Australian Open. The Serb's straight sets win over Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas has tied him with Rafael Nadal for the all-time Grand Slam men's record of 22 titles.

Djokovic even sported a jacket with "22" emblazoned on the front while celebrating his victory. With the Australian Open win, Djokovic also jumps back to world No.1.

He already holds the record for the most weeks atop the world rankings at 374, and this number will continue to swell. The win at Melbourne Park serves as yet another feather in Djokovic's cap and is solid proof that the Serbian great still has in him what it takes to win a Major. With an astonishing 64 collective Grand Slam titles, the triumvirate of Djokovic, Nadal, and Federer have created incredible metrics that in many ways redefined tennis greatness.

Ranganathan Sivakumar I Chennai

Presentation is when the Blessed Mother Mary and Joseph brought the Child Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated to God.

On Candlemas Day, followers of Jesus Christ celebrate His Presentation at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, with many of the faithful bringing candles to their churches to be blessed. Thereafter, where they're lit and placed on window sills to ward off evil. The candles represent Jesus and the day of His induction into Judaism, and they go toward explaining the name of the holy day, Candlemas.

This act of humility can inspire each of us to strive to be more obedient to God's will in our lives. When Mary and Joseph met Simeon in the Temple, Simeon thanked God for revealing the Messiah to him. He called the Child "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles" (Luke 2:25-32). These words are the basis for the custom of blessing candles representing the light of Christ.

Jubel D'Cruz | Mumbai

A GOOD SCHEME

Sir — The PLI is an innovative scheme that provides incentives in terms of cash to various companies for enhancing

focusing on reducing import bills and improving the cost competitiveness of local goods.

PLI scheme offers incentives on incremental sales for products manufactured in India. PLI Scheme, as the Production Linked Incentive Scheme is commonly abbreviated, is an initiative started by the Government of India to not only encourage foreign companies to find a workforce in the country and thereby generate employment but also encourage domestic local production to create micro-jobs.

The PLI scheme for large-scale electronics manufacturing has attracted investments of Rs 4,784 crore as of September 2022, and led to a total production of Rs 2,03,952 crore, including exports of Rs 80,769 crore. It may be noted that the PLI scheme has seen significant participation from the private sector. It would be great if the scheme succeeds as in India today we need jobs than anything else. A jobless growth would be meaningless. PLI rightly address this very

Prachi Bagoriya | Ujjain

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Hindenburg posed 88 questions to the Adani Group which responded with a 413-page rant. Why hide behind 'an attack on me is an attack on

> Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh



Worshippers weren't killed during prayers even in India or Israel but it happened in Pakistan

Pakistan Defence Minister Khwaja Asif

We are just grateful

to be working, and living our dreams on a daily basis. We belong to our audience and they

can say whatever as long as we are entertaining them.

The T20 series



started in Ranchi so maybe that calm attitude came from there. But I guess a lot of domestic cricket which I played

before making the international debut has helped me a lot. Indian batter

– Suryakumar Yadav

The downside risk is higher because currently industrial production, credit growth, private

sector investment. and private consumption -- all of them are growing at a reasonable rate and the trend will continue. Chief Economic Advisor

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FIRST COLUMN YES BANK AT1 BONDS **AFTER THE HC VERDICT**

Investors have lost their life savings in bonds of Yes Bank



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our institutional and three individual investors challenged the decision of Yes Bank Limited to write off AT1 bonds from their books in the Bombay High Court. The decision to write off was quashed. Apparently, Yes Bank Limited had sold these bonds to individual investors (apart from institutional investors), terming it as Super Fixed Deposits.

Commenting on the judgment of Bombay High Court, Yes Bank MD & CEO Prashant Kumar said that there was no compulsion on the bank to pay interest on or redeem its additional tier-1 (AT1) bonds, which are the subject of litigation with investors. While commenting on the possible impact on the balance sheet of the bank, he said that "the worst case scenario for the bank was that the common equity tier-1 capital - consisting of pure equity without any subordinate debt - would come down. However the capital adequacy would be maintained as the AT1 capital increases."

He has also claimed that it is the discretion of the bank to pay coupon (interest) on the bonds and there is no cumulative nature of coupon payment and in a financial year when the bank is in losses, the bank cannot pay the coupon.



It is true that the information memorandum submitted to SEBI at the time of AT1 bond issue contains the following terms and conditions: (Section 3.f) "Non-Payment due to Bank's weak capital position: Potential investors should be aware that in case the Bank's capital falls below the regulatory requirements, it may not make the payment of the coupon due on the Debentures. The Bank can exercise the said right at an early stage of risk detection."

The following was also there under Clause 54 of the Information memorandum: "Coupon Discretion (i) The Bank shall have full discretion at all times to cancel Coupon either in part or full. On cancellation of payment of Coupon, these payments shall be extinguished and the Bank shall have no obligation to make any distribution/Coupon payment in cash or kind. (ii) The Bonds do not carry a 'dividend pusher' feature i.e. if the Bank makes any payment (coupon/dividend) on any other capital instrument or share, the Bank shall not be obligated to make Coupon payment on the Bonds...."

Hence, the above statement from the bank's spokesperson is perfectly right. But there is another dimension to the cancellation of write off. At the time of writing off AT1 bond from the books, the bank could have taken the amount to its Profit and Loss Account. Now when the court has disallowed the write off, the reversal entry will be to debit the Profit and Loss Account and bring back the AT1 bond outstand-

Hence, the bottom line in the balance sheet will take a hit. The spokesman from the bank has not clarified how the bank will account for it now and what will be its impact.

It is clear from the terms of the AT1 bonds that the bank can decide not to pay any coupon (interest) on the bonds for any number of years. It can also decide to write off the bonds, of course subject to conditions of wiping out equity capital also. Which individual investor could have subscribed for the bond, if she knew that the bank might not pay any interest or even might not pay the principal at all?

It is understood that the bank will approach the Supreme Court against the High Court verdict. It may take any number of years to get the final verdict. Both the regulators, SEBI and RBI, may at least direct the bank for payment of coupon on the debentures to individual investors. Most of these individuals are senior citizens above the age of 70 years and they had given their entire life savings because they were mis-sold these bonds.

(The author is a retired banker)

A new Great Game begins in Afghanistan



Pakistan might be tempted to test Indo-US strategic ties by launching terror strikes in Kashmir through proxies

fter the withdrawal from Afghanistan, the relations between the US and Pakistan have strategically declined. However, Pakistan's fight with TTP, apart from the China-induced economic crisis and the denial of a loan package by the IMF, has renewed American interests in Pakistan.

Reasons for the American interests are varied and have deep connections with the history of South and Central Asia. Despite Islamabad's active support to the Taliban, the American interests will bring the much-required finance and military sup-port, as it has done in the past. The development increases opportunities for Washington to adopt a leapfrog approach again in the two regions to enhance its strategic outreach.

Pakistan lies at the cusp of the two regions. To be more specific, its location to the south of Russia and its 'strategic backyard,' i.e. Central Asia makes it relatively important. Historically, the US and Pakistan were joined by China, and their efforts were based on shared interests against the Soviet Union apart from limiting India's political and geostrategic influence in the South Asian region.

From Pakistan's perspective, the US interest allowed it to put forward its 'geostrategic marketability' and extract military leverage against India. In 1954, the US government announced a military aid package of \$500 million instead of its mutual defence assistance agreement. Further, from 1967-1980 the US provided military and technical assistance of around \$6 billion.

Pakistan used this aid against Indian interests. Thus, it adopted the approach of buck passing, which was relatively cheaper than internal and external balancing and bandwagoning. Before any conflict, Pakistan expected the US to guarantee its security. In the first case, before the 1965 war, Ayub Khan had demanded that the United States should accept securing Pakistan against India's "aggression" as an essential component of guarantees provided through an alliance with the US. Although defeated, one cannot deny the US military supplies to Pakistan that made it believe that it could fight India. But Islamabad, too, realized that Washington was not prepared to issue a "blank check" against India. The tables were turned again against India in the 1971 war. Even though Pakistan launched a pre-emptive war against India in 1971, the US' seventh fleet ensured that India did not consider retaking PoK while liberating East Pakistan.

Later, during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Pakistan gained financial support \$3.2 billion from 1980 to 1990, aiding the Mujahideen to fight against the Soviet Union. Additionally, the US supplied Pakistan with F-16.

After the nuclear tests, Pakistan adopted a similar approach and always used its



IT IS PERTINENT TO MENTION THAT THE US NATIONAL **SECURITY** STRATEGY (2022) HAS **EMPHASISED** THE ISSUE OF TERRORISM BUT HAS **DELIBERATELY OMITTED TO**

NAME THE **TERROR** MODULES IN PAKISTAN AS A SOURCE OF TERROR BUT MENTIONS THE TALIBAN AS A CHALLENGE

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US that intervened on the grounds of restoring "normalcy" and substantially limited India's response. The 9/11 again brought the US and Pakistan in a more tactical embrace with each other. Pakistan became a major non-NATO ally, and as per the SIPRI data, during 2002-14, it got military aid worth \$5.81 billion, of which the arms sales component was \$3.2 billion. After the killing of Osama in Abbottabad, as per the C.R.S. report, in 2014-15, the total financial and military aid decreased to 40 per cent from 2011-2015. In the years preceding the US exit from Afghanistan, Washington had become diplomatically and strategically dependent on Islamabad to help it handle the coerced talks with the Taliban and smartly

Pakistan after the Kargil crisis and

the attacks on Parliament, it was the

ensure its safe exit from the region. In the process, it made the Taliban and itself essential stakeholders in the region. Pakistan's case study proves that the weak states thrive on the great power insecurities and mismanagement of international politics. In the contemporary situation, the renewed interest of the US in Pakistan has historical interlinkages between Russia and Pakistan apart from the triangular dynamics between Russia, China and Pakistan. Russia has been making positive overtures to Pakistan much before the outbreak of the Ukraine War. Starting from the Iran-Pakistan pipeline in the news in mid-2010, one has witnessed rapid convergences between Russia,

In 2015, Russia lifted its arms embargo on Pakistan. Since then, the two have broadened the horizon of their strategic relations, which included a defence agreement, supply of Mi-35M Hind-E helicopter and joint military exercises apart from signing a 'Rare Military Cooperation Pact' in 2018. Interestingly, Pakistan's military arsenal includes Russia's Klimov RD-93 engine used to make JF-17 Thunder aircraft.

Russia has reignited its interest in the pipeline politics of Iran and Pakistan and has expressed a willingness to supply crude oil to Pakistan. The deal is to be mate-rialized in the "currency of friendly countries", which might slightly dent the Western sanctions on Russia. Further, the Kazakhstan-Pakistan pipeline also has the potential to turn the tables and form new energy architectures. From another perspective, Russia and Pakistan agreement on "practical engagement" on the Afghan Taliban issues have serious undertones for the two regions.

It is pertinent to mention that the US National Security Strategy (2022) has emphasized the issue of terrorism but has deliberately omitted to name the terror modules in Pakistan as a source of terror but mentions the Taliban as a challenge. The document speaks of increasing its "cooperation and support to trusted partners" and "shifting from a strategy that is 'US-led, partnerenabled to one that is 'partner-led, US-enabled". The document further hints that the US might be interested in exploiting the emerging faultlines of Russia-China relations which have emerged as the fallout of the Ukraine war.

Additionally, the US will make only security".

its presence felt in Central Asia in the coming few days through the C5+1 diplomatic platform (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and the United States).

Now, one needs to brainstorm what position Pakistan will occupy in this "'partner-led, USenabled" strategy to finish terror? The most pertinent question is how Pakistan would exploit the insecurities and fear of Russia, the US, and China vis-à-vis each other? What military and financial packages will Pakistan get hold of in this new emerging great power game? Will the Afghan Taliban, Tehrik e Taliban Pakistan (TTP), and other Islamic groups be finally crushed? Will there be another military onslaught in Afghanistan as it was in 1979-80?

