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Furore over German interference

BJP, Cong spar on German remarks on Rahul Gandhi's disqualification case

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Days after the US remarked it was "watching" legal pro-ceedings regarding Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Germany on Thursday said "fundamental democratic principles" should apply in his case.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, an MP from Wayanad, Kerala was disqualified last week as a Member of Lok Sabha (MP) from the date of his conviction in the criminal defamation case over his 'Modi sur name' remark.

Enunciating her country's position, spokesperson of German Forēign Ministry said, "We have taken note of the verdict of first instance against the Indian Opposition politician Rahul Gandhi as well as the suspension of his parliamentary mandate. To our knowledge, Mr Gandhi is in a position to appeal the verdict." She also said, "It will then become clear whether this verdict will stand and whether the suspension of his mandate has any basis.' The spokesperson said Germany expects that "standards of judicial independence and fundamental democratic

principles" will apply in the case. This statement by Germany sparked a political slugfest in the



on Thursday against the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi from the Sabha.

country with the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress exchanging sharp remarks on

Responding to Germany's remarks, the Congress said it firmly believes that India's democratic processes them-selves have to deal with the threats posed to its democracy. It also hit out at the BJP, accusing it of attempting to divert attention from the Adani issue.

In a smart rejoinder to Germany's remarks, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said India will not tolerate foreign interference in internal matters.

"Thank you Rahul Gandhi for inviting foreign powers for interference into India's internal matters. Remember, the Indian Judiciary can't be influenced by foreign interference. India won't tolerate 'foreign influence' anymore because our Prime Minister is Shri Narendra Modi Ji (sic)," Rijiju said in a

Earlier this week, the US said it is watching the Rahul Gandhi case and they continue to engage with the Indian Government on a shared commitment to democratic values, including freedom of expres-

"Respect for the rule of law and judicial independence is a cornerstone of any democracy, and we're watching Mr Gandhi's (Rahul Gandhi) case in Indian courts," US Department of State Principal Deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel said

On Thursday, the BJP slammed Congress Rajya Sabha member Digvijay Singh for thanking Germany for taking note of Rahul Gandhi's disqualification from Lok Sabha and charged the Opposition party with "inviting foreign powers for interference into India's internal matters".

Global scamsters coming to help, Cong slams Lalit

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A word war began between former IPL chief Lalit Modi, accused of financial irregularities in India, and the Congress on Thursday, with the former launching a certains former launching a scathing attack on Rahul Gandhi. This was in response to an acidic attack from the Congress which had called Modi a "fugitive of justice.'

The Congress on Thursday used Lalit Modi's tweets threatening to take Rahul Gandhi to court to attack the Bharatiya Janata Party, saying that "global scamsters" were now coming to the defence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Reacting to Lalit Modi's remarks, Congress general secretary in-charge organisation KC Venugopal said, "Lalit Modi is a fugitive in multi-million dellar formula." lion dollar frauds whose cowardice made him run away. He now enjoys a plush life abroad thanks to BJP's inaction. It's laughable if he thinks anyone takes him seriously.

Patna court summons Rahul

Patna: In fresh trouble for beleaguered Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, an MP/MLA court in Patna has asked him to appear in court on April 12 in connection with a petition filed against him over his [†]Modi surname' remark. In [‡]019, the then Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi had filed a petition before the Special Judge of MP/MLA Court for Rahul's alleged objectionable remarks on the 'Modi surname'. The Congress leader was granted bail in this defamation case on July 6, 2019.

Sushil Kumar Modi on Thursday expressed hope that Rahul Gandhi will get "adequate punishment" by the court. "Gandhi has been summoned for recording of statement under Section 317 CrPC. I am confident that like the court in Surat, the court here will hold him guilty and award adequate punishment (adequate punishment)", said Modi, who had filed his petition on April 18, 2019, five days after Gandhi made the impugned remarks at a rally in the thick of Lok Sabha polls.

Celebrations turn to tragedy in Indore

14 killed, many missing as roof of temple well caves in during havan on Ram Navami

PNS/PTI BHOPAL/INDORE

Ram Navami celebrations at temple in Madhya Pradesh's Indore took a tragic turn when the roof of a 'bawdi' (well) collapsed during a havan (a fire ritual), killing 14 people. The toll is expected to go up

The toll is expected to go up during the night as of the 30-35 devotees who fell into the well, many are still to be fished out and are missing.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan revealed the number of people killed at the Beleshwar Mahadev Jhulelal temple in Indore's Patel Nagar. Earlier, Indore Collector Illaiyaraja T had given the death toll as 12.

State Home Minister Narottam Mishra told reporters

Narottam Mishra told reporters in Bhopal that a few children are feared to be missing and a search operation is on to trace them by pumping out the bawdi's water.

Nearly 30-35 devotees fell into the well after the accident at the temple, said Indore Police Commissioner Makrand



Rescue operation underway after the roof of a 'bavdi' (well) collapsed at Beleshwar Mahadev Jhulelal, in Indore, on Thursday. At least 8 people got killed and several others are feared trapped, according to officials

Clashes in Maha, Bengal, Gujarat mar festivities

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 R^{am} Navami was celebrated across the country on Thursday with grand processions and special pujas, but the festivities were marred in Maharashtra where a clash left 12 injured and in Gujarat and West Bengal some clashes were witnessed. In Delhi, a large number of people defied a police order and took out a procession in Jahangirpuri, which witnessed riots last year during Hanuman Jayanti celebrations, while stones were pelted at a march in Gujarat's Vadodara too.
In the Aurangabad city of neighbouring Maharashtra

at least 12 people, including 10 policemen, were injured after a mob of around 500 people went berserk and hurled stones and petrol-filled bottles when the personnel tried to control the situation following a clash between two groups near a Ram temple, officials said on Thursday. The incident, in which 13 vehicles were torched by the miscreants, occurred during the wee hours of Thursday in Kiradpura.

Stalin calls Opp meet on social justice on Monday

Leaders of 20 parties, including Cong,

PNS NEW DELHI

DMK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has called a meeting of Opposition parties in Chennai on Monday to discuss issues relating to social justice in the country. Leaders of around 20 parties, including the Congress, are slated to attend the meeting either in person or virtually. The meeting will discuss the topic, "Taking social justice in India forward — Social Justice, the Way Forward".

Among the speakers who have confirmed their participation include Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, RID's Tejashwi Yadav, Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav, National Conference patron Farooq Abdullah, BRS leader K Keshav Rao, CPI(M)'s Sitaram Yechury,



CPI's D Raja, AAP leader Sanjay Singh and TMC's Derek O'Brien. The NCP and Shiv Sena (UBT) are yet to confirm their participation. The BJD's Sasmit Patra and YSRCP's A Suresh are also among the likely attendees. If they do, then their parties would be attending such a meeting for the first time, sources said. However, the two parties are yet to confirm their presence to the DMK. Opposition leaders said the BJD and the YSRCP are likely to attend the meeting as it is not an out and out Opposition "political" meeting but a discussion on a social issue. The BJD's decision to participate would come close on the heels of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's meeting with Odisha

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Also, Opposition leaders said while the parties have confirmed presence, the names of and will depend on availability.
With Rahul Gandhi's dis-

qualification from the Lok Sabha coming as a blessing in disguise for the fragmented Opposition, convene a meeting of top Opposition leaders next month after some of them urged the grand old party to take the lead in strengthening unity among anti-BIP forces.

Party sources said the meeting would take forward the bonhomie displayed by several Opposition parties during the Budget Session of Parliament and it would be expanded outside too. Congress sources said the proposal for this meeting was made at the meeting of Opposition leaders convened by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge at his residence on Monday evening. NCP chief Sharad Pawar, DMK leader TR Baalu, JDU's Lallan Singh and a CPI-M leader, called upon the Congress leadership to convene a meeting of party's national presidents and top leaders to chalk out a blueprint for the 2024 general elections.

Now, H-1B visa holders' spouses can work in US

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Ifessionals, including Indians working in the US technology sector, a judge there has ruled that spouses of H-1B visa holders can work in the US.

The H-1B visa programme is designed to allow skilled foreign workers to come to the United States and work for American companies. However, until recently, H-1B spouses were not allowed to work, which often placed a significant financial burden on families.

While giving her ruling, US District Judge Tanya Chutkan dismissed a lawsuit filed by Save Jobs USA which had approached the court to dismiss the Obama-era regulation that gave employment authorisation cards to spouses of certain categories of H-1B visa holders. Save Jobs USA said it plans to appeal against the court ruling. Tech companies such as Amazon, Apple, Google, and



Microsoft had opposed the lawsuit. The US has, so far, issued nearly 1,00,000 work authorisations to spouses of H-1B visa holders, a significantly large number of whom are Indians.

In her order, Judge Chutkan said the primary contention of Save Jobs USA is that Congress has never granted the Department of Homeland Security authority to allow foreign nationals, like H-4 visaholders, to work during their stay in the United States.

But that contention runs headlong into the text of the Immigration and Nationality Act, decades of executivebranch practice and both explicit and implicit congressional ratification of that practice, she

Govt inks ₹36.4K-cr def deals with Indian firms

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

A atmanirbharta got a fillip on Thursday, with the Government inking several deals totaland armaments for the military.

The Ministry of Defence inked contracts with Indian shipyards for the acquisition of 11 next generation offshore patrol vessels and six next generation missile vessels at an overall cost of around Rs 19,600 crore, said an official press

The contract for acquisition of 11 next generation offshore patrol vessels was signed with Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, at a total cost of Rs 9,781 crore. Of the 11 ships, seven will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by GSL and four by GRSE. The delivery of the ships is scheduled to commence from September 2026.

The contract for acquisition of six next generation missile vessels was signed with Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) at a cost of Rs 9,805 crore. The delivery of ships is scheduled to commence from March 2027. The NGMVs would be heavily armed war vessels incorporating stealth, high speed and offensive capability. The primary role of the ships would be to provide offensive capability against enemy warships, merchantmen and land targets.

The indigenous manufacturing of these ves-



sels will encourage the active participation of Indian shipbuilding and associated industries, including MSMEs. With the majority of the equipment and systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers, these vessels will be a proud flag bearer of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the release said.

The Ministry also signed a Rs 8,160-crore deal with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for procurement of improved the Akash Weapon System (AWS). This is for 3rd & 4th Regiments of Army Air Defence, comprising live missiles and launchers with upgrades, ground support equipment, vehicles and infrastructure.

The Ministry also signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore, for the procurement of 13 Lynx-U2 fire control systems for the Indian Navy at a total cost of over Rs

<u>CAPSULE</u>

BANGA SET TO BE WB CHIEF UNOPPOSED

Washington: Indian-American business leader Ajay Banga is poised to become the next President of the World Bank after the nomination period closed and no country proposed an alternate candidate for the prestigious post. In February, President Joe Biden announced that the US would

be nominating Banga to lead the World Bank because he is "well equipped" to lead the global institution at "this critical moment in

history. **BABUS TOLD TO REVEAL** STOCK HOLDINGS

New Delhi: The Centre has asked IAS, IPS and IFS officers to intimate it in case the total transactions in stock, share or other investments that they hold exceed their six months' basic pay during a calendar year, according to a latest order by the personnel ministry.

PM lauds brilliance of 'The Elephant Whisperers'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Drime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday met the team associated with "The Elephant Whisperers", a documentary that became the maiden Indian production to win in the Documentary Short Subject category at the 95th Academy Awards, and noted that its cinematic brilliance has drawn global attention and acclaim.

"The Elephant Whisperers", directed by Kartiki Gonsalves and produced by Guneet Monga, explores the bond between humans and an abandoned elephant calf in a Tamil Nadu sanctuary, is India's first win in the Documentary Short category.

Modi met some of the team members who were behind the Tamil documentary, including Gonsalves and Monga.

"The cinematic brilliance and success of

'The Elephant Whisperers' has drawn global attention as well as acclaim. Today, I had the opportunity to meet the brilliant team associated with it. They have made India very proud," Modi said in a tweet and posted pic-

tures with the team and their Oscar trophies.
"The Elephant Whisperers" created history at the 95th Academy Awards by becoming the maiden Indian production to win in the Documentary Short Subject category.



Prime Minister Modi with Oscar 2023 winning short documentary film 'The Elephant Whisperers' producer Guneet Monga and director Kartiki Gonsalves, in New Delhi, on Thursday.

S'jung neurosurgeon held for extorting money from patients

The CBI on Thursday arrested a neurosurgeon of Safdarjung Hospital here and his four accomplices for allegedly compelling patients into buying surgical equipment from a particular store at exorbitant prices for granting early dates for their surgery.

The agency searched several locations in the national Capital and Uttar Pradesh and arrested the accused neurosurgeon Dr Manish Rawat in the early hours of Thursday.

Besides Rawat, the agency also apprehended four of his confidants, including Deepak Khattar, the proprietor of Kanishka Surgical, New Delhi, and middlemen Avnesh Patel, Manish Sharma, and Kuldeep.

After his arrest, Rawat underwent a medical examination at the same hospital at 7.52 AM on Thursday, the CBI said. The allegations against them relate to bribery and cor-The CBI has accused Rawat of colluding with his

accomplices to demand payment from patients for medical consultations and surgical procedures, bypassing the hospital's established protocols regarding treatment of patients.

According to information obtained by the CBI, Patel

contacted patients' relatives on behalf of Rawat and asked them to obtain the necessary surgical instruments from Khattar's shop in Jangpura to secure early appointments for

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PUBLIC NOTICE

- I. Ankur Sharma s/o Sh Trilok Chand r/o 1450/4 Kamla Nagar Kalka, tehsil Kalka district Panchkula (Haryana). In some documents my name wrongly recorded Ankur Kumar, but my actual and correct name is Ankur Sharma, Ankur Kumar and Ankur Sharma names are same one person.
- I, Rajinder Parshad Kukreti S/c Bharosha Kukreti R/o House No. 2601, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh declare that my son Som Prakash Kukreti is out of my control. I disown him from all my moveable / immoveable properties Anybody dealing with him will do so a his / her own risk and responsibility.
- I. Raipal S/o Bhartu R/o Village Bandh, Tehsil Israna, Distt. Panipat declare that my PAN Card No. AIWPP5195R, I have written my name as Rai Pal and date of birth as 05.02.1952 and my father's name as Bharat Singh which is wrong. Whereas in my other documents my correct is Raipal date of birth 05.03.1952 and father's name is
- Bhartu. Note down all relevant. I, Ekta Sharma D/o Satpal Sharma W/o Sh. Ashutosh Sharma R/o Rishi Nagar, Near Viklang Kender, Hisar declare that my brothers Vinay sharma and his wife Simran and Bhupender Sharma & his wife Jyoti, are not in my hearing. I end all relations with them. In future they will be responsible for behaviour, not me or my family.
- I, Baby w/o Sukhdev village Khedi shaheeda sub tehsil Ismailabad district Kurukshetra my son Sandeep and his Wife Neelam both Are out of My control, I, disown them from all my moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody deal with him at their own risk. That his No Right My Properties.
- I, Rani Ramesh Pawar, Spouse Of Army No. 16125784p Rank: SPR Name: Pawar Ramesh Balaji, Unit: 21 Engr Regt, C/O 56 APO And Residin At Vill- Bamani, PO- Vadepuri, Teh-Dist-Maharashtra, PIN-431606 Today Camp At Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Rani Ramesh Pawar To Pawar Rani Ramesh Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 16-03-2023.
- I Balieet Kaur W/o No 2479281A Rank Ex Hav Name Jagdish Singh presently residing at H.No 18/34, Dhangu Nagar, Pathankot Tehsil & District- Pathankot State: Punjab PIN: 145001, I have changed my name and date of birth from Baljit Kaur & DOB 20.11.1965 to Balieet Kaur & DOB 10.11.1962 vide affidavit No PB-IN85614494624183V before Executive Magistrate, Pathankot. Please correct it.
- I, Manjulata spouse of No. 250104H Rank Hav Sakaldeo Yadav resident of Village- Gauhar Nagar, Post- Sikandra, District- Jamui, State Bihar, Pin- 811315, have changed my name from Manjulata to Manjulata Kumari Vide affidavit No. BR54379448220365V dated 27 March 2023 before notary public Jamui (Bihar) I, Nilam spouse of No.2808522Y
- L/NK Pawar Amol Dattatrava resident of Village Pimpari, Post- Pimpari Tehsil District Satara Pin-415511 Maharashtra changed my name from Nilam to Nilam Amol Pawar Vide affidavit No IN-PB53923787924290U dated 20 Dec 2022 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Surekha spouse of Army No. JC-432899F Rank Nb Sub Name Varinder Singh of 18 Punjab resident of Vill Phool Piara PO- Sujanpur Teh & Distt- Pathankot Pin- 145023 have changed my name from Surekha to Surekha Devi Vide affidavit No IN-PB85687835293487V dated 30 March 2023 before notary public Pathankot.
- ਮੈਂ, ਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮੋਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ # 9 ਝੰਗੀਆਂ ਨਰੈਣਗੜ੍ਹ, ਛੱਤ (ਮੋਹਾਲੀ) ਨੇ ਅਪਣੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਚ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰ ਦਿਤਾ ਹੈ, ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ
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- ਮੈਂ, ਬਿਮਲਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਖਾਟੀ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਫਗਵਾੜਾ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਗੋਰਵ ਕਮਾਰ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ। ਉਹ ਆਪਣੇ ਨੜੇ ਨਕਸਾਨ ਦਾ

ਆਪ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। CHANGE OF NAME

- I, Sony Devi W/O No 15680718y Hav Bipin Kumar Choudhary R/O Village- Lakshmipur (South) Post- Pali Mohan, Teh Khajauli, Ps - Kaluahi, Distt-Madhubani, State - Bihar, Pin 847228, I Have Changed My Name From Sony Devi To Soni Devi In My Husband's Service Documents. That My Aadhar
- I. Bimal Rai Mahajan S/O Sh. Inderjit Gupta Resident of Sardar Patel Nagar. Teh/Distt Pathankot declare that in my Passport No. F9521658 Dated 28-08-2006 my name is Recorded As Bimal Rai Instead Bimal Rai Mahaian My correct name is Bimal Rai Mahajan for all future purpses. Concerned Please
- I Gulnaz Begam W/o Shaikh Joyed Ali R/o H.No - 2147, Sector -40C. Chandigarh have changed my name from Gulnaz to Gulnaz Begam.
- I. Ravina W/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar R/o Village Rahalli PO Baddon Tehsil Garhshankar Distt, Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Ravina to Ravina Sharma. Concerned
- I. No 14400631M Ex Nk (TA) Jaspal Singh S/o Shri Buta Singh R/o Vill. Chipra PO Garhdiwala Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Jaspal Singh
- to Jaspal Singh Sran. I. Smt. Maniit Kaur W/o No 14400631M Ex Nk (TA) Jaspal Singh Sran R/o Vill. Chipra PO Garhdiwala
- Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjit Kaur Sran. I. JC-499317H Ex Sub Gurmail
- Singh S/o Shri Jamit Singh R/o VPO Tahli Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my father from Jamid Singh to Jamit

Singh.

- I. Aniali W/o Goldy Bains R/o Village Boothgarh PO Ram Colony Camp Distt, Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Anjali to Anjali Bains after my Marriage. Concerned Note.
- Satish Sharma S/o Mange Ram R/o Telu Singh Colony, Ward-15 Gharaunda, Distt. Karnal declare that I have changed my name from Satish Kumar to Satish Sharma for all future
- I, No. 2492846Y Rank Hav, Unit 23 Punjab Name Baljit Singh s/o Balkar Singh r/o Vill Guria PO Purana Shalla Distt Gurdaspur have changed name of my son from Ridhayjot Singh to Ridhyajot Singh Randhawa due to wrong name recorded in my Army service record. Concerned note
- I. Lokesh S/O Rakesh kuma R/O Gali no.-1. New Prakash Nagar Ward No.-3 Tehsil Camp and District Panipat, Haryana-132103 Have Changed My Name From Lokesh To Lokesh Kumar
- Mahadeo Ramaii Patil (M.R. Patil) R/o #240 (Behind Diamond Public School) Street No. 9, Green Valley, Mundi Kharar, SAS Nagar. That my and my father name was wrongly mentioned in my 10th & 12th class mark sheets and Certificates as well as in Graduation certificate Dhamma Meetra but my correct name is Dhammameetra Pati and My Father name is written only in initial form as M.R. Patil but my father correct name is Mahadeo Ramaji Patil (M.R. Patil)
- I, Sushil Kumar S/o Mehar Chand R/o H. No. 3, Barak No. 15, Camp, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Sushil Malhotra.
- I. Geeta W/o Jasvinder Singh R/o Village Harnouli, PO Bherthal, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Geeta Rani.
- I, Shubham S/o Sanjeev Kumar Gupta R/o 47/22, Arey wali gali, Kath Mandi, Sonipat have changed my name from Shubham to Shubhan Gupta for all future purposes.
- I, Sumit Kannogea S/o Manohar Lal Kannogea R/o D-1, 601, Shree Vardhman Gardeniya, BM College Sector-10. Sonipat have changed my minor daughter's name from Dawnika to Dawnika Singh for all purposes.
- I Phool Kumari W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o House No. 103-104, Anand Vihar, Baltana, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Phool Kumari to Pooja Sharma after
- I Neelam W/o Satnam Singh R/o Vill. Padlu, Teh. Shahabad (M.), Distt. Kurukshetra I solemnly declare that, I have changed my name Neelam Kaur to Neelam. All Concerned please note.
- I, Arun Kumar PK S/o Krishnan KE R/o Kizhakke Eruvattikandy (House), Ayothumchal, Manathana Kannur (Kerala) have changed my name from Arun Puttuva Kandi S/o Krishnan to Arunkumar PK S/o Krishnan KE and my DOB is 05-11-
- The date of birth of my wife Amita Sharma is mentioned as 12.10.1980 in military records which is wrong, the correct date of birth is 15.11.1980. JC 342799P Subedar Brij Bhushan S/o Late Ram Kumar R/o House No. 33 Preet Colony, Jandli, Ambala City, Tehsil & District Ambala, Haryana
- I Surender Singh S/o Mehar Singh R/o 1305/2, Chota Bazar, Ambala City. I have Changed my Name from Surender Pal To Surender Singh. In future called me Surender Singh. Please note.
- I. Anshul Gakhar S/o Jagdish Parkash R/o H.No.600, Huda Sector 11 phase-1, Panipat declare that I have changed my name From Anshul to Anshul Gakhar and both are my names but in future I should be known as Anshul Gakhar.
- I Shabnam W/o Sh. Dhira Girdhar R/o H. No 74/12, Veer Bhawan Chowk, Near Ashiyana Beauty Parlou wali Gali, Panipat, have changed my name from Shabnam Chopra to Shabnam for all future purposes.
- I Surender S/o Sh. Satbir Sing R/o Vill Buana Lakhu Tehsil Israna Distt Panipat. have changed my name to Surender Kumar for all future
- I Charniit Singh S/O Jaswant Singh R/O Po Tera Kalan The Ajnala Kiampura Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Charnjit Singh Charaniit Singh
- I Manjeet Kaur W/O Joginder Singh R/O Vill Lalo Wali Po Fazilka Tehsil And Distt.Fazilka Have Changed My Name To Manjit Kaur.
- I, Tanui Mahajan Son Of Vijav Mahajan Residing At H.No.362, Green Field, Majitha Road, Amritsar-14300 Punjab Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Shyra Age 06 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shyra Mahajan.
- I, Hitherto Known As Harbhajan Kaur Wife Of Sukhpal Singh Residing At G.T Road, Daburii, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Bhajan
- I. Hitherto Known As Nirma Singh Shah Son Of Rattan Singh Residing At H.No.11, Gali No.14 Amardass Avenue, Airport Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Nirmal Singh.
- I, Hitherto Known As Sukhmeet Kaur Shah Wife Of Nirmal Singh Residing At H.No.11, Gali No.14, Amardass Avenue, Airport Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sukhmeet Kaur.
- I Hitherto Known As Bhavna Sharma Wife Of Sandeep Kalia Residing At H.No.81, Holy City Estate, Holy City, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Bhawna Kalia.
- I Hitherto Known As Vaman Kalia Daughter Of Sandeep Kalia Residing At H.No.81, Holy City Estate, Holy City, Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Vidhi Kalia. I, Hitherto Known As Manpree
- Singh Sandhu Son Of Sukhdev Singh Residing At Sarangdev, Ajnala, Amritsar, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Manpreet Singh.
- I, Hemkash Makhija S/O Amit Makhija R/O H.No.1775, Gali No.7-A, Jujhar Singh Avenue Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Hemkash Makhija To Hemaksh Makhija

- Singh Son Of Apaar Singh Residing At Vill, Shamsherpur Tehsil Batala Distt.Gurdaspur-143602 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Singh.
- I Amarjit Kaur Alias Balwindr Kaur W/O Sawinder Singh R/O Vpo Talwandi Dasaundha Singh Disti Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Amarjit Kaur Alias Balwinder Kaur To Balwinder Kaur
- I. Hitherto Known As Guneet aur Arora Wife Of Sandeep Singh Residing At H.N.13, Qunees Road Amritsar, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Guneet Kaur.

