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# Rescuers perseverance pays

All 41 workers trapped in Uttarkashi tunnel safely evacuated after 16 days

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As the workers trapped in the Silkyara tunnel emerged on Tuesday night, a mix of smiles and expressions of gratitude and exhaustion adorned their faces, marking the end of their 17-day ordeal. A collective sigh of relief swept across the nation. Outside the tunnel, loud cheers and slogans filled the air as people welcomed the ambulances transporting the workers to community health centres, and locals took to the streets to share in the jubilation.

Anxious relatives who had been camping in the area were emotional as they were united with the workers after days of uncertainty. Back home, many said they will celebrate Diwali now as the shadow of despair that had fallen on the families disappeared.

"Finally, God heard us. My brother could be rescued. I am with him in an ambulance on the way to hospital," Sunil, who was camping outside the tunnel in Uttarkashi, told PTI in a choked voice.

Sunil's brother Anil was among the three youths from Kherabera in Jharkhand who were trapped in the tunnel.

"All are fine and healthy. I have spoken to a few of them," said a rescue worker as media persons who staked out at the site



Jubilation as the trapped workers come out of the collapsed Silkyara Tunnel in Uttarkashi on Tuesday. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways VK Singh greet them

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for over two weeks and others rushed to ask about the well-being of the workers who were emerging from the tunnel where they were trapped since Diwali morning. Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded a successful operation that rescued 41 workers

trapped in an under-construction road tunnel in Uttarakhand on Tuesday, asserting that everyone involved in the mission has created an amazing example of humanity and teamwork. Modi also said the multi-agency rescue exercise has

made everyone emotional. In a post on X soon after the workers were brought out of the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarkashi, the Prime Minister saluted the spirit of those involved in the operation and said their courage and resolve have given a new lease of life to

the 41 labourers. "Everyone involved in the mission has created an amazing example of humanity and teamwork. It is a matter of great satisfaction that these friends of ours will meet their dear ones after a long wait," Modi said. Uttarakhand Chief Minister

Pushkar Singh Dhami and Union minister VK Singh welcomed the 41 workers with garlands, shook hands and embraced them, while the rescue teams and officials clapped. Families of the workers, most of whom are from Jharkhand and UP, were glued to television and phones after the news emerged that they could be rescued any time. Sweets were distributed and crackers were burst at some places.

"It is like a new birth," said a relative of Dhiren and Benudhar in the Mayurbhanj district in Odisha.

The families of six workers from Shravasti, Uttar Pradesh, lighted candles and lamps around the house.

"We will celebrate Diwali now that my son is safe," said Anju, mother of Akhilesh, from Mirzapur.

In Khirabada, villagers distributed 'laddoos' after the successful rescue. Rajendra, Sukhran and Anil, all in their early 20s, from the village, were among those trapped inside the tunnel for 17 days. Sukhran's sister Khushboo said that everyone in their village was celebrating.

According to Ram Kumar Bediya, a villager, a group of 13 people, between 18 and 23, had left Khirabada on November 1 to work at the tunnel. When the disaster struck, three of them were working inside.

## Telangana gears up for high stakes polls

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NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD

The curtains came down on the month-long high-pitched poll campaign in five States, with the last day of the campaign in Telangana on Tuesday. The State will go to polls on Thursday. The results, including those from the other four States (Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Mizoram), will be declared on December 3.

The State witnessed an electrified campaign by BRS, a high-powered BJP campaign led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with several roadshows, and a high-stakes campaign by the Congress, looking forward to forming its first government after the State was bifurcated by the UPA government.

BRS has fielded candidates in all 119 seats. According to the seat-sharing agreement, BJP and Jana Sena are contesting in 111 and 8 seats, respectively, while Congress has given one seat to its ally CPI(M). Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM has put up candidates in nine segments in the city. BRS is trying to retain power for a third consecutive term, while Congress has been fighting tooth and nail to wrest power from it.

The BJP has left no stone unturned to come to power. A total of 2,290 contestants are in the fray for the upcoming elections, including BRS supremo and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, his minister-son K T Rama Rao, TPCC

president A Revanth Reddy, and BJP Lok Sabha members Bandi Sanjay Kumar, D Arvind, and Soyam Babu Rao. KCR is contesting from Gajwel and Kamareddy and Revanth Reddy is contesting from Kodangal and Kamareddy.

The BJP fielded its MLA, Etala Rajender, from Gajwel, in addition to Huzurabad, where he is the incumbent legislator. Apart from PM Modi, several Union ministers, including Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah, and Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, campaigned for votes for their respective party candidates. The BRS campaign centred around the failures of the previous Congress regime and ongoing welfare measures for farmers and women.

Rao also highlighted his struggle to achieve Telangana statehood. Congress focused mainly on the alleged corruption of the BRS government while highlighting its "six guarantees."

BJP's campaign emphasised the necessity of a "double engine government" and pointed to the "family rule" of KCR, alleging corruption. To the embarrassment of the ruling KCR government, the National Dam Safety Authority gave an adverse report on the sinking of a barrage, which is part of the Kaleshwaram irrigation project, providing ammunition to the Opposition. Over 2.5 lakh staff will be engaged in poll duties for the assembly elections, Chief Electoral Officer Vikas Raj said.

## 18 per cent candidates face criminal charges

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 18 per cent of the total 8,054 candidates contesting the elections in Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Telangana have criminal cases registered against them. Telangana tops the list among, where major political parties including BRS, Congress, and BJP have fielded candidates with criminal records ranging from 24 to 72 per cent.

According to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), out of the 8,051 candidates analysed in five States who contested the Assembly elections, as many as 1,452 have criminal cases registered against them, while 959 are facing serious charges. For the 119-member Telangana Assembly, the ADR said it has the highest number of candidates with criminal records. Between 24 per cent and 72 per cent of candidates from all major parties contesting elections in the State have declared criminal cases against them. The political parties have fielded candidates with criminal records ranging from 6 per cent to 72 per cent in Rajasthan. Of the 2,290 candidates in Telangana, 521 (23 per cent) have criminal cases against

them, while 353 (15 per cent) have serious criminal cases against them, the report said. It also stated that BRS, which is contesting on all 119 seats in Telangana, has fielded 57 candidates with criminal cases against them, while 34 of them are facing serious criminal cases.

The figures are lowest for Mizoram, where between 3 per cent and 10 per cent of candidates from major parties have criminal records, and none of the candidates have declared cases related to crimes against women, attempt to murder, and murder.

In Chhattisgarh, out of 1,178 candidates analysed, 126 candidates have declared criminal cases, while 72 have serious cases against them. Out of 2,534 candidates analyzed in Madhya Pradesh, 472 candidates have criminal cases against them, while 291 have declared serious criminal cases. In Rajasthan, the report claimed that out of 1,875 candidates, 326 are facing criminal cases while 236 are facing serious criminal cases. The report also said that Congress, which fielded 677 candidates, has 268 candidates with criminal cases and 162 with serious criminal cases.



Commuters during a rainy morning at India Gate on Tuesday

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

## Gaza truce extended amid hostage release

AP ■ TEL AVIV

A truce between Israel and Hamas entered its fifth day on Tuesday, with the militant group promising to release more hostages to delay the expected resumption of the war and Israel under growing pressure to spare Palestinian civilians when it renews its offensive. The sides agreed to extend their truce through Wednesday, with another two planned exchanges of militant-held hostages for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. But Israel

has vowed to resume the war with "full force" to destroy Hamas once it is clear that no more hostages will be freed under the deal.

The Biden administration has told Israel it must avoid "significant further displacement" and mass casualties among Palestinian civilians if it resumes the offensive, and that it must operate with more precision in southern Gaza than it has in the north, according to US officials. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the White House.

CIA director William Burns and David Barnea, who heads Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, were in Qatar, a key mediator with Hamas, to discuss extending the cease-fire and releasing more hostages, a diplomat said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks. A US official confirmed Burns was in Qatar, speaking anonymously because the director's travel plans are not publicized for security reasons. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is set to visit the region

this week, also with an eye to extending the truce.

Hamas and other militants are still holding about 160 people, out of the 240 seized in their October 7 assault into southern Israel that ignited the war. That is enough to potentially extend the truce for another two weeks under the existing framework brokered by Qatar, Egypt and the US, but Hamas is expected to make much higher demands for the release of captive soldiers. Israel has vowed to end Hamas' 16-year rule in Gaza and crush its military capabilities.

## India poised to become second largest egg producer

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The survey report from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying indicated an upswing in the production of milk, eggs, and meat in the country. According to the report, the total milk production in the country is estimated to be 230.58 million tonnes in 2022-23, reflecting a 3.83 per cent increase over the estimates of 2021-22. The egg production is projected to be 138.38 billion, marking a 6.77 per cent rise compared to the previous year. This may make India the second largest producer of eggs.

Additionally, meat production is expected to reach 9.77 million tonnes, representing a 5.62 per cent increase over the previous year.

The survey report is based on the results of the Integrated Sample Survey (ISS), conducted nationwide in three seasons: Summer (March-June), Rainy (July-October), and Winter (November-February). India continues to maintain its position as the largest milk-producing country globally. According to the report, the total milk production in the country is estimated at 230.58 million tonnes during 2022-23, reflecting a growth of 22.81 per

cent over the past five years, from 187.75 million tonnes in 2018-19. Furthermore, there has been a 3.83% increase in production during 2022-23 compared to the estimates of 2021-22. In previous years, the annual growth rates were 6.47 per cent in 2018-19, 5.69 per cent in 2019-20, 5.81 per cent in 2020-21, and 5.77 per cent in 2021-22.

The milk production from exotic/crossbred cattle increased by 6.16 per cent, while that from indigenous or non-descript cattle rose by 6.13 per cent compared to the previous year. Additionally, milk production from buffaloes



increased by 4.44 per cent compared to 2021, with indigenous buffaloes contributing 31.58 per cent of the total production, followed by 29.91 per cent from crossbred cattle. During 2022-23, the highest milk-producing state was Uttar Pradesh, accounting for 15.72 per cent of the total milk pro-

duction, followed by Rajasthan (14.44 per cent), Madhya Pradesh (8.73 per cent), Gujarat (7.49 per cent), and Andhra Pradesh (6.7 per cent). In terms of annual growth rate (AGR), Karnataka recorded the highest AGR at 8.76 per cent, followed by West Bengal at 8.65 per cent, and Uttar Pradesh at 6.99 per cent over the previous year.

The total egg production in the country is estimated to be 138.38 billion during 2022-23, marking a growth of 33.31 per cent over the past 5 years compared to the estimates of 103.80 billion in 2018-19. Furthermore, the production

increased annually by 6.77 per cent during 2022-23 over 2021-22. In the past, the annual growth rates were 9.02 per cent in 2018-19, 10.19 per cent in 2019-20, 6.70 per cent in 2020-21, and 6.19 per cent in 2021-22.

The contribution to the total egg production comes from Andhra Pradesh with a share of 20.13 per cent, followed by Tamil Nadu (15.58 per cent), Telangana (12.77 per cent), West Bengal (9.94 per cent), and Karnataka (6.51 per cent). In terms of the Annual Growth Rate (AGR), the highest growth rate was recorded by West Bengal (20.10 per cent), fol-

lowed by Sikkim (18.93 per cent), and UP (12.80 per cent). The total meat production in the country is estimated to be 9.77 million tonnes during 2022-23, registering a growth of 20.39 per cent over the past 5 years compared to the estimates of 8.11 million tonnes in 2018-19. Furthermore, the production increased by 5.13 per cent in 2022-23 over 2021-22. In the past, the growth rates were 5.99 per cent in 2018-19, 5.98 per cent in 2019-20, 2.30 per cent in 2020-21, and 5.62 per cent in 2021-22.

The major contribution to the total meat production comes from Uttar Pradesh with a

share of 12.20 per cent, followed by West Bengal (11.93 per cent), Maharashtra (11.50 per cent), Andhra Pradesh (11.20 per cent), and Telangana (11.06 per cent). In terms of the growth, the highest AGR was recorded in Sikkim (63.08 per cent), followed by Meghalaya (38.34 per cent), and Goa (22.98 per cent).

India's wool production rose by 2 per cent to 33.61 million kg during 2022-23, registering a negative growth of 16.84 per cent compared to 2018-19 when output was 40.42 million kg. However, the production increased by 2.12 per cent in 2022-23 over 2021-22.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Gurmel Singh** S/o Ajmer Singh R/o Vill. Malikpur, P.O. Madanpur, Shahabad (M.), Kurukshetra declare that my son Abhishek are out of my control. So I disinherit them from my all moveable/immoveable Properties. If anybody deals with them in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

**I Subhash Kumari** Soi Legal Wife Of Dinesh Kumar Soi R/o Mohalla Brahma Shah, Vpo-Bhangala Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Subhash Soi To Subhash Kumar Soi.

**I, Kamla** W/O Late Sh. Subhash S/O Late Sh. Krishan R/O Village Samchana, Teh. Sampla Distt. Rohtak Declare That My Son Mohit And His Wife Kavita Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Him From My All Moveable/ Immoveable Properties. Any Body Dealing With Him At Their Own Risk. I Or My Family Are Not Responsible For Any Type Of Their Any Legal And Illegal Acts.

**I Kuldeep** S/O Ranbir R/O Vill. Sisana Teh. Kharkhoda Distt. Sonipat Declare That In 10th Class Marksheet Of My Son Ankush Dahiya My Name Is Mentioned As Kuldeep Singh But In My Documents I.E. Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Voter Id Card My Name Is Kuldeep. I Want To Correct My Name In 10th Class Marksheet Of My Son Ankush Dahiya As Kukdeep In Place Of Kuldeep Singh.

**I, Satish Lal** Goswami S/o Sh.Kanhyan Lal Goswami R/o H.No.11/582, near Arya samaj mandir, Rishi Nagar, Sonipat declare that I break up all relations to my brother Ranjeet Goswami and his wife Annu Goswami and their Childs Sahil Goswami and Mukul Goswami. Any body deals with them at own risk.

**I, Mehara Lal** Goswami S/o Sh.Kanhyan Lal Goswami R/o H.No.3800, gurudwara lane, Sector-15, Sonipat declare that I break up all relations to my brother Ranjeet Goswami and his wife Annu Goswami and their Childs Sahil Goswami and Mukul Goswami. Any body deals with them at own risk.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Angrejo Suhag** Mother of Anil Suhag R/o #102/32, Shivaji Colony, Rohtak-124001, Haryana have changed my name from Angrejo Suhag to Angrejo Devi vide Affidavit Dated 20-11-2023 before Notary, Distt. Court Rohtak.

**I, Dolika Garg** D/o Sh. Anil Kumar R/o #1142, Sector 69, Mohali has changed my minor daughter's name from Jivika Gupta to Jivika.

**I, Shilpa Kamboj** W/o Ravi Beniwal R/O H. No. 230/14, Gali no. 11, Near Harihar Mandir, Jawahar Nagar, Hisar (Hry.) have changed my name from Shilpa Beniwal to Shilpa Kamboj for all purposes in future.

**I, Vijay Singh** s/o Jasbir Singh Army No. 19008899A, Rank L/NK r/o #229/2, Majri Mohalla, Shahabad Markanda, Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana have changed my son's name from Viraj to Viraj Bains Vide Affidavit Dt. 27/11/2023.

**I, Kulwinder Singh** s/o Dara Singh r/o VPO Kahnawan Distt Gurdaspur declare that in future I may please be known as Kulwinder as my given name and Singh as my surname. Concerned note.

**I, Rakesh Kumar** S/o Khandra Ram R/O 345, Roop Nagar Colony, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Bagga.

I, hitherto known as Sudesh Sharma alias Sudesh alias Sudesh Rani daughter of Sh. Kishori Lal wife of Sh. Anup Partap Punjab resident of B-21/215-A, Street No. 1, Partap Nagar, Naloiian, Hoshiarpur 146001, Punjab, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sudesh Sharma.

**I, Shivani** W/o Rahul Gupta R/O C-1-1632, Narayan Bagh Colony, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Shivani Gupta.

**I, Rahul** S/o Gopal Dass Gupta R/O C-1-1632, Narayan Bagh Colony, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Veena Devi to Beena.

**I, Anjali Hora** D/o Subhash Chander Alagh R/O #1009, Sector-19B, Top Floor, Chandigarh have changed my name from Anjali Hora to Anjali.

**I, Balbinder** S/o Lal Bahadur R/o H. No. 2653, Sector-56, Chandigarh have change my name to Balwinder Kumar.

**I, Rekha** W/o Mr. Naresh Kumar R/O 392, Ward No. 8, Shyam Mandir K Pass, Saral(82), Dadam, Distt., Bhiwani, Haryana declare that I have changed my name Rekha to Rekha Devi for all future purposes.

**I, Ravinder Kumar** S/o Balbir Singh R/o Village Waisar, Tehsil Madlauda Distt. Panipat declares that I have changed my daughter's name from Kafi Sharma to Kavya Sharma for all future purposes.

**I Jasvir** S/O Jai Pal, House 645, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Jasvir to Jasvir Jaipal Bhogji.

**I, Sudhir S Menon** S/O A V Sankaranarayanan R/o H No. 3273/2, Sector 44-D Chandigarh have changed my name from Sudhir S Menon to Sudhir Sankaranarayanan.

**I, Monika Sudhir** Menon W/O Sudhir Sankaranarayanan R/O H.No. 3273/2, Sector 44-D Chandigarh have changed my name from Monika Sudhir Menon to Monika Sharma.

**I Teena** w/o Rinku Jain r/o h.no 38-P sec-6 huda panipat declare Teena and Teena Jain both are my name and all concerned noted.

**I, Samiksha** W/o Kanish Vasudeva R/O H. No. 1987 A, Sector 16-17, Hisar (Hry.) have changed my name to Samiksha Rani to Samiksha for all purposes in future.

**I, Sunita Kumar** W/o Sh. Sushil Kumar Godara R/o 502, Sector-20, Huda Part-2, Sirsa District Sirsa (Haryana) have changed my name from Sunita Kumari to Sunita Godara , in future my name is to be called as Sunita Godara.

**I, Smt. Bala Devi** Daughter of JC- 57847 Late Sub Ram Kishen (Wife of Suresh Kumar Suri) R/o H.No. 29/69, Moh. Shekha Wala, Kaurthala Distt. Kapurthala Punjab have changed my name from Bala Devi to Renu Bala. Concerned note.

**I, Aashima** D/o Y P Joshi R/o # 299-A, Palam City, Sector 127, Kharar Mohali. That I changed my name from Aashima Salwan to Aashima.

**I, Sonu Kumari** D/o Jatul Rai R/O H.No. 67, Sector-56, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sonali.

I, Hitherto Known As Jaspreet Kaur Wife Of Satinder Singh Thind Residing At H.No.535, G.T Road, Shubam Enclave, Daburji, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jaspreet Kaur Thind.

I, Hitherto Known As Kulwant Singh Son Of Hari Chand Residing At H.No.7-B, Taylor Road, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kulwant Kumar.

I, Hitherto Known As Tarandeep Wife Of Daljit Singh Residing At H.No.494, Shubam Enclave, G.T Road, Daburji Amritsar-143001 Punjab have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Tarandeep Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Simranjit Kaur Wife Of Gurpal Singh Residing At Ward No.7, Khal Wali Gali, Dhariwal, Gurdaspur-143519 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sarabjeet Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Jasbir Kaur Wife Of Manjit Singh Residing At Village Gharindri P.O Gharinda, District Amritsar-143107 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kiranjit Kaur.

I, Hitherto Known As Kamal Narain Sharma Son Of Narinder Mohan Residing At H.No.2497, Chowk Hakima Wala District Amritsar-143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kamal Narayan Sharma.

**I Manpreet** Singh S/O Joginder Singh R/O Vill.Machharala Po & Teh.Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name To Singh Manpreet.

**I Narinderjeet** Kaur W/O Karamjeet Singh R/O H.No. 2293, Jubali Road, Jandiala Guru Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Narinderjit Kaur To Narinderjeet Kaur

**I Gurjit Singh** S/O Paramjeet Singh R/O Village Khela Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Gurjeet Singh To Gurjit Singh

**I Gurjit Singh** S/O Paramjeet Singh R/O Village Khela Distt Amritsar Have Declared That My Father Was Known By Two Names Paramjit Singh And Paramjeet Singh And Both Are The Names Of One And The Same Person.

**I Raj Mail Kaur** W/O Satnam Singh Kang R/O H.No. 481, Mohalla Shekhpura, Jandiala Guru Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Raj Mail Kaur To Rajmail Kaur Kang

**I, Kamaljit Kaur** Gohal W/O Parminder Singh R/O D-7/2132, Azad Nagar Kot Khalsa Amritsar Declares That My Husband Is Known By Two Names Parminder Singh And Parminder Singh Gohal Is One And Same Person.

**I, Ajay Kumar** S/O Raj Kumar R/O H.No.620, G.T Road, Near Panj Peer New Golden Avenue Amritsar Have Declare That Kumar Is My Surname And Ajay Is My Given Name

I Hitherto Known As Balwinder Singh S/O Satnam Singh, Residing At Vpo Mehtan, Teh. Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144402, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Balwinder Singh Mehat.

