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# Canada isolated as India roars

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NEW DELHI

Amid a huge diplomatic conflagration following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, India on Wednesday issued an advisory urging its nationals in Canada and those contemplating to travel there to exercise utmost caution in view of anti-India activities in some parts of that country.

This note of caution came a day after Canada issued an advisory to its nationals to remain vigilant while travelling to India.

In another development External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar reportedly briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday here about the chain of events over the last two days.

A day after Trudeau's allegation of India's involvement in the killing of Nijjar, the Canadian media reported that Ottawa's Five Eye allies were not keen on taking sides. Canada is part of a "Five Eyes" network which is an intelli-



gence alliance consisting of the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. They showed little inclination to wade into an escalating row between Ottawa and New Delhi over allegations.

India on Tuesday rejected Trudeau's allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the case.

Reacting to developments, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti said, "Canada is a dear friend, partner and ally and happens to be our north-

ern neighbour. We care deeply for Canada just as we care deeply for India. I think that moments like this don't define our relationship, but they certainly can slow down progress...With an active criminal investigation, I hope that we can make sure that perpetrators are brought to justice and that we can all allow the space for that information and that investigation to occur before anybody leaps to judgment."

The advisory issued by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), it said, "In view of growing anti-India activities and politically-condoned hate

crimes and criminal violence in Canada, all Indian nationals there and those contemplating travel are urged to exercise utmost caution. Recently, threats have particularly targeted Indian Diplomats and sections of the Indian community who oppose the anti-India agenda. "Indian nationals are therefore advised to avoid travelling to regions and potential venues in Canada that have seen such incidents.

"Our High Commission/Consulates General will continue to be in contact with the Canadian authorities to ensure the safety and well being of the Indian community in Canada."

Given the deteriorating security environment in Canada, Indian students in particular are advised to exercise extreme caution and remain vigilant.

Indian nationals and students from India in Canada must also register with the High Commission of India in Ottawa or Consulates General of India in Toronto and Vancouver through their respective websites, or the MADAD portal madad.gov.in.

# Women's Reservation has many miles to go

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NEW DELHI

The new Parliament building, on its second day of functioning, made history by passing the long-awaited Women's Reservation Bill, rebranded as the "Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam", with an overwhelming majority in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was present during the voting on the Bill.

Setting the tone of the debate, former Congress president Sonia Gandhi made a strong pitch for bringing OBC women in the ambit of the proposed law and asserting that any delay in bringing the reservation into effect would be "gross injustice" to women.

During the course of the over eight-hour-long debate, many Opposition MPs objected to the Bill, citing a delay in implementing women's reservation until after the delimitation process. However, the Bill was passed with 454 MPs in support, and only two MPs from AIMIM in opposition.

Intervening in the debate, Home Minister Amit Shah brushed aside apprehensions of a delay in the implementation of the proposed law and asserted that the next government

## Lok Sabha passes Bill



Congress MP Sonia Gandhi arrives at Parliament House complex during the special session in New Delhi on Wednesday

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will conduct a census and delimitation exercise soon after the elections, setting in motion the process to make women's reservation a reality.

The Bill will be tabled in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday and is likely to be passed there as well after a full day of debate, as scheduled. Following its passage in Parliament, the Bill will require consent from half of the total State Assemblies in the country.

Subsequently, the approval of President Draupadi Murmu will transform it into an Act.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed delight at the passage of the Bill and wrote on X: "The Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam is a historic legislation which will further boost women empowerment and will enable even greater participation of women in our political process."

The constitutional amendment Bill "Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam", was introduced in the Lower House on Tuesday. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal presented the Constitution (128th

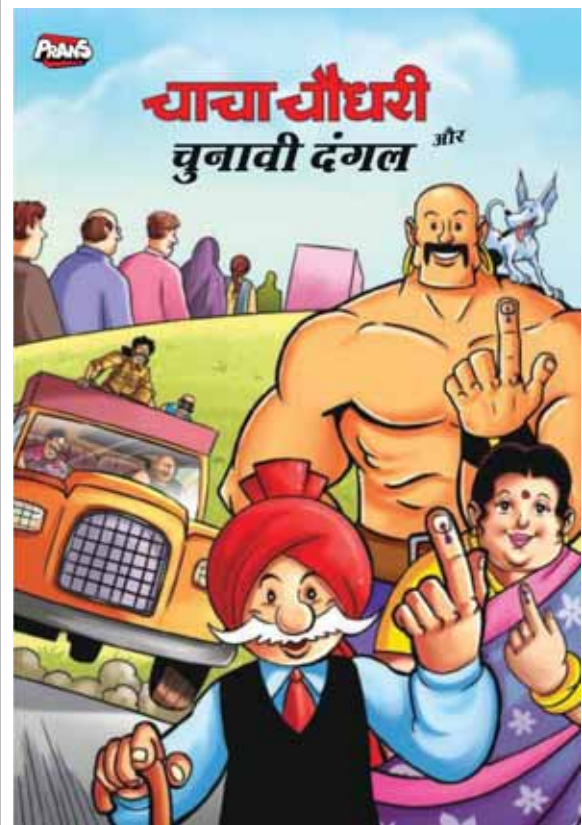
Amendment) Bill, aiming to reserve 33 per cent of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.

The Bill has been proposed by various governments since 1996, but failed to garner consensus each time. This is not only a historic moment for the Bill, which ensures equal representation of women in the lower house of Parliament, but it is also the inaugural Bill to be tabled and passed in the new Parliament building.

Despite the majority agreeing on the importance of women's reservation, there was a heated debate over two clauses. Firstly, the issue of "delimitation" raised objections, as it would significantly postpone the implementation of the Bill.

Secondly, the exclusion of OBC from the reservation, which included quota for the SC and the ST, was contentious.

A total of 27 women MPs, spanning across party lines, including Union Minister Smriti Irani and Congress Parliamentary chief Sonia Gandhi, spoke during the Lok Sabha debate. BJP legislators supported it, while Opposition parties also backed it, demanding its immediate implementation. Currently, there are 82 women MPs in the Lok Sabha, out of a total strength of 543.



## Chacha Chaudhary, Sabu entice voters

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Chacha Chaudhary, the indelible comic character crafted by Pran Kumar Sharma, who resides deep within the heart of every Indian, is now being used to raise awareness among new voters.

This isn't the first instance where the Government has employed characters like Chacha Chaudhary and other iconic comic figures to promote and raise awareness, be it for projects like Namami Ganga or initiatives such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

The Election Commission (EC) will use Chacha Chaudhary, Sabu, Raaka, Dhamaka Singh, Billoo and others to create awareness about elections among new voters.

In a one of a kind effort, a comic book titled Chacha Chaudhary and Chunavi Dangal published by Pran Comics has been launched to create awareness about elections among new voters

through popular comic characters. The book was launched by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel.

Chacha Chaudharym Sabu, Raka, Billoo and Dhamaka Singh among others will now teach voters about the importance of elections, and how to enroll as voters. The comic will comprise 10 short stories on electoral aspects.

In the comic, Chacha Chaudhary also plays a pivotal role in introducing readers to various apps developed by the Election Commission of India like cVigil and KYC, thereby empowering them to become an active and informed participant in the election process. The comic book strongly emphasises the significance of women's participation in the electoral process, aligning with ECI efforts to increase women's participation.

## Sikh diaspora slams Trudeau

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Influential Sikhs in America are upset with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations against India

Chairman of Sikhs of America Jesse Singh on Wednesday raised questions over the timing of the Canadian PM's allegations. Singh said Trudeau is digging a hole for himself for political gain and it can backfire.

A US expert has termed Canadian Trudeau's claim of a "potential link" between Indian Government agents and the killing of Khalistani leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the chief of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force, a "shameless and cynical action" and urged the United States not be part of it.

Participating in a panel discussion at the Hudson Institute think-tank, Michael Rubin, Senior Fellow at American Enterprise Institute, claimed Trudeau is playing into the hands of people who are looking at the Khalistani movement as a movement of ego and profit.

What is striking about Trudeau's "shameless action and cynical action" is that

while he is making a statement now, the killing of Karima Baluch that was carried out allegedly with Pakistani assistance is a police matter and has not been taken to the Prime Minister's office, Rubin said.

India has strongly rejected Trudeau's claims as "absurd and motivated" and dismissed a senior Canadian diplomat in a reciprocal move. "Such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The inaction of the Canadian Government on this matter has been a long-standing and continuing concern," Indian Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesperson told reporters that "work on the trade negotiations will continue as before" and that the UK was "not looking to conflate these issues". Soon after Trudeau's allegation, a UK Government spokesperson said Britain is in close touch with the Canadian authorities but declined to comment further.



Hubballi Ka Raja arrives: Devotees carry a 23-feet Lord Ganesha idol for Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in Hubballi on Tuesday. Ganpati is famously called Hubballi Ka Raja in Hubballi

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# Global warming: 2023 a climate alert

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NEW DELHI

Just as the world sweated it out in the record-breaking hottest July, a new study has now warned that 2023 will be no exception as it is expected to be the hottest year ever, marking another alarming milestone triggered by climate change induced El Niño.

This serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for decisive action on the climate change front.

A study based on the China global Merged Surface Temperature dataset 2.0 (CMST 2.0), from Sun Yat-sen University which has revealed these alarming facts, comes after NASA and the European Union Climate Monitor recently also stated 2023 to be the hottest on record. As per NASA, July was esti-

mated to have been around 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than the pre-industrial average for 1850-1900. It said July was 0.33 degree Celsius warmer than the previous warmest month, July 2019. In fact, Asia, Africa, and South America each had their warmest July on record.

South America had its highest monthly temperature anomaly of any month on record. The hottest of these was July 6, when the average daily global temperature was recorded to be 17.08 degrees Celsius, according to reports.

For the new study published in Advances in Atmospheric Sciences, the researchers analysed the CMST 2.0 dataset and discovered that 2023 has already experienced the third hottest first half-year since records began, narrowly trailing 2016 — the warmest



year — and 2020 — the second warmest. The global mean sea surface temperatures (SSTs) surged to an all-time high in April, while global mean land air temperatures followed suit by reaching their second-highest monthly level in June.

This combination resulted in May being crowned the hottest month ever recorded for

global mean surface temperatures.

Global temperatures will continue to rise into the second half of 2023, driven by factors, including El Niño and widespread wildfires.

Both global mean SSTs and global mean land temperatures reached unprecedented highs for July, shattering previ-

ous records.

"Given the current trajectory and short-term forecast results of El Niño, along with the extremely positive phase of the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation that strongly influences global surface temperatures, 2023 is expected to be the hottest year on record," said Professor Li Qingxiang from Sun Yat-sen.

"Moreover, 2024 may witness even higher global surface temperatures," added LI, also a research fellow at the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The CMST 2.0 dataset is one of the most comprehensive global surface temperature benchmark datasets to date. It takes into account the accuracy of both global and regional climate change, raising the level of global temperature

monitoring to a new level.

The dataset integrates over a century's worth of global land air temperature data and state-of-the-art research results from across the globe, resulting in an invaluable resource for climate scientists and policy-makers.

Based on this dataset, the team was the first to point out that the much-talked-about "global warming hiatus" during the last decade was just a statistical artefact, and in 2022, the dataset was expanded to include Arctic temperature data, further enhancing its global coverage.

As global warming accelerates, the likelihood of extreme weather events and disasters increases. Therefore, immediate and sustained efforts are needed to mitigate the devastating impacts of climate change.

# Classifieds

## LOST AND FOUND

**I Shushil Kaushik** son of Sh.V.M Kaushik R/o House No.1215, IInd floor, Sector 21 Panchkula declare that my son Aditya Kaushik has lost his Original Matriculation Certificate passed from St.Xavier School Sector-20 Panchkula issued from ICSE Board under Unique ID 7307665. If anyone finds the above mention missing document please send this at above mentioned address.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Menak Lakhnpal** (Name as per Policy) S/o Sh. Harish Mohan R/o VPO Hardokhanpur (Address per Policy) Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from (old name as per Policy) Menak Lakhnpal to (New Name as required now) Mainak Lakhnpal. All Concerned may please note.

**I Jai Manti** W/o Late Kumar Sain, House 737, New Indira Colony Manimajra Chandigarh, My son Jaipal and daughter-in-law Sarvesh out of my control. I disown them from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

**I Ritv W/o** Surjit Kumar, House 1490, N13, Manimajra Chandigarh, My daughter Rakhi out of my control. I Disown her from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with her at their own Risk.

**I, Mohinder Kaur** W/o Late Kartar Singh, House 446, Sector 44-A, Chandigarh inform that my daughter Charanjit Kaur out of my control. I disown her from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with her at their own Risk.

**I Dharam Singh** S/o Duli Chand R/o H.No. 763, Vill. Khewra, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has disowned my son Sunil & his wife Bhawna from my all moveable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Atma Ram** S/o Sh Dona Ram alias Dhona Ram R/o Dera Kamboj, Village Brass, Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal declare that my daughters Radha Rani and Rekha Rani are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and immovable property. They will be responsible for their transactions, Good-Bad, legal-illegal activities.

**We Ram Dev** S/o Sukh Raj & Saroj W/o Ram Dev R/o H.No-279/827 Jandli Ambala city inform that our Daughter Pooja & his Husband Anil are out of our control. So I disown both of them from our movable/ immovable properties. if anybody deals with them at their own risk.

