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# Demand for JPC on Adani rocks Houses

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Both houses of Parliament were adjourned for the day on Thursday amid noisy scenes and ruckus with slogan-shouting Opposition members demanding a joint parliamentary committee probe into the fraud allegation against Adani group.

The stock prices of the Adani group witnessed another day of carnage on Thursday following charges made by a US-based research company against it. The rout in Adani group stocks has threatened the value of investments made by the Life Insurance Corporation and public sector banks.

The Congress, the Shiv Sena, the Left, the Aam Aadmi Party, and other Opposition parties tried to raise in both Houses of Parliament the issue of allegations levelled by the Hindenburg Research firm against the Adani group.

In the Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm as members of almost all Opposition parties rushed to the Well of the House raising slogans on the tanking of Adani group scrips and sought a probe into the business practices of the corporate giant.

Birla asked members not to make unsubstantiated claims and said Question Hour was an important part of Parliamentary proceedings which should not be disrupted. As the House resumed,



Proceedings of the Rajya Sabha underway during Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Thursday

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Opposition MPs stormed the Well of the Lok Sabha raising slogans against the Narendra Modi Government and the Adani group.

Amid the sloganeering, Rajendra Agarwal, who was in the Chair, allowed the laying of parliamentary papers in the House.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi appealed to the Opposition members to allow discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address to a joint sitting of both Houses.

"I plead with folded hands, please follow Parliamentary traditions and take up the debate on the Motion of Thanks," Joshi said.

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House raising slogans and sought a probe into the business practices of the corporate giant.

As the protests and sloganeering continued, the presiding officer adjourned the proceedings of the House for the day.

Adani group stocks, where LIC is heavily invested, have lost over \$100 billion in value since a tiny New York short seller came out with a damning report alleging financial and accounting fraud by the ports-to-energy conglomerate. The Adani group has denied all charges and called the report malicious and full of lies.

In the Rajya Sabha, 9 MPs, including Leader of the Opposition and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Shiv

Sena's Priyanka Chaturvedi, and Aam Aadmi Party's Sanjay Singh, gave notices under rule 267.

They sought the suspension of regular business to discuss the Adani group stock route and its impact on millions of small investors as well as the hard-earned savings of crores of Indians being endangered in loss of value of investments of LIC.

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected all the notices, saying they were not in order. This infuriated the Opposition MPs who rose in their places to protest.

Dhankhar called for order in the House but the MPs continued to raise their demands, which also included the Constitution of a JPC to probe the entire fiasco.

# Adani group shares tank, Enterprises down by 26%

## Most group of firms also fall

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Adani Enterprises stumbled over 26 per cent on Thursday, a day after the firm said it has decided not to go ahead with its Rs 20,000-crore Follow-on Public Offer (FPO) and will return the proceeds to investors. The stock tanked 26.50 per cent to settle at Rs 1,564.70 on the BSE. During the day, it tumbled 28.88 per cent to Rs 1,513.90 — its 52-week low. Most of the other group firms also declined for the sixth day in a row.

The 10 listed Adani Group firms have faced an combined erosion of over Rs 8.76 lakh crore in 6 days.

Shares of Adani Transmission fell 10 per cent on Thursday, Adani Green Energy tanked 10 per cent, Adani Total Gas 10 per cent, Adani Ports 6.13 per cent, Adani Wilmar 5 per cent, NDTV 4.99 per cent and Adani Power lost 4.98 per cent.

Many of the group firms also hit their lower circuit limits during the morning trade. However, shares of Ambuja Cements jumped 5.33 per cent and ACC inched up 0.05 per cent. Adani Group stocks have taken a beating on the bourses after US-based Hindenburg Research made a litany of allegations in a report, including fraudulent transactions and

share price manipulation at the Gautam Adani-led group. Adani Group has dismissed the charges as lies, saying it complies with all laws and disclosure requirements.

"The Board of Adani Enterprises Ltd., (AEL) decided not to go ahead with the fully subscribed FPO. Given the unprecedented situation and the current market volatility, the company aims to protect the interest of its investing community by returning the FPO proceeds and withdraws the completed transaction," the company said in a statement late on Wednesday.

As many as 4.62 crore shares were sought as against an offer of 4.55 crore.

Non-institutional investors put in bids for over three times the 96.16 lakh shares reserved for them, while the 1.28 crore shares reserved for qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) were almost fully subscribed, according to BSE data. There was, however, a muted response from retail investors and company employees.

Retail investors, for whom roughly half of the issue was reserved, bid for just 11 per cent of the 2.29 crore shares earmarked for them. Employees sought 52 per cent of the 1.6 lakh shares reserved for them. Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani Group, had a lacklustre start to its FPO, with only a 1 per cent subscription on the first day of the share sale.

# RBI seeks details of banks' exposure to Adani group

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has sought details about lenders' exposures to the Adani Group, banking sources said, a day after the conglomerate withdrew the Rs 20,000-crore follow on public offer (FPO) of its flagship firm Adani Enterprises amid the steep fall in its stock prices.

On Wednesday, Swiss lender Credit Suisse stopped accepting bonds by Adani group companies as collaterals for margin lending.

The going has been tough for the diversified conglomerate over the past week ever since US-based short seller Hindenburg Research levelled a slew of allegations about the group's operations, calling it the biggest corporate con ever.

The Ahmedabad-headquartered group has denied all the allegations but failed to convince analysts and investors.

The RBI gets access to banks' large corporate borrowers on a regular basis as part of the central repository of information on large credits (CIBIL) data base, the bank-

ing sources said.

Many a time bank lending happens against pledged securities and a massive fall in the price of the equity shares of the Adani group's 10 listed entities could have accordingly lowered the value of the pledged securities.

There has been selling pressure in banks' stocks since the Hindenberg Research's report released on January 24 as investors are concerned about the impact of the crisis on banks' books. Country's largest lender SBI had said it's exposure to Adani group is fully covered by cash generating assets, in an attempt to assuage investor concerns. Another public sector lender Bank of Baroda has said its total exposure to the embattled group stood at Rs 7,000 crore, which are also fully secured.

Government-owned life insurance behemoth Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has disclosed of having an exposure of Rs 36,474.78 crore to Adani group's debt and equity, and added that the amount is less than one per cent of its total investments.

# BJP, AAP in slanging match on ED liquor scam chargesheet

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday dismissed the Enforcement Directorate's supplementary charge sheet in the excise scam case, alleging cases filed by the agency are "fake" and are used to "topple" or form governments.

He charged that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) does not file cases to eradicate corruption but to help poach MLAs and topple governments.

"ED has filed 5,000 charge sheets under the tenure of current Government. How many people have been sentenced? All the cases filed by ED are fake and they are used to topple governments or form them," Kejriwal said in a Press conference.

The BJP slammed the AAP Government saying the ED charge sheet exposed the real face of Kejriwal and his party.

"The liquor mafia paid Rs 100 crore on being asked by Kejriwal, through communication incharge of the party



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia during the inauguration of BR Ambedkar School of Specialised Excellence at DESU Colony

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Vijay Nair, for Goa elections. Kejriwal through a facetime video asked liquor mafia to pay Rs 100 crore to Nair," BJP MP Manoj Tiwari alleged.

This is the real face of Kejriwal and his AAP, he said, citing the ED charge sheet.

"Indulgence in corruption by Kejriwal and use of

money paid by liquor mafia was perhaps a sin that caused the defeat of AAP in the Goa elections and the Delhi people will not forgive them for it," he said.

In its chargesheet, the ED alleged a close aide of Kejriwal received kickbacks to the tune of ₹100 crore from a group, on behalf of AAP leaders.

## No call on putting on UCC in force, Rijju informs RS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

There has been no decision "as of now" on the implementation of a uniform civil code in the country, the government informed Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

In a written reply, Law Minister Kiren Rijju said the Government had requested the 21st Law Commission to undertake examination of various issues relating to uniform civil code and to make recommendations.

"The term of the 21st Law Commission ended on August 31, 2018. As per the information received from the Law Commission, the matter related to uniform civil code may be taken up by the 22nd Law Commission for its consideration," he said. "Therefore, no decision on implementation of uniform civil code has been taken as of now," he said.

The term of the present law panel ends later this month. Government sources have indicated that the panel's three-year term could be extended.

# MVA candidate wins Maha Council seat in Gadkari home turf

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In an advantage for the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), a candidate supported by the Maharashtra Opposition alliance stormed to victory against its BJP rival in the Nagpur division teachers' seat of the Maharashtra Legislative Council on Thursday.

Nagpur, where the headquarters of RSS is located, is also the home district of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

MVA-supported Sudhakar Adbale defeated Nagorao Ganar, a BJP-backed independent and the sitting MLC from the seat.

However, BJP candidate Dnyaneshwar Mhatre won the election to the Konkan division teachers constituency. Mhatre, the BJP candidate, also backed by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led



MVA's candidate Sudhakar Adbale flashes the victory sign after winning from Nagpur teachers' seat in the Maharashtra Legislative Council polls in Nagpur on Thursday

PTI

Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena, won the Konkan teachers constituency trouncing MVA-supported nominee Balaram Patil.

Polling for biennial elections to five seats of the Upper House of the legislature was held on January 30. The counting of votes for three other seats — the Aurangabad division teachers constituency and Amravati and Nashik division graduates segments — was underway.

## Threat call to blow up Ram Janmabhoomi

PTI ■ AYODHYA

A phone call from an unidentified man, threatening to blow up the Ram Janmabhoomi complex here, was received by an Ayodhya resident, police said on Thursday.

The call was received by Manoj, who lives in the Ramkot area of this Uttar Pradesh district. He alerted police about the call received on his mobile phone.

According to police, the caller threatened to blow up the temple area at 10 am on Thursday.

As soon as the information

was received, police issued an alert to all personnel deployed at various locations in the district.

Station House Officer (SHO) of the Ram Janmabhoomi police station Sanjiv Kumar Singh said they have registered a case and are conducting an enquiry.

Efforts are on to ascertain the identity of the caller, he added.

## BBC film: SC hearing today

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court asked petitioners to mention again on Friday for urgent listing of their plea seeking a complete ban on the British Broadcasting Corporation in India for its controversial documentary on the 2002 Gujarat riots.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud told the lawyer appearing for the petitioner to mention the matter on Friday. The top court was hearing a plea filed by Vishnu Gupta, president of Hindu Sena, and Bearendra Kumar Singh, a farmer, which has also sought investigation against BBC and its employees.

Alleging that BBC has been biased against India and Indian Government, the plea said the documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi is result of deep conspiracy against global rise of India and its Prime Minister.

The plea has also sought quashing of "all orders directly or indirectly censoring" the information including those shared on social media.

## Kappan walks out of prison

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Kerala journalist Siddique Kappan walked out of jail on bail on Thursday, over two years after he was arrested for allegedly trying to instigate violence after the death of a woman in Hathras.

The release came almost six weeks after the Allahabad High Court granted him bail in a money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate. In September, the Supreme Court granted him bail in another case under the the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

A day earlier, his lawyer submitted two sureties of ₹1 lakh each at the special PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) court here, fulfilling a bail condition.

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Famous for its masterpiece architectural features, 'Syunrakot ka Naula', a 100-year-old water reservoir at Syunrakot village in Uttarakhand's Almora has been declared as a monument of national importance.

This is for the first time that such an aquifer that is primarily used for drinking purposes has been brought by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) under its ambit.

A senior official from the ASI said naulas are part of the surface-water harvesting method typical of the hilly areas and they are small wells or ponds in which water is collected by making a stone wall across a stream.

Intricately designed pillars

and carved steps around the water pond makes the Syunrakot ka Naula one of the most beautiful naulas dotting the region.

This most unique and elaborate water storage system with a roof and a porous floor which houses an aquifer was constructed in the 14th century during the Katyuri kingdom.

The locals had been demanding its conservation with experts asserting that the structure and design of naulas is the evidence of great ancient scientific knowledge of the ethnic people of Himalaya.

Structurally naula has a roof sloping on all four sides like a temple, and not on two sides like a house.

This was considered a sacred site as on the top of the roof, a round stone is always



placed which is considered to be the idol of lord Vishnu,

according to reports.

Naula consists of a tank

that is closed on three sides and covered. The fourth side, which

is open, has steps that lead down to the tank. There is a pillared verandah around them with engravings.

As the construction of naulas was considered prestigious, these structures can be found in ancient towns, in and outside villages and on important roads. Some naulas are embellished with intricate architectural designs. At times they are massive in size with a raised platform for both bathing and washing.

For example the interior of the naulas was always designed like a series of layered steps which were built to narrow and deepen the naula which helped in minimising the water loss due to evaporation.

"Such traditional naulas are now dying due to lack of forest and tree cover, irregular

and unpredicted rainfall pattern, loss of traditional knowledge, modernisation and uncontrolled development.

"These naulas become the target of popular attention only when modern water pipelines stop working.

"Among the important reasons behind the negligence of these important naulas is modernisation, which has caused a loss of traditional knowledge systems among rural communities along with a lack of maintenance due to out-migration of villagers to nearby towns and cities for better job opportunities," said Suman Joshi Suman Joshi, research scholar from Kumaun University, Nainital in her article published in Researchgate.



# Classifieds

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I Jaswinder Kaur** Widow Of No. 14588435-F Ex NK Bilour Singh Resident Of Vpo. Sijapur Tehsil Jagraon District Ludhiana Punjab-142026 Have Changed My Name From Jaswinder Kaur To Jaswinder Kaur And My Date Of Birth From 36 Years To 23-04-1969 Vide Affidavit Dated 1st February 2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jagraon.

**We, Avtar Singh S/o** Ajmer Singh and Paramjeet Kaur W/O Avtar Singh R/O Village Liharsa P.O. Ghel Kalan Tehsil and Distt. Ambala declares that our Son Harmilan Singh is out of our control. So We disown him from our movable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at their own risk.

**I, Mohan Lal S/o** Sh. Pyare Lal R/O 81, Rana Complex, Babyal, Ambala Cantt declare that my Son Amit Sharma is out of my Control. So I disown him from my all Moveable / Immoveable Properties.

**We, Jarnail Singh S/o** Jang Singh and Jaswinder Kaur W/O Jarnail Singh R/O Vidya Nagar, near Water Tank Patiala, Distt. Patiala, declare that our daughter Kulwinder Kaur D/o Jarnail Singh is beyond our control. Doesn't listen to us. We exclude her from our movable/ immovable property. Anyone dealing with her will be responsible himself. We or our family will not be responsible. From today we have no relationship with her.

**I No. 3204883Y** Naik Vikas S/o Rajpal resident of VPO Baland District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my mother name from Kashmiri (existing name) to Kashmiri (New name) My mother correct/actual DOB is 01.01.1967 instead of 04.02.1973. As per my mother Aadhaar/Pan Card In future my mother may be known/written and called as Kashmiri (DOB : 01.01.1967 for all work purposes, concerned note please make it correct in my Army records. Vide Affidavit dated 02.02.2023 before 1st Class, Magistrate, Rohtak

**I No. 2682049K** Ex Hav Katab Singh S/o Zile Singh resident of VPO Khidwal, District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my son name from Vikky Kumar (existing name) to Vicky (New name) As per my son Matric certificate, Aadhaar Card In future my son may be known/written and called as Vicky for all work purposes, concerned note please make it correct in my Army records. Vide Affidavit dated 02.02.2023 before 1st Class, Magistrate, Rohtak

**I Sakuntala Devi** w/o No. 3979553A Ex Hav (Late) Dilbag resident of VPO Sanghi, District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my daughter name from Jyoti (existing name) to Jyoti Pawar (New name) As per my daughter Aadhaar & Pan Card In future my daughter may be known/written and called as Jyoti Pawar for all work purposes, concerned note please make it correct in my husband's Army records. Vide Affidavit dated 31 Jan 2023 before 1st Class, Magistrate, Rohtak

**I, Anmolpreet Kaur** Daughter of No. 4486860F Hav Sandeep Singh resident of Vill. Lakho Majra, Po. Narru, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt. Patiala, Punjab, Pin-140701 have changed my DOB from 12 Apr 2010 to 12 Oct 2009 vide Affidavit No. IN-PB 667920432118838V dated 01 Feb 2023. All Please Note.

**I, Subhneet Kumar** Verma S/o Ashwani Verma R/o #1345 Sec-45 Burali, Chandigarh hereby declare that my father's name is wrongly mentioned at in my matriculation certificate as Ashwini Verma but the correct name of my father is Ashwani Verma in future my father's name may be treated as Ashwani Verma for all purposes.

**I, Gourav Kumar S/o** Rajesh Kumar R/O Vill: Maluka Teh-Rampura Phul (Bathinda) Pb, India, declare that in my LIC Policy No. 131679567 my name wrongly entered Kumar Gurav. But my correct name is Gourav Kumar. That Gourav Kumar and Kumar Gurav is one and the same person.

**I Charanjit Kaur** Am Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No. 1481355M Ex Naik Jaswant Singh Resident Of Vpo Kaunke Kalan Teh: Jagraon Distt Ludhiana (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Charanjit Kaur Sekhon Vide Affidavit Dated 27-01-2023 Sworn Before Executive Magistrate Jagraon Because I Have Added My Husband's Sir Name With My Name.

**I, Inderpal Sharma S/o** Amarnath Sharma R/o H.No. 47, Jagat Enclave, Railway Road, Nabha (Patiala) declare that my son Varun Sharma and his wife Rishu Sharma are out of my control. I Disinherit them from my movable / immovable properties. Anyone dealing with them shall do so on their own responsibility.

**We, Ved Parkash S/O** Nathu Ram, And Asha Devi W/O Ved Parkash, R/O # 40 Laxmi Enclave, Zirakpur, Dhakoli, Declare, That Our Son Sandeep Kumar, And His Wife Lalita, Both Are Out Of Our Control, So, We Disown Both Of Them From Our Moveable- Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them At Their Own Risk.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Abhishek Kumar S/o** Neeraj Kumar R/o H. No. 106, Sector 9-11, Hisar (Hry.) have changed my name from Abhishek to Abhishek Kumar for all purposes in future.

**I, Nirmala W/o** Sh. Rajesh R/O VPO Mohana Distt. Sonipat, Haryana declares that Nirmala Devi & Nirmila both are my names. In future, I shall be known as Nirmala.

**I, Jasbir Kaur D/o** Jagir Singh R/O Village Salam Khara Post Office Badopol, Tehsil & District Fatehabad, Haryana-125048 have changed my name Jasbir Kaur to Kashmri Kaur for all future purpose.

**I, Usha Devi** Widow of No. 14287287W Ex Late Naik Sat Pal R/O 39/4,Rajinder Nagar (Near Sham Nagar Gurdwara) Babyal, Ambala Cantt.Have Changed my Name from Usha Devi To Usha Rani (Proposed/ adopted New Name) & Changed DOB from 03.01.1962 To 01.02.1964 for future reference.

**I, Dharam Bala W/o** Rajinder Kumar Sharma R/o 1439, Progressive Enclave, Sector 50B, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name from Dharam Bala Sharma to Dharam Bala.

**I, Rajbir W/o** Manjit Singh Saini, have changed my name to Rajbir Kaur Saini.

**I, Manjeet Singh S/o** Sh. Shingara Singh Saini, have changed my name to Manjit Singh Saini.

**I, Parvesh kumar s/o** Tikaya Ram Nagpal R/o h.no 1178 block-C Ansal sushant city panipat declared change my name Parvesh Kumar to Parvesh Nagpal and in future my name is Parvesh Nagpal.

**I, Anu D/o** Sh. Dharampal Verma R/o H.No. 943 Sector 45, Burali, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name from Anu to Anu Verma.

**I, Simranjeet Kaur D/o** Gurcharan Singh R/O #206, Village-Saketri, Distt.Panchkula have changed my name from Simranjeet Kaur to Simranjeet Kaur.

**I, Ashok Kumar S/o** Ram Kumar R/o Shakti Nagar, Birbal Nagar, Narwana, Distt.Jind. In my daughter school record her name is Dewanshi Mittal my wife name is Uma Mittal. Which is incorrect. Correct name is Dewanshi and Ashok Kumar and Uma Rani.

**I, Guthula Nithin** Bhargav father of G Chaitreyswari R/O #42-B, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh have changed my Daughter's Name from G Chaitreyswari to Guttula Chaitreyswari vide affidavit dated 01.02.2023 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

**I, Ranbir Singh S/o** of Piyaare Lal R/O #3301, Sector 31-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ranbir Singh to Ranbir Singh Vashisht vide affidavit Dated 01.02.2023 before Notary, Distt Court Chandigarh.

**I, Sunita w/o** Sandeep Kumar R/O VPO Muhem Tehsil Nakodar Distt Jalandhar Punjab India have changed my name from Sunita To Sunita Rani (Rani as surname) after my marriage.

**I, Harjinder Kaur, W/o** Ramesh Chander Parmar R/O H.No. 309, Garha Road, Defence Colony, Jalandhar have changed my name to Harjinder Parmar.

**I, Gurminder Singh S/o** Balihar Singh r/o #145, New Model Town, Shahabad Markanda, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Gurvinder Singh to Gurminder Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Balihar Singh S/o** Jetha Singh r/o #347/10, New Model Town, Shahabad Markanda, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Balihar Thind to Balihar Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Yadhush Bansal S/O** Darshan Bansal Flat No 1001 Tower 4 Suncity Prikkarma Sector-20, Panchkula (HR) Change My Name From Yadhoo To Yadhush Bansal.