From an Indian perspective, while coordinating with the US to crush the TTP, Pakistan might be tempted to test the Indo-US strategic relations by launching simultaneous terror strikes in Kashmir through its proxies. If so, would the US be neutral again and insist on "normalcy"? Pakistan thus has a well-designed strategy to play the US and Russia off of one another to enhance its security against the possible Indian response to its misadventures in India, gain military and financial packages and finally, slow down the US-China hostility.

All these factors may constrain India's options to enhance its posturing on crucial future developments. The emerging faultlines remind us of an American mathematician John Allen Paules who stated: "Uncertainty is the only certainty there is, and knowing how to live with this insecurity is the

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Disruptive innovation often shakes up an industry

For disruption to happen, a company has to target an overlooked customer base, provide a right fit of product or service

nnovation, which is advancement over an exist-Ling product or idea, is a prerequisite for continuous improvement. But a disruptive innovation shakes up an industry once in a while. Disruptive innovation in business is not a new concept. It took birth in 1995 when it was proposed by one of the world's leading thinkers on innovation Christensen along with his co-authors.

However, over the years, this concept has been misunderstood. It has generally been misapplied to a situation where the industry norms are shaken up and existing players stirred. And here's where the catch is. Originally, Christensen ideated the concept of disruption, more like a David and Goliath situa-



tion- a smaller company with fewer resources successfully challenging an established

Established businesses in their effort to retain their existing majority target customer base, focus mainly on improving their present products or services and largely ignore other market segments. New entrants that sense this gap provide products or services lucrative to the overlooked segments.

While the established businesses do not pay heed to these new entrants, they slowly make inroads into upmarket, providing the same products or services to the majority customers whilst retaining their earlier advantage-lower prices. Once these mainstream customers embrace established businesses upmar-

the new products or services, in large quantities, one can say disruption has occurred.

According to Christensen, potential for disruptive innovations arise because established businesses ignore both low-end and new markets. In an attempt to be more profitable, established businesses concentrate on providing mainstream customers with high quality products and services and commit resources in upgrading, enhancing and perfecting their existing products and services, all the while ignoring the low-end market. Sensing this opportunity, new entrants foray into this gap by using a low-cost business model. A low-end disruptor snatches the market share in this segment and pushes the

ket. Additionally, disruption can occur by creating new markets where none existed, by developing new products for consumers, at a lower price and an acceptable quality. Arrival of personal computers, and later smartphones are perfect examples of new-market disruption.

The first computers, known as mainframes, were huge and very expensive. With costs as high as \$2 million and size as big as to fill an entire room, computing technology was out of bounds for the common man. With the invention of the personal computer, a small and affordable piece of machine, a new market segment of individuals was created.

Over the years, with con-

capabilities, a humble personal computer made the mainframe computers virtually obsolete. The next step in new market disruption is the emergence of smartphones, which are creating disruptions at two levels. One, the ability to use the internet in a phone at a fraction of cost of a personal computer is making usage of personal computers less necessary. Two, smartphone photograph taking capabilities are set to disrupt the digital photography industry.

However, over the years, the above concept has been misused by many who have not given a serious thought about the notion itself. Internationally, Uber has been touted as a disruption. It uses mobile applications to connect tinuous improvement in its consumers who need rides

with drivers who are willing to provide them. Founded in 2009, the company has enjoyed fantastic growth and is still expanding. It has reported tremendous financial success, with funding rounds and soaring valuation. No doubt, Uber has transformed the business of transportation.

But has it brought about disruption? For disruption to happen, a company has to target an overlooked customer base, provide a right fit of product or service, usually at a lower cost. Uber connected the end users, i.e., customers used to taking cab services, to service providers. So, Uber did not fulfil any of the two conditions to become a disrupter - firstly, it did not bring the market segment that did not use cab services

into its fold; and secondly, cab and taxi services were definitely not a new market. Finally, there is no threat to the car industry from Uber.

A well-known quote prevalent in Silicon Valley disrupt or be disrupted" says it all. All businesses are continuously looking for opportunities to become disruptors with new innovative ideas, products or business models. But only a few are able to become disruptors. Disruptive innovation transforms complex and expensive products or services into simple and reasonable options. Although very time-consuming and enormously risky, creating disruption shakes up the existing established products and services by pushing the boundaries of any industry.

(The author is an educator)

Saptarishi to guide nation in Amrit Kaal: Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who presented her fifth straight Budget on Wednesday, listed seven priorities — Saptarishi (seven priorities) — to guide the country through the Amrit Kaal, the 25-year journey towards its centenary as a modern nation.

This was the last full Budget of the Modi 2.0 government before the 2024 general elections.

"The Budget adopts...Seven priorities. They complement each other and act as the 'Saptarishi' guiding us through the Amrit Kaal," she said in her 87-minute Budget Speech.

The seven priorities are Inclusive Development; Reaching the Last Mile; Infrastructure and Investment;

Green Growth; Youth Power; and Financial Sector.

The inclusive development will focus on 'agriculture and cooperation', national digital library for children and adolescents; teachers' training; and medical research; among other

'Reaching the Last Mile' priority is about aspirational districts and block programme, Eklavya Model Residential Schools, water for the droughtprone region and PM Awas Yojna, besides other objectives. The finance minister also provided details about the other five priority areas.

This Budget hopes to build on the foundation laid in the previous Budget, and the blueprint drawn

"We envision a prosperous

India, in which reach

the fruits of development all regions and citizens, especially our youth, women, farm-OBCs, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes," the minister said.

In the 75th year of the country's independence, Sitharaman said the world has recognised the Indian economy as a 'bright star'. "Our current year's economic growth is estimated to be at 7 per cent. It is notable that this is the highest among all the major economies," she said, adding

The first budget in Amrit Kaal will be each other

'SAPTARISHI' 7 Priorities of Budget 2023-24

this is in spite of the massive slowdown globally caused by COVID-19 and a war.

Sitharaman further said the Indian economy is therefore on the right track, and despite a time of challenges, heading towards a bright

Good balance between optimism, caution: Lahiri

Asked about whether

more could have been done to

promote growth, Lahiri said

struck the right balance"

between choosing on pro-

moting growth while safe-

guarding macro-economic stability. "Given the geo-polit-

ical uncertainty, the uncertain

energy prices (which have

gone up over the last few years), it would have been

think the government has

 $F_{
m advisor}^{
m ormer}$ chief economic to the Union Government Ashok Lahiri said Wednesday the Central Government's budget proposals for 2023-24 combined caution with optimism in the right doses.

In an exclusive interview with PTI, he said it would have been imprudent to take more risks on the policy front, given the uncertainty over the geopolitical situation and energy prices.

Asked whether the budget could have been more aggressive on the fiscal deficit front, Lahiri, also a BJP MLA of West Bengal, said, "There are people who believe that the government should have spent more.'

He said it is not possible to spend more and not levy taxes and also not have a fisimpudent to take more risks on the policy front," the economist said. He pointed out that tak-

ing more risks by pushing growth beyond a limit would have "taken more chances on the inflationary front, while trying to be conservative would have sacrificed growth."

Replying to queries on whether the debt levels being run up would be sustainable, Lahiri said," If you look at the fiscal deficit path, the glide path seems to be quite reasonable. It has come down to 5.9 per cent (in 2023-24, as against 6.4 per cent last year).

He pointed out that by 2024-25, the central government is planning to bring the fiscal deficit or the difference between the government's income and expenditure which is usually made up by borrowing, down to 4.5 per

Nagvi: Gazette of country's inclusive development

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Cenior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Wednesday hailed the Union budget, saying it has beaten the global economic slowdown and the Bharat bashing brigade's propaganda". Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the last full Budget of the second term of the BJP-led NDA government.

"The Union budget 2023-24 has beaten the global economic slowdown and the Bharat bashing brigade's propaganda, and is committed to the country's inclusive development. This is not just a budget, but a gazette of the country's inclusive development and empowerment," Naqvi said. He also said it is due to the Prime Minister far-sighted leadership that the country's economy has not been affect-

ed despite challenges.

watch from LS gallery as she presents Budget



 $F_{\text{Sitharaman's daughter and}}^{\text{inance Minister Nirmala}}$ relatives watched from the visitor gallery in Lok Sabha as she presented the Union Budget for 2023-24 on Wednesday.

The visitor gallery was full as the last full-fledged budget of the second Narendra Modi government was presented.

Among those present were Sitharaman's daughter Vangmayi Parakala and many of her relatives. Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and several Rajya Sabha members were also present and

were seen taking notes as various proposals were announced. her budget speech, Sitharaman said the world has recognised India as a bright star as the country is recording healthy economic growth despite global uncertainties.

India's growth at 7 per cent in the current fiscal is the highest among major economies and the Indian economy is on the right track, she said. In the 75th year of Independence, the world has recognised India as a bright star, the minister said, adding the world appreciates the country's achievements.

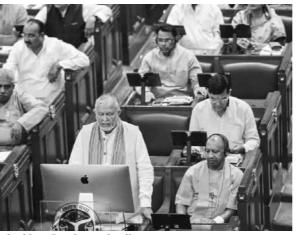
FM's daughter, relatives Yogi hails PM, FM for taking care of interests of society

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has hailed the General Budget 2023-24 as a 'welfare budget' and has congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for taking care of the interests of the society in the budget.

Through a tweet, the chief minister said that the Union Budget 2023-24 would pave the way for the prosperity of every section of society and lead the country to become an economic superpower.

The chief minister said that the Union Budget would help meet the hopes and expectations for the overall uplift of the nation, including the villages, poor, farmers, youth and women and would undoubtedly prove to be a milestone in the direction of making India an economic superpower.

The General Budget 2023 24 has the resolution of the prosperity of 'New India', the vision of Antyodaya and the aim of serving 130 crore countrymen, Chief Minister Yogi



said, adding, "I welcome the allinclusive and public-welfare oriented Union Budget 2023-24 for fulfilling the resolution of 'Developed India' presented during the Amrit Mahotsava of Independence of India.

Bharatiya Janata Party state president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary has described the General Budget 2023-24 of the 'Amrit kaal' of independence as an all-inclusive budget that caters to the interests of every section of society, including the poor, farmers, youth and

The expressed gratitude and congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting a public welfare budget dedicated to the resolution of New

Chaudhary said that the resolve to build a strong and prosperous new India was clearly visible in the Union Budget 2023-24.

He said that there were

Budget, which would guide the prosperity of India and make the country a superpower on the economic front.

'While preparing this budget the aspirations and interests of 130 crore countrymen have been kept in mind," the BJP state chief said and added that the new budget would prove to be a milestone in the direction of fulfilling the dream of building a self-reliant India in 2023.

BJP corporator Dilip Srivastava said that the budget had given a big respite to common people by bringing changes in the income tax slab. Increase in exemption

limit and change in new tax regime will save more money in the hands of common man, which will lead to consumption," he said. This budget was beneficial

for the middle class, he added. Bahujan Samajwadi Party chief Mayawati on Wednesday took a veiled jibe at the Centre Government for its Union Budget presented in Parliament and said that it should be for the country instead of being for

New small saving scheme for women, deposit limit for senior citizens scheme hiked



 $F_{\text{Sitharaman, presenting the}}^{\text{inance Minister Nirmala}}$ Union Budget for 2023-24 on Wednesday, said economic empowerment of women is a significant focus area for the Government and therefore announced a one-time new small savings scheme -Mahila Samman Savings Certificate — will be made available for a two-year period up to March 2025.

This will offer deposit facility upto Rs 2 lakh in the name of women or girls for a tenure of two years at fixed interest rate of 7.5 per cent with a partial withdrawal option.