**I, Kishori Lal** (Aadhaar No. 3920 1419 8400) S/o Mangat Ram R/o # 232/3, Jain Gali, Thanesar, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, declare that my son Mandeep alias Sainky and his wife Pinky are beyond my hearing. Therefore, I evict both of them from all my movable and immovable property. In future, the person doing transactions with them will himself be responsible. Note all concerns.

**I, Joginder Kumar** Tangra S/o Hargobind Tangra R/o H.No.2203, Near Shive Mandir, Housing Board Colony, Sector-13-17, Hudda, Panipat declare that Joginder & Joginder Kumar Tangra both are one and the same person name. All concerned noted.

**I, Neha Tangra** W/o Joginder Kumar Tangra R/o H.No.2203, Near Shive Mandir, Housing Board Colony, Sector-13-17, Hudda, Panipat declare that Neha & Neha Tangra both are one and the same ladies name. All concerned noted.

**I, Princepal Singh** S/o Mangal Singh R/o Vill. Nangal Pannuan, PO Nag Kalan, Amritsar have declare that Singh is my surname and Princepal is my given name.

**I, Jaspinder Singh** S/o Bita Singh R/o VPO Gaggio Mahal, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar declare that Singh is my surname and Jaspinder is my given name.

**I, Anmoldeep Singh** S/o Harwinder Singh R/o H.No. 34, Near Khanna Paper Mill, C-Block, Palm, Garden, Majitha Road, Amritsar declare that Singh is my surname and Anmoldeep is my given name.

**I, Gursewak Singh** S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Village Ratta Gudda, Tehsil Patli, TarnTaran declare that Singh is my surname and Gursewak is my given name.

**I, Bachiter Singh** S/o Narinder Singh R/o Village Kalh Mahal, PO Gaggomahal, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar declare that Singh is my surname and Bachiter is my given name.

**I, Paramjit Singh** S/o Karan Singh R/o Vill. Darshpur, PO Naushetra Nal Bandan, Pathankot declare that Singh is my surname and Paramjit is my given name.

**I, Sukhwinder Singh** S/o Mukhtar Singh R/o VPO Sangatpura, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar declare that Singh is my surname and Sukhwinder is my given name.

**I, Raghubir Singh** S/o Mela Ram R/o 6333/20, Nawan Kot, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Raghubir Singh to Raghubir Singh.

**I, Preethy** D/o Kashmira Masih R/o Village China PO Naushera Majha Singh Distt Gurdaspur declare that I have changed my gender from female to male and changed my name from Preethy to Aaric Malhotra. Concerned note.

**I, Rajwinder** W/o Kulwant Singh r/o 43, Greater Kailash Indclave, New Sant Nagar, Gurdaspur declare that in school record of my son Prabhnor Singh, my name is wrongly written as Rajwinder Kaur. My correct name is Rajwinder. Concerned note.

**I, Tarlok Singh** Sokhi S/O Shm Singh R/O H.No.230, Naushetra Majitha Road, Govind Nagar, Amritsar Have Declare That My Son Sukhchain Singh And His Wife Prabjhot Kaur Are Out Of My Control I Disinherit Them From My All Moavable And Immoveable Properties Any Body Deal With Them Is His Own Risk And Responsibility.

**I, Kishore Sharma** S/o R.K. Sharma R/o H.No. 186, Shiva Enclave, Bhabat, Zirakpur (S.A.S Nagar), disown my son Gaurav Sharma and his wife Anju from my moveable/ immovable property as they both beyond my control. If anybody deals them do at own risk/ responsibility, we shall not be responsible.

**I Gurdev Singh** Son Of Sohan Singh Resident Of Village Valoor Tehsil & District Ferozepur Declare That My Son Jasvir Singh & His Wife Gagandeep Kaur & His Daughter Mohpreet Kaur All Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown All Of Them From All My Moveable Or Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

**Jasbir Singh** And His Wife Rajinder Kaur R/O #2598 , Sunny Enclave Sector 125 Tehsil Khari Distt Mohali Hereby Inform General Public That We Had Disowned Our Son Tanveer Singh In 2019 Due To Certain Reasons Which No Longer Exist So We Declare That He Has Every Right Over Our Moveable And Immoveable Properties.

**We, Madhu** W/O Ashwani Kumar And Ashwani Kumar S/O Roop Lal R/O H.No. 665/32, Shivaji Colony, Rohtak Declare That Our Son Varun And His Wife Tamanna Are Out Of My Control. So We Disown Them From Our All Moveable/Immoveable Properties. Any Body Dealing With Them At Own Risk.

**I Malkeet Singh** S/O Joginder Singh R/O #8, Prem Singh Colony, Rajpura Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That My Daughter Komal Is Out Of My Control. So I Disown Her From All My Moveable Or Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Her On Their Own Risk. Me & My Family Is Not Responsible.

**I, Balbir Singh** S/O Sarwan Singh S/O 56 Apo Resident Of Vpo Jhijri Lower, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar Declare That In My Army Records My Daughter's Name Is Written Tamanna. My Daughter's Correct Name Is Tamana Badhan.

**I 10316292n** Rank Nk, Mngal Singh 124, Inf. Bn (T) Sikh 56 Apo S/O Mahender Singh R/O Ram Nagar Colony Jind Have Declare That Services Record Wrongly Mention My Mother Name Krishna Devi But My Mother Actual & Correct Name Krishna My Record.

**I, Army No. 4554333** Ex Hav Somvir Singh S/O Sh. Rishal Singh R/O H.No.1369, Sector 2, Rohtak (Haryana) Declare That My Wife Name Sunita Devi And Her Dob 26.03.1971 Are Wrongly Mentioned In My Army Record. But My Wife Correct & Actual Name Is Sunita And Her Correct Dob Is 10.05.1970. Vide Affidavit Dated 20.09.2023 Before Notary Public Rohtak.

**I, No. 678075-S** Ex Sgt Satyapal Singh S/O Sh. Bhim Singh R/O H.No.1369, Sector 2, Rohtak (Haryana) Declare That My Wife Name Sunita Devi And Her Dob 26.03.1971 Are Wrongly Mentioned In My Army Record. But My Correct & Actual Name Is Sunita And Her Correct Dob Is 10.05.1970. Vide Affidavit Dated 20.09.2023 Before Notary Public Rohtak.

**I, Gurvinder Singh** Hundal S/O Gurjant Singh S/O Awan Road Zira Tehsil Zira Distt. Ferozepur, Punjab Declare That In My Minor Son Dilraj Singh Hundal's School Record His Name Is Written As Dilraj Singh And My Name (Father Name) Written As Gurwinder Singh Which Boths Are Wrong. My Son Correct Name Is Dilraj Singh Hundal & My Correct Name Is Gurvinder Singh Hundal. So Please Amend Accordingly.

**I, Krishana Devi** W/O Late Ruda Ram R/o Khari Shishgangan Gumbala Garhu Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra My Son Raju And His Wife Savitira are out of my control I, disown them from all My moveable and immoveable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Own risk.

It is for general information that I, Hardeep Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o VPO, Dhalialw, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt.Jalandhar, Pin-144033, Punjab, India, declare that the name of my father has been wrongly written as Avtar in my 10th All Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is Avtar Singh which may be amended accordingly.

It is for general information that I, Sukhdeep Kaur D/o Avtar Singh R/o VPO, Dhalialw, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt.Jalandhar, Pin-144033, Punjab, India, declare that the name of my father has been wrongly written as Jagtar Singh in my 10th All Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is Avtar Singh which may be amended accordingly.

**I, Rajiv Kumar** S/o Pale Ram, R/o Quarter No. 25, Staff Colony, Gurukul, Kurukshetra, have breaks all relations with my younger brother Sandeep Tyagi who is living separately from me. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk. I or any other member of my family will not be responsible for any of his transactions, behaviour, actions or disputes. As there is no any relations with him.

**I, Karnail Singh** S/o Raldu Ram R/o Village Hariharig BhoraKh Tehsil Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, have disown my son Ashok Kumar, his wife Sonia Devi from all my moveable-immovable properties and legal rights, as they are out of my control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**We, Roshan Lal** S/o Jeet Singh and Ganga W/o Roshan Lal R/o Village Kirmach Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have disown our daughter-in-law Samtoth Devi (W/o Rakesh Kumar S/o Roshan Lal, who died on 19.06.2020, who is living separately from us) from all moveable immovable properties, as she is out of our control.

**I, Surender** S/o Lali Ram R/o Village Kalsana, Tehsil Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, Haryana, have disown my daughter, Manpreet, from all my moveable-immovable properties and legal rights, as she is out of my control. Anybody dealing with her at their own risk. responsibility.

**I, No. JC-413953P** Sub Maj Rajan, SC of SFTS resident of Village-Chighhari, Post- Dharamsala, Tehsil-Dharamsala, District- Kangra, State-HP, Pin- 176215, have changed my wife name from Sushan to Sushan Burathoki Vide affidavit No. 07AA 657408 dated 20 Sep 2023 before Executive Magistrate Kakira (HP)

**I, No.JC-415033W** NB/Sub P Amrutha Naidu of SFTS resident of Village- Gangapuram, Post- Kalakada, Tehsil- Kalakada, District- Chittoor, State- AP, PIN- 517236, have changed my Wife name from P Sri Latha to P Sree Latha Vide affidavit No.07AA 657424 dated 20 Sep 2023 before Executive Magistrate Kakira (HP)

**I, Sanjeevini** spouse of No.2804482L NK Kumbhar Sandeep Virupaksh resident of Village- Alate, Post- Alate, Tehsil- Hatkanagale, District- Kolhapur, State- Maharashtra, Pin-416109, have changed my name & DOB from Sanjeevini to Kumbhar Sanjeevini Sandeep and DOB from 29 April 1990 to 31 July 1990 Vide affidavit No.IN-JK39296808919280V dated 27 June 2023 before notary public Samba (JK&)

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

**IAnkit S/o** Gian Chand R/O H.no. 1013 Ward No. 08 Shiwala Mandi Machhonda (105) Ambala Haryana that in my school certificates issued by Board of School Education Haryana my father's name is wrongly mentioned as Gyan Chand but his actual name is Gian Chand . Concerned note

**I Sunita Devi** wife of No. 14339359M Ex Hav Dadi Bal resident of VPO Sunderpur District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my name from Sunita Devi (existing name) to Sunita (proposed new name) as per my Aadhaar /Pan Card. In future I shall may be known/written and called as Sunita for all work purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 20 SEP 2023 before Ist Class Magistrate, Rohtak .

**I. Vishal Rana** S/o Sh. Jasbir Singh R/O 275 Village Nijampur Khurd, Kharkhoda, Sonipat declare that my 10th Class Marksheet in my name mentioned Vishal S/o Jasbir Singh . But my Adhar Card & Pan Card in my name Vishal Rana S/o Sh. Jasbir Singh . Vishal S/o Jasbir Singh & Vishal Rana S/o Jasbir both names are one and same person.

**I Kalawanti** W/o Samarjeet Ram R/o #300, Dashedness Nagar, Ward No. 1, Rajpura Distt Patiala declare that my son Veer Bahadar and his wife Sarita Devi both are out of my control so I evict them all my Moveable immoveable property anyone dealing with them at their own risk.

**I, Vishal Bhalla** S/o Parshotam Lal Bhalla R/O H.No. 495-A New Model House, Jalandhar certified that Parshotam Lal Bhalla as well as P.L.Bhalla is one and same person i.e. my father.

**I, Gurmeet Singh,** S/O Sh. Atama Singh, R/O Pahora Chak, P. O. Dholowal, Tehsil & Distt- Pathankot (Punjab) Pin Code-143531 declare that my name is Gurmeet Singh S/O Sh. Atama Singh and also known as Gurmit Singh S/O Sh. Atama Singh. That both Gurmeet Singh S/O Sh. Atama Singh and Gurmit Singh S/O Sh. Atama Singh is one and the same person vide affidavit dated 19-09-2023

**I, Ajeet Bahadur** S/O Kharak Bahadur No.545690N House Address In Service Record Is Shivpuri Colony At Dehradun Whereas Now My Permanent House Address Is Ekta Nagar, NR. Focal Point, Back Side DMW, NR Shiv Mandir, Pattiala. Please Correct This In My Army Record.

**I Pratima Rai** W/O No.15613783M Rank, Hav Shalesh Kumar Rai 14 Guards C/O 56 APO R/O Prsa, Mohammadabad, Ghazipur, UP, 233001 In My Husband Service Record My Name Is Wrongly Written As Pratibha Rai But Actual Name Is Pratima Rai.

**2706250W** NK Rakesh Kumar 8 Grenadiers R/O Sankhara, Teh. Chhachhraul, Distt Yamunanagar State That In My Document My Parent Name Is Written Saindler Kaur & Baljeet Singh Which Is Incorrect. While My Parent Name Is Surender Kaur & Baljeet Singh Which Is Correct.

**I Parmjeet Singh** S/O Gurdial Singh R/O Vill. Mandebar, Post Auralangabad, Distt Yamunanagar State That In My Passport No. T5023123 My Name Written As Paramjit Singh, Which Is Incorrect. My Correct Name Is Parmjeet Singh.