**I, Sang Dolma** Sherpa Mother Of No. Jc-773228l Rank Sub Maj/Opr & Dvr (Rec) Name Subash Sherpa Unit 6023 (I) Armd Wksp C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Name From Sang Dolma Sherpa To Sang Dolma Lama (Proposed New Name) Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb62404405411772v Dated 28-11-2023, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

**I, No. 14930961h** Rank Hav Name Shankrakpa Patroti Serving In 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Son's Name From Pradeep S Patroti To Pradeep Shankrakpa Patroti Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb62404106497575v Dated 28-11-2023, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

**I, No. 14851640K** Hav Vijay Kumar S/O Sh. Raj Kumar R/O VPO Chiri, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my mother name Munni and her DOB 03.03.1968 are wrongly mentioned in my service record. But my mother correct & actual name is Muni and her correct DOB is 01.01.1965. vide affidavit dated 28.11.2023 before Notary Public Rohtak.

**I, Harjeet** s/o Kripal Singh, r/o Ashrafgarh, District Jind, declare that in my Bank of India Branch Pindara account number: 674210110001266, my father's name was mistakenly registered as Pala Singh instead of Kripal Singh. Which is wrong, now I want to change it from Pala Singh to Kripal Singh.

**I, No. 14851640K** Hav Vijay Kumar S/O Sh. Raj Kumar R/O VPO Chiri, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my mother name Munni and her DOB 03.03.1968 are wrongly mentioned in my service record. But my mother correct & actual name is Muni and her correct DOB is 01.01.1965. vide affidavit dated 28.11.2023 before Notary Public Rohtak.

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**I, Suresh Devi** widow of No 10315386Y Ex Nk Late Satish resident of H. No-732, Gali No-3, Arjun Nagar, Kabri Road, Panipat, declare that as per my husband service records name of my daughter is Neha Devi and date of birth is 06/06/2005. but my daughter's actual name is Neha and DOB is 07.05.2005 for all future purposes.

**I Gaurav Baweja** S/o Mohinder Lal R/o House no. 1124-P, Sector 25, Part-2, Near Mittal mega mall, Huda, Residential estate, Panipat Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Gaurav To Gaurav Baweja for all future purposes.

**I, Babita Rani** W/o Sushil Kumar R/o H.No. 19/21, Near Sawan Park, Model Town Extension, Panipat-132103, Haryana have changed my name from Babita Soni to Babita Rani for all future purposes.

**I, Nand Lal Grover** s/o Sh. Agya Ram R/O H. No. 150, Ward-9, Balachaur, Distt. Nawanshahr, Punjab have changed my name to Nand Lal. Concerned note.

**I, Sumir Kumar** alias Samir Kumar s/o Sh. Nand Lal R/O 1851, Sec-20, Part-3, HUDA, Sirsa have changed my name to Sameer Kumar. Concerned note.

**I, Bintu Ram** S/O Lekhranj R/O Bhuna tehsil Guhla district Kaithal Haryana inform that I have changed my name from Bintu to Bintu Ram.

**I, Sahil** S/o Sh. Rajmender R/O VPO. Shamlo Kalan Distt. & Teh. Jind, declare that I have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Kumar. In future I will be known as Sahil Kumar.

**I, Khem Narain**, 300 Dashmesh Enclave, Dhakauli, SAS Nagar Mohali, have changed minor son name Priyansh to Priyansh Sharma.

**I, Aseem Saini**, 1503, Sector 7-C, have changed minor son name Aadvit Saini to Shivaansh Saini.

**I, Sunil Kumar** S/o Satpal Singh R/o Village Harouli, Postoffice Ledi, Tehsil Chhachhrouli, District Yamanagar, have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sunil Kumar Saini.

**I, Rekha Rani** W/o Suraj Kumar, D/o Udaibhan R/o Village Derapura District Kurukshetra, Presently R/o Sawant Sub Tehsil Nigdu District Karnal, declare that I am known by two names: Rekha Rani and Ompati.

**I, Amreek Singh** S/o Sh. Jagir Singh R/o VPO- Nakora, Tehsil Rania, District Sirsa have changed my name from Amreek Singh to Amrik Singh. Concerned note.

**I Rupali Duggal** W/O Dinesh Kumar R/O Hno.46, Gali No.3 Basant Vihar Khandwala Have Changed My Name To Rupali After Marriage.

**I, Mayank S/O** Sh. Mani Ram Soni R/O Kranti Chowk, Mandi Adampur, Distt. Hisar, Pin Code 125052, State Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Mayank to Mayank Kumar for all future purposes.

**I, D. Radha** Wife of JC-301689L Rank SUB MAJ Name Sreenivasa Reddy Doddi R/O Reddy Nadar Street, PO Bestawaripet, Distt. Prakasham, A.P.-523334 have changed my name in my husband army record from D. Radha to Doddi Radha vide affidavit dated 28-11-2023 before Session Court Hisar.

**I, Moumita Khamaru** Wife of No. 17035357N Rank SEP Name Subha Bag Posted at 234 AER (LRW) C/O 56 Apo R/o Vill. Kolara, P.O Somra, Teh. Chuchura, Distt. Hooghly, W.B.-712123 have changed my name in my husband army record from Moumita Khamaru to Moumita Khamaru Bag vide affidavit dated 28-11-2023 before Executive Magistrate, Hisar.

**I, 14930597P** Rank NK Name Jasgirs Singh R/O Vill. & PO Balanwal, Teh. Maur, Distt. Bathinda, Punjab-151103 have changed the date of birth of my father Balwant Singh in army record from 21-03-1962 to 01-01-1954 and mother Balveer Kaur from 21-03-1964 to 01-01-1962 vide affidavit dated 28-11-2023 before Session Court, Hisar.

**I, Rakesh Kumar** Father Kanika Miglani R/o H.No.156, Virat Nagar phase-1, Panipat hereby solemnly declare that my daughter's present name is Kanika Miglani and all her identity documents do bear the same name whereas in some earlier documents her name was only Kanika knowing that cancelled Her name should be known as Kanika Miglani.

**I, Mukesh Madaan** S/O Late. Sh. Girdhari Lal Madaan R/O House no. 204-L, Model town near ram lal chowk, Panipat Haryana declare that in my passport my father's name is written as Girdhari Lal instead of Girdhari Lal Madaan. Now I want to get my father's name as Girdhari Lal Madaan in all my documents in future.

**I, Shweta Patil** Wife of 15682682K Rank HAV Name Basavaraj Patil R/O Vill. Gontmar, PO Harugoppa, Teh. Saundatti, Distt. Belagavi, Karnataka-591102 have changed my name in army record from Shweta Patil to Shweta Basavaraj Patil vide affidavit dated 28-11-2023 before Session Court, Hisar.

**I, Rajvir Singh** Panghal S/o Hardayal Singh R/o H. No. 1502, Sector-13, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Rajvir Singh Panghal to Rajvir Singh for all future purpose.

**I, Rajender Prasad** S/o Dev Karan Dass R/O Chobisi Colony, Uklana (Rural), Uklana Mandi, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Rajender Prasad to Rajender Parshad for all future purpose.

**I, Meenakshi** W/o Sunil Kumar R/O Chobisi Colony, Uklana (Rural), Uklana Mandi, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Meenakshi to Minakshi Garg for all future purpose.

**I, Simran Rani** Alias Simran, W/O Aditya Kakkar R/O 4, Shinderpal Mc Gali, Near Nagpal Palace, Dashmesh Nagar, Jalalabad, Fazilka, Punjab, Have Changed My Name To Simran.

**I, Devinder Singh** S/O Shingara Singh R/O Rayya Khurd, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt Amritsar Rural Have Changed My Name From Devinder Singh To Davinder Singh. All Concerned Note.

**I, Yaman Gulia** S/O Sh. Naresh Kumar R/O Village Dubheta, Sonipat Have Changed My Name From Yaman Gulia To Yaman Gulia For All Future Purposes.

**I, Charan Jyoti** W/O Jagdeep Singh R/O Arora Colony V/O Sansarpur Distt. Jalandhar Punjab Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter From Komal To Komal Kaur.

**I, Neeraj Sharma** W/O Dalip Kumar R/O Mig (I) 4696, Sector 70, Mohali, Tehsil And District Sas Nagar (Mohali), Punjab Have Changed My Name From Neerja To Neerja Sharma.

**I, Pawan Kumar** S/O Sh.Atma Ram R/O Flat No.608, Daffodil Block, Amravati Enclave, Panchkula Haryana, Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Meeraj To Meeraj Kandola

**I Shreya Uppal** W/O Aniket Garg, Ro 98,99 Madhu Colony, Yamanunagar. That After Marriage I Have Change My Name From Shreya Uppal To Shreya Garg.

**I, Nitu Rani** W/O Rakesh Kumar R/ 339/9, Near Bal Bhawan, Saidan Wala, Shahbad, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136135 Have Changed My Name To Ritu.

**I, Sahil** S/O Satish Residing At Jalalpuri Kalan (13), Jind, Haryana-126102 Have Changed My Name To Sahil Jaglan

**I Annam Bashir** Wani D/O Bashir Ahmad Wani R/O Miran Gund, Nowpora Jagir, Uri, Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir-193103 Have Changed My Name To Tazkiyah Bashir.

**I, Hardeep Singh** S/O Lal R/O 2274/1 Sector 40c, Chandigarh Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Sufyan Khan Gorla To Sufyan Gorla.

**I, Sapna Rani** W/O Jaspal Singh, Resident Of Vill. Panjaura, Teh Jagadhri/Distt Yamuna Nagar Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sapna Devi To Sapna Rani. All Concerned Please May Note.

**I, Gagan D/O** Rajinder R/O 678/1 Gali No 3 Rajori Colony Kaithal have changed my name to Gagan Saini.

**I, Baljeet Kumar** S/O Rajinder Kumar R/O Khalbawa Road, Baba Gadhia Phagwara, Kapurthala, Punjab-144401, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kumar Baljeet.

**I, Steephon Singh** Bassi S/O Santokh Singh R/O 80, Bus Stand, Sarhali, Jalandhar, Punjab- 144633. I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Gursahib Singh Aged About 16 Years And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gursahib Singh Bassi.

**I, Dron** S/O Shyambrigh Sigh R/O H.No. B-759, Block B Sainik Colony, Sector- 49, Faridabad, Shanti Niketan School, Faridabad, Haryana- 121001, Have Changed My Name As Dron Bainsla.

**I, Bhagwant Toor** S/O Gurdev Toor R/O Patti Sand Ki, Bhinder Khurd, Bhinder, Moga, Punjab-142041, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Bhagwant Singh.

**I, Nagita** D/O Sarbjit Singh R/O Mal Mazara, Po.Chagran, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Nagita Kaur.

**I, Chain Singh** S/O Rattan Chand R/O 46-A, Street No-2-C, Adarsh Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001. I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Aaradhya Rana Aged About 7 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Aaradhya Thakur.

**I, Komal S/O** Om Parkash R/O H.No-5, St.No-6, New Puneet Nagar, Jodhewal Basti, Ludhiana, Punjab-141007, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Komal Gandotra.

**I, Omvati** Dev W/O Attar Singh Kadian R/O H.No.C-83, Near Water Tank, Sector-35, Suncity, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Om Wati.

**I, Hanuman Singh** Beniwal S/O Kurda Ram R/O Village-Kumahria, Kagdana(4), Sirsa, Kagdana, Haryana-125110, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Hemant Beniwal.

**I, Hanish Kumar** S/O Shashpal R/O Jahan Khelan, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146110, I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Prabheet Aged About 13 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Prabheet Kaur.

**I, Hanish Kumar** S/O Shashpal R/O Jahan Khelan, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146110, I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Sukhpreet Aged About 11 Years And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sukhpreet Kumar.

**I, Netrajyoti** Taw S/O Hanish Kumar R/O Jahan Khelan, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146110 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rohan Taw.

**I, Jagjit Singh** Atwal S/O Darshan Singh R/O Pharala, Nawanshahr, Punjab-144503, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jagjit Singh.

**I, Sakshi** D/O Pawan Kumar R/O H.No.25, Gali No.1, New Amar Nagar, Gulab Devi Road, Jalandhar Have Added My Surname To Sakshi Bhagat. (Surname As Bhagat)

**I, Sukhpal Singh** S/O Jagraj Singh R/O Near Bye Pass, Tharaj, Moga Punjab Declare That I Am Change My Name Sukhpal Singh Is My Given Name Punni Is My Surname.

**I, Venubai** Wife Of Namdev Tarpade Resident Of Maruti Mandir Jval, Borkhind, Shivde, Nashik Maharashtra – 422502 Have Changed My Name From Venubhai To Venubai Namdev Tarpade Due To Erroneously Recorded In Service Documents Of My Son Vide Affidavit Dated 23/11/2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar.

**I, Latha Devi** Wife Of Vitthalrao Kshirsagar Resident Of Village – Salai (Khurd), Po – Bela, Tehsil – Umrred Distt – Nagpur (Mah) Have Changed My Name From Latha Devi To Latabai Vitthalrao Kshirsagar Due To Erroneously Recorded In Service Documents Of My Son Vide Affidavit Dated 24/11/2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar.

**I, Venubai** Wife Of Namdev Tarpade Resident Of Maruti Mandir Jval, Borkhind, Shivde, Nashik Maharashtra – 422502 Have Changed My Name From Latha Devi To Latabai Vitthalrao Kshirsagar Due To Erroneously Recorded In Service Documents Of My Son Vide Affidavit Dated 23/11/2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar.

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**I, Nagita** D/O Sarbjit Singh R/O Mal Mazara, Po.Chagran, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Nagita Kaur.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is for the General Public that Sh. Manish Grover son of Sh. Ramesh Grover and Smt. Bhavana Grover wife of Sh. Manish Grover seeking loan facility from m/your client i.e. RBL Bank Limited situated at Sector 9 Chandigarh and mortgaging the property bearing House No. 2157, measuring 476.32 Sq. Yards, Sector 35-C, UT – Chandigarh – India (RPD13085) owned by Sh. Manish Grover son of Sh. Ramesh Grover and Smt. Bhavana Grover wife of Sh. Manish Grover and the following discrepancies in the previous titles of above said property:

1. That Sh. Sukhdev Singh Gill executed a Transfer Deed dated 14/12/2010, bearing vaskia no. 5465, in favor of Gurnam Singh Gill HUF through his Karta Sh. Gurnam Singh Gill son of Sh. Sukhdev Singh Gill but at that time Sukhdev Singh Gill HUF was in existence and that Transfer Deed was executed for the benefit of Sukhdev Singh Gill HUF.  
2. That the execution date of Sale Deed bearing vaskia no. 604, in favor of Sh. Surinder Singh Chadha and Smt. Sujinder Chadha is written as 30/05/1995 and registration date is 01/05/99



## PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

# Punjab CM lashes at BJP, “It will omit Punjab’s name from national anthem if its will prevails”

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, on the opening day of the two-day winter session of Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday, attacked the BJP Government at the Centre from left, right, and centre for “meting out step-motherly treatment” to the border state. Mincing no words, Mann asserted that BJP led Central Government was suffering from an anti-Punjab mindset.

“If the will of BJP-led NDA Government prevails, they will omit the name of Punjab from the national anthem also,” said Mann, while participating in the debate.

Mann said that it is surprising to note that though Punjab leads the country in contribution to the food pool besides giving maximum representation in the Indian Army, it is sad to note that the Centre has always ignored the State. “Punjab is not getting its legitimate share of RDF despite fulfilling all the conditions....Though the state collects the GST and gives it to the Centre, it has to beg for its share from the Union Government,” he said.

“The Modi Government is suffering from anti-Punjab syndrome due to which they are hell bent on ruining the State. It is surprising that despite of this step motherly treatment, the state BJP chief along with the former Chief Minister of the State are mum on the entire issue,” he said, referring to Sunil Jakhar and Capt Amarinder Singh.

The Chief Minister said that not only this, the Union Government is adopting a hostile attitude towards the State

and its farmers. “Already due to the apathy of the Union Government, agriculture is no longer a profitable venture but now the Centre is trying to abolish the MSP on the food grains. Apart from it, the Union Government is putting the entire onus of environmental pollution in the national capital on the farmers of the State by asserting that they are burning the paddy straw,” he added.

“BJP is treating Punjab as if it is not a part of the country thereby ignoring the immense contribution of Punjabis in national building. The rights of the state are being blatantly ignored and the central agencies are being misused for arm twisting the opposition-ruled state, especially Punjab,” said Mann, while urging the Punjabis to stop looking towards the Centre and come forward for saving our rich legacy, finances, tradition and house adding that it will go a long way in carving out a Rangla Punjab.

### ‘GST Bill To Go A Long Way’

The Chief Minister said that the GST bill presented in the House today will go a long way in ensuring that the benefits of tax are given to the manufacturing state which have used its resources to produce the goods. “The State Government has already launched an OTS scheme for VAT to benefit more than 65,000 traders across the State. The State Government has got 1800 applications so far under this scheme, which was getting maximum response from the general public,” he added.



### Artificial Intelligence to Check Bogus Billing

The Chief Minister said that the state is introducing the Artificial Intelligence in GST collection to check bogus billing. “Similarly, Artificial Intelligence is also being introduced in departments like Revenue, Health, Agriculture, PWD and others,” he said.

Citing the benefits of the technique, Mann said that due to its usage, the State Government has saved Rs

163.26 crore merely in estimates of road adding that 540 kilometres of roads that do not exist have also been detected.

### Spending People’s Money For Their Benefit

The Chief Minister said that the state government is spending the money collected from the people for their benefit only. “The people’s money is being spend on giving them free power, free medicines in Aam Aadmi Clinics, free edu-

cation and others. There is no dearth of funds with the State Government and every penny will be spent for the welfare of the general public,” he said.

### SC Ruling Set A New Benchmark

The Chief Minister said that the decision of the Apex court regarding the Vidhan Sabha Sessions in the state has set a new benchmark in the polity of the country. He said that this decision has set an example for the entire country in dealing with such matters. Mann said that it was not a matter of victory or defeat but the Punjab government had fought the battle for the interests of the people and democracy.

### Thank Guv For Nod To Convene Session

Profusely thanking the Governor for according sanction to the session and replying to the letters immediately, Mann expressed hope that the Governor will also clear the pending bills soon besides giving approval to the new bills. Mann made it clear that

there is no rift between the state government and Governor on any issue.

## Verbal Sparring Dominates Opening Day of Winter Session

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Punjab Vidhan Sabha’s winter session kicked off on Tuesday with a tumultuous first day, witnessing a heated exchange of words between the treasury and opposition members. The legislators engaged in fierce debates on multiple issues, including mining, law and order, and the functioning of Aam Aadmi Clinics among others.

Members of the principal opposition, the Congress party, took on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led government on various fronts, escalating the verbal clashes. Cabinet Ministers — Dr Balbir Singh and Harjot Singh Bains — found themselves embroiled in a fiery verbal duel with opposition leaders, including the Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa and State Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring.

The discussions in the assembly turned intense as both sides presented contrasting views and arguments. Education Minister Bains took a sharp aim at former Education Minister Pargat Singh, expressing his respect for him but raising concerns over decisions made during the previous government’s tenure.

In a pointed statement, Bains referred to November 2021 when, just hours before the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct, the Congress Government announced the recruitment

of 1158 assistant professors, with Pargat Singh in-charge of the department.

Expressing his admiration for Pargat Singh, Bains highlighted that the recruitment announcement was made for “political gain”, affecting the future of around 1200 individuals. He added that the then Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University had also criticized the recruitment process, stating that it was flawed and could never be completed properly. Despite knowing that the decision would negatively impact people’s futures, the recruitment was pursued for political motives by going against the rules, and which was eventually rejected by the High Court.

The Minister was responding to Pargat Singh’s accusations against him that Bains was not meeting the leaders of various unions and issues pertaining to mining. Reacting, the Minister dared the opposition leaders to furnish evidence regarding mining allegations as he was ready to face any investigation.

Completely rejecting the allegations made regarding mining, Bains said that if any person gives evidence regarding me or my family’s involvement in mining, then he is ready to face all kinds of investigation. “Even I am ready to undergo a narco test. When I was the Minister of Mineral Resources, our state earned the highest revenue,” he claimed.

Bains said that the person Rakesh Chaudhary, who was involved in illegal mining, was also arrested by the AAP Government.

The Minister also accused SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia for trying to people befool by holding a press conference with an advocate. “The water level is depleting day by day in my constituency and we want that mining should be completely stopped,” he added.

### Professor Suicide Case: Congress Demands Job for Daughter

On the issue of recent suicide by Professor Balwinder Kaur, Congress MLAs called for justice. Pragat Singh accused the Punjab Government of trying to shield corrupt practices saying that the appointment of Professor Bharati was merely a political move.

### 80L Treated in Aam Aadmi Clinics: Dr Balbir

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh said that approximately 80 lakh people in Punjab have sought medical treatment in aam Aadmi clinics.

Warring, raising health concerns, highlighted that dengue is spreading rapidly, posing a threat to the lives of ordinary citizens. Dr Balbir Singh further provided details on the facilities available in different locations and announced a yearly decision to grant medical degrees to 300 individuals.

## Hry CM orders dismissal of Jind School principal for sexually harassing students

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Taking strict cognizance of the incident where the principal of Government Senior Secondary School for Girls, Uchana, Jind district, had misbehaved with the students, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday issued termination orders of the principal Kartar Singh. The decision has been taken following the investigation report submitted by the department, said the official spokesperson.