For empowerment of senior citizens, the Finance diplomas and certificates.

deposit limit for senior citizen savings scheme will be enhanced from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 30 lakh. Further, the maximum deposit limit for the monthly income account scheme will be enhanced from Rs 4.5 lakh to Rs 9 lakh for single account and from Rs 9 lakh to Rs 15 lakh for joint account.' To further build the capac-

ity of functionaries and professionals in the securities market, the budget has proposed that SEBI will be empowered to develop, regulate, maintain and enforce norms and standards for education in the National Institute of Securities Markets It will also be empowered

to recognise award of degrees,

Mini Vande Bharat to be launched soon

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Vande Metro, a mini version of the Vande Bharat Express trains, will be developed by the Railways for people living around big cities to travel to and fro in comfort between their place of work and hometowns, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday. Addressing a press con-

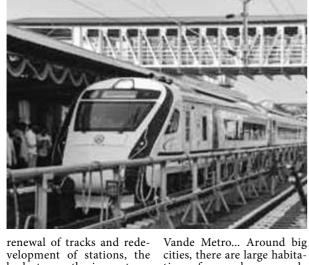
ference after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the highest-ever capital outlay for the railways in the Union Budget 2023-24 at Rs 2.40 lakh crore Vaishnaw also said India will get its first Hydrogen train by December 2023 which will be completely indigenously manufactured. It will initially be run on heritage circuits like

Presenting the Budget in Lok Sabha, Sitharaman said the outlay for the railways is nine times the amount provided in 2013-2014.

She said 100 critical transport infrastructure projects for last-and-first-mile connectivity for coal, fertiliser and food grain sectors have been identified and will be taken up on a priority basis with an investment of Rs 75,000 crore, including Rs 15,000 crore from private sources, she said.

Budget papers showed that the net revenue expenditure of the railways is placed at Rs 2,65,000 crore in the Budget Estimate (BE) 2023-24 as against Rs 2,42,892.77 crore in Revised Estimate (RE) 2022-23.

For the railways, which is looking to focus on investing in building infrastructure, manufacturing new coaches,



budgetary outlay is sure to go

Today's budget will make India the growth engine for the whole world. As the prime minister said the world is looking at India as a ray of hope, the Budget envisages

"The Budget tries to bring change in the lives of every section of society. I thank the Prime Minister," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The lack of investment in Railways for years had hindered it from achieving its potential. This Rs 2.41 lakh crore capital will bridge that gap. This will become a medium to fulfill the aspirations of our 800 crore passengers who travel in railways, Vaishnaw

While the Vande Bharat trains did not get a mention in the finance minister's speech, the announcement of a mini version of it was the highlight of Vaishnaw's postbudget press conference.

We are also developing

tions from where people would like to come to the big city for work or leisure, and go back to their home place. "For that, we are coming

up with a Vande Bharat equivalent Vande Metro. This year the design and production will be completed, and in the next financial year, a ramp-up of production of the train will be done. "These will be like rapid shuttle-like experience for passengers," said Vaishnaw.

The Railways is already working on a sleeper version of the semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains. Officials said that these trains will be of eight coaches and will be like a metro train.

The Ministry of Railways has directed the General Managers (GMs) of Chennaibased Integral Coach Factory (ICF) and Lucknow-based Research Design and Standard Organisation (RDSO) to roll out the rakes of eight-car Vande Bharat trains at the earliest.

To have multiplier effect on growth by crowding in investment'

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The Budget proposals will have a multiplier effect on growth by crowding in private investment, give relief to middle-income taxpayers, and promote rural development and job creation, opined experts and industry players.
Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman on Wednesday proposed a Rs 45 lakh crore Union Budget for 2023-24 with an aim to "promote exports, boost domestic manufacturing, enhance domestic value addition and encourage green energy and mobility"

Commenting on the Budget, SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara said it is growth accretive, fiscally prudent and consumption supportive.
"The huge emphasis on

capital expenditure could be

the perfect recipe for a private

investment cycle that is already

visible. Support for MSME and

Agriculture will broad base credit growth. Reasonable government borrowing numbers will support lower interest rates and the move towards a clutterfree new tax regime will significantly spur consumption," he said. Sitharaman announced

hiking the capital expenditure for infrastructure development by 33 per cent to Rs 10 lakh crore for 2023-24 and will be at 3.3 per cent of the GDP.

"Focus has been on tuning spending towards capital expenditure to create a multiplier effect on growth by crowding in private investment. From inflation stand-point as well, the budget has given relief by raising rebate limit under personal income tax from existing Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh (new regime)," said Dipanwita Mazumdar, nomist, Bank of Baroda.

The government also proposed that an individual will



ty amount of life insurance policies where the aggregate annual premium exceeds Rs 5 lakh.

On this, Kapil Mehta, Cofounder of SecureNow Insurance Broker said this will dampen the interest of individuals to buy high-value traditional insurance, it will increase the focus on term plans and pure risk covers which is good.

Manick Wadhwa, Director of Strategy at SKI Capital Services said the merger of SEZ authorities' powers with IFSCA

will provide relief and ease of doing business in the Gift City, making it a more attractive investment destination. Sumita Pillai, Chief

Executive Officer of Torus Private Wealth was of the opinion that the budget strikes a great balance between inclusivity through aid and skill development to major lower income groups, growth through record high capex outlay at 10 lakh crore and still maintaining fiscal prudence by staying on course at 5.9 per cent deficit to GDP.

Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory said the finance minister has done a fine balancing act keeping the fiscal deficit under control to 5.9 per cent in the fiscal 2023-24 whereas pushing the peddle on growth through the twin policy of vigorous credit disbursal and estimated capital expenditure of 10 Lakh crore.

The finance minister has

also proposed simplification of Know Your Customer (KYC) process.

V Swaminathan, Executive Chairman, Andromeda Sales and Apnapaisa.Com said streamlining the KYC process, making PAN a common business identifier and improving the usage of Digi locker should ease investment, taxation and enhance the financial inclusion of customers and lenders.

Akhil Saraf, Founder and CEO, Reloy, a proptech startup, said the government doubling down on building digital infrastructure including streamlining digital KYC will boost the startup ecosystem.

The budget feels balanced as India moves from a lowincome to a middle-income country, he said.

The finance minister has also announced that the revamped credit guarantee scheme for MSMEs will come

into effect from April 1.

Scheme for improving socio-eco condition of vulnerable tribes housing, clean drinking water and

 $F_{\text{Sitharaman on Wednesday}}^{\text{inance Minister Nirmala}}$ proposed to launch a scheme to improve the socio-economic condition of particularly vulnerable primitive tribal groups. An amount of Rs 15,000

crore will be made available to implement the Prime Minister Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PM-PVTG) development mission in next three years under the development action plan for Scheduled Tribes, she said while presenting the Union Budget for 2023-24 in Parliament.

"PM-PVTG development families and habitations with missions are being launched basic facilities such as safe



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the Finance Minister

This will saturate PVTG

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access to health, education, nutrition, road and telecom connectivity and sustainable livelihood opportunity, she said. "An amount of Rs 15,000 crore will

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to improve socio-economic implement the mission in the next three years," she added.

In the next three years, the Centre will recruit 38,800 teachers and support staff for 749 Eklavya Model Residential Schools servicing 3.5 lakh tribal students, Sitharaman noted.

Ameer ke saath, gareeb ka vinash: Siddaramaiah the project will only get less

IANS ■ BENGALURU

 $K^{
m arnataka's}$ Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah on Wednesday termed the Union budget 2023-24 as a continuation of the policy of "ameer ke saath, gareeb ka vinash" (supporting the rich, destroying the poor) followed by the central "trouble" engine government.

About sanction of Rs 5,300 crores for Upper Bhadra Project, he said the project needs Rs 23,000 crores for completion, and the Central government has agreed to give only a quarter of it. "If 40 per cent commission is taken off,

than Rs 3,000 crore. It is not shown whether the sanctioned amount is for the period of one year or five years," he said. He said Finance Minister

Niramala Sitharaman, though elected from Karnataka, has completely neglected the state. Despite mentioning the name of Karnataka while presenting the budget she had not announced any new schemes or projects, Siddaramaiah said. The state government,

which is acting as a slave to the central government, has totally failed to get attention towards the needs of the state,"

Modi Govt to build digital public infrastructure for agri sector

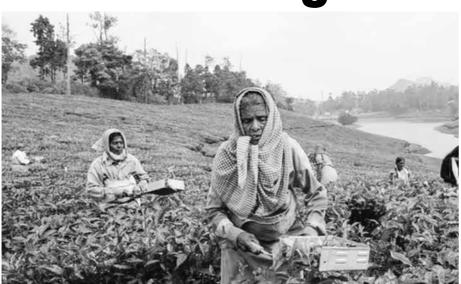
The Narendra Modi Government at the Centre will build a digital public infrastructure for the agriculture sector which will work as an open-source digital public good that will support growth for agritech industry and startups.

The Government has also announced an 11 per cent hike in agriculture credit target to Rs 20 lakh crore for the next fiscal with focus on animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries.

Presenting the Union Budget 2023 in Parliament, the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that a digital public infrastructure for the agriculture sector will enable inclusive farmer-centric solutions through relevant information services for crop planning and help improve access to farm input, credit, and insurance, help for crop estimation, market intelligence and support for the growth of agritech

industry and startups.
Sitharaman said, "An agriculture accelerator fund will be set up to encourage agri-startups by young entrepreneurs in rural areas.

The fund will aim at bringing innovative and affordable solutions for challenges faced by farmers. It will also bring in modern technologies to transform agricultural practices and increase productivity and profitability." This comes after the



government highlighted that agritech startups in India assist farmers in improving farming techniques in the Economic Survey on January 31.

To further boost startups sprouting out of rural areas, Sitharaman also said the government will launch an agriculture accelerator fund for young entrepreneurs.

The Modi government further announced an 11 per cent hike in agriculture credit target to Rs 20 lakh crore for the next fiscal with focus on animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries, a moved aimed at providing higher farm loans at a subsidised rates to the farming

Among other big ticket announcements for agriculture and allied sector, Sitharaman said the government will launch a new subscheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana with an investment of Rs 6,000 crore to improve value chain efficiencies and expand the fishery

Customs duty on key inputs for domestic manufacturing of shrimp feed will also be reduced to promote export of marine products, she said.

For adoption of natural farming, the FM said the government will facilitate 1 crore farmers for this purpose and will also set up 10,000 Bio-

Input Resource Centres for

creating a national-level dis-tributed micro-fertilizer and

pesticide manufacturing net-

Further, the government will incentivise state governments and Union Territories under the Pradhan Mantri Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth (PM-PRANAM) to promote alternative fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertiliz-

That apart, the government will launch an Atmanirbhar Clean Plant Program to boost availability of disease-free, quality planting material for high value horti-cultural crops with an outlay of Rs 2,200 crore, she said.

To encourage agri-startups by young entrepreneurs in rural areas, the FM said the government will set up an Agriculture Accelerator Fund

A digital public infra-structure for agriculture will also be built to enable inclusive, farmer-centric solutions.

To make India a global hub for millets, also called "Shree Anna", the FM said, Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Millet Research will be supported as the Centre of Excellence for sharing best practices, research and technologies at the international

India is the largest pro-ducer and second largest exporter of millets in the world. The country grows several types of millets such as jowar, ragi, bajra, kuttu, ramdana, kangni, kutki, kodo, cheena, and sama.

These have a number of health benefits, and have been an integral part of our food for centuries. I acknowledge with pride the huge service done by small farmers in contributing to the health of fellow citizens by growing these 'Shree Anna', she added.

Sitharaman said, "The agriculture credit target will be increased to Rs 20 lakh crore with focus on animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries."

Centre earmarks ₹1,900 cr to buy EVMs ahead of 2024 polls

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

The Centre has allocated nearly Rs 1,900 crore in the Union Budget to the Union Law Ministry to buy electronic voting machines ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. According to the budget document, Rs 1,891.78 crore has been allocated for purchase of EVMs by the poll panel.