I. Hitherto Known As Gurdin

Singh Jhand Son Of Bhajan Singh Residing At Village Taragarh, District Punjab Have Changed My Amritsar Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gurdeep Singh. I, Hitherto Known As Mamta Ran Wife Of Rakesh Kumar Residing At

490 Mohalla Shekhupura, Jandiala

Guru, District Amritsar, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mamta I, Hitherto Known As Ravinder Singh Gill Son Of Rayel Singh Residing At H.No.256, Talwand Dasaundha Singh, Amritsar-143502 Punjab Have Changed My Name And

Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ravinder

- Singh. I, Hitherto Known As Akshay Son Of Rajinder Kumar Residing At Wr 232, Vadde Gurdware Wali Gali, Basti Danishmanda Jalandhar-144022 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Akshay Kumar Sarangal.
- I. Seema Rani W/O Arun Bhandari R/O H.No.36, Gali No.1, Gopal Nagar Majitha Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Seema Rani To Seema Bhandari.
- I Kaur Jasleen D/O Ranjit Singh Resident Of H.No. 59/5, Kt. Dal Singh, Bazar Pethe Wala, Amritsar Has Changed My Name From Jasleen
- I, Rajinder Kumar s/o Mehai Singh r/o Kala Manj Colony Mukerian Tehsil Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name Rajinder Kumar to Vijender Kumar
- I, Priyanshu S/o Sh. Dinesh Kumar R/o Vill. Bhaini Khurd Tehsil Nilokhedi District Karnal, have changed name from Priyanshu to Priyanshu Samdhyan for all future purposes. I. Malkeet Singh S/o Sukhdev
- Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have anged my name from Malkeet Singh to Malkeet Singh Gill. I, Nishi Bala W/o Sh. Vineet Gandhi R/o 283, F-Block, Sirsa, Distt Sirsa. (Haryana). That I have changed

my name from Nishi Bala to Nisha

andhi, in future my name is to be

Singh R/o VPO Bhura Karimpura

- called as Nisha Gandhi. I, Kulwant Singh S/o Late Sh Balwinder Singh R/o H.No. 13/723, Old Police Post Street, Ward No. 8, Gobind Nagar, Khairpur, Sirsa (Haryana) declare that My deceased father changed of his name from Balvinde Singh to Balwinder Singh in his life
- I Sukhdev Arora S/O Pishori Lal R/O Hno. 400, Ward No.7 Assandt Distt Karnal I Have Changed My Name
- I Rajnish Singh S/O Gurbachan Singh R/O Hno. 53, Sonia Colon Ambala City I Have Changed My Name Rajnesh Singh
- I Pawan Chaudhary S/o Mangal Ram R/o 779. Sec-9 Ambala City have changed my name from Pawan Kumar to Pawan Chaudhary.
- I Savita Chaudhary W/o Pawar Chaudhary R/o 779, Sec-9 Ambal City have Changed my name from Savita to Savita Chaudhary.
- I Lalit Mohan Sharma S/o Krishan Lal Sharma R/o Village Nasirpur Hissar Road Ambala City Have changed my name from Lalit
- I Sunil Kohli S/o Late Kasturi Lal R/o H.No-592, Housing Board Colony Baldev Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Sunil Kumar Kohli S/o Late Kasturi Lal Kohli to Sunil Kohli S/o Late Kasturi Lal.
- I Kuldip Singh S/o Kunan Singh resident of VPO Balbawa Tehsi Ajnala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab, have changed my name from Kuldin Singh to Kuldeep Singh. Concerned please note.
- I, Sharad Father of No 14938131F Rank HAV (SKT) Name Bidwe Jitesh Sharad R/o Vill. Nimbale PO Raipur, Tehsil Chandwad, Distt Nashik (Maharashtra) Pin 423104 hereby change my name and Date of birth in army record from Sharad (DOB 18/03/1960) to Bidwe Sharad Shankar (DOB 05/08/1951) vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court.
- I. Mira Bai Mother of No. 14938131F Rank HAV (SKT) Name Bidwe Jitesh Sharad R/o Vill. Nimbale PO Raipur, Tehsil Chandwad, Disti Nashik (Maharashtra) Pin 423104 hereby change my name and Date of birth in army record from Mira Ba (DOB 18/03/1964)to Bidwe Miraba Sharad (DOB 05/07/1958) vide dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court.
- I, No. 17005497L Rank NK Name Bijay Kr Singh R/o Vill. Gulzarbag, PO & Tehsil Madhepura Distt. Madhepura (Bihar) Pin 852113 hereby change my name in army record from Bijay Kr Singh to Bijay Kumar Singh vide affidavit dated 30 03-2023 before Hisar Court.
- I, Priyanka Sarkar W/o No. 14933963Y Rank NK Name Shyamal MahalderR/o Vill. Ramnagar Char Road, PO Santipur, Distt. Nadia (W.B.) Pin 741404 hereby change my name n army record from Priyanka Sarkar to Privanka Mahalder vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court.
- I, Manju W/o No. 3204245A Rank HAV Name Arvind Kumar R/c VPO Ragha Choti, Tehsil Churu, Distt Churu (Rajasthan) Pin 331023 hereby change my name in army record from Manju to Manju Kumari vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court
- I. Pramina Devi W/o No. JC 493103W Rank NB SUB Name Jogender Singh R/o VIII. Kiskanda PO Chandwas, Tehsil Badra, Distt Bhiwani (Haryana) Pin 127308 hereby change my name in army record from Pramina Devi to Pramina vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court.

- I. No. 15493048Y Rank DFR Name Ram Singh Bhadoriya R/o VPO Bhawan Pura, Tehsil & Distt, Bhind (M.P.) Pin 477566 hereby change the name of my son in army record from Ansh Bhadouria to Ansh Bhadoriya vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court. The Date of birth of son is 25/11/2012
- I, Kabita Sehty W/o No. 15478386X Rank DFR Name Mahendra Kumar Sethy R/o VPO Dura, Tehsil Brahmapur, Distt, Ganiam (Odisha) Pin 760010 hereby change my name in army record from Kabita Sehty to Kabita Sethy vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court.
- I, Kushboo Nandy W/o No. 6494348K Rank NK Name Abhijit Nandy R/o Vill, Nabagram, PO Rahimpur, Distt. Hooghly (W.B.) Pin 712408 hereby change my name in army record from Kushboo Nandy to Khushboo Nandy vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court.
- I, Anjana W/o No. 14937307P Rank NK Name Parveen Kumar R/o VPO Tikkar Khatrian, Tehsil Tauni Devi, Distt. Hamirpur (H.P.) Pin 177025 hereby change my name in army record from Anjana to Anjna Kumari vide affidavit dated 30-03-2023 before Hisar Court.
- I, Shobhit S/o Subhash R/o Umra (137), Hisar (Haryana) have changed my name to Shobhit Malik for all future purposes.

I, Rakesh S/o Tara Chand, R/o

Vill. Durjan Pur, Adampur, Distt. Hisar

(Haryana) have changed my name

- from Rakesh Kumar to Rakesh for all future purposes. I, Rambhaj S/o Mahinder Singh R/o VPO Lakhan Majra, Near Unchi Choupal, Tehsil Meham, Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) hereby changed my name
- from Rambhaj Rathi to Rambhaj for all future purposes. I, Sukhpal s/o Sham Lal r/o Vill Fateh Nangal (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Sukhpal Masih.
- Concerned note. I, Veerpal Surname Kori S/o Jagdish Kumar Vill Hamira Farm, Po Siana Saidan, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Veerpal.
- I, Sagar S/o Sher Singh Vill Pabnawa, Tehsil Dhand, Kaithal Have Changed My Name Sagar Kumar.
- I, Ravinder Kaur w/o Bhajan Singh Vill Ramnagar Bhuna, Guhla, Kaithal Have Changed My Name Harwinder kaur. I, Mastan Singh S/o Joginder
- SinghVill Pharal, Kaithal have Changed My minor daughter Name from Navdeep Kaur Hanjra to Navdeep Kaur. I. Kiran W/o Krishan Lal S/o Arjun Dass R/o Sahida Mohalla, Ward No 02. Pundri. District Kaithal

(Haryana) declare that I have changed

my name from Kiran Bala to Kiran. In

- future, I will be known by the name of Kiran. All concerned please note I, Harjot Singh S/o Beant Singh R/o H.No.7, PO Khalsa College Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar Amritsar have inged my name from Harjot Singh
- to Harjot Singh Nibber. I Indresh S/O Paras Ram, R/O H.No- 144, Vill- Rally Sector- 12 Panchkula Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Indresh To Indresh
- I Sonia Rani W/O Sunil Kumar R/O Aman Colony Thandewala Road, Chack Bir Sarkar , Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Sonia Maluja
- I Virender Singh S/O Hawa Singh R/O V.P.O. Khatkar Teh. Uchana Distt. Jind Haryana Have Declare That My Name Changed Virender To Virender Singh In Future All Purposes.
- I Amritpal Singh S/O Jaspal Singh R/O B2-906 Mohala Nanaksar Gali Dr Jaspal Singh Wali I Have Changed My Name As Amritpal And
- I Swaran Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Vill Budhi Meri Tehsil Ellenabad Distt Sirsa, Harvana, Have Changed My Name Swaran Sing Sekhon To Swarn Singh. Concerned
- I, Sushil Saini, S/O Gurmeet Singh, R/O # 382 Village Ramgarh District Panchkula, Have Changed My Name To Sushil Kumar Saini
- I Ravi S/O Sunil R/O Village Baroda Thuthan Tehsil Gohana Distt Sonipat Have Changed My Name Ravi To Ravi Khasa.
- I Rajinder Kour Tulla D/O Harnam Singh R/O House No- 6059 Duplex Mhc Manimaira Chandigarh. Have Changed My Name From
- Rajinder Kour Tulla To Rajinder Kaur. I Sarabjit Kaur W/O Jaspal Singh R/O Near Gas Agency Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Have Change My Name Sarabiit Kaur To Saraviit Kaur
- I, Naveen Bansal (DOB 19-01-1973) S/o Sheetal Parsad R/o 115 ward no. 19, Model town, Fateha Tehsil & Distt. Fatehabad declare that according to my Secondary Certificate my name is Navin Bansal that is wrong. According to my Aadhar Card, PAN card my correct Name is Naveen Bansal, Now, I want to change my name Navin Bansal to my new Name Naveen Bansal for future purposes.Both Names belongs to
- I. Udavini Kochhar D/o Ranvir Kochhar R/o H. No. 230/6, Acme Heights-2, Sector-117, Greater Mohali, Chhaju Majra, District S.A.S Nagar Puniab, have changed my son's name from Chinmay Arora to Zian Kochhar.
- I. Harbans Kaur D/o Charan Singh W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Village Sampla, Tehsil Bassi Pathana. District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, have changed my name from Harbans Kaul I. Sarbiit Singh s/o Ram Murti
- have changed my name from Sarabjit Singh to Sarbjit Singh. All concerned I. Sarwan Singh s/o Didar Singh r/o H. No. EG-1083, Moh. Gobind Garh. Jalandhar declare that in school record of my son, his name written

wrong i.e. Jaskaran Singh Kler instead

r/o Near Sugar Mill, Staff Colony,

Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab

of Jaskaran Singh Klair. I. Sheetal Kaur Klair w/o Sarwar Singh r/o EG-1083 Moh. Gobind Garh, Jalandhar declare that in my son Jaskaran Singh Klair School Record, my name written wrong i.e. Sheetal Kaur Kler instead of Sheetal Kaur Klair.

- I. Kulwinder Kaur W/o Ajav Kumar R/o Vill. Chohak Kalan, Po. Ladhewali, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my son's name from Harpreet to Harpreet Kumar, as given name Harpreet and Kumar as Surname.
- I. Savita Chauhan d/o Chaman Lal r/o WG-367, Niwan Suraj Ganj, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Savita Chauhan to Aprana Uppal with immediate effect. W.E.F. 12/4/1998

I, Sarabjit Kaur D/o Mohinder

- Singh R/o H.No. 8588/1, St no. 9, Guru Angad Colony, Back Side A.T.I College. Ludhiana have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur Virdi. I, hitherto known as Shubham
- Kumar S/o Balvir Singh R/o Jhangi Mahi Sah, Po. Tanda Ram Sahai, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kumar I, Simaran Kaur W/o Karnai

Singh R/o Village Bhagwanpur, PO.

Sheikhupur, Distt. Kapurthala-144620.

Punjab have changed my name from

- Simaran Kaur to Simarjit Kaur. I, Mohinder Singh Bajwa S/o Jagir Singh Bajwa R/o H.No. 146, Navjyoti Colony, Near Chak Jinda, Jalandhar-144008, Punjab have changed my name from Mohinder
- Singh Bajwa to Mohinder Singh I, Manpreet Kaur D/o Davinder Singh R/o Village Golra, Po & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur-144211, Punjab have changed my name from Manpreet Kaur to Kaur Manpreet.
- Singh R/o Village Golra, Po & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur-144211, Punjab have changed my minor son name from Harshdeep Singh to Singh Harshdeep. I, Priyanka W/o Baljinder Singh

I. Kulwant Kaur W/o Davinder

- R/o H.No. 613, Basti Peer Dad, Jalandhar-144021. Puniab have changed my name from Priyanka to Priyanka Kaur. I, Pooja D/o Lakhbir Singh R/o
- H.No. 159-160. New Geeta Colony Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar-144002 Puniab have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Sharma I, Charanjeet Singh S/o Mela Singh R/o VPO. Athaula, Distt. Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have
- changed my name from Charanjeet Singh to Charan Singh. I Manisha W/o No. JC 523459F Rank Nb Sub. Rakesh Kumar R/o V Habibour PO Bianour Teh Dinanagar Distt. Gurdaspur declared that, I have
- Manisha Rani. My DOB is 16/8/1985 I, Kavita Rani w/o Bharat Bhushan r/o Babain, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Kavita to Kavita Rani

I, hitherto known as Sukhveen

changed my name from Manisha to

- Kaur wife of Gurpreet Singh r/o Village Warring Tehsil and District Sri Muktsar Sahib-152025 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sukhbeer Kaur. I, hitherto known as Gurprit Singh son of Gurcharan Singh r/o Village Warring Tehsil and District Sri Muktsar
- Sahib-152025 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurpreet Singh. I Harpreet Kaur W/O Ravinderpal Singh R/O Village Khaira Sultan Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak Distt. Gurdaspur 143605 Declare That Kaur

Is My Surname And Harpreet Is My

Given Name.

- I Vinod Kumar S/O Sohan Lal R/O H.No.2828/20 Gali Mai Jatton Chowk Moni Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Vinod Mehra To Vinod Kumar.
- I Shikha W/O Ajay Mehra R/O H.No.2828/20 Gali Mai Jatton Chowk Moni Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Shikha Kashyap

L Jasvinderpal Kaur Sidhu Alias

Jasvinder Kaur W/O Inderjit Singh

Shergill R/O 22, Gopal Nagar Street

- No.2, Majitha Road Amritsar 143001 Punjab India Have Changed My Name I Balvir Singh S/O Ajit Singh R/O Village Fattowal Post Office Bulhowal
- Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That Balvir Singh And Balbir Singh One And The Same Person. I Channi Ram Chohan S/O Mohan Lal R/O Village Humbran Tehsil

Dasuva District Hoshiarpur Puniab

- Have Changed My Name From Channi Ram To Channi Ram Chohan. I Ratish Gupta S/O Kishori Lal Gupta R/O Saffron Colony, Khothran Road, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Ratish
- Gupta To Ratesh Gupta. I, Sri Ram S/O Darshan Ram R/O H.No.1095, Akalpur Road, Mohalla Ravidasspura, Phillaur District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Sri Ram To Shri Ram.
- R/O Street No.3, Mohalla Santokhpura, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name Inder Jit To Inder Jit Mahey I Rimpy D/O Roshan Lal R/O

I, Inder Jit S/O Mohinder Paul

- Village Karimpur Chahwala Tehsil Balachaur District S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name From Rimpy To I Paramjit Kaur Maninder Singh Lubana C/O Maninder Singh Gurmel Singh Lubana R/O H.No.138 Sahibzada Jujhar Singh Avenue Ajnala Road Phase-2, Amritsar Punjab
- 143001 Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur. I Disbir Singh Hans S/O Nek Singh R/O Vpo. Dholan Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Disbir Singh.
- I Vishavpreet Kaur W/O Sukhdeep Singh Sandhu R/O Gandhi Basti, Kotkapura (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Vishavpree Kaur Sandhu.
- Jaswinder Singh R/O Kasmira Wala Muhala, Kotkapura (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Karamjit Kaur. I Taniya D/O Rakesh Kumar R/O age Abadi G.T. Road Gohawar,

I Karamjeet Kaur W/O

Changed My Name To Taniya Bhatoay. I Gurveer Kaur D/o Gurnath Singh Vill Jangiana Tehsil Tapa, Distt. Barnala have changed my name Gurveer Kaur Gill.

P.O.Gohawar Distt. Jalandhar Have

I, Amariit Kaur alias Rupinder W/o Late: Jorawar Singh R/o W.No. 12 Makhu Road Zira Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) changed my name to Amarjit Kaur Sran.

- I. Shinder Pal S/O Pritu Ran R/O Village Alipur Sundal Tehsil Amlo (Fatehgarh Sahib) Changed My Name
- I, Aethpail Khan S/O Roop Khai R/O Ranjit Nagar, M.K. Road, Stree No-3, Near Ranjit Volley Ball Club Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed My
- Name To Aethpail. I, Surjit Singh S/o Mukhtia Singh R/o Ghor Mohalla Jhatra Road Zira (Ferozepur) changed my name to Surjeet Singh.
- I, Priya W/o Gurpreet Jakhu R/o Vill: Ladhran Teh-Nakodar (Jalandhai Punjab, India, changed my name from Priya to Priya Jakhu aftar marriage. I, Gurpreet S/o Sukhdev Lal R/o

Vill: Ladhran Teh-Nakodar (Jalandha

Puniab, India, changed my name from

- Gurpreet to Gurpreet Jakhu I, Mandeep Singh S/o Gurde Singh R/o Vill-Budhimal, Po. Bariwala Teh-Muktsar Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab-152025, have changed m name Mandeep Singh to Mandee
- Singh Sandhu. I Anuradha D/o Lal Singh W/ Vinod Kumar Maini R/o Maini Road Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Anuradha Maini.
- I Satpal Singh alias Jaspal Singl S/o Joginder Singh R/o Village Said Kheri Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala, Punjab have changed my name to Jaspal Singh.
- 1 Simran Joshan W/o Dilba Joshan R/o Village Bhunerheri PO Bhunerheri, Patiala, Punjab have changed my name to Prabhjot Kaur. I Chaman Lal Bansal S/o Narata
- Ram R/o House No. 413, Harinder Nagar, Patiala, Punjab have changed my name to Chaman Lal. I Gurjant Singh Mal Sukhwant Singh R/o H.No. 412, St. No. 14, Byepass, Aman Nagar, Patiala

(Puniab) have changed my name to

Gurjant Singh. I Gurjeet Singh alias Gurjit Singl S/o Rawail Singh R/o #21 Harinde Grewal Enclave Sular Patiala have declare both names are mine & sar

person.

Basti Bhai Ki, Dastul Sahib Wala, SBS Engg College , Ferozepur, hav changed my name to Zail Singh. Llashir Kaur W/o Amrik Singl R/o Basti Bhai Ki. Dastul Sahib Wala

I Jail Singh S/o Joga Singh R/

changed my name to Jasvir Kaur. I. Guriant Singh Sandhu S/c Harbans Singh R/o Village Bhutiwala Tehsil Zira District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Gurjant Singh.

SBS Engg College, Ferozepur, hav

- I, Avtar Singh Alias Tar Sing S/O Jagga Singh R/O Village Phide PO. Kot Karor Kalan Distt. Ferozepu Have Changed My Name Only As Avtar Singh.
- Kumar R/O 3783 Ward No 14 Mohalla Kacha Kila Raikot District Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Neelan Rani I, Ravinder S/O. Satish Kuma

R/O. Jaitu (Dist. Faridkot) have

changed my name Ravinder

I Neelam Kumari W/O Sania

Ravinder Kumar I, Manju D/o Sh. Narayan Verm Resident of House no 17, Tehsil Camp Krishan Nagar, Panipat-132103 ha changed my name from Manju to

Manju Verma in future for all purposes

I, Maninderjeet Kaur W/O

Amardeep Singh R/O Sandhwan Kalan, Po- Ladha Munda Pin Code 143514, District Gurdaspur Punjab (India). Have Changed My Name Maninderjeet Kaur Is Wrong. But My Name Maninderiit Kaur Is Vide Affidavit Correct. Pb82469091797657v Dated

21-03-2023 Before Notary Publi

- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. I, Surendri Devi Mother Of Je 572476l Nb/Sub Vikrant Chaudry R/C Vill- Derveshpur, Po- Bohich, Distt Buland Shahr State- (Up) Pin-202395 My Son Is Army Soilder His Record My Name Surandrya Devi Is Wrongly Entered But My Correct Nan Surendri Devi As Per Civil Documents Surandrya Devi And Surendri Devi Is Same Person . So Adds My Correct Name My Son Army Service Record Affidavit
- Pb85486748501124v Date 30-03 I, Army No.Jc-571488n Su Jiwan Singh R/O Vpo- Gera Teh Mukerian Distt-Hoshiarour (Puniah) Am Army Soilder My Army Service Record My Son Name Jaskarn Singh Wrongly Entered But My Son Correct Name Jaskaran Singh As Per Civil Documents. Jaskam Singh And Jaskaran Singh Is Same Person, So Adds Correct Name My Army Service
- 85485812495604v Date 30-03-2023. I Smt Surinder Kaur Wife Of No 1475139-H, Ex, Hav, Kulwinder Singh R/O Vpo Ghot Poker Tehsil And Dist Gurdaspur State Punjab Have Changed My Name From Surendar Kaur To Surinder Kaur.

Record. Vide Affidavit No.In Pt

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the public that sale de No. 3878 dated 27-1-2016 executed by Veena Ra nfavour of Rajiu Kumar and sale deed No. 3758 dated 3-1-2020 executed by Raju Kumar infavour of ljinder singh regarding property situated iktsar-2 are informed to have not been mortgage with any bank and the same have been misplace The DDR No LR N 326513/2023 dt 20-3-2023 ha en entered in this regarding in Polico Station Chyldsar. The above said property is being equitable indigage with Bank of Bandat. If any body has any jection regarding the mortgaging of the same may spond within 15 days to the undersigned. After priny of the stipulated period of 15 days, no claim all be entertained.

Subhash Bhatia Advocate, Chamber No. 60 Distt Courts Muktsar, Mobile No. 98550-8343 LOST NOTICE

I Jogender Singh Deshwal S/O Balbir Singh R/O Village Mahawati Teh Samalika Distt Panipat Declared Lost My Client Sale Deed Vasika No.1575 Dated 27.9.1966 Which Is Registered In The Office S.R Sonipat And Lost Al Kakroi Road Sonipat And Lost Date 1.8.2022 If Some One Found Piz Contact My Address

LOST & FOUND I Nisha Jain W/o Sh. Naveen Kumar Jain, R/o

T-14, Street No. 7, Gautampuri, Delhi Declared that Original Conveyance Deed No. 2034, Dt. 09.08.05, S.R. Panipat belongs to my property. Original Document has been lost on 04.03.2019 at 2:00 pm at Near Bus Stand G.T. Road, Panipat. If any person found please inform us on this no. 98103-89595

- DEPONENT

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Bala Devi W/o Sh. Satish Kumar in respect Part of beaning Khewat no. 1087, Khatoni no. 1273, Khasra no. 214/8/f (2-4), measuring 0K-3.6M (1/10 sq. yars), K/re 1, 1/1/2 share 0 ZK-4M), Stutated at New Bharat Nagar (Palawas) Bhiwani Tehsil and District. 10 sq. yards) (Kite 1, 1/12 share of 26.4m), situated w Bharat Nagar (Palawas) Bhiwani Tehsil and Distri iwani as per sale deed no. 15115 dated 25.02.2020 where in Bhrwani, A DDR no. 132230212300539 at any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit on the sa erty. If anybody found and any concern with in the no. 8295949981 # 1591, SECTOR 16-17, HISAF

WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION Lost & Found

We. Sathir and Balbir S/o Hukam Chand R/o Village : Mahavati, Tehsil Samalkha, District : Panipat, State : Haryana Pin: 132102, Declare Tha Transfer Deed or Registry no.1647 dated 08/08/2014 has recently gone missing from us in March 2023. We have registered FIR 132340712300481 on date 29/03/2023 in police station amalkha If Anyone Finds The above mention missing document lease Send this at Above

Mentioned Address.

कारपालय संस्करपालयार अरावा शास्त्र स्म पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन-साथारण को स्मित्त किया जाता है कि राज कुमार निवासी म.न. 36. यू दशमेश नगर, जहाँत रोड, सुलतानपुर, बलदेव नगर, अंबाला रहर से मृतक स्व. हिर कृष्ण के कानुनी वारिस की रिपोर्ट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्राप्त के स्वलंग हरूकनामी व हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्राप्त कर स्वलंग हरूकनामी व रिपोर्ट नगरपार्यंद, नम्बददार, अश्रीक्षक नगर निगम अंबाला व हरूका पटवारी अनुसार स्व. हिर कृष्ण के निम्नलिखित कानुनी वारिस है. 7. कान्तो देवी -पत्नी 2. राज कुमार -पत्र 3. राजेश कमार -पत्र 4. स्वीव कमार मॉर -पुत्र ३. राजेश कुमार -पुत्र ४. संजी पुत्र 5. विनोट कमार -पुत्र ४. संजी ा ५. विनाद कुमार -पुत्र ६. पुजा इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई वह तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय पब्लिकशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर-2 आपत्ति द करवा सकता है। कहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर

कार्यालय तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर

सार्व साधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक को कर शास्त्रा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकार्ड में नहें प्रोपटी आईएडी० नं॰ 1HFPJBKO, 1HUN8RK4 पुपनी प्रोपटी आई०डी० नं॰ 1HFPJBKO, 1HUN8RK4 पुपनी प्रोपटी आई०डी० नं० 136CT53U989, 136CT35U1007 बाई नं, /यता गांधी नगर श्रीमति बिसत्ता देवी के नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इस आई०डी० नं० में प्राची जिसका नाम श्रीमति रीटा के द्वारा वसीयत/बारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते है, यदि किसी भी जनसाहारण को इनके नाम तबदील कर ने में कोई भी आपति है वो 30 दिन अन्दर अन्दर नगर निगम कार्योल्य में अपनी आपति इर्ज करवाने, अन्यचा प्रोपटी टेक्स में उतन्ते नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम कार्याल्य के इनके नाम तबदील नर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम तकरहान अधिकारी न स्नम्म ते हरका क्षेत्रीय करायान अधिकारी, नत्रर नित्रम, रोहतक

सर्व साधारण को सचित किया जाता है कि नगर नेगम, रोहतक की कर शाखा क सम्पापनर के रेकार्ड में प्रोपर्टी आई.डी. नं. 1HPKQMY2 तक की कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिकर के वार्ड नं. श्री बिना नाम के दर्ज है. अब नग निगम के रिकार्ड में इस आई.डी. नं. में प्रार्थी नका नाम राजरानी, पुष्पलता, सर्जय कुमार, जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर न्यथा यह मलकियत उनके नाम तबदील कर जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक वेई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। 西: MCR/ZTO/528 花園西: 29/03/2023 क्षेत्रीय करायान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

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जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। 版: MCR/ZTO/526 発制数: 29/03/2023 क्षेत्रीय कतयान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

यह मलिकयत उनके नाम तबदील कर दी

Public Notice It is informed to General Public that Sh. Ja. Bhagwan, Shree Bhagwan, Sh. Rohtash Sh. Ranbir lost their Release Deed No 2695, dated 09-09-2009 in favour of Sh. Ja Bhagwan, Shree Bhagwan, Sh. Rohtash Sh. Ranbir for Property i.e. Part of bearing Khewat No. 124 Khata No. 147, 148, 149 Killa No. 23//13 min, 14, 17, measuring 1 K, Situated at Village Bhaswan Khurd Tehsil Gohana, Distt. Sonipat. If any person has objection then file replies along with proof of ownership within 15 days before the undersigned. After lapsation of stipulated period no claim will be accepted

regarding the above said property. # 19-20, IInd Floor, R.D. City Centre Red Cross Market Rly Road Hisar

Office and Court Tehsildar / Sub Registrar Kalka

Public Notice Regarding registering a posthumous will unde section (40) of the Registration Act, 1908. Hansraj, Deshraj, Rajender Kumar, sons of Ram Swaroop, and the general public is informed that Hansraj son of Ram Swaroop upon the death of his uncle (chacha) late Sh Sarban, son of late Sh Chajhu, R/o Tagra Hakimpur Tehsil Kalka has presented a Wil If any particular person or general public has any objection to the Will, it should be ntimated within 30 days of issuing this notice. After expiry of this 30 day duration the Will will come in existence and no application or objection whatsoever will be entertained thereafter. This public notice has en issued on 27/03/2023 by my office

Sub-Registrar Kalka

विषयः मराजो उपरान्त वसीयत पंजीकृत करने बारे।

अदालती सूचना न्यायालय श्रीमति सुदेश मेहरा, सब रजिस्ट्रार एव तहसीलदार कैयल (हरियाणा)।

प्राथीया काजल गर्ग विधवा दिनेश गर्ग पुत्र दीव मकरन न० ४१८, सैक्टर- २०, हुडडा, कैयल ने मेरे न्यायालय में एक दरखास्त के साथ वसीयतनामा दिनाक 25 94 2018 प्रस्तुत किया जो कि भी अमित सुदर्शन वकील एव नोटरी जिल अदालत कैयल दार। सत्यापित है और उस पर बतौर गवाहान सर्व श्री ईश्वर चन्द जैन व जगदीप सिंह दुल वकील के हस्ताश्वर र को वजीकृत किये जाने का अनुरोध किया है। वसीयत अनुसार मृत्यु उपरान्त तमाम वल अवल समाति का वारिस अपनी वर्ष काजल नर्न को बनाया गया है। अतः इस ईश्तहार के जरिये तमाम आमजन व रिश्तेदारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस वसीयतनामा के वजीकत खेने वर इन्हें कोई एतराज है तो वह इसके प्रकाशन होने उपशन्त एक मास के अन्दर-2 अपन एतराम प्रस्तुत कर सकता है। गुजर माने भ्याद कोई एतराम गा स्ता जाएगा और वसीयतनामा को नियमानुसार पजीकृत कर रिया जाएगा। आज दिनाक २४ ०३ २३ को मोहर न्यायांतय व मेरे हस्ताखर द्वारा जारी किया गया है। सब रजिस्यर एवं तहसीलवर कैराल।

LOST NOTICE

Hoshiarpur inform that a sale deed having document 2019/20/165/1/1300 registered or dated 19-03-2020 in my name has een lost, which has been reported to PSOC Haijour, Hoshiarour on dated 27-03-2023 vide LR No. 328329/2023

Surinder Singh S/o Satnam Singh

R/o Vpo. Bohran Sanyal Disti

If anyone find it pl contact to my Adv Sumeet Sharma & Associates Garha Road, Opp All India Radio Jalandhar 9814516349.