Spokesperson said that acting on the inquiry report of a committee headed by Uchana sub-divisional magistrate (SDM), which found the principal prima facie guilty of sexual harassment, Khattar has decided to dismiss Kartar Singh from government service.

“His dismissal orders are being issued under Article 311 (2)(b) of the Constitution that empowers the competent authority to dismiss, remove

or reduce in rank persons employed in civil capacities under the Union or state government without conducting a departmental inquiry,” he added.

Notably, the accused had already been arrested by the police, and a female principal had been appointed at the respective school, along with the appointment of 16 new staff members.

The spokesperson said: “The committee which conducted a preliminary inquiry found Kartar Singh prima facie guilty. The committee interacted with 390 girl students of Classes 9, 10, 11 and 12. Of them, 142 students have directly or indirectly confirmed sexual harassment.”

“Action to dismiss Kartar Singh from service was initiated taking into account grave allegations of misconduct. The Jind police had registered a case against him on October 30 under Section 8 (sexual assault) of the Protection of

Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Section 354 (molestation) of the Indian Penal Code, after which he was placed under suspension by the state government,” said the spokesperson.

Notably, the police had arrested the school principal on November 4, and he is currently in Jind jail on judicial remand. On August 31, 15 girl students wrote a five-page letter addressed to the most powerful offices in the country — the President of India, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India, the Haryana Governor, and the state Education Minister.

Khattar, the previous week, said that the Government had zero tolerance for such incidents. “The accused, whosoever he may be, would not be spared,” he had said, adding that a female principal was posted at the Jind school and 16 other staff members had been transferred.

## Assessment forms prepared to enhance Police performance in Hry: DGP

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To elevate the performance of police officers and employees, Haryana Director General of Police (DGP) Shatruijet Kapur on Tuesday said that a comprehensive assessment form has been meticulously crafted. The form outlines Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that clearly define the tasks and responsibilities expected of officers and employees at various ranks. Based on their performance against these KPIs, individual officers and employees will be assigned marks to ensure transparency and accountability, he added.

Kapur has underscored the responsibility of senior police officers to ensure that all subordinate officers and employees strictly adhere to the assessment form during this period.

The Police official spokesperson said that DGP has issued detailed guidelines through a letter addressed to

Police Commissioners, Range Additional Director Generals of Police, IG, Superintendents of Police, Deputy Commissioners of Police, Superintendent of Police, Railway Ambala Cantt, and other relevant police officers. The directive emphasizes the urgency of adhering to these guidelines promptly, he added.

Spokesperson said that the assessment form, comprising seven distinct categories, meticulously delineates tasks specific to the functions of each officer or employee. It categorizes supervisory officers, such as ASP, DSP, and ACP, separately from SHO, police post in-charge, crime unit in-charge, and investigation officers. Additionally, categories are tailored for policemen, village guards, and other personnel based on their specific roles within the department.

Kapur outlined the meticulous process involved in creating the assessment form. The responsibilities of each officer or employee were studied comprehensively, and points were defined accordingly. The form allows officers and employees to self-assess their performance based on these points, with a provision for negative marking

if their performance declines, he added.

He emphasized the significance of complainant satisfaction, with feedback being actively sought regarding the department’s response to lodged complaints. If more than 80 percent of complainants express satisfaction, the concerned officer will be awarded 10 marks. The form also recognizes officers who excel in de-addiction campaigns. The assessment form aims to provide clarity to every police officer regarding their responsibilities, fostering efficiency and teamwork within the department, he added.

Kapur emphasized that the results of this assessment form would inform future action plans, ensuring continuous improvement and optimal performance within the police force. By implementing this comprehensive assessment form, the department is taking a proactive step towards enhancing the performance of its officers and employees. This initiative will not only improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the department but also strengthen public trust and confidence in the police force, he added.

## Minister starts district-wise meetings to elevate horticulture dept to new heights

**Chandigarh:** Punjab Horticulture Minister Chetan Singh Jauramajra on Tuesday kick-started a series of district-wise meetings aimed at bringing Punjab at the forefront in the horticulture sector. In the initial phase, the Minister convened the meeting at his official residence, engaging with Deputy Directors from districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Fazilka and Kapurthala to gather firsthand insights into the department’s performance, progress, upgradation and ground-level challenges. He sought suggestions from officials regarding new scheme possibilities for the department’s development, while asking them to promptly address the issues hindering the implementation of existing schemes.

Jauramajra directed the district officials to chalk out new projects benefiting farmers in the state and submit a report in this regard to his office at the earliest.

Assessing the government nurseries’ seedlings, expenses and revenues, the Minister instructed the officials to strategize the implementation of central aid schemes to maximize the impact for crop diver-

sification. “The creation of horticulture development center or incubation center and sub-center can contribute significantly to the progress of the State, hence they should prepare schemes focused on this sector,” he added.

Durections were also given to the officials to tie up with agro-allied departments in preparing projects concerning marketing and processing.<

Addressing the shortage of staff in district offices, the Minister informed that officials had already been directed to promptly initiate recruitment for various posts in the Horticulture Department. Notably, the recruitment process for approximately 350 posts, including Horticulture Development Officers, Beldars/Maalis and Watchmen will be started soon.

The meeting for districts Jalandhar, SBS Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Ropar meeting will be held on November 29, while for districts SAS Nagar, Mansa, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Bathinda and Sri Muktsar Sahib meeting will be convened on December 5. The meeting of district Sangrur, Barnala, Malerkotla, Ludhiana, Moga and Faridkot has been scheduled on December 6.

# Punjab farmers conclude 3-day protest, Present memorandum of demands to Guv

To submit detailed memorandum to Govt on Dec 4, meet CM on Dec 19

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The three-day farmers’ agitation in Punjab, under the banner of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), against both the Centre and the State Government, concluded on Tuesday after the union leaders met with Governor Banwari Lal Purohit, following their meeting with state Agriculture Minister who assured a meeting with the Chief Minister to discuss the issues. The farmers submitted a comprehensive memorandum outlining their demands, encompassing issues ranging from minimum support prices to compensation for crop losses, to the Governor and also the Agriculture Minister.

At the same time, the farmers, who have been staging the protest at the Mohali-Chandigarh border since Sunday, warned of a “bigger agitation” if their demands were not addressed seriously. “This is a trailer...a bigger agitation will be held if the government does not show seriousness towards our demands,” said a senior farmer leader Harinder Singh Lakhowal, after the meeting.

Lakhowal, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Lakhowal) general secretary, said that they had submitted the memorandum, while declaring that they “have ended the three-day protest, and farmers are now headed back to their homes”. He said that there are some demands which pertain to the State Government which they have separately taken up with it and a meeting in this regard with the Chief Minister will be held on December 19.

Another farmer leader, Ravneet Singh Brar, emphasized that they had come to raise awareness about their demands, warning of a more extensive agitation if their concerns were not addressed.

Separately, a delegation of farmers from Haryana met the state Governor Bandaru Dattatreya concerning their various demands.

Before meeting the Governor, the farmer representatives met with the state Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian. During the meeting, a subsequent decision was made to meet the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on December 19 for further discussions.

The demands presented by the farmers included the withdrawal of cases filed against them during the 2020-21 protests against the now-repealed farm laws, compensa-

tion and jobs for the families of deceased farmers, debt waiver, and pension. Additionally, the farmers sought a legal guarantee for minimum support price, compensation for crop loss due to floods, purchase of crops at assured prices, and withdrawal of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022.

Khuddian announced that farmers would submit another detailed memorandum to the State Government by December 4, and subsequently, they will meet the Chief Minister on December 19 for a final discussion.

“By December 4, we will submit a detailed memorandum to Agriculture Minister. Concerned departments will also take part in the December 19 meeting pertaining to our various demands which include compensation issue and withdrawal of cases against farmers,” said another senior farmer leader Rudlu Singh Mansa.

Punjab farmers are demanding compensation for crop loss caused by floods in July and August, purchase of crops like maize, moong, and sugarcane at an assured price, Rs 450 a quintal of sugarcane, release of pending cane payment, and withdrawal of cases registered against farmers for stubble burning. More than 30 farmers’ bodies from Punjab, including Bharti Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan), BKU (Lakhowal), and BKU

(Dakunda) which are part of the SKM participated in the Mohali-Chandigarh protest which began on Sunday. The farmers came on tractor trolleys, cars and other vehicles with a cargo of essential items such as ration, bedding, utensils, cooking gas, and cylinders for the three-day protest. Heavy security arrangements had been made in view of the protest and traffic was diverted to alternative routes.

Meanwhile, in Haryana, a delegation of farmers concluded their three-day protest after meeting with the state governor. Farmer leader Suresh Koth issued a clear warning, stating, “If the government does not fulfil our demands, then you will see a bigger agitation than the one which was seen against (now repealed) farm laws.”

Farmers from both Punjab and Haryana had converged at the Mohali-Chandigarh border, arriving in more than 3,000 tractor trolleys, cars, and other vehicles. The protest saw heavy security measures, with traffic diverted through alternative routes. The SKM has announced a meeting in Hisar on December 11 to discuss their next steps, and farmers have declared their intention to march to Delhi in February if their demands remain unmet. As the situation unfolds, stakeholders await the government’s response to the farmers’ grievances.

## Greenlight to GST on Online Gaming in Punjab

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Decks have been cleared for the imposition of GST on online gaming in Punjab with the Vidhan Sabha giving its nod to ‘The Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023’ on the first day of the winter session. The Act also paved the way for the establishment of a state-level GST Appellate Tribunal.

In all, two pivotal money bills, significantly altering the state’s fiscal landscape, were passed by the House on the opening day of the winter session. Under the newly-enacted amendment, Punjab has entered the realm of regulating and taxing the burgeoning online gaming industry. The move aligns with the Central Government’s push to bring the online gaming sector under the GST ambit. The Bill addresses intricate concerns surrounding the taxation of specified actionable claims and mandates compulsory registration for entities supplying online gaming services from overseas to consumers within India. The landmark move to impose GST on online gaming is set to have profound implications for the state’s revenue generation. As the digital gaming industry witnesses exponential growth, Punjab’s proactive approach

positions it as a trailblazer in adapting to evolving economic landscapes. The bill, aimed at harmonizing state GST laws with the provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, strive for uniformity and coherence in the nation’s taxation framework.

Simultaneously, the Bill also paved way for the establishment of state Appellate benches, a mechanism designed to enhance the appeals and dispute resolution framework under the GST regime. Alongside the GST amendments, the assembly has passed the Punjab Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023 — aimed at fortifying the fiscal discipline and streamline budgetary management, reflecting a commitment to sound financial governance.

“With the objective of enhancing compliance under the GST regime, the provisions relating to taxation of specified actionable claims, compulsory registration of every person supplying online gaming from a place outside India to a person in India are being inserted. Further, the provision relating to constitution of state benches of the GST appellate tribunal is being incorporated,” said the Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema.

## Chandigarh Craft Fair-23 Unveils Engaging Attractions for Young Minds

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

As the 13th edition of the Chandigarh National Crafts Fair gears up for its grand opening at Kalagram on December 1, anticipation is building among Tricity Mela enthusiasts. Organized by NZCC in association with the Department of Cultural Affairs, Chandigarh Administration, this year’s fair promises to be a big-ticket event, offering an array of attractions for art lovers and families alike.

The fair will kick off with a vibrant inauguration on December 1, followed by 10 days of colourful cultural programs that will bring the rich folk flavours from every corner of the country. However, what’s capturing the attention of the younger audience is the special quiz session designed for school children, scheduled daily throughout the event.

A unique highlight is the special quiz session slated for December 2, from 11 am to 12 noon, exclusively for school children. Entry for these young minds is free during this hour, provided they come dressed in their school uni-

forms and are accompanied by teachers bearing a letter of intent from the head of their institution.

In addition to the quiz session, special workshops will be conducted for school children, challenging their ingenuity in paper cutting, paper mache, terracotta, calligraphy, and more. The focus is not only on celebrating creativity but also on fostering a deeper connection with the rich cultural heritage of the country.

Adding a touch of rural charm, the fair organizers have recreated a typical village scene at the fair site. This creative endeavour aims to inspire urban dwellers to remain connected to their roots, symbolizing unity in diversity and fostering a spirit of bonhomie.

Winners of the quiz session and various competitions will be awarded mementos, adding an extra layer of excitement to the fair. The engagement with school children reflects a concerted effort by the organizers to make the fair not only a visual delight but also an educational and interactive experience for the younger generation.







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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I Harpreet Singh** And Harpreet Singh Toor S/O Resham Singh R/O Patti Nava Naria Vill. Bhinder Khurd Distt. Moga Declare That Am Known As Harpreet Singh And Harpreet Singh Toor And One And The Same Person Of Above Both Names.

**I, Priti Kushwaha** spouse of No.15796884L NK Shubham Kushwaha resident of Village-Saharanpur, Post- Saharanpur, Tehsil & District Saharanpur, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-247001, have changed my name from Priti Kushwaha to Priti Vide affidavit No.IN-PB61924170574106V dated 25 Nov 2023 before notary public Pathankot.

**I, Manisha** wife of No.JC-461614M Sub Ghagare Sanjay Hindurao resident of Vill & Post-Ghagarewadi, Tehsil- Shirala, District- Sangli, State-Maharashtra, Pin-415410, have changed my name & DOB from Manisha to Manisha Sanjay Ghagare and DOB from 12 Oct 1984 to 04 June 1986 Vide affidavit No.IN-JK65485146464300 dated 25 Nov. 2023 before notary public Samba (J&K).

**I, Kabutra Singh** Mother of No.JC-542418M Sub Ravindra Kumar Singh resident of Village-Tulapur, Post- Shabganj, Tehsil-Lalganj, District- Pratapgargh, State- UP, Pin- 230137, have changed my name from Kabutra Singh to Kabutra Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB51109037039974V dated 18 Oct 2023 before notary public Pathankot.

**I, Rinku S/o Shri Krishan** Resident House No. 357, Station Road, Akbarpur Barota, Sonipat Haryana, 131103, declare that my name Vishal is recorded in my 10th class mark sheet roll number 0502342058. Whereas in all my other documents my correct name is written as Rinku. Both Rinku and Vishal's name is mine, I mean the name of the same person, in future I should be known as Rinku, which should be corrected in the marksheet.

**I, No 2790791A EX NK** Harbhajan Singh S/O Ghasita Ram R/O Vill Najawal PO Parmanand Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot (Punjab) have changed the name of my son from Arishit Thakur to Arshit Thakur vide Affidavit No.IN-PB37365829911375V Dated 06-Sep. 2023 before Executive magistrate Pathankot (Punjab) His Date of Birth is 29-05-2007

**I, Tarlochan Singh** S/o Sh.Kirpa Ram R/o Sukhrum Bagh Rupnagar Tehsil & District Rupnagar,State Punjab declare that my actual name spelling is Trilochan Singh as per my son namely Makhan Singh's passport.But in my other documents my name spelling is mentioned as Tarlochan Singh.Trilochan Singh and Tarlochan Singh both names are related to one and same person that is myself.In future Trilochan Singh may kindly be known as Tarlochan Singh.

**I, Manisha Goyal** W/o Varinder Kumar R/O Kothi No. 43 Gali No. 2 Bala Ji Colony Near Mata Mansa Devi Mandir Chakerian Road Mansa (Mansa) Pb, declare that in my son educational certificate my name wrongly entered Manisha Rani. But my correct name is Manisha Goyal. So amended my name from Manisha Rani to Manisha Goyal in my son educational certificate.

**I, Rukhminabai** mother of Army No 15318788W Rank HAV Name Pimple Nandkumar Motiram Presently Residing at Village-Keshav Shivani, Post-Dusarbid, Tehsil-Sindakhedraja, Distt-Buldhana, State-Maharashtra, Pin-443308, declared vide affidavit No IN-PB622635418990640V that my correct Name is Rukhmabai Motiram Pimpale as per my Aadhar and Pan Cards instead of Rukhminabai. Please correct it.

**I, Dhermendr** S/o Devi Dyal R/o # Stadium Road, Sunder Nagar Phase-2, Tejli, Teh. Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar, declares that in the matric certificate of my son, his name is written as Dushyant Singh and her mother's name is Sonia Devi which is incorrect. While my son's correct name is Dushyant Singh and her mother's name is Soniya Devi.

**I, Arun Bharti** s/o Dr. Vijay Bharti r/o # 732, Raipurian Gali, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar state that in my aadhar card my name written as Arun Bharti, while my correct name is Arun Sharma. Arun Sharma & Arun Bharti both are one & same person.

**I Rajni Sharma** w/o Dr. Arun Sharma d/o Dr. Vijay Bharti r/o # 732, Raipurian Gali, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar state that in my aadhar card my name written as Rajni Bharti, while my correct name is Rajni Sharma. Rajni Sharma & Rajni Bharti both are one & same person.

**I, Mamta Devi** is legally wedded Spouse of Army No 15337710A, Rank-Hav Name Pradeep Kumar Singh Address - 95/2, Shastri Nagar, Hans Nagar, Kanpur Nagar, State- Uttar Pradesh - 208005 declare that I have changed my name from Mamta Devi to Mamta Singh. Vide Affidavit No-JD 0032427452, Dated- 28-Nov-2023

**I, Army No-15337710A,** Rank-Hav Name Pradeep Kumar Singh Address - 95/2, Shastri Nagar, Hans Nagar, Kanpur Nagar, State- Uttar Pradesh - 208005 declare that I have changed my Daughter name from Sagun Singh to Shagun Singh. Vide Affidavit No-JD 0032427454, Dated-28-Nov-2023

**I, Shoba Joshi** is legally wedded Spouse of Army No 18019513Y Rank SPR Name-Sumit Joshi Address Village Chaukha, Post Dewalthal, Dist Pithoragarh, Teh Dewalthal State-Uttarakhand Pincode-262542 declare that I have changed my name from Shoba Joshi to Shobha Joshi. Vide Affidavit No-JD 0032427450, Dated-28-Nov-2023.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Latha Devi** Wife Of Vitthalrao Kshirsagar Resident Of Village – Salai (Khurd), Po – Bela, Tehsil – Umred Distt – Nagpur (Mah) Have Changed My Name From Latha Devi To Latabai Vitthalrao Kshirsagar Due To Erroneously Recorded In Service Documents Of My Son Vide Affidavit Dated 24/11/2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar

**I, Venubai** Wife Of Namdev Tarpade Resident Of Maruti Mandir Jval, Borkhind, Shive, Nashik Maharashtra – 422502 Have Changed My Name From Venubhai To Venubai Namdev Tarpade Due To Erroneously Recorded In Service Documents Of My Son Vide Affidavit Dated 23/11/2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar

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**I, Seema Rani** W/o Vijay Kumar Sahdev R/o H.No.6, Street No.6, New Rajan Nagar, Jalandhar- 144027, Punjab have changed my name from Seema Rani to Seema Sahdev, After Marriage. All Please Note.

**I, Bhupinder Singh** S/O Balbir Singh R/O Vpo. Bhadas, Tehsil Bholath, Distt.Kapurthala-144622 Punjab Have Changed My Name To Bupinder Singh.

**I, Venubai** W/O Namdev Tarpade R/O Maruti Mandir Jval, Borkhind, Shive, Nashik Maharashtra- 422502, Have Changed My Name From Venubhai To Venubai Namdev Tarpade Due To Erroneously Recorded In Service Documents Of My Son Vide Affidavit Dated 23/11/2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar.

**I, Latha Devi** W/O Vitthalrao Kshirsagar R/O Salai (Khurd), Po.Bela, Tehsil Umred, Distt. Nagpur (Mah), Have Changed My Name From Latha Devi To Latabai Vitthalrao Kshirsagar Due To Erroneously Recorded In Service Documents Of My Son Vide Affidavit Dated 24/11/2023 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar.

**I, Hitherto** Known As Resham Chand S/O Swarna R/O Vpo. Virk, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144632, Punjab have changed my surname & my father name Neeraj Jindal S/o Sh. Hari Om both are same person.

**I Rakesh Kumar** S/O Tej Paul Sharma R/O H.No.114, St.No.11-A, Ajnala Road Near Prithvi Public School Guru Amardass Avenue Amritsar 143008 Punjab Changed My Name Rakesh Paul To Rakesh Kumar.

**I Prem Paul Masih** S/O Gulzar Masih R/O H.No.95, Sher Shah Suri Road 12, Hargobind Avenue Chheharta District Amritsar India Changed Minor Son's Name Kelvin Masih To Kelvin Paul Masih.

**I Somanshu** S/O Mukesh Kumar R/O Village Boothgarh P.O. Mutton Tehsil Balachaur District S.B.S. Nagar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Somanshu To Somanshu Rajput.

**I Surinde Klaur** W/O Raj Kumar R/O Village Manan P.O. Bahadurpur Bahian District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From To Surinder Kaur.

**I Chanpreet** Singh S/O Avtar Singh R/O Village Khanpur Thiara P.O. Meghawal Ganjian District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Chanpreet Singh To Chanpreet Singh Thiara.

**I, Sukhnandan** S/O Manoj Kumar Sharma R/O H.No.360, Kourian Street, Ward No.05, Saktartarian Mohalla, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Sukhnandan To Sukhnandan Sharma.