ਮੈਂ, ਲਾਲਸੀ ਧਾਦਵ ਖੁੱਤਰ ਰਾਮ ਅਰਵਤਰ ਧਾਦਵ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਭਾਨ ਨੰ. 36, ਧਾਦਵ ਨੰ. 3, ਬੰਦਿਤ ਨਗਰ, ਰੋੜ੍ਹ, ਜਲੰਧਰ ਖ਼ਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਗੁਰਦੁਪ ਧਾਦਵ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਾਨਿਏ ਨੂੰ ਧਾਦਵ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਇਹ ਨੂੰ ਅਪਣੀ ਦੱਸ-ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਧਾਦਵ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੱਸਦਾ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਨੇ ਕੋਈ ਕੀ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੈਂਟ ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ, ਉਹ ਆਪਣੇ ਨੜੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਦੇ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

**ਮੈਂ, ਹਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼** ਪੁਰੁ ਹੇਮ ਚੰਦ੍ਰ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਖ਼ੇਤਰੀ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਾ, ਗ਼ੋਬਰੀ, ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀਪਤ ਅਪਨੇ ਲੁਕੇ ਅਭੀਯੋਗੀ ਕੀ ਅਪਨੀ ਟਮਾਸ਼ ਚਲ-ਅਵਲ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਕ੍ਰਿਯੋਕਿ ਧੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਵ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੇ ਕਰਨੇ ਸੁਨੇ ਸੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਮਥਿਥਿ ਮੈਂ ਇਸੇ ਲੇਨੇਦਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਵਾਲਾ ਚਲੇ ਜਿਸੇਮਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ।

**ਮੈਂ, ਹਰਿੰਦ੍ਰ ਸਿੰਘ** ਪੁਰੁ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚੁੱਤਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਵਾੜੇ ਨੰ. 14, ਅਯੋਲਾ ਹਰਹੀਲ ਵ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਹਿਯਾਰ ਅਪਨੇ ਹਲਕੇ ਸੇ ਬਯਾਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁਰੁ ਕਿਸਕੀ ਚਲੇਲ ਯੋਕਿਕਿ ਵਿਆਹਿਤਿ ਹੈ ਵ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਰਨੇ-ਸੁਨੇ ਸੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਅਤ: ਮੈਂ ਅਪਨੇ ਪੁਰੁ ਕਿਸਕੀ ਚਲੇਲ ਕੀ ਅਪਨੀ ਟਮਾਸ਼ ਚਲ-ਅਵਲ ਸੰਪਤਿ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਮਥਿਥਿ ਮੈਂ ਇਸੇ ਕਿਸੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਕਾ ਲੇਨੇ-ਦੇਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਵਾਲਾ ਚਲੇ ਜਿਸੇਮਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ, ਮੇਰੀ ਵ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੇ ਅਤ: ਹਲਕੇ ਕੀ ਕਿਸੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਕੀ ਜਿਸੇਮਾਰੀ ਅਯੋ ਹੋਗੀ।

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Geeta Vishu** Karma alias Geeta B.V. alias Gita B.K. W/o Netra Bahadur BK #1004, Sector 21-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Gita BK.

**I, Raney Vishu** Karma S/o Netra Bahadur BK #1004, Sector 21-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Raney Bishwa Karma.

**I, Jyoti Bhargava** D/o Rakesh Bhargava R/O H.No. 1164, Sector 22-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Jyoti Bhargava to Poonam Bhargava w/o Ashok Bhargava

**I, Renu Bansal** W/o Sh. Ved Parkash Bansal R/O House No-505, Sector – 12A, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name to Renu Bala.

**I, Mamta Rani** w/o Sh. Rajiv Bajaj, R/O Gali Tulsri Ram, Kotakpura, District Faridkot, Presently R/O Kothi no 314, Sector 79, SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name to Mamta Bajaj.

**I, Amit Kumar** S/o Gulab Singh R/O Chhangial, PO Sansarpur Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that my name is Amit & Surname is Kumar. I will be recognizing as per above mentioned name.

**I, Amanjot Kaur** D/o Manjit Singh R/o VPO Sarhala Khana Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that my passport name of my father has been wrongly mention as Manjeet Singh. But my father correct name is Manjit Singh.

**I, Rajbir Sharma** S/o Mangal Ram #1595, Phase-2, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh have changed my name to Rajbir Singh.

**I, Seema Sharma** W/o Rajbir Sharma #1595, Phase-2, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh have changed my name to Kirna Devi.

**I, Sachin Kumar** s/o Megh Raj r/o # 1403, sector 23-B, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Sachin Kumar Matkan.

**I Kajal Rani** w/o Sachin Kumar Matkan # 1403, sector 23-B, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Kajal Matkan.

**I, Minati Lenka** W/o Army No. 14939281K NK Bahan Lenka R/O Prabati Pur Sahi VPO Sikula, Sub Distt. Purostottampur, Distt. Ganjam (Odisha) Pin-761018 have changed my name from Minati Lenka to Minati Nahak vide affidavit dated 20.09.2023 before Session Court, Hisar.

**I, Sukhveer Singh** S/o Roop Singh R/O Kotar Khana, Gadhaula, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sukhvir Singh to Sukhveer Singh. In future I shall be known as Sukhveer Singh.

**I, Rivansh** S/o Sanjeev Kumar R/O 179, Sector 15, HUDA, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rivansh to Rivansh Kumar.

**I, Sakshi Chotani** W/o Sumit Narula R/O 994-C, Model Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sakshi Chotani to Sakshi Narula.

**I, Krimta Devi** W/o Sh. Naresh Kumar R/O Vill. Mipur, Kolia, P.O. Trilokpur, Tehsil Naham, Distt. Simour H.P. declares that my real and correct name is Krimta Devi, which is entered in all my documents but inadvertently my name has been only entered and recorded as Krimta in the some educational certificate of my children. All concern may note please.

**I, Luxmi Devi** D/o Jug Lal R/O H No.179/3, Faiddan Nizampur Chandigarh have changed my name from Luxmi Devi to Vandna W/o Satish Kumar.

**I, Shashi Verma** W/O Sh. Santosh Kumar Verma R/O #1820, Sector-15, Panchkula. I Have Changed My Name From Shashi Bala Verma To Shashi Verma.

**I, Kunal S/o** Anuj Kumar R/o Vpo Bari, Tehsil Ganaaur, Distt. Sonipat declare that I have changed my name from Kunal Tyagi to Kunal for all future purposes.

**I, Sunita Devi** W/o Jaswant Singh R/o H. No. 352, Village Staundi, Near Harijan Chopal, Distt. Karnal declare that Sunita Devi & Sunita Rani both are one and the same person name. All concerned noted.

**I, Surmukh Singh** S/o Mahinder Singh R/o VPO Udamgarh, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar delares in my Passport no. M930914 my wife's name written as Trilochan Kaur. My wife's correct name is Trilochan Kaur.

**I, No. 3390423N** Ex Nk Surjit Singh S/O Sh. Sewa Singh R/o Village Nangal Thindal PO Ajnoha Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur (PB) has changed my wife's name from Jasprit Kaur to Jaspreet Kaur whose date of birth is 20/08/1971. Concern Note.

**I, Amit Kumar** S/O Ram Chander # 41, Kaimbwala, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor Son from Vatsal to Vatsal Chauhan.

**I, Amandeep Singh** Aasht S/o Sukhdev Singh R/O # 428/1 Sector 46 A Chandigarh Declare That In Class 10th D.M.C And Migration Certificate Of My Son Namely Gursen Aasht My Name Mentioned As Amandeep Singh Which Has To Be Corrected As Amandeep Singh Aasht For All Purposes.

**I, Surinder Juneja** S/o Late Sh. Jamna Dass R/o H. no. 714/8, Kamli mohalla, Near Lal Masjid Panipat, declares that I have changed my name from Surinder Juneja to Surinder Kumar for all future purposes.

**I, Vijay Kumar** Sharma S/o Sh. Hari Chand Sharma R/o House No. 8, Sector -13, Extn., Urban Estate, Karnal declare that Vijay Kumar and Vijay Kumar Sharma both names are mine, one and same person.

**I, Gulshan Narang** S/o Sh. Om Parkash R/o House No. 1711, Sector -13, Urban Estate, Karnal have changed my name from Gulshan Kumar to Gushan Narang.

**I, Parvinder Singh** S/o Sh.Gurvinder Singh R/O 439, Gali no.12/7, Karan Vihar, Karnal declare that Parvinder Singh aur Parvinder both names are mine, one and same person.

**I, Ankush Kumar** s/o Subhash Nishad r/o # 362, Abheypur, Panchkula, Haryana has changed my name from Ankush to Ankush Kumar and also my father has changed his name from Subhash to Subhash Nishad.

**I Manmohan Kumar** Sharma S/O Hari Ram R/O H.No-152 Phase-3 Jaggi Colony Ambala City Have Changed My Name To Manmohan Sharma.

**I Pushpa Kumari** W/O Sh. Manmohan Sharma R/O H.No-152 Phase-3 Jaggi Colony Ambala City Have Changed My Name To Pushpa Sharma.

**I Avtar Singh** S/O Darshan Singh R/O Patti Kalalan , Kalu Majra Road , Ambala City I Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Harshpreet Kaur To Harshpreet Surname Kaur

**I Harish Chander** S/O Hansraj Bajaj R/O H.No. 620/15, Shalimar Colony , Ambala City I Have Changed My Name Harish Bajaj

**I Roma W/o** Ajay Singh R/O Vpo. Kanwla Distt Ambala I Have Changed My Name Roma Surname Kaur

**I Soraj Bala** W/O Sanjay Kumar R/O Village Prahzadpur Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name Saroj Bala.

**I Sukhversha** D/O Jaigopal R/O Hno. 594, Near Vatika Sector-10, Ambala City I Have Changed My Name Sukhvarsha

**I, Rajpatti Devi** widow of No. JC378179-K Kuldip Singh R/o VPO Nidana, Tehsil & Distt. Jind declares in my husband's Army discharge book my sons name written as Asish Kumar and Sanjeev Kumar. The correct name of my sons are Ashish Kumar Malik and Sanjeev Kumar Malik.

**I, Mohran Devi** @Manohari W/o Ram Sarup Verma D/o Bhandar Ram and Baylo Devi Resident of #28 sector 25 Panchkula have changed my name to Pushpa Verma.

**Sandeep Kumar** S/O Sh. Luxmi Chand R/O VPO Kalawara, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have declare that my passport No.L9369180 my father both name Luxmi Chand and Lakshami Chand is one and same person. All concerned note.

**I, Virender Singh** s/o Charan Singh r/o Village Brass, Sub Tehsil Nissing, Distt. Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Virender to Virender Singh. In future, I should be known as Virender Singh.

**I, Balbir Singh** S/O Kashi Ram R/O Village Dhani Majra Tehsil & Distt. Fatehabad, Haryana declare that my name Balbir Singh Baniwal S/O Kanshi Ram Baniwal, my wife name Urmila Bishnoi, my daughter name Mamta Bishnoi was written wrongly in my Indian Air Force Discharge Book. Now I update my name Balbir Singh S/o Kashi Ram, my wife name Urmila & my daughter name Mamta Rani.

**I, Umesh Kumar** (Old Name) S/o Sh. Ishar Singh R/O H.No 1153, Sector 20-B, Chandigarh, Permanent Address Village Vaya, Tehsil Shahbad (M), District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Umesh Kumar to Umesh Kumar Saini. Note all concerns.

**I, Ajay Kumar** S/o Sh. Sat Bhagwan W/O H.No. 1098, Sector 2, Rohtak declare that I am one and the same person known by the names of Ajay Kumar and Ajay Kumar Tehlan and both are my names. I have changed my name from Ajay Kumar to Ajay Kumar Tehlan. In future I will be known as Ajay Kumar Tehlan.

**I, Sarala Kumari** D/o Sh. Krishan Kumar and W/o Ajay Kumar Tehlan permanent resident of H.No.5, Gali No.1, Phase 1, Vinoba Enclave, Jharoda Kalu, South West Delhi, declare that after marriage I am residing at H.No.1098, Sector-2, Rohtak, Haryana-124001 with my husband, I am one and the same person known by the names of Sarala Kumari and Sarala and both are my names.

**I Sandeep** S/O Shyam Chander R/O H.No.A 28 Sector 34 Suncity Rohtak have changed my name from Sandeep to Sandeep Dalal. All Concerned may Note

**I Manjeet Ranga** S/O Sh.Om Parkash R/O 197/28 Subhash Nagar, Rohtak declares that Manjeet Ranga and Manjit Singh Is the same and One person.

**I, No. 4471109W** Ex Nk Surinder Pal Singh S/o Shri Karan Singh R/o Vill. Kutabpur PO Hariana Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Bina Rani to Veena Rani. Concerned note.

**I, JC-509646P** Ex Sub Jagdish Singh S/O Shri Bakshish Singh R/o VPO Dhoot Kalain Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my daughter from Prabhjyot Kaur to Prabhjot Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, Malkiat S/o** Nathi Ram R/o VPO DhakKowal Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Malkiat to Malkiat Malkiat. All concerned note.

**I, Preeti** w/o Vishal Anand R/o H.No. 1473, sec-10, Ambala city distt Ambala declares that I have changed my name Preeti Anand to Preeti. From Today onwards I

# Punjab Roadways employees call off strike after Minister’s assurance

Minister promises 5% salary hike for employees; reinstatement of suspended workers, meeting with CM on Sept 29, among other assurances

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The ‘indefinite’ strike by nearly 7,000 bus drivers, conductors, and workshop staff in Punjab came to an end after the state’s Transport Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar issued assurances and made key promises during a meeting on Wednesday evening. The protesting contractual and out-sourced employees of Punjab Roadways decided to “suspend” their strike after receiving assurances from the Minister.