**I, Darshan Bansal S/O** Ram Lal Bansal Flat No 1001 Tower 4 Suncity Prikkarma Sector-20, Panchkula (HR) Both My Name Darshan Kumar And Darshan Bansal.

**I, Amil Akhtar S/O** Sarfudeen # 1828, Sector 45-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ameen.

**I, Nirmala Devi D/o** Lachman Dass Now W/o Gurchain Singh R/o VPO Chohal Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Nirmala Devi to Nirmal Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, Akshdeep Singh S/o** Jagann Singh R/O Street No. 1, Daganala Road, Dashmesh Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Akshdeep Singh to Akshdeep Singh Bansal. Concerned note.

**I, Champa Devi,** Mother of Army No. 2494997W Rank NK Name Sandeep Kumar of 18 Punjab presently residing at Vill Bandh, PO Bhaugri Teh Kasauli Distt. Solan (H.P) PIN- 173233 have changed my name from Champa Devi to Champa vide affidavit dated 31.01.23.

**I, Akshay Kumar S/o** Shri Rajbir R/O Jasalirhi(17), Jhajjar, Haryana-124505 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Rajvir Singh in my 10th class certificate. The actual name of my father is Rajbir which may be amended accordingly.

**I, Suman Chauhan** Spouse of JC-672348H Sub Rajiv Chauhan R/O Unit HQ Western Command, Chandimandir, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Suman Chauhan to Suman Devi vide affidavit dated-02-02-2023 before notary public district court Panchkula (Haryana).

**I, Punita Chandra D/o** Sh. Ramesh Chandra R/O H.No-401, Model Town Ambala City have changed my name from Punita Chaudhuri to Punita Chandra.

**I, Rajni Nagpal W/o** Sandeep Kumar R/O H.No-868, Housing Board Colony Baldev Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Rajni to Rajni Nagpal.

**I, Jai Bagwan S/o** Bal Ram R/O Village Shanti Nagar Kurri Tehsil & Distt Kurukshetra have changed my Minor Son's name from Parth to Parth Chahal.

**I, Usha Dadwal W/o** No 14562694M Nb Sub (MACP) Daljit Singh (Retd), Village & PO Behbal Manji, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Usha Dadwal to Isha Dadwal. Concerned note.

**I, No 4461205X Hav** (Hony Nb Sub) Diwan Singh (Retd) S/O Late Sh Sohan Singh R/O Village & PO Behbal Manji, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur have changed name of my daughter from Harpreet Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur. Her correct date of birth is 28.10.1994. Concerned note.

**I, Shashi Sharma w/o** Anil Sharma R/O #Flat No. 4, Army Flats, Sec-4, Mansa devi Complex, Panchkula, Haryana declared that I have changed my name from Shashi Sharma to Shashi Bala. Please Note.

**I, Ranu Bala Malik w/o** Surinder Juneja #2580/27, Gian Marg, Ambala, Haryana declared that I have changed my name from Ranu Bala Malik to Renu Juneja. Please Note.

**I, Suraj Kumar Patel S/o** S.P. Patel, R/o Lane No.2, H. No.371 Dhanare Colony Narsinghpur Madya Pradesh-487001 have changed my minor son name to Dalvik Patel for all purposes in future.

**I, Sub. Major B. Suresh S/o** Sh. K.T. Balan R/O 11/537, Kakkothiyal, Kannadi-1, Palakkad, Kerala declare that my office records my daughter name wrongly entered as Ashmita. Her correct name is Ashmita Suresh.

**I no. 115622155Y,** Nayak Ghanashyam S/o Bujanram R/O Gagarwas tehsil Rajgarh District Churu Rajasthan. declare that in my army service record my wife name wrongly entered Sudesh Devi but correct name is Sudesh Kumari. Concern note.

**I no. 115622155Y,** Nayak Ghanashyam S/o Bujanram R/O Gagarwas tehsil Rajgarh District Churu Rajasthan. declare that in my army service record my mother name wrongly entered Bakhtwari Devi and DOB 01/07/1940, but correct name is Bakhtawari Devi, DOB 01/05/1948. Concern note.

**I, Zala Suryaba W/o** Ratandip Sinh R/O Village Talad, Police station Talad, Distt Sabarkanaata, Gujarat pin code:-383215. Declare that in my husband Ratandeep Sinh army service book my name wrongly entered Parmar Suryaba but my correct name is Zala Suryaba concern note.

**I, Sahil Khrab S/o** Sunil Kumar R/O Village Ugalan , Distt Hisar inform that in my Passport my father name wrongly mentioned Sunil. My father correct name is Sunil Kumar. In future I will be known by the name of Sahil Khrab S/o Sunil Kumar.

**I, Sanjay Mohanbhai** Gokhale S/O Mohan Bhai R/O # 2258, BSNL Society, Near Commerce College, Sector 50-C, Chandigarh. I declare that Sanjay Mohanbhai Gokhale and SanjayKumar Mohanbhai Gokhale both names are the same person.

**I, Sandeep Bhatia S/o** Madan Lal Bhatia R/O H.no.65, Patel Nagar, Tehsil Camp. Panipat,I have changed my name from Sandeep Kumar to Sandeep Bhatia. For all purpose.

**I, Meenu Bhatia w/o** Sandeep Bhatia R/O H.no.65, Patel Nager, Tehsil Camp Panipat, Declare that after Marriage, I have changed my name from Mona Bhatia to Meenu Bhatia. For all purpose.

**I, Akshay Kumar S/o** Shri Rajbir R/O Jasalirhi(17), Jhajjar, Haryana-124505 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Rajvir Singh in my 10th class certificate. The actual name of my father is Rajbir which may be amended accordingly.

**I, Army No. 14241981K** Ex NK (TS) Ramniwas S/o Sh. Sarup Singh R/O VPO Budana. Teh. Narnaund, Distt. Hisar (Hry.) Have changed my daughter's name from Kumari Dipti to Deepthi for all purposes in future.

**I, Simmi Bhalla D/O** Kulwant Singh Bhalla W/O Gurvinder Pal Singh R/O H.No.75-C, Gali No.2, Gurlal Bazar, New Partap Nagar, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Simmi Ahuja.

**I, Geetanjali Chauhan** Spouse Of 15703368m Hav Ravinandan Chauhan Residing At Village Karahi Pandey, Po Pakadi Babu, District Deoria, Uttar Pradesh Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Geetanjali Chauhan To Geetanjali Devi Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb61290781234891v Dated 13-01-2023, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

**I, Kanwaljeet Kaur W/O** Manjeet Singh R/O H.No.4842/25, Gurga Arjan Dev Nagar, Dilwari Gali, Pultighar, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Kanwaljit Kaur.

I Hitherto Known As Rajnish Kumar Son Of Hira Lal Residing At Chogawan Distt.Amritsar-143109 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rajneish Grover.

I Hitherto Known As Dimple Daughter Of Davinder Pal Wife Of Rajneish Grover Residing At Chogawan Distt.Amritsar-143109 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shamaoun Masih.

I, Hitherto Known As Shakti Mahajan Wife Of Subhash Chander Residing At H.No.75, Backside Manav Public School, Anand Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shakti Gupta.

**I, Bikramjit Singh S/o** Rajinder Singh R/O Village Fatehpur Rajputan, PO. Sanaur, Distt. Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Bikramjit Singh to Bikramjeet Singh.

**I, Amarjit Kaur W/o** Bikramjeet Singh R/O Village Fatehpur Rajputan, PO. Sanaur, Distt. Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Amarjit Kaur to Amarjeet Kaur.

**I Sher Singh S/o** Kamail Singh R/O Village Saphera teh & distt Patiala have changed my name to Shamsher Singh.

**I Rohit S/o** Yash Pal R/O H.No.135,New Rasla Nagar, Basti Danishmandan, Jalandhar Punjab 144002 have changed my name from Rohit to Rohit Kumar. Concerned Note.

**I, Rajinder Kumar S/O** Of Bihari Lal R/O 290-A, B-Block, Railway Colony, Amritsar, Punjab Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Gautam Age 15 Years And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jai.

**I, Kushal Mehra D/O** Rajiv Mehra W/O Aditya Mahajan R/O 82-R, White Avenue, Police Line, Lawrence Road, Amritsar Have Name Change After Marriage Kushal Mehra To Kushal Mahajan.

**I, Nasib Singh S/O** Achar Singh R/O Village Mehta Chowk, Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar Have Changed My Wife's Name From Swinder Kaur To Mahinder Kaur.

**I, Army No. 18001338M,** Rank HAV, Name :- Kulwinder Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o Village Mullanwal, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab have changed my daughter's name from Sargun Padda to Sargun Kaur Padda. Concerned Note.

**I, Vinod Kumar Gupta s/o** Chiranji Lal r/o #183, Sector-13, Kurukshetra have changed my name from Vinod Kumar to Vinod Kumar Gupta.

**I, Chander Parkash s/o** Jagdish Chand r/o #34, Sector-13, Tehsil Thanesar Kurukshetra declares that in my passport my name is wrongly spelled as Chander Parkesh whereas my correct name is Chander Parkash.

**I, Randhir Singh S/o** Jile Singh R/O Village Dadheda, District Shamli Present Address H.No.47, Gali No.21, Bagh Colony, Karan Vihar Karnal declare that My son's LIC Policy no. 177327411 is the name written as Marker but I have changed my son's name as Harsh Badsar for correction in my LIC Policy.

**I, Preeti W/o** Sh. Ankit Kumar R/O Vill. Ahar, Tehsil Israna Distt. Panipat, have changed my name from Preeti to Preeti Sharma for all future purposes.

**I, Nirmal W/o** Gurbhajan Singh, Flat No.212-B, Dhanas, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Nirmila Kumari to Nirmal.

**I, Shabiran W/o** Saudagar Khan, VPO Hussainpura, Tehsil and Distt. Malerkotla, have changed my name to Shabbira.

**I, Davendra Soni S/o** Ved Pal Soni, Flat No. 2A, Veena Homes, N.K. Sharma Office Road, Near Badal Colony, Zirakpur (SAS Nagar), changed name from Davendra Soni to Davenderpal Soni.

**I Sunny Datt S/o** Sunil Datt & Manjit Kaur, (New Abadi, Preet Nagar Nangal Ropar) have changed my name Sunny Datt.

**I, Sehajpreet Kaur** Daughter of Chander Shekhar, R/O Mandi Ladhuka, Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka, have changed my name from Uma Kalra to Sehajpreet Kaur.

**I, Amit Kumar S/o** Sh. Khem Chand R/O H.No.130, Sant Nagar, District-Karnal, Haryana. declare that I have changed my name from Amit Kumar to Amit for all future purposes.

**I, Charanjit Singh S/o** Manjeet Singh R/O 1404, Gali Arora Mal Bhatia, Chawal Mandi Moti Bazar, Amritsar have changed my name from Charanjit Singh to Charanjeet Singh.

**I, Neha** daughter of Sub Maj Satish Kumar Luhach, resident of Hisar, Haryana, India have corrected my name spelling from Naha to Neha vide Affidavit 51AA 877665 dated 12.12.2022 before Hisar District court.

**I, Awinash Kumar Garg S/o** Puran Chand R/O H.No. 322, St. No. 3, Guru Nanak Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Avinash Kumar Garg to Avinash Gupta.

**I, Monika Singla W/o** Avinash Gupta R/O H.No. 322, St. No. 3, Guru Nanak Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Monika Singla to Monika Gupta.

**I, Bikramjit Singh S/o** Rajinder Singh R/O Village Fatehpur Rajputan, PO. Sanaur, Distt. Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Bikramjit Singh to Bikramjeet Singh.

**I, Amarjit Kaur W/o** Bikramjeet Singh R/O Village Fatehpur Rajputan, PO. Sanaur, Distt. Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Amarjit Kaur to Amarjeet Kaur.

**I Sher Singh S/o** Kamail Singh R/O Village Saphera teh & distt Patiala have changed my name to Shamsher Singh.

**I Rohit S/o** Yash Pal R/O H.No.135,New Rasla Nagar, Basti Danishmandan, Jalandhar Punjab 144002 have changed my name from Rohit to Rohit Kumar. Concerned Note.

**I Rakesh Kumari** wife of Shri Dharampal village Kotla Kala P.O. Jhajjaran Tehsil Nalagarh District Solan(Hp) have changed my name to Jasveer Kaur after my marriage.

**I, Sheetal Rani** spouse No. 3201777P, Rank Hav, Naveen Kumar, Unit 21 Jat battalion, Resident at Village Yusufpur Nangla Ber, Tehsil Modinagar District Ghaziabad, U.P, PIN 245304 have changed my name from Shital Devi To Sheetal Rani and date of birth from 03-11-1988 to 30-11-1988 Vide Affidavit Dated 02-02-2023 January 2023 before at Notary Ferozepur.

**I Lovepreet Singh S/o** Gurdev Singh R/O Village Wahake, Wahag ke, Tehsil and Distt. Ferozepur have Changed my Name from Lovepreet Singh to Lovepreet Singh Sandhu .

I hitherto known as Parwinder Kaur W/O Tarsem Singh Resident at Village Dullar, Tehsil Samana, District Patiala, Punjab - 147101 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Parvinder Kaur.

**I, Harbhajan Kaur w/o** Sahab Singh R/o Gobind Majra, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, declare that I am known by two names: Harbhajan Kaur and Gurbhajan Kaur.

**I, Rajesh W/o** Rajiv Sharma Vill Shanti Nagar Pehowa , have changed my name Rajesh Sharma W/o Rajive Sharma.

**I, Rajeev Kumar Sharma S/o** Naresh Kumar Sharma VPO Shanti Nagar Pehowa Kurukshetra, Haryana have changed my name to Rajiv Sharma S/o Naresh Kumar Sharma.

**I, Prabhjeet Singh S/o** Mukhtiyar Singh R/O Vill. Govind Nagar, Dera Fateh Singh Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Parabh Jit Singh.

**I, Nourang S/O** Lila Ram Resident Of Village Peedal Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name Norang Dass.

**I Sanam Kumar Batra S/O** Tarsem Kumar Batra R/O Hno 9888 St. No 1, Bawa Colony, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Sanam Batra.

**I Yogesh Sharma S/O** Shri Sushil Sharma Resident Of House No. 13/33 Naya Bazar Karnal I Declare That I Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Navya To Navya Sharma For All Purpose. Please Note The Relevant.

**I, Jasveen Kaur** Brar Alias Gurjinder Kaur W/O Jiwan Singh R/O Vill. Balamgarh Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Gurjinder Kaur Brar D/O Sarban Singh @ Sarwan Singh After Divorce.

**I Sarwan Singh @** Sarban Singh S/O Jaggar Singh R/O Vill. Balamgarh (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Have Declare That I Known By Both Above Said Names. Both Names Are Mine.

**I, Diksha, W/O** Manpreet Singh Dhalival, R/O House No. 1562 Sector-4, Panchkula Have Changed My Name To Diksha Dhalival.

**I, Kiranjeet Kaur** Mother Of Udey Raj Singh S/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Basant Vihar, Street No. 2, Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab) Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son From Udey Raj Singh To Uday Raj Singh. Concerned Note.

**I, Mukesh Kumar s/o** Gurwinder Pal Singh R/O Village Garh bagga, P.O. Tibba Tapprian, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib, district Rupnagar (Punjab) Declare that my surname is Kumar.

**I, Dalbir Kaur W/o** Bhupendra Singh R/O Flat No.132,Third Floor,Pride City Near Shiviqt Apartment Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar ,Tehsil Kharar, Distt.S.A.S Nagar (Pb) declare that I want to change my name from Dalbir Kaur Vagotra to Dalbir Kaur.

**I, Suresh R** resident of Village- Poigai Kalaigarnagar, Post-Sathiyamangalam, Tehsil-Anaicut, District-Vellore, State-Tamilnadu, Pin-632114 in my service record my Mother name wrongly recorded as Navaneeladam instead of Navaneetham R Vide affidavit No. IN-PB6700082894332V dated 01 Feb 2023 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Gayatri** spouse of No.2809792A L/NK Khot Sunil Dnyandeve resident of Village-Pimpalwadi, Post- Nangole, Tehsil- Kavathe Mahankal, District- Sangli, State-Maharashtra, Pin- 416405 have changed my name from Gayatri to Gayatri Sunil Khot Vide affidavit No. IN-PB67062169340650V dated 01 Feb 2023 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Jasbir Kaur W/o** Nirmal Singh R/O Saido Road, Gajiana, Moga, Punjab-142055. have changed my name as Jasvir Kaur Brar.

**I, Vikas Niwas** Alias Vikas S/o Ram Niwas R/O H.No.E10/643, Street No-1, Inder Vihar, Kali Sarak, Ludhiana, Punjab-141008, have changed my name as Vikas Sharma.

**I, Paramjit S/o** Mohinder Pal R/O Dhalival Jalandhar, Punjab-144002 have changed my name from Paramjit to Paramjit Saroay (Saroay as Surname)

**I, Rajni Bala W/o** Sandeep Kumar R/O H.No.B-34, 3159/2, New Tagore Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Near Gurdwara Sri Dukh Niwaran Sahib, Ludhiana, Punjab have changed my name from Rajni Bala to Rajni.

**I, Jagjeet Kaur W/o** Resham Singh R/O H.no.177 Ishwar Nagar, Kala Sanghian Road, Jalandhar, have changed my name/spelling from Jagjeet Kaur to Jagjit Kaur (same person).

I, hitherto known as Jasvir S/O Gurbal Chand R/O Vill. Chuharwal, Po. Lakhnan Kalan, Kapurthala-144601, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jasvir Singh.

**I, Sukhdev Kaur W/o** 1563130W NK Late. Tara Singh R/O Khusrpur, Teh&Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Sukhdeo Kaur to Sukhdev Kaur and DOB from 01 Jan 1946 to 03 Dec 1942.

**I, Happy S/o** Tarlok Singh R/O Vill. Warraich, Po. Nainokot, Distt. Gurdaspur-143528, Punjab have changed my name from Happy to Happy Warraich.

**I, Arockiasagayaselvi A,** Wife of No. 15324442H, HAV, G Johnson Preet, of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Ferozepur Cantt Resident at 632, Nadu Street Pavithram Tiruvannamalai State Tamil Nadu Pin 606806 have Changed my Name From Arockiasagaya Selvi to Arockiasagayaselvi A. Vide Affidavit Dated 02 February 2023 before at Notray Ferozepur.

**I Surinder Kaur W/O** Sarbjeet Ram R/O Village Ahrana Khurd Post Office Ahrana Kalan District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Sulinder Kaur.

**I Balbir Singh S/O** Harbhajan Singh R/O Vpo. Haiderowal District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Balbir Singh To Balvir Singh.

**I Priyanka Pawar W/O** Tajinder Pawar R/O Vpo. Mehtiana District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Priyanka To Priyanka Pawar.

**I Tajinder Pawar S/O** Inderjit R/O Vpo. Mehtiana District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Tajinder To Tajinder Pawar.

**I Mandeep Kaur W/O** Gurdeep Singh R/O Village Allowal Post Office Bullowal District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kaur Mandeep.

**I Komal D/O** Vimal Khanna R/O H.No.121 Katcha Tobha Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Komal To Komal Khanna.



# Hry Budget Session to begin on Feb 20, Khattar to present Budget on Feb 23

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Budget Session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha will begin from February 20 and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who also holds the finance portfolio, will present the Budget estimates for 2023-24 on February 23. Like the previous year, this year too, the sitting of the House will be in two parts. The decision was taken in a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Khattar on Thursday.

Khattar, talking to the reporters after the meeting, said that the session will begin with the Governor's address followed by a discussion on it, after which, the budget will be presented. After a gap of few days, the budget will be passed.

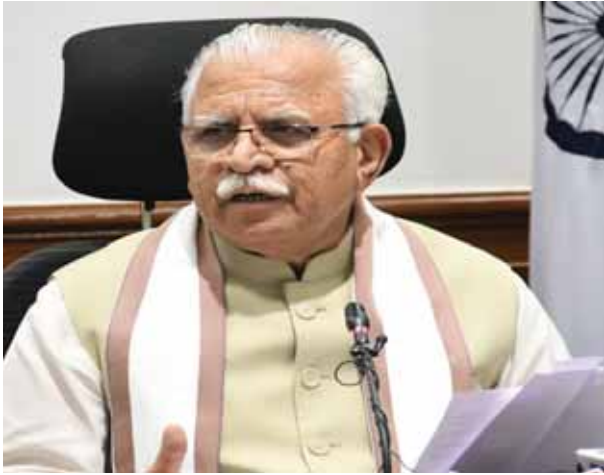
The Chief Minister said that the focus of the upcoming Budget shall be welfare for all the sections of society with its specific focus on sectors like rural-development, environment, healthcare and education.

Khattar said that the state Cabinet also took various other vital decisions, including change in the departmental financial rules empowering the Chief Minister as the head of the committee which will be the final authority for delegating tenders more than Rs 10 crore, inclusion of two separate departments in the Business of Haryana Government (Allocation) Rules, compassionate appointment to the wife of a Pulwama martyr besides others.

**Suggestions Given by Haryana during Pre-Budget Discussions Accepted by Union Finance Ministry**

Khattar said, "We have suggested setting up of Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) on the lines of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). Accepting this, the Finance Minister has announced the establishment of UIDF"

"Besides this, I had also given another suggestion to continue the special assistant to



scheme, Rs 874 crore was approved for the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor project in the last financial year. In this financial year also, Haryana will get sufficient funds.