**I Jatin** S/O Raj Kumar R/O Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Moga, Distt. Moga Punjab Have Changed My Name To Jatin Kanda.

**I Jyoti Chopra** W/O Sahil Kochhar R/O Rajindera Estate, Moga, Distt. Moga, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Jyoti Kochhar.

**I Mohinder Singh** S/O Darshan Singh R/O Vpo. Fatehgarh Panjtoor, Distt. Moga Punjab Have Changed My Name To Mahinder Singh.

**I Charnjit** Kaur Toor W/O Harpreet Singh R/O Patti Nava Naria Bhinder Khurd (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Charnanjit Kaur Toor.

**I Satnam Singh** S/O Lakhvir Singh R/O Vpo. Sukhanand Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Satnam Singh Sidhu.

**I, No.JC-461186Y** Sub Kharad Bhausaheb Maruti of Unit 14 Maratha LI C/O 56 APO, have changed my son name from Aradhya to Aradhy Bhausaheb Kharad vide affidavit No.IN-JK53089769187472V dated 08 Sep 2023 before notary public Samba (J&K).

**I, Neeraj Gupta** S/o Sh. Hari Ram R/O H.No. 203/5, Gandhi Nagar, Jind, Haryana, have changed my surname & my father name Neeraj Jindal S/o Sh. Hari Om both are same person.

**I Sarabjeet Kaur** Batra W/O Inder Pal Singh R/O 547, Silver City Main, Zirakpur, Have Changed My Name Sarabjeet Kaur Batra To Sarbjeet Kaur. Sarabjeet Kaur Batra And Sarbjeet Kaur Is One And Same Person.

**I Inder Pal** Singh Batra S/O Amrik Singh R/O 547, Silver City Main, Zirakpur, Have Changed My Name Inder Pal Singh Batra To Inder Pal Singh.

**I, Anil Kumar** S/o Joginder Pal H. No. 792, Mohalla, Rattian Nakodar Distt.Jalandhar, Punjab, India declare that Anil Kumar @ Anil Gupta @ Anil Kumar Gupta is one and the same person. All concerned please note.

**I Lovepreet** Singh S/O Sukhwinder Singh Vpo Jalalabad Teh-Khadur Sahib Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Lovepreet is my given name and Singh is my surname.

**I Jaspal Singh** Kuhar S/o Swarn Singh R/O Village Kutba, Tehsil & Distt. Barnala, Have Changed My Name To Jaspal Singh.

**I Charanjit** Singh S/O Gurjant Singh R/O Vpo. Kalsian, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana, Have Changed My Name To Charanjit Singh Dhallwal.

**I Charanjit** Singh Dhallwal S/O Gurjant Singh R/o Vpo. Kalsian Teh-Raikot Distt. Ludhiana have changed my minor daughter's name as Manleen Kaur to Manleen Kaur Dhallwal.

**I Charanjeet** Kaur W/o Charanjit Singh Dhallwal R/o Vpo. Kalsian Teh-Raikot Distt. Ludhiana, have changed my name to Charanjeet Kaur Dhallwal.

**I Gurmit** Kaur W/O Jaswinder Singh Village Gambhowal PO Khudda Tehsil Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) punjab Have Changed My Name Gurmit Kaur To Gurmeet Kaur.

**I, Navjot Kaur** Dhallwal D/o Ajपाल Singh R/o Vill: Mahni Khara (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my name to Navjot Kaur Gill.

**I, Sonu Bajaj** also known as Sonu Kumar S/O Sagan Lal R/O H.No. 58 W.No. 1 Mandi Dabwali Distt. Sirsa (Haryana) declare that both name are one and the same person.

**I, Jagraj Singh** S/o Atma Singh R/O Vpo. Mansoor Deva Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) Punjab-152028, have changed my name to Jugraj Singh.

**I Gurmeet** Singh Puri S/o Chanchal Singh R/o Vill. Binjal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh.

**I Kulwant Kaur** Puri W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Vill. Binjal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kulwant Kaur.

**I Paramjit Singh** S/o Ajaib Singh R/o #285 Gurudwara Jot Sarup , Star Enclave, Focal Point Rajpura Distt Patiala Changed My Name As Paramjit Chauhan.

**I, Mohinder Kaur** alias Jaswinder Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh R/o Village Khattrra Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) known by two names Mohinder Kaur and Jaswinder Kaur. Above said both names are mine.

**I Kuljit Singh** S/o Charanjit Singh R/o Timmowal, Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Kuljit Snght to Kuljit Singh.

**I, Jagrup Singh** S/o Jita Singh R/o Vpo. Burj Hakiman (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagroop Singh.

**I, Jagdip Singh** S/o Naginder Singh R/o Vill: Burj Littan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagdip Singh Sidhu.

**I, Naginder Singh** S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Vill: Burj Littan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Naginder Singh Sidhu.

**I, Kaliya Paswan** S/O Vanshi Paswan R/O Village Kachanawa (Gaya) Also Known As Umesh Kumar, These Both Names Are Mine One & Same Person.

**I, Mandeep Singh** S/O Harbans Singh R/O Vpo Chakohi, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Be Read As Given Name Mandeep And Surname Singh.

**I, Pargat Singh** S/O Hamath Singh R/O Village Boothgarh, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Be Read As Given Name Pargat And Surname Singh.

**I, Rajwant Kaur** W/O Harpreet Singh R/O Village Boothgarh, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Be Read As Given Name Rajwant And Surname Kaur.

**I, Sangeeta** Batra W/O Harjinder Singh R/O H.No.3859/14/2, St.No.03, Model House, West Bedi Street, Ludhiana, Have Changed My Name To Sangeeta Wadhwa.

**I Paramjit** Kaur W/O Jagat Singh Brar R/O Village Panigrat Kalan District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur Brar.

**I Baljit Kaur** D/o Dalip Singh Bhatia W/o Dashedm Singh R/O 146(P) Sant Lal Road Ferozepur Cantt have changed my name to Baljeet Kaur.

**I Sanyogta Mehta** alias Sanjogta Mehta W/o Madan Lal Mehta R/O H.No.117, , V.No. 8 Sant Nagar Ferozepur City I am Known by Both names as Above One and is Same Person.

**I, Dalwinder Kaur** Sandhu W/o Sewa Singh R/O Village Pritam Singh Wala,Palha Megha ,Ferozepur, Phave changed my name to Dalwinder Kaur.

**I, Sonika Roliwal** W/o Navneet Kumar resident of Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name Sonika Roliwal to Sonika Rani.

**I, Alka Bindhu** W/o Jaj Pal R/o Panje Ke Uttar, Tehsil Guruharsahi, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Alka Bindhu To Alka Bindu.

**I, Anmolpreet Singh** Dhiman S/o Lavinder Singh R/o H.No.1066, Dream City Sector 123, Sunny Enclave Kharar have changed my name to Anmolpreet Singh.

**I, Vishavpreet Singh** Dhiman S/o Lavinder Singh R/o H.No.1066, Dream City Sector 123, Sunny Enclave Kharar have changed my name to Vishavpreet Singh.

**I, Jagvir Singh** S/o Joginder Singh R/o Aggarwal Street Near Ishu Model School Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Jagwant Singh Brar.

**I Manjeet Kaur** W/O Dharminder singh R/o village Pheloke Teh & Dist Tarn. I have change my name Manjeet Kaur to Manjit kaur.all concerned noted.

**I Meenakshi** W/o Sonu Papneja R/O H.No.3259, Back Side Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Rajpura, Distt. Patiala have changed my name to Meenakshi Papeja.

**I, Shanty, Shanti** Garg o Shunti Garg S/o. Sh. Vijay Kumar resident of # 529, Massygunj Road, Near Raghunath Mandir, Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab) INDIA is one and same person. Now I change my name Shanty, Shanti Garg to Shunti Garg.

**I Raman Kumar** Army No. 2496920M (Hav) s/o Sh. Roop Chand R/O Village Kaswar P.O Guwardu, Tehsil Bamson at Tauni Devi, Distt. Hamirpur have changed my minor Daughter name from Sikha Thakur to Shikha Thakur Vide Affidavit Dated 16 November 2023 before at Notary Ferozepur.

**I No 2703762X** Hav/Clk Roop Ram Unit 19 GRENADIERS c/o 99 APO Residing at Village Gulariya Lekhranj, Post Parasarampur, Tehsil Nawabganj, District Bareilly, State Uttar Pradesh, PIN-262406 have changed my daughter name from Myra Gangwar to Manya Gangwar.

**I, Army No.2494945a** Rank Hav Jaswinder Singh S/O Ajit Singh R/O Village- Noshera. Po- Galri, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur. Punjab, Pin-143526. Declare That In My Army Service Record My Daughter Name Ramneet Kaur Is Wrong. But My Daughter Name Is Ravneet Kaur Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb62183224756596V Dated 28-11-2023. Before Notary Public Gurdaspur.

**I, Jc292059f** Rank Nb/Sub Gaikwad Kanifnath Gorakshnath. R/O Tal-Newasa, Telkudgaon, Ahmadnagar-414604. Declare That In My Army Service Record My Son Name Pratik Gaikwad Is Wrong. But My Son Name Pratik Kanifnath Gaikwad Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb62315902856359V Dated 28-11-2023 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

**I, Chandrabhaga** Gajanan Manwatkar W/O Gajanan Manwatkar R/O Matanga Pura, Word Na.2, Mehkar, Buldana, Maharashtra, 443301, Declare That In My Son Name Manwatkar Laxman Gajanan His Army Service Record In My Name Chandrabhaga Is Wrong. But My Name Chandrabhaga Gajanan Manwatkar Is Correct Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb62313656524916v Dated 28-11-2023 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

**I, No 10362812m** Ex NK Baldev Raj S/O Tarsem Lal Resident Of Village Jaini Khalki, Po. Madhopur, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed The Name Of My Mother From Shunkta Devi To Shokuntla Devi Vide Affidavit No In-Pb61551382195898v Dated 24-11-2023 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab). The Correct Date Of Birth Of My Mother Is 15-05-1963.

**I, No 3955868** Ex Sep Onkar Singh S/O Bachitar Singh Resident Of Village Chak Bhattian, Po. Ghiala Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed The Name Of My Wife From Kanta Devi To Kanta Rani Vide Affidavit No In-Pb62162217255961v Dated 28 Nov 2023 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

**I, Sarabjeet Kaur** W/O Bajjit Singh R/O Village- Chaguwala, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur. Punjab-143521. Have Changed My Name From Sarabjeet Kaur To Sarabjit.

**I, Abhishek** Masih S/O Hardeep Masih R/O Village- Malikpur. Po/Tehsil Batala. Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Declare That My Given Name As Abhishek And My Surname As Masih.

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## Give peace a chance!

The extended cease-fire in Gaza is a fine opportunity to reach stability in the region

The cease-fire has come as a godsend to the average Palestinian who finally got respite from flying mortar shells and some peace to get ration and medicines, which are luxuries in the conflict zone. The two-day extension of the cease-fire offers them a glimmer of hope and to international community the time to work backchannels for prolonged peace. However, as the Hamas and Israel have tentatively agreed to a break from hostilities, questions linger about the long-term prospects for stability. Will these additional two days lead to meaningful negotiations and a lasting peace, or is it merely a temporary pause before the bloody conflict resumes? The international community plays a crucial role in determining the trajectory of events and fostering an environment conducive to sustainable peace. The decision to extend the cease-fire by two days suggests a willingness on the part of both Hamas and Israel to explore avenues other than bombs, bullets and bloodshed. This respite provides an opportunity for de-escalation and opens a window for negotiations. However, the history of conflicts in the region raises scepticism about the durability of such agreements. The cease-fire extension allows for humanitarian efforts to take place, facilitating the delivery of essential supplies and medical assistance to those affected by the violence. Additionally, the pause in hostilities can pave the way for diplomatic initiatives, fostering an environment where both parties can address underlying issues through dialogue.

One of the bigger, though not direct, consequences of the Gaza conflict is the involvement of super powers in the fray. Now that the US and the West are with Israel, China and Russia are throwing their weight behind the Hamas. This could have ominous consequences for the world; it is, therefore, in the interest of the world and not just of the people of Israel and Palestine that this conflict is made to peter out, at least for the time being. Key stakeholders, including the United Nations, regional powers and other influential nations, should actively encourage both parties to engage in meaningful negotiations, addressing the core issues that fuel the conflict. The international community should work collaboratively to ensure the delivery of aid, medical assistance and reconstruction support to alleviate the suffering of those caught in the crossfire. To prevent a return to square one after the ceasefire extension, sustained diplomatic efforts are required. The extension of the Gaza ceasefire provides a fleeting moment of hope for peace, but the international community must remain vigilant in guiding the path forward. By actively supporting diplomatic initiatives, addressing humanitarian needs and encouraging sustained dialogue, the world community can play a crucial role in ushering in lasting stability in the region. The alternative — resuming hostilities — would only perpetuate the cycle of violence and deepen the suffering of those directly affected by the conflict.

### PICTALK



Artists perform during the closing ceremony of the annual Camel Fair, in Pushkar

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## A new hope for Tuberculosis patients

TrueNat is a molecular test that replaces sputum microscopy for TB diagnosis. It is fast and accurate and will help in early detection and treatment

The latest country report on Tuberculosis (TB) indicates that in India, women account for 39.1% of the total cases notified. But missing from these figures are the hundreds of women who remain undetected and uncounted.

Why do women report fewer cases of TB than men? The lack of awareness, poorer access to healthcare services, household responsibilities and the stigma associated with TB prevent women from coming forward to seek treatment. They are often reluctant to reveal they might have TB due to potential rejection from their families. Women also delay seeking care because they are hesitant to use family resources, often meagre. They wait until they are severely ill. By then, it is often fatal.

It is not just their lives that are on the line. There is a sixfold increase in perinatal deaths and a two-fold risk of premature birth and low birth weight babies of mothers with active TB. Women living with HIV and TB face a double whammy as their unborn child faces twice the risk of vertical transmission of HIV,



according to the World Health Organisation. All this can be prevented with proper treatment. Data shows that 85% of people recover from TB if treated. However, treatment can only begin when there is a proper diagnosis. An early and accurate diagnosis is key to reducing not just deaths but TB-related life-changing impairment. This is where TrueNat, a new molecular test that replaces the traditional sputum microscopy to diagnose TB, is making a difference. Not only does it enable rapid and accurate diagnosis, it can be taken to the doorstep thanks to its innovative portable technology. So, reaching out to a larger population, particularly vulnerable and marginalised women, is possible. Importantly, correct treatment can begin at the first

point of contact on the same day. Developed in India by the Goa-based Molbio Diagnostic, TrueNat also tests for resistance to the drug Rifampicin in approximately 90 minutes. Endorsed and included in the WHO Global TB Programme for its "high diagnostic accuracy", the Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) using TrueNat can be conducted in facilities without an air-conditioned lab and in remote centres plagued by power outages as it runs on solar powered battery. Used in tandem with a portable digital X-ray machine, also battery operated, it can save more lives. That it is possible to fully transition from sputum microscopy to rapid molecular diagnosis, as has been recommended by WHO, has been shown by Goa. It is the first state in India to achieve this significant milestone. This shift has led to higher testing, early diagnosis, and boosted chances of recovery. TB being a contagious disease, one of the places where early and accurate diagnosis is direly needed is in prisons. A Lancet study has shown

that prisoners in India are five times more at risk of developing TB than the general population. Consider then the danger of TB infection faced by women prisoners housed in overcrowded jails. The number of women jailed by the end of 2021 was 22,918 but the capacity of the existing 32 women's jails is 7677, according to the latest National Crime Records Bureau report. In fact, only 18% of female prisoners get exclusive women's prison facilities, states the Justice Amitava Roy Committee report on prison reforms. Appointed by the Supreme Court, the committee, which presented its report earlier this year, said "Women in incarceration suffer the brunt of imprisonment far worse than their male counterparts, especially with regard to access to basic facilities, medical care and medical staff." This huge breakthrough means a decrease in price and increased accessibility.

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SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

## Nepal in the throes of strategic choices

Nepal is exercising its strategic autonomy; distancing itself from the bullying Chinese dragon

Nepal is recovering from its long annual hangover after celebrating Dussehra and Tihar. It energises Nepal to face the winter and the new year Vikram Samvat 2080 but with one-third of Nepal in India and abroad with 1500 youth leaving Nepal every day. The rising standards of living and consumption are visible to me who has seen Nepal almost annually since 1959. Still, people are rich or very poor with the middle class small. People are happy except for the victims of the dengue and Jajarkot earthquake. Nepalese are happy with so little. When piped water, electricity, schools and hospitals reached the valleys or near the road network, people descended from the hills to avail man-made facilities, forfeiting nature's gifts to the hills. Hastily carved unmetalled roads have scarred the hills polluting the environment. Scooters, cars, motorbikes, trucks, tractors...anything with an engine moves along dusty tracks. Some people began returning to the hills.

Last week Kathmandu news was dominated by one man: businessman-politician and expelled from CPN UML, Durga Prasain. He threatened to bring into Kathmandu 10 lakh protesters to rally against former PM and CPN UML chief, KP Oli. He is facing legal action for bad debt on loans taken from state banks. The debt, he says, will be repaid when he is solvent. Prasian has roped in King Gyanendra who is patiently waiting in the distant hope that monarchy will be restored. The mood in the country for the return of loyalty is growing given the pathetic track record of the secular, federal, democratic republic of Nepal. It was the Prachanda-led decade-long Maoist civil war that dismantled the monarchy in 2008 which was ratified by the 2015 constitution. Gyanendra attended a Prasain-organised function in East Nepal at which he said: "We never wanted Nepal to become a republic that sends 10 mn youth to the Gulf countries". Gyanendra is on a tight leash from the state although his daughter-in-law Himani is pop-



ularly active, doing social welfare. Gyanendra has met the Chief Minister of UP, Yogi Adityanath twice this year. There's a strong and historic bond between the Shah dynasty and Gorakhnath Peeth of Adityanath. The royalists RPP led by Rajendra Lindgen (both the old leaders Pashupati Rana and Kamal Thapa have been marginalised) has made big electoral gains. People ask me whether India is supporting the formation of Hindu Rashtra and the return of monarchy. I say the decision will be that of the people of Nepal. But Buddhiman Gurung, a Nepali Congress businessman who lives in Lame Ahal, Pokhara where I too reside in Nepal, says emphatically: "Monarchy can never come back". But there is little doubt that support for the royals has grown exponentially. It is a clear reflection of the satisfaction that the current quality of governance provides. Prachanda the awesome leader of the Maoist Party with 32 seats in a house of 275 and whose party's fortunes are declining, has ensured his popularity is rising by attacking corruption frontally. He leads an alliance government that has former PM Sher Bahadur Deuba-led Nepali Congress as the largest party. But such is the electoral dynamic between NC and former Prime Minister KP



GEOGRAPHY IS INDIA'S BIGGEST ASSET IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH NEPAL WHICH SHOULD NO LONGER CHOOSE TO BE A YAM BETWEEN CHINA AND INDIA

Oli's CPN UML (the second largest party) that Prachanda is the kingmaker. He will complete one year in power next month and though there is a power-sharing arrangement with Deuba, he has been saying he will rule for all five years, apparently by doing an Oli on Deuba. In the previous Oli-led alliance, Prachanda had a power-sharing agreement with Oli which the latter did not honour. A rash of scams involving politicians and bureaucrats has made people very angry: Gold smuggling from China, human trafficking of Nepalese passed off as Bhutanese refugees for asylum in the US and the Baluwater land sales scam. These involve former Prime Ministers, ministers, their spouses and sons. Former Water Resources Minister Dipak Gyawali said: "corruption will emasculate Nepal". The other contemporary issue is Transitional Reconciliation and Justice, dating back to the Maoist insurgency 17 years ago. On a visit to Nepal recently, UN Secretary-General António Guterres agreed to help Nepal in finding a resolution emphasising it has to be 'victim-centric'. The victims of the Jajarkot earthquake are still out in the cold as Prachanda goes to Dubai for a climate change summit tomorrow. The ban on TikTok proved

extremely unpopular. Shanti Gurung told me how she and her friends have circumvented it through VPN. TikTok has made celebrities and some people very rich in Nepal. Senior CPC leader of Tibet Affairs Management Executive Committee Wang Junzheng visited Nepal this month as part of regular visits by Chinese leaders. Prachanda on his visit to China in September did not sign in on BRI 2.0 but Nepal has subscribed to US MCC after years of political wrangling and covert threats by the US. Nepal is exercising its strategic autonomy, but China is a bullying neighbour. Kathmandu wants villages in the 21 Northern districts to patch up with China's Tibet power grid. Chinese-built airports with high-interest loans at Bhairawa and Pokhara are not in business, restricted to domestic flights. Flying over the IAF Jaguar base at Gorakhpur is the problem. But the issue can be resolved. Geography is India's biggest asset in bilateral relations with Nepal which should no longer choose to be a yam between China and India. (The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. Views are personal)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### GOVERNORS ABUSE NORMS

Sir — Raj Bhavans have become centres of inaction and retrogression in the states that are ruled by the opposition. Bills that were passed by the legislatures and sent for assent gathered dust in the governor's office. Raj Bhavans hardly bother to update the status of pending bills. In this context, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala approached the Supreme Court with identical prayers. The Court held that the surplusage expression in Article 200 "as soon as possible" conveys a constitutional imperative of expedition. Any other reading of Article would leave the Governor in a position to virtually veto the functioning of the legislative domain by a duly elected legislature. It added, "Such a course of action would be contrary to the fundamental principles of a constitutional democracy based on a parliamentary pattern of governance." According to Dr. PK Sen (Bihar), "the question is whether, by interfering, the Governor would be upholding the democratic idea or subverting it. It would really be a surrender of democracy." An appointee who holds office only during the president's pleasure cannot act in a way that is detrimental to the elected governments and people.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

#### A SYMBOL HYPOCRISY

Sir — People are amused to see that the role of the Election Commission (EC), once independent under Election Commissioner Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan, has become a symbol of "double standards," favouring Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah-led Bharatiya Janata Party. If not, then why did it hurriedly withdraw the permission previously granted to the Telangana government to provide financial aid to farmers under the Rythu Bandhu scheme at the start of rabi sowing? Whereas the poll panel has not acted on the Congress's complaints against the allegedly incendiary speeches made by PM Modi and Shah in Rajasthan. Not only Modi didn't stop here, even when the Congress objected, saying Modi's

### Need speedy judicial system



While the Supreme Court (SC) plays a significant role in delivering justice, a cornerstone of the Indian Judiciary System since independence has had a slow working methodology. Litigants and accused have to wait years for the closure of cases and judgement delivery. In most cases, victims do not get instant judgements, and for this reason, sometimes even victims and their families suffer outages in society. "Justice delayed is justice denied," therefore courts should give due consideration to the claims filed.