The strike, which had paralyzed bus services across Punjab leaving the commuters a harried lot, was called off as a result of the Minister’s commitment to address the demands of the workers. One of the key promises made by Minister Bhullar was to grant a five percent salary hike to the employees — a move welcomed by the workers who had all along been demanding an increase in their wages.



Furthermore, the Minister assured the employees that those who had been suspended during the strike would be reinstated within the next 15 days, alleviating concerns of job security among the affected workers.

Another critical aspect addressed during the meeting was the condition of the buses in the Punjab Roadways fleet. Minister issued directions to replace the buses that were in a dilapidated condition immediately — a step towards ensuring the safety and reliability of public transportation in the state.

The meeting was held between the representatives of the outsourced and contractual employees’ union and the Transport Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar with the state Transport Secretary Dilraj Singh Sandhwalia and State Transport Commissioner Amandeep Kaur in attendance.

Bhullar told the agitating employees that the Punjab

Government is committed for the welfare of all the employees of the State and all their genuine and legitimate demands will be addressed soon. He informed them that most of their demands have already been accepted but the remaining would be fulfilled soon as per rules. The Minister asked them to cooperate with the Transport Department.

Prior to this development, the strike had created chaos in Punjab, with approximately 2,800 buses coming to a standstill. This disruption had caused significant inconvenience to commuters across the state, leading to mounting frustration.

The strike, in support of employees’ demands including a hike in pay, had also impacted long-route bus services to neighboring states like Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu. These services have now resumed after the successful resolution of the labor dispute.

However, it should be noted that while some of the workers’ demands have been addressed, others remain pending. These unresolved issues are expected to be discussed in a subsequent meeting with Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann scheduled for September 29. The meeting is expected to be crucial in resolving the remaining issues and ensuring the long-term stability of the state’s transport sector.

The suspension of the strike comes after weeks of negotiations and multiple meetings between the Punjab Government and the transport workers’ unions. The workers had been expressing their dissatisfaction with the Government’s handling of their demands, leading to the strikes and disruptions in public transportation services.

The upcoming meeting with Chief Minister Mann will likely be crucial in resolving the remaining issues and ensuring the long-term stability of the state’s transport sector.

Among other demands, the employees were protesting against the non-implementation of the promise of a five per cent annual increase in salaries, withdrawal of retrenchment orders of 250 contractual staff, regularization and equivalent salaries to regularized employees, cessation of outsourcing for new hires.

# BJP’s former MLA Arun Narang joins AAP

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Just over two months after BJP leader Arun Narang resigned from all party posts in protest of Sunil Jakhar’s appointment as Punjab BJP president in July, Abohar’s former MLA on Wednesday officially joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

Narang’s formal induction ceremony took place in Chandigarh, where Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann welcomed the BJP leader into the AAP fold. Mann expressed his enthusiasm for Narang’s entry, stating that the AAP family in Punjab continues to grow, and Narang’s decision to join was influenced by the pro-people policies of the AAP government. The Chief Minister also emphasized that Narang’s inclusion would strengthen the party’s presence in Abohar and its surrounding areas.

Former MLA’s discontent with the BJP leadership became evident when he tendered his resignation from all party positions on the same day former Congress leader Jakhar was appointed as the state BJP chief. He was serving as a state BJP executive member and held key responsibilities for the Faridkot Lok Sabha constituency as well as the party’s affairs in Mansa district. Narang’s initial intent was to continue as a BJP worker, but he later made it clear that he intended to leave the party.

The move to switch allegiance to the AAP had been the subject of speculation in recent days and has now become a



reality.

In the 2017 state assembly elections, Narang, as the BJP candidate, defeated veteran Congress leader Sunil Jakhar, who had represented Abohar as an MLA for three consecutive terms. Narang secured victory over Jakhar by a margin of 3,279 votes, marking a significant shift in the political dynamics of the region. Jakhar had previously held the seat since 2002.

The development is of particular importance for the Punjab BJP, which has been facing internal divisions and challenges. Notably, Jakhar had recently released a list of the party’s executive committee members, which raised concerns among some veteran party members. Also, Narang was not assigned any responsibilities in the recent appointments made by Sunil Jakhar, which had led to questions within the Punjab

positions, despite their lack of familiarity with the BJP’s core principles,” he alleged.

It may be mentioned here that about a month ago, Jakhar also had a closed-door meeting with Arun Narang at his residence, lasting approximately an hour. Both leaders engaged in in-depth discussions about politics during the meeting. Jakhar later downplayed the significance of the meeting, describing it as a routine exchange.

Narang’s entry into the AAP holds strategic implications, especially as preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Punjab are underway, with the BJP gearing up to contest all seats in the state.

When he resigned from all party posts in July, Narang had criticized the BJP leadership’s decision to appoint Jakhar, stating that it disregarded the hardships faced by the party cadre during the farm protests against the three farm bills. He had expressed disappointment that the party had entrusted the state unit to a turncoat. Narang had also criticized former state president Ashwani Sharma for failing to protect the interests of the party and its members.

Despite his criticisms, Narang had initially refrained from quitting the party, expressing his continued support for the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In March 2021, during the farmers’ protests against the three farm laws, Narang was manhandled by a group of farmers in Muktsar district, further highlighting the political challenges he faced within the BJP.

## New Master Development Plan to be prepared by declaring Faridabad-Palwal as controlled area: CM Khattar

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday said that the Jewar Airport has opened up new possibilities for development in Faridabad and Palwal districts and for the planned development of these districts adjoining Jewar, a new masterplan will be prepared by declaring the Yamuna area as a controlled area.

He was presiding over the fourth meeting of the Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (FMDA) in Faridabad.

In the meeting, a total budget of Rs 878.23 crore was approved for the year 2023-24 to accelerate the development of Faridabad City through Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (FMDA). The Authority approved key projects designed to improve the city’s infrastructure, enhance citizen services and contribute to a better environment while envisioning the future population growth and related infrastructure development requirements by the year 2031. The development agenda was presented by Chief Executive Officer, FMDA, A. Sreenivas, which was approved by the Chief Minister for the upliftment of the city and the benefit of the public at large.

Khattar said that with a futuristic outlook and vision for Faridabad, FMDA has developed a strong development plan keeping in mind the projected population growth in the city till 2031. Some major development plans were presented in the Authority meeting today to support the expansion and development of Faridabad in the next



few years. Several major proposed projects have been approved and further scope of work will be implemented in a time-bound manner.

The Chief Minister said that as per Faridabad Development Plan-2031, the master plan has been prepared by FMDA for the supply of bulk drinking water to the present and potential population of the entire Faridabad city. Presently, water availability in Faridabad is 330 MLD, and construction of 12 new Ranney Wells is underway by FMDA which will take the supply capacity to 450 MLD. The administrative approval for the installation of five Ranney Wells in the revenue estate of village Basantpur to supplement water supply in Badkhal and NIT consti-tuencies at a project cost of Rs 294.15 crore was also approved by the Chief Minister. Additionally, the proposal to increase the water supply from 450 MLD to 700 MLD for the year 2031 by construction of an additional 22 Ranney Wells, 70 tube wells and boosting stations was presented in the meeting of the Authority. After completion of the project by the year 2028-2029, Faridabad will have a total of 56 rainy wells and 220 tube wells, which will help in provid-

ing pure water supply of about 700 MLD to the estimated population of 39.55 lakh. The project costing Rs 3000 crore was approved in the meeting.

Khattar said that the proposal for construction of two additional lanes and strengthening of the existing two-lane road on the 20 km long road along the Agra Canal in Greater Faridabad has been approved. Through this route, the passengers will have improved access to Delhi, Noida and Meerut, Bulandshahr or Yamuna Expressway as well as Faridabad-Jewar Airport Road. Khattar underlined that this project is of high public interest and will greatly benefit the citizens. The UP-Irrigation Department will execute this project as a deposit work of FMDA at a cost of Rs. 278 Cr wherein construction/widening of a paved road with central verge and cycle track will be taken up. He added that a proposal for construction of a 75-meter-long incomplete portion of Kheri Kalan Bypass Road connecting Sectors 77, 78, 83, 84 and 89 as well as villages Khedi Kalan, Bhupani and Faridpur of Greater Faridabad was also placed in the meeting. This project will be taken forward after purchasing land from farmers, Khattar added.

## Kaushal directs Hry officials to formulate action plans to improve essential amenities at IMT Manesar

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Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal on Wednesday directed officials to formulate comprehensive action plans for the improvement of essential amenities such as roads and street lighting in industrial areas of Manesar town in Gurugram district.

He emphasized that Industrial Model Township Manesar plays a vital role in the economic development of Haryana. Kaushal directed the Municipal Commissioner,



Manesar (Gurugram) to prepare an action plan to upgrade the basic facilities in the IMT Manesar area. During a meeting with members of the industry from Manesar to deliberate on ways to enhance facilities in the IMT area, Kaushal lauded the development efforts carried out by Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation in enhancing the green belt along major roads in

IMT, Manesar.

The chief secretary emphasized the need to extend this green belt development to the internal roads of the IMT Sector, similar to the major thoroughfares. Furthermore, he urged industrialists to collaborate with the Municipal Corporation to actively maintain the green belt in front of their respective plots. After holding an in-depth discussion with the delegation members, the Chief Secretary directed the officers to prioritize and quickly address the problems of the industrial units in the area.

## To curb stubble burning, Punjab to give subsidized crop residue management machines to over 24k farmers

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To curb the paddy straw burning incidents and manage the crop residue effectively, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Department will provide more than 24,000 crop residue management (CRM) machines, including 5,000 surface seeders, at subsidized prices to the state’s farmers during the ensuing harvesting season.

Punjab Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian on Wednesday said that, in a very positive change, the Department has received as many as 1,58,394 applications from farmers to avail subsidy on CRM machinery. The sanction letters to the selected beneficiaries have been released through an online portal.

He said that the

Department will provide Super SMS, Happy seeder, Paddy Straw Chopper, Mulcher, Smart Seeder, Zero Till Drill, Surface Seeder, Super Seeder, Crop Reaper, Shrub Master or Rotary Slasher, Reversible MB Plough for In-situ and Baler and Straw Rake for Ex-situ management of paddy residue.

During the previous year 2022-23, the State was able to cut down stubble burning cases by 30 per cent with the use of CRM machines, said the Minister, adding that Rs 350 crores have been kept reserved to curb the crop residue burning incidents during the current year.

The applications for availing subsidy were invited via an online portal to ensure transparency and make the procedure easy to use for availing the subsidy.

Khudian said that the Agriculture Department has

also been making concerted efforts to set up custom hiring centers at each block, wherein CRM machines would be available for small and marginal farmers. “The State Government has been providing 80 per cent subsidy for establishment of Custom Hiring Centers on the purchase of CRM machines, while, 50 per cent subsidy is being offered to individual farmers,” he said.

Asking the Department officials to ensure transparency in the whole process, Khudian said that the Punjab Government is proactively taking steps to address the problem of stubble burning in the State and the Department has also launched an Information Education and Communication drive to educate and train farmers about available technologies for management of crop residue.

# Himachal CM Sukhu introduces bill to repeal 13 obsolete laws

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday introduced a bill seeking to repeal 13 laws that have outlived their utility. The enactments which have “lost their significance or have become obsolete and redundant” or whose retention as “separate, independent and distinct act” is unnecessary are proposed to be repealed, Sukhu said.

The new legislation is called the Himachal Pradesh Repealing Bill-2023. The acts proposed to be repealed include the Presidency Small Cause Courts Act, 1882; Agriculturists Loans Act, 1884; Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887; Mandi Minor Forest Produce Exploitation and Export Act, 1997 and 1941. The Chamba Minor Forest Produce Exploitation and Export Act, 2003 and Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees (Repealing) Act, 1953 are also proposed to be repealed.

The Himachal Pradesh Private Forest Act, 1954; the Punjab Labor Welfare Fund

Act, 1965; Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation (Himachal Pradesh Repealing) Act, 1968; HP Preservation of Forests and Maintenance of Supplies of Forest Based Essential Commodities Act, 1984 will also be repealed. The other bills are the HP Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishment) Act, 1999; HP Paramedical Council Act, 2003 and HP Administrative Tribunal (Transfer of Decided and Pending Cases and Applications) Act, 2008.

## Results of HPSSC-conducted exams whose papers were not leaked will be declared within 3 months

The results of examinations conducted by the erstwhile Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission (HPSSC) whose papers were not leaked and sold would be declared within three months, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said in the

Assembly on Wednesday. Leak of question papers of 14 examinations conducted by the commission has been confirmed and 65 people have been arrested, he said, replying to a question on unemployment in the state during the Question Hour. Investigations into these leaks are in progress, he said.

Refuting the allegation of the opposition that the government was cheating the youth in the name of employment, Sukhu retorted that question papers were leaked and sold during the erstwhile BJP government, but the present government scrapped the commission after cases of leak and selling of papers surfaced. The government decided to scrap the HPSSC and replace it with the Himachal Pradesh Rajya Chayan Aayog to bring transparency and there would be minimum manual intervention and all the selections would be through a computerised process and results would be declared in 10 days, he said. He said that so far results of 329 candidates have been declared and 300 more would be declared soon.