The budget document said that the provision is meant for providing funds to the Election Commission for procurement of ballot units, control units and voter verifiable paper audit trail units (papertrail machines) and ancillary expenditure on EVMs and destruction of obsolete EVMs.

One control unit and at least one ballot unit makes for an EVM.

Ahead of several assembly polls this year and Lok Sabha elections in 2024, the Union Cabinet had last month approved a law ministry proposal for funds to procure additional electronic voting machines for the Election Commission. Sources had then said

that more of the same type of electronic voting machines, which are in use at present, will be procured from Bharat Electronics Ltd and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd, the two PSUs which



had been manufacturing the machines since they were introduced. They said with the increase in the number of voters and polling stations, more machines will be required.

EVMs which complete their life span and those which are damaged also need to be replaced, they said. Since 2004, EVMs have been used in four Lok Sabha and 139 assembly elections. Since 2019, VVPAT slips

from five randomly selected polling stations per assembly constituency (or segment in cases of Lok Sabha seats) are matched with the EVM count for greater transparency. No mismatch was found in the counting of paper trail machine slips and votes polled in EVMs in the assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, and the seven bypolls held late last

The Legislative Department in the Ministry of Law is the nodal agency to deal with issues related to the poll panel, including EVM, election laws and related Allocation to NHAI increased to ₹1.62L cr



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With the Government bet-ting big on infrastructure, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday increased allocation to stateowned National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) by 13.90 per cent to Rs 1.62 lakh crore for 2023-24 from last year's revised allocation of Rs 1.42 lakh crore.

The Union Budget 2023-24 nas allocated an enhanced outlay of Rs 2.70 lakh crore for the highways sector. An allocation of Rs 1.99

lakh crore was made for the highways sector for 2022-23, which was revised to Rs 2.17 lakh crore.

NHAI and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) are primarily responsible for the construction of national highways and expressways in India.

Focus on farmers, youths, women, tribals: Maha CM

Terming the Union Budget \mathbf{I} for 2023-24 as inclusive, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Wednesday said it focuses on farmers, labourers, women, youths and tribals, and also seeks to generate employment. He said the Budget pre-

sented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha aims to give justice to all sections of society and also has provisions for agriculture, environment, and



infrastructure. Sitharaman raised the personal income tax rebate limit, doled out sops on small savings and announced one of

spending in the past decade. The personal income tax rebate limit has been increased to Rs 7 lakh from the fiscal year starting April 1 under the new tax regime from the previous Rs 5 lakh. Also, the maximum income tax rate has been reduced to about 39 per cent from 42.7 per cent earlier.

"The budget is inclusive. It has focused on all subjects, including generating employment, and important segments like farmers, labourers,

Shinde said. The CM, an ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), welcomed the move to not levy any tax on annual income of up to Rs 7 lakh under the new I-T regime and said this will give a big relief to the middle class. He said Rs 10 lakh crore has been earmarked for infrastructure projects.
This will have a positive

impact on Maharashtra where many big-ticket infrastructure projects are under various phases of construc-

budget has given priority to agriculture and cooperative sectors. The CM referred to his last month's meeting with Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi where he was accompanied by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who holds the finance portfolio in the state government. During the meeting,

both Shinde and Fadnavis had highlighted problems ermen, fish vendors, and being faced by sugar and

Shinde Maharashtra is known for its robust Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector and changes proposed in the credit guarantee scheme in the budget will help entities in the key segment. A new sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana will be launched with targeted investment of Rs 6,000 crore to further enable activities of fish-

micro and small enterprises,

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD. (Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala) Tender Enquiry No.: Q-4014/23-24/PO-T/CE-MM

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Proposal to lower India's highest rate income tax to 39% from 42.74%

The Budget 2023-24 pro-■ poses to lower India's highest rate of income tax to 39 per cent, from 42.74 per cent at present, by reducing the surcharge applicable on high networth individuals.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday proposed to tweak the new income tax regime, which was originally introduced in 2020-21 fiscal but had not received much traction, by raising the basic exemption limit and simplifying the tax slabs.

The highest surcharge rate of 37 per cent, which was applicable on those individuals with income above Rs 5 crore, has been brought down to 25

The allocation for the civil

 $oldsymbol{1}$ aviation ministry in the

Union Budget has more than

halved to Rs 3,113.36 crore for next financial year, especially

due to a sharp reduction in the

amount set aside for Air India

allocation is Rs 9,363.70 crore

which is lower than Rs 10,667

presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on

Wednesday, has allocated Rs

3,113.36 crore for the ministry

This includes Rs 3,026.70 crore

from revenue and Rs 86.66

mainly on account of lower

money set aside for AI Asset

Holding Ltd (AIAHL), a spe-

The sharp reduction is

crore from capital.

crore estimated earlier.

For 2022-23, the revised

The Budget for 2023-24,

Asset Holding Ltd.

This means that, with effect from April 1, 2023, all income above Rs 2 crore would be subject to 25 per cent surcharge.

In her 2023-24 budget

speech, Sitharaman said the highest tax rate in the country is 42.74 per cent. "This is among the highest in the world. I propose to reduce the highest surcharge

rate from 37 per cent to 25 per cent in the new tax regime. This would result in reduction of the maximum tax rate to 39 per cent," Sitharaman said. AKM Global, Partner- Tax. Sandeep Sehgal said the effective tax rate on HNIs is very

high compared to other coun-

tries, which has been acknowl-

edged by the finance minister

"Hence, this is a very good levied if income is between Rs



step. Although, it is applicable for HNIs opting for the new tax regime only but in all likelihood, the new tax regime would suit the HNIs more. However, there is scope for reducing it further to encourage income and wealth generation," Sehgal said.

Currently, a 10 per cent surcharge on income tax is 50 lakh and Rs 1 crore, 15 per cent on income ranging from Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 crore, 25 per cent on the income range of Rs 2 crore to Rs 5 crore, and 37 per cent in case the income is

The Budget for 2023-24 has done away with the 37 per cent surcharge under the new tax regime. Hence all income above Rs 2 crore would be

above Rs 5 crore.

liable to 25 per cent surcharge on income tax beginning April

The Budget has revamped the new tax regime and tried to make it more attractive to taxpayers so that they switch from the old tax regime, which allows taxpayers to claim deductions and exemptions on investments and expenditures like HRA incurred in a particular fiscal.

Under the revamped new tax regime, no tax would be levied for income up to Rs 3 lakh. Income of Rs 3-6 lakh would be taxed at 5 per cent; Rs 6-9 lakh at 10 per cent, Rs 9-12 lakh at 15 per cent, Rs 12-15 lakh at 20 per cent and income of Rs 15 lakh and above will be taxed at 30 per cent.

Nangia Andersen India

Partner Neeraj Agarwal said for high net-worth individuals, the proposed budget amendments may said to be bitter-

"While on one hand, the percentage of surcharge on income above Rs 5 crore, which has been reduced by a whopping 12 per cent to 25 per cent, has been welcomed with open arms, the cap on capital gain tax benefit by way of investment in a new residential property under section 54 and section 54F may prove expensive, Agarwal said.

The Budget has proposed that long term capital gains from house property in excess of Rs 10 crore will not be exempt from tax even if it is reinvested in a new house

₹1.23 lakh crore allocated for postal,

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The Government Twednesday allocated Rs 1.23 lakh crore for postal and telecom projects including Rs 52,937 crore capital infusion in state-run BSNL.

Total allocation includes Rs 97,579.05 crore for the Department of Telecom and Rs 25,814 crore for Postal projects, the Budget document presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Wednesday.

State-run BSNL, which is expected to roll out 4G and 5G services this year, will get Rs 52,937 crore capital infusion from the government in 2023-



The government has allocated Rs 2,158 crore for Optical Fibre Cable based network for Defence Services and Rs 715.8 crore for telecom projects in the North Eastern states.

The Department of Posts has been allocated Rs 25,814 crore and includes Rs 250 crore capital infusion in the India Post Payments Bank.

for the following: Date and time Schedule for E-tender (Sr. No.1 to 3 for 21 days) Last Date of online sale / submission of bidding documents: 2-02-2023 till 17:00 Hrs.

Government of Punjab

Opening of technical bid documents: 23-02-2023 till 15:00 Hrs. For detail log on to eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Executive Engineer-O&M. **Municipal Corporation Ludhiana** E-mail: xenzoneamcl@gmail.com Dated:- 1/30/2023

NA/12/14229/2022/20887

E-Tender Time Extension Notice-3

NIT No -NCB/17/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2022-23: "Design Manufacturing, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Trashrack panels & one no. Hydraulically Operated Movable Trash Rack Cleaning Machine (TRCM) to safely handle rake capacity of 2.0 Tonne as well as log grappler capacity of 2.0 Tonne including dismantling of existing Trash rack panels & TRCM at Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, India"invited by the office of Executive Engineer (E&M), Joshiyara Barrage, Joshiyara, Uttarkashi is hereby extended as follows:

Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in the portal - 04.02.2023 up to 16:00 Hrs. Last Date of receipt of hard copy of bid - 07.02.2023 upto 11:30 hrs Date of opening of bid on the website - 07.02.2023 at 11:30 Hrs.

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in.

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No.SSA-33038/2/2022-TT-SSA /I/113200/2023 Date: 28.01.2023 Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites following bids through GeM portal. GEM/2023/B/3021646 Dated: 21-01-2023 for

supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for Class GEM/2023/B/3025252 Dated: 23-01-2023 for

supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for Class

GEM/2023/B/3025455 Dated: 23-01-2023 for supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for Class V GEM/2023/B/3028027 Dated: 23-01-2023 for supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for Class

GEM/2023/B/3028153 Dated: 23-01-2023 for supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for Class

GEM/2023/B/3028206 Dated: 23-01-2023 for supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for Class VIII-Graph.

Interested bidder may visit GeM portal and submit their bid on GeM portal accordingly.

Sd/-Mission Director.

Samagra Shiksha

Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Janasanyog/CF/4177/22

cial purpose vehicle formed by the government and that holds In the latest Budget, Rs various assets of national car-1,114.49 crore has been allothis allocation was under the

rier Air India. cated for AIAHL under the

Civil Aviation gets ₹3,113.36 cr

Tata Group took over the control of Air India in January last year following the government's disinvestment

public sector undertakings segment of the minister.

For 2022-23, AIAHL was initially allocated Rs 9,259.91 crore, which was later revised to Rs 7,200 crore. However,

On the other hand, the latest budget has hiked the

'central sector schemes/ pro-

amount for regional air connectivity to Rs 1,244.07 crore for the next financial year starting April 1. The allocation for the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Bureau of Civil Aviation

Security (BCAS) has been

increased to Rs 73.74 crore

and Rs 309 crore, respective-

In next financial year Airports Authority of Índia (AAI) is to raise Rs 3,448.21 crore by way of Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR)

"Fifty additional airports,

heliports, water aerodromes

and advance landing grounds will be revived for improving regional air connectivity, Sitharaman said in her Budget

telecom projects Government on

Markets end on mixed note on Budget day

Sensex climbs 158 pts, Nifty slips 46 points

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quity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended on a mixed note on Wednesday after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman raised the personal income tax rebate limit, doled out sops on small savings and announced one of the biggest hikes in capital spending in the past decade in Budget 2023-24. Investors also awaited the

US Federal Reserve's interest rate decision for further cues.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex climbed 158.18 points or 0.27 per cent to settle at 59,708.08 after it trimmed most of the intra-day gains. During the day, it had zoomed 1,223.54 points or 2 per cent to 60,773.44. In contrast, the broader NSE Nifty declined 45.85 points or 0.26 per cent to end at

"A well-tuned budget with strong emphasis on consump-



tion and capex has lifted optimism in the market; however, volatility sparked in the latter half as focus shifted back to the Adani saga and FOMC meeting.