The Indian Judiciary holds the highest pendency of cases and lacks a time frame for the disposal of litigation and appeals. At present, there are 79,813 cases pending before the 34 judges of the Supreme Court. That cleared depicts the need for constitutional reforms and revamping the structure of the top court to clear the pendency of cases. The supreme court hears between the centre and the states and between states, rules on domestic and family cases, civil and criminal cases, RTI (right to information) litigation, and provides legal and constitutional advice to the head of the state, i.e., the president. However, it creates burdens on the top court. Distributed or decentralised work mechanisms should be adopted by the judicial authorities for consistency and to ensure better judicial stability. To build the trust of society and its people, apparent and clear-cut constitutional idealism is mandatory.

Dimple Wadhawan | Kanpur

statement was a violation of the poll code, the PM slammed the party at a rally in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh, on November 8, saying, "Let them (the Congress) commit this sin (of objecting to his remarks), I will continue to do good work for the people... Eighty crore people will get free rations for the next five years." Moreover, shouldn't PM Modi and Amit Shah go on political campaigning with their government officials, and the EC remains blind to it? The way Amit Shah and other BJP leaders openly offer the Ram Temple tour promise, they want to know if the poll body has relaxed the Model Code of Conduct. However, these are proofs that the current EC has become a "symbol of hypocrisy" and "double standards."

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

#### RINKU'S TALENT LIES IN T20

Sir — Some very talented batsmen in India have fizzled out due to undue expectations and misplaced priorities. A lot is expected of Rinku Singh, the new Indian T20 bat-

ting star, who has captured the imagination of the cricketing world. Rinku did well in the first two T20 matches against Australia, and what impressed many were the views he expressed in an interview following the first fixture. His focus on remaining calm and modelling himself on that cool customer, MS Dhoni, revealed that Rinku has set himself unambiguous goals. By all accounts, he seems destined to play for the Indian T20 team for some time. At any rate, it may be difficult for him to break into the 50-over one-day side anytime soon, and that's how it should be. Selectors and team management should identify horses for the courses. India's batting ills lie in the fact that some players are nudged to play in all formats. A player like Rinku Singh must be given a long rope in T20 that is tailor-made for him.

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FIRST COLUMN

GOD HAS ALL THE POWER

If we want highest qualities, we must become devotees of God




AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Does it sound unfair? Think about it. Imagine one of us even with a little power. We are inclined to abuse it, especially if there is no fear of punishment. These examples will substantiate. What do despots do? They bring unimaginable pain and suffering to the citizens. What do corrupt policemen do? They victimise the victim, if he is a rich man; they exploit him. What does a bully in a school do? There are innumerable such examples. We, human beings, are incapable of handling power.

The creation works on the principle of 'karmaphala', which is, "What you sow you reap." Suppose God did not keep all the powers with Himself, what can someone do with an atom bomb? He can kill innumerable innocent citizens, who don't deserve to die according to their karmaphalas. Don't we have free will? So God had to balance between allowing free will and controlling all actions by everyone in order that the creation can go on. Parallel powers are unworkable. Yes, God empowers His devotees in many ways, as Arjuna was blessed, but these are His devotees, who are highly disciplined, and act as per God's plans.

So let us get some idea of absolute nature of God's powers, which are briefly described by Lord Krishna in the verse # 10.41 of the Bhagavad-Geeta, "Whatever there is opulent, effulgent or even energetic, all that you should know as produced from a fragment of My splendour." These famous examples will shed some light about the extent of God's powers.

Starting with the light of the sun, what does Lord Krishna state, "I am light of the sun." (7.8) What happened when Arjuna promised to kill Jayadratha before sunset? He was to enter fire if he couldn't. What did Lord Krishna do? He protected his 'nimitta' (instrument) by restoring



the setting sun's light. As a result, there was daylight and Jayadratha came out from the protection of Kauravas; Arjuna killed him. Similarly, the Lord says that the heat of fire is from Him. (7.9) So, what happened when Seetaji entered fire in her fire test? She came out unscathed, because the heat of fire was withdrawn by Lord Rama. Another famous example is of Ashwathama using 'Brahmastra' on child Parikshit, who was at that time in the womb of his mother Uttara. What did Lord Krishna do? He simply made Brahmastra harmless by withdrawing its enormous power? He could because nothing is independently powerful, neither a person nor a weapon. If this was not so, there will be parallel power, which cannot be allowed, as this can cause disruption in the creation's functioning.

Before I go any further in describing God's unlimited powers, a question must be answered, which is, "Why does God not stop miseries heaped by a strong person on the weak? Does God not have such a power? He does but allows it. Why? Because we suffer due to our karmaphal. Others are just acting as mediums. In those cases, God remains aloof. Continuing about the extent of Lord's powers, Lord Krishna says that He is manliness of men (7.8), which is a traditional quality of being brave and strong. In the verse # 7.11, the Lord repeats this by stating that he is the strength of strong. However, in this verse, the Lord qualifies it by stating that such persons should be devoid of lust and attachment. If they are not, God will withdraw it from them. What happened to the most powerful man because of his lusty behaviour? I am referring to the last US President. Same could be said about Swami Vivekananda, whose brightness impressed one and all, wherever he travelled in the world. Where did this devotee of the highest order get his brightness? From God of course! I can go on, but the message is loud and clear. If we want the highest qualities, we must become devotees of God, otherwise we will always be inferior; God is ready to bestow upon us whatever is cherished by us. Source for everything superior is God only; He has all the powers.

*(The writer is a spiritual guide; views are personal)*

# Succumbing to the challenges of growth



UTTAM CHAKRABORTY

## The removal of founders from the companies they birthed, is a complex and often painful process

British writer and theologian Frederick William Robertson has rightly quoted, "There are three things in the world that deserve no mercy, hypocrisy, fraud, and tyranny." Power is a pervasive and fundamental force in human relations and plays a valuable role in social, political and economic interactions. Power differences in social groups are important in promoting group activities. Most people want power, and power has many benefits. However, power is a corrupting force in several instances.

The recent and short departure of Sam Altman from OpenAI and again returning to the company in the same post is a matter of surprise. However, founders being ousted from their organisations have been the larger picture for deliberations. This phenomenon is unfortunate, but not new. History has been witnessed with examples of visionary leaders who found themselves at odds with their boards or stakeholders, resulting in their removal. From the likes of Steve Jobs at Apple to Travis Kalanick at Uber, the stories are as varied as the industries themselves.

**The Myth of Invincibility**

The myth of invincibility continues. One common thread that ties together the stories of ousted founders is the perception of invincibility that often surrounds them. When a company is in its infancy, the founder is not just a leader but a symbol of the organisation's identity and purpose. However, as the company grows, the demands and challenges evolve, and the skills needed to lead a startup may not necessarily align with those required to steer a large corporation. Founders, especially those with a strong vision and personality, may find it challenging to adapt to these changing dynamics.

Sam Altman's exit for some days from OpenAI serves as a case in point. While he played a pivotal role in the organisation's early success, the need for a different leadership style to navigate the complexities of a rapidly expanding enterprise may have become apparent. Boards and stakeholders, driven by a duty to ensure the company's long-term viability, might make the tough decision to part ways with the very leader who brought the company into existence.

**The Ashneer Grover Saga**

The story of Ashneer Grover, co-founder of Indian fintech giant BharatPe can be thought of in this context. It is another chapter in the book of ousted founders. In his case, the clash was not just about strategic direction but also about clashes of egos and leadership styles. Grover's outspoken and sometimes controversial demeanour, which might have been tolerated or even celebrated in the start-up phase, became a liability as the company matured.

This raises a crucial question: How much of a founder's identity is tied to the company they create, and when does that identity start to hinder rather than propel the organisation forward? The removal of founders like Grover suggests that companies may prioritise stability and a more harmonious internal environment over the charisma and idiosyncrasies of their visionary leaders.

**The Travis Kalanick Case**

The case of Travis Kalanick at Uber is perhaps one of the most infamous



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THE RECENT AND SHORT DEPARTURE OF ALTMAN FROM OPENAI IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. POWER, PRIVILEGE, CORRUPTION AND HYPOCRISY CONTINUE TO RULE

examples of a founder's ousting in history. The ride-sharing giant's rapid ascent was accompanied by numerous controversies, including allegations of workplace harassment and a toxic corporate culture. In this instance, the board's decision to remove Kalanick was driven not just by financial concerns but also by a pressing need to address the company's tarnished reputation. Kalanick's story underscores the importance of accountability in leadership. While founders are often given leeway in the early stages, the moment their actions jeopardise the company's integrity or public perception, boards are compelled to act. This raises questions about the delicate balance between a founder's autonomy and the responsibility they bear to the company and its stakeholders.

**Adam Neumann's Fate**

WeWork's Adam Neumann is another founder whose grand vision ultimately led to his downfall. Neumann's ambitious plans for WeWork, including its IPO, were marred by controversies surrounding the company's financial health and governance practices. His removal was a necessary corrective measure to salvage the company and protect the interests of investors. The cautionary tale of Adam Neumann serves as a reminder that while visionary leadership is crucial for a startup's success, unchecked ambition and a lack of grounding, in reality, can lead to a founder's undoing. Boards and stakehold-

ers must carefully evaluate whether a founder's aspirations align with the company's long-term sustainability or if they are veering into the realm of fantasy.

**Steve Jobs's Tale**

In the pantheon of ousted founders, Steve Jobs stands out as a unique case. His departure from Apple in 1985 was a result of internal power struggles and disagreements with the board. Jobs's confrontational style and tendency to make unilateral decisions further fuelled the tensions within Apple. His unwillingness to compromise and his impatience with dissenting viewpoints alienated both colleagues and board members. In 1985, after a series of heated confrontations and a vote of no confidence from the board, Jobs was forced to resign as CEO. However, Jobs' eventual return to Apple in 1997 and the subsequent resurrection of the company's fortunes showcase the rare scenario where a founder is reinstated to lead their creation once again. Job's story is a testament to the enduring impact of a visionary leader and the potential for redemption. However, it is worth noting that Jobs returned to Apple with a tempered approach and a willingness to collaborate, a stark contrast to his earlier stint. This suggests that even in exceptional cases, founders must evolve and adapt to the changing needs of their organisations.

**The Bottom Line**

The recent and short departure of

Altman from OpenAI is the tip of the iceberg. Power, privilege, corruption and hypocrisy continue to rule everywhere. The removal of founders from the companies they birthed is a complex and often painful process. It involves a delicate balance between preserving a company's identity and ensuring its long-term success. While each case is unique, common themes emerge – clashes of egos, leadership style mismatches, accountability issues, and the perils of visionary excess. The stories of Sam Altman, Ashneer Grover, Travis Kalanick, Adam Neumann, and Steve Jobs provide valuable insights into the challenges and pitfalls that founders may face as their companies evolve. The key lesson for both founders and boards is the importance of adaptability and a shared commitment to the organisation's well-being. In the ever-changing landscape of business, the question remains: Can founders successfully navigate the transition from startup visionaries to leaders of established enterprises? The answer may lie in their ability to embrace change, foster a culture of accountability, and, when necessary, make the difficult decision to step aside for the greater good of the organisation they helped create.

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# Ancient Indian democracy: Lessons for today

In the ancient democracy of southern India, there was zero tolerance for corruption and strict punishment was given to defaulters

Even during kings' reigns democracy was practised and flourished, but even after so many technological advancements in the 21st century, the elections are used for self-gain. Many times it questions whether they run a government or a business. There are no constructive rules for the candidate's section. It leads to less hope in democracy. The state of corruption and its deep Nexus create a worrying stage. At once, Tamil Nadu was teaching democracy and ethics to the rest of the world by inscriptions. Now all the developmental activities are marred by corruption. Most of the funds allotted for various programs and



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policies are siphoned in the name of Implementation, but the truth is that it goes into the pockets of politicians. The bureaucracy which is well-known for red tape, complicated procedures, and poor transparency in various policies and programs is also responsible for more corruption activities. From the Chola period, we can see a procedural usage of public money for various programs. Now on the contrary, when a new government assumes power, the plants and programs of earlier governments get cancelled out rightly, leading to a waste of public money. It is widely known that people who are prone to corrupt attitudes are escaping the clutches of



law due to the unclear nature of laws and underhand dealings with higher officials. No laws are daring enough to reach the corrupt and put them behind bars. One should think that the country is not only run by technology but also the scope of human resources. In this era of Artificial intel-

ligence youths are taking everything for Granted and are not ready to make the right decision and questioning the state of the world a comfortable life is a primary requirement. Nobody is ready to take responsibility to make the system stand right. As we are from the land of

Swami Vivekananda, his message for the youth of this country is "Let human". He also dwelt on the capabilities of the youth; he wanted the youth to train itself to serve humanity. What he wanted from the youth were 'muscles of iron' and 'nerves of steel'. Today, the youth are exceptionally responsive and they just need to be encouraged. Swami Vivekananda was only the medium; he is himself the message as well for the youth of India. His teachings will always stay relevant. He once said, "The education which does not help the common mass of people to equip themselves for the struggle for life, which does not bring out the strength of

character, a spirit of philanthropy, and the courage of a lion – is it worth the name? Real education is that which enables one to stand on one's own." For him, education meant secular learning that built character and instilled human values in students. All these initiatives of the Government require active involvement and support of youth as they are the major stakeholders of the future of this country. As Swami Vivekananda once exhorted, "Arise! Awake! And stop not till the goal is reached", let us all unite and work for the country with Purity, patience, and perseverance as the Swami felt long ago that these three are essentials to success. The country, believe it or

not, is in dire need of a revolution and the only hope we have is the youth. With their vision and farsightedness, the youth can bring to the plate not only changes but freshness which the country could use to give itself an image makeover. The Chola administration has become the foundation for modern democracy. We are in the age to revive our electoral pattern as our democratic legacy extends far beyond Athenian democracy and the Roman Republic.

*(The writer is an activist and a lawyer, the views expressed are personal)*

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# Israel must work to avoid ‘further displacement’ of civilians in Gaza

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration has told Israel that it must work to avoid “significant further displacement” of Palestinian civilians in southern Gaza if it renews its ground campaign aimed at eradicating the Hamas militant group, senior US officials said. The administration, seeking to avoid more large-scale civilian casualties or mass displacement like that seen before the current temporary pause in the fighting, underscored to the Israelis that they must operate with far greater precision in southern Gaza than they did in the north, the officials said, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the White House.

Amid mounting international and domestic pressure about the rising Palestinian death toll, the White House has begun to put greater pressure on Israel that the manner of the coming campaign must be “carefully thought through,” according to one of the officials. The Israelis have been receptive when administration officials have raised these concerns, the official said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made clear that Israeli Defense Forces will eventually restart military operations after the conclusion of the current, temporary cease-fire that has allowed for an exchange of hostages taken by Hamas for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. The two sides agreed Monday to extend the truce for an additional two days and to continue swapping hostages for prisoners.

President Joe Biden has said he would like to see the pause — which has also allowed a surge of much-needed humanitarian aid to get into Gaza — continue as long as feasible. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will return this week to the Middle East as the U.S. hopes to find a way to extend the cease-fire and get more hostages released, the State Department said Monday. It will be his third trip to the region since Israel’s war with Hamas began last month.

## Family of infant hostage pleads for his release as truce winds down

**Tel Aviv (AP):** Kfir Bibas has spent nearly a fifth of his life in Hamas captivity. The 10-month-old was abducted from his home in a southern Israeli kibbutz on Oct. 7, when Palestinian militants snatched about 240 people and dragged them to Gaza.

Kfir, the youngest captive, was among about 30 children who were taken hostage in Hamas’ assault. Under a current temporary cease-fire, Hamas has released women, children and teens, but Kfir hasn’t been included on the lists of those set to be freed.

With his red hair and toothless smile, Kfir’s ordeal has become for many a symbol of the brutality of Hamas’ attack. With most other young hostages already released, Kfir’s fate and that of his 4-year-old brother, Ariel, are now a rallying cry for Israelis seeking the speedy release of all the hostages. A demonstration in

support of the Bibas family is being held in Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

“There is no precedent for something like this, for a baby who was kidnapped when he was 9 months old,” Eylon Keshet, Kfir’s father’s cousin, told reporters on Tuesday. “Is baby Kfir the enemy of Hamas?”

Shortly after the Hamas attack, video emerged of Kfir and Ariel swaddled in a blanket around their mother, Shiri, with gunmen shouting in Arabic surrounding her. The Bibas children bob around as their mother appears terrified. “No one will hurt her, so she would know that we care about humanity. Cover her and keep her until you take her alive. Let her know,” said one man. “She has children,” said another. “She has children, yes,” the first speaker responds. Yarden, their father, was also taken captive and appears in

photos to have been wounded. Kfir Bibas’ family, like other relatives of captives, has been tormented since Oct. 7. They have received no sign that he is still alive and wonder how such a helpless infant can cope with being in captivity for so long.

“I am mostly trying to understand how they pass an entire day there,” Kfir’s aunt, Ofri Bibas Levy, told The Associated Press in an interview earlier this month. “Is Kfir getting his bottle?” she asked, adding that he was still only crawling when he was seized, but is likely to have reached the stage when he starts using objects to stand up and move around, a joyful milestone he may have hit while in captivity.

Former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett has brought Kfir’s picture to international media studios and brandished it on camera.



This handout photo provided by the IDF on Monday released Israeli hostages Tal Goldstein Almog, 9, left, and his brother Gal, 11 as they return to Israel in an IAF helicopter, after being held hostage by militant group Hamas in the Gaza Strip. AP/PTI

## Blinken to return to Israel

AP ■ BRUSSELS

US Secretary of State Asntony Blinken will return this week to the Middle East as the US hopes to find a way to extend a cease-fire in Gaza and get more hostages released, the State Department said. It will be his third trip to the region since Israel’s war with Hamas began last month. Blinken will travel to Israel and the West Bank after attending Ukraine-focused meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday in Brussels and Skopje, North Macedonia, where foreign ministers from NATO and the Organisation for Peace and Security in Europe are gathering. Israel has agreed to pauses in its military operations in exchange for the gradual release of hostages taken by Hamas during its October 7 attacks on Israel.

The agreement had been due to expire Monday but was extended for an additional two days, meaning the extension will be expiring just as Blinken is arriving in Israel. White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Monday the US hopes to see the pause extended further,

but it is dependent on Hamas continuing to release hostages.

In Israel and the West Bank, Blinken will “discuss Israel’s right to defend itself consistent with international humanitarian law, as well as continued efforts to secure the release of remaining hostages, protect civilian life during Israel’s operations in Gaza, and accelerate humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza,” State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said in a statement. He said Blinken also will discuss the principles for a post-conflict Gaza, as well as the need to establish an independent Palestinian state and prevent the conflict from widening.

In the occupied West Bank, Blinken is expected to see Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Blinken and other US officials have said they believe the Palestinian Authority should play a significant role in governing post-conflict Gaza. From Israel and the West Bank, Blinken will travel to the United Arab Emirates for discussions with regional leaders who will be in Dubai to attend the COP28 climate summit. Blinken has been

engaged in furious diplomacy to try to prevent the Gaza conflict from spreading, expand the provision of humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians in the territory, secure the release of hostages and arrange for foreigners and dual nationals to leave Gaza overland to Egypt.

On each of his prior two trips, Blinken has travelled to Israel and Jordan multiple times. Between the two trips, he also made stops in Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the UAE.

Blinken will arrive in Israel having just participated in an Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe foreign ministers meeting in Skopje. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has said he plans to attend the OSCE meeting, possibly setting the stage for a US-Russia confrontation there over Ukraine. In Brussels, Blinken will attend the two-day NATO gathering, which will include the first foreign minister-level meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council, a body created by alliance leaders at their last summit to improve cooperation and coordination and help prepare Kyiv for eventual membership.