## Corruption cases pending against 276 govt employees

Corruption cases are pending against 276 employees and officers who figure in the “doubtful integrity” list and action is being taken against them in several courts, as well as by vigilance, police, and CBI, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Wednesday. The department has been requested time and again to prepare a list of employees with “doubtful integrity” and directed not to appoint these employees to sensitive posts, and if they are already appointed, then remove them, Sukhu said in a written reply in the assembly house. Sukhu was responding to a question raised by Congress legislator Yadvinder Goma. Officers with “doubtful integrity” are those against whom criminal or departmental proceedings are pending in courts or at the departmental level, or who have been acquitted on technical grounds with “reasonable” suspicion about their integrity during trial.

## Punjab Govt imposes construction regulations in natural water sources’ vicinity to mitigate flood damage

Makes NOC mandatory for construction within 150 meters of drain, river, or choe from drainage wing

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a proactive measure aimed at minimizing the damage caused by floods, Punjab Government has taken a significant decision to regulate construction activities in close proximity to the natural water bodies. Under this new policy, any construction project within a 150-meter radius of a river, drain, or choe (a seasonal stream) will require approval from the Drainage Wing, ensuring strict adherence to safety and environmental norms.

Announcing this, the state’s Water Resources Minister Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer emphasized the critical need to address the issue following recent floods that wreaked havoc in several parts of the state. The floods resulted in substantial obstruction to the flow of flood waters in numerous choes, drains, and rivers, leading to extensive damage to

both public and private infrastructure.

Hayer highlighted that the decision was taken to prevent such occurrences in the future and safeguard the state’s communities and assets.

The Water Resources Department has mandated that all projects proposed within a 150-meter radius from the bank of a drain, river, or choe will require a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Drainage Wing.

To streamline this process and ensure that it does not hinder development projects, the competent authorities have been directed to issue NOCs based on the project’s specific area. This approach aims to simplify the approval procedure and prevent any undue delays for companies or agencies seeking construction permits.

In the new system, Executive Engineers (XEN) will have the authority to approve projects covering areas up to two acres, while Chief Engineers will oversee areas ranging from two to 25 acres. For projects exceeding 25 acres, the final approval authority will rest with the Government.

## BRIEFS

### HIMACHAL GOVERNOR PRESIDES OVER CLOSING CEREMONY OF STATE-LEVEL SAIR FAIR



**Shimla:** Presiding over the closing ceremony of the state level Sair fair organized in Arki sub-division of Solan district, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that fairs and festivals not only promote and preserve our rich culture and traditions but also strengthen the bond of brotherhood and fraternity. It is a matter of pride that people continue to preserve our old traditions even today. He said that the state has suffered huge loss of life and property due to the natural disaster and now with collective efforts, life has started becoming normal. People are making every possible effort to help the affected people. He also distributed prizes for various sports events organized during the Sair fair and released the Souvenir published by the Sair Mela Committee.

### SUKHBIR DESCRIBES SAJJAN KUMAR’S ACQUITTAL ‘A BLACK DAY FOR MINORITIES AND SECULARISM’

**Chandigarh:** SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday said that the acquittal of 1984 Sikh genocide “perpetrator” Sajjan Kumar, in a triple murder case, was “a black day for minorities and secularism” and “a blot on justice, human rights and rule of law in the country”. Describing the Congress leader’s acquittal as “painful and shocking”, Sukhbir said: “This has hurt the sentiments of the Sikh community which is still waiting for final closure to wounds afflicted by the Congress party and its henchmen who are still evading justice on one pretext or another. The acquittal amounts to sprinkling salt on the wounds of the community.” Sukhbir said that the State had plainly failed to establish what should have been an open and shut case, while seeking an explanation from “whosoever is responsible for the inability of the state to prove what is obvious as broad daylight”.

### PB MINISTER INSTRUCTS OFFICIALS TO BRING MGNREGA EMPLOYEES UNDER ESI’S AMBIT

**Chandigarh:** Punjab Rural Development and Panchayats Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar on Wednesday instructed the Department officials to bring the employees of MGNREGA under the purview of Employees State Insurance (ESI). Bhullar, presiding over a meeting of the representatives of the MGNREGA Employees Union, also instructed the officials to issue show cause notices to those officials and employees who do not comply with the orders regarding making one year contract with the contract employees under MGNREGA scheme. He said that the cases of the MNREGA employees, who have been sacked due to not meeting the target, should also be re-examined. Directions were also issued to eliminate staff shortages in MNREGA and give adequate training to the social audit teams.

### MCC EMPOWERS YOUTH WITH HANDS-ON LEARNING DURING SWACHTA PAKHWARA

**Chandigarh:** To provide first-hand experiences to foster a sense of responsibility towards the environment among the youth, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh organized an initiative that offered an opportunity for NSS volunteers and students of Government Girls College, Sector 11 to learn about source segregation firsthand in the field. MC officials said that under the guidance of the team Chandigarh Challengers, the students spent a day dedicated to Swachhata. They witnessed and learnt about Swachhata ke Chaar rang and challaning drive, gaining knowledge on building a cleaner and greener future.

### CHD MAYOR HANDS OVER SANCTION LETTER OF CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION TO DAILY WAGER SAFAIKARMACHARIS

**Chandigarh:** The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has decided to revise the salaries of daily wage safaikaramcharies and other similarly placed employees of the Corporation as per the Central Pay Commission from April 1, 2022. Presently the safaikarmcharies and other daily wage employees were getting salaries as per the Fifth Pay Commission. Anup Gupta, city Mayor handed over the sanction letter in this regard to the safaikarmacharis union in Chandigarh.

HPPWD  
TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Percentage tenders are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of HP for the following works from the eligible contractor enlisted in the appropriate class in HPPWD. So as to reach in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shimla Division No-I, HPPWD Shimla-3 on or before **03-10-2023 up to 1030 A.M.** The tenders will be opened on the same day at 11.00AM. in the presence of the intending contractors or their authorized agents who may wish to be present. The applications for issue of tender forms shall be received **29-09-2023 from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M** alongwith FDR for the required amount. The tender form shall be issued on **30-09-2023 from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.**

The intending contractors shall bring their registration letter renewal of their enlistment and proof of CST/GST/7 otherwise the tender documents shall not be issued to them.

The earnest money as shown below shall accompany the tender in the shape of NCS/Time deposit receipt or post office Saving Bank Account in H.P. duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer. The contractors who do not deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner, their tender shall summarily be rejected without assigning any reason. The tenders offer shall be kept open for 120 days.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time Allowed	Form Cost.
1	Widening /Restoration on shiv Mandir to Shakti Vihar road km. 0/00 to 1/500 (SH: - Construction of Retaining wall between Rd. 0/207 to 0/210).	158706/-	3200/-	30 days	350/-
2	Construction of old Kasumpti Junga road km. 0/00 to 1/100 (SH:- Construction of Retaining wall at Rd. 0/500 to 0/511).	317256/-	6400/-	30 days	350/-
3	Construction of Science Lab at Govt. Senior Secondary school kothi (SH: - Providing Cladding outer side in Gr ound Floor).	458400/-	9200/-	30 days	350/-
4	Restoration of rain damages to various roads under sub Division No1 Shimla (SH: - Disposal of slips on MRR road via Chotta Shimla to Sanjulli at Rd. 149/255 to 149/285).	497904/-	10000/-	30 days	350/-
5	A/R & M/O to various residential qtrs under Kasumpti Sub Division Shimla -9 (SH:- Renovation of W.C. bath Distemping/Painting work and minor repair work in type -III set No.108, Type -III set No. 137, 138 and various sets at Kasumpti Shimla -9).	485789/-	9800/-	30 days	350/-
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7	Improvement and widening of Shimla to Mandi road km. 6/00 to 22/00 (SH:- Construction of Breast wall at Rd. 17/690 to 17/697).	208255/-	4200/-	30 days	350/-
8	A/R & M/O to various residential qtrs under Kasumpti Sub Division Shimla -9 (SH: - Road Repair work in Type -II set No.1 to 10 Driver qtrs at Dahali Shimla -60.	405475/-	8200/-	30 days	350/-
9	Construction of Car parking near IAS Colony Mehli Kasumpti Shimla (SH:- Construction steel structure parking at near type-VI colony Mehli Kasumpti i Shimla (Balance Work).	467657/-	9400/-	30 days	350/-
10	Restoration of rain damages to MDR -66 (SH:- Removal /Disposal of slips at km. 7/930 to 8/120).	471410/-	9500/-	30 days	350/-
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12	A/R & M/O office building of Director of prosecution Block No. 22 SDA Complex, Kasumpti Shimla -9 (SH:- Providing and fixing chajia cupboard, accessories etc in Di rectors Room0).	129960/-	2600/-	30 days	350/-
13	Widening/Restoration on mehli by IAS Colony to Rani Ground Rd. 0/00 to 0/950 (SH: - Construction of Retaining wall Rd. 0/500 to 0/510 at Mehli Shimla).	207455/-	4200/-	30 days	350/-
14	Widening /Restoratio n on Chotta Shimla Kasumpti panthghatti road km. 0/000 to 2/385 (SH: - Construction of Retaining wall on Chotta Shimla Kasumpti panthghatti road between Rd. 1/705 to 1/710).	416143/-	8400/-	30 days	350/-
15	Restoration of Internal road and approach to Cot tage No. 13 at Brock Hurst Shimla -2 (SH:- Construction of Retaining wall at Cottage No. 13 and Khadunja work in Brock Hurst to Vikas Nagar road at Rd. 0/420 to 0/450).	235316/-	4800/-	30 days	350/-

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

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]  
Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Banarshi (Borrower), Raju Saini, Soniya, Poonam (Co-Borrower) an No. LBPNP00004938647	Khwat No.5987, 5988, Khatta No.6553, 6554, Killa No.270/15/1, 15/2, Kite 2 Tadaci & Kanal 0 Marfe Mauja Bralaj Nagar, M.C. Gohana, Sonapat Haryana Admeasuring an area of 3600 Sq. fts.	Rs. 61,57,362/- From September 12, 2023	Rs. 31,68, 000/- Rs. 3,16, 800/-	October 03, 2023 From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 P.M.	October 18, 2023 onwards

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com)** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **October 17, 2023 before 05:00 P.M.** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005** on or before **October 17, 2023 before 05:00 P.M.** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **October 17, 2023 before 05:00 P.M.** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005** on or before **October 17, 2023 before 05:00 P.M.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "**ICICI Bank Limited**" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited On 8126013708/8584874809**

Please note that Marketing agencies i. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

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

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/n4p4s](http://www.icicibank.com/n4p4s)

Date: **September 21, 2023**  
Place: **Guhana**

Authorized Officer  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Shal Tower, Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number) (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Nareish Goswami/ Bala Rani (135000007526 & QZCHD00005064413) & Sunder Enclave, Chohan Colony, SaklHeir, Near Singh Sahab Guru Dwara, Punjab, Rajpura- 140401	Khasra No.37/16/2 Plot Gaur Amar Dass Colony Rajpura/ September 18, 2023	December 11, 2019 Rs. 14,92,545/-	Rajpura

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : **September 21, 2023**  
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1.	Sardara Singh and Sons/ Bhupinder Singh/ Pavter Singh/ Jaswinder Kaur/ 381105000189	Shop No 27 New Grain Market (Anaj Mandi) Amargarh Tehsil Malerkotla District Sangrur/ September 16, 2023	May 29, 2023 Rs. 36,69,058.00/-	Amargarh

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Date : **September 21, 2023**  
Place : **Amargarh**

Authorized Officer  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

ICICI Home Finance

Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051

Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059

Branch Office: 1st floor, no.159/20, Sudha Complex, Atlas Road, Near Subhash Chowk, Sonipat - 131001

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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1.	Sona Devi (Borrower), Rajender. (Co-Borrower), Neelam Devi (Co-Borrower), LHSNP00001367637.	House Ar Balraj Nagar Devial Nagar Kila No 272 8 9 1 Gohana Sonapat Haryana Na Na Sonapat Haryana- 131001 Sonapat Haryana-131001 (Ref. LAN No. LHSNP00001367637). Bounded By- North: Plot Rampal, 25 Ft. South: Street, 25 Ft. East: Other Plot, 45 Ft. West: Street, 45 Ft. Date of Possession- 18-09-2023	28-09-2023 Rs. 95,962/-	Sonepat-B
2.	Sona Devi (Borrower), Rajender. (Co-Borrower), Neelam Devi (Co-Borrower), LHSNP00001367640.	House Ar Balraj Nagar Devial Nagar Kila No. 272 8 9 1 Gohana Sonapat Haryana Na Na Sonapat Haryana- 131001 Sonapat Haryana -131001 (Ref. LAN No. LHSNP00001367640). Bounded By- North: Plot Rampal, 25 Ft. South: Street, 25 Ft. East: Other Plot, 45 Ft. West: Street, 45 Ft. Date of Possession- 18-09-2023	28-09-2023 Rs. 1,44,524/-	Sonepat-B
3.	Inder Parkash (Borrower), Rameshwar Dass Gupta (Co-Borrower), Keshar Devi (Co-Borrower), Sushila Gupta (Co-Borrower), LHSNP00001294339.	Shop No. 42 New Sabzi Mandi, Sonapat Pincode 131001 Sonapat-131001 (Ref. LAN No. NHSNP00001294339). Bounded By- North: Road, South: Shop No.43 of Sunder Lal Dilbag Singh, East: Road, West: Road/ Phar. Date of Possession- 19-09-2023	10-04-2023 Rs. 15,08,674/-	Sonepat-B
4.	Inder Parkash (Borrower), Sushila Gupta (Co-Borrower), Keshar Devi (Co-Borrower), Rameshwar Dass Gupta (Co-Borrower), NHSNP00001294340.	Shop No. 42 New Sabzi Mandi, Sonapat Pincode 131001 Sonapat-131001 (Ref. LAN No. NHSNP00001294340). Bounded By- North: Road, South: Shop No.43 of Sunder Lal Dilbag Singh, East: Road, West: Road/ Phar. Date of Possession- 19-09-2023	10-04-2023 Rs. 36,00,445/-	Sonepat-B