Subject: Regarding Transfer of lease hold rights Respect COMMERCIAL SCO 378.SECTOR 37, Chandigarh to the extent of 25.00% share on the basis of Sale Deed gistered at Sr.No 4932 ,Book No. 1,Vol.No Page No._dated 15/11/2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Sh. Sanyam Garg, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer (Excercising the powers of the Estate Officer) U.T., Chandigarh.

t is notified for the information of genera public and all concerned that as per record o this office Sh./Smt. ARUN KUMAR (MINOR) is

25.00% share. It has been informed by Sh./Smt. RAJVIR KAUR Through GPA/SPA PANKAJ KUMAR BUDHIRAJA that Sh./Smt. ARUN KUMAR BUDHIRAJA that Sh./Smt. ARUN KUMAR BUDHIRAJA owner of above said property to the extent of 25.00 % share in favour of RAJVIR KAUR Through GPA/SPA PANKAJ KUMAR BUDHIRAJA on 15/11/2018 and same has been registered at Sr. No 4932 Book No. 1 Vol Me. Been No. 4steed

KAUR Through GPA/SPA PANKAJ KUMAR BUDHIRAJA has/have applied for the transfer of 25.00 % share of above said property in his/her/their favour on the basis of Sale Deed Dated 15/11/2018 Dated 15/11/2018
If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary)in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Sanyam Garg, HCS, Ascietate Setzies MCS.

Sanyam Garg, HCS Assistant Estate Officer **Exercising the powers of Estate Officer**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Amandeep Singh s/o Surjit Singh R/O H.NO. 6035, Sector 125, Sunny Enclave, Kharar, SAS Nagar (Punjab) hereby affirm and declare that my date of Birth is 6th November 1987, Birth Place: Chandigarh, as per my Matriculation Certificate, issued by CBSE, Passport and Aadhar Card.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Concerned please Note.

I, Seema Rani Wio Sh. Har Narayan S/o Sh. Hakam Chand R/o Village Firozabad Tehsil Rania, District Sirsa declare that my name is Seema Rani registered in my Aadhaar Card, Voter Card, PAN Card and Passport but my son Ashish Thind's class 10th my name Seema has been entered in the certificate which is wrong. Now in the class 10th which is wrong. Now in the class 10th certificate of my son Ashish Thind, my name should be registered as Seema Rani which should be registered is correct and correct. PUBLIC NOTICE Sunita Devi W/o Suraimal R/o Nehla. Sub-Tehsil Bhuna Distt, Fatehabad

declares that my registry no. 813 dated

31.01.1991 of Bhuna Araii has been

lost on dated 25.12.2022 somewhere

at Hisar Road Bhuna. If anyone find

please inform me on my mobile

number 9896468619. DEPONENT Public Notice

I. Kavita W/o Sh. Vinod Kumar R/o Village Baandh, Tehsil Israna, District Panipat declare that my plot Khewat no. 251, Khatauni no. 286 Mustil no. 124 Fort no. 13/6 (6-14), 17/2 (8-6), Kite - 2 Area Number of 15 Kanal 11/1350 Part Bakdar Area 2 Marla 4 Sarsai Registered Vasika no. is 855. Whose registry has been lost on date 16.01.2023, somewhere from me. Whose missing I lodged police FIR no. 132340152300236 has been registered. I have not mortgaged this registry to any bank or institution. If I get this registry again, I will not misuse it and will get it deposited in the get this registry again, I will not misuse t and will get it deposited in the

Deponent कार्यालय तहत्सीलदार, अंवाला सहस् इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन-साधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि गोपाल दुआ निवासी म.न्. 570/3 नजदीक हरि मन्दिर, अंबाला शहर से मृतक स्व. रणजीत लाल के कानूनी वारिस की पोर्ट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलंग्न हुल्फनामी व रिपोर्ट नगर पार्षद व अधीक्षक नगर नगम अंबाला अनसार मतक स्व. रणजीत लाल के निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस है:-1. गोपाल दुआ-पुत्र 2 . विजय चोपड़ा - पुत्री । यदि इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह तहसीलदार,

दिन के अन्दर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकता है । इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन-साधारण क इस पब्लक नाटस के माकत जन-सावारण के सूचित किया जाता है कि बलजीत कौर निवार देवी नगर , काकरू जिला अंबाला से मृतक स्व् पवन कुमार के कानूनी वास्सि की रिपोर्ट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है पार्थी के पार्थना पत्र व मलंग्न हल्फनामों व रिपोर्ट प्राथा के प्राथन पत्र व सलग हल्फनाया व रिपाट नगर पार्यद व अधीक्षक नगर निगम अंबाला अनुसार मृतक स्व. पवन कुमार के निम्नलिखत कानृनो वारिस है:-1. बलजीत कौर -पत्री 2. युवराज सिंह -पुत्र 3. अभिषेक-पुत्र 4. निक्को देवी -माता । यदि इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपिता है तो वह तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिकेशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर-2

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आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकता है ।

JAGDISH KAUR W/O BACHITTAR SINGH RESIDENT OF GURU ARJAN DEV TARAN TARAN WANT TO DECLARE REGARDING MY HOUSE OF AREA 176.33 SQ YD AT GURU ARJAN DEV NAGAR, TARAN TARAN, MY OLD SALE DEED NO 4470 DATED 09/02/2004 IS LOST AT DISTT. COURT AMRITSAR THIS DEED IS NOT MORTGAGED ANY WHERE. WHOSOEVER FIND IT KINDLY CONTACT ME AT 9914211488. सार्वजनिक स्वना

में अजय कुपार पुत्र स्व. औ प्रशोतम लाल निवासी म.न. 2143, संकटर-9 अब्बेन एस्टट, अबाला शहर से स्वित करता हूँ कि मेरिपता प्रशातम लाल निवासी शहर से स्वित करता हूँ कि मेरिपता प्रशातम लाल की मृत्यू 1994 को हा चुकी है अपने माता पिता की मृत्यू 1994 को हा चुकी है अपने माता पिता की मृत्यू के बाद में अजय कुपार -पृत्र इकलीता वीर्तिस हूं। मेरे अलावा अन्य कोई वारिस नहीं हैं। अगर किसी को इस वारसान के बारे को कोई आपित हैं तो वह पिल्लिकेग़न के 30 दिन के अन्दर-2 अपनी आपित है तो वह पिल्लिकेग़न के 30 दिन के अन्दर-2 अपनी आपित तहसीलदार कार्यालय/नगर निगम कार्यालय अंबाला शहर में दर्ज करवा सकता है।

🕊 पंजाब नैशनल बैंक ्रमरोसे का प्रतीक त्रसीसी-करनाल (६५०८), एससीओ २३-२४, प्रथम तल सेवटर - १२, करनाल स्यार्यं ज्ञानिक सूचना सर्वस्रधारण को सुवित किया जात है कि भीमती कविता उर्फ कविता

खुतना पत्नी श्री सुभाष वंद उर्फ तुभाष खुतना निवासी मं. सं. ३१३,

सेक्टर-५, करनाल ने मैसरां साहिब पेरिटसाइड्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के

पक्ष में बाण के लिए आवेदन किया है, जिसके लिए उन्होंने अपनी खाम वौत, तस्त्रील घतैञ्ज, जिला करनाल में रिश्वत भृमि की माप 11K-12M उक्त अप्रण तारा के लिए सुरक्षा के रूप में पेसकश की है। और श्रीमती कविता उर्क कविता खुटना ने सब रत्रिस्ट्रार, घटौडा, त्रिला करनाल के कार्यालय में पंत्रीकृत बिकी विलेख संख्या ५२३४ दिनांक i5.12.2011 के आचार पर स्ववं को उक्त भगि का स्वामी होने का दावा किया है। सर्वांकि, पिछले विकी विलेख संख्या 765/1 दिनांक 26.06.2001 एवं तब रजिस्टार प्रतैदा के कार्यालय में पंत्रीकृत वसीयत विलेख संख्या १५७३ दिनांक ११०५ २०११ के प्रेकॉर्र प्रन्य दस्तावेजो सहित गुम हो गये हैं। इसलिए, उक्त शीर्षक विलेखों का रिकॉर्ड उपलब्ध नहीं है। बैंक एतद्वात आम जनता से उस व्यक्ति त्वकियों से आपतियां आमंत्रित करता है. जो इस नेटिस के जारी होने की तारीख से 7 दिनों के भीतर उक संपति पर अपना दावा भी करते हैं और यदि कोई त्यकि उक्त संपति के स्वामित्व और आपतियों के साथ 7 दिनों की इतिहा, में पाने नदी प्राता है। तो बैंक श्रीमती कविता रहराना के अनुरोध के अनुसार ऋण प्रदान करेगा। और उस मामले में, जो व्यक्ति बाद में 7 दिनों की उक्त अवधि की समाप्ति के बाद अपना दावा करता है, वह स्वयं त्रिम्मेदार होगा और बैंक उसके लिए त्रिम्मेदार नहीं

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'Won't surrender', says Amritpal in new video

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Another video of pro-Khalistan preacher Amritpal Singh, saying he was not afraid of jail, police torture, and had not set any pre-condition for arrest, surfaced on Thursday evening even as the Punjab Police included drones in its stepped up vigil and manhunt. Already declared 'fugitive', the 'Waris Punjab De' head continued to evade arrest on the thirteenth day of the police crackdown against the radical outfit.

Putting four districts — Nawanshahr, Phagwara, Jalandhar, and Kapurthala on high alert, the police is conducting a massive search operation in Hoshiarpur to find Amritpal, and his close aide Papalpreet Singh. Stepping up the vigil, the police has also deployed drones.

While the intense combing operation is underway in nearly 50 villages of Hoshiarpur district, an audio clip followed by a video clip, purported to be of Khalistani sympathizer, was released, in which Amritpal asserted that he would soon "come out before the people" while claiming that he has not run away, but "I am on the path of rebellion". The content of both the audio and video appeared to be similar.

impression that I am a fugitive and I have left my friends and associates...I am not among those who will fled the country...I am still with my qaum (community) and with my friends," Amritpal said in the second video he released a

day after he released the first. He added, "If I have been kept out of this circle, it means that I can do something for my community and my followers. Soon I will come in front of the world and will roam in the

Clearing air on reports regarding his "surrender on three conditions", Amritpal rubbished the same stating that he was not afraid of going to jail or torture in the police custody, while asking the people to spread his message among everyone to clear any misconceptions and doubts.

At the same time, he virtually pushed the Akal Takht jathedar to call Sarbat Khalsa on Baisakhi, by asking him to prove that he is jathedar (head priest of the Sikhs' highest temporal seat Akal Takht Sahib) in real sense by doing so.

In over two-minute video, Amritpal addressed to the people's doubts and questions about his first video that he was forced to make by the police, with others raising suspicion that "Bhai Amritpal" does not to making videos in front of the camera. Also, that day, I was also not feeling well. I want to tell my supporters that I am in charhdi kalan (high spirits)," he said. "We have to suffer a lot while spending the days of rebellion. One has to travel 20-22 miles on foot in a day. If you get food then it is okay, otherwise you have to survive by drinking water. It is difficult to spend the days of rebellion...Even before walking on

this path, we knew that it is a

path full of thorns," he said,

while also asking his family to

"stay strong". Again pushing Akal Takht jathedar to call Sarbat Khalsa - a congregation of all factions of Sikh community, Amritpal said: "I have told Jathedar Sahib to call Sarbat Khalsa...Call Sarbat Khalsa and give proof of you being a Jathedar in reality.

"I appeal to my friends that have given a call for Sarbat Khalsa. I appeal to the Jathedar that it is your litmus test. How strongly you can stand for the community?" he said while asking the jathedar to organize Sarbat Khalsa at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib in Talwandi Sabo in Bathinda district. He added, "We should understand this today, today is the time, the community should stand united. All the organizations should proof of our existence. Today, the government is committing crimes against anyone, tomorrow it may be someone else's

The 30-year-old separatist, who styles himself after the slain Sikh militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, went missing following a police crackdown against him and members of his pro-Khalistan 'Waris Punjab De' outfit on March 18.

Akal Takht jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh had asked the 'fugitive' Amritpal Singh to surrender before the police and cooperate with investiga-

Massive Search Operation

Reports are that Amritpal has entered Punjab from Uttarakhand, and was hiding in a camp near Kapurthala border in Jalandhar; before making desperate attempts to reach Akal Takht in Amritsar.

Launching massive combing operation with inputs that Amritpal is in Hoshiarpur district, the Police on Thursday deployed a drone in the district, where some suspects, believed to be Amritpal and his associate, had abandoned their car following a chase two days ago.

Cops, deployed in and around Marnaian village, were also checking vehicles in the search of the radical preacher day, police carried our search to find the car, but to no avail. The Police also conducted a door-to-door search operation but no success has been

Abroad

the March 18 police crack-down, released on Wednesday, was shot on March 28 in the region of Uttar Pradesh adjoining Nepal. Also, the video was broadcast from outside the country. Sources informed that the Police have identified three IP addresses, which are from Canada, UK, and Dubai, that is the videos was uploaded from these countries on the

search in the area. Paramilitary personnel have also been deployed in and around the village. The search operation in Hoshiarpur began as a team of Punjab police's counter intelligence wing chased a car, which some sources claimed, may have carried Amritpal Singh and his aides, on Tuesday night. They abandoned the vehicle at the village and disappeared. There were also reports that the suspects could have used another car, believed to be white-colour Maruti Swift having number ending with 8168, to escape. All through the

achieved yet. First Video Shot in UP, Released from

Amritpal first video after

of grounds man, watchmancum-gardener, and sweeper will be filled at the earliest through Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited. Khattar, presiding over the review meeting convened by

the Sports Department, directed the officers to ensure all kind of sports facilities to sportspersons to enhance their performance at national and international level sports events. During the meeting, Sports Director Pankaj Nain apprised the Chief Minister that three state-level sports stadiums in Panchkula, Faridabad and Rohtak, 21 district sports complexes, 25 sub-divisional stadiums, 163 Rajiv Gandhi Rural Sports Complexes and 245 small-scale sports complexes are there in the state. The Department is making concrete efforts to provide sports facilities and excellent sports infrastructure to the budding play-

ers according to the nature of

the game. On this, the Chief

Minister said that the mainte-

nance of sports infrastructure

PNS CHANDIGARH

Stating that there is no shortage of budget for the sports

department, Haryana Chief

Minister Manohar Lal Khattar,

who also holds the charge of

Sports Department, on Thursday said that for the

improvement and maintenance

of sports infrastructure, posts

Promoting Sports

for Sports Dept: Hry CM

No shortage of budget

Refining sports nursery scheme Rs 3 lakh every year for every educational institution to

24 residential academies to be opened; sportsperson to get Rs 400 food allowance

spend on sports equipment

'Akhadas and Khalifas' to be honoured Sportspersons Insurance Benefit Scheme to

be introduced 24 residential academies to be opened Sportsperson to get Rs 400 food allowance daily

is as important as the stadium

for the players. The Chief Minister was apprised that the department has a proposal to fill 202 junior coaches, 254 groundsman and 203 watchman-cum-gardener-cum-sweeper on contract basis through Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited. A demand has also been sent for a manager, 8 head coaches, three sports physiotherapists, a dietician and a psychologist for the sports academy being set up at Panchkula. For the year 2023-24, the budget of the sports department has been increased from Rs. 540.5 crore to Rs. 566.04 crore.

The Director of Sports in

year 2023, 216 outstanding sports persons were offered government job appointments out of which 179 sportspersons have joined while only 41 sportspersons were given jobs in 2013-14.

He apprised that 1100 sports nurseries are operational in the state. The sports nursery scheme is being redefined and transferred to educational institutions. For this, the department is coordinating with government and private institutions. Every educational institution will be given Rs three lakh every year to spend on sports equipment and sports infrastructure so that the sporting talent of budding players can be enhanced at a young age itself. Apart from this, it is also proposed to open 24 residential academies which will accommodate 600 athletes, with facilities for 12 sports. In these residential academies, each player will be given Rs. 400 per day food allowance.

The Chief Minister directed the officials to ensure the information of every sports person in Parivar Pehchan Patra. "A scheme should also be made to honour 'Akhadas and Khalifas' who groom sports talents among players of traditional sports like wrestling and kabaddi," he said, adding that Sportspersons Insurance Benefit Scheme.

HP Govt to set up Investment Bureau for single-roof facilitation mechanism

PNS SHIMLA

 T^{o} scale up the ease of doing business and to minimize delay in getting requisite approvals through a single-roof facilitation mechanism, the Himachal Pradesh Government is establishing an 'Investment Bureau' in the State. "The Investment Bureau would replace the old singlewindow system and would be given the powers to approve investment proposals," said the Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, while presiding over a meeting to discuss the modalities of the proposed Bureau. CM said that Investment Bureau would be set up under the Industries Department and will comprise officers from all the concerned departments to facilitate hasslework together to ensure that the investment cases are processed quickly and effiiently. Additionally, penal provisions would be in place for the officers responsible for the delay, he added.Sukhu said that the

Bureau would consist of two

committees — an Executive

Committee be formed under the CEO of the Investment Bureau responsible to oversee investment cases on a day-today basis; whereas an Apex Committee will be headed by the CM himself which would be responsible for approving investment proposals. The Chief Minister said that the establishment of the Investment Bureau aims to expedite the approval process, allowing investors to start their work soon after applying and Government would make necessary amendments in law as well to empower the Investment Bureau. Government is expecting investment in tourism besides attracting investments in IT, solar energy, green hydrogen, and other sectors. Investments would not only generate revenue for the state exchequer opportunities to the youth, said the CM. Government's move to establish the Investment Bureau is expected to reduce delays and streamline the process of doing business in the state which will go a long way in attracting more and

Haryana, Punjab CMs pay obeisance on Ram Navami

Khattar visits Mata Mansa Devi Temple; Mann Sri Devi Talab Mandir





PNS CHANDIGARH

On the occasion of Ram Navami and culmination Ministers of Haryana -Manohar Lal Khattar and Punjab – Bhagwant Mann on Thursday paid obeisance at Mata Mansa Devi Temple in Panchkula and Sri Devi Talab Mandir in Jalandhar, respectively, praying for the happiness and prosperity of the people.

Khattar performed yajna

amid chanting of mantras in the temple premises and also performed Kanya Pujan. After this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the blood donanized in the temple premises.

"Today, on the occasion of the ninth Navratri, I prayed for the happiness and prosperity for the people of the entire state," Khattar said.

Also praying for Punjab's peace, progress, and prosperity, Mann also sought blessings from Maa Durga to serve the State more zealously and diligently. The Chief Minister reached Sri Devi Talab Mandir complex in the afternoon to offer prayers and sought blessings of the Almig enormous strength to him for serving the people of state with all humility and dedica-

Mann offered prayers to seek Mata Rani's blessings to serve the people of the state regardless of caste, colour, creed and religion to create a harmonious society.

Hry Police to launch campaign against human trafficking in April

PNS CHANDIGARH

Haryana Police will launch a month-long campaign against human trafficking across the state in April. Announcing this, the state Director General of Police (DGP) PK Agrawal on Thursday said that human trafficking is a heinous crime that affects thousands of people every year in the country; and the State has unearthed several cases of human trafficking in recent years with the Police

ness about the issue of human trafficking will be raised and people will be encouraged to report any suspicious activity related to human trafficking," the DGP added. The state police chief said that the campaign, which will run from April 1 to 30, 2023, will involve various activities such as seminars, workshops, street plays, and awareness drives. Haryana Police will also work closely with NGOs and other stakeholders to conduct rescue committed to put an end to this operations and provide reha-

menace. "Through this, aware-

bilitation to the victims of human trafficking. Speaking about the campaign, DGP further said: "The month-long campaign against human trafficking is a part of our ongoing efforts to combat this crime. We are determined to create a safer environment for our citizens and to ensure that perpetrators of this crime are brought to justice."The official spokesperson said that the Haryana Police has urged citizens to report any suspicious activity related to human trafficking to the police immediately at 112, its emergency helpline number. The police has assured that the identity of the informer will be kept con-

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Committee formed to look at alternative crops to paddy

Mann urges farmers to adopt cotton, basmati, moong; Assures to procure Basmati at MSP

PNS CHANDIGARH

¬iving a clarion call to the farmers for a paradigm shift in agriculture by adopting alternative crops like cotton, basmati and moong, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday announced that the state's procurement agency, Markfed, would procure Basmati rice at an assured price. Mann, in a video message, also announced that a committee has been formed under the state Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Janjua to look into alternatives to growing paddy, while describing crop diversification as the critical necessity for Punjab.

"The committee will prepare a report on the factors that deterred farmers from quitting paddy cultivation. After receiving the report, the Government would try to remove these obstacles so that the area under water-guzzler paddy could be diverted," he said.

"Several crops were grown on the fertile land of state but gradually the farmers confined them to paddy only which has adversely affected the state's topography in terms of excessive power consumption, depletion of water table as most the blocks had gone in extreme dark zone, pollution due burning of stubble and others," said Mann, adding that to tackle this, the need of hour is to adopt alternative crops for which "a high level committee, headed by Chief Secretary, has also recommended the adoption of these

more investors besides

strengthening the economy.

The Chief Minister said that due to this, the State Government is adopting it in a big way. He accorded guarantee to provide canal water for cotton crop from April 1 and announced 33 percent subsidy on cotton seeds certified by Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) besides to provide insurance on cotton crop and MSP on Basmati.

Expressing grave concern on various menaces posed by paddy, Mann said that the State Government's firm belief to increase area under cotton cultivation will check the problem from its roots due to which they have decided to provide canal water from April 1 for

The Chief Minister said that Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police have been instructed to depute Police force for checking theft of water so that farmers at the tail end can be benefitted. "The farmers had also raised the issue of canal water theft by affluent people during

first of its kind 'Sarkar-Kisan Milni' after which the State Government had decided to check it with heavy hand," he said.Speaking about other steps to promote crop diversification, the Chief Minister announced a 33 percent subsidy on cotton seeds certified by PAU Ludhiana thereby high yielding seeds will be available at cheaper rates for farmers.

"Preventive measures are also being taken to check the attack of white fly and pink worm," he said while emphasizing that the State Government has decided to conduct comprehensive research on new insecticide and pesticides to control these problems. Reiterating his commitment for safeguarding the farmers' interests from all natural calamities, the Chief Minister also announced that the State Government is mulling to cover the cotton crop loss under an Insurance Scheme so that the farmers didn't face any hardships

by the demand for Basmati last

regarding this. Mann also announced to promote Basmati as the other crop of diversification and assured Minimum Support Price (MSP) on this crop. "Markfed will be the nodal agency to procure Basmati on MSP," he added. "Encouraged PAU to update farmers about

year, the Government is encouraging farmers to sow Basmati this year also. But if the price is reduced considering the enhanced supply, Markfed would buy the produce at the assured price," he said.

The Chief Minister said that laboratories are also being set up to inform farmers about the quantity of insecticides to be used on Basmati so that its crop meet the export standards of European countries per taining to pest residues.

Recommending the cultivation of PR 126 and other similar varieties of paddy, Mann said that special emphasis is being given to promote PAU certified varieties and discourage the water guzzling varieties such as PUSA 44 which take ample time for harvesting. Mann also said that MSP

will be continued on Moong but the recent researches showed that the whitefly problem arises on moong crop and this problem have moved on cotton from moong so he suggested the farmers not to cultivate moong in Mansa, Bathinda, Sri Muktsar Sahib Fazilka districts. Meanwhile, Mann said that 2500 Kisan Mittars will be deputed along with 100 Agriculture experts of

Govt to ensure hassle-free wheat procurement from Apr 1 in Pb

seamless procurement of

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wheat during the upcoming Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) commencing from April 1, 2023, and has made robust arrangements regarding the same across all the mandis of the State. Stating this, the state's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak on Wednesday said that the Cash Credit Limit (CCL) of Rs 29,000 crore has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) towards smooth procurement process. The payments to the farmers would be ensured from the first day itself, said the Minister, adding that every single bale of foodgrain would be procured.To check recycling of wheat, the Minister said that the vehicle tracking systems have also been mandated in all the transport vehicles used for ferrying wheat from the purchase centre to the storage point. Elaborating on the measures being put in place for the farmers' welfare, the Minister said the first-aid kits are being provided in all purchase centres so that any untoward incident is handled with care and on priority.

3 more held for Khalistani violence in OZ Defence Ministry inks

Arrest made in connection with two incidents of brawl between Khalistanis, pro-India demonstrators: Police

SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/MELBOURNE

Taking action in connec-I tion with a brawl between alleged Khalistan supporters and pro-India demonstrators in January in Melbourne, the local police said on Thursday they have arrested three more people in connection with two incidents of brawl that broke out between Khalistan activists and pro-India demonstrators.