## Sunak cancelled meeting over Elgin Marbles row: Greek PM

**London (PTI):** British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has reportedly cancelled a planned meeting on Tuesday with his Greek counterpart, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, during a visit to the UK amid a deepening row over the return of the ‘Elgin Marbles’. The ancient Greek sculptures from the Parthenon in Athens are among the controversial historic items which were brought to the UK by British diplomat Lord Elgin in the early 19th century – giving them their English name.

The Parthenon Sculptures now form part of the British Museum’s collection and have long been demanded by the Greeks to complete their series at the Acropolis Museum in Athens.

The latest standoff is reminiscent of India’s demands for the Koh-i-Noor diamond and other historic artefacts taken from India during colonial times. Most recently, the Maharashtra government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Victoria and Albert Museum for a three-year loan of a set of 17th century ‘Tiger Claws’, or wagh nakh, believed to have belonged to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It is destined for Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) as part of Maharashtra’s 350th anniversary celebrations of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji.

The UK-Greece standoff seems to have erupted after Downing Street claimed that it had been agreed that the issue would not be raised during any bilateral between Sunak and Mitsotakis, a claim denied by the Greeks.

On Sunday, the Greek Prime Minister told the BBC that having some of the Parthenon treasures in London and others in Athens was like cutting the ‘Mona Lisa’ painting in half. ‘That seems to have triggered the row, as Mitsotakis then told reporters on Monday evening that he was “deeply disappointed by the abrupt cancellation” of his meeting with Sunak, which had been planned for Tuesday afternoon. “Those who believe in the correctness and justice of their positions are never hesitant to engage in constructive argumentation and debate,” said the Greek Prime Minister.

## S Korea delays its spy satellite liftoff

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea has postponed the planned launch of its first military spy satellite set for this Thursday, officials said, days after rival North Korea claimed to put its own spy satellite into orbit for the first time.

Under a contract with SpaceX, South Korea is to launch five spy satellites by 2025, and its first launch using SpaceX’s Falcon 9 rocket had been scheduled to take place at California’s Vandenberg Air Force Base in the United States.

The South Korean Defence Ministry said in a brief statement on Tuesday the launch was delayed due to weather conditions. Ministry officials said the launch was tentatively rescheduled for this Saturday but it wasn’t a fixed date.

South Korea currently has no military reconnaissance satellites of its own and partially resorts to US spy satellites to monitor moves by North Korea.

After two launch failures earlier this year, North Korea said it successfully placed its “Malligyong-1” spy satellite into orbit on November 21. South Korea said it has confirmed that the satellite entered orbit, but said it needs more time to verify whether it is working properly.

North Korea said on Tuesday leader Kim Jong Un reviewed imagery taken by the Malligyong-1 satellite of the White House and the Pentagon in Washington and US aircraft carriers at a navy base and a shipyard in Virginia. North Korea earlier said the satellite also transmitted photos of US military facilities in Guam and Hawaii and key sites in South Korea.

North Korea hasn’t yet released those satellite photos. Outside experts remain skeptical about whether the North Korean satellite can



send high-resolution imagery and perform proper military reconnaissance.

The North Korean launch invited strong condemnations from South Korea, the US, Japan and others. It violated UN Security Council resolutions that ban any satellite liftoffs by North Korea because they are considered disguised tests of the country’s long-range missile technology.

Kim has said spy satellites would allow his country to better monitor its rivals and enhance the precision-strike capability of its nuclear-capable missiles.

The satellite launch flamed animosities between the rival Koreas, with both nations taking steps to breach their previous military agreement meant to ease frontline military tensions.

Spy satellites were among the high-tech weapons systems that Kim has publicly vowed to introduce.

Since last year, North Korea has conducted about 100 ballistic missile tests in part of efforts to modernize its arsenal of weapons targeting South Korea and the United States.

In response, South Korea and the United States have expanded their military training and enhanced “regular visibility” of US strategic assets such as aircraft carriers, nuclear-capable bombers and a nuclear-armed submarine to the Korean Peninsula.

## Haley: Trump causes too much chaos

**Bluffton (US) (AP):** Nikki Haley argued former president Donald Trump causes too much chaos to be successful in a second White House term, reiterating her argument about the GOP front-runner at a large town hall in her home state of South Carolina.

The former governor and United Nations ambassador on Monday drew the largest crowd of her primary campaign so far as she tries to close the gap with Trump just weeks before the Iowa caucuses kick off the Republican nominating calendar.

Haley invoked her former boss saying, as she has before, that she believes Trump was “the right president at the right time” but that the time is now right for a new generation in US leadership. “I agree with a lot of his policies, but the truth is, rightly or wrongly, chaos follows him,” Haley said. “We have too much division in this country, and too many threats around the world to be sitting in chaos once again.”

About 2,500 people attended the event at a satellite campus of the University of South Carolina along the state’s southern coast. Half that number watched her event from video screens outside the venue after it reached capacity. Hours ahead of Monday’s start time, the line for attendees wrapped around the venue, which the campaign said had to be changed from its original location due to demand.

Her staff has cast her campaign as being on a rising trajectory and pointed to growing crowds in recent weeks as she gets new attention from voters and donors looking for a Trump alternative.

Haley remains among a pack of candidates competing for a distant second place with Trump, who has led the GOP field since kicking off his third presidential campaign last year. Later this week, Haley will head back to New Hampshire, where she has stumped heavily.

## Dubai prepares to host COP28

AP ■ DUBAI

Dubai prepared to host the COP28 climate talks on Tuesday as world leaders including US President Joe Biden signalled they would not be attending the negotiations that come during the ongoing Israel-Hamas war roiling the wider Middle East.

Workers under a still-scorching November sun stapled up bunting and decorated Dubai Expo City’s iconic Al Wasl Dome with trees and other green foliage ahead of the summit, scheduled to start Thursday in the United Arab Emirates. Armed United Nations police patrolled about half the area of Expo City where the delegates will debate, while the other half will host other climate events. Airport-style security screenings greeted those coming into both areas.

The two-week meeting of international leaders aims to assess where the world stands



when it comes to limiting emissions to slow global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) compared with pre-industrial times. Emirati officials said on Tuesday they expect over 70,000 attendees at the talks, including heads of state.

Britain’s King Charles and Pope Francis will be among the leaders to attend the talks, even as the 86-year-old Francis battles a lung inflammation. However, some have said or otherwise signalled they won’t be attending the Conference of the Parties — where COP gets

its name.

They include the 81-year-old Biden, who attended both COP26 in Scotland and COP27 in Egypt.

“The president has been very much focused on the conflict between Israel and Hamas over the last month or so,” said John Kirby, a spokesman for the White House’s National Security Council, on Monday. “He was working the phones over the course of Thanksgiving weekend. And I suspect that he’ll continue to work the phones in coming days.”

## US Navy removes fuel from plane that overshot Hawaii runway

**Kaneohe Bay (US):** The US Navy said Monday that it has removed nearly all of the fuel from a large plane that overshot a Hawaii runway and landed in an environmentally sensitive bay, but it doesn’t have a timetable for when it will get the aircraft out of the water. Rear Adm. Kevin Lenox said there was an estimated 2,000 gallons (7,500 liters) of fuel on board the P-8A.

“The team extracted all the fuel that they could get out of those tanks. This process was completed successfully without any fuel being released into the bay,” Lenox said at a news conference. Removing the fuel will reduce the risks for the rest of the salvage operation, he said. There were no injuries to the nine people who were on board when the plane landed Nov. 20 in shallow

water just offshore of Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay. The base is about 10 miles (16 kilometers) from Honolulu.

Cmdr. Mark Anderson, who is leading the Navy’s mobile diving and salvage unit working at the site, said the plane was sitting on a mixture of coral and sand. The left engine is resting on coral. The plane rises a little with the tide, so the full weight of the plane is not on the coral, he said. Kaneohe Bay is home to coral reefs, an ancient Hawaiian fishpond and a breeding ground for hammerhead sharks. There may have been some minor damage to the coral but there didn’t appear to be “massive chunks missing,” Anderson said. Still, the focus currently is on stabilizing the plane and developing a plan to move it, he said. **AP**

## France to ban smoking on beaches

**Paris (AP):** France will ban smoking on all beaches, in public parks, forests and some other public areas as part of a national anti-tobacco plan presented by the health minister on Tuesday.

Tobacco products cause 75,000 avoidable deaths a year in France, Minister of Health and Prevention Aurelien Rousseau said on BFM television. The government will introduce legislation at the start of next year to enlarge the scope of places where fines can be levied for smoking, he said.

“Beaches, parks, around schools — lots of places had started these experiments and now, it’s true, we’re heading to a general rule to show our determination,” he said.

## Rajesh Agrawal steps down as UK Dy Mayor

**London (PTI):** Rajesh Agrawal, the Indian-origin Deputy Mayor of London for Business, is stepping down from the role to focus on the city of Leicester, from where he will be contesting to be elected a member of Parliament in the next general election. The 46-year-old Indore-born entrepreneur-politician was recently selected as the Labour Party’s candidate for the constituency of Leicester East for an election expected next year. He announced his departure from the London Mayor’s office on social media on Monday evening after serving two terms in Mayor Sadiq Khan’s team in charge of the UK capital’s business and investment policies.

“After my recent selection as the Labour Party’s parliamentary candidate and careful consideration, I have made the

difficult decision to step down as Deputy Mayor of London to focus on campaigning in Leicester East,” said Agrawal.

“It has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve Londoners in this capacity for past seven and a half years — and I have given it my all. Like millions of other people, I arrived in this country with very little and made it my home. As I worked just above the minimum wage, I knew that there is a thin line between failure and success,” he said.

“This country gave me the opportunity, and with hard work and perseverance, I did well. But I never imagined that I would get the privilege to serve one of the greatest cities on earth as its Deputy Mayor — not once, but twice.

For that I will be forever grateful,” he added.







# Govt disconnects 70 lakh mobile involved in financial frauds

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

To check digital frauds, the government has disconnected 70 lakh mobile numbers so far involved in cybercrime or financial frauds, Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi said on Tuesday. Emerging from a meeting to discuss issues related to financial cyber security and increasing digital payment fraud, Joshi, who chaired the meeting, said banks have been asked to strengthen the system and processes in this regard. More such meetings would take place, he said, adding the next meeting is scheduled in January. During the meeting, it was noted that 70 lakh mobile connections involved in cyber-crime/ financial frauds reported through digital intelligence platforms have been disconnected so far. About Rs 900 crore of defrauded money has been saved, benefiting 3.5 lakh victims, an official statement said. With regard to Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) fraud reported recently, he said states have been asked to look into the issue and ensure data protection.

He also said that there was a discussion with regard to KYC standardisation of merchants. The meeting chaired by the Financial Services Secretary also deliberated on how to ensure better coordination among various agencies to check cyber fraud. Joshi said there was a need to create awareness about cyber fraud in society to protect gullible customers from being duped. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Center (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs, made a presentation on the latest statistics of digital payment frauds as reported in the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP), various sources of these financial frauds, modus operandi adopted by the fraudsters, including challenges faced to counter financial cybercrimes, it said. Further, representatives from State Bank of India (SBI) made a brief presentation on the Proactive Risk Monitoring (PRM) strategy implemented by SBI. Besides, PayTM and Razorpay representatives also shared their best practices which have enabled them to mitigate



such frauds, it said. The meeting was attended by senior officials of the Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Revenue, Department of Telecom, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and National Payments Corporation of India. The meeting took stock of the preparedness of the banks and other financial institutions in tackling the challenges arising from cyber security in the financial services sector, increasing trend of digital payment frauds, and deliberated on a focused approach to mitigate such cyberattacks and frauds, it said. Some of the issues deliberated in the meeting included a strategy to tackle the menace of mule accounts by banks and how banks can improve the response time in handling the alerts on online financial frauds received from different agencies. Appointment of regional/ state level nodal officers by the banks and financial institutions to cater to the requirements of law enforcement agencies and whitelisting of digital lending apps through consultation with

relevant stakeholders were also discussed during the meeting. The meeting assumes significance in view of digital fraud witnessed by UCO Bank and Bank of Baroda in the recent past. Earlier this month, Kolkata-based public sector lender UCO Bank reported erroneous credit of Rs 820 crore to account holders of the bank via Immediate Payment Service (IMPS). During November 10-13, the bank observed that due to technical issues in IMPS, certain transaction(s) initiated by holders of other banks have resulted in credit to the account holders in UCO Bank without actual receipt of money from these banks. IMPS is a real-time inter-bank electronic funds transfer system without any intervention. The bank blocked the recipients' accounts and has been able to recover Rs 649 crore of the Rs 820 crore or about 79 per cent of the amount. The state-owned bank is yet to clarify whether this technical glitch was due to human error or a hacking attempt. However, the bank has reported the matter to the law enforcement agencies for necessary action.



## 'China slows, India grows': S&P pegs 7% growth for India by 2026

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's GDP growth rate will rise to 7 per cent by 2026 compared to 4.6 per cent for China, S&P Global Ratings said on Tuesday. In a report titled 'China Slows India Grows', S&P said it expects Asia-Pacific's growth engine to shift from China to South and Southeast Asia. "We project China's GDP growth to slow to 4.6 per cent in 2024 (2023: 5.4 per cent), edge up to 4.8 per cent in 2025, and return to 4.6 per cent in 2026. We see India reaching 7.0 per cent in 2026; Vietnam, 6.8 per cent (4.9 per cent); Philippines, 6.4 per cent (5.4 per cent); and Indonesia remaining steady at 5 per cent," S&P said. The US-based rating agency on Monday projected India's GDP to expand at 6.4 per cent in the current fiscal year and in the next. For 2025 it projected growth rate to rise to 6.9 per cent, followed by 7 per cent in 2026. S&P said with Asia-Pacific's central banks likely to keep interest rates high, the region's borrowers will see costlier debt servicing. "Concurrently, a widening conflict in the Middle East could drag global supply chains and raise energy costs, fanning inflation. High input costs dilute corporate margins, while high prices weaken demand," S&P said. Energy and demand shock risk, it said, adding Asia-Pacific's growth is susceptible to energy shocks (widening Middle East conflict) and slower global demand (risk of U.S. Hard landing). "We lowered our projection for the region's growth (ex-China) in 2024 from 4.4 per cent to 4.2 per cent. The prospects for industries also differ, with export-centric manufacturing faring worse," S&P said.



## Sebi for changes in regulatory framework for Special Situation Funds

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sebi on Tuesday proposed changes in the regulatory framework for Special Situation Funds to facilitate the acquisition of stressed loans. Special Situation Funds (SSFs) are sub-category Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs). In a consultation paper, Sebi suggested a definition of 'special situation assets', eligibility of investors in SSFs in terms of Insolvency law, restrictions concerning investment in connected entities, minimum holding period, subsequent transfer of loans, monitoring and supervision of such SSFs. The proposals have been floated after consultations with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which is the principal regulator for the sale and purchase of stressed loans in India. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has sought comments from the public on the consultation paper till December 27. To enable SSFs to acquire stressed loans, these funds need to be part of a RBI annexure pertaining to the transfer of loan exposure. In the consultation paper, the regulator has proposed amending AIF norms to make changes to the regulatory framework for SSFs. Under this, Sebi proposed a definition for a 'special situation asset' that includes securities of investee companies, whose stressed loans are acquired in terms of RBI Master Directions. Further, SSFs having prior investment in securities of

stressed companies should not be disqualified or barred from acquiring stressed loans of the said companies. In addition, SSFs should not invest in or acquire a special situation asset if any of its investors is disqualified under the IBC rule about such special situation assets. Further, special situation funds should not invest in its 'related parties'. Also, it has been proposed that SSFs should transfer or sell stressed loans, only to the entities enlisted in the RBI annexure. SSFs who have acquired stressed loans should be subject to a dedicated supervisory framework. It has been suggested that SSFs should submit information in respect of all investments in stressed loans to a trade reporting platform notified by RBI. This information includes details of units issued, details of investors subsequent changes in unit holdings, resolution strategies implemented, and recoveries effected. In January 2022, Sebi introduced the framework for Special Situation that will invest only in stressed assets. SSFs were introduced as a sub-category under Category I AIF. "The challenges of stressed loans faced by the Indian financial system requiring significant capital infusion in Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), etc., necessitated exploring AIFs as a potential source of risk capital to supplement the efforts of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) in the resolution of stressed loans," Sebi said.

## Cybersecurity, customer protection must for digital payments momentum: RBI paper

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Cybersecurity, customer protection, and cost-effectiveness are essential for sustaining the momentum towards digital payments pushed by the Covid pandemic, said Reserve Bank paper on Tuesday. The transactional use of cash has been on a decline and is increasingly getting substituted with digital modes of payments, even as the store-of-value role of cash remains intact, said the paper titled 'Cash versus Digital Payment Transactions in India: Decoding the Currency Demand Paradox'. In line with the global evidence, the pandemic led to a transitory uptick in currency demand in India driven primarily by precautionary and store-of-value motives. To sustain the momentum towards digital payments initiated by the pandemic, concerted efforts are needed to ensure the cost-effectiveness of payment modes and relevant acceptance infrastructure from both the demand (consumers) and



supply sides (merchants and intermediaries); and ensure universal access to enablers, such as smartphones and internet connectivity, it said. The paper authored by Sakshi Awasthy, Rekha Misra and Sarat Dhal, all associated with RBI's Department of Economic

and Policy Research (DEPR), further said efforts are needed to bolster financial inclusion and literacy; and safeguard cybersecurity and customer protection. The authors further said that despite the traction observed in digital payments, cash persists due to a strong inclination

of the populace to transact and save in cash. Moreover, cash serves as the de facto foundation for all types of payments. "It also plays a crucial role in facilitating transactions between the formal and informal sectors as well as with segments of the population that are financially excluded and lack digital awareness," the paper said. Furthermore, the usage and adoption of digital payments remain concentrated in regions characterised by higher levels of development, it added. "The success of digitalisation extends beyond mere cash substitution; it has broader implications for economic growth, development of financial markets, financial well-being of households, and effective governance," it said. Given the ongoing expansion of digital payments and the moderation in the growth of currency demand witnessed post-pandemic, the high cash usage observed during the pandemic may not translate into a permanent shift, the paper said.

## Rupee recovers from record lows

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Tuesday rebounded from record low levels, gaining 6 paise to settle at 83.34 against the US dollar amid positive sentiment in the equity markets and inflow of foreign funds. Forex traders said a weak American currency against major rivals and crude prices hovering close to USD 80 per barrel level also supported the Indian currency. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.37 and moved in the range of 83.32 to 83.39 against the greenback in intraday trade. It finally settled at 83.34 against the dollar, registering a gain of 6 paise from its previous close. On Friday, the rupee settled at its all-time low of 83.40 against the American currency. The forex market was closed on Monday on account of Guru Nanak Jayanti. Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, said: "Indian rupee started the week on a positive note as the greenback retreated against major currencies after weak US economic data. However, the month-end dollar demand has contained the gains in the rupee. He said the price action in



USD-INR remained muted and lacked direction. "In the short term, the pair has support at 83.20 and resistance at 83.50." "Rupee is expected to move in a range of 83.25 to 83.50 tomorrow (Wednesday). Market awaits for US consumer confidence and PCE price index, a data closely watched by (US) FED for inflation purpose, apart from US GDP this month," said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.02 per cent lower at 103.18.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 1.18 per cent to USD 80.92 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex climbed 204.16 points, or 0.31 per cent, to settle at 66,174.20 points. The Nifty advanced 95.00 points, or 0.48 per cent, to 19,889.70 points. Foreign institutional investors were net buyers in the capital market on Tuesday as they purchased shares worth Rs 783.82 crore, according to exchange data. Also, the country's forex reserves increased by USD 5.077 billion to USD 595.397 billion during the week ended November 17, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

## Mcap of BSE-listed firms hits record high of ₹331 lakh cr; just shy of entering USD 4-trn club

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The combined market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms hit an all-time high of Rs 331 lakh crore on Tuesday and is just shy of entering the landmark USD 4-trillion club. At the end of trade, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies reached Rs 3,31,05,425.71 crore, which translates to USD 3.97 trillion at the current exchange rate of 83.34, thanks to a fag-end recovery in the equity market after a highly volatile trade. On May 24, 2021, the market capitalisation of all listed companies on the BSE touched the USD 3-trillion mark. The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex hit its all-time peak of 67,927.23 on September 15, this year. While the BSE benchmark Sensex has rallied 5,333.46 points, or 8.76 per cent, so far this year, the market capitalisation (mcap) of all listed firms at its platform has jumped Rs 48.67 lakh crore. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 204.16 points or 0.31 per cent to settle at 66,174.20 on Tuesday. "After last week's range-bound trend, markets registered gains



led by uptick in power, metal and auto stocks as hopes of strong growth momentum going ahead and receding worries of rate hikes in the US strengthened the mood," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd. "FII's turning net buyers of local equities in the last few sessions too has brought some cheers to the market, even as caution could prevail in next few sessions ahead of monthly F&O expiry and exit poll results of five state elections later this week," Tapse said. Among the Sensex firms, Tata Motors, Bajaj Finserv, UltraTech Cement, Bajaj Finance, NTPC,

Bharti Airtel, Titan and Axis Bank were the major gainers. ITC, ICICI Bank, Power Grid and HDFC Bank were among the laggards. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge climbed 0.30 per cent while the smallcap index gained marginally by 0.06 per cent. Among the indices, utilities rallied 3.64 per cent, power jumped 3.47 per cent, oil & gas climbed 3.13 per cent, energy (2.27 per cent), services (2.02 per cent), commodities (1.27 per cent) and metal (1.13 per cent). FMCG, industrials, telecom-communication and capital goods were the laggards.