## Haryana in a Better Financial Position as Compared to its Neighbouring States

The Chief Minister said that Haryana is in a better financial position as compared to its neighbouring states of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

He shared that the country's economic growth rate for the current financial year presented in the Union Budget is about seven percent, and

fiscal deficit has been fixed at up to three percent of the state's domestic product.

We have already been able to keep the fiscal deficit below this. Our financial deficit for the financial year 2021-22 was 2.9 percent.

I am sure that the deficit of the current financial year is also less than this and will continue to be less than this prescribed limit," he added.

The Chief Minister further informed that according to the Union Budget, the country's per capita income has more than doubled to Rs 1.97 lakh since 2014. Haryana's per capita income is about Rs 2.75 lakhs.

Khattar said that while presenting the State Budget, the Union Finance Minister also highlighted promoting digital payments in the agriculture sector.

"We have been making digital payments to farmers for their crop sales. So far, digital payments of Rs 63,000 crore have been made in the accounts of around 10 lakh farmers," shared Khattar.

The Chief Minister said that there is a provision for setting up Unity Mall in the budget. In these malls, the products of the industrial units established exclusively under the 'One District-One Product' scheme will be marketed. "Going a step further, we are running the 'One Block-One Product' scheme in Haryana. The State will be greatly benefited from the opening of Unity Malls," said Khattar.

## Under Govardhan Scheme, Three New Plants to Come-Up in Haryana

Khattar said that a provision has been made in the budget to set up 500 new plants under the Govardhan scheme. "In Haryana, construction work is going on for seven plants at Ambala, Charkhi Dadri, Nuh, Rohtak, Rewari, Sirsa, and Yamunanagar. In the coming financial year, three new plants will be set up at Karnal, Palwal, and Kurukshetra," he informed.

# Guv-AAP Govt face-off, once again — this time over drugs

Purohit asks Govt to openly seek help from Centre, AAP hits back

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led Punjab Government and the state Governor Banwarilal Purohit are once again on a collision course with one another — this time over the issue of drugs. A day after asserting that drugs have entered schools and available like grocery items during his tour to Punjab's border districts, Purohit on Thursday went on to say that the state's jails have become "safe havens for mafias".

Purohit, during his press interaction at Fazilka on the second day of his tour, minced no words to say that the drug situation in the State was a grave concern and he was "worried".

Pointing out that the state's police force itself was struggling to deal with the drug addiction, Purohit asked the AAP-led State Government to "openly ask for help from the Centre", in case it was unable to check the illicit flow of drugs. Interestingly, his assertions came in the presence of the state Chief Secretary VK Janjua and state Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav.

Hitting back, senior AAP leader and the Cabinet Minister Aman Arora alleged that the Governor was going around making political speeches and running a "parallel government".

He maintained that it was unfortunate that the Governor was not keeping dignity of the post he held.

In his defence, Purohit said: "My interventions are not political. I am the executive head of the state and all orders are given out in my name."

Notably, the Governor was on a two-day visit of Punjab's border districts of Amritsar, Pathankot, Fazilka, Ferozepur, among others, from Wednesday. A day before, Purohit had also highlighted the issue of drug menace saying that drugs have permeated into schools too, and available

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like grocery items. Governor had stated that he was receiving complaints that some of the youngsters are so severely addicted that they start stealing in their own houses, and their parents felt helpless. "Such youngsters then get involved with (criminal) mafias. Villagers tell me that drugs are easily available just like any other item in a grocery store. The police might not know about it but the villagers do," he had stated on Wednesday.

Purohit had also said that there's need to improve security in jails as criminals are running rackets sitting inside and pulled up the authorities concerned, while pointing out that how do mobile phones seized from prisons reach there.

Expressing concern, he said, "Had it been a small thing, would I have been going and touring districts... This should not be taken lightly, we have to stop it at all costs."

"I say this on their face that the police department is also affected. The jails are not in their control.

There is a need for lot of improvement. They put them (criminals) in jails and from there, they control the mafia..." said the Governor.

## Selected Can't Rule Over Elected Govt: Arora Hits Back

Retorting, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said: "It is unfortunate that the Governor is not keeping dignity of the post he holds. It has never happened before that the Governor of any state goes around making political speeches...Only for political benefits, you are causing harm to Punjab."

"If there is any issue, he can bring it to the attention of Chief

Minister Bhagwant Mann. But running a parallel government... It does not happen like this that selected will rule over an elected government," said Arora.

Lashing out, Arora said that the Governor talks about the drug issue, but from where these contraband items are entering Punjab.

"It is either from the international border and who is responsible (for manning the border)? It is the Centre, either these (drugs) are routed from neighbouring state Haryana, where BJP is in power, or in previous days you must have seen drugs are entering Gujarat in large quantities through a port and reaching other parts of the country. Who is responsible, it is the Centre," he said.

AAP's state chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang, a day before, had stated that the Governor should desist from making political statements. Keeping a tab on illicit drug trade in the border districts was responsibility not just of the Punjab government but also of the Centre, Kang had said, adding that the Governor should try to improve the situation by intervening at the level of the Centre.

## Governor vs Govt in Past Too

This is not the first time that the Punjab Governor and the AAP Government have come face-to-face against one-another over issues related to the state and governance.

In the past also, they had been on collision course over several issues ranging from withdrawing his consent to convene special assembly session to turning down the appointment of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences Vice-Chancellor to seeking removal of Dr Satbir Singh Gosal as Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) VC, to returning the ordinances okayed by the Punjab Cabinet, to removal of Punjab-cadre IPS officer Kuldeep Chahal from the coveted post of SSP of UT Chandigarh.

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On the South: Palac Knit Exports and House of Usha Gupta  
The Owner is entitled to the said Property vide Sale Deed dated 11.09.2000 Document No. 7011, Sale Deed dated 08.09.2000 Document No. 6944, Sale Deed dated 25.10.2000 Document No. 8791, Sale Deed dated 25.10.2000 Document No. 8792, Sale Deed dated 06.09.2000 Document No. 6584, Sale Deed dated 03.08.2001 Document No. 5456, Sale Deed dated 08.08.2001 Document No. 5730, Sale Deed dated 27.08.2001 Document No. 6366, Sale Deed dated 02.07.2004 Document No. 5885 and Sale Deed dated 30.05.2011 Document No. 4615 all registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Ludhiana East, Punjab.  
Any person(s) or entity(ies) including any Govt./ Public Department, Bank or Financial Institution etc. having or claiming to have any share, right, title, claim and/ or interest in respect of the Said Property or any part thereof, of any nature whatsoever and/ or any claim by way of, under, or in the nature of any agreement, sale, transfer, assignment, lis-pendens, family arrangement, settlement, lease, sub-lease, exchange, tenancy, sub-tenancy, license, mortgage, inheritance, bequest, gift, lien, charge, outgoings, maintenance, easement, trust, possession, development rights, right of way, reservation, covenant or condition, encumbrance, occupation, pre-emption, decree or order of any court of law, partnership, acquisition by the government or any entity, prohibition or any impediment in respect of Property, or otherwise of whatsoever nature over the Said Property, or part thereof and/ or having any objection(s) of any manner whatsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the supporting documents to the undersigned within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any right, title or interest in the Said Property. Any claim not made in writing as hereby required shall be deemed as waived or abandoned and not binding to undersigned or their successors/nominees/assignees in any manner whatsoever to purchase the Said Property and any sort of claim from any person thereafter will not be entertained whatsoever to purchase the Said Property and any sort of claim from any person thereafter will not be entertained and/ or taken into consideration.

Dated 23 February 2023.  
Mr. Jatin Kumar, Advocate  
For Rajesh Goel and Co  
SCO 77-78, First Floor,  
Swastik Vihar, MDC Sector 5  
Panchkula- Haryana

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**

Bid No. ETENDER/EE/PWSSD/ROPAR/01/2023/ Date: 02-02-2023  
Executive Engineer, P. W/S & Sew., Divn. Ropar on the behalf of Chief Executive Officer, P.W/S and Sew. Board Chandigarh invites online bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Amount / Time Limit
1	Boring and installing 5 No. Twell of size 250mmx250mm upto 350 Mtr. Depth complete at various areas, Derabassi	Rs. 191.34 Lac 3 Months
2	Boring and installing 3 No. Twell of size 250mmx250mm upto 350 Mtr. Depth complete at various areas, Laulu	Rs. 119.43 Lac 2 Months
3	Prov. & Laying UPVC pipe sewer at Vill. Barari, Nangal.	Rs. 24.64 Lac 3 Months

Closing Date & Time:- 13-02-2023 upto 5.00 P.M.  
For detailed log on to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
Note: Any Corrigendum(s), to the Tender/ RFP Notice Shall be published on the above website only.

Executive Engineer,  
P. W/S & Sew. Divn.,  
Ropar. (01881-292030)

NA/12/14253/2022/20925 Dt. 2/2/2023

**पंजाब सिंद बैंक**  
Punjab & Sind Bank  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

**Furnishing, Electrical work & Data cabling (Renovation) at Punjab And Sind Bank, Red Cross Bhawan (RUNNING BRANCH), Distt-Faridkot, Punjab**

Punjab and Sind Bank invites application through open tender under two bid system (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) for Furnishing, Electrical work & Data cabling (Renovation) at Red Cross Bhawan [RCB], Distt- Faridkot, Punjab through e-tendering means.

Last date of submission of application is 23/02/2023. For further details visit our website [www.punjabandsindbank.co.in](http://www.punjabandsindbank.co.in) or <https://psb.eproc.in>

**ZONAL MANAGER**

**OFFICE OF THE MARKET COMMITTEE, GHARAUNDA**

**Public Notice**

It is for general information that share off Shop No. 122 New Anaj Mandi Gharaunda in the name of Santosh Devi W/o Sh. Kulwant Rai R/o Gharaunda District Karnal. Subsequent upon the intestate death of Lt. Smt. Santosh Devi. Vinod Kumar S/o Lt. Sh. Kulwant Rai has applied for transfer of share off Shop No. 122 Lt. Smt. Santosh Devi ownership rights in his name on the basis of "Legal Heirs" and a transfer deed within Blood relations. Tehsildar, Gharaunda has declared the Legal Heirs of Smt. Santosh Devi is Vinod Garg & Parmod Garg Sons and Seema Bansal Daughter.

From the above mentioned name if any other legal heirs and general public have any objection. The opportunity is given through this public notice to file any objection regarding the transfer of ownership of share off Shop No. 122 NGM, Gharaunda with this office with strict documentary proof within 30 days from the publication of this notice otherwise share off shop no. 122 will be transferred in favour of Vinod Kumar S/o Lt. Sh. Kulwant Rai R/o Sunshine Residency Sec. 24 Plot No. 304, Flat No. 02, Nigadi Pradhikaran Pune, Maharashtra and Market Committee will not responsible for any claim in this regard.

**Secretary cum Executive Officer  
Market Committee Gharaunda**

**सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया**  
Central Bank of India

Regional Office, SCO - 57, 4th Floor,  
District Shopping Centre, Block-B,  
Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar 143001

Shifting of our Bhikhiwind Branch (Tehsil Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran) into new premises

It is informed to all and sundry that our Bhikhiwind Branch is going to shift into new premises and w.e.f. 01-03-2023 our branch will function in new premises, located at Main Road, Near State Bank of India, Bhikhiwind, which is approximately 300 mtrs. far from existing premises of branch. Respected all the customers are requested to please visit our new premises for their banking needs / operation in their accounts / operations in their lockers etc. on or after 01-03-2023.

Although, utmost care will be taken by bank for shifting of locker cabinets into new premises, all locker holders are requested to please remove or secure fragile articles, if kept in their lockers.

DATE : 03-02-2023 REGIONAL HEAD, AMRITSAR REGION

**GURU GOBIND NATH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
VIII. Jamalpur, Hansi - Tosham Road, Jamalpur, Distt. Bhiwani

Recognized by NRC-NCTE Delhi, Affiliated to CBLU, Bhiwani  
Mob. 9996152626 Email : [ggneidukurukshetra@gmail.com](mailto:ggneidukurukshetra@gmail.com)

**APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE DIFFERENT POSTS IN B.ED. COURSE**

- PRINCIPAL : 01 ● PERSPECTIVES IN EDUCATION : 04
- PEDAGOGY SUBJECTS (Social Science, Mathematics, Commerce, Science, Economics, Computer Science, Languages) - 08
- FINE ARTS : 01 ● PERFORMING ART (Music/Dance/Theater) : 01
- LIBRARIAN : 01 ● HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION : 01

Qualification and pay scale as per NRC-NCTE/CBLU and State Govt. Apply Within 21 Days and also send one copy of documents to dean of colleges Choudhary Bansil Lal University, Bhiwani.

**Chairman**

**Public Notice**

This is to inform and seek objections, if any, from general public that our client is intending to purchase from Kartar Builders and Developers LLP, having its registered office at House No. 452, Sector 37, Chandigarh-160036 ('Owners') all its rights, title and interest in the property admeasuring 2375 sq. yards, comprised under Kharsa no. 5854/3088/2416, 3452/1, 2421/924-935, 3984/3451/3086/2416, 2421/924-935, 3089/2416, 2421/924-935, 3982/3451/3086/2416/2921/924-935, 2762/1919/903 and bearing Plot no. B-1-974/974/1-A situated at Rajpura Road, Near Kundan Vidya Mandir, Village Mahaal Bagaat, Chander Road, Ludhiana, Pin Code- 141001, Punjab ("Property") butted and bounded as follows:  
On the East: Six (6) Houses adjoining to side wall  
On the West: 13-6" wide road  
On the North: Rajpura Road, -60-0" wide Road,  
On the South: Palac Knit Exports and House of Usha Gupta  
The Owner is entitled to the said Property vide Sale Deed dated 11.09.2000 Document No. 7011, Sale Deed dated 08.09.2000 Document No. 6944, Sale Deed dated 25.10.2000 Document No. 8791, Sale Deed dated 25.10.2000 Document No. 8792, Sale Deed dated 06.09.2000 Document No. 6584, Sale Deed dated 03.08.2001 Document No. 5456, Sale Deed dated 08.08.2001 Document No. 5730, Sale Deed dated 27.08.2001 Document No. 6366, Sale Deed dated 02.07.2004 Document No. 5885 and Sale Deed dated 30.05.2011 Document No. 4615 all registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Ludhiana East, Punjab.  
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**Public Notice**

It is informed to public at large that I, Bimla Devi W/o Sh. Suresh Kumar R/o Vill. Namunda, Tehsil Samahita, Distt. Panipat owned and possessed one property/plot measuring 150 Sq. Yds. i.e. 5 Marla situated at Shastri Colony, Samahita Dist. Panipat vide sale deed Vaska No. 1390 dated 29-06-2017 registered in the office of S.R. Samahita. Before me, Smt. Yogita Rohila W/o Sh. Sanjay Rohila was owner in possession of the aforesaid property vide sale deed No. 4578 dated 07-03-2022, before Yogita Rohila, Bipinder Singh S/o Ajit Singh, Suresh Singh S/o Mangla and Rajender S/o Purnam Mal were owner in possession of the aforesaid property vide sale deed Vaska No. 249 dated 28-04-2006 S.R. Samahita. Aforesaid sale deed No. 249 dated 28-04-2006 has been lost anywhere from me and in this regard, aforesaid Bimla Devi got lodged DOR No. 132340/11901893 with police station Samahita. Now aforesaid Bimla Devi wants to avail loan facility from Primal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Panipat on above said property, if any person, legal heir, institution/ financial institution have any kind of objection/mortgage of above said property with Primal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Panipat may file his/her/their objection within seven days of publication of this notice at below mentioned address.  
Sunder Singh Advocate Chs. No. 9-10, Ground Floor Lawyer Chambers Complex District Courts, Panipat.

## LOST & FOUND

I Deepak S/o Sh. Ram Gopal Hosue No. 328, Desraj Colony, Panipat, I have lost my original sale deed vaska No. 4273 Dated 16-12-1992 Registered by S.R. Panipat. DDR also lodged vide application No. 132340/122300111. If anybody found then confirm to the above address.

## Public Notice

It is for the information to general public that Smt Saroj W/o Sh. Telu Ram R/o Bank Colony, Hisar has applied for transfer of her H. No. 141-GF in Housing Board Colony, Sector-1 (Talwandi Rana), Hisar in favour of Sh. Suresh Kumar S/o Sh. Ved Parkash R/o Datta, Tehsil-Hansi, Distt. Hisar. If any Person has any objection regarding transfer of this flat he/she should file objection with documentary proof in writing in person, to this office within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within stipulated period, the permission Sh. Suresh Kumar S/o Sh. Ved Parkash the basis of documents submitted as per policy of the Board. No Claim/objection shall be entertained after that in this regards. Estate Manager, Housing Board Haryana, Hisar

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I Rohit Kumar S/o Rajender Singh R/o Village Bhambhawa, Tehsil Beri, Distt. Jhajjar declare that I lost my Gift DEED No. 1979, Dated 15/05/2018, Sale Deed No. 11486, Dated 23/03/2009, Tarima Deed No. 1545, Dated 07/05/2018. Police Station Beri.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to be Notified that general public that my document wasika no. 1569 dt. 11.11.2011. Registry has been actually lost. If anybody finds please contact that below address name Sandeep kumar s/o Jang Bahadur house no. 119 GT Road Dinanagar, Po Dinanagar, Teh- Gurdaspur Punjab-143531 (Sandeep kumar)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Publicis informed that Karampal S/o Parkash has lost her Previous original Document i.e. Sale deed dated 03.05.2002 no. 470 in favour of Rampur S/o Ram Jalan regarding the property Plot in Kheawat No. 3741/2 Khata No. 4487 Kila no. 253/24/2 Mouja Gohana Ward no. 20 Gandhi Nagar Gohana Distt. Sonpat Measuring 177.80 sq.yards. If any person has found / Information / Possession / Knowledge for above said missing documents then Submit Intimate within 07 days to Pankaj Sharma, Advocate, Chamber no. 392, Distt. Courts Rohtak, Ph.No. 9896553019. Thereafter any kind of claim will not be accepted. Pankaj Sharma Advocate

## Public Notice

Punjab National Bank through its branch Sec-12 Chandigarh intends to create equitable mortgage in respect of property House No. 1923, Phase-5, Mohali-160059 msg-262.5 Sq.yds in the name of Mr. Sukhjiwan Singh Grewal S/o Surjit Singh. Any person claiming any interest or title In the property or other wise having any objection can make representation to Punjab National Bank, Sec-12, Chd within 7 day of Publication of this notice.

## Public Notice

That My Client Suchita Saini W/o Naresh Saini that I am Owner of Property House, Comprised in Kheawat No. 1022, Kille-4, Rakba 17 Bighe 10 Biswa its 41/8750 share i.e. 1 Biswa 13 Biswansi (82.50 Sq. yards) and Kheawat No. 4173. Kharsa No. 4314 (2-11) its 561409/119297500 share i.e. 5 Biswansi (12.50 Sq. yards) ( Total Rakba 1 Biswa 18 Biswansi / 96 Sq. yards), Mangal Colony, Tehsil and District Karnal, Measuring 1 Biswa 18 Biswansi / 96 Sq. yards being owner Vide Vaska no. 18042/1 dated 27-10-2021. Now raising loan from PNB HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED against it. Original Sale deed no. 3441/1 dated 30-07-2001 in respect of the property in question measuring 1-46/50 Biswe in favor of Krishan Kumar S/o Lal Chand is missing if any individual / Institution is having any information / charge / lien then contact undersigned within 7 days. Hemant Sharma Advocate (for PNB HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED) #1581, sector-7. U.E. Kamal 9896260977.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information to all that House No. 233, LIG, Sector-13, Kurukshetra as allotted in the name of Sh. Sumer Pal S/o Sh. Pyare Lal R/o H.No. 233, Sector-13, H.B.C. Kurukshetra vide this Office Letter No.563 dated 14.02.1978. Who was expired on 04.02.2022. Therefore, Sh. Sumerpal S/o Sh. Pyare Lal, who has registered his will Document No.-12, dated 06.04.10, in the office of Deputy Joint Registration Officer, to the above house. Now Sh. Pankaj Gupta S/o Late Sh. Sumer Pal as submitted documents for transfer of said house in self due to death of his father. If any person has any objection regarding transfer of this house he/she should file objection with documentary proof, in writing, in person to this office (on address given below) within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within this stipulated period, the permission for transfer of house will be granted in favour of Sh. Pankaj Gupta S/o Sh. Sumer Pal R/o H.No. 233, Sector-13, H.B.C. Kurukshetra by this office on the basis of documents submitted by transferee. As per policy of the Board No claim/objection shall be entertained after that in this regard. Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana, Kurukshetra

**PUBLIC NOTICE**-This is for information to General Public that Previous Sale deed bearing Vaska No. 621 dated 13/08/2007 executed by Palwinder Kaur D/o Sh. Jodh Singh in favour of Sh. Amrik Singh and Sh. Balwinder Singh Sons of Sh. Lal Singh has been lost And lost information report bearing SR no. 311955/2023 dated 02/02/2023 already lodged with PS Focal Point, Ludhiana City/Now Sh. Piyush Gupta S/o Sh. Tarsem Lal Gupta intend to create equitable mortgage on property in favour of State Bank of India, SME Oversease Branch, Ludhiana by deposit of sale deeds executed in their favour without depositing the previous lost sale deed detailed above. If anybody has any claim, charge, lien or encumbrance over the said property by virtue of said lost previous original sale deed or anybody has objection to the same, he/she may contact the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which the bank will not entertain any objections thereafter and will proceed accordingly. Raji Chopra Advocate, Chamber No. 368, District Courts, Ludhiana Ph. No. 9878754321 (for and on Behalf of State Bank of India SME Oversease Branch, Ludhiana).