"Life insurance players witnessed heavy selling as the budget pushed for the new tax regime, making insurance products less appealing as a tax-saving tool," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

Stock markets have reacted well to the provisions immediately due to absence of any major unexpected negatives and adherence to fiscal prudence, said Dhiraj Relli, MD and CEO,

HDFC Securities

The markets will now look forward to the other triggers the US Fed meet outcome, RBI's next MPC meeting and the balance Q3 corporate results, he

"In a nutshell, I would state this budget to be prudent, progressive and pragmatic," Relli

ITC was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, spurting 2.61 per cent, despite the Budget hiking the tax on cigarettes by 16 per cent. Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, Tata Consultancy Services. HDFC, HDFC Bank and Infosys were among the other winners.

4% post budget



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Chares of real estate companies Oplunged 4 per cent on Wednesday after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced increasing PM Awas Yojana (PMAY) outlay by 66 per cent to Rs 79,000 crore for the next fiscal year. Shares of Sunteck Realty plummeted 5.67 per cent to close at ₹345 per share on the NSE, while İndiabulls Real Estate tumbled 3.81 per cent to end at ₹69.50 apiece.

Among other realty stocks, DLF dived 2.85 per cent, Prestige Estates Projects went lower by 2.39 per cent, Sobha declined 1.94 per cent and shares of Godrej Properties were down 1.88 per cent and scrip of Oberoi Realty fell 0.11 per cent.

Meanwhile, shares of Macrotech Developers defied

the downtrend and settle at ₹1,032.75 per share, higher by 1.02 per cent on the NSE.

In the broader market, the 30-share BSE Sensex gained 158.18 points or 0.27 per cent higher to settle at 59,708.08, while NSE's Nifty fell 45.85 points or 0.26 per cent lower to end at 17,616.30 on Wednesday.

In her budget speech, the minister said in 2023-24, PM Awas Yojana outlay has been hiked by 66 pc to Rs 79,000 crore. Presenting the Union Budget 2023-24, she said states and cities will be encouraged to take up urban planning.
She also said that the Union

overnment will create an Urban Infrastructure Development Fund on the lines of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund and it will be managed by the National Housing Bank.

Realty stocks plunge Rupee falls 5 paise to close at 81.93 against US dollar on Budget day

cut it to 5.9 per cent for FY24.

is to be brought down to below

ening of the Rupee earlier in the

day," said Anuj Choudhary -

Research Analyst at Sharekhan

deficit as of December-end

touched 59.8 per cent of the full-

year Budget Estimate on sub-

dued growth in revenue collec-

tions, according to finance min-

istry data released on Tuesday.

prudent budget may prevent a sharp fall in the Rupee. Market

participants may remain cautious ahead of ISM manufac-

turing PMI, JOLTS job openings

and FOMC meeting outcome," Choudhary said, adding that the

'Soft Dollar and a fiscally

4.5 pc by 2025-26.

by BNP Paribas.

She said that the fiscal deficit

"This led to some strength-

The Government's fiscal

The rupee pared initial gains and settled 5 paise lower at 81.93 against the US dollar on Wednesday after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget for 2023-24.

Forex traders said investors stayed on the sidelines, as they are waiting for the outcome of the US Federal Reserve meeting later in the evening.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 81.76 against the greenback and finally settled at 81.93, down 5 paise over its pre vious close.

During the session, the rupee touched an intraday high of 81.68 and a low of 82.03 against the American currency.

On Tuesday, the rupee depreciated by 36 paise to close at a three-week low of 81.88 against the US dollar after the Economic Survey 2022-23 said the domestic unit may remain under pressure on account of plateauing of exports and subsequent widening of the current account deficit.

Sitharaman in her Budget speech retained the country's fiscal deficit target of 6.4 pc in the Revised Estimate for FY23 and

India's manufacturing sector activity moderated in January amid a slower increase in total sales, and headcounts were broadly unchanged amid sufficient staff numbers to cope with current requirements,

according to a monthly survey.
The seasonally adjusted
S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell from December's recent high of 57.8 to 55.4 in January, as factory orders and production rose at a

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.14 per cent lower at 101.95.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures declined 0.26 per cent to \$85.24 per barrel.

"Indian Rupee depreciated on late sell-off in domestic markets and expectations of outflows by FIIs. Overnight gains in crude oil prices also weighed on Rupee," Choudhary said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 187.31 points or 0.31 per cent higher at 59,708.08, while the broader NSE Nifty declined 45.85 points or 0.26 per cent to 17,616.30.

Budget will trigger growth, say textile bodies

Major textile bodies in the region on Wednesday welcomed the Union Budget by strong and stable economic

President of Tirupur Exporters Association (TEA) K M Subramanian said the budget mentions the seven priorities "Saptarishi" that would trigger the economic growth. In a statement, he said the priority for infrastructure development would reduce logistics cost. He said he appreciates the focus given to green growth.

While welcoming the increased allocation of ₹900 crore for ATUF (amended technology upgradation fund) scheme for 2023-24 as against ₹600 crore last year, Subramanian said he was hopeful that the increased allocation would help to clear the ATUF pending claims.

However, there was no

announcement on continuance of ATUF scheme in this budget and he was hopeful that government would announce it in the near future, he said.

The focus on enhancing the yield of extra-long staple (ELS) cotton would help increase the manufacturing of value-added garments and also to reduce import of ELS cotton.

He welcomed the extension the credit guarantee scheme for MSMEs with an infusion of ₹9,000 crore, collateral for ₹2 lakh crore loans to MSMEs, effective from April 1, 2023.

In a statement, chairman of Southern India Mills Association Ravi Sam appreciated the thrust on inclusive growth and skill development that would help the labour- and capital-intensive textile industry. He thanked the government for considering the proposal submitted by SIMA and announcing a scheme for increasing the production of extra-long staple

I-T benefits in budget to propel deposit growth: Bandhan Bank MD



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The income tax concessions proposed in the Union budget will promote more savings and propel growth in deposits. which in turn, will help the banking industry, Bandhan Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Chandra Shekhar Ghosh said on Wednesday

In her budget speech, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced no tax for those with an annual income of up to ₹7 lakh under the new tax regime but made no changes for those who continue in the old regime that provides for tax exemptions and deductions on investments and expenses such

"For the last year, we have witnessed that the deposit growth is less than normal. The new tax norms proposed in the budget will encourage people to save more, and in turn, it will normalise the growth in deposits. It indeed will help the banking industry. When the deposit growth increases, the credit flow also increases," he

In what is being seen as a push for the salaried class taxpayer to switch to the new tax regime where no exemptions on investments are provided, the finance minister in her budget for 2023-24 allowed a standard deduction of ₹50,000 under the new regime.

Sebi orders attachment of bank, demat accounts of Subrata Roy, others in OFCD issuance case



Sebi on Wednesday ordered the attachment of bank and demat accounts of Sahara Group chief Subrata Roy and three others to recover Rs 6.48 crore for violating regulatory norms by two group companies.

The recovery proceedings have been initiated against these four persons for violating regulatory norms in the issuance of optionally fully convertible debentures (OFCDs) by two group

Apart from Sahara, others whose bank and demat accounts were attached are Ashok Roy Choudhary, Ravi Shanker Dubey and Vandana

The recovery proceedings have been initiated against these four persons to recover Rs 6.48 crore, which includes all costs, interests, charges and expenses etc, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in the attachment order. In its notice, Sebi has directed all banks to attach all accounts, including lockers, of these four

All banks, depositories and mutual funds have been directed not to allow any debit from accounts of these four persons. However, credits

In December 2022, the regulator had ordered attachment of bank and demat accounts of these persons to recover ₹6.42 crore in the case.

This came after the regulator had issued two demand notices during December-January to Sahara Group firms — Sahara Housing Investment Corporation, Sahara India Real Estate Corporation (now known as Sahara Commodity Services Corporation) — Subrata Roy, Choudhary, Dubey and Bharrgava asking them to pay amount totalling close to Rs 13 crore within the stipulated time frame in the case pertaining to flouting regulatory norms.

Also, the regulator had warned of attachment of assets and bank accounts, if they fail to make the payment within the time limit.

The regulator, in its order in June, levied a fine totalling Rs 12 crore on two Sahara Group firms, Roy, Choudhary, Dubey and Bharrgava — for violating regulatory norms in the issuance of

Gold jumps ₹1,090; Silver zooms ₹1,947 amid strong global cues

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old price jumped ₹1,090 to ₹57,942 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday amid a rally in rates of precious metal globally, according to HDFC Securities. The yellow metal had closed at ₹56,852 per 10 grams in the previous trade. 'Spot gold prices in the Delhi markets traded at a record high of ₹57,942 per 10 grams, up ₹1,090 per 10 grams," said an analyst at HDFC Securities.

In the overseas market, gold was trading higher at \$1,923 per ounce while silver was down at \$ 23.27 per ounce.

Comex spot gold price was trading at \$1,923 per ounce against its previous close. Gold prices posted their third straight monthly gain, helped by an overall weaker dollar and expectations around slower rate hikes from the US Federal Reserve, the analyst said.

Indian Hotels Company shares settle 8% higher on robust Dec qtr earnings

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Shares of Tata group's hospitality firm Indian Hotels Company Ltd settled over eight per cent higher on Wednesday after the company's consolidated net profit registered over fourfold rise in the December quarter on the back of robust demand. The counter of Indian

Hotels Company surged as much as 8.15 per cent to settle at ₹325.05 on the BSE. The stock had opened on a positive note and gained around 10 per cent to hit an intra-day trade high of ₹330.34. Similar movements were witnessed on the National Stock

Exchange (NSE), where the stocks closed 7.97 per cent higher at ₹325. The stock had hit an intra-day high of ₹330.45 and alow of ₹310.20 during the ses-On Tuesday, the company

reported an over four-fold rise in consolidated net profit at ₹403.56 crore in the third quarter ended December 2022 from ₹95.96 crore in the year-ago period, Indian Hotels Company



Ltd (IHCL) said in a regulatory

Consolidated revenue from operations during the quarter under review stood at ₹1,685.8 crore as against ₹1,111.22 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

Buoyed by a strong demand in the third quarter, both leisure and business hotels in key domestic markets reported

occupancy of over 70 per cent and a growth rate of 27 per cent as compared to pre-Covid levels, the company said.

The demand outlook for the sector in 2023 remains robust on the back of sporting events such as world cup hockey and cricket, global events like the ongoing G20 and recovery of inbound and corporate travel, the company added.

TV prices to come down by up to ₹3,000 as Govt reduces custom duty on imported parts

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ocally manufactured televi-∡sion sets will become cheaper by up to ₹3,000 with finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday announcing reduction in basic customs duty (BCD) on imported parts to 2.5 per cent from 5 per cent.

The reduction of customs duty on parts of open cells will help to effectively reduce the price of TVs by around 5 per cent, according to some industry players.

Open cell panels account for over 60-70 per cent of the cost of manufacturing LED TV sets. Most TV makers import these panels. In her Budget speech, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said "... To promote value addition in the manufacture of televisions, I propose to reduce the basic customs duty on parts of open cells of TV panels to 2.5 per cent."

Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA) President Eric Braganza said this move will help to increase the

Mahindra & Mahindra tractor

domestic value addition and growth of the sector.

"This is a good step for the industry and a fillip for domestic manufacturing. Most of the manufacturers will extend the benefits to the consumers," he said.

Super Plastronic Pvt Ltd (SSPL), which has licences for international brands including Blaupunkt, Thomson, Kodak and White-Westinghouse - for the Indian market, said a reduction of customs duty to 2.5 per cent will reduce the final price of the TV set by 5 per cent.