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : **September 21, 2023**  
Place: **Sonepat**

Authorized Officer  
**ICICI Home Finance Company Limited**

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

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1.	Natt and Waraich Commission Agent/ Amarbir Singh/ Gurwinder Kaur/ Ajmer Singh/ 129805001746	Address 1: Khasra No.41/11/2 (2-8) Da 9/46 Hissa Hadbast No.211, Khewat No.1250, Khatoni No.1767 Batala Garbi, Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur Batala, Address 2: Khasra No.20/22/2, 23, 21/18, 22, 23/1, 42, 43, 31/3/2 Kite 8, Khewat No.233, Khatoni No.295 Wakia Batala Sharki/211 (Jharwail) Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur Batala/ September 15, 2023	June 08, 2023 Rs. 1,01,10, 774.00/-	Gurdaspur, Batala

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Date : **September 21, 2023**  
Place : **Gurdaspur & Batala**

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1.	Rajeev Gupta/ Kaipana Gupta/ LBYGR00005868208/ LBKTL00005762539/ LBKTL00005763134/ LBKTL00005791669	Old MCK No.668/7 Wakia Bagrain Mohalla, Haryana, Kaithal/ September 18, 2023	April 19, 2013 Rs. 46,08,562/-	Kaithal
2.	Raghubir Singh/ Birmati/ Satish Saini/ LBKTL00005120017/ LBKTL00005120016	MCK No.374/9 (New), 389/9 (Old), Situated At Sahar Ki Purani Abadi, Chandana Gade, Inside Mohalla Mottan/ Bhargdaran, Kaithal Haryana/ September 18, 2023	June 05, 2023 Rs. 20,54,869/-	Kaithal
3.	Krishan Kumar Chahal/ Channo Devi/ LBKTL00001483761	Plot No 32 & 43 Situated At Patti Gaddar, Kaithal, Haryana/ September 18, 2023	April 26, 2023 Rs. 1,97,244/-	Kaithal
4.	Jitender/ Sangeeta/ LBKTL00005827939	Plot No.133, Ppid No.128C278U184 Comprising In Khewat/ Khatoni No.510/654 Khasra No 3/18(1-2), 23/7-15), 24(8-4), 7/22(5-8), 4(3-0) Mouja Patti Gaddar, H.B No-19 Saeheed Bhagat Singh Colony Tehsil And Distt Kaithal, Haryana/ September 18, 2023	April 26, 2023 Rs. 19,74,526/-	Kaithal

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Date : **September 21, 2023**  
Place : **Kaithal**

Authorized Officer  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

ICICI Home Finance

Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059, India

Branch Office: SCO 154, 1st Floor, Red Square Market, UE-1, Near Telephone Exchange, Hisar- 125001

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]  
Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Gunpal Sharma (Borrower) Krishana (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHHNS00001260648	Unit No- 364/3 Rampura Mohalla Pin Code- 125033 Hansi- 125033	Rs. 17,91,123/- September 16, 2023	Rs. 19,97,663/- Rs. 1,99,770/-	September 25, 2023 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	October 10, 2023 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM
2.	Ravinder Kumar (Borrower) Om Dutt (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHYGR00001281170	Khewat/Khatoni No. 59/66, Khasra No. 30/14/2/1, Hadbast No. 146, Wakia Village Tibdhi, Tehsil Sadoura, Distt Yamunanagar, Haryana	Rs. 30,39,491/- September 16, 2023	Rs. 24,73, 934/- Rs. 2,47,400/-	September 25, 2023 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	October 10, 2023 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website [\(URL Link- / https://BestAuctionDeal.com/\)](https://BestAuctionDeal.com/) of our auction agency **GlobeTech**. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **October 09, 2023 before 05:00 PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS



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PAPER WITH PASSION

# Drifting apart

India and Canada have enjoyed warm ties but now they seem to be at loggerheads

In international diplomacy, misgivings, misunderstandings, upmanship and disputes are the most common pitfalls. Therefore, it is essential to sift through the perceived facts and allegations to arrive at a balanced understanding and perspective. The recent standoff between India and Canada following the killing of Khalistan sympathiser Hardeep Singh Nijjar has raised concerns. While Canada has voiced its opinion about India's alleged and implicit role in the incident, India has brushed aside the allegation. It is, therefore, crucial to examine the situation from all angles before reaching any conclusion. Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a vociferous pro-Khalistan supporter, was gunned down on June 18 outside a Sikh cultural centre in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. As he was indeed on India's most wanted list, Canada alleges that Nijjar was targeted and eliminated by Indian security forces. As it goes about demanding an explanation from the Indian Government, India has officially denied any involvement in the killing. For its part, and



as history can vouch, India has been the target of numerous terrorist attacks over the years, resulting in the loss of countless innocent lives. Given this context, India has consistently demonstrated its commitment to combating terrorism both within its borders and beyond by legal means. Besides, India has never had a policy of eliminating such wayward elements by sending assassination squads for the person in its crosshairs. It has always firmly and openly believed in following the legitimate judicial process and, in numerous cases, sought extradition of such characters. India has consistently called for united efforts to combat global terrorism and has been a significant contributor to international counterterrorism initiatives. In the case of the alleged murder of Nijjar, India has emphasised the importance of credible intelligence sharing.

Accusations alone are not sufficient ground to indict a country for any perceived wrongdoing. In any legal or diplomatic context, the burden of proof lies with the accuser. Canada's allegations regarding India's involvement in Nijjar's killing must be substantiated with concrete evidence before any punitive measures can be sought or taken. Otherwise, it is a clear case of jumping the gun. It is also worth noting that India has expressed its willingness to cooperate fully with Canada in any investigation into the incident. This willingness to engage in a transparent and open process speaks volumes about India's commitment to resolving this issue through diplomatic means. Both India and Canada have shown their intent to engage in diplomatic dialogue to address the concerns surrounding the Canadian national's killing. Unfortunately, the expulsion of a senior Indian diplomat by Canada, a kneejerk move reciprocated swiftly by India, has only made things worse between the countries. As the diplomatic process unfolds, it is essential for all parties involved to maintain open lines of communication, adhere to international norms and agreements, and prioritise the fight against terrorism.



Women devotees chant 'Atha varshirsha' in front of Utsav Mandap on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi festival, in Pune PTI

# A paradigm shift in the automobile sector

The New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP) policy will give a boost to the secondary car market, especially in the luxury car segment

The recent introduction of Bharat NCAP has been welcomed by the automobile industry. The industry players are awaiting its implementation with much anticipation starting from October 1. The overall sector is quite optimistic that the program has the potential to place the Indian automobile industry on a higher pedestal with the ability to compete in the global market.

The policy aimed at elevating and strengthening road safety standards. After taking into account the existing Indian driving conditions and regulations, the Bharat NCAP provides a rating to the vehicle in a range of one to five stars. Evaluating the vehicles on the parameters of adult occupant protection, child occupant protection, and safety technologies in a car, not only promotes safer cars in the country but also empowers customers to make an informed decision while purchasing a car.

The pre-owned luxury car industry is quite hope-



ful of leveraging the assessment program to the fullest. Considering that the NCAP focuses on the safety of the car, pre-owned luxury cars are well-equipped with advanced safety technologies. Coming with innovative features like intelligent alerts, parking assistance, driver assistance features, and many more, luxury cars are adept at providing that extra protection to the occupants of the car.

Moreover, luxury cars come with some standard features such as more than six airbags, electronic stability control, improved emergency braking systems, etc. that further add to the resilience of the vehicle. Where the pre-owned luxury cars are themselves fur-

nished with innovative safety features, the introduction of NCAP is only expected to augur the proposition of the cars in the market. Even though the pre-owned luxury car industry has come a long way, a lot of scepticism still lingers among the masses. They are highly doubtful about the condition and safety of the cars. However, with the pre-owned luxury cars conforming to the ratings of the new assessment program, it can instil faith among the customers.

While the organized players in the segment have been playing an instrumental role in giving a comprehensive structure to the sector, Bharat NCAP can help amplify the penetra-

tion of pre-owned luxury cars deeper into the market. If the LocalCircles survey is to be believed then 72% of buyers have shown keen interest in considering Bharat NCAP as the deciding factor for making purchasing choices.

In addition to this, the online players in the pre-owned luxury car industry relentlessly work towards fostering a transparent buying and selling ecosystem for the customers. They ensure the pre-owned cars undergo thorough safety checks to render authentic and quality vehicles in the inventory. Therefore, looking at the benefits the new assessment program has to offer, the initiative is being highly appreciated by the industry players. They are optimistic about harnessing its benefits to inculcate loyalty among the customers. Focusing on boosting the safety of the passengers and the cars, it is very likely that the NCAP can complement the pre-owned luxury car industry.

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# The art of leading from the front

The sacred culture of 'leading from the front' by army officers has survived despite challenges and other institutional concerns

Three recent losses of precious lives i.e., Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Aashish Donchak, and DSP Humayun Bhatt, seem to be a timely reminder of the civilisational and constitutional values in some of us, that guarantee our freedom. Distracted, as the nation was in peddling phoney controversies, fake outrage, meaningless rhetoric, or sheer bombast – these men simply gave their all for the nation. They did not unleash hate or anger amongst us internally, instead, they chose to 'lead from the front' by letting their work (and lives) do the talking, not words. To reiterate, they didn't incite or order from the comfort and safety of distance, but put themselves in harm's way, fully knowing the possible consequences, as only true leaders do.

The saga of the Indian Armed Forces is not necessarily etched by the better-known Generals, Admirals or Air Marshals, in as much, if not more, by the unmatched steel, fire, and ramrod-straight posture of its junior-middle leadership (from Junior Commissioned Officers to Unit Commanding Officers and their equivalents), who hold the fort, literally. Beyond the hagiographies of victory, the Kargil War is a grim reminder of doing the impossible with the hearts, legs, arms, and sharp minds of the junior-middle leadership, and not so much on account of any strategic brilliance by senior leadership, be it Military or Political. Many international Military historians marvel at the surreal conditions of impossibilities (in terms of topography, weather conditions, battlelines et al) that were neither matched, before or after, in modern battle accounts. Yet, the Indian Armed Forces had triumphed, against all odds and disproven all militaristic ratios and assumptions.

However, there was one vital and unique element that differentiated the Indian Armed Forces from all other global Militaries, which made Kargil possible, despite its counterintuitive draw of unfavourable militaristic ratios and assumptions i.e., cliched as it sounds, 'leading from the front'! Put simply, the Officer-to-Soldier



fatality/wounded ratio of the Indian Army is by far the highest as compared to any other professional Military in the world. In the thick of battle, the reality of leadership matters more than anything else, ever does. Kargil, India is believed to have lost 26 Officers out of a total casualty of 527. Considering that there are approximately 18-20 officers per Infantry battalion of about 800 odd soldiers, the value of 'leading from the front', can never be overstated.

Even in the unforgiving conditions of Galwan Valley, the heroics of Col BS Babu (Commanding Officer, 16 Bihar Regiment) who was killed in action is a testimony. There is never a similar reportage of a leadership-level officer getting killed in action, amongst Militaries of neighbouring China or Pakistan (occasionally in ambush or IED blast, but never in combat). This culture of 'leading from the front' is borne out of an inexplicable admixture of regimentation, normalised expectation and esprit-de-corps that has withstood the test of time, civilian morass, regression, and polarisations.

Some lazily attribute 'leading from the front' to overambition, misplaced bravado or momentary lapse of better sense – it may be some shades

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of all of the above, and the likes of Kargil were only possible thanks to that unique josh that is still fires and cranks up performance. Never forget, those who dare, do so knowing that they are in the line of fire (when they needn't be) but still choose to do so.

The irrepressible and probably the boldest Military General of the Indian Army 'led from the front' and never lost a battle in his life i.e., Lt Gen Sagat Singh. Legend of him liberating Goa, inflicting a bloody nose on the Chinese at Nathu La and Cho La (by 1967 itself), or dashing to Dhaka to liberate Bangladesh by repeatedly overflying enemy territory in a helicopter (which took bullets) to control battle, is a fact not fiction. You may never hear of such leadership conduct in Ukraine, the Middle East, or any other conflict zone, anywhere in the world.

Before Colonel Manpreet, Major Dhonchak and DSP Humayun had answered their calling in life, it was a well-beaten path that had been carved by the likes of Colonel Ashutosh Sharma, Colonel MR Rai, Colonel Santosh Mahadik etc., all Commanding Officers of the various Rashtriya Rifles battalions, like the 19th Rashtriya Rifles, Commanded by the gal-

lant Colonel Manpreet Singh. As 'Commanding Officers' they could have avoided literal 'leading from the front', but still did so – while they and their families paid an irreplaceable price for the same, the Indian Army and the nation at large, remain eternally grateful for their ultimate sacrifices.