**सार्वजनिक सूचना**

सर्व सहायका को सूचित किया जाता है कि नरम निम, रोहताक के घर शाखा के समुचित निगराने के अंतर्गत आई. सी. नं. THAGL06 एनर्जी प्रोटेक्ट आई. सी. नं. 225C127U310 का हर एक सिंग क्लस्की और कृष्ण डायन के नाम से रखा है, अब नरम निम के निर्देश में इस आई. सी. नं. में नरम निम का नाम सुनी, रोहता, रोहता पानी कृष्ण, नरम निम, अरुण अपने नाम रक्त कर्वाला रहाने है, यदि किसी भी जवाबदाश को इनके नाम तब्दील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर- अरुण नरम निम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति रक्त कर्वाला, अरुणा यह भविष्यतः उसके नाम तब्दील कर दी जाएगी। जिसके लिए नरम निम रोहताक के तबदील की जाएगी।

देशीय कल्याण अधिकारी, नरम निम, रोहताक

**SBI State Bank of India**  
भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

**RACPC, at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Opp- Sant Nischal Singh School  
Near Kanhaiya Chowk, Yamuna Nagar (Hr.) 135001**

**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE REGARDING POSSESSION OF PROPERTY U/S 13(4) OF SARFAESI ACT 2002**

Notice is hereby given 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 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon

**The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section(8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.**

Name of Account/ Borrower & address	Name of Owner of property etc.	Description of Immovable / Moveable Property	Date of demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount(s) as per demand Notice
Home Loan A/c No. 32139114855 1. Sh. Gover Lal S/o Sh. Babu Ram Vill. Dayalgarh P.O. Buria, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar- 135003 2. Smt. Rekha Rani S/o Gover Lal Vill. Dayalgarh P.O. Buria, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar- 135003	1. Sh. Gover Lal S/o Sh. Babu Ram 2. Smt. Rekha Rani 3. S/o Gover Lal Village Dera, H.B. NO. 190, Naraingarh Kala Amb Road, Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala, purchased vide Sale Deed no. 3530 dated 23/01/2012 duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala. Which is measuring and bounded as under : North : Flat No. 35, South : Flat No. 43, East : Open Yard, West : Rasta	House constructed on Flat no. 39 (2nd Floor) 2 BHK measuring 950 Sq. Fts. Comprising in Kharsa No. 75/5 situated at Climb Paradise Finance Ltd.	01.12.2022	02.02.2023	Rs. 707087/- (Rupees Seven Lac Seven thousand Eighty Seven only) as on 01.12.2022 and interest thereon plus charges further onward.

**Date : 02.02.2023  
Place : Yamuna Nagar**

**Authorised Officer,  
State Bank of India, RACPC, Yamunanagar**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to public notice that Sh. Rajat Kumar S/o of Late Sh. Jasvir Kumar and Smt. Bobby W/o of Late Sh. Jasvir Kumar as approached AU Small Finance Bank Ltd, Patiala for availing a LAP Loan vide App/RLS No. 900056228 over the property i.e. House situated at Sukhram Colony, Village Rasulpur Saidan, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala, Area measuring 0-2 Biswas i.e. 103.33 sq. yds, comprised in Khewat/Khatoni no. 774/885, Kharsa no. 1072/2(1-9), Kila 1, Total area 1 Bighe 9 Biswas out of which 0-2 Biswas i.e. 103.33 sq. yds in the name of Smt. Bobby W/o of Late Sh. Jasvir Kumar vide Transfer deed no. 2022-23/11/8949 dated 06.10.2022 and vide mutation no. 1568/4 as per revenue record. The Borrowers is/are stating that the previous Original Sale deed no. 4219 dated 05.07.2013 in the favour of Smt. Lachmi Devi W/o of Late Sh. Deep Ram has been lost and regarding this a DOR/ID No.312560/2023 dated 02.02.2023 registered with Police Station, Anaj Mandi, Patiala. The AU small Finance Bank Ltd., Patiala is required the above said missing Original Sale deed for creation equitable mortgage. As per declaration furnished by the present owners of the said property is unencumbered and no mortgage has been created over the said property in favour of any other Bank or any financial Institution. The said property has never been sold or transferred to any person and the same is not a subject matter of any dispute in court of law. All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered), Gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to me with supporting documentary evidence and returned if found at the address mentioned herein below within 7 days from the date publication, failing which the claim, if any of such person will be considered to have waived and my client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan and creation of mortgage in respect thereof. If any person have grievousness contact below.  
Rupinder Singh Advocate Chamber No. 508, 4th Floor Yadwindra Complex District Court, Patiala on behalf of AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. Patiala. Mob. 98143-78170

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I Babita Devi W/o Sh. Satish Kumar, R/o #3014, Ward No.8, Raypur Viran, Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala declare that I have lost my Sale Deed no. 2349, Dt.02.11.2011 somewhere in Naraingarh. If anyone found it pls contact.

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**STATE BANK OF INDIA** | **MAKHU TEHSIL ZIRA DISTT. FEROZPUR**

**[Rule-8(1)] Possession Notice (For Movable/Immovable Property)**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 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 to borrower(s)/ guarantor(s), on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s)/ guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower (s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against below accounts.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Makhu Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozpur for the amount specified against each as per details below less amount of recovery if any plus future interest, expenses, costs, thereon.

**The Borrower's / Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Movable/Immovable Property (Mortgaged with State Bank of India, Makhu Branch)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice
Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Swarn Singh, Vill. Gatta Badshah, PO Road, Makhu, Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozpur (Borrower)	Property is Commercial Shop measuring 544.5 Sq. ft. being vide Kharsa No. 14M/4/2/1(1-8) situated at Railway Road, Makhu, Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozpur, Bounded as under: East : Raj Kumar, West: Ram Lal Sham Lal, North: Main Bazar/ Rasta, South: Railway Road. Vide Vaska No. 398 dated 10/12/2018 registered in the office of Joint Sub-Registrar Makhu	08.06.2022	31.01.2023	Rs. 13,94,860/- due as on 08.06.2022 plus future interest, other charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 09.06.2022
M/s Sharma Commission Agent, Shop No. 51, Grain Market Makhu, Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozpur Through its Prop. Sh. Shiv Sharma S/o Sh. Sita Ram, R/o H. No. 14, Ward No. 9, Civil Hospital Road, Makhu Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozpur (Borrower) and Sh. Abhishek Sharma S/o Sh. Shiv Sharma, R/o H. No. 14, Ward No. 9, Civil Hospital Road, Makhu Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozpur (Guarantor)	All that part and parcel of plot no. 12 measuring 20'X80' = 1600 Sq. Ft. Situated at New Grain Market, Makhu, Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozpur in the name of Sh. Abhishek Sharma S/o Sh. Shiv Sharma vide vaska No. 1540 dated 21.01.2013 bounded as under : East : Road, West : Street 10' Wide, North : Shop No. 13, Major Singh, South: Un-built plot	17.08.2022	31.01.2023	Rs. 19,68,703/- due as on 17.08.2022 plus future interest, other charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 18.08.2022

**DATE: 03.02.2023 PLACE: MAKHU AUTHORISED OFFICER**

**ICICI Bank**

**Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132, 133, 134, Sector - 9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh - 160017**

**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 Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Shri Mahakal Trading Co. (Borrower), Kuldeep Kumar (Guarantor), Pardeep Kumar (Guarantor), Ashu Rani (Guarantor/Mortgagor) 397605000378 and 397655000005	Part of House No:- 728/5, PPID No:- RD25U0030AD Ward No:-5, Old abadi Radaur, Distt-Yamunanagar, Radaur Haryana. Area: 82.90 sq. yd.	Rs. 1,20,35,844/- as on 02/01/2023	Rs. 1,26,00,000/-	February 20, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	February 27, 2023 from 11:00 AM Onwards

The online auction will take place on 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 24, 2023 before 5:00 P.M.** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132 133 134, Sector - 9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh - 160017** on or before **February 24, 2023 before 5:00 P.M.** And thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **February 24, 2023 before 5:00 P.M.**, along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted **ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132 133 134, Sector - 9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh - 160017** on or before **February 24, 2023 before 5:00 P.M.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at Chandigarh.

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 8584874809/8355859934**.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augco Asset Management Pvt Ltd** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

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](http://www.icicibank.com/n4p4s)

**Date: February 03, 2023  
Place: Haryana**

**Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited**

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**Branch Office : BASSI PATHANA**

**[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to the borrowers and guarantors on dates mentioned against them claiming upon to repay the amount(s) mentioned in the respective demand notices within 60 days of the date of said notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rule on the date mentioned below.

The Borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for the amount here in below and interest, Incidental expenses, costs etc thereon.

**(The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets).**

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Details of Charged/ Mortgaged Property	Date and Amount of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Time to act

The Government and regulators must ensure the meltdown of Adani stocks doesn't cause more pain

Amid the war in Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message to Russian President Vladimir Putin was: "Today's era must not be of war." With bloodbath on Dalal Street unabated, his Government must send a similar message across the political parties. The facts are horrifying. After the publication of the Hindenburg Research report, the market-cap of seven listed Adani Group companies has declined by about \$100 billion. The Adani Group had to call off its Rs 20,000-crore follow-on public offering (FPO), the largest in the country, to shield its investors from potential losses. Group chairman Gautam Adani said in a statement that "it would not be morally correct" to proceed with the FPO. In fact, the entire stock market, especially banking scrips, has suffered because of the meltdown of Adani shares. Even the excellent Budget, which has been widely hailed as pro-growth, could not lift the investors' spirits. It must be noted here that the free fall of Adani shares should not be seen as something that only its promoters and investors (institutional or retail) should be worried about; this also affects banks which have lent to the group. Furthermore, this also affects the public exchequer, for most banks in our country are in the public sector; and losses to them necessitate recapitalisation, which the taxpayer has to bear. Consider this fact: public sector banks had to be paid Rs 310,997 crore of taxpayer money for their recapitalisation in just four years, between 2016-17 and 2020-21.

Against this backdrop, the response of the political class to the crisis occasioned by the US short-seller Hindenburg's report is anything but responsible; instead of taking on the crisis head on, our politicians are trying to score brownie points. In Parliament, Opposition parties demanded a discussion on the risks Indian investors face because of the unrelenting decline of Adani shares. They also demanded an investigation by a parliamentary committee or one appointed by the Supreme Court. Both Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Thakkar rejected these demands, leading to pandemonium in the Houses. The Government's silence over the mayhem in the capital market is not helping anyone. The Adani Group has also failed to convince the investors. Calling Hindenburg as the "Madoffs of Manhattan" which has "no credibility or ethics" doesn't do any good to the conglomerate. Its invocation of nationalism — labeling Hindenburg's allegations as not "merely an unwarranted attack on any specific company but a calculated attack on India" and its growth story — also cut no ice. Not with the investors anyway; the Hindenburg report seems to have woken them up, for it was not secret that Adani stocks were majorly overvalued. Hindenburg's allegations of fraud and market manipulation are new though. Even if the allegations are wrong, one wonders why didn't the regulators never warned and took against overvaluation. It is time for action.

## PICTALK



Sand artist Ajay Rawat creates a sand art for the upcoming Jaisalmer Desert Festival 2023, in Pushkar

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## Don't Weaken MNREGA

Allocation for MNREGA has been slashed in the Budget which would hit hard the downtrodden

While the tax slabs hogged the limelight of the Budget 2023 presented by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, one thing that has been overlooked by most is that the budget for the MNREGA has been slashed along with other social security schemes. The impact of weakening MNREGA could be really bad for the rural poor. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) is the lifeline for poor village women workers who work in the vicinity of their homes to earn their subsistence. The Finance Minister has reduced the allocation to MNREGA to Rs 60,000 crore, the lowest in the last four budgets. This year's budget allocation for the scheme has declined by 29000 crores. The scheme was introduced in 2005 by the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance and is aimed at ensuring the livelihood security of households in rural areas. The demand-driven scheme guarantees 100 days of unskilled work annually for every rural household and covers all districts in the country. In fact, it has been so popular that even the World Bank took note of it and praised it. MNREGA has been ranked as the world's largest public works program by the World bank, providing social security net to almost 15 percent of the country's population.

Besides MNREGS, the government has cut down the National Social Assistance Program to Rs 9,636.32 crore from the 2022-23 revised estimate of Rs 9,652 crore. The program provides financial assistance to the elderly, widows, and persons with disabilities in the form of social pensions. The budget for Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2, aimed at welfare of children and women, has been brought down to Rs 20,263 from the 2022-'23 revised estimate of Rs 20,554. It is rather sad that the Central Government is reducing the subsidies and also weakening the social security net which is the need of the hour, especially after the pandemic as many people who suffered have not recovered fully. MNREGA is an excellent scheme for it provides work and does not give freebies and that too in the vicinity of the beneficiaries so is convenient for the women. In 2022-23 6.49 crore households demanded work under the Scheme. Out of this, 6.48 crore households were offered employment by the government. The budget allocation to MNREGA as for other social schemes must not be cut, it would hit the poorest of the poor. The Govt must revise its budget allocation to strengthen the social security.

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

## Budget booster for tech-economy

The Finance Minister has done well to give a fillip to the tech-based skills in the budget to give a leg up to the economy

This 'techade' (decade of technology) will serve as an important period to close the gaps in digitization and accelerate growth in the nation's technology sector. 2023 has been identified as a crucial year for the elimination of the digital divide, as stated in The NITI Aayog 'India @ 75' report, and aggressively strengthening digital literacy, specifically among rural demographics and marginalized communities, is of the essence. The Union Budget 2023-24, steered by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, by placing emphasis on both inclusive development and youth empowerment among its key economic priorities, sets a positive tone for the way forward.

Several progressive initiatives were announced during the Budget presentation, including the expansion of the Skill India Digital platform and its linking with employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 to skill lakhs of youth in modern technologies like AI, robotics, and soft skills would enable future-ready talent, especially from Tier 2 and 3 cities at scale and foster greater employment opportunities. Entrepreneurship has been given a major fillip through the introduction of collectives formed to support entrepreneurs with product design, branding, product marketing, and market expansion. The efforts of mobilizing resources and enabling entrepreneurship opportunities for rural women will be instrumental in facilitating better livelihoods for marginalized communities. As the technology and skilling ecosystem joins the nation in formulating its vision for 'India @ 100', considering current systemic realities and strategizing solutions to bridge crucial gaps is the need of the hour. The NITI Aayog, in its 'India @ 75' report, identifies a few of these challenges that need to be overcome in order to support the empowerment of marginalized demographics: a) limited industry knowledge and immersion among graduates, b)



little to no integration of the informal sector into the skill economy, c) limited provisions to align skilling certifications with international parameters, d) limited avenues for an apprenticeship, e) little to no inclusion of vocational training as a part of the educational curriculum. Achieving inclusive digitization, catalyzing rural women's empowerment, and accelerating the pace of skilling would call for a comprehensive strategy rooted in an understanding of the complex issues facing each priority area.

Social stigma prevalent in sections of rural society prevents women from gaining access to mobile devices, let alone having access to the internet. Research conducted by J-PAL in Niger reveals that families with women members having access to mobile devices and the internet contributed greatly to their agency in family decisions. Empowering women through access to technology and quality entrepreneurship opportunities has a ripple effect on the local community and the economy at large. Lessons from grassroots initiatives also reveal that connecting digitization and skilling initiatives to a strong objective had a higher degree of success among women beneficiaries. Rural women, for instance, had a greater chance of acquainting



SEVERAL PROGRESSIVE INITIATIVES WERE ANNOUNCED DURING THE BUDGET PRESENTATION, INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OF THE SKILL INDIA DIGITAL PLATFORM

themselves with the internet in order to support their children's education. Encouraging the use of mobile technology among women and sustaining a well-knit entrepreneurial ecosystem with provisions for knowledge sharing can help counter social stigma and restrictive gender ideas.

The Budget announcements tailored to increase the knowledge base of the rural youth can be further complemented by incentives for apprenticeship and mentorship programs. The Union Budget for the previous financial year laid the foundation for digital skilling through initiatives such as the DESH Stack e-portal and the launch of several online courses aimed at increasing employability among the youth and equipping them with the tools to build a stable livelihood. Aligning the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) with the evolving requirements of multiple industries was also a priority. Apprenticeship programs incentivize rural youth to gain employment experience in close proximity to their place of stay and subsequently enrich their community's skill base. Mentorship programs can help them be aware of the career opportunities awaiting them and give them access to hands-on training that will enhance their growth prospects. More

rural youth can be included in the skilled talent pool of India by way of these initiatives.

Acknowledging and understanding the heterogeneity of rural demographics is the first step toward designing, strategizing, and deploying solutions. Placing the user at the center of any intervention and facilitating its seamless integration into their routines are crucial to their success. In a similar vein, programs such as Aspirational Districts and the newly announced Aspirational Blocks Programme can efficiently close the key infrastructure and knowledge gaps in rural regions. Maintaining the momentum of digital skilling drives and expanding its ambit to demographics that have little to no access to the internet or cell phones will remain a key priority for 2023 and the years to come. With the appropriate Budgetary push both at Union and State levels, many of the challenges that hamper the expansion of upskilling programs can be effectively addressed. All round-stakeholder participation will be required to support the budgetary initiatives and make inclusive digitization a reality.

(The writer is CEO NASSCOM Foundation, a social development sector professional. The views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DON'T FORGET THE DOWNTRODDEN

Sir — A much popular veteran Bollywood superstar had tweeted with much pleasure that the "whole country" will go to sleep "peacefully" at night from now (following the attainment of that statistical jugglery named "Century of Centuries" by a certain cricketing "God")! That means the poorest of poor dominating the landscape of India were possessing only one aspiration in life — "When that elusive 100th ton would come"! Now that it has come, we can afford to "enjoy" a "sound sleep" or "sweet dreams" every night! What a naked display of inhuman indifference to the plight of millions of Indians who have to go to bed with deadly pangs of hunger in their stomachs night after night! Or might be in the eyes of class-conscious Indians, the marginalised poor simply don't exist or just do not matter at all! After all the country is the "zamindari" of privileged class only; no wonder why "subsidies" to poor are so frowned upon, but tax breaks concessions free medical/travel facilities for the industrialists corporate honchos and high salaried class are always welcomed with open arms in the name of "incentives"! In this pathetic inhumanitarian perspective, it is natural that the trumpet of "Each and every Indian today stands at the summit of self-confidence" would be blown in regular intervals!

When millions are at their wits' end how to survive the day, procure health care with uncountable children getting brutally exploited in labour market (not to speak of bonded labours) and adults compelled to leave for civil war-torn Middle East or Africa to toil in slave-like conditions; how heartlessly can an image of an exclusive well-fed much-nourished India being blatantly projected either to sweep the scars of the society under "patriotic" carpet or to simply convey that non-privileged Indians do not matter at all in "national consciousness"! Nothing can be more heartless than such a mindset!

## India on top of the world



India is on top of the world, won the 3rd T20 versus New Zealand by a big margin of 168 runs. It won the series hands down 2-1. It fell short of just 5 runs to equal the world record

margin of Romania. The highest T20 cricket's victory margin records are: 173 runs margin of Romania (on 29th Aug 2019) and 172 runs margin of Sri Lanka (vs Kenya in Sept 2007). India scored a big score of 234 for 4 in the 3rd T20. Indian bowlers milled NZ to a paltry 66 off 12.1 overs. All cricket fans are waiting for the Australian team's visit to India, for 4 test matches series (9th Feb to 13th Mar 2023) and 3 ODIs series (17th, 19th and 22nd Mar 2023). So long test series of 4 matches, after a long time for India and cricket fans.

PV Srinivas Nirviti | Secunderabad

## SAVE TREES, SAVE LIFE

Sir — The Tree is a big creature of nature, it is very beneficial thing for entire world, it purifies the earth from pollution and gives fresh air, most important thing is it gives shade, fruits and food for Animals, its wood have many benefits too, people make different furniture. In India the government forbids people to cut down the tree, but many people do cut down and take their wood for burning and making food, as a result the air has been polluted. If the air is polluted how can we survive?

That is why many of the campaigns to save trees are launched. Your planet needs you, unite to combat, climate change. Pure air is nothing but life. Save forest Save wildlife. Save trees!

Sufyan Nazeer Al Qasmi | Bijnor

## THE MALES DOMINATE THE JOBS

Sir — The overall job scenario both in terms of nature and duration of contracts is strongly tilted in favour of males as females often tend to lose job on account of family compulsions, night shifts and other economic constraints that several surveys and studies have clearly demonstrated. Enrollment must increase in S.T. E.M.Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics for women folk so as to make it more representative and economically viable. The All India

## SOUND BITE

Today's budget is against the poor people. It's anti-people. That's why I condemn this budget. There is no light in this budget, it's only darkness. It contains lies, bluff. It's to show people something and misinformation because of upcoming elections.