'This is a welcoming move by the government of India to reduce customs duty on the open cell to 2.5 per cent, we will pass this benefit to customers. Television prices can come down up to Rs 3,000 on larger screens," said SPPL CEO and founder Avneet Singh Marwah. Sony India Managing

Director Sunil Nayyar said: "The newly announced reduction in basic customs duty for several television component imports is a big boost for the television



vehicle sales rise to 81,069 units in **January**

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Tata Motors on Wednesday reported a 6.4 per cent growth in total vehicle sales at 81,069 units in January.

In the year-ago period, the company's total vehicle sales stood at 76,210 units. Domestic vehicle sales were

up 10 per cent at 79,681 units in the previous month over 72,485 units in 2022, Tata Motors said in a statement. The company said its passenger vehicles domestic sales, including electric vehicles, during the month under review stood at 48,289 units, which was 18 per cent higher when compared to 40,942 units in the corresponding period of the last year.

The total commercial vehicles domestic sales, however, declined 7 per cent to 32,780 units in January 2023 from 35,268 units a year ago, it added.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor vehicle sales surges 175% to 12,835 units in Jan

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Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on Wednesday reported a 175 per cent growth in vehicle sales at 12,835 units in January.

The company had sold

7,328 units in the year-ago period, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said in a statement. "Even with a month-on-

month strong growth of 175 per cent, we anticipate customer demand to gain further momentum in this year," Atul Sood, vice president, sales and strategic marketing at TKM, said. The carmaker had announ-

ced opening of bookings for its Hilux and the Innova Crysta models besides announcing the prices of the CNG variants of its Urban Cruiser Hyryder. The company has com-

menced dispatches of its Hycross SUV and is making efforts to meet the growing demand for the vehicle in the country, he said and added that its Urban Cruiser Hyryder also continues to witness healthy demand.

Hyundai Motor India vehicle sales

Kia India vehicle sales grow 48% to 28,634 units in January

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utomaker Kia India on Awednesday said its wholesales grew 48 per cent at 28,634 units in January.

The company's wholesales stood at 19,319 units in the yearago period.

The growth was driven by Seltos and Sonet models, as their sales stood at 10,470 and 9,261 units, respectively, during the reported month, followed by Carens with 7,900 units and Carnival with 1,003 units sold domestically, Kia India said in a statement.

The company also said it recorded the highest-ever monthly sales of Carens.

"We have witnessed an encouraging start to CY2023 with sales of 28,634 units in January. It reflects a strong demand for our products. We also plan to introduce PBVs (purpose-built vehicles) this year for special services in India," said Hardeep Singh Brar — National Head for Sales and Marketing at Kia

Silver futures rise to ₹70,059 per kg

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Silver prices on Wednesday jumped ₹1,230 to ₹70,059 per kg in futures trade as participants widened their bets amid firm spot demand. On the Multi Commodity

kg in 20,641 lots. Analysts said the rise in sil-

ver prices was mainly due to fresh positions built up by participants amid a positive trend in the market.

Globally, silver was trading 0.97 per cent lower at USD Exchange, silver contracts for 23.61 per ounce in New March delivery gained ₹1,230

 $M^{
m ahindra}$ & Mahindra Ltd tractor total sales, including exports, increased 28 per cent at 28,926 units in January.

The company had posted a total of 22,682 unit of tractors in the year-ago period. Domestic sales stood at 27,626

units in January, a growth of 31 per cent, over 21,162 units sold in January 2022, it said.



total sales rise 28% in Jan "We are off to a good start to the year with a promising Rabi crop outlook as sowing acreage for key crops of wheat, pulses and oil seeds have already surpassed previous year levels, supported by conducive soil and weather conditions. 'This bodes well for the com-

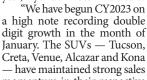
ing months, as the farmers start harvesting this bumper crop," Hemant Sikka, President for Farm Equipment Sector at Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd, said.

rise 16% to 62,276 units in January PTI MUMBAI

Hyundai Motor India Ltd has registered a 16.6 per cent increase in vehicle sales at 62,276 units in January, the company said on Wednesday.

The company had retailed a total of 53,427 unit of vehicles in the year-ago period. in 2022. Exports grew 29.4 per During the last month, cent at 12,170 units from 9,405 domestic sales stood at 50,106 units in the same month last

units as against 44,022 units sold



year, Hyundai Motor India said.

have maintained strong sales momentum in their respective segments, clocking 27,532 units in January," Tarun Garg, Chief Operating Officer at Hyundai Motor India Ltd, said.

Russia focuses on eastern Ukraine Taiwan activates defences in for possible new offensive

Russia is mustering its military might in the Luhansk region of Ukraine, local officials said Wednesday, in what Kyiv suspects is preparation for an offensive in the eastern area in coming weeks as the anniversary of Moscow's invasion approaches.

The Kremlin's forces are expelling local residents from their homes near the Russianheld parts of the front line so that they can't provide information about Russian troop deployments to Ukrainian artillery, Luhansk Gov. Serhii Haidai said.

"There is an active transfer of (Russian troops) to the region and they are definitely preparing for something on the eastern front in February,"

Military analysts anticipate a new push soon by Moscow's forces, with the



Russian offensive in the coming months is the most likely course of action."

A new offensive might also coincide with the invasion anniversary on Feb. 24.

The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported Wednesday that

Bakhmut.

Donetsk and Luhansk provinces make up the Donbas, an industrial region bordering Russia that President Vladimir Putin identified as a goal from the war's outset and where Moscow-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian authorities since 2014.

The regional governor of

controls only about half of it. To take the remaining half, Russian forces have no choice but to go through Bakhmut, which offers the only approach to bigger Ukrainian-held cities. Russian forces have been

trying for months to capture Bakhmut. Moscow-installed authorities in Donetsk claimed

Russian troops are "closing the ring" around the city.
Russian shelling of Bakhmut, where most residents have fled and others dents have fled and others spend much of their time in cellars, killed at least five civilians and wounded 10 others on Tuesday, Ukraine's presidential office said Wednesday.

Ukraine is keen to secure more Western military aid as it tries to fend off the much larger Russian forces. It has already won pledges of tanks and now wants more.

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, tweeted Wednesday that talks are underway on securing longerrange missiles and fighter jets from Ukraine's allies.

response to China incursions

erning island republic as its

force, while the vast majority of

Taiwanese are opposed to com-

ing under the control of China's

"monitored the situation ... To

respond to these activities,"

the Defence Ministry said

bombers, fighter jets and sup-

port aircraft into airspace near

Taiwan on a near daily basis,

hoping to wear down the

China has sent warships,

Wednesday.

raiwan scrambled fighter I jets, put its navy on alert and activated missile systems in response to nearby operations of 34 Chinese military aircraft and nine warships that are part Beijing's strategy to unset-tle and intimidate the selfgoverning island democracy.

The large-scale Chinese deployment comes as Beijing increases preparations for a potential blockade or outright attack on Taiwan that has stirred major concerns among military leaders in the US, Taiwan's key ally.

In a memo last month, US Air Force Gen. Mike Minihan instructed officers to be prepared for a US-China conflict over Taiwan in 2025. As head of Air Mobility Command, Minihan has a keen understanding of the Chinese military and his personal remarks echo calls in the US for heightened preparations.

Taiwan's Defence Ministry said 20 Chinese aircraft on Tuesday crossed the central line in the Taiwan Strait that has long been an unofficial buffer island's limited defence resources and undercut supzone between the sides, which divided amid civil war in 1949. port for pro-independence China claims the self-gov-President Tsai Ing-wen.

Chinese fighter jets have own territory to be taken by also confronted military aircraft from the US and allied nations over international airspace in the South China and authoritarian Communist East China seas, in what Beijing Party. Taiwan's armed forces has described as dangerous and threatening maneuvers.

A string of visits in recent months by foreign politicians to Taiwan, including by then-US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and numerous politicians from the European Union, spurred displays of military might from



US accuses Russia of endangering nuclear arms control treaty

AP ■ WASHINGTON

 $R^{\hbox{\it ussia's refusal to allow onthe-ground inspections to}}$ resume is endangering the New START nuclear treaty and US-Russian arms control overall, the Biden administration charged on Tuesday.

The finding was delivered to Congress and summarized in a statement by the State Department. It follows months of more hopeful US assessments that the two countries eration on limiting strategic nuclear weapons despite high tensions over Russia's war on

Inspections of US and Russian military sites under the New START treaty were paused by both sides because of the spread of the coronavirus in March 2020. The US-Russia committee overseeing implementation of the treaty last met in October 2021, but Russia then unilaterally suspended its cooperation with the treaty's inspection provisions in August 2022 to protest US support for Ukraine.

"Russia's refusal to facilitate inspection activities prevents the United States from exer-

cising important rights under the treaty and threatens the viability of US-Russian nuclear arm's control," the State Department said Tuesday.

The administration also

blamed Russia for the two country's failure to resume talks required under the New START treaty.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said last August that it had told the US it was temporarily suspending on-site inspections required under the treaty. It over Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine had changed conditions between the two countries and claimed that the US was blocking Russians from carrying out their own inspections at US

The State Department on Tuesday denied that the US was blocking inspections by the Russians. It insisted the US-Russia nuclear arms control efforts were essential to the security of the US, its allies and the world at large.

"It is all the more important during times of tension when guardrails and clarity matter most," the State Department

Austin in Philippines to discuss larger US military presence

AP ■ MANILA

Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin was in the Philippines on Wednesday for talks about deploying US forces and weapons in more Philippine military camps to ramp up deterrence against China's increasingly aggressive actions toward Taiwan and in the disputed South China Sea. Austin flew from South

Korea, where he said the U.S. Would increase its deployment of advanced weapons such as fighter jets and bombers to the Korean Peninsula to bolster joint training with South Korean forces in response to North Korea's growing nuclear threat. In the Philippines,

Washington's oldest treaty ally in Asia and a key front in the U.S. Battle against terrorism, Austin visited southern Zamboanga city and met Filipino generals and a small contingent of U.S. Counterterrorism forces based in a local military camp, regional Philippine military commander Lt. Gen. Roy



Galido said.

The more than 100 U.S. Military personnel have provided intelligence and combat advice for years to Filipino troops battling a decades-long Muslim insurgency, which has considerably eased but remains a key threat.

Donetsk, Pavlo Kyrylenko,

posted images of the after-

math of the shelling in

Bakhmut, showing huge black

holes in residential buildings in

actively deploying new mili-

tary personnel to the

region."Donetsk was one of

four provinces that Russia ille-

gally annexed in the fall, but it

He said that Russia is

the embattled city.

More recently, U.S. Forces have intensified and broadened joint training focusing on combat readiness and disaster response with Filipino troops in the Southeast Asian nation's western coast, which faces the South China Sea, and in its northern Luzon region across

the sea from the Taiwan Strait. American forces have been granted access to five Philippine military camps, where they could rotate indefinitely under a 2014 defence pact called the Enhanced

In October, the U.S. Sought access for a larger number of its forces and weapons in an additional five military camps, mostly in the north.

Cooperation

That request would be high on the agenda in Austin's meetings, according to Philippine

'The visit of Secretary Austin definitely, obviously will have to do with many of the ongoing discussions on the EDCA sites," Philippine Ambassador to Washington Jose Romualdez said at a news

Austin was scheduled to hold talks Thursday with his Philippine counterpart, Carlito Galvez Jr., and National Security Adviser Eduardo Ano, Romualdez said. Austin will separately call

on President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., who took office in June and has since taken steps to boost relations Washington. The U.S. Defence chief is

the latest senior official to visit the Philippines after Vice President Kamala Harris in November in a sign of warming ties after a strained period under Marcos's predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte.

Duterte had nurtured cozy ties with China and Russia and at one point threatened to sever ties with Washington, kick visiting American forces out and abrogate a major defense pact.