This sacred culture of 'leading from the front' by officers, especially by the junior-middle leadership has survived so many other institutional concerns that undeniably stare. The Officer-to-Soldier ratio was 1:18 in the 1965 War, 1:20 in the 1971 War and still, 1:17 in Kargil 1999. While die-hard Infantry folks like to flex 'When it was a victory, the cavalier claimed it outright, the Gunner boasted of his guns, Signalmans publicised his worth, but the Infantryman remained silent with victory at his feet'. Beyond the lighthearted intra-services banter, the Indian Armed Forces have thankfully retained traditions, regimentation and culture at the junior-middle level of the forces, and perhaps owing only to the same, it still bashes on regardless.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TRUST DEFICIT

Sir — Regrettably, it has come to our attention that after approximately four months, an Indian Army Jawan was tragically abducted and killed while on leave in Manipur. Furthermore, in another distressing incident, a mob attempted to storm the Porompat police station in Imphal East on a fateful Saturday night, with the aim of releasing suspects. These incidents serve as glaring examples of the escalating divide between various communities in Manipur, a divide that seems to widen with each passing day. The ramifications of this growing mistrust and division are not confined to Manipur alone; they cast a shadow over the entire nation, particularly in the North-East.

It is imperative to recognize that the armed forces' effectiveness is significantly impacted by the presence of an efficient and cooperative civil and political administration. The disconcerting silence from both the state and Union government has not only unsettled the people but also demoralized the Manipur civil society. Urgent intervention by the Union government is paramount to quell this violence and facilitate a peaceful resolution to the situation in Manipur. Together, we can work towards a more harmonious future for all.

SK Khosla | Chandigarh

### STANDOFF WITH CANADA

Sir — Amidst the deteriorating diplomatic relations between India and Canada, New Delhi has taken the decision to expel a senior Canadian diplomat currently stationed in India. The diplomat has been given a five-day notice to depart from India, as conveyed through a summons received by the High Commissioner of Canada to India, Cameron Mackay, on Tuesday, 19 September. The decision to expel the diplomat reflects the growing concerns of the Government of India regarding Canadian diplomats' interference in

## Women reservation bill



Congratulations on the forthcoming implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill, set to take effect after the next delimitation exercise in 2026. We hope that the execution of this bill will be well-organized and system-

atic, ensuring that it provides opportunities for women from all walks of life, including the most economically disadvantaged.

The essence of women's rights lies in the idea that no one, regardless of gender, age, or profession, should dominate or harm others. It is crucial that this bill does not inadvertently create divisions or conflicts among women, as unity is vital for its success. The bill, known as the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' (NSVA), proposes a commendable 33% reservation for women in both the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies. Let us celebrate this milestone and work together for its effective implementation.

PV Rao Sreelekha | Secunderabad

internal matters and their involvement in anti-India activities.

These developments unfolded in the wake of Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's emergency statement in Parliament on Monday, 18 October. Trudeau accused the Indian government of involvement in the fatal shooting of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and stated that Canadian security agencies were actively investigating credible allegations of a potential link between Indian government agents and the murder.

India vehemently rejects these allegations, terming them "absurd and motivated." The external affairs ministry issued a statement denying any involvement in acts of violence in Canada. The possibility of India severing ties with Canada looms large, which could have serious implications, particularly for Indian citizens residing in Canada, who may fear being targeted by the Khalistan group supported by the Canadian government.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

### FUNCTIONING OF PARLIAMENT

Sir — Following the successful G-20 Summit, India International Convention

and Expo Center 'Yashobhoomi' has been officially dedicated to the nation. In addition to this milestone, several noteworthy announcements are anticipated during the special session of the House scheduled from 18 to 22 September. It is now crucial to enhance the productivity of our parliamentary sessions.

Both the ruling party and the opposition bear a significant responsibility towards our nation. It is imperative that they recognize the need to move beyond futile debates on 'dharma-adharma' or other extraneous matters and focus on addressing pressing issues. Such issues encompass inflation, unemployment, healthcare, law and order, poverty alleviation, and the economic landscape.

The future of our nation hinges on constructive and substantive debates. As we traverse the Amrit Kaal, the Parliament's working style must adapt to meet the demands of the times. A more informed and engaged Parliament will instill confidence in our government and pave the way for a brighter future.


N Ashraf | Mumbai

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WHAT IS ‘SUKHA’ AND HOW TO ATTAIN IT?

Seek ‘sukha,’ the real one, while enjoying ‘sukha’ of the mundane type



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

The word sukha has been used extensively in the Bhagavad-Geeta but in different contexts. This word essentially means: what pleases. The English words for sukha are happiness and pleasure. Lord Krishna has spoken about sukha to describe what pleases in three different ways. The first one is what is according to dharma and its only source is God. Let us call this sukha for this article. The second one is: what is according to dharma but brings good and bad results depending upon how it was obtained. This has been called ‘vihara’ in the Geeta. There is just one verse where this word has been used. The third kind is against dharma and brings only misery as a result. The word for this sukha is ‘kama’. I will use this word for this article. There are many verses in the Geeta in this connection.

Beginning with the real sukha, I will refer to some of the verses in their order as described in the Geeta. The first one is: “In a state of having real spiritual intelligence, one transcends the feeling of material suffering.” (2.65) A classical example is that of Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa, who carried on his spiritual activities even with throat cancer. Personally speaking, I have accepted some pains, which are inevitable due to my advanced age. They don’t bother me much and I go on with my life. The next verse clarifies where only real sukha can be obtained: “One must be linked with God, and one must have faith in God.” Then, one will be peaceful, which is essential to be sushi.” (2.66) It is quite logical, isn’t it? Peace can only come from God because we, grown-ups, can feel secure only if we have taken shelter from God. How does a small child go to sleep peacefully in the lap of his mother?



The third verse is about control over kama and anger. “Unless that is accomplished, where is any scope for sukha?” This is only possible to accomplish if we are enjoying the shelter of God. (5.23) We can either be in control of kama or of God. For example, if I am indulging in sexual thoughts, I have effectively taken their shelter. The fourth verse chosen is very encouraging. It states, “God accompanies the conqueror of self, who is blissfully peaceful.” (6.7) This means that such a person has fully surrendered to God, and God obliges by being with him or her. The fifth verse chosen tells us about unlimited bliss experienced through intelligence. (6.21) An advanced devotee realizes that God is responding to him; He is even using him as His ‘nimitta’ (instrument) to get important acts done. His sukha knows no bounds.

Now the second level of sukha is called vihar in the Geeta. Lord Krishna states, “One whose eating and recreation (vihara) are appropriate; one who strives appropriately in activities; one who sleeps and stays awake, as required suffers less.” Because: “Contact between senses and their objects are givers of cold, heat, pleasure (sukha) and misery (duhkha). They, being temporary, come and go; tolerate them.” (2.14) If one acts in goodness, it will be like poison in the beginning but in result will be like nectar, which is the result of spiritual knowledge. (18.37)

Now to the last type of sukha, which has been described as kama. Lord Krishna has given sufficient warnings about indulging in this kind of sukha. In verse # 16.21, the Lord warns sternly, “Kama is a door to hell; causes ruination of soul; should be given up.” How? “Kill this difficult to conquer enemy in the form of kama.” (3.43). So what is sensible to do? Seek sukha, the real one by linking with God earnestly. Meanwhile, sukha of the vihara type can also be enjoyed. But one must remember that it must be yukta (proper) at all times, otherwise, misery will be invited. A classic example is that of cricket fans. Not only do they spend a lot of money and time watching matches in person but suffer great disappointment when their team loses.

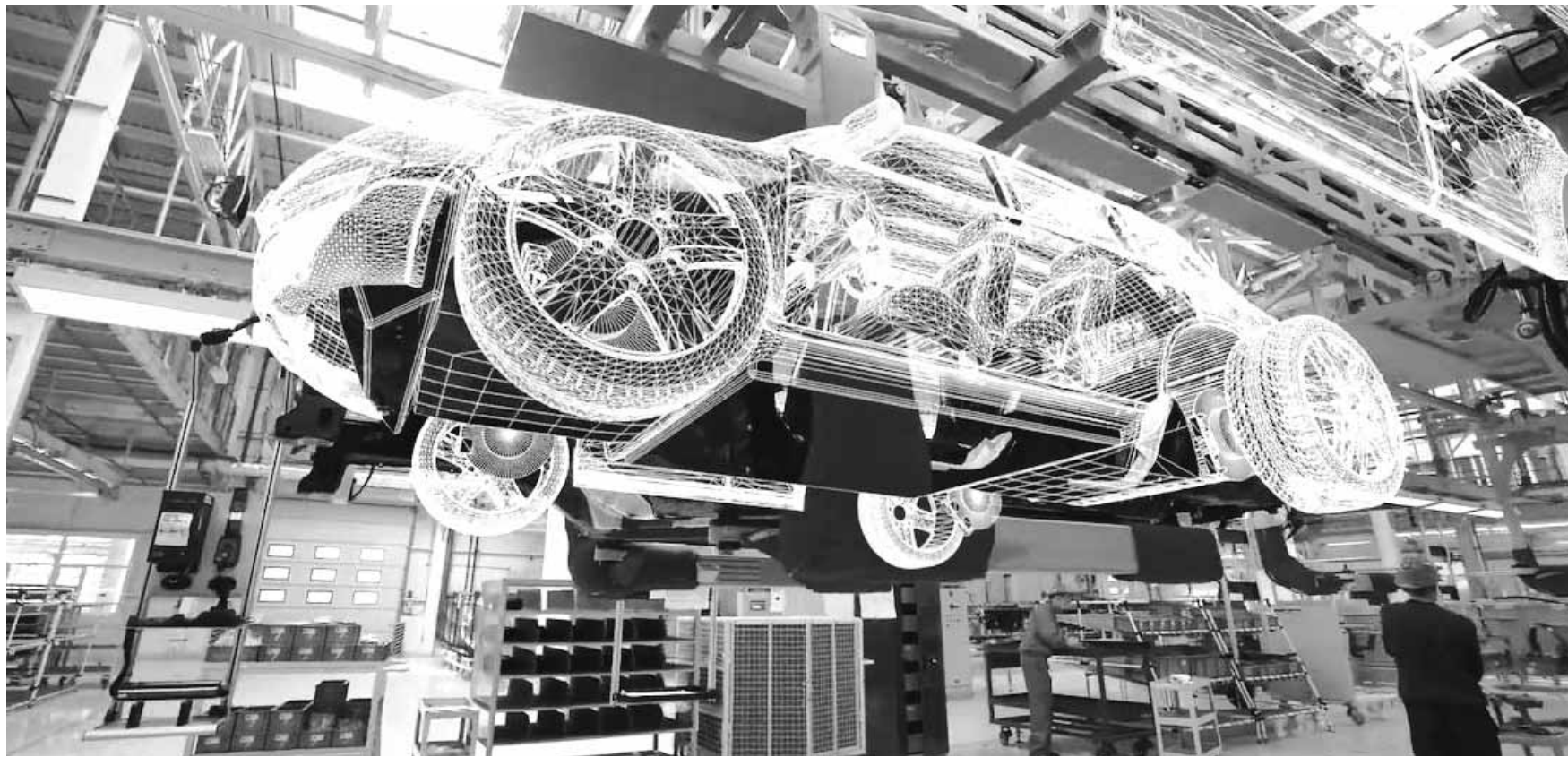
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# Skills gap hinders future employability

It is crucial to bridge the skills gap by providing training in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning



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The rapidly changing nature of jobs and skills requirements across the world is creating a skills gap that hinders employment opportunities. Business leaders need to quickly identify this gap and prepare their workforce for the future by providing clear direction to employees on how to build the skills they need to succeed. In the Asia-Pacific region, approximately 86 million workers need to acquire advanced digital skills through upskilling or reskilling to keep up with the fast pace of technological changes.

The UNDP’s Human Development Index ranks India at 132 out of 191 countries. This is a critical concern, as companies face a shortage of skilled workers while millions of educated individuals remain unemployed. To address this problem, India has been working to transform into a skill-based economy over the past decade. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the National Skill Development Corporation have been established to bring skill development to the forefront. The Skill India Mission, which began in July 2015, aims to address the shortage of skilled workers in the country. However, there is still a huge mismatch between the number of candidates trained, certified, and finally placed, with the International Labour Organization predicting a shortage of around 29 million skilled personnel in India by 2030.

Employees across various industries are facing pressure to upskill and reskill, but many find it challenging to take time out for learning due to long work hours. A lack of support systems that prioritize worker well-being can hinder motivation for upskilling and reskilling. Organizations can create new financial incentives through skills-based compensation to encourage employees to self-learn new skills.

A skilled workforce is critical for higher growth, but only 45% of trained



INDIA CURRENTLY LACKS AN EFFECTIVE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM THAT IS BOTH ASPIRATIONAL AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

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individuals in India are employable, with only 4.69% of the workforce having vocational training. This indicates a significant skill gap in the country, which can be attributed to a lack of training infrastructure and limited private-sector participation. The lack of a monitoring body for these training institutes is also a contributing factor.