West Bengal chief minister

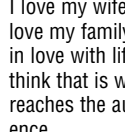
— Mamata Banerjee



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Former Pakistan captain

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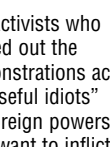
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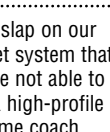
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ECO-POLITICAL SURVEY HAS EYES ON '24 POLLS


It highlights the reforms regime brought in by current Govt



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

The Economic Survey is a policy document that gives a diagnostic report regarding the state of the economy and growth prospects. The survey for 2022-2023 (based on nearly nine months of economic data for the fiscal) is far more insightful on the tone of the economic political narrative, which is going to play out in the run up to the mother of all democratic processes, the national general elections of 2024.

In a somewhat break from past Economic Surveys, this year's economic survey seems more of a political document, highlighting through charts, graphs and illustrations, the economic welfare agenda of the current government starting from 2014. It was expected to be in the budget, but with the economic survey grabbing many of those, easy to grasp charts, suggests that the Modi government is really gearing up for pushing India to be the third largest world economy in about a decade's time (caveat that is two new governments, one or both of which is unlikely to have Mr Modi leading the country from the front).



The Economic Survey highlights the reforms regime brought in by the current government immediately after it came to power, which were aimed at enhancing the overall structural efficiency and fundamentals of the economy. The finance ministry's press statement read: "With an underlying emphasis on improving the ease of living and doing business, the reforms after 2014 were based on the broad principles of creating public goods, adopting trust-based governance, co-partnering with the private sector for development, and improving agricultural productivity."

Some examples of those reforms included improved fiscal transparency and realistic revenue assumptions in the budget bringing down extra budgetary borrowings for the government to nearly nil for fiscal year 2023. The major reforms from previous budget documents highlighted in the economic survey included reduction in non-plan expenditure in the budget, thereby, efficiently streamlining government's expenditures towards targeted sectors, while sticking to a fiscal discipline.

The merger of the railways budget with the main budget since fiscal year 2018 helped the government have better management of finances and allowed the finance ministry to focus more money on the integrated infrastructure divisions of railways, roads and ports more efficiently. The Economic Survey did not mention that this smart move brought an efficiency in railways governance, which prior 2014, has been used as a separate vote bank, since some of the most visible and sought after government jobs are in the railways. Finally, the Economic survey does highlight that advancing the general budget to February 1 gives an additional month for all departments of the government for better planning and implementation of the budget schemes.

It is important to understand that the Economic survey presents a macro narrative for the political economy. This document has tons of easily digestible data. The Survey for the first time includes chapters on social sector and climate change and environment, two themes very close to the Prime Minister's inclusive sustainable economic growth agenda. The preface reads, "These chapters highlight how the use of technology has enhanced the quality of life for citizens to ensure the reach of social sector schemes to intended beneficiaries, especially during the pandemic. The transformations in the lives of the citizens happening through the Aspirational Districts Programme, Direct Benefit Transfers, use of Aadhaar and various initiatives in the education, health and basic infrastructure availability are highlights of the chapter."

Clearly the economic report card of Modi government's two consecutive terms is out, and much to the innovative thinking of the current bunch of policy makers, who have pushed it out even before the opposition parties have asked for it. This sets the agenda and helps the political class to take the lead in the perception game. It is up to the various political players within the ruling dispensation to take advantage.

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# Bringing back OPS may be catastrophic

The new pension scheme or NPS has addressed the inequity issue by providing a platform to the private sector

Even as the finances of states were beginning to look better as reflected in decline in the ratio of state government debt to GDP from 31.2 per cent during 2021-22 to 29.5 per cent during 2022-23—as per the budgetary estimate (BE) —the political brass in different states have made populist announcements which don't augur well for the future. One of these relates to the revival of the old pension scheme (OPS).

Making a statement in the Lok Sabha, the Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad said, "The state governments of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand have informed the Central government about their decisions to restart OPS for their respective employees."

The Congress government in Himachal Pradesh has also announced restoration of OPS. In view of impending elections in nine state assemblies during 2023 and almost all non-BJP parties more than willing to please voters, more and more states are expected to join the bandwagon. As for the central government employees, although for now, Karad informed Parliament that the Centre has no proposal to resurrect the OPS.

At the outset, let us understand pension. A pension provides a person with monthly income when he is old and hence not productive enough to be able to earn. The increase in life expectancy and rise in the cost of living further reinforces the need for assured monthly income for a decent and dignified life in old age.

Under the OPS, retired employees received 50 per cent of their last drawn salary as monthly pension. As on date, the minimum pension paid by the government is Rs 9,000 a month, and the maximum is Rs 62,500 (50 per cent of the highest pay in the Central government, which is Rs 125,000 a month).

Just as the government offers its employees an adjustment in dearness allowance or DA - calculated as a percentage of the basic salary - to offset increase in the cost of living, the monthly payouts of pensioners also increases. Since, the DA hikes are announced twice a year, generally in January and July, a retiree also gets hikes in pension. For instance, with a 4 per cent increase in DA, a pensioner eligible for Rs 62,500 would get a monthly pension of Rs 65,000.

A government employee under OPS could not have gotten anything better. He was entitled to a decent 'pre-determined' monthly amount; the pension was fully protected against inflation and got it as long as he lived. After death, his wife gets the same amount for seven years and thereafter the family pension being around 60 per cent of this till she is alive.

However, from the perspective of the government, the arrangement could not have been worse. Given the architecture of the scheme, there was an inherent tendency of pension liabilities to balloon due



AS ON OCTOBER 31, 2022, APART FROM AROUND 8,200,000 NPS SUBSCRIBERS IN THE GOVERNMENT (STATES 5,900,000 AND CENTRE 2,300,000), THE CORPORATE SECTOR HAD ABOUT 1,600,000 SUBSCRIBERS, AND THE UNORGANISED SECTOR 2,550,000

*(The author is a policy analyst)*



to addition to the pensioners' club every year, higher salaries of those joining, inflation indexation, increased longevity and so on. The proof of pudding is in the eating.

In 1990-91, the Centre's pension bill was Rs 3,272 crore. By 2020-21, it had jumped 58 times to Rs 190,886 crore. The outgo for all states put together shot up 125 times from Rs 3,131 crore in 1990-91 to Rs 386,001 crore in 2020-21. Overall, pension payments by states accounted for a quarter of their own tax revenues.

For some states, pension payments took away a much higher share of their own tax revenue. For Himachal Pradesh, it was 80 per cent whereas for Punjab and Rajasthan, it was 35 per cent and 30 per cent respectively.

After payment of wages and salaries to the serving employees and other routine expenses, hardly any money was left with these states for meeting development and welfare expenses.

Prudent financial management required that every year, the government set aside capital which together with return accruing thereon would create a growing corpus sufficient to pay for the pension liabilities. This would have provided for a sustainable basis for discharging these liabilities without causing any stress on the budget. In short, there was a need for funding the pension liability. That was never done.

Instead, both the Centre and states have followed 'pay-as-you-go' impacting their budgets in a totally uncontrolled manner, besides making the present generation of taxpayers to bear the continuously rising burden of pensioners. Moreover, given the persistent shortfall in tax revenue, they

were forced to borrow more and more thereby passing on the burden to future generations of taxpayers as well.

According to an expert committee (2000) under S A Dave, a former chairman of SEBI, on Old Age Social and Income Security (OASIS), just 3.4 crore people, or less than 11 per cent of the estimated total working population of 31.4 crore (as per 1991 census), had some post-retirement income security such as government pension, Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), or the Employee Pension Scheme (EPS).

The rest of the workforce had no means of post-retirement economic security. In this backdrop, using a disproportionate share of state resources for benefiting a tiny section of the working population was iniquitous and unconscionable.

To address the above concerns, a new pension scheme (NPS) was introduced for government employees joining service from January 1, 2004. NPS is a contributory pension scheme under which employees contribute 10 per cent of their salary (Basic + Dearness Allowance). The government contributes 14 per cent towards the employees' NPS accounts.

NPS is free from all the malaises afflicting OPS. It offers a self-financing and fully funded arrangement for discharging pension liabilities in which the state knows for certain 'how much it has to contribute'. There won't be any major stress on the budget even as the employee gets a good pension depending on the amount of contribution made, the age of joining, type of investment, and the income accruing from that investment.

Under this scheme, the pensioner enjoys a lot of flexibility; he

can increase the pension amount by asking his fund manager to invest in say a 'growth fund' wherein 50 per cent of the corpus can be put in equity which is capable of generating better returns than investment in corporate bonds or government securities.

The government has made NPS more attractive by offering fiscal incentives such as deduction up to 10 per cent of salary (basic+ DA) within overall ceiling of Rs.150,000/- u/s 80C in respect of employee contribution; deduction up to Rs.50,000 u/s 80 CCD(1B) for additional (albeit voluntary) contribution and deduction up to 10 per cent of salary u/s 80 CCD(2) towards employer contribution (this is over and above the limits u/s 80C).

The NPS has also addressed the inequity issue by providing a platform to the private sector, including the unorganised sector to secure pension post-retirement.

As on October 31, 2022, apart from around 8,200,000 subscribers in the government (states 5,900,000 and Centre 2,300,000), the corporate sector had about 1,600,000 subscribers, and the unorganised sector 2,550,000. In addition, there were around 4,200,000 subscribers under the NPS Swavalamban scheme—designed especially for the poor and the under-privileged citizens.

Having made good progress in providing a sustainable basis for financing pension liabilities under NPS, for states now to go back to OPS is a retrograde move. This must be avoided or else India could plunge into fiscal catastrophe, come 2034 when they will have to start paying pension to the first lot of those who came under NPS in 2004 and now being shifted to OPS.

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— FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA SITHARAMAN





IS THIS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OR FOR NEW RECRUITMENTS OR IS IT JUST FOR THE MODERNISATION OF RAILWAYS BEFORE SELLING IT TO PRIVATE COMPANIES.

— CHHATTISGARH CHIEF MINISTER BHUPESH BAGHEL

# Cyber security, technical education on the horizon

The Indian education sector will see a surge in courses such as risk assessment, financial fraud protection, and system auditing

The government has been at the forefront of driving technology-led initiatives through flagship programmes like Startup India and Digital India to foster a favorable business environment for existing and new businesses to become global unicorns. Therefore, it is now the best time to encourage Indian students to choose cyber security as a career option to introduce young talent at the gates of Indian cyber security.

The education sector in India is sprouting with both elaborate masterclasses and crash courses to facilitate technical education among the youth and cope with its trend simultaneously. Cyber security employment will be in a great demand in future if the



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current trend continues.

India's cyber security colleges have been offering a variety of courses that are relevant to the shifting conditions. Given India's massive demand for cyber security specialists, anyone interested in studying a cyber-security education will benefit in the long run. Technical education promotes manpower development and equips persons with skills that will enable them to create, develop and establish industries in various areas.

There are several reasons contributing to the buzz across the education sector pertaining to cyber security and technical education. One of the major factors that are causing Indian students to be more inclined towards cyber security and technical education-based

courses is a global wave of demand for skilled resources in these disciplines. This upsurge in demand has come with the advent of the technology-based revolution which positively impacted all sectors from government to banking. This trend is also evergreen by design, as the new frontier of industries will require a knowledge and tech-skill-based workforce. Owing to this, students are demanding more related courses. Also, there is a demand for a sustainable career, which is future shock proof. We are all familiar with the buzz of how growing advancements in the field of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and automation is causing the eradication of the human labour force.

However, this threat is not

there in the domain of cyber security and other technical-based jobs because it requires constant human intervention and check-ups along with building new frameworks and firewalls; this as of today is not efficiently possible by AI or ML alone. As a result, high schools, community colleges, policymakers, and families are trying to prepare children for a rapidly changing future, and stakeholders across the Indian education ecosystem are competing to provide them with better technical education.

The enormous demand for a competent cyber security savvy and technically sound workforce have arisen across a variety of different sectors as a result of how internet and software integration has affected all industries, sectors, and

sub-sectors, bringing about a fundamental change in the way things are done. Financial institutions, law businesses, real estate companies, stock brokerage firms, insurance companies, and many more are examples of the range and amount of demand from which students can choose.

The government realised the significance of technical courses and how they can contribute to the nation's society and economy. Multi-disciplinarity and a holistic education across the technical studies to ensure the unity and integrity of all knowledge forms is a salient feature of the New Education Policy-2020. The government endeavoured for the promotion of technical education across the country by estab-

lishing various Institutes of National Importance that include 23 Indian Institutes of Technology. Scheme for promotion of Research and Academic Collaboration (SPARC), National Initiative for Design Innovation (NIDI), Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS), etc., are implemented in the Ministry of Education for the promotion of technical education and research ecosystem in Higher Education Institutes.

Auxiliary factors responsible for the rapid growth of the hype in cybersecurity-related courses and other technical courses is the scarcity of efficient talent in the tech-first labor market coupled with the huge and diver-



# US, Philippines agree on larger American military presence

AP ■ MANILA

The United States (US) and the Philippines announced an agreement Thursday to expand America's military presence in the Southeast Asian country, with US forces granted access to four more Philippine military camps, effectively giving Washington new ground to ramp up deterrence against China.

The agreement between the longtime treaty allies under a 2014 Defence pact was made public during the visit of US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, who has led efforts to strengthen America's security alliances in Asia amid China's increasing assertiveness toward Taiwan and in the disputed South China Sea.

The allies also said in a joint statement that "substantial" progress has been made in projects at five Philippine military bases, where US military personnel were earlier granted access by Filipino officials under the Enhanced Defence Coopera-

tion Agreement, or EDCA. Construction of American facilities in the camps has been underway for years but has been hampered by unspecified local issues.

Austin thanked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, whom he briefly met in Manila, for allowing the US military to broaden its presence in the Philippines.

In a televised news conference later with his Philippine counterpart, Carlito Galvez Jr, Austin gave assurances of US military support and said the 1951 Mutual Defence Treaty, which obligates the US and the Philippines to help defend one another in major conflicts, "applies to armed attacks on either of our armed forces, public vessels or aircraft anywhere in the South China Sea."

"We discussed concrete actions to address destabilizing activities in the waters," Austin said without elaborating. "This is part of our effort to modernize our alliance and these efforts are especially important as the People's Republic of China con-



tinues to advance its illegitimate claims in the West Philippine Sea."

Austin and Galvez declined to provide more details on the agreement. The US defense

chief said it did not mean the re-establishment of permanent American bases but noted that "it's a big deal."

Galvez said there was a need for more consultations,

including with local officials in provinces where visiting US forces would establish a presence in Philippine military camps.

China claims the self-ruled island of Taiwan as its own ter-

ritory, to be taken by force if necessary, and Beijing has sent warships, bombers, fighter jets and support aircraft into airspace near Taiwan on a near-daily basis, sparking concerns of a potential blockade or military action. Philippine military and defence officials said in November the US had sought access to five more local military camps mostly in the northern Philippine region of Luzon.

Two of the additional camps where the US wanted to gain access are in Cagayan province near Luzon island's northern tip, across a sea border from Taiwan, the Taiwan Strait and southern China. Other camps that would host American forces are along the country's western coast, including in the provinces of Palawan and Zambales, which face the disputed South China Sea. China and the Philippines, along with Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have been locked in increasingly tense territorial disputes over the busy and resource-rich South China Sea.



## Reps ask Blinken to hold China liable for abuses, India, Taiwan aggression

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Several influential Republican lawmakers have urged Secretary of State Antony Blinken to hold China accountable for its egregious human rights abuses, unfair trade practices and aggression towards the US and its allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, including its unacceptable and provocative behaviour against India and Taiwan.

The lawmakers wrote a letter to Blinken and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, ahead of their upcoming trips to Beijing. Blinken heads to China on Sunday. Yellen is expected to travel there later in February.

"The CCP (Chinese Communist Party) has stepped up its aggression in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond," the Republican Senators led by Marco Rubio from Florida wrote in the letter on Wednesday.

They urged them to avoid giving the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP) a propaganda win and hold the CCP accountable for its egregious human rights abuses, unfair trade practices, leading role in the fentanyl crisis, and aggression towards allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific.

Signatories to the letter in addition to Rubio are Senators Chuck Grassley, Bill Cassidy, Eric Schmitt, Dan Sullivan, Kevin Cramer, Ted Budd, Rick Scott, Marsha Blackburn, Lindsey Graham, Shelley Moore Capito, Pete Ricketts, John Hoeven, and Bill Hagerty.

According to the Biden administration's National Security Strategy, China is "the only competitor with both the intent to reshape the international order and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic, military, and technological power to do it."

Chinese President Xi Jinping stated in his 20th Party Congress report that the CCP has "shown a fighting spirit and

a firm determination to never yield to coercive power."

"As we have seen recently, General Secretary Xi has engaged in unacceptable and provocative behaviour in the Taiwan Strait and along the Himalayan border with India," the letter said.

"Beyond the Indo-Pacific, the CCP has...Intelligence collection outposts in the United States, Japan, and throughout Europe to suppress dissidents and keep tabs on those who Beijing deems a threat. It is evident that General Secretary Xi is determined to use coercion and aggression against the US and our allies and partners to achieve his geopolitical goals. Detering the CCP from achieving these goals, therefore, must be our top priority," the Senators wrote.

India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the resource-rich region.

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea. China also has territorial disputes with Japan in the East China Sea. According to the Senators, the CCP is the worst offender of human rights.

Both the Biden and Trump administrations have determined that Beijing's actions against Uyghurs, and other predominantly Muslim ethnic groups, in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) - including its system of mass surveillance and internment, denial of individuals' rights to peacefully practice their religion, and use of forced labour, sexual violence, forced abortion, and forced sterilisation of women - constitute genocide and crimes against humanity.

## Imran's ally arrested for accusing Zardari of plotting to kill ex-Premier

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistani police on Thursday arrested former Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed from his home for accusing ex-President Asif Ali Zardari of plotting to kill former Prime Minister Imran Khan, according to media reports.

An ally of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, Ahmed is the chief of Awami Muslim League (AML).

Confirming the incident, his nephew Sheikh Rashid Shafique told *Geo News* that the AML chief was arrested from his home in a private housing society in Islamabad. He was arrested by Islamabad police in the early hours of Thursday in connection with remarks he allegedly made against former President Zardari, accusing him of hatching a "murder plot to eliminate PTI chief Imran Khan".

He was arrested on a police complaint filed by Raja Inayat-ur-Rehman, a vice-president of PPP Rawalpindi Division, where-in he said that the AML chief, in a television interview on January 27, alleged that Pakistan People's Party co-chairman Zardari got the assistance of some terrorist to kill Khan.

Khan also in a television address on January 27 had alleged that Zardari was



behind a fresh assassination plot — a "plan C" — and a terror group had been engaged for the purpose. He offered no evidence to back up his accusation.

In remarks quoted by BBC Urdu, Ahmed claimed that around 300 to 400 policemen barged into his house, thrashed staffers, and forcibly took him away.

He alleged that some (personnel) used ladders to enter his house. He went on to say that he had been arrested despite getting relief from the Islamabad High Court.

The AML leader vowed to challenge his arrest in court.

In a video message shared by the PTI on its official Twitter account, Ahmed told

journalists that police ransacked his house and beat up domestic staffers while attempting to arrest him.

He claimed that lawyer Mian Tahir had secured his bail and went on to allege that Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah was behind the incident.

Reacting to the arrest, Khan said: "Never in our history have we had such a biased, vindictive caretaker government appointed by totally discredited the ECP (Election Commission of Pakistan). The question is: can Pak afford a street movement which we are being pushed towards at a time when we have been bankrupted by imported government?"

## Pak court axes Khan's petition against EC in prohibited funding case

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

In a setback to former Pakistan Premier Imran Khan, a High Court on Thursday dismissed his petition against the country's top election body's verdict in the prohibited funding case.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), in a long-awaited case filed in November 2014, issued its verdict on August 2 last year, holding the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party of Khan responsible for hiding its funding.

It ruled that the political party led by the cricketer-turned-prime minister received millions of dollars in prohibited funds from 351 foreign companies and 34 foreign nationals, including a US-Indian businesswoman, and ordered that notice be issued, seeking an explanation from the PTI as to why the prohibited funds it received should not be forfeited.

The party then challenged the decision in the Islamabad



High Court (IHC), where a three-member larger bench comprising IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq, Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb and Justice Babar Sattar concluded the hearing last month but reserved the judgment.

The court issued a short verdict on Thursday and dismissed the petitions by endorsing the ECP's fact-finding report on PTI funding and the decision to issue a show-cause notice to the party. The PTI leaders can challenge the verdict in the Supreme Court, or the party would have to contest the case in the ECP, where the funds can be confiscated, and its leader Khan penalised for providing wrong statements about the financial affairs of the party.

## Iran blames Israel for drone attack, threatens retaliation

AP ■ DUBAI

Iran on Thursday formally blamed Israel for a drone attack that targeted a military workshop in its central city of Isfahan over the weekend, warning it "reserves its legitimate and inherent right" to retaliate.

Iran's mission to the United Nations, in a letter it published on its website, attributed the attack late Saturday to Israel.

"Early investigations suggest that the Israeli regime was responsible for this attempted act of aggression," the letter signed by Iranian ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani said.

Israeli officials declined to comment. However, Israel has carried out a series of attacks targeting Iran's nuclear programme and other sites since the collapse of its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

Details on the Isfahan



attack, which happened around 11:30 p.M. Saturday, still remain scarce days after the assault. A Defence Ministry statement described three drones being launched at the facility, with two of them successfully shot down. A third apparently made it through to strike the building, causing "minor damage" to its roof and wounding no one, the ministry said.