The alleged incidents happened during the so-called Punjab independence referendum' where two fights broke out between the two groups which injured several people on January 29, Victoria Police said in a statement.

Apparently, flag poles were used by several men as weapons which caused physical injuries to multiple victims, the statement said.

The US-based Sikhs for

Justice, the group spearheading the non-binding referendum, is a banned organisation in India.

The three arrested include a 23-year-old man charged with affray and unlawful assault while a 36-year-old and 39year-old have been charged with affray and violent disorder, the police said. The identities of the arrested men have not been disclosed.

Earlier, two men aged 34



and 39 were arrested and issued a penalty notice for riotous behaviour. All those charged this week have been bailed to appear at the Melbourne Magistrates Court on August 8.

Further investigation is underway and police are making enquiries to identify and apprehend any further alleged

offenders from the day, the statement added.

India has asked the Australian government to curb the anti-India activities of the Khalistani separatists and frequent attacks on the Hindu temples in the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised concerns over the

recent attacks on temples in Australia as well as pro-Khalistan activities there with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese during their meeting in New Delhi this month. Albanese has assured Modi that the safety of Indians was a "special priority" for

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had also raised the issue during his meeting with his Australian counterpart Penny Wong.
"Signals that pro-Khalistan

elements are stepping up their activities in Australia, actively aided and abetted by members of proscribed terrorist organisations such as the Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) and other inimical agencies from outside Australia, have been evident for some time," the Indian High Commission in Canberra said in a strongly-worded statement on January 26.

India rising as one of strongest nations under Modi: Min

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Thursday from secure borders and self-reliance to a strong economy and transformed global image, India is rising as one of the strongest countries under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He also said Lord Ram is India's identity and not merely an embodiment in stone or wood and asserted that the government will construct hospitals, schools, set up industries and also build temples.

Making this assertion while addressing the 'Rising India Conclave' organised by a private media organization, he pointed out that all sectors, especially defence, have been witnessing a transformative change in the last few years, which has guided India to a respectable position on the world map.

Rajnath credited the bold approach and unwavering resolve of the government, which has ensured secured borders and a battle-ready Armed Forces backed by a self-reliant defence industry.

Terming national security as Government's top priority and self-reliance as the only medium to achieve it, he asserted that relentless efforts are being



made to attain 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence. On the success achieved due to these decisions, the defence minister said the domestic defence production has witnessed a significant increase in the last

"We are not only catering our own needs, but are also exporting weapons and equipment to other countries. From Rs 900 crore 7-8 years ago, defence exports have skyrocketed and are nearing Rs 14,000 crore in the current Financial Year. Our target is export defence equipment worth Rs 40,000 crore by 2026," he said.

Rajnath described India's diplomacy as another facet of Rising India. The presidency of G-20 and

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) this year is proof that India's stature is continuously growing on the world stage.

Rajnath added that India has led the world on

issues like terrorism and has been successful in garnering support to eliminate the menace.

He emphasised that countries, which use terrorism as a tool, are well aware of the fact that India never harms anyone unnecessarily, nor does it spare anyone who tries to hurt its unity, integrity and sover-

eignty.

Mentioning about the surgical strikes, he stated that the move broke the back of terrorists and sent a strong message to the world that India will eliminate terrorism on its own soil, and if need be, on foreign

He added that "Whether it was the stand-off with China or ill intentions from Pakistan, our forces have been giving a befitting reply, whenever required."

The defence minister termed the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir as another example of the strong will of the Government. He stated that the Union Territory has ushered in a new era of peace and progress due to the decision.

₹1,700 cr deal with BEL

For Lynx-U2 fire control systems for Indian Navy

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

In a fillip to self-reliance in defence manufacturing, the defence ministry on Thursday signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bangalore for procurement of 13 Lynx-U2 Fire Control Systems for Indian Navy at a total cost of over Rs 1,700 crore. The systems will be procured under Buy {Indian -IDMM (Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured)} category.

The Lynx-U2 System is a Naval Gun Fire Control System designed and developed indigenously. It is capable of accurately tracking and engaging targets amidst sea clutter as

well as air and surface targets. The fourth generation, completely indigenous systems, will be installed on New Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels to be built indigenousat Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers and Goa Shipyard Limited.

This move will generate an employment of two lakh mandays over a period of four vears and encourage active participation of various Indian industries, including MSMEs, thus significantly contributing to the Government's efforts to achieve 'Aatmanirbharta' in

On Wednesday, the ministry signed three contracts worth Rs 5,400 crore to bolster defence capabilities of the armed forces. While two deals were with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Ghaziabad, the contract was with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

Giving details of the deals,



officials said here the first contract with the BEL pertains to procurement of Automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System 'Project Akashteer' worth Rs 1,982 crore for the Indian Army.

The second contract with the BEL relates to acquisition of Sarang Electronic Support Measure (ESM) systems along with associated Engineering Support Package from BEL, Hyderabad at an overall cost of Rs 412 crore for the Indian

Navy.

The contract with NSIL, a

Sector Central Public Sector Enterprise under Department of Space, Bengaluru pertains to procurement of an advanced Communication Satellite, GSAT 7B, which will provide High Throughput Services to the Indian Army at an overall cost of Rs 2,963 crore. All these projects are under Buy {Indian – IDMM (Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured)} category.

The Automated Air Defence Control and Reporting System 'Project Akashteer' will empower the Air Defence units of the Indian Army with an indigenous, state-of-the-art capability, to effectively operate in an integrated manner. Akashteer will enable monitoring of low level airspace over the battle areas of the Indian Army and effectively control the Ground Based Air Defence Weapon Systems.

Ŝarang is an advanced Electronic Support Measure system for helicopters of Indian Navy, designed and developed indigenously by Defence Electronics Research Laboratory, Hyderabad under programme Samudrika. The scheme will generate an employment of approximately two lakh man-days over a peri-od of three years. Both the projects will encourage participation of Indian Electronics and associated industries, including MSMEs, who are sub vendors of BEL.

The Communication Satellite will considerably enhance the communication capability of the Indian Army by providing mission critical beyond line of sight communication to troops and formations as well as weapon and airborne platforms. The geostationary satellite, being a first-of-its-kind in the fivetonne category, will be developed indigenously by Indian Space Research Organisation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi makes a surprise visit to the new Parliament building on Thursday evening in New Delhi and inspected various works as well as interacted with construction workers

BSY hints at fielding son against Cong strongman Siddaramaiah

As Karnataka gears up full swing for an 'evenly matched' political contest between the political rivals, former BJP Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday indicated that his son B Y Vijayendra may be fielded against Congress strongman and former state CM Siddaramaiah from Varuna Assembly polls.

Congress and JD(S) have announced their first list of candidates even before the elections were announced and Chief Minister Basavraj Bommain have announced that the BJP would release its list soon" within a week's time.

The 80-year-old Lingayat caste leader Yediyurappa gave indications that his son Vijayendra who is also state Vice-President may be fielded against the opposition leader Siddaramaiah from Varuan assembly constituency in Mysuru, southern Karnataka.

Varuna is among the key seats to watch out for as Siddaramaiah, the Congress legislature party leader has thrown his hat in the ring in this assembly segment, cur-



Yathindra. Siddaramaiah is an influ-

ential leader of the Kurba (Shepherd community), the third largest caste in the state after Lingayats and Vokaligas. When asked by newsper-

sons whether Vijayendra would be fielded from Varuna, Yediyurappa said, "Discussions are going on. Siddaramaiah knows that his ground is slipping away. I don't think it is so easy for him. We will field a good candidate. We will give a tough fight. Let's see what happens."

The BJP veteran and fourtime Chief Minister said the decision on whether to give the Varuna ticket to Vijayendra, who is the state BJP vice-president, would be left to the party's central leadership. BJP General Secretary and

had earlier expressed unhappiness and objected to "premature" announcement for assembly candidates by Yediyurappa saying it was the

Parliamentary Board. On his part, Siddaramaiah told newspersons that he was not bothered about the candidate who would contest against him with Congress state president D K Shivakumar quipping that his party would welcome it if Yediyurappa himself decided to contest from Varuna.

prerogative

Meanwhile, ahead of May 10 assembly elections, former JD(S) MLA S R Srinivas on Thursday became the third legislator to resign from the post, and join Congress, this

Planners of 2008 Mumbai terror attack should pay heavy price, says Speaker of Israeli Parliament

SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW

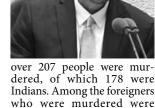
Underlining that fight against terrorism is common concern for both countries, the Speaker of Israel's Parliament has said the planners of the "abominable" 2008 Mumbai terror attack should made these remarks ahead of his four-day visit to India starting Friday.

Amir Ohana, a close confidante of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, will be on his first official visit abroad after assuming office in December last year.

Stating that the menace of terrorism is a common concern, Ohana, a former Shin Bet (Israeli internal security agency) official, told PTI that the fight to counter it requires all the progressive countries to come together.

Both India and Israel face the problem of terrorism, and the fight against it is a joint one, Ohana said.

"We all remember the abominable terrorist attacks on Mumbai in 2008 in which



who were murdered were unfortunately also Israelis and Jews who came to the Chabad ouse," Ohana pointed out. "It was an attack not only

on India but also on Jews and free people everywhere," the Knesset Speaker said, adding that it was an attack on the shared values of India and Israel. "Whoever planned and sent the terrorists from the terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba should pay a heavy price for it", he said.

The attack on the Chabad house (in Mumbai) symbolises a common pain for India and Israel, but also our partnership in the uncompromising fight against terrorism,' Ohana said.

₹9K-cr deal signed for Akash weapon system, weapon locating radars

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Boosting the capabilities of the armed forces to guard the Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China, the defence ministry on Thursday inked contracts for procurement of improved Akash Weapon System and 12 Weapon Locating Radars, WLR Swathi (Plains) for the Indian Army at an overall cost of over Rs 9,100 crore.

The contract for procurement of improved Akash Weapon System (AWS) for 3rd & 4th Regiments of Army Air Defence, comprising live Missiles & Launchers with upgrades, Ground Support Equipment, Vehicles and Infrastructure was signed with Bharat Dynamics Limited, worth over Rs 8,160 crore.

The AWS is a Short Range Surface to Air Missile (SRSAM) Air Defence System, indigenously designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). In order to meet aerial threats, two additional Regiments of AWS with Upgradation are being procured for Indian Army for the Northern borders(China).

Improved AWS has Seeker



Technology, Reduced Foot Print, 360° Engagement Capability and improved environmental parameters.

The project will give a boost to the Indian missile manufacturing industry in particular and the indigenous defence manufacturing ecosystem as a whole.

The project has overall indigenous content of 82% which will be increased to 93% by 2026-27. The induction of the

improved AWS into the Indian Army will increase India's selfreliance in Short Range Missile capability. This project will play a role in boosting the overall economy by avoiding outgo of precious foreign exchange to other countries, increasing employment avenues in India encouraging Indian MSMEs through components manufacturing.

Around 60% of the project cost will be awarded to the private industry, including MSMEs, in maintaining the supply chain of the weapon system, thereby creating large scale of direct and indirect employment. The contract for WLR

Swathi (Plains) was signed with Bharat Electronic Limited (BEL) at a cost of over Rs 990 crore. It is an indigenously designed WLR which is capable of locating guns, mortars and rockets firing own troops, thereby facilitating their destruction through Counter Bombardment by own firepower resources.

This will enable troops to carry out their operational tasks without any interference from the enemy and also provide them safety against enemy fire. Induction is planned to be completed in 24 months.

NIA files chargesheet against 2 LeT operatives in Udhampur IED blast case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{ollowing investigations into}}_{\text{the Udhampur IED blast}}$ cases by the banned terror group Lashkar-e-Tayabba (LeT) through their Pakistan-based handlers, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday filed a chargesheet against two Lashkar operatives. Accused Mohd Aslam

Sheikh alias Adil and Mohd Amin Bhat alias Abu Khubaib have been charged for their efforts towards revival of terrorist activities in Jammu by carrying out recruitments from the pool of over ground workers (OGWs) and surrendered terrorists and activating and motivating them to carry out terrorist acts.

The NIA had taken over investigations into the case on November 15 last year from Jammu and Kashmir Police.

NIA Investigations revealed that Mohd Aslam Sheikh was in touch with Mohd Amin Bhat, an 'individual terrorist' of the LeT listed by the Union government, who was now operating from Pakistan.

Pinna recruited Adil to carry out the two IED blasts on buses parked in the public areas of Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, which had inflict ed injuries to two persons. Mohd Amin Bhat was ini-

tially a resident of Doda district in the Valley. In 1997, he joined the terrorist ranks of Hizb U Mujahideen and was involved in the execution of various terror ist acts in Jammu and Kashmir. Later, he escaped to Pakistan in 2009 and is presently an active LeT handler who is playing a vital role to revive and accelerate terrorist activities in the Jammu region, the NIA has alleged in the chargesheet.

Navy ships make port call at Port Victoria after joint surveillance with Seychelles Coast Guard



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

The ships of First Training Squadron (INS Tir, Sujata and ICGS Sarathi) on overseas deployment made port call at Port Victoria, Seychelles on Wednesday after undertaking joint Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surveillance with Seychelles Coast Guard.

Giving details here on Thursday, navy officials said Senior Officer First Training Squadron along with Commanding Officers of ships

called on High Commissioner of India Kartik Pande and Brigadier Michel Rosette, Chief of Defence Force(CDF), Seychelles Defence Forces.

In a ceremony onboard INS Tir, machinery spares and stores meant for Seychelles Coast Guard were handed over to CDF. The squadron presently has trainees from six friendly foreign countries in addition to 120 Indian trainees. It was a proud moment for young Trainee Benjamin from Seychelles to interact with his

Same-sex marriage issue: **Minority groups** write to CJI



Ogroups have written to Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud to cite their religious beliefs to express opposition to same-sex marriage, an issue being heard by the Supreme Court. Sayed Salman Chishty of

Come minority religious

the Chishty Foundation, Ajmer, has conveyed his "concerns and reservations" to CJI, claiming that any legal validation for same-sex marriage will contradict India's religious, social and moral values, and cause "havoc" with the delicate balance of personal laws and accepted societal values.

India sees 3,016 fresh Covid cases

Highest in nearly six months

India saw a single-day rise of 3,016 fresh coronavirus cases, the highest in nearly six months, while the active cases increased to 13,509, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Thursday.

A total of 3,375 cases were recorded on October 2 last year. The country's COVID-19 death toll has increased to 5,30,862 with 14 latest fatalities reported Maharashtra, two from Delhi and one reported by Himachal Pradesh in a span of 24 hours and eight reconciled by Kerala.

According to the ministry data updated at 8 am, the daily positivity was recorded at 2.73 per cent, while the weekly positivity was pegged at



1.71 per cent. The infection tally stands at 4.47 crore (4,47,12,692).

The active cases now comprise 0.03 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.78 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people

the disease surged to 4,41,68,321, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent. According to the ministry's website, 220.65 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vacci-

Delegates warm up for G20 Sherpa meeting in Kerala

Thousands of miles away from her country with much of it being below sea level, a woman diplomat of Netherlands was excited to see a bicycle placed at a resort on the bank of a beautiful lake in this scenic Kerala village where side events of the second G20 Sherpa meeting are currently

The bicycle was placed in front of a screen that was erected to showcase CoWIN, a powerful example of how digital technology can expand public health programmes, and reflects the strides India, world's most populated nation, continues to make in digital technology for public services. As she pedaled the stationary bicycle, the screen displayed the fascinating story of India which as of March, 20, 2023 delivered 2.2 billion vaccination doses to 1.1 billion registered persons.

Cycling is part of Dutch life and a very patriotic means of



transportation for them. "I did experiment cycling. As a Dutch woman, I love cycling", she told PTl. Dr Kalyani Raju, a young medical doctor assigned to narrate India's success story to the delegates, said the Dutch delegates really enjoyed pedalling the cycle and took note of the presentation.

She informed the delegates about the historic achievement of the nation after Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled CoWIN along with the launch of the national Covid-19 vaccination campaign on January 16, 2021. Indian officials said it was indeed a moment marking the beginning of a story that touched over a billion lives in ess than 18 months.

They said it took almost nine months to reach the 100 crore mark and another nine months to reach the 200 crore vaccination mark, with the highest single day vaccination record of over 2.5 crore doses achieved on 17 September

Ex-civil servants criticise Rijiju for his comments on judiciary in open letter

Former civil servants in an open letter on Thursday criticised Law Minister Kiren Rijiju for several of his comments which, they said, con-stituted a concerted attack by the government on the collegium system of appointments and on judicial independence.

The open letter, signed by 90 former bureaucrats, argued that preserving the independence of the judiciary is nonnegotiable, and any sign of executive overreach cannot be accepted in a democracy.

We write to you today in response to comments you made on various occasions and very recently at the India Today Conclave on March 18, 2023. Your statements that day are the latest in what is emerging as a concerted attack by the government on the collegium system of appointments, the Supreme Court of India and, ultimately, on judicial independence. We unequivocally condemn this onslaught," the letter said. In the appointment of judges to the High Courts and Supreme Court it appears that it is the government that is stonewalling appointments,

"Names forwarded by the collegium are left pending for years, only to be finally returned without approval. Candidates with distinguished careers marked by their commitment to due process and to constitutional norms are turned down by the government," said the letter, written by the former civil servants under the banner of Constitutional Conduct Group.

Rather than engage constructively with the Supreme Court and collegium, high offices of the executive such as yours, and that of the Vice President, have responded with

CM compares BJP regime to one run by Tughlaq Will unite Opp to oust BJP: Didi

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Days after asserting her Ekla Chalo (go it alone) policy in the 2024 general elections Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday made a somersault championing the cause of Opposition unity warning the Narendra Modi Government that she would now proceed to unite the Opposition parties with the sole purpose of ousting the BJP from power. On the concluding day of

her two-day dharna against central deprivation of Bengal the Chief Minister said that a time had come when the wily and whimsical Government — which had no

feeling for the common people and no respect for democratic norms — should be thrown out

Comparing the present saf-fron regime to the one run by Md bin Tughlaq in the medieval period Baneriee said "they will collect GST from the states and spend it on fanciful projects and if you raise a question they will send CBI, ED, Income Tax, CAG and NIA ত্রিণের অর্থ নয়ছয়ের

to your house." Banerjee said how the BJP sends protesters to her residence when she goes to Delhi adding, "now enough is enough ... if I descend to unite the opposition I will do it at any cost ... so as to throw this Government out of power." The BJP Government would not last beyond 2024, she asserted adding the saffron outfit's fall would begin from Karnataka

For Bengal they will hold 8-9 phase elections and in Karnataka they will complete polling in one day thinking that they will win their.

But this time they are going

to be defeated in that State," Banerjee said. On the question of leadership she earlier said that the issue could be decid-

"First it is the question of defeating the BJP. And the Khela (game) will start from Uttar Pradesh where we will play alongside the Samaiwadi Party of Akhilesh Yadav." Attacking the BJP for blocking funds she said "it is the constitutional obligation of the government to pay the wages for getting the works done but here in Bengal they have blocked the wages of 17 lakh families."

Saying that she had

"approached the Prime Minister Narendra Modi four times and Home Minister Amit Shah once with the State's request to clear its dues Banerjee said, "please listen to me BJP ... when we are asking for the MNREGA funds we are asking for our rights ... we are not your servants ... we are not your bonded labourers ... after repeated requests you have not cleared the State's dues and have forced me to sit in a dharna ... and even after that not a tiny leader of the BJP showed up to give some assurance ... now I will take thousands of youth from Bengal and jam Delhi to get our rights.'

Curiously the TMC supremo had fallen comparatively silent in the past several months particularly after the arrest of her senior ministerial colleagues and a number of party leaders in recruitment scam and cattle smuggling

The latest rise in the decibel level of her anti-BJP voice comes days after ED notices being sent to some of her close relatives regarding some cases, sources said.

India's new edu policy based on Gandhi's teachings: Shah

Tnion Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday hailed the central government's New Education Policy for its emphasis on learning in mother tongue and universal education based on the teachings of Indian visionaries such as Mahatma Gandhi and Dayanand Saraswati.

Addressing the 113th convocation of the Gurukula Kangri here, Shah credited the university (deemed to be) for the revival of vedic education in India and combining it with modern education. Shah paid tributes to the

university's founder Swami Shraddhanand saying he set India's education system free from the stranglehold of the British and revived the countrv's vedic education system, all the while emphasising on culture and modern education.

Shah praised the NEP brought by the Narendra Modiled central government saying it represents the combined visions of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaks at the 113th convocation of the Gurukul Kangri University, in Haridwar, on Thursday

Shraddhanand, Mahatma Gandhi, and Lala Lajpat Rai."The new education policy, which is the country's third, contains the visions of four great people.

Accessible education as propagated by Maharshi Dayanand, combining vedic education with modern as propagated by Swami Shraddhanand, Mahatma

Gandhi's education in mother tongue, and Lala Lajpat Rai's principle of education for all are at the core of this policy," Shah said. Education in engineering courses has begun to be imparted in the mother tongues of 10 states, while people appearing in JEE, NIIT, and IAS exams have the option of taking the tests in their own

mother tongues, he said. The

NEP makes education streamless and classless, with no barriers to science and arts streams, and freedom to learn anything in accordance with one's interest and aptitude, he said. He said Prime Minister Modi has brought international glory to India and Indianness. "Narendra Modi readily

took decisions which the country was not able to take for décades. Be it abolition of article 370 or securing the boundaries of the country through such measures as surgical strikes or making the country jump from the world's 11th to the 5th largest economy in the world, the Prime Minister has done everything to make the country proud," Shah said. Congratulating the 1,800

students conferred with degrees at the convocation, he said they should be proud of having studied in a great institution such as the Gurukula Kangri University, and urged them to apply their learning in nation building so that it emerges as the world's leading country in its 100th year.

TN Assembly witnesses sharp exchanges over Amma Canteen, breakfast scheme

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu after returning as Chief Assembly on Thursday witnessed sharp exchanges between the ruling DMK and main opposition AIADMK over the running of Amma Canteens and the government's breakfast scheme for students.

Opposition legislator S P Velumani referred to welfare measures that his party AIADMK had introduced during its previous terms in power, such as the 'Thalikku Thangam' (Gold for Mangalsutra) and free-laptop-for-students schemes, saying that such initiatives should be continued by the DMK regime. If this was not imple-

mented, his party chief and Leader of Opposition Edappadi K Palaniswami would do it

Administration Department. When Velumani made a point on the Amma Canteens and said that funding should be provided, Minister K N Nehru intervened and said no canteen had been shut down and that a fund allocation of over Rs 120 crore had been made.

Municipal

Minister, Velumani, a former

minister said, initiating the

debate on Demand for Grants

The principal opposition was making allegations in respect of running Amma Canteens for political reasons, the Minister said. Amma Canteen, the low-cost chain of eateries, is run by local bodies and was launched during the and was launched during the community).

Retired judge handed over task to

refund 10 cr investors money back

ISIS threatens mass murders against 'love jihad' law

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Tn its latest propaganda mate-Irial, the international terror group ISIS has threatened to resort to mass murders and beheadings to mark its protest against laws being enacted against 'love jehad' in several States. The propaganda article has claimed that Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh have enacted anti-love jihad laws and other States are also resorting to put in place similar legislations.

Claiming that such laws are aimed at empowering certain communities to embroil Muslim youths and weaken them, the outfit has claimed that the socalled mujahideens are coming to behead those who have framed the Ummah (Muslim

There needs to be of all States, says

New Delhi: The Centre is the engine for every government and there needs to be equal treatment of all states. We have to be Team India and have to incorporate differences that are part of Team India, KM Chandrasekhar, former Union Cabinet Secretary in the UPA Government said recently.

sion on 'Reflections on Governance' based on his memoir, "As Good as My Word," which dwells in detail on his experiments in public administration, his experiences as India's ambassador to the World Trade Organization, his working relationship with the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, his run-ins with some notable ministers of the time, and his reflections on Indian democracy, economy, and defence.

ever he achieved has been because of teamwork. He further added that officers need to take risks and have courage to achieve results as the cost of delays is very high. He also remarked that offi-

cers have to work in a resultoriented manner rather than just being process- oriented. He said, "I totally worship the Constitution and Democracy."

CEO NITI Aayog and currently G20 Sherpa, who said that he has learned to Think Big, Think multi Disciplinary and also to take risks in his career.

Gujarat: 6 farm labourers killed in road accident

Bhavnagar: At least six farm labourers were killed and eight others injured after the minitruck they were travelling in turned turtle in Vallabhipur taluka of Gujarat's Bhavnagar district on Thursday, said police. The deceased included two women.

two women.

A preliminary probe revealed the mini-truck carrying cattle fodder toppled on the roadside following a tyre burst, said police sub-inspector of Vallabhipur P D Zala. The vehicle was heading towards Bhavnagar city after loading green fodder from a village in green fodder from a village in neighbouring Botad district, he said, adding 14 farm labourers were sitting on the stacked animal food. "When the minitruck reached near Mevasa village of Vallabhipur, one of its front tyres burst.

Majority of Himalayan glaciers melting at varying rates: Parl panel tells Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Majority of Himalayan glaciers analysed are melting or retreating at varying rates in different regions, the government has said.

It has noted that melting glaciers due to any impact of climate change will not only severely affect the flow in Himalayan river system but will also give rise to natural disas-

The government's response was given to a parliamentary standing committee looking at Glacier Management in the Country - Monitoring of Glaciers/Lakes, including Glacial Lake Outbursts, leading to Flash-floods in the Himalayan Region. The parliamentary standing committee **PTI** report was tabled in Lok Sabha

on Wednesday.Explaining the problem of incessant melting and retreating of Himalayan glaciers and the estimated volume loss of glaciers between the year(s), the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation said the Geological Survey of India has conducted studies on their melting by assessment of mass balance studies on nine glaciers and also carried out mon-

itoring the recession or advancement of 76 glaciers. "Majority of Himalayan glaciers are observed melting/ retreating at varying rates in different regions," it said. The department pointed out that melting glaciers due to any impact of climate change will not only severely affect the flow in Himalayan river system but like Glacier Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF), glacier avalanche, landslide etc.

Asked about the other adverse consequences of melting glaciers, especially on the ecology of the Himalayas, the department said melting of glaciers may lead to shift of tree line in the Himalaya and may also cause change in phonological behaviour of plants.

"It may impact the livelihoods of mountain people and downstream populations. Such changes may lead to negative impact on biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services of the Himalaya," it said.