## Ashneer says sorry, HC slaps ₹2 lakh fine over posts against BharatPe

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday imposed Rs 2 lakh as costs on BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover in the matter related to his alleged defamatory social media posts against the fintech company even as he tendered an apology for his conduct. Justice Rekha Palli took on record the apology and the undertaking given by Grover but proceeded to impose costs on him, saying the "court cannot be taken for granted". The judge, while dealing with a plea by Resilient Innovations Pvt Ltd - which owns BharatPe - against Grover, said the court was 'appalled' to note the 'per-

sistent" and "blatant" violation of the earlier orders and assurances given by Grover in this regard. The plea forms part of a lawsuit by Resilient Innovations against former managing director Grover and others. "Taking into account that defendant no 2 is now filing an affidavit specifically undertaking not to post any such defamatory posts in future and is also apologising for his past behaviour, this court is inclined to close the matter at this stage by binding the defendant no 2 to his undertaking. "This is, however, subject to a payment of costs of Rs 2 lakh," the court ordered. The court directed that the amount shall be paid to the high

court's clerks' association. Senior advocate Akhil Sibal, appearing for the plaintiff, argued that in spite of court orders asking the parties not to make offending statements and Grover's undertaking to this effect, he was posting defamatory content against the fintech company on social media. The senior lawyer said that an earlier application by the plaintiff was also closed after an assurance was given by Grover who was now adopting a "shoot and scoot" strategy to publish his defamatory posts. He urged the court to issue an injunction order restraining Grover from posting such content. The counsel for Grover said he



was tendering an apology and undertaking to not post any offending posts in the future and the present plea may be disposed of. He also suggested that the matter may be placed for mediation. Last year, Resilient Innovations filed the lawsuit against its former MD Ashneer Grover and his family members to restrain them from making allegedly defamatory statements. The court had issued summons to Ashneer Grover, his wife and other defendants in the suit filed by the fintech firm which has accused the couple of misappropriating funds. Grover resigned from the company in March 2022 and his wife was removed from her post.

In the suit, besides seeking to restrain the defendants from making defamatory statements, the company has also sought the direction for payment of over Rs 88.67 crore along with interest towards the recovery of alleged misappropriated funds and damages caused to the reputation of the firm. The company has earlier claimed before the court that Grover, his wife and other relatives were carrying out a "vicious and vitriolic" campaign against the company which has a large number of foreign investors. Besides Grover and his wife, the company has arrayed as defendants Deepak Gupta, Suresh Jain and Shwetank Jain - all relatives of the couple who were

appointed in different posts in the company. As an interim relief, the company has sought a direction to the defendants to delete or remove within five days all statements, tweets, social media posts, books, re-tweets, hashtags, videos, press conferences, interviews and comments made against the firm. It also sought liberty to approach social media platforms, media houses, publications and others for deletion of such material. On May 16, the high court asked all parties to avoid recourse to unparliamentary and defamatory publications against each other. The lawsuit is listed for the next hearing on December 13.



# RONALDO REJECTS PENALTY AWARDED IN ASIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



AP ■ RIYADH

Cristiano Ronaldo's honesty helped to nullify a penalty he was awarded as his 10-man Al-Nassr side held on to draw with Persepolis of Iran 0-0 in the Asian Champions League. Ronaldo went down in the box in the opening moments on Monday and the referee pointed to the spot, but Ronaldo joined Persepolis players in disputing the penalty. Referee Ma Ning checked the pitchside monitor and overturned his decision. Al-Nassr defender Ali Lajimi was sent off in the half for a dangerous challenge on Milad Sarlak, and Ronaldo gave his

Saudi Arabia team a late scare when he exited with a neck injury. But Al-Nassr had already qualified for the knockout stages as the Group E winner and advanced unbeaten. The Riyadh team came into the game having won 18 of its previous 19 games in all competitions. In the same group, Qatar's Al-Duhail earned its first win after defeating Istiklol of Tajikistan 2-0. Prolific Kenyan striker Michael Olunga scored both goals. Earlier in Group C, Argentine coach Marcelo Gallardo picked up his first win since being appointed by Al-Ittihad this month after the Saudi Arabian champion defeated AGMK of Uzbekistan 2-1 to move into the

knockout stages. Two goals in four first-half minutes from Moroccan striker Abderrazak Hamdallah gave Al-Ittihad the lead after Karim Benzema missed chances. Late in the game in Tashkent, Martin Boakye pulled a goal back for AGMK. "We had to work hard from the first whistle but we kept trying to get forward as much as we could and Hamdallah came good with two well-taken goals," Gallardo said. The top team from each of the 10 groups of four in the tournament, which is divided into two geographic halves until the final, advances to the round of 16 along with the six best-placed runners-up.

## India seek to open women's junior hockey WC campaign on winning note against Canada

PTI ■ SANTIAGO (CHILE)



The quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final of the tournament will take place on December 6, 8 and 10 respectively.



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Bank desires to acquire office premises on long lease at Dasuya preferably on Ground Floor having carpet area of 1000-1500 sq. ft., strategically on Main Road having Good Frontage, Visibility, Adequate Power Supply and Parking Facility. Interested parties owning suitable premises may apply to the Regional Head, IDBI Bank Ltd., Plot No. 2& 3, Opp Anjali Saree Shop, Amritsar Punjab-143001 within 10 Days (excluding the Date of Advertisement). Proposals received by 6:00 p.m. on 9th December, 2023 will only be accepted. Proforma and other details can be downloaded from our website [www.idbi.com](http://www.idbi.com) under Notices-Tenders or collected from any of our branches. Estate Agents offering premises should submit their offers along with authorization letters from the land lords (No brokerage Fee will be paid by the bank) IDBI Bank Ltd. Reserves the right to reject any or all of the application without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/-  
Date: 29.11.2023 Place: Chandigarh Chief General Manager (Chandigarh Zone)



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NOTIFICATION FOR SALE OF USED VEHICLE

Bank of Maharashtra Chandigarh Zone intends to sell the vehicle on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" through sealed tender process.

Make of the Vehicle	Registration Number	Registration Date	Model	Base Price	Remark
Maruti	CH01BP7767	27.11.2017	Maruti - Dzire VXI	Rs 3,12,000/-	RC, Insurance on record

Other conditions of tender are available on Bank's website [www.bankofmaharashtra.in](http://www.bankofmaharashtra.in). The Last Date of receipt of tender/offer along with earnest money deposit is 09.12.2023 upto 4:00 p.m.  
Intending bidder should submit their offer at address "Bank of Maharashtra, Chandigarh Zonal Office, SCO 120-122, 1st Floor, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh - 160017" in sealed cover superscribed as "Offer for Purchase of Vehicle".  
The responsibility of documentation process, cost, charges incurred to be incurred, expenses of Transfer of vehicle, lies with the purchaser only and it should be done within 45 Days. Any further Addenda (Corrigenda) Extension of dates in respect to the above tender shall only be posted on Bank's website [www.bankofmaharashtra.in](http://www.bankofmaharashtra.in) and no separate notification will be issued in newspaper.

ZONAL MANAGER

Bank of Maharashtra, Chandigarh Zone

Date: 29.11.2023



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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED [Formerly known as "AU HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED"] under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned as below.

The borrower and Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED [Formerly known as "AU HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED"] for an amount mentioned as below and further interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower	Date & Amount of Demand Notice	Description of Property	Date & Type of Possession
BALDEV Singh, Mrs. HARDEEP KAUR (A/c No.) LNSNG02919-200116733 & LNSNG11721-220181763	6 Jun 23 ₹ 298631/- & ₹ 59205/- 5 Jun 23	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SITUATED AT MANDI DABWALI, TEH.-DABWALI, DIST.-SIRSA, HARYANA Admeasuring 2725 Sq. Ft.	Symbolic Possession Taken on 28 Nov 23

Place : Jaipur

Date: 29-11-2023

Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited



PUBLIC NOTICE

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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Lakhwinder Kaur, Baljinder Kaur, Harjit Singh, Village Chandanke, Post Chananke, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar, District Amritsar, Punjab- 143114. A/c No: LBAMT00006115668	Property Plot Measuring 1k-3m Comprised in Khasra No. 56/22/1/1(1-15), 56/22/1/2(3-9), Khawat Khatoni No. 588/1129, As Per Jamabandi Year 2014-2015, Situated At Village Chananke, Hadbasat No. 110, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Sub-tehsil Tarsikka, District Amritsar, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 37,21,808/-	27/08/2023
2.	Navpreet Mago, Deepak Mago, Sangeeta., House No. 9788, Gail No. 7, Joshi Nagar Opp Bhatia Karyana, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00003584142	House No. B-34-2257 Old, and New No. B-34-9423, Comprised in Khasra No. 42/3/1, Khata No. 2011/2224, As Per Jamabandi Year 2006-2007, Situated At Haibowal Kalan, Hadbasat No. 102, Abadi Joshi Nagar, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 33,67,245/-	03/08/2023
3.	Navpreet Mago, Deepak Mago, Sangeeta., Anju Mago, House No. 9423, St No. 4, Joshi Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001 A/c No: LBLUD00004898620	House No. B-34-2257 Old, and New No. B-34-9423, Comprised in Khasra No. 42/3/1, Khata No. 2011/2224, As Per Jamabandi Year 2006-2007, Situated At Haibowal Kalan, Hadbasat No. 102, Abadi Joshi Nagar, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 8,74,640/-	03/08/2023
4.	Rajinder Kumar, Seema., Gopal Dass, Parshani., House No-2529, Rajesh Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00005624384	Property 1: Property Plot No. 63/1 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised in Khasra No. 32/2/22, Khata No. 1464/1650, As Per Jamabandi Year 1981-1982, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab. Property 2: Property Plot No. 63/2 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised In Killa No. 32/2, Khata No. 79/92, As Per Jamabandi Year 1966-1967, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab.	23/10/2023 Rs. 12,53,274/-	03/08/2023
5.	Sanjay., Shardha Devi, House No. 38/6, Top Khana Road, Patiala, Punjab- 147001. A/c No: LBPAT00006094512	House Cum Shop Being Part of Property No. 4025/3, Situated At Mohalla Jejiyan, Top Khanna Road, Patiala, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 4,04,299/-	02/06/2023
6.	Sanjay., Shardha Devi, House No. 38/6, Top Khana Road, Patiala, Punjab- 147001, A/c No: LBPAT00006173857	House Cum Shop Being Part of Property No. 4025/3, Situated At Mohalla Jejiyan, Top Khanna Road, Patiala, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 34,671/-	02/06/2023
7.	Boota Singh, Yadwinder., Sargundi Road, Goraya, Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab- 144409. A/c No: TBLUD00006369439	Property Plot Measuring 0K-3M-8S Comprised in Khata No. 268/336, Khasra No. 761(2-18), 762(10-12), 764(3-0), 765(3-18), 766(7-4), 767(7-18), 768(9-3), 769(9-2), 770(3-5), and Khata No. 269/337, Khasra No. 771(11-0), 772(6-0), 773(10-4), 774(6-12), 775(5-17), As Per Jamabandi Year 2016-2017, Situated At Sargundi, Hadbasat No. 236, Aman Colony, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 15,30,841/-	02/08/2023
8.	Boota Singh, Yadwinder., Sargundi Road, Goraya, Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab- 144409. A/c No: TBLUD00006369440	Property Plot Measuring 0K-3M-8S Comprised in Khata No. 268/336, Khasra No. 761(2-18), 762(10-12), 764(3-0), 765(3-18), 766(7-4), 767(7-18), 768(9-3), 769(9-2), 770(3-5), and Khata No. 269/337, Khasra No. 771(11-0), 772(6-0), 773(10-4), 774(6-12), 775(5-17), As Per Jamabandi Year 2016-2017, Situated At Sargundi, Hadbasat No. 236, Aman Colony, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 9,10,773/-	02/08/2023
9.	Boota Singh, Yadwinder., Sargundi Road, Goraya, Phillaur, Jalandhar, Punjab- 144409. A/c No: TBLUD00006387490	Property Plot Measuring 0K-3M-8S Comprised in Khata No. 268/336, Khasra No. 761(2-18), 762(10-12), 764(3-0), 765(3-18), 766(7-4), 767(7-18), 768(9-3), 769(9-2), 770(3-5), and Khata No. 269/337, Khasra No. 771(11-0), 772(6-0), 773(10-4), 774(6-12), 775(5-17), As Per Jamabandi Year 2016-2017, Situated At Sargundi, Hadbasat No. 236, Aman Colony, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 2,32,096/-	02/08/2023
10.	Harjit Singh, Lakhwinder Kaur, Village Chandanke, Post Chananke, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar, District Amritsar, Punjab- 143114. A/c No: TBAMT00006334382	Property Plot Measuring 13 Marle Comprised in Killa No. 56/22/1/1(1-15), 56/22/1/2(3-9), Khata Khatoni No. 561/1107, Jamabandi Year 2009-2010, Situated At Village Chananke, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Sub-Tehsil Tarsika, Districtamritsar, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 17,05,951/-	07/08/2023
11.	Harjit Singh, Lakhwinder Kaur, Village Chandanke, Post Chananke, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar, District Amritsar, Punjab- 143114. A/c No: TBAMT00006334370	Property Plot Measuring 13 Marle Comprised in Killa No. 56/22/1/1(1-15), 56/22/1/2(3-9), Khata Khatoni No. 561/1107, Jamabandi Year 2009-2010, Situated At Village Chananke, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Sub-Tehsil Tarsika, Districtamritsar, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 11,89,074/-	07/08/2023
12.	Harjit Singh, Lakhwinder Kaur, Village Chandanke, Post Chananke, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar, District Amritsar, Punjab- 143114. A/c No: TBAMT00006334380	Property Plot Measuring 13 Marle Comprised in Killa No. 56/22/1/1(1-15), 56/22/1/2(3-9), Khata Khatoni No. 561/1107, Jamabandi Year 2009-2010, Situated At Village Chananke, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Sub-Tehsil Tarsika, Districtamritsar, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 11,91,345/-	07/08/2023
13.	Malwinder Singh, Amanjot Sandhu, House No. 44, Joginder Nagar, Patiala, Punjab- 147001. A/c No: LBPAT00006214896	House No. 44, Street No. 2, Khawat No. 14, Khatoni No. 96, Khasra No. 1059/444/2(2-1-10), As Per Jamabandi Year 2013-2014, Village Banduger, Joginder Nagar, Tehsil and District Patiala, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 1,47,307/-	03/08/2023
14.	Malwinder Singh, Amanjot Sandhu, House No. 44, Joginder Nagar, Patiala, Punjab- 147001. A/c No: LBPAT00006189538	House No. 44, Street No. 2, Khawat No. 14, Khatoni No. 96, Khasra No. 1059/444/2(2-1-10), As Per Jamabandi Year 2013-2014, Village Banduger, Joginder Nagar, Tehsil and District Patiala, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 52,23,068/-	03/08/2023
15.	Rajinder Kumar, Seema., Gopal Dass, House No-2529, Rajesh Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00004846593	Property 1: Property Plot No. 63/1 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised in Khasra No. 32/2/22, Khata No. 1464/1650, As Per Jamabandi Year 1981-1982, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab. Property 2: Property Plot No. 63/2 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised In Killa No. 32/2, Khata No. 79/92, As Per Jamabandi Year 1966-1967, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab.	23/10/2023 Rs. 17,55,335/-	03/08/2023
16.	Rajinder Kumar, Seema., Gopal Dass, House No-2529, Rajesh Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00004846595	Property 1: Property Plot No. 63/1 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised in Khasra No. 32/2/22, Khata No. 1464/1650, As Per Jamabandi Year 1981-1982, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab. Property 2: Property Plot No. 63/2 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised In Killa No. 32/2, Khata No. 79/92, As Per Jamabandi Year 1966-1967, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab.	23/10/2023 Rs. 5,18,298/-	03/08/2023
17.	Rajinder Kumar, Seema., Gopal Dass, House No-2529, Rajesh Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00004904027	Property 1: Property Plot No. 63/1 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised in Khasra No. 32/2/22, Khata No. 1464/1650, As Per Jamabandi Year 1981-1982, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab. Property 2: Property Plot No. 63/2 Measuring 100 Sq. Yards Comprised In Killa No. 32/2, Khata No. 79/92, As Per Jamabandi Year 1966-1967, Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab.	23/10/2023 Rs. 1,29,007/-	03/08/2023
18.	Sukhdev Singh, Kulwant Kaur, S/o Balvir Singh, Village Rauni, Tehsil Payal, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141415. A/c No: TBLUD00006374278	Property Plot Measuring 5 Biswe, Khawat No. 243, Khatoni No. 384 to 395, Comprised in Khasra No. 204(0-7), 1157 Min(0-5), 1324(0-2), 1325(0-2), 1326(0-2), 1155(6-18), 1163(6-5), 1164(4-7), 1166(6-6), 1167(6-5), 1168(5-8), 198 Min(2-5), 214/2(2-10), 456(8-8), 1169 Min(3-2), 2304/2014/196(0-5), 2018/197(4-4), 2301/2014/196(4-0), 2013/196(2-0), 2015/197(0-13), 199(6-5), 205 Min(4-0), 206 Min(3-0), 207 Min(4-0), 1157 Min(6-0), 1162(6-5), 1165(6-5), 1169 Min(3-3), 1174(6-5), 1175(6-5), 1176(6-5), 198 Min(4-0), 200(6-5), 202(6-5), 203(6-1), 205 Min(3-18), 206 Min(3-8), 207 Min(3-2), 2132(2-10), 232(4-0), 233(4-0), 234(4-0), 235(2/3-3), 236(2/7-2), 1158(6-5), 1159(6-5), 1160(6-5), 1161(6-5), 1170(6-5), 1171(5-15), 1172(5-15), 1173(6-5), 1177(6-5), 1178(5-15), 1179(5-15), 1161(6-5), 1180(6-5), 1181(6-5), 1182(6-5), 1710/1652/201 Min(4-3), 205 Min(0-7), 207 Min(1-1), 1710/1652/20 Min(2-15), 1802/600(0-4), 1803/600(7-11), 1709/1652/201(0-5), As Per Jamabandi Year 2015-2016, Situated At Village Duladdi, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 6,69,619/-	02/08/2023
19.	Sukhdev Singh, Kulwant Kaur, S/o Balvir Singh, Village Rauni, Tehsil Payal, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141415. A/c No: LBRHN00005929986	Property Plot Measuring 5 Biswe, Khawat No. 243, Khatoni No. 384 to 395, Comprised In Khasra No. 204(0-7), 1157 Min(0-5), 1324(0-2), 1325(0-2), 1326(0-2), 1155(6-18), 1163(6-5), 1164(4-7), 1166(6-6), 1167(6-5), 1168(5-8), 198 Min(2-5), 214/2(2-10), 456(8-8), 1169 Min(3-2), 2304/2014/196(0-5), 2018/197(4-4), 2301/2014/196(4-0), 2013/196(2-0), 2015/197(0-13), 199(6-5), 205 Min(4-0), 206 Min(3-0), 207 Min(4-0), 1157 Min(6-0), 1162(6-5), 1165(6-5), 1169 Min(3-3), 1174(6-5), 1175(6-5), 1176(6-5), 198 Min(4-0), 200(6-5), 202(6-5), 203(6-1), 205 Min(3-18), 206 Min(3-8), 207 Min(3-2), 2132(2-10), 232(4-0), 233(4-0), 234(4-0), 235(2/3-3), 236(2/7-2), 1158(6-5), 1159(6-5), 1160(6-5), 1161(6-5), 1170(6-5), 1171(5-15), 1172(5-15), 1173(6-5), 1177(6-5), 1178(5-15), 1179(5-15), 1161(6-5), 1180(6-5), 1181(6-5), 1182(6-5), 1710/1652/201 Min(4-3), 205 Min(0-7), 207 Min(1-1), 1710/1652/20 Min(2-15), 1802/600(0-4), 1803/600(7-11), 1709/1652/201(0-5), As Per Jamabandi Year 2015-2016, Situated At Village Duladdi, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 8,88,313/-	02/08/2023
20.	Sukhdev Singh, Kulwant Kaur, S/o Balvir Singh, Village Rauni, Tehsil Payal, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141415. A/c No: TBLUD00005957049	Property Plot Measuring 5 Biswe, Khawat No. 243, Khatoni No. 384 to 395, Comprised In Khasra No. 204(0-7), 1157 Min(0-5), 1324(0-2), 1325(0-2), 1326(0-2), 1155(6-18), 1163(6-5), 1164(4-7), 1166(6-6), 1167(6-5), 1168(5-8), 198 Min(2-5), 214/2(2-10), 456(8-8), 1169 Min(3-2), 2304/2014/196(0-5), 2018/197(4-4), 2301/2014/196(4-0), 2013/196(2-0), 2015/197(0-13), 199(6-5), 205 Min(4-0), 206 Min(3-0), 207 Min(4-0), 1157 Min(6-0), 1162(6-5), 1165(6-5), 1169 Min(3-3), 1174(6-5), 1175(6-5), 1176(6-5), 198 Min(4-0), 200(6-5), 202(6-5), 203(6-1), 205 Min(3-18), 206 Min(3-8), 207 Min(3-2), 2132(2-10), 232(4-0), 233(4-0), 234(4-0), 235(2/3-3), 236(2/7-2), 1158(6-5), 1159(6-5), 1160(6-5), 1161(6-5), 1170(6-5), 1171(5-15), 1172(5-15), 1173(6-5), 1177(6-5), 1178(5-15), 1179(5-15), 1161(6-5), 1180(6-5), 1181(6-5), 1182(6-5), 1710/1652/201 Min(4-3), 205 Min(0-7), 207 Min(1-1), 1710/1652/20 Min(2-15), 1802/600(0-4), 1803/600(7-11), 1709/1652/201(0-5), As Per Jamabandi Year 2015-2016, Situated At Village Duladdi, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 24,876/-	02/08/2023
21.	Soman Kumar Manked, Kanu Manked, Sunita Rani, House No. 18, Gautam Vihar, Balloke Road Opp. Green Avenue, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00005490730	Plot No. 18, Comprised In Khata No. 23/23, Khasra No. 17/22, 21/2, As Per Jamabandi Year 2008-2009, Situated At Gautam Vihar Near Bachan Singh Nagar, Village Baloke, Hadbasat No. 103, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 4,01,296/-	03/08/2023
22.	Soman Kumar Manked, Kanu Manked, Sunita Rani, House No. 18, Gautam Vihar, Balloke Road Opp. Green Avenue, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00005485967	Plot No. 18, Comprised In Khata No. 23/23, Khasra No. 17/22, 21/2, As Per Jamabandi Year 2008-2009, Situated At Gautam Vihar Near Bachan Singh Nagar, Village Baloke, Hadbasat No. 103, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 8,23,294/-	03/08/2023
23.	Soman Kumar Manked, Kanu Manked, Sunita Rani, House No. 18, Gautam Vihar, Balloke Road Opp. Green Avenue, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. A/c No: LBLUD00005485976	Plot No. 18, Comprised In Khata No. 23/23, Khasra No. 17/22, 21/2, As Per Jamabandi Year 2008-2009, Situated At Gautam Vihar Near Bachan Singh Nagar, Village Baloke, Hadbasat No. 103, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab	23/10/2023 Rs. 7,98,856/-	03/08/2023
24.	Gurbachan Singh, Sushil Kumari, Near Police Station, Vpo Momdot Uttar, Ferozpur, Ferozpur, Punjab- 152023. A/c No: LBLUD00006106374	Property Measuring 18 Marle, Khawat No. 175, Murabba No. 20, Killa No. 12 Min.(0-18) Towards East, Jamabandi Year 2001-2002, Village Mamdot Uttar, Hadbasat No. 305, Tehsil & District Ferozpur, Punjab	02/11/2023 Rs. 19,75,767/-	13/06/2023
25.	Ajaypal Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Sukhchain Singh, Davinder Kaur, Baba Deep Singh Avenue, Min Piri Academy, Chhiharta, Amritsar, Punjab- 143105. A/c No: LBAMT00005803238	Plot Private No. 14 Min. Towards South, Khasra No. 136 Min., Khata Khatoni No. 364/662, As Per Jamabandi Year 2008-2009, Situated At Wadali Guru Sub-Urban, Abadi San Sahib Road, Tehsil & District Amritsar, Punjab	02/11/2023 Rs. 18,96,245/-	03/08/2023
26.	Arwinder Singh, Soandeep Kaur, Bhikhiwind, Tam Taran, Amritsar, Punjab- 143001. A/c No: LBAMT00006464501	Property Comprised in Khata Khatoni No. 940/2109, Murabba/ Killa No. 99/18, Jamabandi Year 2016-2017, Situated At Village Bkhiwind, Tehsil Patti, District Tam Taran, Punjab	02/11/2023 Rs. 40,61,051/-	03/08/2023
27.	Atul Kumar, Harpreet Bains, House No. 353, First Floor, Phase 3B1, Sas Nagar, Mohali, Punjab- 160057. A/c No: LBZMO00005123201	House No. 8C, Second Floor, Khawat Khatoni No. 1991/2141, 1798/1924, Comprised in Khasra No. 43/16/1(3-0), 25/2/1(4-3), 25/3/2(0-7), 15/2/3(3-9), 25/2/2(0-11), 44/11/2/2(0-19), 11/3(7-3), 12/1/1(1-2), 20/2(2-8), 21/1(2-2), 21/2(2-16), 21/2/1(0-8), 31(0-7), 30/1(0-9), 20/1(1-8), 21/3(2-15), 30/2(0-15), As Per Jamabandi Year 2016-2017, Best Homz, Hadbasat No. 184, Tehsil Kharar, District Sahibzada Ajeet Singh Nagar, Mohali, Punjab	02/11/2023 Rs. 21,30,504/-	08/08/2023
28.	Rahul Dhand, Rozy Dhand, House No. B 9/713/4, Factory Area, Patiala, Punjab- 147001. A/c No: LBPAT00005663416	House Comprised in Khasra No. 13 Min.(2-11), 16 Min(2-7-10), 16 Min(0-5), 16 Min(0-5), 16 Min(0-5), 16 Min(0-5), 13min(0-5-10), 16 Min(0-13-10), 16 Min(0-13), 16 Min(0-8), 13 Min(0-16), 16 Min(0-6), 16 Min(0-4), 13 Min(1-0), 16 Min(0-8), 16 Min(0-2), 13 Min(0-6), 16 Min(0-2), 13 Min(0-11), 74(5-18), Khawat Khatoni No. 90/396 To 416, As Per Jamabandi Year 2017-2018, Situated At Gobind Enclave, Village Deelwal, Tehsil & District Patiala, Punjab	02/11/2023 Rs. 22,99,7	