The state-run IRNA news

agency later described the drones as "quadcopters equipped with bomblets." Quadcopters, which get their name from having four rotors, typically operate from short ranges by remote control. Iranian state television later aired footage of debris from the drones, which resembled commercially available quadcopters.

It remains unclear what the workshop produced.

Iran's letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the Security Council warned Tehran could respond to the attack.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its legitimate and inherent right...To defend its national security and respond resolutely to any threats or wrongful actions by the Israeli regime, wherever and whenever deemed necessary," the letter read.

## 4 Indian-American lawmakers appointed members of key US House committees

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Four prominent Indian-American lawmakers — Pramila Jayapal, Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi and Ro Khanna — have been appointed members of three key House panels, reflecting the growing influence of the community in US politics.

Congresswoman Jayapal has been named Ranking Member of the powerful House Judiciary Committee's panel on Immigration, making her the first immigrant to serve in a leadership role for the subcommittee.

Jayapal, 57, representing the 7th Congressional District of Washington State succeeds Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren to serve on the Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, a media

release said.

"As the first South Asian woman elected to the US House of Representatives and one of only two dozen naturalised citizens in Congress, I am honoured and humbled to serve as the Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement," said Jayapal.

Bera, 57, has been appointed as a member of a powerful US House committee handling intelligence-related matters.

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is charged with providing oversight of the country's intelligence activities, including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), National Security Agency (NSA), as well as military intel-



ligence programmes.

Krishnamoorthi has been named Ranking Member of a newly created House committee on China that will look into various aspects of Chinese behaviour, its threat being posed to the US and the world.

US House of Representatives Minority Leader Jeffries on Wednesday announced the appointment of Krishnamoorthi

as Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Another Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna has also been made a member of this new committee, formed in the 118th Congress by Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy for the specific purpose of investigating and developing policy to address the United States' economic, technological and security competition with the Chinese Communist Party.

Krishnamoorthi, 49, is the four-term Congressman representing the eight Congressional districts of Illinois, while Khanna, 46, is the four-term lawmaker representing the 17th Congressional district of California.



## Taiwan's Tsai welcomes retired US Admiral for China talks

AP ■ TAIPEI

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen on Thursday welcomed the former head of the US Indo-Pacific Command, who had warned the island could face an invasion from China this decade, as the mainland ramps up pressure on the self-governing island.

Retired Admiral Phil Davidson, along with a group including colleagues from the US think tank the National Bureau of Asian Research, arrived Monday in the capital Taipei following a string of delegate visits to Taiwan, which China claims as part of its territory, since tensions with the mainland spiked in August with the visit of then-US Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

"I'm here to listen and learn from our hosts; thus far, I've done both," he said. "I'm looking forward to continuing our discussions with President Tsai today and hearing her perspectives on the security environment and her outlook on US-Taiwan relations."

China's People's Liberation Army has stepped up its pressure on Taiwan in the past few years, sending navy vessels and fighter planes near the island.

Taiwan's Defence Ministry said Tuesday that 20 Chinese aircraft crossed the central line in the Taiwan Strait — a long-time unofficial buffer zone between the sides, which separated during a civil war in 1949. It sent 14 other planes in nearby airspace.

## NASA, IBM team up to spur new discoveries about Earth

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

NASA and IBM have collaborated to develop artificial intelligence (AI) based models that will make it easier to mine vast datasets to advance scientific knowledge about Earth, and help the world to adapt to a changing environment.

The joint work will apply AI foundation model technology to NASA's Earth-observing satellite data for the first time, NASA said in a statement.

Foundation models are types of AI models that are trained on a broad set of unlabelled data, can be used for different tasks, and can apply information about one situation to another.

"The beauty of foundation models is they can potentially be



used for many downstream applications," said Rahul Ramachandran, a senior research scientist at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

"Building these foundation models cannot be tackled by small teams; you need teams

across different organisations to bring their different perspectives, resources, and skill sets," Ramachandran said in a statement.

One project will train an IBM geospatial intelligence foundation model on NASA's

Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2 (HLS) dataset, a record of land cover and land use changes captured by Earth-orbiting satellites, the statement said.

By analysing satellite data to identify changes in the geographic footprint of phenome-

na such as natural disasters, cyclical crop yields, and wildlife habitats, this model technology will help researchers provide critical analysis of our planet's environmental systems.

Another output from this collaboration is expected to be an easily searchable corpus of Earth science literature.

IBM has developed a natural language processing (NLP) model trained on nearly 300,000 Earth science journal articles to organise the literature and make it easier to discover new knowledge, the company said.

Beyond providing a resource to researchers, the new language model for Earth science could be infused into NASA's scientific data management and stewardship processes.

## Israeli jets hit Gaza rocket workshop in reply to strike

AP ■ TEL AVIV

Hours after Palestinian militants fired a rocket toward Tel Aviv, Israeli aircraft struck a rocket production workshop in the Gaza Strip early on Thursday, the Israeli military said. The exchange further raised tensions during a particularly violent period in the long-running conflict.

The Israeli military said the workshop contained chemicals and was run by the militant Hamas group, which controls Gaza. Late Wednesday, Israeli air defenses intercepted a rocket from Gaza, the army said.

There were no reports of casualties from the rocket or the airstrike. Last week, Gaza mili-

itants and Israel broke months of cross-border calm by exchanging rockets and airstrikes after Israel killed 10 Palestinians, most of them militants, in a military operation in the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin.

The latest friction point appeared to be over Palestinian prisoners held by Israel on security charges. Israel's National Security Minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, an ultra-nationalist and a senior member of the most right-wing government in Israel's history, has pledged even tougher treatment of the prisoners in recent days.

Ben-Gvir said rockets from Gaza won't stop him from implementing punitive policies against the prisoners.



# Russia strikes civilian target anew as EU officials visit Kyiv

AP ■ KYIV (UKRAINE)

Russian missiles hit residential areas in an eastern Ukrainian city Thursday for the second time in 24 hours, while top European Union officials held talks with the Government in Kyiv as the war with Russia approaches its one-year milestone. The latest strikes in Kramatorsk came as rescue crews searched for survivors in the rubble of an apartment building hit late Wednesday by a Russian missile that killed at least three people and wounded 21 others. At least one more victim was thought to be under the debris, Ukraine’s presidential office said.

The scene of devastation in the eastern Donetsk provincial city of Kramatorsk, where emergency workers spent the night searching for survivors after the missile hit late Wednesday, served as a grim reminder of the war’s toll almost a year after Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Russia has frequently struck apartment buildings during the war, causing civilian casualties, although the Kremlin has denied targeting residential structures.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was due



to meet with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell before what officials described as a summit on Friday.

Borrell tweeted that the visit aimed “to convey the EU’s strongest message of support to all Ukrainians defending their country.”

EU assistance for Ukraine, he said, has reached 50 billion euros (USD 55 billion) since the start of Russia’s war on February 24.

“Europe stood united with Ukraine from day one. And will still stand with you to win and

rebuild,” Borrell tweeted. It was Von der Leyen’s fourth visit since the invasion. The last such summit was held in Kyiv in October 2021 — a few months before the war started.

Ukraine’s anti-corruption drive was expected to be on the agenda of the talks. Kyiv’s long path toward potential membership in the 27-nation bloc will be a key issue under discussion, with stamping out corruption a key condition for joining.

Von der Leyen tweeted, “We are here together to show that the EU stands by Ukraine as firmly as ever. And to deep-

en further our support and cooperation.”

Zelenskyy on Wednesday took aim at corrupt officials for the second time in the space of a week. Several high-ranking officials were dismissed.

Zelenskyy was elected in 2019 on an anti-establishment and anti-corruption platform in a country long gripped by graft.

The latest corruption allegations came as Western allies are channelling billions of dollars to help Kyiv fight Moscow’s forces and as the Ukrainian government is introducing reforms so it can potentially join the EU one day.

Ukraine’s government is keen to get more Western military aid, on top of the tanks pledged last week, as the warring sides are expected to launch new offensives once winter ends. Kyiv is now asking for fighter jets. US President Joe Biden has ruled out providing F-16s to Ukraine.

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Thursday during a trip to the Philippines that the focus of American aid is to increase Ukraine’s military capabilities by sending artillery, armour, air defence and providing training to Ukrainian troops.

# Putin commemorates Stalingrad battle, echoing Ukraine fight

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday attended commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi forces in the battle of Stalingrad, a long and grueling fight that resonates in the current conflict in Ukraine.

Putin laid a wreath at the eternal flame of the memorial complex to the fallen Red Army soldiers in Volgograd, the current name of the city, which stretches along the western bank of the Volga River.

The memorial is dominated by an 85-metre (279-foot) sculpture of a sword-wielding woman, Europe’s tallest statue.

The Russian leader is set to speak at a memorial event and have a meeting with activists later in the day.

The city was renamed in 1961 as part of the Soviet Union’s rejection of dictator Joseph Stalin’s personality cult. But the name Stalingrad remains inextricably linked to the historic battle that turned the tide of World War II.

There have been calls for the restoration of the city’s old name, but they haven’t received the Kremlin’s blessing.

The five months of fighting in Stalingrad between August 1942 and February 1943 is



regarded as the bloodiest battle in history with the death toll for soldiers and civilians reaching as high as 2 million. Most of the city was reduced to rubble before Nazi forces surrendered on February 2, 1943.

The Soviet victory was a major turning point in the European theatre of World War II and the battle remains an immense point of pride in modern Russia, lauded as a demonstration of military might and moral seriousness.

As Russian forces struggle to gain ground in Ukraine, lawmakers from the dominant United Russia party have been told to liken the Ukraine fight to Stalingrad, the newspaper Kommersant reported.

Some Russians on Thursday made the connection explicit.

“The achievement of our fathers and grandfathers, showing unprecedented heroism, valour and self-sacrifice during the defence of Stalingrad, still inspires our courageous soldiers who carry out responsible combat missions on the fields of the special military operation and defend the sovereignty, independence and security of our country,” said Russian Orthodox Church head Patriarch Kirill, using the official characterisation of the conflict that began nearly a year ago.

Communist Party head Gennady Zyuganov, after laying flowers at the Unknown Soldier memorial outside the Kremlin, said that he hoped that Russian forces would prevail in Ukraine.

“To do this, it is necessary to adopt the unique experience of the victorious Red Army, the Battle of Stalingrad, Oryol, Kursk,” Zyuganov said.

Sergei Naryshkin, head of Russia’s foreign intelligence agency the SVR, said that “no matter how many years have passed, the image of the unconquered city on the Volga, Stalingrad, will forever remain a symbol of the resilience and courage of our people, a strong spiritual support in the face of any external threats and challenges, in the face of any enemies.



# Norway PM says oil profits to fund more aid to Ukraine

AP ■ COPENHAGEN

Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store of Norway said Thursday that the oil-rich Scandinavian country will become one of the world’s top donors to Ukraine when his two-party centre-left government presents another planned military and civilian aid package.

Norway’s profits from oil will finance the additional aid, and there will be a temporary increase in the use of oil money, Gahr Store told the Norwegian parliament. He did not reveal how large the contribution will be, but he said the government would make it soon.

“We are in a situation where we have room for action due to extraordinary income from the petroleum sector,” said the prime minister, who leads Norway’s Labor Party. He said the aid would be arranged in a way that has very little impact on the level of activity in the Norwegian economy.

Norway is one of Europe’s largest fossil-fuel exporters, and the conflict in Ukraine has boosted its gas revenues. However, Norway has fended off accusations that it’s profiting from the war in Ukraine. Last year, the country gave Ukraine more 10 billion kroner (USD 1 billion) in civilian and military aid.

“We are now stepping up this aid. We will contribute even more to the repair and reconstruction of damaged infrastructure,” Gahr Store said.

“The war will very likely last for a long time, and there is a risk that the human suffering will get even worse,” he said, noting several times that Russia’s war in Ukraine is about to enter its second year.

Lawmakers from the 10 parties in the 169-seat Stortinget plan to meet Monday to discuss aid to Ukraine. Rigmor Aasrud of Gahr Store’s Labor Party said she hoped a large majority would back the government’s plan.

# After Tyre’s funeral, Biden faces pressure on policing

AP ■ WASHINGTON

When Vice President Kamala Harris was called to the pulpit at the funeral for Tyre Nichols, she said the White House would settle for nothing less than ambitious federal legislation to crack down on police brutality. Back in Washington, however, progress appears difficult, if not unlikely. Bipartisan efforts to reach an agreement on policing legislation stalled more than a year ago, and President Joe Biden ended up instead signing an executive order named for George Floyd, whose murder at the hands of Minneapolis police set off nationwide protests nearly three years ago.

Now, with a new killing in the headlines, Biden and Harris will meet with members of the Congressional Black Caucus on Thursday to explore whether it’s possible to get legislation back on track. “I am working to make sure that we have a clear plan,” said Rep. Steven Horsford, D-Nev., who chairs the caucus.

The White House is facing fresh pressure to advance the issue, and even some political allies are frustrated with excess caution from Biden. “I think the president is missing the opportunity to be a historic president when it comes to the social issues that plague our country,” said Rep. Jamaal Bowman.

# Syria slams chemical watchdog’s report on 2018 attack



AP ■ DAMASCUS (SYRIA)

Syria on Thursday dismissed the global chemical weapons watchdog’s statement that investigators found “reasonable grounds to believe” the air force dropped two cylinders of chlorine gas on the city of Douma in 2018. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons produced a detailed report following a fact finding mission that investigated the April 7, 2018 attack. Medical workers and activists said at the time more than 40 people were killed in the attack. OPCW inspectors headed to the site of the attack days later.

The US, Britain and France blamed Syrian government forces and launched airstrikes. Syria and key ally Russia deny

any chemical attack. Douma was the final target of the Syrian government’s sweeping campaign to reclaim control of the eastern Ghouta suburbs of Damascus from opposition forces, who gave up the town days after the alleged chemical attack.

Syria’s permanent representative to OPCW, Ambassador Milad Atieh, told reporters that the OPCW has been biased towards “Western positions.”

“The OPCW’s report relied mostly on information obtained from countries hostile to Syria and some other media and social networking sites run by terrorist organisations,” he said.

“The report contained false accusations aimed at increasing pressure and escalating Western positions hostile to Syria,” he said.

# UK defends BBC’s freedom



PTI ■ LONDON

The UK Government has defended the BBC as a media outlet “independent in its output” in the wake of widespread Indian diaspora protests against the controversial documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing reporters at Downing Street on Wednesday, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak’s spokesperson echoed a statement issued by Foreign Secretary James Cleverly in Parliament earlier this week to add that the government continues to invest in its relationship with India.

“The BBC is independent in its output and we would stress that we continue to regard India as an incredibly important international partner,” the spokesperson said in response to a question about India’s condemnation of the documentary ‘India: The Modi Question’ questioning the then chief minister’s role in the 2002 Godhra riots.

“We will be investing heavily in our relationship with India over the coming decades and we’re confident it will only go from strength to strength,” the spokesperson said.

# Lankan Buddhist clergy opposes autonomy to Tamils

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe’s plan to fully implement India-backed 13th Amendment to grant political autonomy to the minority Tamils received a blow on Thursday as the powerful Buddhist clergy expressed strong opposition to the move, claiming it challenges the unitary nature of the country.

The four chief prelates of the main Buddhist sects handed over a letter to Wickremesinghe in the central town of Kandy.

The letter charges that Wickremesinghe’s plan had created dissent in the country as the move challenges Sri Lanka’s sovereignty.

It reminds Wickremesinghe that his predecessor presidents didn’t go ahead with the 13th Amendment’s full implementation due to the danger posed to the unity of the country. He shouldn’t try it and earn public wrath, the letter warns.

“We are not in agreement with proposals that would endanger the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country,” the Buddhist clergy said in their letter. President Wickremesinghe has underlined the need to fully implement the 13th Amendment to the Constitution to grant polit-

ical autonomy to the minority Tamils in the country.

Last week, he offered the full implementation of the 13th Amendment as a solution to the long-standing demand for political autonomy by the Tamil community in Sri Lanka.

The 13A provides for the devolution of power to the Tamil community in Sri Lanka. India has been pressing Sri Lanka to implement the 13A which was brought in after the Indo-Sri Lankan agreement of 1987. Wickremesinghe, who took over as the president last year amidst the unprecedented economic crisis and political turmoil, said that as the head of the nation, it was his duty to implement the prevailing laws.

“As the president, I am duty bound to implement the prevailing law of the country,” Wickremesinghe told an all-party meeting.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS (REVIEWED) FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022									
Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended (Un-audited)		Nine Months Ended (Un-audited)		Year Ended (Audited)			
		31.12.2022 Reviewed	30.09.2022 Reviewed	31.12.2021 Reviewed	31.12.2022 Reviewed	31.12.2021 Reviewed	31.03.2022 Audited	31.03.2021 Audited	
1.	Total Income from operations	194.64	208.41	206.60	655.51	508.46	784.27		
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	14.24	5.77	15.12	34.70	56.04	61.83		
3.	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	14.24	5.77	15.12	34.70	56.04	61.83		
4.	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	10.52	4.32	10.93	25.77	41.35	45.89		
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	10.57	4.35	10.94	25.91	41.58	46.05		
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/-)	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14		
7.	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	-	-	-	190.38		
8.	Earnings Per Share (Rs.10/- each)								
	Basic :	1.18	0.48	1.23	2.89	4.64	5.15		
	Diluted :	1.18	0.48	1.23	2.89	4.64	5.15		
NOTE : The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's Website (www.pasupatiacrylon.com) and BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and National Stock exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com).									
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# X-57: Nasa's electric plane is preparing to fly to advance emissions-free aviation

AGENCIES ■ CAMBRIDGE

The experimental aeroplane X-57, developed by Nasa, is due to fly for the first time this year. It has an impressive 14 propellers along its wings and is powered entirely by electricity.

This sounds great considering we have to get off fossil fuels yet our demand for aviation is growing. But how much closer will Nasa’s plane bring us to this goal?

Finding an alternative to aviation fuels such as kerosene will be key if we want to continue flying. The X-57 uses lithium batteries to run electric motors for its propellers. But the energy you get from batteries, relative to their weight, is 50 times less than you can get from aviation fuel.

The X-57 is a modified, four-seater, Italian-built Tecnam P2006T aircraft. It relies on a

combination of lots of propellers, small motors and many batteries spread out across an aircraft, known as “distributed propulsion”.

This approach represents an exciting area of research and development that can be found in many experimental electric aircraft designs.

What’s different about the X-57 is that the wings are completely redesigned with propellers positioned to optimise air flow around them. When a propeller is not needed, its blades can be folded back to reduce drag.

Propeller technology generally is having a rebirth. Designs are becoming not just more efficient, but also less noisy and more affordable. The speed and pitch angle of propellers can even be changed during flight to adapt to the different aircraft speeds required for takeoff, landing and cruising.

# N Korea warns of ‘overwhelming nuclear force’ to counter US

AP ■ SEOUL

North Korea said on Thursday it’s prepared to counter US military moves with the “most overwhelming nuclear force” as it warned that the expansion of the United States’ military exercises with rival South Korea is pushing tensions to an “extreme red line.”

The statement by Pyongyang’s Foreign Ministry came in response to comments by US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who said on Tuesday in Seoul that the United States would increase its deployment of advanced military assets to the Korean Peninsula, including fighter jets and aircraft carriers, as it strengthens joint training and operational planning with South Korea. South Korea’s security jitters have risen since North Korea test-fired dozens of missiles in 2022, including potentially nuclear-capable ones designed to strike targets in South Korea and the US mainland.

In a statement attributed to an unidentified spokesperson of its Foreign Ministry, North Korea said the expansion of the allies’ drills is threatening to turn the Korean Peninsula into a “huge war arsenal and a more critical war zone.”

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मुख्य महाप्रबन्धक, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान देहरादून की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु ई-निविदा सिमल बिड के आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है

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	2	3	4	5
1.	अभिकेस में जल गुणवत्ता परीक्षण प्रयोगशाला के लिए भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	84000.00	3000+G.S.T.	06 माह
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1.	ऑनलाइन प्रकाशन की तिथि	04.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs
2.	निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की तिथि	04.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs
3.	बिड ऑनलाइन जमा करने की प्रारम्भ तिथि	11.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs
4.	बिड ऑनलाइन जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि	20.02.2023 up to 17:00 Hrs
5.	ऑफ लाइन रूप से जमा किये जाने वाले प्रपत्र (निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु निर्धारित शुल्क, बिड सिक्योरिटी, स्टाम्प पेपर एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित दस्तावेज)	20.02.2023 up to 17:00 Hrs
6.	बिड खोलने की तिथि	21.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs

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## EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE-MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl. No	Particulars	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended
		31.12.2022 ( Audited )	31.03.2022 ( Audited )	31.12.2021 ( Audited )
1	Total Income from operations	3,448.63	22,610.14	5,882.56
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(679.09)	1,077.57	104.68
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(679.09)	1,077.57	104.68
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(714.12)	890.59	113.32
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(718.96)	901.61	118.97
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year		18,112.19	
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)- 1. Basic: 2. Diluted:	(4.70) (4.70)	5.89 5.89	0.78 0.78

### Note:

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For & on behalf of the Board

Place : HOSUR  
Date : 01.02.2023

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Sunil Kumar Arora  
Managing Director  
DIN: 00150668



# Monthly GST revenue at ₹1.50 L Cr new normal in FY 24: CBIC chief

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Monthly GST collection is expected to average around Rs 1.50 lakh crore and it will be the 'new normal' in FY24 in view of concerted efforts to check evasion and bring new businesses within the GST net, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) chief Vivek Johri said on Thursday.