The parliamentary standing committee flagged the lack of data sharing on hydrological information with the neigh-



Bihar Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Union Minister Giriraj Singh and BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad during Ram Navmi celebration, in Patna, on

within December this year. This payment will be made

Ministry of Cooperation, under the supervision of the apex court appointed retired Judge RK Subhash Reddy has a mammoth task on hand—to process the refund to around 10 crore investors of cooperative societies of Sahara Group from the Sahara-SEBI refund account Saharavan

through a transparent process to the valid investors of Sahara Societies through their bank accounts on providing proof of their proper identity and deposit, said an official from the Ministry which has started making the blueprint to execute the task. The move follows the Supreme Court order on one Pinak Pani Mohanty, who March 29, asking the Ministry to make payment from Sahara-SEBI refund account to the crores of investors of 4 cooperative societies of Sahara

These are Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Limited, Universal Multipurpose Society Limited, Humara India Credit Cooperative Society Limited and Stars Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited, all registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 between March, 2010 and January, 2014. The order

came in response to a petition

filed by the Centre in a PIL by

sought a direction to pay the amount to the depositors who invested in several chit fund companies and Sahara credit firms."This is the hard-earned money of people who invested in several chit fund companies and Sahara credit firms over

Taking cognizance of complaints, initially notices were issued to the societies and hearing was held before the Central Registrar. However, despite Central Registrar's direction, the societies refused to pay the unpaid amount to the investors and continued taking fresh deposits and renewing existing ones." *PNS*

equal treatment ex-Cabinet Secy

He was speaking at a ses-

The ex-administrator said that the civil service gives lots of opportunities in diverse areas and the wide range of functions performed is unpar-

He also added that what-

Also present on the occa-sion was Amitabh Kant, ex

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PAPER WITH PASSION-

Fighting hate speech

Some sort of mechanism must be developed to curb hate speech, but it'd be better if it is informal

The Supreme Court and the Government made important points about hate speech on Wednesday. A bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna said, "Hate speeches are like a vicious circle. One person will make it and then another will make it. When our Constitution was founded, there were no such speeches. Now cracks are coming up in the idea of fraternity. There has to be some restraint. Some sort of mechanism needs to be developed by the state so that we can curb these kinds of statements." The apex court's insistence on restraint is welcome, but the objective conditions are not conducive for it. The biggest reason is that politics, as



practiced by all parties, has been reduced to realpolitik, in which principles and scruples play a very little role; emphasis is on winning elections, whatever be the cost. Hence mindless populism, with politicians vying with each other in offering freebies, throwing fiscal prudence and caution to the wind. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has underlined the perils of freebie culture but there is little to suggest that parties are willing to behave responsibly. Then there is the instinct to play to the gallery and appeal to the lowest common denominator. There are leaders who became popular and important not by public service but by making deplorable remarks. This is not surprising because political debate is rarely illumined

by cogent arguments and elevating oration; it is rather animated by loud sloganeering and sanctimonious posturing.

On the subject of hate speeches, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta also made an important remark: such speeches are also made against Hindus. On the face of it, this might appear whataboutery, but this is factually accurate. Two wrongs don't make a right, so statements against Muslims or Christians are not justifiable because similar ones are also made against Hindus. Mehta informed the court that in Tamil Nadu, "a spokesperson of DMK" said "whatever Periyar says should have been done... if you want equality, you must butcher all Brahmins." Against such a backdrop, as the Supreme Court said, some mechanism has to be developed, but it would be better that this mechanism is informal rather than formal. There are already a zillion laws; what is needed is a code of behaviour that political parties, rather than the Indian State, should evolve together. Something like the model code of conduct that governs the behaviour of parties and candidates before elections. It is not legally enforceable, yet it is widely adhered to. We should not forget that behavioural patterns are difficult to change with laws, rules, and fiats; when people themselves realise that something should be avoided, they avoid that. After all, politicians do observe the code of conduct. Therefore, the best way out would be a consensus among politicians and parties that decency in political discourse would be nice.



Artistes dressed as Hindu deities distribute sweet juice and buttermilk to celebrate Ram Navami, in Bengaluru

China resorts to 'buying' support



Globally, China is rapidly gaining influence over the US and asserting its diplomatic muscle by investing disproportionately in seedy regimes

n 2000, China accounted for less than 2% of South America's exports which spiralled thereafter at over 30% annually to reach \$180 billion in 2010, \$450 billion by 2021, and expected to exceed \$700 billion by 2035! Beijing is now South America's top trade partner with countries like Chile accounting for nearly 40% of their exports to China. It didn't happen by chance, but by concerted Chinese design. China had invested disproportionately and knowingly with a 'no-strings-attached' policy that necessitated no preachy conditions or reform insistence. This leniency appealed to a host of illiberal and undemocratic regimes (e.g., pariahised Venezuela was given loans of more than \$64 billion, causing fears of a debt trap to arise). China's internal 'South-South cooperation' policy was further bolstered by the inclusion of initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) or even the more recent 'Covid-19 diplomacy' that ensured transactional support and investments. Besides the reciprocal gratification of raw materials and the emergence of an alternative power centre, China replaced US control and assert its diplomatic muscle and leverage on the world stage.

One obvious element of quid pro quo sought by the Chinese for loosening their purse strings in economically struggling South America was the switch to derecognize its nemesis Taiwan (Republic of China) to the 'One-China' policy (with the assumption that Taiwan is an essential part of the Chinese mainland, to be reunified one day). South American countries were especially in large numbers among those who recognised Taiwan as the Chinese had little or no leverage, historically - today, with its deep pockets and flexing of bargaining muscle, one South American country after the other flipped sides in favour of China. Oddly enough, even the US and India remain vested in the 'One-China' stance, grandstanding and

sabre-rattling notwithstanding. Honduras decame the latest to fall prey to the Chinese 'buyout' as its President, Xiomara Castro, did a brazen flip-flop within weeks of downplaying



the 193 UN member states i.e.,

the Marshall Islands, Nauru,

Palau, Tuvalu, Belize,

Guatemala, Haiti, Paraguay,

the Federation of Saint

Christopher and Nevis, St

Lucia, Eswatini, the Holy See

and St Vincent and the

Grenadines. Access to the

Chinese market and Treasury

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Ironically, Taiwan remains for-

mally unrecognised even by its

most prominent allies, the

USA (despite bipartisan unity

on Taiwan). Jimmy Carter's

abandonment of diplomatic

ties with Taiwan to recognise

Beijing instead, initiated a

complexity and absurdity of

relationship that the USA con-

tinues to grapple with as it sup-

plies weapons to a nation that

China's unofficial mouth-

it does not fully recognise.

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SIMPLY 'BUYING OUT' THE LAST **BASTION IN** SOUTH AMERICA, AS THE USA CANNOT MAKE A COUNTEROFFER THAT IS **FINANCIALLY ATTRACTIVE** ENOUGH TO SPURN BEIJING'S

piece, Global Times noted bluntly, "The US does not have enough resources to assist Honduras or make any effective pledges to Honduras in exchange for Honduras' change of mind. The case of Honduras shows that as long as countries stay firm, US obstruction and interference will not work. This will have a domino effect on Taiwan's remaining "allies" such as Guatemala, Belize and Paraguay." The Chinese have no qualms about simply 'buying out' the last bastions in South America, as the USA cannot make a counteroffer that is financially attractive enough to spurn Beijing's advances. As if to confirm its intent, the Global Times concludes, "The sleepwalking of "Taiwan independence" is end-

Capitol Hill cannot compete with the Chinese coffers and are getting outbid, but that does not mean that there are no underlying concerns in accepting the Chinese terms. The reality of Chinese debt traps is legendary and shortterm bailouts do not end well. Micronesia's outgoing President, David Panuelo had accused Beijing of political warfare' by insinuating that it was interfering and preventing the switchover from China to Taiwan. China remains hyper-

Taiwan or its allies in

sensitive to the Taiwan issue and shows very short patience with what it insists are its internal issues. Recent developments in the wars in Afghanistan and Ukraine have exposed the limits of the socalled 'superpowers' ability to take over and control the targeted landmass infinitely. Therefore, ensnaring and controlling those regions through 'buyouts' is decidedly easier, and even more sustainable.

Honduras recognised the Taipei government for 82 years. However, the wanton lure of a hydroelectric dam and billions of dollars in 'aid' was irresistible. Not too many believe the Chinese line of Honduras sees through 'Washington's bullying diplomacy' as the pattern and accompanying terms of the switchover are eerily consistent and seemingly generous (initially). The price for the switchover was the upfront admission by the Honduran authorities that there is "only one China in the world". The days of principled diplomatic stands are over, and commerce and coercion define the new global order. China is the high temple of realpolitik.

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Let them write an essay on Khalistan



This protest has no content except vilification and terror. It dodges issues of territory, Government form, State-religion ties and economy

ndian diplomatic missions in the UK, USA, Australia and Canada have recently been subjected to violent and abusive protests by pro-Khalistan Sikhs. If I were at Ground Zero, I would have simply walked around with a sheaf of foolscap papers and asked the agitators to write an essay about the proposed Khalistan. The essay must address the issues of territory, a form of government, the relationship between the state and church (SGPC), economy, demography (38 per cent non-Sikhs in Punjab, and Sikhs in the rest of India) etc. However, the essay reveals the "Khali-stan" (empty space) that exists in their minds.

Over the last 50 years, the 'movement' has preferred to dodge these fundamental questions. Thousands of lives have been lost in an organised misconception. Territory is the basic component of a sovereign state. The maps of the proposed Khalistan are ludicrous. In the 1980s, Khushwant Singh purchased a Khalistan map published in England, for £2. "According to this map", he wrote in 1992,

Jammu, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, New Delhi, chunks UP, Rajasthan and Saurashtra to give the state an

outlet to the sea. By rough reckoning, the Sikh population will be 13 per cent. What kind of Sikh state will this be? Clearly, not democratic." (My Bleeding Punjab, P.155-156).

A recent example of this lack of clarity is the fanciful Khalistan map issued by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, of Sikhs For Justice, in June 2022 at the Lahore Press Club. Besides the Indian Punjab, it encompasses almost the whole of Haryana, Himachal, five Rajasthan districts, several Úttarakhand districts (including Dehradun and Haridwar), and a number

Gurugram, though Delhi was left out. Shimla was the capital of Khalistan, though Sikhs comprised 1.95 per cent of the city. Pro-Khalistani graffiti was actually found pasted on the Assembly Building at Dharamsala (Kangra district) on May 8, 2022, and scribes in Himachal Pradesh received pre-recorded Khalistani threat calls on their mobiles. However, in the Melbourne round of a referendum by the outfit in January, the question was whether "Indian-gov-erned Punjab should be an independent country— Yes or No". Where does that leave the June 2022 map?

As per the referendum, sovereign Khalistan would be a landlocked country between India and Pakistan. Punjab farmers, overwhelmingly Jatt Sikhs, are heavily dependent on rice and wheat from the Centre. This was borne out by the massive farmers' agitation (2020-21) compelling the Government to cancel the farm laws. One would be interested in knowing how Khalistan propo-nents plan to offload Punjab

rice and wheat mounds. Nobody has yet seen a "Kĥalistan will include of districts of UP. It included draft Khalistan constitution

even after 50 years. The Khalsa Raj Party Constitution issued by Lt Col Partap Singh (Retd) on May 15, 1991, at Chandigarh, issued towards the end of the Khalistani insurgency, was expected to condense all wisdom on Khalistan. It advocates an independent, sovereign Sikh homeland and restricts its boundaries to Punjab and adjoining Punjabi-speaking areas 'fraudulently kept out during a Punjab reorganisation in 1966". Herein, Lt Col Singh assumes all Punjabispeaking persons in India are Sikhs, and vice versa, wherein in reality 38 per cent of Punjab population according to Census 2011 is Hindu.

Will Khalistan be a democracy and a theocracy at the same time? It is open to multiple interpretations but it says nothing about the SGPC. The 'movement' is a bundle of imponderables, deliberately retained by its sponsors. It fits American author Paul Elridge's description, "Man is willing to die for any idea, provided that idea is not clear to him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WELCOME MOVE BY HIMACHAL DY CM Sir — Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri who announced in the HP Vidhan Sabha on March 28 that no appointment would be made on an outsourced basis in the Jal Shakti Department in future is a praiseworthy decision. Outsourcing recruitment is a backdoor entry. It violates all recruitment requirements, such as ads inviting applications, competitive tests followed by personal interviews, meanwhile germinating corruption and exploitation by service providers because it is typically only known individuals who are appointed. The employees recruited through the outsourcing method need to be stopped in every department which generates corruption and hampers government functioning. The government should appoint the required staff regularly in all departments after following the due selection process.

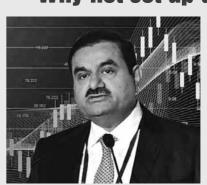
SK Khosla | Chandigarh

RAHUL'S MANOEUVRES Sir — After being disqualified as an MP, Rahul Gandhi appeared before the media and said that whatever may come, he would keep asking questions in the Adani case. Rahul Gandhi's attention is more focused on the political fight than on the legal fight. Rahul Gandhi and Congress want to turn this court sentence into BJP revenge. But Rahul Gandhi and Congress have to accept that Rahul Gandhi has been punished for defamation. Rahul Gandhi has 30 days to appeal. It will be interesting to see how Rahul Gandhi's politics overshadow the BJP in the coming days and how Rahul Gandhi overcomes these difficulties..

Rohit Pandey | New Delhi

AMERICA'S DIVERSIONARY TACTICS Sir — Playing blame games is the order of the day. As a result, our politicians play a crucial role in making the public feel bad about our country's expansion not play a decisive role in bringing abroad. Moreover, they seek the help of a superpower and are not ready to face about its own economy's revival, the show

Why not set up a JPC on Adani?



ddressing a gathering after inaugurating an extension of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) headquarters in Delhi, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi linked the coming together of opposition parties against the BJP to his Government's campaign against corruption and said "anti-India" forces are attacking constitutional institutions — the "strong foundation of a rising India" — to stall the country's growth. To hear this, an aam aadmi with heavy hearts wants to know from PM Modi, why the Government is not investigating Adani. In addition, what about shell companies, stock parking, and stock inflation? And don't forget the recent controversy over Elara and Shell's companies receiving defence contracts what is going on there? People want to know if corporate cronies were given undue favours to jump from 600 to the top 10 in top business

elections in India as the winning chances

are dim. It is impossible for a country as

large and about to be the most populous

in the world as India to function accord-

ing to the whims and fancies of Johnnies

and Alices in Wonderland at the US

Department. The US has no locus stan-

di to lecture India on democratic values.

As the US's pathetic position worsens,

they left their business and entered the

Indian politics scene.. When the US could

rankings under your rule? They also want to

know if the Government was involved.

Moreover, why the reluctance to call out fugitives Lalit Modi, Nirav Modi, Mehul Choksi and Vijaya Mallya? The public wants transparency and accountability, and it's time for the government to answer these burning questions. Not only this, PM Modi fought to change the election funding law to secretly allow black money. Is PM Modi not the same who supports his Karnataka MLAs to take crores of bribes? He remains silent, even when BJP politicians get caught "red-handed" there, with crores of cash? Why are there no investigations by the CBI, ED or IT? Why do corrupt politicians from opposition parties join the BJP, and cases against them miraculously disappear? It means all BJP MPs/MLAs/politicians are absolutely above corruption. As people wonder when the honest PM Modi implemented demonetisation and secretly converted his friend's money from Black to White, or who changed coal mining tender rules for Adani so that he would benefit from them? Is he not the PM who doesn't have a problem with foreign companies owning defence projects? And the list goes on and on. In view of this, before PM Modi's declaration that all those involved in corruption have come together on one platform, the anti-corruption crusader should set up a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to investigate the Adani matter. Alas! He has no courage

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee I *Faridabad*

diverted towards India. That country's GDP is falling drastically and there is no hope for immediate improvement. India is better placed and so it could not see Indian progress and wanted to exhibit and poke its nose into Indian political scenario. However, India stands united and the erroneous elements will be eliminated sooner or later.

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JAPANESE THRUST TO OUR LOOK EAST POLICY

The policy needs more push for stronger relations with SE Asia through NE States



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

ndia's vision of a 'Look East' policy and Japan's vision regarding a free and open Indo Pacific meet in India's landlocked northeast. India for long has championed its 'Look East' policy. This aims to develop deeper relations with countries in South East Asia and the Bay of Bengal region through northeastern (much to be tapped) States as a major gateway. Meanwhile, for more than a decade, Japan has been focusing on free, open and fair Indo Pacific policy, with emphasis on free movement of people, trade across land, sea and air routes, all through the region. India's northeastern States form an important access node.

Last week Japanese Prime Minister Kishida, during his India visit, reemphasised the desire to pursue a more engaged Indo Pacific policy. This has for the past two years become the most strategic foreign policy component for the US and Europe. It is also the glue holding together India, US, Australia and Japan in their QUAD grouping. Japan has been promoting key infrastructure projects in India's



northeast to create seamless trade and transport routes. It has been assisting in developing northeast road network connectivity improvement projects in Assam and Meghalaya, sewage and water supply projects in Assam, development of schools in Manipur, projects related to forest management in Tripura and Nagaland and sustainable agriculture projects in Mizoram. Japan's investment in the northeast is \$2 billion so far. In addition, the Japanese Government has picked up key infrastructure projects such as the MatarBari deep water port in Bangladesh. This will be complemented by the construction of connecting roads in Assam, Mizoram and Tripura. Once completed, these infrastructure projects would provide seamless access from the northeast to Bay of Bengal sea ports. In addition, they would serve as a major trade transit route for goods from Southeast Asia and beyond.

This promises to bring more prosperity to the entire region, not just within India's geographical boundaries. It fits well into the Japanese vision of comprehensive economic and regional development, based on law. It may be noteworthy that the other Asian giant, China, has rapidly expanded its sphere of influence in the region through its opaque Belt and Road Initiative. This has tied many of these countries into multiyear fatal debt traps. India and Japan are the major economies not part of China's debt trap infrastructure financing projects. Their vision for the Indo Pacific is different from China's.

India and Japan, during the leadership meeting in New Delhi, highlighted the need for expanding the partnership to more ASEAN countries. Even the QUAD Foreign Ministers' meeting in March emphasised the centrality of ASEAN and the need for greater engagement. It is significant that Japan is working in a structured manner in India's neighbourhood. This is with some of India's most trusted allies such as Bangladesh on a path of regional prosperity. Japan has been working with India since 2017 to support NE's development. Japan has clearly articulated that it is keen to tie the two ports, one in Bangladesh and the other in India's NE, for greater economic cooperation.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for External Affairs Raikumar Ranian Singh while addressing a BIMSTEC meet in Kolkata this week stressed the need for India's north eastern region to be the leading edge of India's Act East diplomacy. He emphasised the need for developing transportation facilities and trade within BIMSTEC partners. His caution for BIMSTEC countries was to follow a modest yet practical approach. Any creative solutions for increasing trade in this region also click well with Japan's push for increased economic prosperity and connectivity for the Indo Pacific.

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Societal needs stretch beyond skill formation -



The current overemphasis on acquiring skills at the cost of compromising life fundamentals would be counterproductive in the long run and needs a relook

owadays, the most popular phrases are skill formation and employability. There's nothing wrong with that. These are apparently innocent favourites which also contribute to social growth. Even innocent phrases can have ramifications, even for the purpose of social growth. Illustratively, skill formation would reference educational institutions. Educational institutions cannot just focus on 'skill formation' and 'employability'. Educational institutions must have as their priority training the mind, educating a person and making him a worthy member of society capable of contributing to overall growth. There is indeed a school of thought which argues that education requires as its end objectives character building, preparing for responsible citizenship and the like. Ever since the current system of university education with its segmented approach to degrees came into being, there has been a running debate on the objectives of edu-

Mind training and general orientation towards learning are multi-layered processes. Liberal education is supposed to cater for them. It is difficult to conceive of a skilled person who is not a good human being, ethical and contributes to collective welfare.

Individual growth, by definition, is embedded in a social environment with sound values and norms. There is clearly not much debate on the issues outlined above. However, factoring in the economic context, including gaps and shifts in livelihood processes, becomes a poignant element in its own right. An illustration may be in order; consider India's rural sector. There are various processes and learning segments in agriculture which give the farmer a position of primacy in the country's economic framework.

However, a closer look at the lay of the land, both literally and methodologically, will show two things. The amount of land on the subcontinent is constant. Other variables are not. The number of people who rely on a livelihood from agriculture has exponentially increased. This means, the number of people deriving their livelihood from agriculture has grown to the extent that the land available per head has substantially 'receded'. Further even as the productivity of agriculture has grown, the revenues to the farmer per head have declined. This is, also, because the portion of land per head has become smaller with an increasing

That is not the end of the story. Additionally, there is the factor of the switch in crops, at times, from cereal to cash crops, and from cash crops to cereal. This means that, in certain cases, the total income from agricultural products has gone down for various reasons. Not the least of which would be the consequences of continuing cereal cultivation. Further, however, if the farmer switched to cash crops, it would be difficult to sustain. This is due to a lack of understanding of how to choose, cultivate and market cash crops.

The problem does not end there. There are other shifts because of the economic transition as cereal land value declines. There emerges an exponentially rising demand for tertiary sector earnings in rural areas, such as for carpenters, blacksmiths, electrical workers, and the



AT THE LOCAL

LEVEL, FEW STATES HAVE SHOWN A **TENDENCY OR PROPENSITY** TO FRAME **ECONOMIC POLICIES THAT WOULD HELP CREATE A** SOCIAL **FEEDBACK** L₀₀P

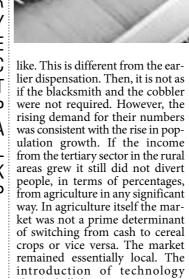
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changed all that. Technology caused a serious disruption of the economy and disturbed the economic viability and health of the existing socio-economic system of the villages. The present excessive serenading of technology virtues eschews taking a balanced view of the prerequisites and consequences of the technology factor.

To illustrate the point, consider a family of five young men living with an elderly gentleman (their father?). If three of them entered the wage market of the ter-tiary sector and two of them continued making their livelihood by tilling the land, even then there would be further land fragmentation. As a result, the return per head would go down since the 'elderly gentleman"s labour and tal-

heads. This would be a generational issue. Whether the output was cereal or cash crops would be a sepa-

rate consideration. The one producing cash crops would likely be better off than the one producing cereals. So in effect, among the five young men in the family, there would be an income differential among those (three of the five) who earned from the tertiary sector and even between the two still tilling the land.

outcome of social disturbances, which could affect the collective social fabric of the village's occupational profile. If allowed to run its course, the real need is economic policies at a local level. This would rationalise and smoothen the disruptions caused.

Unfortunately, at a local level, few states have shown a tendency or propensity to frame economic policies that would help create a social feedback loop. This will grow talent in each of the required income-generating avenues.

This is a serious matter that seems to be escaping the attention of policymakers at a time when it needs to be addressed. For a stable society, with proper wageearning channels and comparable lifestyles arising therefrom, a requirement is viable and organic economic growth. Having a system so severely divided will create ent would now be split among two gaps in the economic framework

in general, not only in the hinterland but elsewhere. This could lead to manpower shortages in critical sectors of the economy and, among others, encourage population growth in urban areas. Social and economic equity require talent and compensation to be available in equal measure in all critical sectors of the nation's life.

As noted earlier it is not as if in the earlier dispensation the blacksmith and the cobbler were not required. It has also been This economic reality is the analysed how, as the population grows and the income from the tertiary sector in the rural areas grows, fewer and fewer people take an interest in the tilling of the land. Further, even in the tilling of the land, cash crops are preferred over cereals.

It has further been argued that this is a serious distortion of the economy. It creates dissonance in the economic viability and health of the social fabric of the villages. Many professionals and policy makers seem to have missed the point, and employment promotion based on catchy slogans seems to confuse the issue.

To conclude, nobody grudges the emphasis on skill formation, but like everything else, overemphasis on skill formation to the neglect of fundamentals of life and distorted by profit oriented economics, is something which requires a good second and third



The Habitat International Film Festival, an annual treat for the Delhi-NCR film lovers, was back in its full-fledged form this year

¬he 10-day Habitat International Film Festival (HIFF) was a visual treat for film-loving communities in Delhi and the NCR. Thanks to Sunit Tandon (Director, India Habitat Centre) and Vidyun Singh (Programme Head) along with her team to bring the awardwinning, critically acclaimed films from Cannes, Berlin and

other renowned film festivals. This year, HIFF screened 60 films from 20 countries, with Australia as the focus country. From factual to fantastical, from surreal to sci-fi, this edition took place from

March 17 to 26. Tandon says, "The HIFF is back in its full-fledged form this year. We also bring a cutting-edge VR Section to the festival for the first time.



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want to miss the unique opportunity provided by Kieslowski Film School Documentary Workshop."

From Australia, six of the finest contemporary films of 2022 and 2023 have been screened with the opening film, The Dreamlife of Georgie Stone, showcasing the elliptical memories of the teen activist's historic fight for transgender rights; Ivan Sen's *Limbo* arrives fresh off the boat from its Berlinale 2023 premiere; others include The Lonely Spirits Variety Hour, Sweet As, and Survival of Kindness.

Filmmakers and editors from the Kielowski Film School from Poland trained the young minds in a four-day documentary workshop. Grzegorz Paprzycki, an

Aspiring filmmakers will not acclaimed upcoming voice in contemporary Polish cinema and Kieslowski Film School alumni was one of the workshop trainers. A hands-on workshop, with live editing sessions, discussions and practical exercises designed to hone their skills as filmmakers was an added advantage for the local young filmmakers.

For the first time as part of the festival, cinema's latest innovation — VR and 360° video — was presented in partnership with the Goethe Institute. The Virtual Reality programme — a package of animation, short and documentary films — explores the relationship between the past and present. It also adds a whole new dimension to film

watching for the audience. Four films in the MUBI

the anarchy of love and its expression across different eras — the classic In The Mood For Love by Wong Karwai, to the contemporary Paris, 13th district by Jacques Audiard and The Worst Person *in the World* by Joachim Trier, even the futuristic Crimes of The Future by David Cronenberg.

Eight biggest attraction at HIFF were: *Elvis*, the buzzing Austin Butler-starrer, Baz Luhrmann biopic that premiered at Cannes (and has won many awards subsequently); Rheingold, Fatih Akin's (Germany, Netherlands, Morocco, Mexico) highoctane adaptation of the swagger and bombast of German rap star Xatar's 2015 autobiography 'All Or Nothing'; winner

Friday section that approach of 16 awards and 51 nominations, including the much-coveted Golden Bear (Berlinale 2022) - Carla Simón's (Spain), Alcarras, a deeply intelligent and empathetic humane drama that engulfs you in the heat and dust and dysfunction created by market forces; Perfect *Number* - the return of veteran Polish filmmaker Krzysztof Zanussi and his search for philosophical answers in mathematical theories; the poignant We are Still Here, an anthology film about stories of indigenous heroes from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific; winner of the Best Screenplay at Cannes 2022, Boy From Heaven, takes us into the heart of a ruthless power struggle between Egypt's reli-

latest Berlinale awardee (2023), The Survival of Kindness, follows a black woman's escape from a cage in the middle of the desert to the city, recapture, and tragedy; and Oscar nominee 'EŎ' by Jerzy Skolimowski (Poland) follows a donkey that encounters good and bad people, experiences joy and pain, exploring a vision of modern Europe.