White House: VP Harris will attend Tyre Nichols' funeral

AP ■ TENNESSEE (US)

Vice President Kamala Harris plans to attend the funeral of Tyre Nichols, who died three days after he was beaten by Memphis police officers just minutes from his home, the White House said Tuesday. Harris was invited to attend

the funeral services Wednesday by Nichols' mother and stepfather, RowVaughn Wells and Rodney Wells, according to Harris's press secretary, Kirsten Allen.Harris spoke by phone with the Wells family on Tuesday, expressing her condolences and offering her support. President Joe Biden spoke by phone to Nichols' family last Harris will be joined by for-

mer Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, a senior adviser to the president for public engagement, and Mitch Landrieu, a White House senior advisor and infrastructure implementation coordinator, who is a former mayor of New Orleans, Allen said.

Five Black officers have been fired and charged with second-degree murder and

other offenses in Nichols' Jan. beating and subsequent death. Video of the beating, which was released publicly last week, shows that many more people failed to help Nichols, who was also Black, beyond the five officers charged in his death. Two more Memphis police officers have been disciplined and three emergency responders fired in connection with Nichols' death, officials said Monday. Officer Preston Hemphill, who is white, and another officer whose name

Nichols' family, the Rev. Al Sharpton and attorney Ben Crump plan to gather Tuesday evening at the historic Mason Temple in Memphis — where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Delivered his final speech the night before he was assassinated — to speak about the latest developments in the case.

wasn't released, have been sus-

pended, police said.

Apple and Google app stores get thumbs down from White House

AP ■ WASHINGTON

⊥ taking aim at Apple and Google for operating mobile app stores that it says stifle competition. The finding is contained in

The Biden administration is

a Commerce Department report being released by the administration on Wednesday as President Joe Biden convenes his competition council for an update on efforts to promote competition and lower prices. The report from the department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration says the current app store model — dominated by Cupertino, California-based Apple Inc. And Mountain View, California-based Google LLC — is "harmful to consumers and developers" by inflating prices and reducing innovation

The firms have a stranglehold on the market that squelches competition, it adds.

riers and costs for app devel-

"The policies that Apple and Google have in place in their own mobile app stores have created unnecessary bar-

opers, ranging from fees for access to functional restrictions that favor some apps over others" the report said.

In an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal in January, Biden called on Democrats and Republicans to rein in large tech firms without mentioning Apple or Google by "When tech platforms get

big enough, many find ways to promote their own products while excluding or disadvantaging competitors — or charge competitors a fortune to sell on their platform," Biden said. "My vision for our econo-

my is one in which everyone small and midsized businesses, mom-and-pop shops, entrepreneurs — can compete on a level playing field with the biggest companies.' A legal battle over app

store dominance is already playing out in the courts.

Apple has defended the

area surrounding its iPhone app store, known as a walled garden, as an indispensable feature prized by consumers who want the best protection available for their personal

EU official pushes Musk for Twitter's progress on new rules

AP ■ LONDON

Defence

Agreement.

top European Union official told Elon Musk that Twitter needs to make progress in preparing for a new law aimed at curbing hate speech, misinformation and other harmful content, adding pressure on the company to ensure it complies.

EU Commissioner Thierry Breton and Musk held a video call on Tuesday to assess Twitter's readiness for Europe's new rules, known as the Digital Services Act, that are set to take effect later this year.

Breton, who oversees the EU's digital policy, told Musk that he's "vigilant" about the resources and tools that Twitter is devoting to tackle trust and safety issues across the 27nation bloc, including in all its languages, according to a read-



out of the meeting.

Breton noted that Twitter has committed to complying with the new EU regulations, which will attack to the second which will start applying to the biggest online platforms by eptember.

"The next few months will be crucial to transform commitments into reality," Breton said. "We need to see progress towards full compliance with the

DSA. My team will follow closely the work by Twitter and by all other online platforms.' Musk tweeted that he had a

"good meeting" with Breton. "The goals of transparency, accountability & accuracy of information are aligned with ours," he wrote.
Breton had warned Musk in

a previous call in November that the company needs to comply with Europe's new rules.

The Digital Services Act is part of the EU's overhaul of digital rules aimed at reining in the power of online platforms and social media companies and cleaning up toxic content. Violations could result in fines worth up to 6% of a company's annual global revenue — amounting to billions — or even a ban on operating in the EU.

Biggest day of industrial action in Britain as teachers, workers strike over pay

PTI ■ LONDON

 $B^{
m ritain}$ on Wednesday faced what has been dubbed the biggest industrial action in a decade as teachers, university lecturers, train and bus drivers and public sector workers went on a strike to demand better pay conditions.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's official spokesperson admitted that the mass strike action will prove "very difficult" for the

Teachers in England and Wales who are members of the National Education Union (NEU) are staging walkouts, affecting an estimated 23,000



Estimates suggest around 85 per cent of schools in the regions will be fully or partially closed, impacting working

parents over childcare. UK Education Secretary Gillian Keegan has insisted that "inflation-busting" pay

talks remain ongoing.

"I am disappointed that it has come to this, that the unions have made this decision. It is not a last resort. We are still in discussions," the

TTP militants attack police station in **Pakistan's Punjab** province

PTI ■ LAHORE

Heavily-armed Pakistani Taliban militants opened fire at a police station in Mianwali in Pakistan's Punjab province, days after a member of the dreaded outfit blew himself up inside a mosque in Peshawar that killed over 100 people.

District Police Officer Mianwali Muhammad Naveed said around 20 Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants armed with automatic weapons attacked the Makerwal police station on Tuesday night but were repulsed by the law enforcement agency, according to Geo TV. The latest incident assumes significance because TTP, which hitherto targeted police stations and check posts in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan, has now trained its guns in Punjab province.

According to social media reports, the attack started at around 9 pm on Tuesday after militants opened heavy fire at Makerwal police station using automatic weapons.

This resulted in a heavy

exchange of retaliatory fire by the police that lasted for more than two hours, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Punjab Inspector Gen-eral of Police Dr Usman Anwar said the militants belonged to the TTP, the report said. Makerwal in the Isakhel

tehsil is a mostly hilly area known for coal mines. A law enforcement official

said a search operation was intensified after police teams failed to nab the militants who managed to flee by taking advantage of the inaccessible

blast:17 suspects held **PTI** ■ PESHAWAR/ISLAMABAD The Tehreek-e-Taliban $P^{\text{akistan's security agencies}}_{\text{arrested 17 suspects in con-}}$ nection with the suicide blast in a high-security zone mosque in Peshawar that killed 101 people, including 97 police-

Peshawar mosque

men, as Army chief Gen Asim Munir vowed zero tolerance for terror groups and directed his generals to eliminate the threat of militancy. A Taliban suicide bomber

presided over the 255th Corps who was present in the front row during the Zuhr (after-Commanders' Conference held noon) prayers on Monday blew at general headquarters in Rawalpindi on Tuesday, said himself up, causing the roof to that the military was deter-mined to eliminate the threat collapse on the worshippers. Sources said that the security agencies have arrested 17 of militancy from the country. suspects involved in the dev-

astating blast - deadliest attack on the security personnel in decades in Pakistan. The arrests have been made from close vicinity of the Police Lines area and the suspects were shifted to interrogation cell for investigation, sources told PTI on condition

of anonymity.

Pakistan (TTP), known as the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the suicide attack, saying it was part of a revenge attack for slain TTP commander Umar Khalid Khurasani who was killed in Afghanistan in August last.

The development comes as Pakistan's top generals vowed that perpetrators will be brought to exemplary justice.

General Munir, who The army chief referred to

the Peshawar mosque attack and said that "such immoral and cowardly acts cannot shake the resolve of the nation rather reinvigorate our determination to succeed in ongoing war against terror with zero tolerance for any terrorist entity," according to a statement issued

SENSATIONAL GILL SEALS T201 SERIES

Shubman Gill smashed a whirlwind unbeaten maiden century in the shortest format as India thrashed New Zealand by 168 runs, their biggest ever win in terms of runs, in the third and final T20 International to pocket the hard-fought series 2-1 here on Wednesday.

India's second highest margin of victory was 143-run win over Ireland in Dublin in 2018.

Gill continued his fine form and showcased his array of shots, hitting the New Zealand bowlers to all parts of the Narendra Modi Stadium to score 126 not out off just 63 balls balls with the help of 12 fours and seven sixes.

Riding on Gill's brilliance, India posted 234 for 4 after electing to bat. New Zealand never got going in the

huge chase as Indian bowlers performed in unison to bowl out the visitors for a mere 66 in 12.1 overs, the third lowest score for the Kiwis in this format.

Skipper Hardik Pandya led the bowling department with figures of 4/16, while Umran Malik (2/9), Shivam Mavi (2/12) and Arshdeep Singh (2/16) scalped two wickets each.

New Zealand lost Finn Allen in the fifth ball of the opening over bowled by Pandya, caught by Suryakumar Yadav.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep struck with his first delivery, as Devon Conway lobbed a fuller delivery to Pandya at mid-off. New Zealand continued to lose

wickets as Mark Champman got a faint inside edge which went straight to Ishan Kishan off Arshdeep's last delivery of the over. Wickets kept on tumbling like of

pack of cards for New Zealand with Glenn Phillips becoming the next victim, caught by Suryakumar at slips off

Down at 13 for 4 after three overs, it was all but over for New Zealand.

The situation became even worst for New Zealand when Michael Bracewell was cleaned up up by a fast delivery from Umran Malik

New Zealand skipper Mitchell Santner (13) and Daryl Mitchell (35) then added 32 runs for the sixth wicket before Shivam Mavi dismissed the former, caught by Suryakumar at deep midwicket fence as the left-hander



Tendulkar felicitates women's U19 WC-winning cricket team

PTI AHMEDABAD

Sachin Tendulkar on Wednesday felicitated the India U-19 women's cricket team for its triumph in the inaugural ICC T20 World Cup in South Africa, saying the feat will encourage many girls to take up the sport and realise their dreams.

"I would likely to congratulate you on the magnificent achievement. The entire nation will celebrate (the triumph) for years to come.

"For me, my cricketing dreams started in 1983 but by winning this

World Cup, you have given birth to many dreams. It was a magnificent performance," Tendulkar said during the felicitation ceremony.
"By winning this World Cup,

you have given a dream to young girls in India to represent the country The beginning of the WPL

(Women's Premier League) is going to be the biggest thing. I believe in equality for men and women, and not just in sports. There should be equal opportunities," he added.

Tendulkar said the BCCI is doing its best for the growth of women's

cricket in the country.
"What BCCI has been able to do and the officials' contribution in helping women's cricket prosper, I think it's a sign that we will really do well (in future).'

During the brief felicitation function, which was also attended by BCCI secretary Jay Shah, president Roger Binny, vice-president Rajeev Shukla and treasurer Ashish Shelar, the dignitaries handed over a cheque of Rs five crore to the victorious India U-19 women's team as announced by the board secretary earlier.

removing Ish Sodhi (0) caught by Tripathi at backward point as New Zealand slumped to 53 for seven in nine

Thereafter, it was just a formality for India and the hosts romped home in

Earlier, the start was far from rosy for India after electing to bat as Mitchell Santner made a master-stroke decision by handing Michael Bracewell the second over and the off-spinner reposed his captain's faith by removing an out-ofform Ishan Kishan, who was adjudged LBW with the second ball of the over. In-form Gill struck two boundaries

off Lockie Ferguson in the next over. Gill was at his ominous best, be it

pick up hits, drives or pulls to continue his onslaught. He hit Blair Tickner for three fours

in the fifth over as India reached 44 for Young Rahul Tripathi (44 off 22),

who has immense potential but yet to fire in the series, then struck Ferguson for a boundary and a six in consecutive balls to keep up the tempo.
Tripathi then pulled Santner over

short-fine leg before coming down and lofting the left-arm spinner for a straight six. Tripathi showed his attacking class and dispatched Ish Sodhi over extra cover for his third six of the innings but perished in the next ball in search of one too many, holing out at deep square leg to Ferguson.