In an interview to PTI, Johri said the GST and Customs revenue collection numbers as given in Budget 2023-24 are realistic based on nominal GDP growth and import trends, respectively and the indirect tax collection target set for next fiscal will be achieved.

Johri said CBIC has drawn up a strategy to augment GST mop-up by way of stricter



audit and scrutiny of tax returns, enforcement action against fake billing and input tax credit claims. "We will focus on increasing the tax-

payer base. Even though the growth in taxpayer base has been quite good, we have more than doubled the number of taxpayers from the time we

started GST, we feel there are some sectors which have much more potential to increase the taxpayer population. "So I feel we have not reached the satu-

ration level and there is scope for increasing the revenue," Johri said. GST collection in current fiscal year is likely to average around Rs 1.45 lakh crore.

The mop-up in January came in as the second highest ever at around Rs 1.56 lakh crore, the highest being Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April 2022. Asked if in next fiscal year, Rs 1.50 lakh crore could be the new normal for monthly GST collection, Johri said "Yes, that I'm confident of."

"There is further scope for growth in GST revenues." The 2023-24 Budget has projected 12 per cent growth in GST revenue at Rs 9.56 lakh crore. The revised estimate for current fiscal pegs GST mop-up at Rs 8.54 lakh crore, up from Rs 7.80 lakh crore originally estimated in the Budget last year.

## Satyam scam: SAT sets aside Sebi's orders; asks it to pass new directive within 4 mths

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Appellate tribunal SAT on Thursday set aside Sebi's orders that had barred Satyam Computer's B Ramalinga Raju, B Rama Raju and others from the securities markets for up to 14 years and asked the markets regulator to pass a fresh order in the 14-year old case.

The ruling came after two separate orders of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) passed in 2018 were challenged by the six applicants. The case relates to Ramalinga Raju and Rama Raju -- who were promoters and directors of Satyam Computer Services -- falsifying the company's financial statements and making illegal gains by way of insider trading.

Besides, B Suryanarayana Raju and SRSR Holdings had allegedly dealt with shares of Satyam Computer on the basis of unpublished price sensitive information. The scam came to



light on January 7, 2009, when Ramalinga Raju -- then Chairman of Satyam Computer -- admitted to manipulating the company's accounts.

In its order passed on October 16, 2018, Sebi had prohibited V Srinivas and G Ramakrishna from the securities markets for 7 years. Further, Srinivas and Ramakrishna were directed to disgorge wrongful gains of Rs 15.65 crore and Rs 11.5 crore, respectively.

In another ruling passed on November 2, 2018, the regulator had restrained Ramalinga Raju, Rama Raju, B Suryanarayana Raju and SRSR Holdings from the securities markets for 14 years. Also, they were asked to disgorge Rs

813 crore of unlawful gains with interest. In these two orders, the regulator had directed them to disgorge the amount along with 12 per cent interest per annum from January 7, 2009. Dismissing Sebi's two orders, the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) said the approach of the regulator is patently erroneous and cannot be sustained as "no reason has been given as to why the magic figure of 14 years of restraint was appropriate".

While setting aside the orders passed by Sebi, SAT asked it to pass a fresh order within four months. Also, it asked the regulator to consider the intrinsic value while calculating the unlawful gain. Moreover, the unlawful gain would be calculated individually for all the appellants.

Further, the tribunal directed Sebi to consider the issue of interest and reconsider the period of restraint afresh for all the appellants.

## TRAI dials telecom firms to discuss service quality issues on Feb 17

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom regulator TRAI has called a meeting with telcos on February 17 to discuss measures and action plan for improving service quality, review of norms, benchmarks for 5G services, and unsolicited commercial communications.

The meeting assumes significance as improvement in telecom service quality is bound to cheer mobile customers, irked by call drops and patchy networks. It also comes at a time when ultra high speed 5G services are rolling out across the country.

So far, as many as 200 cities in India have seen launch of 5G services, the next generation of technology that promises turbocharged speeds (about 10 times faster than 4G) and low latency connectivity.

Issues around service quality have been in the spotlight over the last few months. The Telecom Department back in December met operators to discuss rising instances of call drops and service quality-related issues, as it deliberated on policy measures that can be considered for improving call quality.

In a statement on Thursday, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said that quality of service (QoS) improvement "is an ongoing exercise, it requires close assessment and monitoring especially with the fast-paced network expansion and introduction of latest technology like 5G."

Accordingly, TRAI has called a meeting with telecom service providers on February 17, 2023, "to discuss measures and action plan for improvement in QoS, review of QoS standards, QoS of 5G services and unsolicited commercial



communications". India, the world's second largest smartphone market, had over 114 crore mobile subscribers as of November 2022. Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea are the key players.

TRAI monitors performance of various connectivity services provided by telecom operators by collecting Performance Monitoring Report (PMR) on quarterly basis.

The PMRs are published on the TRAI website, and the regulator also conducts audits and assessments to gauge the performance of the service providers in respect of the prescribed QoS benchmark.

"Regular interactions are held with concerned stakeholders through meetings, consultation papers and open house discussion to review the status of QoS and measures to further improve the consumer experience," the TRAI statement said.

On December 28, the Department of Telecom had held discussions with telcos to identify policy and operational

measures that can help improve the quality of telecom services in the country. That meeting was chaired by Telecom Secretary K Rajaraman and attended by telecom service providers, including Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea.

The issue of interference from illegal boosters and Right of Way (RoW) challenges had come up for discussion then, and operators had made a detailed presentation to the government on current levels of service quality against stipulated benchmarks.

After those parleys, industry sources had said the DoT flagged consumer complaints on service quality at the meeting, and added that companies maintained that quality of service norms were being met. The industry also mentioned locations that are facing specific problems, due to signal interference or other factors.

In September this year, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw indicated that telecom service quality parameters could be made more stringent and tighter, possibly to the extent of 3-4 times.

The minister had exhorted the industry, including telecom operators and infrastructure providers, to move "full steam ahead" on improving the quality of services in the country, now that a slew of reforms have been announced and more are being proposed.

## Markets end on mixed note; Sensex climbs over 224 points, Nifty dips 6 pts

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity markets witnessed mixed trends on Thursday, with the Sensex climbing over 224 points, while the NSE Nifty dipped almost 6 points in highly volatile trade.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex advanced 224.16 points or 0.38 per cent to settle at 59,932.24. During the day, it hit a high of 60,007.67 and a low of 59,215.62.

However, the broader NSE Nifty dipped 5.90 points or 0.03 per cent to end at 17,610.40, weighed down by continuous selling in Adani group stocks.

From the Sensex pack, ITC jumped 4.74 per cent. The other major gainers were IndusInd Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Technologies, Tata Consultancy Services and ICICI Bank.



HDFC, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, NTPC, Power Grid and HDFC Bank were the major laggards. Elsewhere in Asia, equity markets in Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai ended in the green, while Hong Kong settled lower.

Equities in Europe were trading higher during mid-session deals. Markets in the US had ended in the positive territory on Wednesday. Adani Enterprises on Wednesday said it has decided not to go ahead

with its Rs 20,000-crore Follow-on Public Offer (FPO) and will return the proceeds to investors. The announcement came a day after the company's FPO was subscribed fully on the last day of the offer on Tuesday. Adani Enterprises tumbled 26.50 per cent.

Most of the group firms also ended in the negative territory, including Adani Transmission which tanked 10 per cent, Adani Green Energy slumped 10 per cent, Adani Total Gas (10 per cent) and Adani Ports (6.13 per cent).

International oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.29 per cent to USD 82.78 per barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers as they bought shares worth a net Rs 1,785.21 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

## OPEC+ committee recommends staying course on oil output policy

IANIS ■ VIENNA

Leading oil officials on Thursday recommended to maintain the current oil output policy of OPEC+, the OPEC and its allies, amid an uncertain global economic outlook.

The OPEC+ agreed in October 2022 to cut production by 2 million barrels per day from the following month until the end of 2023.

The cut equals to about 2 per cent of the annual global oil demand, Xinhua news agency reported.

Members of the OPEC+ Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC) "reaffirmed their commitment" to the current output plan at a virtual meeting on Wednesday



and "urged all participating countries to achieve full conformity and adhere to the compensation mechanism," according to an OPEC statement. The JMMC comprises oil ministers

from the OPEC+ countries. It has no decision-making power but provides policy recommendations for the OPEC+ ministerial meeting, the group's decision-making body.

It has also the authority to request additional OPEC+ ministerial meetings "at any time to address market developments," according to OPEC.

The JMMC has reviewed the oil production data for November and December last year and "noted the overall conformity" for the OPEC+ countries, OPEC added.

The next JMMC meeting is scheduled for April 3. The next OPEC+ ministerial meeting, where the group will formally decide its output policy, is set for June 4.

## Tea sector unhappy over total neglect in Union Budget

IANIS ■ KOLKATA

As the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman remained totally silent over the tea industry in her Budget speech, the sector operators are frustrated and the observers of the industry surprised.

According to the Darjeeling Tea Association (DTA)'s principal advisor S. Mukherjee, the tea sector was probably the only industrial segment which was not spared even a word as regards to any industry stimulation package or subsidy.

He pointed out that even the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Commerce & Industry for a one-time package for the revival of the tea sector in Darjeeling was also ignored.

According to the director (operations & plantations) of Chamong Tea, Indranil Ghosh, to his surprise the long-standing demand of the planters, especially those from the Darjeeling, Terai and Dooars region, was that the Union government should impose a very high important duty on tea from Nepal in order to protect the planters in the region.



"A number of bought-leaf factories are importing tea from Nepal and selling them in the market.

This is possible because the production cost of tea in Nepal is one-third of that in India. However, this issue was not at all addressed in the Budget speech on Wednesday," said Ghosh.

According to veteran tea industry observer Nandini Goswami, another long-standing demand from the sector was that the Union government should implement an effective police mechanism to restrict circulation of spurious Darjeeling tea in the market. "However, to my surprise the Budget speech was totally silent on this issue," she said.

She also pointed out the ultimate effect of the ailing nature of the Indian tea sector on the plantation workers, especially those associated with the smaller tea gardens. "There had been a long-standing demand for giving the small planters the status of agricultural farmers and the status of agricultural workers for the workers employed in smaller tea gardens. Unfortunately, this issue also found no mention in the Budget speech," said Goswami.

## Gold rallies ₹770 amid strong global trends



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold price rallied Rs 770 to a record high of Rs 58,680 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday amid a jump in precious metal prices internationally, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had settled at Rs 57,910 per 10 grams. Silver also zoomed Rs 1,491 to Rs 71,666 per kilogram.

"Spot gold prices in the Delhi markets traded at a record high of Rs 58,680 per 10 grams, up Rs 770 per 10 grams," said an analyst at HDFC Securities. In the overseas market, both gold and silver were traded in green at

USD 1,956 per ounce and USD 24.15 per ounce, respectively. Comex gold prices traded their highest levels in more than nine months in Asian trading hours on Thursday after investors access dovish policy from US Federal reserve, the analyst said.

On Wednesday, the Fed hiked 0.25 basis point rate after a year of larger hikes. US Fed Governor Powell warned of further monetary policy tightening but also noted the progress on disinflation, which he said is in its early stages.

Today, the traders will focus on European Central Bank and Bank of England policy outcome and further direction, the analyst added.

## Indian aviation industry suffered ₹24K cr loss in 2020-22

IANIS ■ NEW DELHI

India's aviation industry suffered a loss of over Rs 24,000 crore in the last two financial years during 2020-22.

As per the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, the industry in FY 2020-21 suffered a loss of Rs 12,479 crore and in FY 2021-22 it was Rs 11,658 crore.

In a reply at the Lok Sabha on Thursday, the Ministry said the Centre has taken various initiatives to support the aviation industry. The reduction in Value Added Tax (VAT) on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) was taken up with state gov-



## Food Secy reviews sale of wheat at nominal price of ₹29.50 per kg

**New Delhi:** Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra on Thursday reviewed the progress of sale of Atta (wheat flour) at Rs 29.50 per kg through various outlets to consumers, a move aimed at checking the high rate of the essential commodity. During the meeting, which was attended by officials of Food Corporation of India (FCI), Kendriya Bhandar, National

Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF), it was decided that these institutions will lift wheat up to 3 lakh metric tonnes from FCI depots and after converting it into Atta they will sell Atta to consumers at Rs 29.50 per kg through various retail

outlets. These institutions agreed to supply Atta at the decided price, with the MRP mentioned in bold on the sacks. While Kendriya Bhandar has already started the sale of Atta at the abovementioned price, NCCF and NAFED will supply it from February 6 onwards, it was informed during the meeting, official sources said. IANIS

## Rupee tumbles 40 paise to 82.20 against US dollar

**Mumbai:** The rupee fell 40 paise to close below the 82 per US dollar mark on Thursday, weighed down by foreign fund outflows and corporate dollar demand. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 81.81 against the greenback, and touched an intra-day high of 81.71 and a

low of 82.20. It finally settled at 82.20, down 40 paise over its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee had appreciated 8 paise to close at 81.80 against the dollar after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget for 2023-24. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's

strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.12 per cent lower at 101.10, after the US Fed hiked the interest rate along expected lines by 25 basis points to 4.50-4.75 per cent. Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures declined 0.14 per cent to USD 82.72 per barrel. PTI



# MESSI SCRIPTS PSG's WIN

AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain extended their lead at the top of Ligue 1 with a 3-1 win at Montpellier on Wednesday but their evening was overshadowed by an injury to Kylian Mbappe, who had earlier missed a penalty.

The France superstar had an eighth-minute spot-kick saved by Montpellier's Benjamin Lecomte and then remarkably saw his second attempt turned onto the post by the goalkeeper after the referee ordered a retake.

Mbappe then limped off with what looked like a hamstring injury midway through the first half, raising the alarm for PSG with the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie against Bayern Munich now less than two weeks away.

Speaking after the game, coach Christophe Galtier suggested the injury was down to a knock rather than a muscle problem. "He took a knock to the back of the knee or the back of the thigh, so we'll see," said Galtier.

"I'm not too worried," he added. "It's a bruise or a contusion, we don't know yet."

"With the run of matches we don't want to take risks with a very busy fixture list, but it doesn't appear that serious."

PSG host Bayern in Paris on February 14, with the second leg in Germany on March 8. They are desperate to avoid a repeat of last season when they were knocked out at the same stage of the Champions League by Real Madrid.

After winning just one of their last four league games, Wednesday's awkward trip for PSG saw them also lose Sergio



Ramos to injury and have two goals disallowed before Fabian Ruiz put them ahead 10 minutes into the second half.

## MESSI ON TARGET

Ruiz then set up Lionel Messi to make it 2-0 with a deft finish in the 72nd minute, the Argentine scoring his 14th club goal of the season.

Sixteen-year-old midfielder Warren Zaire-Emery made sure of the win in stoppage time after Arnaud Nordin — a friend of Mbappe's from their time together at France's national training academy — had pulled

one back. PSG, who were without the rested Neymar, extended their lead at the top of the table from three to five points after Lens lost 1-0 at home to Nice.

"It was a good performance in general," Galtier said.

"There was an incredible scenario in the first half with the retaken penalty, we hit the post, had goals disallowed and two injuries because Sergio Ramos was involved in a collision and on falling he hurt his adductor, but apparently it is nothing serious."

The win for PSG came after

a frustrating end to the January transfer window on Tuesday as they failed to process the paperwork to complete the loan signing of Hakim Ziyech from Chelsea after the Moroccan winger had passed a medical.

Gaetan Laborde scored the only goal of the game for Nice as Lens dropped points at home for the first time this season after winning all 10 previous matches there.

Marseille climbed above Lens into second place thanks to a 2-0 victory at Nantes earlier, secured by an own goal from Joao Victor and then a late

strike by Azzedine Ounahi, the Moroccan World Cup star making his debut after signing in the January window.

Monaco in fourth beat Auxerre 3-2, while fifth-placed Rennes eased to a 3-0 win against struggling Strasbourg.

On-loan Arsenal striker Folarin Balogun followed up his last-gasp equaliser against PSG at the weekend by netting a hat-trick as Reims came from two goals down to beat Lorient 4-2 and extend their unbeaten run to 15 games.

Bottom side Angers suffered a new French top-flight record

## PSG LOSE INJURED MBAPPE FOR FIRST LEG OF BAYERN CL TIE

AP ■ PARIS

Kylian Mbappe faces three weeks out with a thigh injury and will miss the first leg of Paris Saint-Germain's Champions League last-16 tie against Bayern Munich on February 14, his club announced on Thursday.

"After undergoing tests, Kylian Mbappe suffered an injury to the left thigh at the level of the femoral biceps," said a club statement.

If he misses three weeks as expected, Mbappe can also expect to sit out next midweek's French Cup last-16 tie against Marseille and faces a race against time to return for a potentially pivotal Ligue 1 game away to the same opponents at the end of this month.

However, PSG will hope that Mbappe, who has scored 25 goals in 26 appearances for his club this season, will be fit for the second leg against Bayern in Germany on March 8.

The news is a bitter blow for the French giants, who are desperate to avoid a repeat of what happened last season when they were knocked out of the Champions League in the last 16 by Real Madrid.

13th consecutive defeat as they conceded in stoppage time to lose 2-1 at home to Ajaccio. That result leaves them 11 points from safety.



# Barca earn tense win at Betis to extend La Liga lead

AP ■ SEVILLE

Raphinha and Robert Lewandowski's strikes helped Barcelona move eight points clear at the top of La Liga with a 2-1 win at Real Betis on Wednesday.

The Catalans put pressure on second-placed Real Madrid, who host Valencia on Thursday, by scraping a narrow win from an intense clash at the Benito Villamarin.

With French winger Ousmane Dembele out injured for the next few weeks, Raphinha grabbed his chance to prove himself.

Dembele's superb form had limited the Brazilian's minutes since his move from Leeds United last summer.

Raphinha put Barcelona ahead in the 65th minute and Lewandowski, back after a three-match league ban, netted the second with 10 minutes to go.

Jules Kounde scored an unfortunate own goal to give Betis a fighting chance of a point in the final stages but Barcelona held out for the win.

"I think we had a good

game, our play was very good, excellent I would say," Barca coach Xavi Hernandez told Movistar.

"We played a great game at a very difficult place to come. I'm very happy not just for the result but for how we played, we've improved a lot from the Girona game."

Barcelona had won their previous three league games 1-0, including against Catalan rivals Girona last weekend in a flat performance, but were operating on a higher level in Seville. Betis, sixth, had William Carvalho sent off after the full-time whistle for protesting some of the refereeing decisions.

The Andalusians sit three points behind Atletico Madrid in fourth.

"Against Barca the games are always like this, it's hard to take the ball off them, they are capable of pushing you back and keeping you in your own half," Betis forward Borja Iglesias told Movistar.

"Until their goal we were doing well, from there it was a different game."

# Man Utd in League Cup final

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag said winning trophies is the standard that should be demanded at Old Trafford after beating Nottingham Forest 2-0 on Wednesday and 5-0 on aggregate to reach the League Cup final.

Anthony Martial and Fred scored the goals for Ten Hag's men in the final 17 minutes of the semi-final, second leg as United set up a meeting with Newcastle at Wembley on February 26.

Three managers have left the club since United last won a trophy under Jose Mourinho in 2017.

But Ten Hag is now just one game away from ending that drought in his first season in charge.

"I think we have a good squad so we have to demand and control the high standards," said the Dutchman. "You have to bring that every game."



"We are Manchester United. When you are a United player you have to match the standards."

The damage was done for the Red Devils in last week's 3-0 win at the City Ground in the first leg as Ten Hag was able to rotate his squad with United still

involved in four competitions.

"We have had to make lots of compromises in the season so far so hopefully now they are all available," added Ten Hag. "If you want to win trophies, you need them all to be available. You saw tonight you can bring a new dynamic off the bench."

Martial slotted home after Rashford's initial effort was blocked to open the scoring.

Three minutes later it was 2-0 as this time Rashford teed up Fred for the simplest of finishes into an empty net.

A much tougher test awaits in high-flying Newcastle, but defender Luke Shaw believes United are on the march towards silverware under Ten Hag.

# Cancelo helps Bayern find form

AP ■ MUNICH

New Bayern Munich signing Joao Cancelo set up a goal to help his side secure a first win of 2023 with a 4-0 triumph at 10-man Mainz in the German Cup on Wednesday.

Cancelo, who joined the German champions on loan from Man City on Tuesday, made an immediate impact, floating in a lofted cross to Cameroon striker Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting, who hammered home from close range.

Winless in their first three league games of 2023, Bayern entered the game under significant pressure to advance to the German Cup quarter-finals for the first time in three seasons.

Choupo-Moting's 17th-minute strike settled the visitors' nerves and they had a second on the 30-minute mark when Bayern veteran Thomas Mueller found teenage forward Jamal Musiala, who slammed the ball across the face of goal to make it 2-0.

Winger Leroy Sane scored the third with one minute of the first half remaining, sliding in a looped assist from former Mainz forward Choupo-Moting.