Further enriching the feature line-up are some equally remarkable documentaries, shorts, and animation films. DOC NYC 2022 nominee Closed Circuit by Tel Inbar (Israel) is a documentary that captures the heart-pounding trauma of the 2016 terrorist attack in Tel Aviv's Sarona Market; Winner of 'Best Documentary Feature' at The gious and political elites; the Roxbury International Film

Hostile by UK filmmaker Sonita Gale explores the UK's complicated relationship with its migrant communities; Winner at the Warsaw Film Festival 2022, Region of Heroes by Artur Lerman (Ukraine) is the story of those who selflessly saved thousands of Úkrainians during the Russian occupation; winner of the Special Jury Award at Roxbury Film Festival and the International Humanitarian Award at Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival, The Bengali by Kavery Kaul (USA) is the story of a writer from Louisiana who embarks on a quest to India to look for her grandfather's descendants. Curated packages from Poland and Sri Lanka also embellished the festival.

Festival and Filmocracy Fest,

Russia arrests WSJ reporter for spying

 $R^{ussia's}$ security service arrested an American reporter for The Wall Street Journal on espionage charges, the first time a US correspondent has been detained on spying accusations since the Cold War. The newspaper denied the allegations.Evan Gershkovich was detained in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg while allegedly trying to obtain classified information, the Federal Security Service, known by the acronym FSB, said Thursday. The service, which is the top domestic security agency and main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, alleged that Gershkovich "was acting on the US orders to collect information about the activities of one of the enterprises of the Russian militaryindustrial complex that constitutes a state secret."Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Wednesday: "It is not about a suspicion, is it about the fact that he was caught red-handed."

"The Wall Street Journal vehemently denies the allegations from the FSB and seeks the immediate release of our trusted and dedicated reporter, Evan Gershkovich," the newspaper said. "We stand in solidarity with Evan and his fam-

The arrest comes at a moment of bitter tensions between the West and Moscow over its war in Ukraine and as the Kremlin intensifies a crackdown on opposition activists, independent journalists and civil society groups. The sweeping campaign of repression is unprecedented since the Soviet era. Earlier this week, a Russian court convicted a father over social media posts critical of the war and sentenced him to two years in prison while his 13-year-old daughter was sent to an orphanage.

Chinese State-sponsored hacking group highly active, says report

Bangkok (AP)\: A Chinese hacking group that is likely statesponsored and has been linked previously to attacks on U.S. state government computers is still "highly active" and is focusing on a broad range of targets that may be of strategic interest to China's government and security services, a private American cybersecurity firm said in a new report Thursday. The hacking group, which the report calls RedGolf, shares such close overlap with groups tracked by other security companies under the names APT41 and BARIUM that it is thought they are either the same or very closely affiliated, said Jon Condra, director of strategic and persistent threats for Insikt Group, the threat research division of Massachusetts-based cybersecurity company Recorded Future. Following up on previous reports of APT41 and BAR-IUM activities and monitoring the targets that were attacked, Insikt Group said it had identified a cluster of domains and infrastructure "highly likely used across multiple campaigns by RedGolf" over the past two years. "We believe this activity is likely being conducted for intelligence purposes rather than financial gain due to the overlaps with previously reported cyberespionage campaigns," Condra said in an emailed response to questions from The Associated Press.

Gershkovich is the first American reporter to be arrested on espionage charges in Russia since September 1986, when Nicholas Daniloff, a Moscow correspondent for US News and World Report, was arrested by the KGB. Daniloff was released without charge 20 days later in a swap for an employee of the Soviet Union's United Nations mission who was arrested by the FBI, also on spying charges.

At a hearing Thursday, a Moscow court quickly ruled to keep Gershkovich behind bars pending the investigation, according to the official Telegram channel of the capital's courts. Gershkovich, who covers Russia, Ukraine and other ex-Soviet nations as a correspondent in The Wall Street Journal's Moscow bureau, could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of

espionage. Prominent lawyers noted that past investigations into espionage cases in the past took a year to 18 months during which time he may be held with little contact with the outside world. The FSB noted that Gershkovich had accreditation from the Russian Foreign Ministry to work as a journalist, but ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Gershkovich was using his journalistic credentials as a cover for "activities that have nothing to do with journalism." Gershkovich speaks fluent Russian and had previously worked for the French agency Agence France-Presse and The New York Times. His last report from Moscow, published earlier this week, focused on the Russian economy's slowdown amid Western sanctions imposed when Russian troops invaded Ukraine last year.

'Russian spy operations weakened in Nordic nation'

Helsinki (AP): Expulsions of Russian intelligence officers and visa refusals have substantially weakened Moscow's intelligence operations in neighbouring Finland in the past year, the Finnish Security and Intelligence Service said Thursday. The intelligence agency, known by the abbreviation SUPO, said in a statement that Russian intelligence has been "squeezed" in the Nordic country because of the agency's ability to compromise spy operations in 2022.

"The Russian intelligence station (in Finland) shrank to about half of its former size last year," SUPO Director Antti Pelttari said, adding that the main reason for the decline were expulsions of suspected spies and visa refusals on the advice of

The falling number of intelligence officers and restrictions on travel across the Russian-Finland border amid Moscow's war in Ukraine have significantly undermined operating conditions for Ŕussian spies in Finland, SUPO said.

It noted that operations under diplomatic cover have traditionally been the main instrument of Russian intelligence abroad, and Moscow was seeking to use, among other methods, cyberespionge to make up for the shortfall in human intel-

"While Russia is still seeking to station intelligence officers under diplomatic cover, it will have to find ways of compensating for the human intelligence shortfall, such as by increasingly adopting other forms of covert operation abroad," Pelttari said.

The agency said that Russia, China and "certain other countries" were the most active users of intelligence operations to acquire information for their own ends and against the interests of Finland. Finland, a nation of 5.5 million people, applied for NATO membership together with neighbouring Sweden in May. It shares a 1,340-kilometer (832-mile)

land border with Russia, the longest of any European Union member.

SUPO has earlier said that Finland's future NATO membership will make the Nordic country a more interesting target for Russian intelligence and influencing operations, and Moscow may seek to acquire NATO-related intelligence through its neighbour.

Russia to keep missile test notices under Cold War-era deal

 $R^{ussia \ will \ continue \ to \ give \ the}_{U.S. \ advance \ notice \ about \ its}$ missile tests despite suspending the last remaining nuclear arms treaty between the two countries, a top Russian diplomat said Thursday.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov's statement reversed one he made Wednesday, when he said Moscow had halted all information exchanges with Washington envisioned under the 2011 New START nuclear pact, including missile test warn-

But Russia intends to stick by its pledge last month to keep noti-fying the U.S. about missile tests in line with a 1988 U.S.-Soviet agreement, Ryabkov said. Russian President Vladimir Putin suspended the country's participa-

tion in the New START treaty last month, saying Russia could not U.S. inspections of its nuclear sites at a time when Washington and its NATO allies have openly declared Moscow's defeat in Ukraine as their goal.

Moscow emphasised at the

time that it wasn't withdrawing from the pact altogether and would continue to respect the caps on nuclear weapons the treaty set. Earlier this week, the U.S. announced that Moscow and Washington have stopped sharing biannual nuclear weapons data as envisioned by New START. U.S. officials said. Washington had offered to continue providing the information after Putin suspended Russia's participation, but Moscow told Washington it would not share its

Top UN court rejects Iranian bid to free assets frozen by US

The Hague: The United Nations' top court has rejected Tehran's legal bid to free up some USD 2 billion in Iranian central bank assets frozen by US authorities to be paid in compensation to victims of a 1983 bombing in Lebanon and other attacks linked to Iran. In a 10-5 majority ruling, the International Court of Justice said Thursday it did not have jurisdiction to rule on the Iranian claim linked to the central Markazi Bank. In a complex, 67-page judgment, the world court found that some other US moves to seize assets of Iran and Iranians in the United States breached a 1955 treaty between the countries and said they should negotiate compensation. If they fail to reach a number, they will have to return to the Hague-based court for a ruling. But the largest part of the case focused on Bank Markazi, and its frozen assets of USD 1.75 billion in bonds, plus accumulated interest, that are held in a Citibank account in New York. The court said that it did not have jurisdiction based on the 1955 Treaty of Amity.

US backs int'l court for **Russia's war in Ukraine**

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration is offering support for the creation of an international court to prosecute alleged crimes of aggression by Russia against Ukraine.

In comments this week, senior U.S. officials said the administration believes that would be the best way to hold Russia accountable for its yearold invasion. However, they also acknowledge that the prospects for a court to actually take custody of any Russian official for trial are slim."The United States supports the development of a special tribunal on the crime of aggression against Ukraine in the form of an internationalized court that is rooted in Ukraine's judicial system, with international elements," the State Department said in comments emailed to reporters. The officials said they envision a hybrid tribunal based on the Ukrainian justice system but with interna-

previous ad hoc war crimes courts set up for Cambodia, Chad, the Central African Republic and Bosnia - and likely based in The Hague, Netherlands. "This kind of model — an internationalized national court — will facilitate broader international support and demonstrate Ukraine's leadership in ensuring accountability for the crime of aggression," the State Department said. "It also builds upon the example of other successful justice mechanisms."The Hague will be home to the International Center for Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression, a Ukraine-focused investigations unit that is expected to be fully operational this summer. The center's offices and staff could be incorporated into whatever tribunal s eventually created, the U.S. officials said. The Hague also hosts the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice.

'Huge win' for Russia as TikTok propaganda fails

A year ago, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, TikTok started labelling accounts operated by Russian state propaganda agencies as a way to tell users they were being exposed to Kremlin disinformation. An analysis a year later shows the policy has been applied inconsistently. It ignores dozens of accounts with millions of followers. Even when used, labels have little impact on Russia's ability to exploit TikTok's powerful algorithms as part of its effort to shape public opinion about the war. Researchers at the Alliance for Securing Democracy, a bipartisan, transatlantic non-profit operated by the German Marshall Fund that studies authoritarian disinformation, identified nearly 80 TikTok accounts operated by Russian state outlets like RT or Sputnik, or by individuals linked to them, including RT's editor-in-chief.

More than a third of the accounts were unlabelled, despite a labelling policy announced by TikTok a year ago. The labels, which appear in bold immediately below an account's name, read "Russia state-controlled

Clicking on the label brings up more information, including a description that "the government has control over the account's editorial content."

The accounts have spread pro-Russian propaganda about the invasion of Ukraine as well as false and misleading claims about the US and the international coalition that stands against Russia's war.

"US to hold biggest satanic gathering in history," claims one of the videos on Sputnik.

Vatican: Pope's health condition improving

Rome (AP): Pope Francis rested well overnight and was "progressively improving" Thursday, the Vatican said, after he was hospitalised with a respiratory infection that has called into question his participation in Palm Sunday and upcoming Holy Week events. The 86-year-old pontiff, who had part of one lung removed as a young man, ate breakfast, read the newspapers and was working from his hospital room at Rome's from Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni.

"Before lunch he went to the little chapel in the private apartment, where he gathered in prayer and received the Eucharist," the statement said.Francis was hospitalised Wednesday after having trouble breathing in recent days and was diagnosed with a respiratory infection that wasn't COVID-19.

The Vatican said he would remain for a few days of treatment; his audiences were cancelled through Friday.

Despite his absence, the Vatican was abuzz with activity Thursday: Two Vatican offices issued an historic statement repudiating the "Doctrine of Discovery," the legal theory backed by 15th century papal bulls that legitimised the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and form the basis of some property law today. And there was continued fallout over the sudden resignation of a founding member of the pope's sex abuse prevention board, with Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley pushing back against Rev. Hans Zollner's critiques in his remarkable resignation statement issued the previous day.

China to SCO countries: End disputes through cooperation

China has called on SCO member states to bridge their differences through dialogue, resolutely tackle the forces of terrorism and jointly create a sound security environment for the economic recovery and social stability of all countries. Chinese State Security Wang Xiaohong, who took part in Security Council Secretaries of the SCO Member States held in New Delhi on Wednesday via video link, said joint efforts are needed to foster a new regional security structure that is balanced, effective and sustainable.National Security Advisor Ajit Doval presided over the meeting.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) comprises China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India holds the presidency of the grouping for this year. Wang said it is important that member countries of the SCO bridge their differ-ences through dialogue and resolve disputes through cooperation, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported. He asked the member states to resolutely con-



tain and tackle the forces of terrorism, separatism and extremism, and strengthen cooperation to combat transnational crime like telecom and internet fraud, online gambling, and drug trafficking. Wang said the SCO countries should deepen pragmatic cooperation in the fields of law enforcement and security, and jointly create a sound security environment for the economic recovery and social stability of all countries. He asked all countries to defuse the risks of external interference and safeguard their core interests, such as national sovereignty, territorial integrity and independentchoosing development paths.Wang asked the member states to continue to engage in

positive interactions to promote a stable structure in war-torn Afghanistan.

Separately, the spokesperson of the Chinese Defence Ministry, Senior Colonel Tan Kefei, told an online media briefing here on Thursday that a working group of the ministry recently visited India the international military cooperation departments under the defence ministries of the SCO member states. In mid-to-late March, the Chinese side also sent delegates to India to attend respectively the SCO Workshop on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) and the SCO think-tank exchange on military health and medicine, and participated in the Expert Working Group (EWG) affiliated with the Meeting of the Council of Defence Ministers of the SCO Member States through a video link. During these meetings, the Chinese delegates had close and extensive communication with other participants, which pro-foundly enhanced the mutual trust and coordination among the parties, he was quoted as saying by the official website of the Chinese military.

Ohana: 26/11 perpetrators should pay heavy price

Jerusalem (PTI): The planners of the "abominable" 2008 Mumbai terror attack should pay a heavy price for it, the Speaker of Israel's Parliament has said ahead of his maiden visit to India, asserting that the fight against terrorism is common concern for the two countries. Amir Ohana, a close confidante of Prime Minister India for four days starting March 31, on his first official visit abroad after assuming office in December last

Stating that the menace of terrorism is a common concern, Ohana, a former Shin Bet (Israeli internal security agency) official, told PTI that the fight to counter it requires all the progressive countries to come together. Both India and Israel face the problem of terrorism, and the fight against it is a joint one, Ohana said.

'We all remember the abominable terrorist attacks on Mumbai in 2008 in which over 207 people were murdered, of which 178 were Indians. Among the foreigners who were murdered were unfortunately also Israelis and Jews who came to the Chabad house," Ohana pointed

"It was an attack not only on India but also on Jews and free people everywhere," the Knesset Speaker



said, adding that it was an attack on the shared values of India and Israel. 'Whoever planned and sent the terrorists from the terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba should pay a heavy price for it", he said.

The attack on the Chabad house (in Mumbai) symbolises a common pain for India and Israel, but also our partnership in the uncompromising fight against terrorism," Ohana said.

The fight against terrorism is a necessity for all free countries, he added, and in particular for two countries like India and Israel. Shared values, concerns, pain and immense potential in the strategic partnership continue to strengthen Indo-Israel ties, Ohana said.

in Nepal fail to reach consensus on power sharing **Kathmandu (PTI):** Nepal's 10-

Ruling parties

party ruling alliance on Thursday failed to reach a consensus on the power-sharing deal, causing yet another delay in the expansion of the Cabinet led by Prime M Pushpa Kamal 'Prachanda".

Top leaders held meetings at the Prime Minister's official residence here at Baluwatar to reach an agreement on the distribution of ministries among various political parties. Power sharing and the distribution of ministerial portfolios were the major bottlenecks among the members of the ruling alliance as the demand for Cabinet posts was exceeding the number of ministries available, officials said.

Prachanda is now likely to expand his Cabinet on Friday, said Surya Kiran Sharma, Press Coordinator of the Prime Minister.

Among the 10 parties in the ruling alliance, nine are likely to join the council of



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak,is shown a 3-D printed model of an All Terrain Armoured Transport Walker from Star Wars made by apprentices, during a visit to the UK Atomic Energy Authority, Culham Science Centre, for a discussion on energy security and net zero, in Abingdon, Englandon Thursday.

Bahrain sentences 3 for questioning Islamic teachings

Dubai (AP): Prosecutors in the Arab Gulf nation of Bahrain on Thursday have handed down yearlong prison sentences to three people for debating Islamic theology in a series of blog posts and online videos. The three are part of a local cultural society called Tajdeed, Arabic for Renewal, that says it questions traditional Islamic scholarship and jurisprudence but not the religion itself. Critics, including prominent Shitte clerics in the kingdom, have accused the group of attacking the foundations of Islam and have waged a cam-paign of incitement against paign of incitement against

The case has divided the majority Shiite community in Bahrain, which is ruled by a Sunni monarchy. The public prosecutor's office said the three defendants were guilty of 'infringing on the foundations of the Islamic faith" and insulting its prophets, in part by dismissing purported miracles as popular myths.

It did not name the defendants, but activists have identified them as Jalal al-Qassab and Redha Rajab, who were summoned to court, and Mohammed Rajab, who lives in Britain.

They are free on bail pending appeal. Islam, like other world religions, has a rich tradition of theological debate going back to its earliest days.

But in modern Muslimmajority countries both political and religious authorities often enforce a conservative orthodoxy, and reformers are censured and in some cases targeted with violence.

Thailand uses helicopters to fight mountain wildfires

Bangkok: Thai authorities used helicopters Thursday to try to contain a fire that overnight engulfed two mountains on largely undeveloped forest land in a province northeast of the capital Bangkok. The fire broke out Wednesday night in Nakhon Nayok province, 114 kilometers (70 miles) northeast of Bangkok, but firefighters could not directly tackle it because the mountains are too steep to safely climb, especially in the darkness of night, provincial Governor Bancha Chaowarin told reporters.

"Apart from the wind's direction, I also have to look after the lives and safety of those conducting the operation. After reviewing the situation, since it is at a mountaintop, we had to retreat to standby and convene over what we can do," Bancha said late Wednesday night. **PTI**

Ethnic conflict must be resolved to achieve prosperity: Lanka Prez

Colombo (PTI): President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Thursday said Sri Lanka's progress was hindered by the decades-long ethnic conflict involving the Tamil minority and underlined that the debt-trapped country should not miss its "last chance" to make a "decisive choice" and achieve prosperity. Sri Lanka has been hit hard by a catastrophic economic and humanitarian crisis, sparked by years of mis-management and the raging pandemic.

In a keynote address "Economic Dialogue - IMF and Beyond," Wickremesinghe said it is essential to look beyond the IMF programme and focus on creating a prosperous society for the next generation. "Our task is not merely to stabilise the economy but to ensure growth, to grow in this new global economy, and to go ahead. These are



facts that we can't get away from," Wickremesinghe said.
The Sri Lankan President

said the country's progress was hindered by ethnic issues, and added that if the country is to prosper, this issue must be resolved.

"Sri Lanka has missed an opportunity to regain its footing due to the ethnic crisis. This is the last chance for Sri Lanka to make a decisive choice and move forward, or risk falling back again," he asserted.

Taliban terrorist attack in Pak kills 4 cops, injures 6

 $T_{\text{ferrying security forces in northwest}}$ Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least four policemen, including an officer, and wounding six others.

The terrorists attacked the police mobile van in Lakki Marwat district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. The vehicle was on its way to the Saddar police station when it came under the attack, police said.

Four policemen, including a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), were killed and six others were injured in the attack, they said, adding that Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police chief Akhtar Hayat Khan has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

Lakki Marwat police spokesperson said the attack was launched in the early hours of Thursday, resulting in an exchange of fire between the police and the terrorists. During the gunfight, six policemen were injured, he said. A police statement said that the militants were equipped with advanced and



heavy weaponry, the Dawn newspaper

'The police were on alert and the attackers had to flee when the police returned fire," it said. The terrorists fled while taking advantage of the darkness, it added. The outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed the attack in a statement, the report said. Condemning the incident, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the sacrifices of police officers in the war against terrorism were unforgettable and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured persons. "Police are performing magnificent duties against the terrorist as the first line of defence.

Pakistan's survival and development," Shehbaz said in a statement.

The latest attack comes as terrorismrelated incidents are surging in Pakistan. Over the past few months, the law and order situation in the country — especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan has worsened — with terrorist groups conducting attacks with near impunity across the country. Since the talks with the Taliban group broke down in November, the TTP has intensified its attacks, particularly targeting In January, a powerful suicide blast in a

mosque in Peshawar Police Lines killed 84 people and injured many others. According to statistics released by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies, an Islamabad-based think-tank, January 2023 remained one of the deadliest months since July 2018, as 134 people lost their lives — a 139 per cent spike - and 254 received injuries in at least 44 militant attacks across the country, the report said.

Pakistan court strikes down sedition law

Ahigh court in Pakistan on Thursday Struck down a colonial-era sedition law that criminalised criticism of the federal and provincial governments, terming it inconsistent with the Constitution. Justice Shahid Karim of the Lahore High

Court (LHC) annulled Section 124-A of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) dealing with sedition, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Justice Karim pronounced the verdict in

response to identical petitions seeking to annul the sedition law, the paper said.

One of the petitions, filed by a citizen

named Haroon Farooq, which was identical to all other pleas urged the court to declare Section 124-A of the PPC as "ultra-vires in terms of Article 8 of the Constitution being inconsistent with and in derogation of fundamental rights provided under Article 9, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19, 19A of the Constitution".

The law states: "Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards, the Federal or Provincial

Government established by law shall be punished with imprisonment for life to which fine may be added, or with imprisonment which may extend to three years, to which fine may be added, or with fine." It was argued in the petition that the

sedition act was enacted in 1860 which is a sign of British colonial rule, Geo News reported. The petition added that this law was used for slaves under which a case can be registered at anyone's request.

It was stated in the petition that the

Constitution of Pakistan gives every citizen the right to freedom of expression but still, Section 124-A is imposed for making speeches against the rulers.

According to the petition, the law has been recklessly used in Pakistan as a tool of exploitation to curb the right to free speech and expression guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution.

The petition said the law was serving as "a notorious tool for the suppression of dissent, free speech and criticism in free and independent Pakistan". Over the past few years, the petition argued, various politicians, journalists and activists had been booked

Three more Khalistan supporters held in Aus

Melbourne (PTI): Australian police have arrested three more people in connection with two incidents of brawl that broke out between Khalistan activists and pro-India demonstrators here in late January, police said on Thursday. The alleged incidents happened during the so-called 'Punjab independence referendum' where two fights broke out between the two groups which injured several people on January 29, Victoria Police said in a statement.

Apparently, flag poles were used by several men as weapons which caused physical injuries to multiple victims, the statement

The US-based Sikhs for fustice, the group spearheading the non-binding referendum, is a banned organisation in India.

The three arrested include a 23-year-old man charged with affray and unlawful assault while a 36-year-old and 39-year-old have been charged with affray and violent disorder, the police

The identities of the arrested men have not been disclosed. Earlier, two men aged 34 and 39 were arrested and issued a penalty notice for riotous behaviour.

All those charged this week have been bailed to appear at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on August 8. Further investigation is underway and police are making enquiries to identify and apprehend any further alleged offenders from the day, the statement added. India has asked the Australian government to curb the anti-India activities of the Khalistani separatists and frequent attacks on the Hindu temoles in the country. Narendra Modi raised concerns over the recent attacks on temples in Australia as well as pro-Kĥalistan activities there with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese during their meeting in New



Britain's King Charles III and Camilla, Queen Consort are welcomed by German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier and his wife

King Charles III addresses German parl

became the first monarch to address Germany's parliament, the Bundestag, on Thursday as part of a high-profile visit by the U.K. head of state aimed at bolstering ties between the two European powers. Speaking to lawmakers and other digni-taries in the packed lower house, Charles stressed the close bonds between the United Kingdom and Germany going back centuries, including his own family links to the royal House of Hannover, and the present-day economic, scientific, cultural and military cooperation between the two coun-

Charles noted that London and Berlin have provided considerable aid to Ukraine in its efforts to fend off Russia's invasion, a point that will appeal to German government officials

Berlin (AP): King Charles III more used to hearing how their country isn't doing enough to help Kyiv. "Germany's decision to provide so much military support to Ukraine is extremely brave, important and welcome," Charles said.

Speaking mostly in fluent German, he noted how the intertwined history of the two nations could be seen in the home of the Bundestag itself. The restoration in the 1990s of the former Reichstag building, that was heavily damaged during World War II, was capped with a glass cupola designed by British architect Norman Foster intended as a symbol of transparency and accountability. From here the citizens can actually watch their politicians work," Charles said. "Democracy in action."

trod on safe territory, making gentle jokes about soccer rivalry, national humour and mutual admiration for each other's cultures — from the Beatles to Kraftwerk and from Brahms to

Charles briefly touched on the grim history of Nazism and WWII. Charles and Camilla, the queen consort, will visit Hamburg on Friday to pay respects at a memorial to the Kindertransporte, or children's transports, which saw more than 10,000 Jewish children rescued from Nazi Germany 85 years ago. They will also commemorate those killed in the Allied bombing of Hamburg in

"Heeding the lessons of the past is our sacred responsibility, but it can only be fully discharged through a commitment to our shared future," he

ilant against threats to our values and freedoms, and resolute in our determination to confront them. Together we must strive for the security, prosperity and well-being that our people deserve." When Charles finished his speeh, the lawmakers rose

for a long, standing ovation,

something rarely seen in

Germany's parliament.

Charles is on his inaugural

foreign trip since becoming

said. "Together we must be vig-

king. He and Camilla arrived in Berlin on Wednesday. Crowds of well-wishers and Germany's head of state, President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, greeted the couple at the capital's iconic Brandenburg Gate. They later attended a banquet in their honour at the presidential

UAE leader designates his son as crown prince

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the pres-ident of the United Arab Emirates, appointed his eldest son Khaled as crown prince of Abu Dhabi on Wednesday, placing him as next in line to take over as the leader of the

The state-run WAM news agency announced the appointment of Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as crown prince late Wednesday, without providing further details. After Sheikh Mohammed, who is commonly known as MBZ, ascended to the presidency last year, rumors swirled about whether he would make one of his brothers his heir.

In that case, the front-runners would have been Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed, the pow-



erful national security chief, Sheikh Mansour, the owner of the Manchester City football club, or the foreign minister, Sheikh Abdullah.

Sheikh Khaled was appointed chairman of the country's intelligence agency in 2016. The United Arab Emirates, a close U.S. ally, is best known as the home of Dubai, a major international hub for business and travel.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the first president of the ÚAE and the driving force

behind its creation, ruled from 1971 until his death in 2004. He appointed his eldest son Khalifa as his successor and MBZ as deputy crown prince. Sheikh Mohammed has

been the nation's de facto leader since Sheikh Khalifa suffered a stroke in 2014. Sheikh Khalifa died eight years later, in May Mohammed's rule, the UAE cultivated close ties with neighboring Saudi Arabia, initially joining it in its war against Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels before exiting the conflict years later. The UAE has sought to project military power across the region as it has opposed the rise of Islamist groups. In 2020, the UAE normalized relations with Israel in the first of the so-called Abraham Accords, followed by Bahrain, Morocco and

Taiwan's prez speaks to her island's safety on US stop

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Taiwan's president addressed members of New York's Taiwanese community in a US stopover on her way to Central America as she seeks to rally allies of the self-ruled island amid tensions with China. Pro-China demonstrators

waving the Chinese flag rallied events in New York. One protester held a sign whose slogan declared the Taiwanese leader a "big traitor of China." In a speech on Wednesday

night to fellow Taiwanese in New York, Tsai thanked the United States for its security assistance and urged Taiwanese unity. "The safer Taiwan is, the safer the world will be," she said, and pledged Taiwan would work with its democratic partners to remain on the path of democracy.