Gill reached his maiden T20I fifty off 35 balls with a single off Santner.
While Gill held one end,

Suryakumar Yadav (24 off 13) showed glimpses of his class but fell in the 13th over, brilliantly caught by Bracewell at mid-off as the batter mistimed his

Gill brought up his century with a four over the mid-off fielder off the bowling of Ferguson in the first ball of the 18th over. He broke free and clobbered Ferguson over mid-wicket for a huge six in the next ball.

It was mayhem as skipper Pandya (30 off 17) too went ballistic.

But it was Gill who stole the show he continued with his attacking shots after the ton, finding the boundaries at will as New Zealand attack



India seek tri-series title going into T20 WC

PTI ■ EAST LONDON

With the Women's T20 World Cup days away, India will look to conclude the final leg of their preparations with a win in the tri-series final against South Africa here on Thursday.

India, following their 1-4 series loss to Australia at home, have bounced back with three wins in the tri-series and would be hoping to end the tournament on a high before they enter the 10-team global competition beginning on February 10. India had got the better of South Africa in the triseries opener before their repeat league fixture was washed out. India beat West Indies twice to enter the final.

However, in the World Cup, India's main challenge will be to outsmart the likes of England and Australia.

With eight wickets in three games, all-rounder Deepti Sharma will be the go-to bowler for India in the final.

Under fire batter Jemimah Rodrigues got much needed runs in the final league game against West Indies and would be aiming for consistency.

A big positive for India was the return of Pooja Vastrakar, who had been out of action due to an injury.

The India U-19 women's team lifting the inaugural U19 World Cup in Potchefstroom could be the motivation for Harmanpreet's side to go all out in the final, and then go on to win an elusive ICC title.

India Women: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana (vc), Aniali Sarvani, Yastika Bhatia, Harleen Deol, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Amanjot Kaur, Sabbhineni Meghana, Meghna Singh, Shikha Pandey, Sneh Rana, Renuka Singh, Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma, Devika Vaidya, Pooja Vastrakar, Sushma Verma, Radha Yadav.

South Africa Women: Sune Luus (c), Chloe Tryon (vc), Anneke Bosch, Tazmin Brits, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Lara Goodall, Shabnim Ismail, Sinalo Jafta, Marizanne Kapp, Ayabonga Khaka, Masabata Klaas, Tebogo Macheke, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Tumi Sekhukhune, Delmi Tucker, Laura Wolvaardt.

Ballance in Zimbabwe squad for Windies Tests

 $F_{\text{Gary Ballance was included}}^{\text{ormer England batsman}}$ on Tuesday in a 16-man Zimbabwe squad for a two-Test series against the West Indies.

Harare-born Ballance played 23 Tests and 16 ODIs for his adopted country during the last decade.

Council (ICC) rules a player can

switch from one full member nation to another after a threeyear stand-down period, which the 33-year-old has served. Ballance was released by English county Yorkshire last

year after admitting he used racist language against former teammate Azeem Rafiq, and signed a two-year contract with Zimbabwe. Revelations by Rafiq, who

was born in Pakistan, of institutional racism triggered wholesale changes at Yorkshire. Ballance debuted for Zim-

babwe this month in a T20I against Ireland in Harare, scoring 30, but missed the other two due to concussion.

He then made 23 and top scored with 52 in two ODIs against the Irish before the series decider was washed out.



Star white-ball batter Sikandar Raza will miss the series, starting on Saturday in Bulawayo, as he is playing franchise cricket in the United Arab Ryan Burl, potentially high-

effective both with bat and ball, also misses out as he is fulfilling franchise commitments in Bangladesh. A fractured finger sidelines regular Test captain and all-rounder Sean Williams so white-ball skipper Craig Ervine stands in.

Pacemen Tendai Chatara and Blessing Muzarabani will be absent due to thigh injuries as Zimbabwe seek a first Test win over the West Indies after three draws and seven losses

Gill & Surya to compete for lyer's slot in middle order

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he Indian team manage-}}_{\text{ment could consider playing}}$ Shubman Gill in the middle order ahead of Suryakumar Yadav in the first Test against Australia after Shreyas Iyer was ruled out of the series opener due to a back injury.

Iyer failing to recover from back spasms will certainly open one spot in the Indian batting order and the choice will be between Surya, a career middle tor and Gill, who has mostly opened for the national team in Tests. Iyer, who has been a consistent performer in his short Test career, was India's stand out batter in the 2-0 series win in Bangladesh in December.

When New Zealand came to India in late 2021, Shubman Gill was being considered for middle order as KL Rahul was supposed to open with Mayank Agarwal. Then Rahul got injured and Gill opened. Then he got injured again. He was being considered for middle order in red ball," a BCCI source privy to development said.

. With skipper Rohit Sharma and vice captain Rahul being the first choice openers in the squad, followed by Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli at numbers three and four respectively, the number five slot becomes



very important in the Indian context as that individual is expected to play the second new

In case of Gill, being a Test regular and having originally started his red ball career as a middle order batter, certainly

helps his case. When Rahul Dravid manned India A, Gill had played

in middle order in a West Indies A tour where he had a double hundred in one of the Tests. To be fair, he was originally a middle order batter, who was converted into an opener," the former national selector said.

In case of Surya, his dominance against spinners on wickets offering turn is a key factor. "In case Nathan Lyon gets to

not go Andhra's way as the

hard-working MP bowlers hit

back after toiling hard during

going to frustrate the home

Agarwal (4 for 72) broke the

partnership when he got

Shinde to nick one to wicket-

keeper Himanshu Mantri with

marathon innings ended when

Five runs later, Bhui's

Medium-pacer Anubhav

Karan Shinde (110).

team's bowling attack.

the score at 323.

turn his off breaks big, then SKY can dismantle him with his footwork. But against Cummins, Hazlewood, Gill could be a better bet," he added. Iver, who missed the limited overs home series against New Zealand, has not yet fully recovered from his back injury and remains at the National Cricket Academy for rehabilitation

Suryakumar reached the rating of 910 points after he stroked a quick-fire innings of 47 during the first match of

SKY REMAINS AT TOP

OF ICC RANKINGS

India's ongoing series against New Zealand in Ranchi as the tained his healthy lead at the top of the T20I rankings for While Suryakumar played

Swashbuckling Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav contin-

ued his stay at the top in the

ICC rankings released on

Wednesday.

a more composed knock of 26 not out in the second match of the series, the 32-year-old dropped back to a total of 908 rating points as a result. It also means Suryakumar remains within striking distance of England batter Dawid Malan in the race to hold the highest rating of all time for men's T20I batters.

Malan achieved a rating of 915 points in Cape Town back in 2020, but Suryakumar now holds the second highest rating of all time for T20I batters following his recent heroics with the willow.

He claimed the top rankscoring a total of 239 runs from six matches at last year's T20 World Cup and only last month was deservedly named the ICC T20 Cricketer of the Year. No other Indian featured in the top 10 of the batters or bowlers list while Hardik Pandya remained third among all-rounders.

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Bank of Baroda establishes the 'Bank of Baroda Rashtrabhasha Samman'

The Award seeks to recognise literary works in Indian languages The Award will be presented to both the original author and the

Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, announced that the Bank has instituted the 'Bank of Baroda Rashtrabhasha Samman'. This award has been established by the Bank to encourage and promote literary works in Indian languages. The Bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Sanjiv Chadha, announced the commencement of this award in a special session at the Jaipur Literature Festival. The Bank's Executive Director, Mr. Ajay K. Khurana, was also present

Batters put Karnataka in command against Uttarakhand score of 262 for 2, things did with only one hand.

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Karnataka, riding on veteran all-rounder Shreyas Gopal's unbeaten 103, took a massive 358-run lead against Uttarakhand on day two of their Ranji Trophy quarter-final match here on Wednesday. On a day when runs flowed freely for the hosts, skipper Mayank Agarwal (83) was involved in a 159-run opening partnership with Ravikumar Samarth (82) before Devdutt Padikkal (69) and Nikin Jose (62) too scored half centuries as Karnataka ended the day at 474 for five.

None of the Uttarakhand bowlers seemed effective against the batter-heavy Karnataka side at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, with pace bowler Deepak Dhapola, who had career-best figures of 8/35 in an innings during the Ranji Trophy group phase this season, returning empty-handed on Wednesday.

With the Uttarakhand strike bowler seemingly ineffective, there were four half-centurions Karnataka's lineup.

Commencing day two at 123 for no loss, overnight batters Agarwal and Samarth, who were on 65 and 54 respectively on Tuesday, flourished in favourable home conditions.

However, the pair departed in quick succession with Uttarakhand pacer Abhay Negi accounting for both in the first session of play.

Their departure, however, didn't end Uttarakhand's misery with Padikkal and Jose guiding the hosts past the 300run mark. Their partnership yielded 118 runs and broke the back of the visitors' bowlers. But more misery was about

to unfold for the visitors later in the day as veteran all-rounder Gopal struck his fifth first-class century and, in the process, crossed the 3,000-run mark to put Karnataka in an almost invincible position. Going by Uttarakhand's capitulation in the first innings, Karnataka could declare their innings in the

and a century-maker in first session and finish the contest on day three itself.

> PRABH, NAMAN HIT 100s Rajkot: Openers Prabhsimran Singh and Naman Dhir struck sparkling centuries to give Punjab the upper hand on the second day of their quarterfinal match against Saurashtra.

Resuming the day at 3 for no loss in reply to Saurashtra's first innings total of 303 all out, Punjab were 327 for 5 from 91 overs at the close of second day for a lead of 24 runs with Prabhsimran and Naman scoring 126 and 131 runs respectively. Prabhsimran faced 158 balls from which he struck 13 fours and three sixes, while Naman hit nine fours and seven sixes during his 180-ball

Prabhsimran was the first to go at the team score of 212 in the post-lunch session while Naman stayed a little longer and was the third Punjab batsman to get out. One-down Pukhraj Mann (1), Anmolpreet

Singh (9) and Nehal Wadhera (4) did not contribute much but captain Mandeep Singh and wicketkeeper Anmol Malhotra took Punjab past Suarashtra's first innings total. Mandeep was batting on 39

off 120 balls, while Malhotra was giving him company on 16 off 57 deliveries when the stumps were drawn. For Saurashtra, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja and Yuvrajsinh Dodiya took wickets apiece while Parth Bhut got one.

VIHARI BATS LEFT HANDED

Andhra skipper Hanuma Vihari batted left-handed and defied the speedy Avesh Khan to add 26 runs for the 10th wicket to help the team reach 379 against Madhya Pradesh on the second day of the quarterfinal. Andhra then reduced the defending champions to 144 for 4 at stumps to seize control of the match. Resuming at the overnight

Indore: In an act of bravery.

he was caught by Saransh Jain in the covers off Agarwal.

The MP bowlers then got into the act and struck at reg-

ular intervals to leave Andhra at 353 for 9 when Vihari walked in to bat. Batting left-handed after injuring his left hand wrist, the Andhra captain managed to hit a couple of boundaries to make sure the team total swelled to 379. He batted

hurt on Tuesday on 16 after the massive 251-run stand being hit by a bouncer from between Ricky Bhui (149) and Avesh Khan **BENGAL TAKE 1ST INN** Shinde reached his ton off 254 balls even as Bhui kept

He was dismissed LBW

by Jain for 27. He had retired

LEAD

Kolkata: Skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran and Sudip Gharami struck half centuries as Bengal took a slender first innings lead against Jharkhand on day two of their quarterfinal.

After bowling Jharkhand out for 173, Bengal were 238 for 5 at the end of the second day with a crucial 65-run first innings lead. Abhimanyu (77) and Gharami (68) displayed a dominant show with the bat after rookie opener Kazi Junaid Saifi (1) was adjudged LBW off Ashish Kumar in the ninth over

of the day. From there on, Abhimanyu and Gharami added 136 runs for the second wicket to put the home side to touching distance of claiming a first innings lead.