Canadian wing-back Alphonso Davies, who came on for Cancelo with 20 minutes to go, added a fourth late in the game, heading in a floated assist from Dutch centre-back Matthijs de Ligt.

Mainz had a number of half chances in an increasingly fiery second half which saw centre-back Alexander Hack sent off for a second yellow card, along with Bo Svensson, who was shown a straight red for arguing with the assistant referee moments before Davies' goal.



Svensson complained that the German champions got better treatment

from the officials in the lead up to his red card.

"I saw a clear difference in the way Bayern's bench were handled and the

# Attempted rape charge against Greenwood dropped

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Charges of attempted rape and assault against Manchester United forward Mason Greenwood have been dropped by prosecutors, British police said on Thursday.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said the withdrawal of key witnesses and new material coming to light were factors in their decision to stop the case against the 21-year-old.

Greater Manchester Police said it was "only fair" that they announce that Greenwood, who was arrested in January last year, would no longer face criminal proceedings "given the significant media coverage of this case".

The striker originally faced one count of attempted rape, one count of controlling and coercive behaviour and one count of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, all against the same complainant.

"In this case a combination of the withdrawal of key witnesses and new material that came to light meant there was no longer a realistic prospect of conviction," the CPS said in a statement.

"In these circumstances, we are under a duty to stop the case." Greenwood, who has played 129 times for United, scoring 35 goals, last played for United against West Ham in January last year.

"Given the significant media coverage of this case, it

is only fair that we share the news that the 21-year-old man, who had been arrested and charged in connection with an investigation opened in January 2022, no longer faces criminal proceedings in relation to this," said chief superintendent Michaela Kerr.

"The investigation team has remained in regular contact with the legal team, providing any updates of note, and so understand the rationale for the discontinuation of proceedings at this stage, and that this decision has not been taken lightly."

"Despite the media and public's interest in this case, we have decided not to comment on it in any further detail."

Greenwood, a product of United's academy, and once considered one of English football's brightest prospects, made his senior debut for the Red Devils in a Champions League victory at Paris Saint-Germain in March 2019.

He signed a new contract at United in February 2021 that runs until at least 2025.

The forward made his England debut against Iceland in September 2020, but he and Manchester City midfielder Phil Foden were sent home after breaching the team's coronavirus guidelines.

Nike suspended and later terminated its sponsorship deal with the player, while Electronic Arts confirmed his removal from active squads on its FIFA 22 game following his arrest.

# Indian women's team opens campaign against Bhutan



PTI ■ DHAKA

Powerhouse India face Bhutan in their opening match of the SAFF U-20 Women's Championship here on Friday, with the team, mainly made up of players from the FIFA U-17 World Cup campaign last year, hoping to clinch the title in the inaugural edition.

Hosts Bangladesh and Nepal are the other teams in the tournament. All the matches will be played at the Bir Sherestha

Shaheed Shipahi Mostafa Kamal Stadium here.

After a four-team round robin, the top two teams will play the final on February 9.

India take on Bangladesh on February 5 and Nepal on February 7.

India head coach Maymol Rocky stressed the importance of having a mix of experienced and young players in the squad, including those who have played in the senior national team already.

"We have a mixture of youth and experience in our team, players that have played at the senior level as well, so I am sure the girls will give their 100 per cent and the results will follow," Maymol said at the pre-match press conference.

When asked about the opposition teams in the tournament, she said, "Bhutan are a good side, as are Nepal. Bangladesh have been doing brilliantly in the last few years, and they are definitely the team to watch out for." "But if we give it our best shot, we can overcome all obstacles."

India captain Martina Thokchom, one of the players to have played in the senior national team, spoke about the advantages of being in the same camp with the senior side in the build-up to the championship.

"Yes, we are a junior team, but we were in the same camp as the seniors, and that has really helped us. We all stayed in the same hotel and even played a match together. It was a good learning experience, especially for the new girls in this team."

# Varane announces int'l retirement



AP ■ PARIS

France centre-back Raphael Varane, a World Cup winner in 2018 and runner-up last year, announced on Thursday his retirement from international duty at the age of 29.

"I've been thinking about it for several months and I decided it was the right time for me to retire from international football," Varane wrote on Instagram.

The Manchester United defender made his France debut in 2013 and won 93 caps for Les Bleus. He had been in the running to take over as captain following the retirement of Hugo Lloris last month.

"To represent our magnificent country for a decade has been one of the greatest honours of

my life. Each time I wore this special blue shirt I felt immense pride," said Varane.

Varane's decision to call time on his France career leaves Kylian Mbappe as the frontrunner for the captaincy, with Didier Deschamps' side set to begin Euro 2024 qualifying at the end of March with a double-header against the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland.

The former Real Madrid star played every minute of his country's triumphant 2018 World Cup campaign as France defeated Croatia 4-2 in the final.

He was one of five French players who also started the 2022 final defeat by Argentina on penalties, recovering from a leg injury that ruled him out of the start of the tournament.

"I'll definitely miss these moments with you, but the time has come for the new generation to take over," he said, thanking Deschamps and his coaching staff as well as the supporters.

"We have a group of talented young players who are ready to step up and who deserve their chance."

Deschamps paid tribute to Varane and praised him for the leadership qualities he had brought to the team throughout his time with France.

"I cannot turn this page without some emotion, given the bonds we have formed," said Deschamps, who gave Varane his international debut in a 2014 World Cup qualifier against Georgia.

"I respect his decision even if it may seem a bit unfortunate given everything he was able to do with the national team through to the World Cup, during which he behaved like the leader we know he is from start to finish."



# TACKLING SLIDE SPIN WILL BE KEY TO OZ'S SUCCESS IN INDIA, SAYS McDONALD

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Australia head coach Andrew McDonald believes the biggest challenge for his side in the gruelling four-Test series beginning in Nagpur on February 9, McDonald also warned his batters that they will have to come up with individual methods and techniques to counter the sliding deliveries.

The Australians have chosen to train all by themselves instead of playing tour games as they feel practice matches serve little purpose.

Both McDonald and Steve Smith have said that serving green tops for tour games and spinning tracks for actual games defeat the very purpose of playing practice matches.

"I think the new ball is the one that creates more of that slide and when the batters do get done on the inside ... we're preparing for that (during the preparatory camp in Bengaluru)," McDonald had said before the team's departure for Bengaluru on Wednesday. On Thursday, cricket.Com. Au re-tweeted images of the squad training at Alur, clicked by its journalist, which showed the touring party batters going about their paces in the nets.



ach) Diva (Michael Di Venuto) does a fantastic job in preparing. "The key to success there is to have a clear method and that will be individually based and depending on the conditions we're confronted with," McDonald was quoted as saying by Sydney Morning Herald on Thursday. With prolific Usman Kawaja scheduled to arrive later on Thursday after his visa approval got delayed, he will join the touring party on Friday to prepare for the spin challenge in the right

earnest.

McDonald said that despite the squad training on their own, there will still be variation in the track offered at Alur and the ones on which Test matches will be played, and here batters will have to use their judgement while playing shots.

"We'll be trying to make sure the batters are clear on their method," said McDonald, adding, "You're never going to get exactly the same as you're going to get in a game, and that's one of the real complexities

around preparing for a cricket tour."

The coach, who took over from Justin Langer, said another reason for not playing a tour game in India was to keep players fresh at the back end of the month-long tour.

"We haven't played a tour game, for three years. It's probably not something new to us, put it that way," McDonald said.

"We value freshness at the back end of the tour. Something we've seen teams go there before and expend a lot of energy at the

front end. We feel with the profile of this group, quite an experienced group, quite an experienced batting unit as well, who have been there before, I think 11 out of the squad has been there before.

"A significant chunk of the squad that's been there before, so we feel that better places them leading in and then you never get guarantees over those practice game surfaces you get. Often, there's no real connection

between that practice game into the first Test match. We feel as though we can control the surfaces here," he added. He said the strategy would be to prepare a blueprint while training in Bengaluru and replicate it in Nagpur during the first Test.

"(We'll) get a bit more control in Bangalore to replicate what we're going to come up against and then we go into Nagpur fresh and hopefully it pays dividends at the back end."

## Australia will win on 'fair Indian wickets': Healy

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Hosts India will have the upper hand if the tracks are rank turners in the upcoming Test series but Australia will win on "fair" pitches, feels former wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

"I think if they produce fair Indian wickets, that are good batting wickets, to start with, (that) probably spin and spin pretty consistently but spin a long way, late in the match ... we (Australia) win," Healy said on 'SENQ Breakfast'.

"I'm worried about (Mitchell) Starc and (Nathan) Lyon in the first Test ... if they're unfair wickets which I've seen in the last series, where balls were jumping ridiculously and sliding down low from day one, I think India play those conditions better than us," he added.

Healy advised the less-experienced Australian players to soak in the pressure and not commit any fielding lapses.

"I want the players to be very aware if they are escaping that pressure (from the locals) if you're escaping that pressure and hiding in your room using the golf simulator... I think you've got to do something else," he said. "That's an escape, you shouldn't be doing it, you're dodging, just be very aware of what you are feeling at any given time. Immerse yourself before you really get to deploy your technique... don't drop catches, fielding can be difficult over there.

"What happens in India, to get ten wickets, you'll only get ten chances, whereas in Australia with bounce, carry and speed you can create 13 chances and you can waste a couple... but they don't come along as easy in India. I just think they have to live and breathe that pressure and have a philosophy over there."

Australia haven't won a Test series in India since 2004.

## Technically & tactically, it was a near-perfect game for me: Shubman



PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Young opener Shubman Gill said his unbeaten 63-ball 126 was "tactically and technically" a near-perfect game as it set up India's massive series-clinching 168-run win in the third T20I against New Zealand. Gill smashed 12 boundaries and seven maximums in his scintillating maiden century in the shortest format to power India to a mammoth 234 for 4 in the final T20I.

The hosts then bundled out New Zealand for 66 in 12.1 overs to not only win the match but

also secure a 2-1 series win.

"To be able to play how I play, I have to be mentally clear," Gill said during an interaction with skipper Hardik Pandya, a video of which was posted on BCCI.TV.

"This is what you (Hardik) told me. Every time I hit a six, he came and told me -- hold your shape in the next ball, you don't have to do anything extra, just do what you are doing and don't try to go too hard. Every ball he kept reminding me and that helped."

"In the last over of (Mitchell) Santner, I was in the zone and I was hitting. So, I thought I will go after him but you asked me to hold myself back and target other bowlers because he (Santner) is bowling well in the entire T20 series. So, tactically and technically it was a near-perfect game for me."

'Player of the series' Pandya snapped four wickets as he bowled with the new ball to dismiss Finn Allen and Glenn Phillips. He later returned to take two more wickets to demolish the Kiwis.

"Four wickets, to be honest, are just part and parcel of the sport but I think I bowled at 145 (kmph) if I am not wrong and that kind of gave me the happiness and the smile you can see. So, I told him (Gill) today that it is my last game and I am going on a break," said Hardik, who will play his next game in about two months' time.

"So, today (Wednesday) gonna be full all guns blazing and I am going to bowl as fast as possible and, to be honest, the kind of start we got, it made our life very easy."

# Malan, Buttler and Archer earn consolation win for England

AP ■ KIMBERLEY

Dawid Malan and captain Jos Buttler hit centuries to set up a 59-run win for England in the third and final ODI against South Africa at the Diamond Oval in Kimberley on Wednesday.

Malan made 118 and Buttler scored 131 in an England total of 346 for seven. South Africa were bowled out for 287 with fast bowler Jofra Archer taking a career-best six for 40.

South Africa had already clinched the series by winning the first two matches but England captain Jos Buttler said Wednesday's win was a reward for the hard work his players had put in during the short series.

"There's been some really good stuff. Guys getting hundreds and Jofra Archer was brilliant. We've got a good thing going. We're building nicely," said Buttler, who was named player of the match and player of the series.

South African captain Temba Bavuma said the series win was important. "We came in under a lot of pressure. We've done ourselves justice and come closer to automatic qualification for the World Cup."

South Africa need one win in their remaining two matches against the Netherlands to move ahead of West Indies into one of the eight qualifying places in the World Cup Super



## Ahmed gets Eng white-ball call-up for B'desh tour

AP ■ LONDON

England picked teenage leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed in their white-ball squads for the first time on Thursday ahead of next month's tour of Bangladesh.

The 18-year-old Leicestershire bowler became England's youngest men's Test cricketer against Pakistan in Karachi in December and marked his debut in style with a five-wicket haul.

Ahmed had played just three first-class matches before making his Test bow, but has more experience in white-ball cricket, having appeared regularly for his county side.

Saqib Mahmood has been

included in the ODI squad for the first time since suffering a stress fracture of the back in May last year.

But there was no place for Alex Hales, with the big-hitting batsman set to honour his contract to play in the Pakistan Super League after only returning to England duty last year.

Hales was a key figure in England's T20 World Cup triumph in Australia in November after a positive test for recreational drug use came to light on the eve of the 2019 50-over World Cup led to more than three years of international exile.

England will play three ODIs and three T20s in Bangladesh from March 1 to 14.

League, although Sri Lanka could still move ahead of them in a forthcoming series against New Zealand.

The left-handed Malan and his right-handed captain shared a fourth wicket partnership of 232 off 211 balls after coming together with their team in trouble at 14 for three in the sixth over.

A slow start to the partnership became a torrent of runs as they took command on a slow pitch.

England scored 217 runs in the last 20 overs of their innings, scoring rapidly even after the two centuries were dismissed.

The T20 fixtures are their first in the format since Jos Buttler's men became world champions, adding to their 50-over global title.

### SQUADS

**ODI squad:** Jos Buttler (capt/wkt), Tom Abell, Rehan Ahmed, Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Sam Curran, Saqib Mahmood, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Jason Roy, Phil Salt, Reece Topley, James Vince, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood  
**T20 squad:** Buttler, Tom Abell, Rehan Ahmed, Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Will Jacks, Chris Jordan, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Reece Topley, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood

# Hardik doesn't mind playing Dhoni's role for Team India

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Star India all-rounder Hardik Pandya feels he has developed the ability to absorb pressure and doesn't mind playing the anchor role that the great Mahendra Singh Dhoni played for the team.

The 29-year-old has always been known for his batting pyrotechnics but says he has now learnt to take the back seat and anchor the innings, something which master chaser Dhoni did in the fag end of his international career.

"See, to be honest, I've always enjoyed hitting sixes, but I have to evolve and that is life," the stand-in T20 skipper said during the press conference after India sealed the T20 series against New Zealand 2-1.

"I have to take the other part where I've always believed in partnerships. I want to give my team and the other person more calmness and the assurance that at least I'm there."

"I've played more games than any of those guys out there. So, I've known the experience and more than the experience part, it's where I've batted, and I've learnt how to accept pressure and I've learnt how to kind of swallow the pressure and kind of make sure the team and everything is calm," Hardik added.

Dhoni is known for his calm demeanour and Hardik feels now it is his responsibility to step into the legendary wicketkeeper's shoes as a batter and he is ready to sacrifice his strike-



rate to play that role.

"In that way, maybe I have to get my strike rate down or... Taking new opportunities or taking new roles is (something) I've always looked forward to. I don't mind coming in and playing the role which somewhere down the line Maahi (Dhoni) used to play," he said.

Hardik has scored 1271 runs at a strike-rate of 142.17 in 87 T20Is.

"I think at that time, I was young, and I was hitting all around the park, but now since he has gone, all of a sudden that responsibility... It has just naturally come to me, and I don't mind (doing it). We're getting the result we want and it's okay."

During the third T20I against New Zealand, Hardik did just that, allowing the in-form Shubman Gill (126) to take

the attack to the opposition as India posted a massive 234 for 4 and then bowled out NZ for 66 for a 168-run win.

With pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah nursing an injury, Hardik has backed himself to bowl more with the new ball, having bowled 12 overs in the powerplay, conceding 86 runs for two wickets this home season.

"I had to bowl with the new ball (in T20Is) because Arshdeep (Singh)... I don't want any new guy to come and have that difficult role of (bowling first up with the new ball) because if they're put under pressure, then we're chasing the game," Hardik said.

"So, I've always been (like) leading from the front and I've been working on my new-ball skills, which is helping me."

# Sai Praneeth enters Thailand Open quarters

PTI ■ BANGKOK

India's B Sai Praneeth defeated Korean qualifier Hyeok Jin Jeon in a tough three-game contest to enter the quarter-finals of the Thailand Open Super 300 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

Praneeth beat his Korean opponent 24-22, 7-21, 22-20 in the men's singles second-round match.

He will next face sixth seed Li Shi Feng of China in the last-eight round.

Earlier in the day, Kiran George and Ashmita Chaliha put up gallant fights before going down in three games in the second round of their respective events.

While George, the Odisha Open champion, went down 22-20, 15-21, 20-22 to third seed Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong in men's singles, Ashmita lost 21-19, 13-21, 27-29 to sixth-seeded Den Højmark Kjærskeld of Denmark in a gruelling women's singles round-of-16 match.

Eighth seeds Tanisha Crasto and Ishaan Bhatnagar suffered a 19-21, 16-21 loss to Indonesia's Akbar Bintang Cahyono and Marshaella Gischa Islami in mixed doubles.

N Sikki Reddy and Rohan Kapoor also couldn't cross the second round, losing 11-21, 10-21 to sixth seeded Chinese Feng Yan Zhe and Huang Dong Ping.

# Gopal's career-best 161 puts K'taka on cusp of Ranji semis

PTI ■ BENGALURU

All-rounder Shreyas Gopal stood tall with a career-best 161 not out as Karnataka piled more misery on Uttarakhand with a massive first innings lead of 490 runs in their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal here on Thursday.

At close on day three, Uttarakhand were 106/3, still 384 runs in arrears with Dikshanshu Negi and Swapnil Singh remaining unbeaten on identical scores of 27 in an unbroken 46-run partnership.

Vidwath Kaverappa (2/22) claimed the Uttarakhand opening duo of Aneesh Sudha (4) and Jivanjot Singh (24), while debutant M Venkatesh dismissed former Delhi batter Kunal Chandela, who had played in their 2016-17 final against Vidarbha.

Uttarakhand also have wicket-keeper-batter Aditya Tare, the Ranji

Trophy-winning former Mumbai skipper in waiting but it seems a lost battle against the eight-time champions Karnataka who are eyeing their first semi-final appearance since 2020.

Resuming on 474/5, Karnataka had their strategy clear as they battled along with no declaration in sight.

Overnight centurion Gopal, who on Wednesday slammed his first Ranji Trophy century since 2017-18, continued from where he left and in the process completed 3000 runs in first-class cricket.

### BENGAL IN COMMAND

**Kolkata:** Bengal are on course to their third successive Ranji Trophy semi-final appearance after Shahbaz Ahmed produced yet another sparkling all-round show to put them in the driver's seat on the third day of their quarterfinal match against Jharkhand.

Batting at No. 6, left-hander Ahmed top-scored with a gritty 81 off 120 balls (9x4, 2x6) as Bengal posted 328 in their first innings to secure a healthy first innings lead of 155 runs.

At stumps on Day 3, Jharkhand were ahead by just seven runs, with their second innings in disarray at 162 for 7. A total of 11 wickets tumbled on day three.

The lower order Jharkhand batters are now left battling to delay the inevitable with two more days left in the game.

Ahmed, the left-arm spin bowling all-rounder, also made an impact with the ball, dismissing Anukul Roy (40) and Jharkhand skipper Virat Singh (29) in their second innings.

Opener Aryaman Sen waged a lone battle for Jharkhand with a fighting half century (64 off 132 balls) but Ishan Porel brilliantly set him up with



a bouncer and dismissed him at the fag-end of the day. It was a total batting failure for Jharkhand as only three batters managed double digit figures with Aryaman stitching two fifty-plus stands with Anukul Roy and then with Singh.

### BOWLERS PUT MP BACK

**Indore:** Defending champions Madhya Pradesh bounced back in contention on the third day of their quarterfinal against Andhra, despite conceding a huge first innings lead, thanks to pacer Avesh Khan's exploits. Set a winning target of 245, MP ended day three at 58 for no loss after bundling out the opponents for 93 in their second innings. Andhra skipper Hanuma Vihari, like in the first innings when he returned to bat braving a wrist injury, batted left-handed to score 15 coming in at No.11. He swatted three fours, including a reverse sweep but could not do much as the team col-

lapsed to 93 all out in 32.3 overs. Earlier, resuming at the overnight score of 144 for 4, MP was bowled out for 228 with left-arm medium-pacer Prithvi Raj Yarra picking up five wickets.

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**.....Respondent**  
**M/S RT Packaging Pvt. Ltd.**  
TAKE NOTICE THAT my client M/S Vasu Polymers India Pvt. Ltd has filed a Statement of claim in the captioned proceedings before Delhi International Arbitration Centre/323 of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996/r/w S.18(3) of MSMED Act, 2006. Notice is hereby given to representatives of the above mentioned Respondent Company and all concerned that next date of hearing in the above proceeding is fixed on 07.02.2023 at 02:00P.M. through Video Conferencing for direction before the Ld. Arbitral Tribunal. All concerned are requested to remain present in person or through their advocate. They may contact the undersigned and/or Ms. Robin Tagore, Deputy Counsel, DIAC (Email: delhiarbitrationcentre@gmail.com; Tel: +91-11-23398493) for any inquiry.

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