Tsai arrived in New York on

stint in Florida

subject of several investigations.

The District's security secretari-

at mobilised hundreds of police

officers and the Esplanade of

Ministries was closed to prevent

gatherings. Bolsonaro left Brazil

just before the end of his presi-

dential term. In so doing, he

broke with tradition by declin-

ing to hand the presidential

sash to his successor, Luiz Inacio

Lula da Silva, who won the

October election with the nar-

rowest finish since Brazil's return

to democracy over three decades

earlier. While in the US

Bolsonaro mostly kept a low

profile, although he delivered

several speeches to Brazilian

expats and conservatives, includ-

ing at the Conservative Political

Action Conference in Maryland.

Wednesday and was expected to spend Thursday in closed events in the city. Taiwan is carefully calibrating Tsai's stops in the United States and forgoeffort to limit the scale of on Wednesday.

ous objections to any interactions between Tsai and US officials. "China firmly opposes any form of official interaction between the US and Taiwan," Mao told reporters at a daily briefing in Beijing. "China will continue to closely follow the situation and resolutely safeguard our sovereignty and territorial integrity." A senior Chinese diplomat in Washington, embassy charge d'affaires Xu Xueyuan, pointed to an expected meeting between Tsai and House

Speaker Kevin McCarthy, likely next week. The meeting would have significant repercussions overall and a "serious, serious, serious" impact on ing official meetings with senior US-China relations, she said in US leaders in Washington in an a virtual session with reporters

While the US terms rela-On Thursday, Chinese tions with Taiwan as unofficial, Foreign Ministry spokesperson it remains the island's chief and cooperation. US law requires Washington to treat all threats to the island as matters of "grave concern," but does not explicitly say whether the US would commit troops.

Sen Robert Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he hopes any US officials meeting unofficially with the president convey that American support for "strong and Taiwan is unequivocal."

NATO, US forces join Romania-led Black Sea military drills

(Romania): Mahmudia Romania's navy led multinational military drills in the Black Sea region Thursday that brought together US and NATO troops as the 30-nation alliance looks to boost security on its ongoing war in Ukraine.

The sea and air exercises are part of a series of drills known as Sea Shield 2023 that involve some 3,400 military personnel from 12 NATO member countries and some partner nations.

Romania's navy said Thursday's drills in the Mahmudia region of the Danube Delta, which flows into the Black Sea, would demonstrate how the combined forces would "neutralise an enemy air landing" in an area adjacent to such a waterway. More than 30 naval ships, 14 aircraft and 15 "fast intervention" boats and other patrol vessels are taking part in Sea Shield 2023, which started March 20 and runs until April 2. Anti-explosive divers have participated in drills, as nuclear defence specialists.

In response to Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, NATO bolstered its presence on Europe's eastern flank by sending additional multinational battlegroups to alliance members Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Slovakia. Romania, which joined NATO in 2004, has played an increasingly large role in the alliance throughout the war, including hosting a NATO meeting of foreign ministers in November.

Kenya Opp in fresh protests Bolsonaro amid warning by Government returns to Brazil after 3-month

Nairobi (AP): Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga has led thousands of protesters in a third round of anti-govern-Brasilia (AP): Former President ment demonstrations on Jair Bolsonaro arrived back in Thursday as the government Brazil on Thursday after a threewarned that no more violent month stay in Florida, seeking protests would be tolerated. The a new role on the political scene opposition is blaming President as authorities in the capital William Ruto for the rising braced for the far-right populist's cost of living and alleges he illereturn. Hundreds of supporters gally manipulated his election in dressed in yellow and green last year's polls, although the chanted for him as they waited Supreme Court has upheld the in the capital city of Brasilia, validity of the election results. where the far-right leader is the Odinga says the protests

will only stop after the government lowers the cost of basic food items and allows access to the 2022 election results from the electoral commission's main computers.

Ruto, who on Thursday arrived back in the country from a four-day trip in Belgium and Germany, has remained adamant that the ongoing protests are illegal. Interior Minister Kithure Kindiki, who is in charge of the police, on Wednesday said no more violent protests would be tolerated, stating "we must halt the descent." US Senator Chris Coons on Wednesday met Kenya's Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua for what the Kenyan leader described as

"strengthening ties."

Coons also met opposition leader Odinga for talks about "upholding the constitution and the rule of law," according to the Kenyan politician. Police have been using force to disperse protesters and so far four people are reported to have died since the protests started last week. Odinga said the protests will be held twice every week until the opposition's demands are met. A governor from Odinga's stronghold of Kisumu county had banned protests in the area but quickly rescinded and local government officials joined in hursday's demonstrations.

The protests have sparked counter violence against opposition targets. Last Monday saw the destruction of private property at former President Uhuru Kenyatta's family farm outside the capital, Odinga's gas cylinder manufacturing firm near the central business district and the burning of shops in Odinga's stronghold of Kibera slums. The independent Policing Oversight Authority is investigating four incidents of police shooting and killing protesters as well allegations occurred that police failed to respond to a report on the damaging of tigation for possible misconduct are private security guards, two

Mexico investigates 8 over deadly fire at migrant facility

Ciudad Juarez (Mexico): Mexican authorities said on Wednesday that eight employees or officials are being investigated for possible misconduct at a migrant detention centre where a fire killed 39 detained men. Anger and frustration in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez boiled over as hundreds of migrants walked to a US border gate hoping to make a mass crossing.Mexican officials appeared to place blame for the deaths in the fire late on Monday largely on private, subcontracted security guards at the detention centre in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas.

Video showed guards hurrying away from the smoky fire apparently without trying to free detainees. No charges were announced, but authorities said they would seek at least four

arrest warrants later in the day, including one for a migrant who was part of what they described as a small group that started the fire. They said a migrant also damaged a security camera inside the cell where the fire Five of those under inves-



are federal immigration agents and one is a Chihuahua state officer, federal Public Safety Secretary Rosa Icela Rodríguez said. The investigation has centred on the fact that guards appeared to make no effort to open cell doors for the detained men — almost all from Honduras, Guatemala, Venezuela and El Salvador before smoke filled the room in a matter of seconds.

The deaths caused frustration, and may have played a role in a mass march late Wednesday afternoon by hundreds of migrants, who began walking

toward a US border crossing in the belief that American authorities would let them through. Adding to anger over the deaths was pent-up frustration of migrants who have spent weeks trying to make appointments on a US cellphone app to file asylum claims. Rumors spread among the migrants that they might be let in into the US. Jorman Colón, a 30-year-old Venezuelan migrant, walked hand-in-hand with his 9-year old daughter, saying he had heard on social media that acquaintances had gotten

Covid during pregnancy may increase obesity risk in children: Study

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hildren born to mothers →who contract COVID-19 during pregnancy may be more likely to develop obesity, according to a new study.

More than 100 million COVID-19 cases have been reported in the United States since 2019, and there is limited information on the long-term health effects of the infection. Pregnant women make up 9 per cent of reproductive-aged women with COVID-19, which exposes millions of babies to maternal infection during foetal development over the next five

"Our findings suggest that children exposed in utero to maternal COVID-19 have an altered growth pattern in early life that may increase their risk of obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease over time," said Lindsay T Fourman, MD, of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass.

'There is still a lot of research needed to understand the effects of COVID-19 on pregnant women and their chillren," she said. The researchers studied 150

infants born to mothers who had COVID-19 during preg-nancy and found they had lower birth weight followed by greater weight gain in the first year of life as compared to 130 oabies whose mothers did not have a prenatal infection. These changes have been associated with an increased risk for obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease in childhood and beyond. "Our findings emphasise the importance of long-term fol-

low-up of children exposed in utero to maternal COVID-19 infection, as well as the widespread implementation of COVID-19 prevention strategies among pregnant individuals," said Andrea G Edlow, MD, of Massachusetts General Hospital. "Larger studies with longer follow-up duration are needed to confirm these associations," she said. The study was published in the Endocrine Society's Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Me.

Free trade pact talks with UK continuing; trade stands on its own legs, says Goyal

mid a diplomatic row following protests by secessionist groups near the Indian mission in London, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said talks on a Free Trade Agreement with the UK are

Talks are "going on very well" with the UK, Goyal said, adding, "trade stands on its own legs".

The Union minister, however, made it clear that India will take into consideration a respect for her sovereignty and territorial integrity, and will not tolerate any interference in her Indian affairs.

India's Ministry of External Affairs summoned the senior-most British diplomat in New Delhi on a Sunday evening recently, over reports of some Khalistani elements pulling down the Indian flag at the Indian high commission in London during a protest. India has also responded by proposing or undertaking several actions, like reducing security at the British mission and constructing a public toilet there.

When asked about the impact of the ongoing events on the trade agreement, Goyal seemed to suggest that negotiations

"I can assure you that talks are going



on very well with the UK, Canada, with the EÚ countries, we are also in dialogue with Israel," he told reporters here.

Goyal said there was no deadline to have an FTA with the UK, but a former PM of the country has announced an aspiration to conclude before Diwali of

"...We are back at the negotiating table, both sides are discussing at the official level," he said.

Goyal said there is a high interest for FTAs with India shown by many countries, and discussions are on at a "frenzied pace" with many countries, and quipped that he is not left with bandwidth

Meanwhile, Goyal also said that talks are also on with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), following a request from four ministers of the grouping to meet the Indian commerce and industries minister.

'They have assured me that they will be coming with very attractive proposals in terms of opening up services and a deeper understanding of India's own concerns around our patent laws and the need to protect our domestic industry,'

On a query on rupee trade with partners, and if the same is being pushed with

meetings of the grouping's trade and investment group in the financial capital, Goval said this subject is more of a bilateral subject which is anchored by the RBI and the Ministry of Finance.

He added that many countries have evinced interest in having such an arrangement with India.

Goyal attended a dinner meeting with the 100 delegates attending the G-20 meeting in the financial capital on Wednesday evening, and is also addressing the delegates at the closing event later Thursday.

Meanwhile, when asked about Parliament passing important bills sans any discussions and the treasury benches taking to protests at a time when the government is responsible for running the Houses, Goyal shot back saying the Opposition is using the platform to cast baseless and wild allegations against those in the government under the influence of forces inimical to India's

"Sometimes in life, propriety, self respect and the nation's interest overrides everything else. And this is one such occasion when we cannot allow the nation's independence, our sovereignty, our respect to be tarnished by any individual especially on foreign soil," he said.

Adani pins hopes on 20% growth to repay \$23 bn debt

Met bankers, investors from Singapore to US in last 3 weeks

cent year-on-year. And a 20 per

cent growth will help bring

down the debt-to-EBITDA ratio

from 7.6 per cent to 3 per cent

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ses. Debt/EBITDA measures a

company's ability to pay off its incurred debt. A high ratio

Debt/EBITDA is a ratio

by 2025, they said.

Embattled Adani Group is Elooking at a 20 per cent growth in earnings across businesses spanning from sea ports to airports, edible oil and commodities, energy, cement and data centres, to repay about USD 23 billion of debt over the next 3-4 years in a comeback strategy, sources said.

Adani group executives have met bankers, bond holders, analysts and investors from Singapore to the US in the last three weeks to address stakeholders' concerns in the aftermath of a damning US short seller report that ripped off USD 135 billion in market value of listed companies of the conglomerate.

Sources aware of the development said Adani at these roadshows presented the growth story of the sprawling conglomerate that is refocusing its energies on higher efficiency in business and bringing down debt rather than breakneck speed expansion.

The group saw a 20 per cent result could indicate a company growth in EBITDA or earnings has a too-heavy debt load. before interest, taxes, deprecia-Sources said the company tion, and amortization, helping management told investors that it pare debt. Between 2013 and once the revenue increases, the 2022, earnings grew by 22 per debt ratio will come down.

Adani group's current EBITDA stands at Rs 61,200 crore while its net debt stood at Rs 1.89 lakh crore (about USD 23 billion).

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Since then, it has repaid USD 500 million of debt and will repay most of the remaining debt in the next 3-4 years using earnings growth coming from cement, renewables, solar, ports and roads businesses, they said citing management's conversation at the roadshows.



'Domestic stainless steel demand will continue to see healthy growth till FY25'

The domestic stainless steel demand is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9 per cent till 2024-25 financial year, according to Crisil Ratings.

The domestic demand for stainless steel was at 4 million tonnes (MT) in fiscal 2021-2022, the ratings agency said in a report on Thursday.
"Domestic demand for

stainless steel is projected to log a healthy compound annual growth rate of 9 per cent in the three fiscals through 2025, double the 4.5 per cent pace of the past five fiscals," the Crisil Ratings report said.

by increasing adoption of stainless steel in railways which is a focus area for government infrastructure spending, and rising application in the automobile and construction sectors.

The demand growth, in turn, will spur capacity addi-

However, the credit profiles of players are expected to remain comfortable, given stable profit levels and healthier balance

"Adoption of stainless steel is increasing because of its high-

er durability and lower maintenance. Demand from railways is expected to more than triple by fiscal 2025 and constitute 20 per cent of incremental demand for the metal over fiscal 2023-

"To be sure, the recent Union Budget has doubled the amount earmarked for manufacturing railway coaches to Rs 47,500 crore for fiscal 2024," said Ankit Hakhu, Director, CRISIL

Demand from other major sectors with application of stainless steel, including consumer goods (45 per cent of demand) and process industry (25 per cent), is also expected to grow at a healthy clip of 7-9 per cent over er consumer spends and recovery in consumption.

Strong demand prospects, coupled with the absence of any major supply addition in the last three fiscals, have set the stage for capital expenditure (capex).

Domestic manufacturers are undertaking capex to add 1 MT of steel melting capacity by

The industry added 1.3 MT between fiscal 2009 and 2012, post which utilisation and profitability issues led to a phase of Direct selling industry's growth declines 5.3% to ₹19,020 cr in FY22 ing middle class, estimated to comprise more than 25 crore, The Indian direct selling industry's growth has "has higher disposable income

declined 5.3 per cent to Rs 19,020 crore in FY22, impacted chasing premium products". Now, technology-driven by a devastating second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, offerings, especially in the wellness and personal care space, according to a report. Nearly 60 have been witnessing great tracper cent of the direct selling tion among consumers. companies reported negative In FY22, the industry has

and is more receptive to pur-

also added more numbers of direct sellers, taking the total count to around 84 lakhs - registering a growth of 6 per cent from 79 lakh over the previous year, the report said. According to IDSA, there

has been a steady growth in the number of Active Direct Sellers in India over the last four years. However, it also said that

there is a change in direct seller's profiles as the person who had engaged with direct selling companies during the pandemic period for additional income



have started focusing on their core job and the focus on direct selling seems to have reduced.

"As per the survey, we have noticed a reduction in direct sellers considering direct selling as part of their extra income from 41 per cent in FY21 to 21 per cent in FY22," it said.

Moreover, products like sanitisers, masks and other hygiene, and sanitising products saw a degrowth post-pandemic. Companies handling these

products have taken a hit in this category, it added. IDSA Chairman Rajat Banerji said India has been seen as a market that holds tremendous potential for direct selling, reflected in the consistent and sustained growth of a CAGR of 13 per cent over the past half a decade.

The Direct Selling industry has been the one major industry vertical that has consistently provided sustainable selfemployment and micro-entre-

preneurship and start-up opportunities to nearly 84 lakh Indians. "Wellness and Nutra-ceutical products category contributed nearly 59 per cent of the Indian direct selling sales, followed by cosmetics and personal care, which contributed 22 per cent of the sales," he said.

The total 84 lakh Active Direct Sellers "comprised of 56 per cent male and 44 per cent female Active Direct Sellers,' according to the report.

This is lower than in FY21 when females accounted for 47 per cent of the total number of Active Direct Sellers in India. Earlier, the number of

female participants used to be higher than males. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of men participating in Direct Selling

over the last 4 years," it said. Now, a majority of 53 per cent of 84 lakhs Active Direct

Sellers belong to the age group of 25 to 44 years.

Continuing its previous trends Wellness and Nutraceuticals products contributed 59 per cent of the Indian Direct Selling sales, followed by Cosmetics and Personal care, which contributed 22 per cent in FY22.

"North region contributed to around 30 per cent of the Direct Selling sales in the country in 2021-22. This was followed by the East with approximately 25 per cent of the Direct Selling sales," it said.

According to the report top 10 states cumulatively accounted for 70 per cent of the industry turnover". Maharashtra with 12 per cent was the leading contributor, followed by West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh with 10 per cent each. Bihar contributed 6 per cent, while Karnataka and Odisha contributed 5 per cent each.

Govt expected to invite bids for ₹1.50-lakh crore transmission projects in 18 months: Sterlite Power

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times," it said.

The industry is expecting the power transmission infrastructure projects worth Rs 1.50 lakh crore in the next 18 months, Sterlite Power Transmission said on Thursday. In December, the government had launched a plan with investment opportunities of about Rs 2.44 lakh crore for building a transmission system for evacuating 500 gigawatts (GW) of non-fossil based ener-

growth due to multiple chal-

lenges faced by them during the

pandemic, said an Annual

Survey Report released by the

industry body Indian Direct

stood at Rs 18,067 crore in the

FY 2021, reporting a 7.7 per cent

growth. "The industry is correct-

ing itself from the COVID peri-

od and returning to pre-COVID

a "vast untapped market potential" for the industry and the ris-

IDSA believes that India has

The direct selling industry

Selling Association (IDSA).

gy by 2030. "We expect that nearly 60-65 per cent of these projects totalling Rs 150,000 crore will come up for bidding in next 18



months since completion of all processes and then construction of projects will take another 4-5 years," said a senior Sterlite Power Transmission official.

The industry expects the government to invite bids under tariff based competitive bidding (TBCB) for power transmission infrastructure projects as it accelerates creation of new power lines and green energy corridors to integrate rising share of renewable power, the

official said. As one of India's cash position has improved 4.8 leading transmission compatimes to Rs 1,047 crore y-o-y for nies, Sterlite Power Transmission the corresponding period," the ding process to increase its TBČB market share beyond the current 31 per cent level.

The push to build transmission infrastructure will have a significant, multi-year impact on the order book for all the business lines of the company, the official said, adding his company's revenues rose 37 per cent year on year (y-o-y) to Rs 4,784 crore for the nine-month period ended December 2022.

'The EBIDTA during this period rose 8 per cent y-o-y to nearly Rs 950 crore while the

Sterlite Power Transmission recently commissioned a major green energy corridor project, Lakadia-Vadodara Transmission Project Limited (LVTPL) in Gujarat with a capacity of 5,000 MW. With 812 towers spanning seven districts in Gujarat, this transmission corridor is also one of the largest power transmission corridors built in India till date. It has also concluded the sale of its Khargone Transmission Ltd (KTL) asset to IndiGrid at an enterprise value of around Rs

Srinivasan to lead Wipro's India, Southeast Asia biz

IThursday announced that India and Southeast Asia businesses. Wipro, in a statement, said Srinivasan will be taking over the leadership of these two regions to drive deeper synergies, facilitate sharing of best practices, deliver consistent and exceptional client experiences, and scale Wipro's ability to capitalise on the emerging growth opportunities.

"Wipro Limited announced that Badri Srinivasan will lead the India and Southeast Asia businesses under the company's APMEA (Asia Pacific, Middle

East, India and Africa) Strategic Market Unit," the statement TT services company Wipro on said. Srinivasan joined Wipro in January 2022 as the Managing where he led the consolidation of strategic transformational engagements with clients while strengthening the company's talent base and brand presence.

The initiatives under his leadership helped accelerate Wipro's business growth and revenue expansion across key markets in the region.

Badri is a member of the Board of Wipro's strategic subsidiaries and acquired entities in Asia (Capco, Rizing and Designit), and a member of Wipro's Global Leadership Team.

Ajay Banga poised to become **World Bank chief unopposed**

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Indian-American business **▲**leader Ajay Banga is poised to become the next President of the World Bank after the nomination period closed and no country proposed an alternate candidate for the prestigious post. In February, President Joe

Biden announced that the US would be nominating Banga to lead the World Bank because he is "well equipped" to lead the global institution at "this critical moment in history." The World Bank on Wed-

nesday closed a month-long window for nominations for its next president, with no alternatives announced to 63-year-old Banga. The former Mastercard Inc. Chief, Banga currently serves as Vice Chairman at General Atlantic.

The bank's board is expected to announce the next steps in its selection process on Thursday, with a view to confirming a new leader by early May.

"Over the next few months, you will see the World Bank undergo an important transition. We expect that Ajay Banga President Biden's nominee will be elected President of the World Bank," US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told law-



makers at a Congressional hearing on Wednesday. "He will be charged with accelerating our progress to evolve the institution to better address 21st century challenges. This evolution will help the Bank deliver on its vital poverty alleviation and development goals," Yellen said.

If confirmed, Banga would become the first-ever Indian-American and Sikh-American to head either of the two top international financial institutions: the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Banga is expected to replace the current World Bank president David Malpass, who will step down in June, nearly a year before his term is scheduled to expire. Malpass faced strong criticism over the bank's commitment to climate action and over his personal views on climate change

Last week, reports emerged that China sounded doubtful about backing Banga, saying it



Following Banga's nomination, he has travelled to several countries for support. A coalition of 55 advocates,

academics, executives, luminaries, and former government officials — including four Nobel Laureates — wrote an open letter to welcome and support Banga's nomination as the next President of the World Bank. Raised in India, Banga has

a unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing developing countries and how the World Bank can deliver on its ambitious agenda to reduce poverty and expand prosperity, President Biden had said. He has also worked closely with Vice President Harris as the Co-Chair of the Partnership for Central America.

He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2016. Banga is expected to take over the reins of the antipoverty lender at a crucial time, with the US and Western nations pitching for reforms to focus on addressing a slew of wide-ranging global issues like

Current savings, investment rates can't propel GDP to 8% growth orbit: Report

¬lawing the economy back to an 8 per cent growth path will require bringing savings and investment rates closer to 35 per cent on a sustained basis, which were 30.2 and 29.6 per cent, respectively, in FY22, according

As per India Ratings, a large part of investments will have to be in infrastructure, which can

help revive private investments by easing supply constraints and offset the weakening of external demand due to global headwinds.

Higher investments will have to be accompanied by higher domestic savings to keep the savings-investments gap under check. The big missing link now is the government's focus on stepped-up capital expenditure on infrastructure,



but not enough commensurate steps to encourage savings, the This is because, this govern-

income tax structure, has been steadily doing away with various incentives for savings, impacting household savings, which has been the mainstay of overall savings in the economy, it added.

After the 6.6 per cent contraction in FY21, the economy is expected to close the outgoing fiscal with a 7 per cent growth, down from 8.7 per cent in FY22 and fall further to 5.9

Accelerated implementation of reforms to speed up India's growth: World Bank

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India's potential growth could benefit from accelerated implementation of an already ambitious reform agenda, the World Bank said in a new report that warns that the global economy faces the prospect of a "lost decade" on account of nearly all drivers of economic progress in

recent history fading.

The report titled 'Falling Long-Term Growth Prospects: Trends, Expectations, and Policies' said the global economy's 'speed limit' — the maximum

out causing inflation — is set to decline to its lowest point in three decades by 2030. "In the decade before

rate of long-term growth with-

COVID-19, a global slowdown in productivity — which is essential for income growth and higher wages — was already adding to concerns about longterm economic prospects," the report said. The report further said,

adding that investment growth weakening, global labour force is growing sluggishly, human capital reversals have

avirus pandemic, and growth in international trade is barely matching GDP growth. "The result could be a lost

been triggered by the coron-

decade in the making — not just for some countries or regions as has occurred in the past — but for the whole world. Without a big and broad policy push to rejuvenate it, the global average potential GDP growth rate... Is expected to fall to a threedecade low of 2.2 per cent a year between now and 2030, down from 2.6 per cent in 2011-21," it

The analysis shows that global potential GDP growth can be boosted by as much as 0.7 percentage points - to an annual average rate of 2.9 per cent if countries adopt sustainable, growth-oriented policies that would convert an expected slowdown into an acceleration of global

potential

While India has been growing at a faster pace than peers, its "growth could benefit from accelerated implementation of an already ambitious reform agenda," it said.

GDP growth.

BRIEF

EMERGING HYDROGEN ECONOMY, FINEST ALTERNATIVE TO POLLUTING FOSSIL FUEL: PROF GANESH

caused by pollution and an alternative to fossil fuels like petroleum and coal was 'hydrogen,' and India has now launched its mission to produce, use, and export it, Krishna N Ganesh, Professor and Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Tirupati, said on Wednesday.

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A safe solution to problems

Inaugural Address at the 4 th Dr Paarivendhar Research Colloquium (DPRC) 2023 at SRM Institute of Science and Technology Kattankulathur, Prof Ganesh said only science-based solutions could find alternatives to problems of pollution caused by fossil fuels, whose résource was also fast dep-

leting.

Prof Ganesh, who was bestowed with Padma Shri this year, said addressing energy-related challenges with the current availability of global infrastructure was one of the main problems today and science alone could design effective strategies and new technologies to find solutions and ensure sustainable development.

CIRSTEA UPSETS SABALENKA IN MIAMI



Torld number two Aryna Sabalenka suffered a shock straight sets Miami Open quarter-final loss to resurgent Romanian Sorana Cirstea, who reached her first WTA 1000 semi-final in a decade. Cirstea, ranked 74th in the world, triumphed 6-4, 6-4 against the Australian Open champion to secure her first WTA 1000 semi-final since Toronto in 2013.

The 32-year-old is enjoying

an upturn in form since taking on Swede Thomas Johansson as her coach, reaching the quarterfinals at Indian Wells and beating world number four Caroline Garcia of France in both legs of the "Sunshine Swing." In her first meeting with the

big-serving Belarusian, Cirstea looked comfortable and composed as she broke Sabalenka's first service game. The 24-year-old from Minsk, who is now based in

Miami, broke back to make it 4-

4 but Cirstea swiftly got back in

opening set with her opponent looking visibly irritated and frustrated as she laboured in the early afternoon heat and humidity. Again, Cirstea broke on her opponent's first serve game and then at 5-4 up, she survived two break points before a superb ace down the middle gave her match point, which she converted when Sabalenka went long.

The veteran reacted with a broad smile and a fist pump and conceded she was surprised by

said. "I came out hoping that it would be a really tough match. I tried to hold my ground. I'm very happy with my performance today, it is a bit unexpected to be honest.

"I had confidence in my game. I knew I was playing well, and I knew that if I come out swinging and being aggressive, I would have my chance," she added.

"I'm very happy to get the win against Áryna, because she has been playing great lately. three best at the moment. So this gives me a lot of confidence."

Sabalenka, whose year began with victory at the Australia Open before she reached the final in Indian Wells, losing to Elena Rybakina, said she had

struggled with the heat.
"It definitely wasn't my best match. I was struggling a lot with the conditions, like heat. I felt like balls were flying too much and I couldn't find control," she

"I was just trying to do my

couldn't adjust to these conditions unfortunately.