# AUSTRALIA BEAT INDIA BY FIVE WICKETS

OZ reduce margin to 2-1 to stay alive in T20I series

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Glenn Maxwell's fiery unbeaten hundred carried Australia to a five-wicket win over India in the third T20I here on Tuesday. With this win, Australia managed to cut India's series lead to 2-1 in the five-match rubber. Maxwell made 104 off 48 balls (8x4, 8x6) as the Aussies went past India's 222 for 3 in the last ball of the match. Skipper Matthew Wade remained not out on a crucial 28 off 16 balls. Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi took two wickets for India. Earlier, Ruturaj Gaikwad's maiden international hundred was the cornerstone of India's big total. Gaikwad made a rollicking unbeaten 123 off 57 balls. Ruturaj Gaikwad displayed brute power and wonderful technique in equal measure with a maiden hundred that propelled India to a commanding 222 for 3 against Australia in the third T20 International here on Tuesday. Gaikwad slammed a career-best 123 not out off just 57 balls



with 13 fours and seven sixes, a first ton by an Indian batter against Australia in T20 Internationals. The 30 runs that Gaikwad took off Glenn Maxwell in the 20th over could prove to be a game-

changer. Skipper Matthew Wade's decision to give a part-time off-spinner 20th over of the innings backfired big-time. On a wicket that had some extra bounce and swing, India had a

shaky start losing their both their in-form batters Yashasvi Jaiswal (6) and Ishan Kishan (0) cheaply after Matthew Wade opted to bowl to make use of the dewy conditions. Skipper Suryakumar Yadav (39;

29b) looked set for a big knock with two sixes and five boundaries before debutant pacer Aaron Hardie dismissed him with a short ball just after the halfway mark. With run-rate not an issue --

eight per over -- they needed someone to anchor their innings, and the Indian vice-captain Gaikwad played the role to perfection. From 13 off 15 balls, the right-hander with orthodox technique, who often drew flak for his slow starts, switched gears after Surrya's dismissal, displaying the wide array of shots in his repertoire. His knock was not just about classical drives in the V but also a testament to his brute power. He packed a lot of punch in his pulls and an inside-out maximums. It was a different Gaikwad on display during last six overs. Once he got his furst 50 off 32 balls, he then went berserk, taking another 20 to bring up his maiden triple digit score in the last over of Maxwell. Gaikwad muscled Maxwell over wide long to to bring up his century with a six as he smashed two more in the same over that yielded 30 runs as India amassed 200-plus totals in each of the three T20Is so far. **Brief scores:** India: 222 for 3 in 20 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 123 not out, Suryakumar Yadav 39, Tilak Varma 31 not out; Jason Behrendorff 1/12) lost to Australia: 225 for 5 in 20 overs (Glenn Maxwell 104 not out, Matthew Wade 28 not out, Ravi Bishnoi 2/32) by 5 wickets.



## When Kohli's wicket fell, stadium was quiet like library: Cummins

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Australian captain Pat Cummins couldn't believe his ears when he found a near 100,000 people at Narendra Modi Stadium go pin-drop silence after Virat Kohli's dismissal giving the vibe of a "quiet library" during the World Cup final against India. Australia won their sixth title beating India by six wickets but many believe that Cummins getting India's No. 1 batter played on, became the turning point of the match. "We're in a huddle after the wicket of Kohli in the final & (Steve) Smith says, 'Boys, listen to the crowd.'" And we just took a moment of pause, and it was as quiet as a library, 100,000-plus Indians there & it was so quiet. I'll savour that moment for a long time," Cummins told "The Age" during an interaction. Late, he spoke to reporters and said that to hold the Trophy, it took a lot out of him and his team. "To hold one trophy takes a lot. But, to hold them across formats really shows our amazing coaching group and also the squad of players," Cummins told reporters here on Tuesday during a World Cup event. "You can't do that with 11 players. You need 25 really good players. So, it shows the strength of Australian cricket at the moment and the appetite of the guys to compete whenever they play." "Everything takes a lot out of you, but the guys keep rocking

up and performing, which is as pleasing as anything else." **WORDS LIKE REST AND ROTATIONS GET THROWN AROUND:** Workload management might be in vogue in world cricket for past few years but Cummins believes that words like "rest" and "rotation" are loosely thrown around when reality is nobody likes to miss a Test if he is fully fit. Cummins, who has led the Australian team to World Test Championship and ODI World Cup glory in 2023, said that despite a long season, his unit is raring to go during the coming Australian Summer which starts with Test series against Pakistan on December 14. "Realistically, the word rest and rotated gets thrown around a lot, but you never miss a Test if you are fully fit." "While over the last couple of years, we might have been rested from the odd game, the bulk of work we've been able to do is because of those small gaps. If we are fully fit, we won't be resting." He recalled that as pacers, the players are bound to feel some niggles somewhere or the other but they should not be bogged down by it. "You are always dealing with something as a bowler. When your hamstring starts to feel, then you feel a pain somewhere else, then you wake up the next day, and it's moved somewhere else," Cummins continued. Currently, a second-string Aussie squad is currently competing in a five-match T20I series in India.



## NZ offspinner Phillips takes 4 wickets to reduce Bangladesh to 310-9 after Mahmudul's 86

AP ■ SYLHET (BANGLADESH)

Offspinner Glenn Phillips claimed 4-37 in only his second match as New Zealand reduced Bangladesh to 310-9 on day one of the opening test on Tuesday. Phillips' haul helped the visitors gain an edge after Bangladesh won the toss and opted to bat first on a pitch ideal for batting. Bangladesh made a good start with opener Mahmudul Hasan playing serenely to put the side in the driving seat in the first session but his teammates' rash shots undermined his effort. Mahmudul made a team-best 86 off 166 balls with 11 boundaries. He shared stands of 39 for the first wicket with Zakir Hasan and 53 for the second with Najmul Hossain Shanto as Bangladesh made steady progress. Shanto, who led the home team in the absence of Shakib Al Hasan, was dismissed just before lunch after playing an attacking 37 off 35 deliveries. He was particularly harsh on left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel (2-76), hitting him for three sixes to entertain the sparse crowd. Patel, one of only three bowlers ever to take 10 wickets in a single test innings, gave the visitors an early breakthrough when he dismissed Zakir Hasan for 12 in the 13th over with a delivery that turned sharply to rattle the stumps. Shanto targeted Patel and opened with a six over mid-on.

And he used his feet effectively to dominate New Zealand's other spinners — Ish Sodhi and Glenn Phillips. But he paid for his aggressive batting when he charged a full toss from Phillips and skied a catch to Kane Williamson in the deep, making the score 92-2. Mahmudul and Mominul dug in to defy the New Zealand bowlers who were relentless in attack and Mahmudul raised his fourth test fifty, driving Patel for a boundary through cover off 93 balls. As the innings seemed to turn in Bangladesh's favour, Phillips made the crucial breakthrough when Mominul's attempted cut resulted in a catch behind the wicket, ending the 88-run partnership. Mominul scored 37 off 78 with four fours. Mahmudul fell in the next over. After playing with soft hands throughout his stay, he went after legspinner Shodi, only to be caught by Daryl Mitchell at slip. With Bangladesh at 184-4, the onus was on veteran Mushfiqur Rahim to lead the side but he needlessly charged Patel to be caught by Williamson at deep mid-off for 12. Debutant Shahadat Hossain appeared to be solid against the spinners but the rash shots of Mehidy Hasan against pacer Kyle Jamieson (2-52), further deepened Bangladesh's crisis. Shahadat was undone by a slower delivery from Phillips as he chipped straight to short mid-wicket after adding 24.

## PCB in deadlock with ACC on compensation for flights during Asia Cup

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) was on Tuesday caught in a deadlock with the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) for demanding additional compensation on organising chartered flights between Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the Asia Cup, which it co-hosted in August-September. The Asia Cup 2023 was organised in a hybrid model in Pakistan and Sri Lanka after the ACC accepted PCB's hybrid model, with majority of the matches organised in the island nation. A reliable source in the PCB informed PTI that apart from seeking the tournament hosting fees - around \$250,000 - as well as shares from ticketing and sponsorship fees, they have also demanded additional compensation. The source said, "The additional money is for expenses

incurred on renting chartered flights for teams between Pakistan and Sri Lanka and other extra expenses like additional hotel and transport fees, which were not included in the initial budget for the Asia Cup." The source, however, informed that the ACC is not willing to pay additional expenses to the PCB since it believes that Pakistan had agreed for matches to be held in Sri Lanka under its hybrid model, in return for hosting four games of the Asia Cup at home. A Sri Lanka-based company named Classic Travel was paid \$281,000 for arranging four chartered flights to and fro between Pakistan and the island nation - something that PCB's Cricket Management Committee (CMC) was not comfortable paying upfront as advance. The tournament was moved to a hybrid model after India refused to play in Pakistan citing security reasons.

PTI ■ MUMBAI

A promising bunch of India Women's 'A' players will look to utilise the most of the opportunity when they face their counterparts from England in a three-match T20 series, starting here on Wednesday. The second and third matches will be played on December 1 and 3. All the three matches will be held at the Wankhede Stadium here. The three matches between the 'A' sides of India and England will be followed by a three-match T20I series and a one-off Test between the senior women's teams of the two countries. All the matches between the seniors sides will also be held in Mumbai, beginning with the first T20I on December 6. It is, in fact, going to be a busy season for the Indian women cricketers. The contests against

the Englishwomen will be followed by a long tour of Australia women to India, comprising a one-off Test, three ODIs and three T20Is. With the India women's senior squad yet to be announced, the 16-member India A side, led by Kerala's Minnu Mani, will have extra motivation to do well in order to push for their selection in the senior team. The 24-year-old all-rounder Mani has been given a huge responsibility, considering that she only made her international debut four months ago during India's tour of Bangladesh in July.

## Fans to get free entry for India women's cricket team's matches in Mumbai

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Fans have been spared the hassle of running around for match tickets during Indian women's cricket team's upcoming fixtures against England and Australia at the Wankhede Stadium and DY Patil Stadium as the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) on Tuesday made the entry free for all those matches. The cricket fest here will start with India Women's A team taking on their England counterparts in a three-match T20 series from Wednesday, with all matches to be played at the Wankhede Stadium on November 29, December 1 and 3 from 1:30pm. India women's senior team will then take on England in a three-match T20I series starting on December 6, and the second and third match will be played on December 9 and 10 respectively at the Wankhede Stadium. These games will have a 7:00pm start.

"MCA president Amol Kale and the apex council unanimously passed the decision to encourage support for women's cricket," said secretary Ajinkya Naik. "Unlocking the gates for free entry not only fills the stadium but also opens the door to a world of empowerment through women's T20 cricket," added Naik. India and England will then engage in a one-off Test to be played at the DY Patil from December 14-17. India will begin their home series against the Australian Women's team with a one-off Test to be played at the Wankhede Stadium from December 21 to 24, followed by a three-match ODI series. While the first ODI will be played on December 28, the second will be on December 30 and the third ODI will be on January 2, 2024 with the Wankhede Stadium serving as the host for all these matches, starting at 1:30pm.

# India Women's A team looks to utilise most of opportunity against England counterparts



Mani also played for Delhi Capitals in the inaugural Women's Premier League. The focus will also be on future

India prospect, Karnataka's Shreyanka Patil who had a promising run in the WPL earlier this year and also became the

first Indian player ever to sign up for the Women's Caribbean Premier League. Among those to watch out for will be the young and dashing Punjab batter Kanika Ahuja, who delivered an all-round show — 30 runs and two wickets — in the final of the ACC's Women's Emerging Teams Cup. Mannat Kashyap's progress as a young off-spinner will also be under watch and among batters, the likes of G Trisha, Dinesh Vrinda and Gnanananda Divya will be expected to deliver the goods. While the visiting England A are yet to announce their squad for

the series against India A, they are coming here after a training camp in Oman. Among those who featured in the camp were exciting young fast bowler Mahika Gaur, Charlie Dean and Lauren Filer, who took a handful of wickets for England against Sri Lanka in their recent series. **India Women's A:** Minnu Mani (c), Kanika Ahuja, Uma Chetry (wk), Shreyanka Patil, G Trisha, Vrinda, Dinesh, Gnanananda Divya, Arushi Goel, Disha Kasat, Rashi Kanojia, Mannat Kashyap, Anusha Baredy, Monica Patel, Kashavee Gautham, Jintimani Kalita, Prakashika Naik.

# Don't keep so much hopes that people end up with broken hearts: Kapil

PTI ■ GURUGRAM

Excess hype often leads to broken hearts and hence it is always necessary to strike a balance, legendary Kapil Dev said on Tuesday in context of India's six-wicket defeat at the hands of Australia in the World Cup final earlier this month. The 1983 World Cup winning skipper said that the Indian fans should refrain from creating too much pressure and treat cricket just as another sport. "Don't keep so much hopes that people end up with broken hearts. We need to keep a balance. Other teams also came to India to compete in the World Cup. We shouldn't create so much hype. We need to look at sports as sports only. Whoever plays good on the day, we need to respect that. We are too emotional," Kapil said on the sidelines of the inaugural tee off ceremony of Kapil Dev Grant Thornton Invitational golf tournament here. India won 10 games, most of which were lopsided as contests, before Australia

turned the tables on them at the Narendra Modi Stadium on November 19. For past 10 years, India have lost seven knock-out games out of eight ICC tournaments that they took part between 2014 to 2023. Kapil doesn't know if the pressure of occasion gets to them. "I think today's players can answer how much pressure they feel. We can only feel," he said. However there are shortcomings which needs to be taken care of, Kapil stated, without specifying what they were. "If they (India) win it feels really good. There are shortcomings which we need to address. It is not that you won't have shortcomings after a win. What's most important is to rectify them," the 63-year-old said. He urged fans to celebrate what India achieved rather than what they missed out. "They (India) won 10 matches in a row. Is it not enough? We should look at other teams as well. We shouldn't compare anyone. What is important is to see whether they played good cricket or not.



We played very good cricket. Final day was not ours so be it," the 1983- World Cup-winning captain added. Kapil cited the examples of South Africa and defending champions England to prove his point. "We should look at performance of other teams as well like, South Africa, England who were the defending champions, they finished last (seventh)," Kapil also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's gesture to visit the Indian dressing room and console the players after the final loss in Ahmedabad on November 19. "If the Prime Minister doesn't encourage, who will? He is the No.1 man in the country and if he supports, it feels good," he said. The former all-rounder also refrained from commenting on Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma's future in T20 Internationals. "This is selectors job and we should leave it to them. It is not good to comment on everything. They are responsible and what they feel good, they should do," he

said. The second edition of the Kapil Dev Grant Thornton Invitational golf tournament, sanctioned by Professional Golf Tour of India, will have prize purse of Rs 2 crore this year, double the amount from last year. Title holder Varun Parikh will try to defend his title in the tournament beginning on Wednesday at the DLF Golf and Country Club here. Kapil said some former cricketers including Murali Karthik, Madan Lal, Yuvraj Singh, Harbhajan Singh are expected to be present on the final day of the event on December 3. He also said he would request Sachin Tendulkar to grace the occasion. "Already the prize money has been doubled. It feels good that some former cricketers will be coming for the event. Why can't cricketers play other sports? "If we can support other sport apart from cricket, why not? In India, there is not just one game," said the man, who has been an amateur golfer since his retirement.