"The first three months of the year were fantastic for me. I'm just proud of the consistency of my game and I have to keep working, keep improving, said the Belarusian.

In the last four, Cirstea will face the winner of the quarterfinal between Ekaterina Alexandrova and Petra Kvitova which was postponed due to heavy rain and will be moved to Thursday.

Sinner into Miami semis after beating Ruusuvuori

Ttaly's Jannik Sinner eased into the semi-finals Lof the Miami Open after a comfortable 6-3, 6-1 win over Finland's Emil Ruusuvuori on

The game was delayed for two hours by rain with Sinner 2-0 up in the second set but the stoppage did nothing to change the momentum of the match.

In the last four, Sinner will face the winner of the other quarter-final between world number one Carlos Alcaraz and American Taylor Fritz which was postponed due to heavy rain on Wednesday and is expected to be played on Thursday

The 23-year-old Ruusuvuori was the first Finnish player to feature in a Masters 1000 quarter-final since Jarkko Nieminen a decade ago, but he came up against Sinner in determined mood.

The 21-year-old from South Tyrol has not dropped a set so far in Miami and he coped well with the first break point of the match, holding in the fourth game.

The Italian, who has not lost to a player



after that brief threat, breaking the Finn's serve for 3-2 and again to win the set. An early break in the second further

established his control of the match and while the rain made him wait for victory, he needed just 74 minutes on court to finish off the

"I just won the important points, especially in the first set, and I am happy with my level

today," said Sinner.
"After the rain, the condition was different and I think I adapted well," he added.

With his 20-4 record, Sinner could face another semi-final meeting with Alcaraz who beat him in the last four in Indian Wells earlier this month.

While Sinner said he would see both the Spaniard and Fritz as challenging opponents, it is clear he would relish the chance of revenge against Alcaraz, who also beat the Italian en route to the US Open title in September.

"I would be happy to play again him again because I look forward to these kind of matches. I feel like he makes me a better player," he

FIFA strips Indonesia of Under-20 WC

AP ■ LAUSANNE

 $F^{
m IFA}$ announced on Wednesday it had removed Indonesia as hosts of this year's under-20 World Cup amid political turmoil over Israel's participa-

The decision was made "due to the current circumstances", FIFA said in a statement without specifying details.

"A new host will be announced as soon as possible, with the dates of the tournament currently remaining unchanged," it added.

The draw for 24-team tournament beginning on May 20 was due to be held on Friday in Bali, but FIFA cancelled the ing a reason or setting a new

Indonesia and Israel do not have formal diplomatic relations, and support for the Palestinian cause in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation runs high, fuelling local opposition to hosting the

As well as Bali's governor calling for Israel to be kicked out of the tournament, around a hundred conservative Muslim demonstrators marched in the capital Jakarta this month to protest its participation.

Indonesian officials earlier this week said any failure to host the tournament could result in sanctions that would leave them out of other international football competitions including qualifiers for the World Cup and the Asian Cup.

They said losing the tournament could result in trillions of rupiah (1 trillion rupiah = \$66 mn) in economic losses.

FIFA added that potential sanctions against the Indonesian football association (PSSI) "may also be decided at a later stage".

Barca thrash Roma, Arsenal beat Bayern to reach Women's CL semis AP ■ BARCELONA

 $B^{\text{arcelona booked their place in the}}_{\text{Women's Champions League semi-finals}}$ by thrashing Roma 5-1 on Wednesday as Arsenal came from behind to knock out Bayern Munich 2-1 on aggregate thanks to a 2-0 win at the Emirates.

Tournament favourites Barca had been held to a slender 1-0 advantage from the first leg in the Italian capital last week. But last season's runners-up stormed into

a 3-0 lead before half-time in front of 55,000 at the Camp Nou. Swedish international Fridolina Rolfo

Leon's spectacular long-range effort. Asisat Oshoala netted from close range immediately after the break and Patri Guijarro

struck twice in the first half either side of Mapi

headed home the fifth from a corner. Annamaria Serturini pulled one back for Roma against a Barcelona side who have won 100 percent of their games in the Spanish league and only suffered one defeat all sea-

son, against Bayern in the group phase. Barca have now reached the semi-finals



defending champions Lyon or Chelsea in the

'We can't hide that our aspirations are at the max," said Barcelona coach Jonatan "Olympique (Lyon) and Chelsea are the

best in Europe, it's a reality and it will be difficult, but it's true that playing the second leg at home gives us a feeling of strength." Arsenal overcame a 1-0 first leg defeat to

reach the last four for the first time in 10 years in front of a record crowd of over 20,000 for a Women's Champions League game in Despite the absence of injured star for-

wards Vivianne Miedema and Beth Mead, the Gunners blew Bayern away in the first half. Frida Maanum levelled the tie with a blis-

tering strike in off the underside of the crossbar on 20 minutes

Moments later Arsenal led as Stina Blackstenius had the simple task of rounding off a brilliant team move with a header into an unguarded goal from Katie McCabe's

Australian F1 chief keen on night race

AP ■ MELBOURNE

The chairman of the Australian Grand Prix has said he is keen on the event changing to a nighttime race but admitted on Thursday it would take years of planning.

rently held under artificial lights, including Singapore and Abu Dhabi, saw global TV ratings boosted by the spectacle, Paul Little said. "I'd love to not rule out a

night Grand Prix," he told the Melbourne Herald Sun newspaper. "I just think if we could make that work, that would be amazing. An amazing spectacle but also great for reaching the rest of the F1 audience.'

A night race would be more favourable for European and US audiences.

"There is no question more people would watch it if they could see it live at a reasonable hour on the other side of the world," Little said.

"So I think we will continue to explore the viability and the capability of doing that."

Sunday's grand prix, the third of the season, is due to start in Melbourne's Albert Park at 3 pm, but has previously been run as late as 5 pm.

While it could be held at night, getting the infrastructure in place to make it happen would not be easy, given the expense, Little said.

"As it is today, we couldn't run a night race even if we wanted one without a significant amount of work to put lighting in place.'

Little also suggested the Melbourne race could be extended to five or six days of the future, compared to its current official four-day programme. "I do see it growing," he said. "I think it will continue to get bigger than just a couple of days of motor racing for sure."

The Australian Grand Prix is traditionally one of the drivers' favourites and also one of the most popular, with nearly 420,000 spectators pouring into Albert Park last year -- a record for the country.

MAX STILL FEELING EFFECTS

Double world champion Max Verstappen admitted Thursday he still wasn't fully over a stomach bug that hit him hard in Saudi Arabia, but is confident Red Bull will get a result in Australia this weekend.

The 25-year-old Dutchman delayed his arrival into Jeddah two weeks ago due to illness and missed the media day before lining up for the first practice session on Friday.

He battled through the discomfort to finish the race second behind team-mate Sergio Perez after his victory in the seasonopening Bahrain Grand Prix.

Spurs managing director Paratici handed worldwide FIFA ban

AP ■ LONDON

ottenham managing director Tof football Fabio Paratici has been given a worldwide ban by FIFA that could end his time with the north London club. Paratici was handed a 30-

month ban from Italian football in January after his former club Juventus were found guilty of false accounting. The 50-year-old Italian was

sporting director and managing director at Juventus before joining Tottenham in June 2021. His initial ban only applied

to his homeland, meaning he was free to continue working at Tottenham, where he was involved in Sunday's departure of manager Antonio Conte and the start of the search for a new

But a statement issued by FIFA on Wednesday threatened to cut short his spell at Tottenham, with the global governing lengthy interview with Paratici body saying: "FIFA can confirm on Tuesday in which he insist-



son of FIFA disciplinary committee has decided to extend the sanctions imposed by FIGC on several football officials to have worldwide effect.

Both Paratici and Juventus have appealed against the initial

Tottenham published a

ed Conte's exit was "the right decision for everyone". Paratici said the club were "focused" on backing interim head coach Cristian Stellini as they try to qualify for the Champions League by securing a top-four

finish in the Premier League. Tottenham said they are seeking further clarification from FIFA as they believe Paratici's ban would not kick in until his appeal has been heard.

with Mercedes till 'last days'

Hamilton says he will be

AP ■ MELBOURNE

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton on Thursday emphatically put to bed any concerns that he wanted to leave Mercedes, saying he planned to be the team "till my last days".

The Briton's disappointment after the season-opening grand prix in Bahrain, where he finished a distant fifth in his under-performing W14 car, led to claims that he was set to seek a move elsewhere.

He insisted that was not the case after a more competitive and 77 pole positions.

Mercedes till my last days. 'If you look at the legends Sir Stirling Moss was with Mercedes till the end of his days, and that's been the dream for me, to one day have that. I mean, I have that, so just continue on

with that, continue to build

race in Saudi Arabia a fortnight

ago. And to make it crystal clear,

the 38-year-old said ahead of the

Australian Grand Prix that he

wanted to finish his career with

the once all-conquering Silver

future), I continue to feel very,

very much at home, it's a fami-

ly," he said in Melbourne of

remaining with a team that has

"I see myself being with

been his home for a decade.

"I feel amazing about it (the

Hamilton's first race for Mercedes was in Melbourne in 2013, and he has since delivered them an unprecedented 82 wins

with the brand.'

porter, favours a model in which his consortium would buy the club and then sell shares to supporters world-

"It (United) was there long before all these people who are bid-ding for it were born and it will be here long after all these people who are bidding for it have passed away," he told the I newspaper.
"The backbone of that institution

is the fans and in that respect it's hugely important the fans are at the centre of the decisions."

United fans have spent years complaining about the Glazers, even breaking into Old Trafford to force the postponement of a match against Liverpool in 2021 in protest at the

Americans' unpopular reign. Zilliacus said if his bid is chosen, fans would be given a say on major

Man Utd fans would be 'backbone' of Zilliacus' proposed takeover issues such as potential redevelop-ment of Old Trafford and squad

building, but not team selection.
Although he is a latecomer in the takeover battle, Zilliacus is adamant his investment group should be considered a serious contender.

"I have been doing business all my life. I have started companies, bought companies, sold companies so I have a global network and I have done this on a global scale — first with the largest phone company in the world, Nokia, then with my own group," he said.

"I have a network that spans the globe of people who want to partic-ipate in interesting ventures, and this certainly is one.

To put together financing for something like this — and it is a big sum — is something I'm used to."

League club, with a say on major issues such as ground redevelopment and squad building.

The Finnish businessman recently joined the race to buy United from the Glazer family, who announced in November they were considering selling the 20-time English champions.
The 69-year-old Zilliacus, who

¬homas Zilliacus said in an inter-

■ view published on Thursday

that Manchester United supporters

would be at the centre of his pro-

posed takeover of the Premier

League club, with a say on major

founded investment company Mobile FutureWorks, is the third potential buyer to go public with his interest in the club. Qatari banker Sheikh Jassim

Bin Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jaber Al Thani and British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe have also thrown their hats into the ring.

Both parties made second bids last week

US hedge fund Elliott Investment Management, which sold AC Milan for \$1.3 billion last year, has reportedly made a bid for a minority stake in the club.

No figures have been revealed by the Raine Group, which is handling the offers on behalf of the Glazers, but one or more of the initial bids is understood to be in the region of £4.5 billion (\$5.5 billion). The Glazers have reportedly

put a price tag of £6 billion on the three-time Champions League win-

Zilliacus, said to be a United sup-



PL TURNS 'SWEET 1

¬he never-ending speculations about Mahendra Singh Dhoni's impending 'last dance', Virat Kohli's endless pursuit of an elusive silverware and Rohit Sharma's customary nonchalance are things that make the IPL starting Friday a heady cocktail of cricket and entertainment.

Megastars Dhoni, Kohli and Rohit have been the IPL's driving force in the past 15 seasons, getting the cricket crazy Indian fans hooked on the event for nearly two months every year.

As it enters the 16th season, innovations introduced in the form of potential game changer like the 'Impact Player' rule, DRS on wides and waist-high no balls, and two broadcasting giants locked in an ugly war of 'TV vs Digital' act as ingredients garnishing the mouth-watering dish, which will be devoured by millions for more than 50 days

However, the product will remain the driving force and players the main stakeholders, as the likes of Dhoni, Kohli and Rohit set the narratives for their respective franchises with amazing fan bases.

Nearing 42, Dhoni has defied the law of diminishing returns when it comes to his manic following among CSK fans, who thronged the Chepauk to see their 'Thala' hit towering sixes at his spiritual home.

They say it will be his last year in the 'canary yellow' jersey, but when it comes to MSD, never say never. Even Rohit agrees with that, and won't be surprised if his "captain" continues playing till 45.

Having finished outside the olay-offs in 2022, Dhoni would like to equal Mumbai Indians' record with five titles, and he knows how to get the best out of the resources available at his dis-

He will have Ben Stokes in

PTI AHMEDABAD

here on Friday.

to beat.

miss.

Hardik Pandya's youthful leadership template will meet its match in Mahendra

Singh Dhoni's time-tested

improvisations as defending

champions Guiarat Titans clash

with eternal title contenders

Chennai Super Kings in the

Indian Premier League opener

year as an IPL captain and

despite his flamboyance on and

off the field, he did invoke a cer-

tain sense of calm in Titans'

campaign that had the an iden-

tical start to finish tempo,

unmatched by any other team.

form of his life, Rashid Khan not

losing one bit of his consisten-

cy and Pandya himself having

his worth weight in gold,

Gujarat are once again the team

the opener due to national duty

will reduce some middle-order

muscle but Rahul Tewatia, who

has improved by leaps and

bounds in recent years, could

compensate for the temporary

be most sought after in this for-

mat but in low-scoring games on

difficult surfaces, he could still

away from admitting that he has

learnt the ropes of leadership

from Dhoni, who has always

be the man to watch out for.

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Pandya has never shied

David Miller's absence from

With Shubman Gill in the

The 2022 was Pandya's first

CSK, MI remain premier contenders as RCB eye fresh start



his roster to give him the firepower in batting — in powerplay and at the back-end

ne pioneer

Devon Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad both understand the grammar of IPL cricket and Ambati Rayudu with the willow and Deepak Chahar with the white Kookaburra have all been there and done that.

CSK have never been a grooming school. There it's more about the finished product or those in whom the skipper sees the potential, like he saw in Simarjeet Singh last year, or someone like Matheesa Pathirana, who could be an 'Impact Player' if the CSK begin with three foreigners. Stokes, Moeen Ali and Conway look sure-shot starters as of now.

For Rohit, it will be a season which he would like to sing the redemption song. Rohit has a casual exterior but scratch the surface, and he can be as intense

Its Dhoni vs Hardik

to IPL, Dhoni knows the tem-

plate of IPL success only too well. There have been blips here and

there, like last time when they

failed to qualify for the play-offs

but even with shut eyes, one can

vouch that there was no fault in

planning but the execution was-

tion starts, it will be very differ-

ent from earlier ones as 12 play-

ers per side will take part in the

pitched battle at the Motera

Stadium with the 'Impact Player'

rule coming into play for the first

his resources having put in a lot

of thought into his actions,

might well make himself the

'Impact Player' if need be dur-

in the first few games as both teams try to make optimal use

Ben Stokes is sure to make the

opposition wary but to Gujarat

Titans' delight, the England Test

captain perhaps won't bowl at

least in the initial phase of the

candidate as 'Impact Player'

depending on whether the team

bats first or second and accord-

ingly Dhoni can think of play-

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Dhoni, who manoeuvres

On Friday, as the 16th edi-

n't on expected lines.

been his 'Mentor'.

as anybody, and being the most successful skipper in the history of IPL, losing isn't an option. Before last year, Rohit never knew what it feels to be the wooden spooner. This season however, Mumbai Indians appear to be the team to beat, at least on paper.
A lot will depend on the

skipper's own batting form and the two marquee men in Ishan Kishan and the world's No. 1 T20 batter Survakumar Yadav, who would like to brush off the three first-ball ducks against Australia recently as an aberration in an otherwise sterling

Jofra Archer's presence does boost the pace attack, but Jasprit Bumrah's absence, to some

extent, nullifies the advantage. But what MI is doing is to prepare a team for the next five years with young guns like Dewald Brevis, Tim David,

Cameron Green, Tilak Verma, Hrithik Shokeen and Kumar Kartikeya set to serve them for the longest time. This core will be a formidable one in the years to come.

Just like Dhoni and Rohit, Kohli has landed up in every IPL with fire in his belly, but the rub of the green hasn't gone his way.

He has had a 973-run season, in 2016, something that will be difficult to surpass even in these day and age where the shelf life of records is too less. He has played a few finals but, as far as winning the title is concerned, the IPL has had a fickle relationship with one of India's greatest batters. He is no longer the skipper and is probably in the best mental phase that he has been in the past three to four years.

The hunger is intact, but the desperation isn't there. The swagger remains, but the aggression is no longer there to be

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found. With Michael Bracewell, Glenn Maxwell and Dinesh Karthik ready to do the heavylifting, Kohli will be free to play his own game and also help skipper Faf du Plessis in putting his best foot forward.

This season holds special significance for Hardik Pandva. Having led Gujarat Titans to title triumph in only their inaugural year, the 16th IPL will be a platform for Pandya to soar higher and higher with bigger ambitions.

With coach Ashish Nehra for company, he would want the Rashid Khans, Mohammed Shamis and the Shubman Gills to maintain the tempo of last year from start to finish. An encore would certainly make him Rohit's heir apparent in the ODI format post the World

The only tactical shift is the absence of Lockie Ferguson and

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trading him to bring in Shivam Mavi was a good choice or not. For Aiden Markram, it will be an onerous task to lift a perennially under-performing Sunrisers Hyderabad.

However, the composition is better compared to previous years with talented Indian players like Mayank Agarwal, Rahul Tripathi and Abhishek Sharma in their ranks. Glenn Phillips and Harry Brook are among some top overseas batting recruits.

However, bowling remains a worry with Umran Malik, now well studied by analysts, and Bhuvneshwar Kumar past his prime. A lot will depend on whether SRH are able to use their fourth foreign player as per conditions. There is Marco Jansen with his left-arm seamers and Adil Rashid with his wrist spinners. Punjab Kings under Shikhar Dhawan is another team that has never believed in continuity and never got results since their runnersup finish in 2014.

They have kept on changing captains, unceremoniously dumping coaches after one bad season, and the team never had any stability. This time they have got Sam Curran in excess of USD 2 million dollars.

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A good start is key but not getting Liam Livingstone (injury), Kagiso Rabada (national duty) in the first couple of games could upset the

team's tempo. Save Arshdeep Singh, the Indian pace unit lacks quality and the PBKS could again be out of the play-off race. The team simply doesn't inspire confidence and the composition indicates lack of proper homework.

KL Rahul is having a night-marish 2023 and a good IPL can raise his profile which has been on a downward spiral despite him being a top performer in the league. Rahul's captaincy has been devoid of any tangible improvisation and his style of run gathering is archaic.

LSG have a balanced team and in Gautam Gambhir a tactician par excellence, one who could safely be called the nonplaying captain. The presence of utility players like Krunal Pandya, Deepak Hooda and Ayush Badoni in the middle order adds a lot of depth, while Mark Wood's 150 click thunderbolts will be a nightmare for the opposition.

Nicholas Pooran, who was paid an astronomical Rs 16 crore, would look to justify that billing after a forgettable last

When it comes to remotecontrol captaincy, there can't be a better example than KKR head coach Chandrakant Pandit, who will have to do all the planning and plotting on behalf of Nitish Rana, who will be leading a side that isn't looking very strong in the absence of regular skipper Shreyas

In fact, Andre Russell and Sunil Narine's form will dictate how far KKR progress.

Ditto for Delhi Capitals, who will find it difficult to have anyone get remotely close to Rishabh Pant's impact, even though David Warner wouldn't mind winning a second IPL trophy.

Amid all the chaos in some

teams, Rajasthan Royals look the most sorted outfit. The world's most dangerous T20 hitter Jos Buttler, wily wrist spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, and the best cricketing brain, R Ashwin, will look to ensure that the legend of skipper Sanju Samson grows exponentially.

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Ph. 01253258330 Notice U/s 13 (2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security

Interest Act, 2002 (Hereinafter called the act). All the borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below are notified that Term Loan Facility has been availed by them as per details given below has become NPA. The demand notices U/S 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 Dated 21.03.2023 sent to them through Courier/Registered A.D. Post/Speed Post have been returned undelivered:

Name of the Description of Date of Amount Date of Outstanding Address of Borrower the Property NPA Demand Notice Sh. Mukesh Kumar S/o Plot Measuring 0 Kanal 05 marla i.e. 5/712th share of Rs. 30,74,203/-28.02.2021 21.03.2023 land measuring 35 karnal 12 marla, comprised in Khewat no. 2601/2306 min, khatoni no. 3140, bearing khasra no. 213//139 (8-0), 14 (8-0), 16 (3-12), 17 (8-0), 18 (8-0),

Sh. Mam Chand and Smt. Bimla Devi W/o Suresh Sharma R/o Mansha

Colony, Ward No. 1, Hisar Road, Tosham, TEhsil Tosham. Distt. Bhiwani M/s Soft Enterprises, Geetangli Complex, Opp.

situated at Mánsa Colóny, Ward Ńo. 1, Hisár roàd, Tósharr Tehsil Tosham Distt. Bhiwani, as per Reg. No. 1234, dated 27.06.2013 East: Gali, West: Plot of other, North: House of Sanjay, South: Plot of other

(Rupees Thirty Lac Seventy our Thousand Two hundred ifty Seven only

Now by way of this publication by the undersigned in the capacity as the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor (the Bank), as per provisions of the securitisation Act, 2002 call upon you to repay the

SBI ATM, Main Gali, Azad Nagar, Hisar through its Prop. Sh. Mukesh Kumar S/o Sh. Mam Chand

outstanding liability amount with future interest and expenses/charges as applicable, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Secured Creditor will exercise any or all of the rights as detailed under sub section (4) of section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the You are also put on notice that in terms of sub-section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale,

lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule 'C' of this notice, without obtaining prior/written consent of the bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law.

Date: 30.03.2023 Place: Tosham SD/- Authorized Officer

FICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The mall, Mall road Amritsar 143001

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

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset 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	Earnest	Time of	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Chandandeep Bansal w/o Chandandeep Bansal, Lan No.057805500903,	Commercial Property No-B-30- 4118/2, Situated at Khasra No-6/17, 6//25/1, Khatta No-10/12/, 11/13, HB No-176, Heera Nagar Street No-3, Beantpura, Chandigarh Road Tehsil &Distt. Ludhiana Punjab. Admeasuring 400 sqyard	Rs. 1,53,48,366 as on dated 18/03/2023	Rs 1,28,60, 000/- Rs. 12,86, 000/-	May 03, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	May 12, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency 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 May 11, 2023 before 05:00 PM falling 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 Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The mail, Mail road Amritsar 143001 on or before May 11, 2023 before 05:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before May 11, 2023 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The mall, Mall road Amritsar 143001 on or before May 11, 2023 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Amritsar.

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 9780139915/7304914763

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: March 31, 2023 Place: Ludhiana Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

in IPL 2023 opener कर आई.डी.नं. 1E5K8488/218C119U129 में नाम दर्ज कराने बारे आवेदन किया है। सम्पत्ति. कर रिकार्ड अनुसार उपरोक्त सम्पत्ति कर. आई.डी.नं. 1E5K8488/218C119U129 के बिना नाम के दर्ज है जिनकी Smt./Sh. Parveen Kumar S/o Ram Lai Grover की मृत्यु दिनांक 25.01.2020 को चुकी है। प्रार्थी द्वारा इस कार्यालय में नाम तबदील करने हेतु एक Moeen Ali at this point look the प्रलेख/वारसान/इन्तकाल/Will प्रलेख नं. दिनांक 24.08.2020 व शपथ पत्र की प्रति प्रस्तुत की non-negotiable three starters in But at 42, playing from IPL है। अतः यदि किसी आमजन या खासजन को उक्त वसीयत अनुसार सम्पत्ति कर आई.डी. the playing eleven. 1E5K8488/218C119U129 में 위/Smt. Sushma W/o Parveen, Simran A lot will depend on how Grover and Kirtikant Grover S/D/o Parveen Kurnar निवासी मकान 523 Pritam well Ravindra Jadeja, Ambati Nagar, Karna। करनाल का नाम तबदील करने हेतु किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति हो तो इस कार्यालय Rayudu and Dhoni himself per-में नोटिस प्र**काशन** की तिथि से 30 दिनों के अन्दर-अन्दर अपनी आपत्ति/ एतराज दर्ज करवा सकते

ived off for ever.

will have their task cut out. How well Dhoni can use either spinner Mahesh Theeksana or slinger Matheesa Pathirana will also go a long way establishing a pattern in selec-

form with willow as the Indian

pace bowling unit of Deepak

Chahar and Simarjeet Singh

As far as GT is concerned, there is one strategic decision which has been baffling and that is release of tearaway quick Lockie Ferguson and bringing in Shivam Mavi. However Alazarri Joseph's presence is a bit reassuring in this format. Save Mohammed Shami,

the only other pacer of repute is the skipper himself. Yash Dayal had a good first season hasn't been in great form in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy with only 2 wickets from 6 games but to be fair, he was coming back from injury. Pradeep Sangwan and Mohit Sharma are both experienced campaigners but they are now well past their prime. The other cause of worry for

GT will be keeper's slot. While Wriddhiman Saha was decent as an opener last year, they have a better T20 batter in Kona Bharat this time round, who incidentaly bats in the top order in the shortest format

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पश्चात कोई भी क्लेम मान्य नहीं होगा।

that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles. **VEHICLES FOR SALE** 1) VOLVO - CB_EC210 BLC HYDRAULIC **EXCAVATOR - YOM -2015** VCEC210BC00051372

RESERVE PRICE -1477720/-2) EXCAVATOR JCB140EXTR JCB YOM 2020-CHASSIS NO. - 2853002 RESERVE PRICE- RS.25,51,500/-UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH

M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS (ONLINE/OFFLINE) WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THIS PAPER PUBLICATION I.E ON OR BEFORE 14.04.2023 (PLEASE NOTI THAT CLOSING AUCTION DATE WOULD NOT BEAWEEKLY OFF / HOLIDAY).

BRANCHADDRESS: FIRST FLOOR, PLOT NO 406 TO 408 /28 ROOPALAY COMPLEX, D PARK, MODEL TOWN, ROHTAK 124001 OR CONTACT: MR. ASHOK KUMAR KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.

ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਬੰਗਾ। ਨੌਟਿਸ ਬਨਾਮ

ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਂਹੀ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ

ਮੁਹੱਲਾ ਚਬੁਤਰਾ ਬੈਗਾ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਬੈਗਾ ਜਿਲਾ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਅਨਰ-ਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਨੂੰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਦੇ ਛੱਪਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਦੇ 30 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਨੂੰ ਅਸਾ ਲਤਨ ਜਾਂ ਵਕਾਲਤਨ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕਿਸੇ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਨਾ ਮਿਲਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਕਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਨੂੰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਮਿਆਦ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਸੁਣਨ ਯੋਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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