India’s demographic advantage will become a challenge if the young population is not skillfully upskilled, reskilled, and skilled. By 2025, an estimated 70% of India’s population will be of working age, and without proper employment opportunities, unemployment will remain a significant challenge. The National Education Policy (2020) needs to make sincere efforts in skill development from the school level. There is a need to create a sound National Vocational Education and Training System that provides every child with an option to go for vocational education and training after 10 years of schooling. Most developed countries have a well-defined national vocational education and training system that facilitates job readiness among youth and encourages skill-empowered entrepreneurship.

Inadequacies in skills are directly linked to the kind of education that is being imparted right from the school level and the ecosystem we put in place to equip every job seeker with market-driven skills. If someone wishes to be a carpenter, plumber or electrician, he or she needs to have undergone at least a globally certified course for which we need to have a skill training centre in every high school where job seek-

ers should be trained in the fields of their interest during non-school hours. Similarly, education providers must support students with knowledge and skills relevant to the world of work to make them productive and able to be employed. All skill courses at school levels must be synchronised with employment for a wholesome integration between skill providers and industries will be of paramount importance.

Today, education is not confined to what is taught in schools and colleges, but the scope of learning has become wider, owing to the evolving market and technological advancement. To secure a career in the competitive and evolving job market, upskilling and remaining industry-relevant are crucial for youths. Acquiring market-driven skills will offer great placement opportunities to the youths and help them build promising careers.

India currently lacks an effective vocational education and training system that is both aspirational and accessible to all young people. To address this issue and achieve the national goal of making India the skills capital of the world, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship should establish a National Skills University (NSU), as proposed in the National Skills Universities Bill 2015. This university would offer industry-relevant curricula and skill-based certificates, diplomas, and degree programs to enhance employability.

In addition to the NSU, state governments can establish Multi-Skills Development Centres (MSDC) in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. These

centres can identify skill gaps in major industrial clusters and provide cluster-specific Skill Development Centres to upgrade the skills of existing workers. Advanced Skill Development Centres can also be set up to provide the latest know-how and courses to meet the high-end skill requirements of the industry. The World Bank has approved the \$250 million Skill India Mission Operation (SIMO) to improve the marketability of short-term skill development courses of 3-12 months.

To keep pace with the rapidly evolving technological landscape, it is essential to conduct global skill gap mapping and shift recruitment from "degree-based" to "skill-based". According to a report by The World Economic Forum, 150 million new technology jobs will be created globally over the next five years, with 77% of all jobs requiring digital skills by 2030. Currently, only 33% of technology jobs worldwide are being filled by skilled workers, which could hinder technological advancements on a global scale.

Therefore, it is crucial to bridge the skills gap by providing training in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), blockchain, robotics, IoT, 3D printing, drones, and data analytics. A skilled workforce capable of understanding, implementing, and driving innovation is essential to the success of these technologies and the industries that rely on them. By focusing on vocational education and the latest skills training, India can create a workforce equipped to meet future demands.

# Challenges to attain net zero emissions

A multipronged mitigation strategy is necessary but many techniques such as carbon dioxide removal must be approached with caution

The era of global warming has ended; the era of global boiling has arrived,” the UN chief recently remarked. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) highlighted in its recent report that projections based upon stated policy commitments fall short of containing the global warming levels at 1.5°C or even 2°C. So, when emissions mitigation is not happening at the pace desired and extreme climate events indicate an earlier-than-expected tipping point, carbon capture may offer a pathway to the solution.

**Challenges to Net Zero**  
The developmental imperatives demanding equity and justice, sub-optimal



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technology readiness levels and challenges related to lifestyle adaptations make the net zero road, a difficult terrain to tread on. Food, energy, transport and materials like cement & steel contribute significantly to emissions but are such fundamental necessities that they cannot be wished away overnight from our lives. Take the case of food, the global population has increased nearly eightfold since the early 19th century. Quite obviously, it is the fertiliser-intensive farming without which it is estimated that half of the world’s population cannot be fed. These fertilisers are synthesised using fossil fuels which contribute to emissions.

Regarding electricity, renewable sources come with

intrinsic uncertainties and only reliable storage solutions can fully replace fossil fuels. This necessitates mining significant amounts of lithium which has its commercialised mining predominantly concentrated in the South American lithium triangle and notably it has a high water footprint. Additionally, mining cobalt, a key element in Li-ion batteries, is associated with ethical issues concerning child labour. Pumped hydro, an alternative to battery storage, also has environmental concerns.

**The Concept of Carbon Dioxide Removal**  
Carbon dioxide removal involves capturing CO<sub>2</sub> at various sources of generation



or directly from the atmosphere and securely storing it to prevent escape. Natural systems such as forests, rocks, and oceans act as carbon sinks, absorbing and sequestering carbon. However, a warmer climate diminishes the capacity of these systems to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>. To augment the capacities of these natural systems, conservation efforts and engineered techniques for enhanced absorp-

tion are necessary. These include afforestation, increased rock weathering which enables rocks to absorb more CO<sub>2</sub>, and enhanced ocean fertilisation which is a geoengineering technique that may result in higher organic growth in ocean systems thus implying higher carbon absorption and bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS), which introduces circularity in the emissions balance sheet. Technology-based solutions involve capturing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during production processes or electricity generation using fossil fuels predominantly using chemicals called amines which can absorb and release CO<sub>2</sub> upon temperature regulation. The captured CO<sub>2</sub> is

stored in deep geological formations, preventing its release. The pumping of CO<sub>2</sub> in the oil reservoirs for enhanced oil recovery is an established practice in the oil and gas industry. Another technology namely Direct Air Capture, involving CO<sub>2</sub> capture from air surrounding us instead of a concentrated point source is also gaining traction however it has cost concerns.

**The Pros and Cons**  
The fact that certain techniques are already practised in the industry, builds a certain amount of confidence towards the feasibility of the proposition. However, there is scepticism over its large-scale adoption, particularly in terms of potential interfer-

ence with oceans and other natural systems. Additionally, increased afforestation and adoption of BECCS may have adverse impacts on our food supplies as well. The possibilities of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage from geological formations too cannot be ignored. Also, it is argued that excessive reliance on carbon removal pathways may lead to complacency in emissions mitigation and adaptation efforts.

The world needs to act swiftly on climate change and undoubtedly, a multipronged mitigation strategy is necessary. However, considering the uncertainties associated with carbon removal, its deployment should be approached with caution and a gradual scaling up as we learn more about it.



# 6 Palestinians killed in fight with Israel

AP ■ TEL AVIV

Israeli military operations in the occupied West Bank and unrest in the Gaza Strip have killed six Palestinians, Palestinian health officials said Wednesday, the latest spike in a wave of violence that has roiled the region for more than a year. At least three of those killed were claimed as militant fighters.

The death toll from the most recent flare-up stood at four late Tuesday. But on Wednesday the Palestinian Health Ministry raised it, saying an Israeli raid into the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank killed four people and wounded some 30 others, while a raid in a separate refugee camp killed another Palestinian. A sixth Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in unrest in the Gaza Strip, officials said. The deadly violence between Israel and the Palestinians over the last year and a half has surged to levels unseen in the West Bank in some two decades. Israel has stepped up its raids on Palestinian areas and Palestinian attacks against Israelis have been mounting. Tensions also appear to be spreading to Gaza.

The Israeli military said Wednesday that troops opened fire toward a Palestinian who was throwing explosives at them while they were on an overnight arrest raid in the refugee camp of Aqabat Jabr. The camp, near the Palestinian city of Jericho, has emerged as one of the focal points of Israel's raids. The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces killed 19-year-old Dhargham al-Akhras in the raid. The bloodshed in the Jenin camp hours earlier was the latest in that stronghold of Palestinian militants where the Israeli military often carries out deadly raids. In July, Israel launched its most intense operation in the West Bank in nearly two decades, leaving widespread destruction in the camp. The

army said that forces carried out a rare strike Tuesday with a suicide drone during the operation and exchanged fire with gunmen in Jenin. While leaving the camp, the army said, an explosive detonated underneath an army truck as gunmen opened fire, damaging the vehicle. No soldiers were injured.

Three of those killed in Jenin were claimed as members of the Hamas militant group or the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and were identified as Mahmoud al-Sadi, 23, Mahmoud Ararawi, 24, and Ata Yasser Musa, 29. Videos posted on social media showed medics unloading the wounded at a hospital, while in other videos, explosions and gunfire could be heard echoing in the camp. As Israeli soldiers withdrew, a crowd of young men chanted: "Oh, you who ask, who are we? We are the Jenin Brigade."

After the Israeli military withdrew from the Jenin camp, dozens of gunmen and residents poured into the streets to protest against the Palestinian Authority and its failure to protect them, according to footage shared by residents. Israel says the raids are meant to dismantle militant networks and thwart future attacks. Some 190 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since the start of the year, according to a tally by The Associated Press. Israel says most of those killed have been militants, but youths protesting the incursions and others not involved in the confrontations have also been killed. At least 31 people have been killed in Palestinian attacks against Israelis since the beginning of 2023.

In the Gaza violence, health officials said the Israeli military killed a 25-year-old Palestinian along the volatile frontier with Israel as youths mounted violent protests at a separation fence. Unrest over the past week has escalated tensions and prompted Israel to bar entry to thousands of Palestinian labourers from the impoverished enclave.

# Thai king's estranged son urges open discussion on monarchy

AP ■ BANGKOK



cherish the monarchy, but I believe it is better to know than not knowing. Every person has their own opinion based on their own experiences. Not listening to them doesn't make their viewpoints or opinions disappear," wrote Vacharaesorn, who works at a law firm in New York. "It's another story whether you agree or disagree with them.

# Putin accepts invitation to visit China

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russia's President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday he accepted an invitation from his Chinese counterpart to visit China in October during the Belt and Road Summit. Speaking after a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Moscow, Putin said Russia and China are "integrating our ideas of creating a large Eurasian space", noting that China's Belt and Road Initiative is a part of that.

The Initiative is a huge programme in which Beijing has been expanding its influence in developing regions through infrastructure projects.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine, Putin has pivoted the country toward China, selling it more energy, and increasingly carrying out joint military exercises.

China has adopted a neutral stance on the war in Ukraine and even denounced

Western sanctions against Moscow. It also accused NATO and the United States of provoking Putin's military action and declared last year that it had a "no-limits" friendship with Russia.

On Tuesday, senior Russian security official, Nikolai Patrushev, called for closer policy coordination between Moscow and Beijing to counter what he described as Western efforts to contain them as he hosted Wang Yi for security talks.

The Kremlin has continuously expressed support for Beijing as Russia and China have grown closer as their relations with the West deteriorate.

Wang arrived in Russia on Monday on a four-day visit following his talks with US President Joe Biden's national security adviser in Malta over the weekend. Putin's plan to visit China was initially announced in July.



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, foreground left, talks to Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Nikolai Patrushev as they arrive for their 18th round of China-Russia strategic security consultation in Moscow, Russia on Tuesday.

# UN urges Taliban govt to protect rights of detainees

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

The United Nations said on Wednesday it has documented more than 1,600 cases of human rights violations committed by authorities in Afghanistan during arrests and detentions of people, and urged the Taliban government to stop torture and protect the rights of detainees.

Nearly 50 per cent of the violations consisted of "torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment", the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan said.

The report by the mission's Human Rights Service covered 19 months — from January 2022 until the end of July 2023 — with cases documented across 29 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. It said 11 per cent of the cases involved women.

It said the torture aimed at extracting confessions and other information included beatings, suffocation, suspension from the ceiling and electric shocks. Cases that were not considered sufficiently credible and reliable were not included in the report, it said.

The Taliban have

promised a more moderate rule than during their previous period in power in the 1990s. But they have imposed harsh measures since seizing Afghanistan in mid-August 2021 as US and NATO forces were pulling out from the country after two decades of war.

"The personal accounts of beatings, electric shocks, water torture, and numerous other forms of cruel and degrading treatment, along with threats made against individuals and their families, are harrowing," UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said in a statement issued with the report.

"This report suggests that torture is also used as a tool — in lieu of effective investigations. I urge all concerned de facto authorities to put in place concrete measures to halt these abuses and hold perpetrators accountable," he said.

The UN mission or UNAMA uses the term "de facto authorities" for the Taliban government.

Its report acknowledges some steps taken by govern-

ment agencies to monitor places of detention and investigate allegations of abuse.

"Although there have been some encouraging signs in terms of leadership directives as well as an openness among many de facto officials to engage constructively with UNAMA, and allow visits to prisons, these documented cases highlight the need for urgent, accelerated action by all," Roza Otunbayeva, the UN secretary-general's special representative for Afghanistan and head of the mission, said in a statement.

The report said of the torture and other degrading treatment that 259 instances involved physical suffering and 207 involved mental suffering. UNAMA said it believes that ill-treatment of individuals in custody is wide-

ly under reported and that the figures in the report represent only a snapshot of violations of people in detention across Afghanistan.

It said a pervasive climate of surveillance, harassment and intimidation, threats to people not to speak about their experiences in detention, and the need for prisoners to provide guarantees by family members and other third parties to be released from custody hamper the willingness of many people to speak freely to the UN mission.

The report said 44 per cent of the interviewees were civilians with no particular affiliation, 21 per cent were former government or security per-

sonnel, 16 per cent were members of civic organizations or human rights groups, 9 per cent were members of armed groups and 8 per cent were journalists and media workers. The remainder were "family members of persons of interest".

In a response that was included in the report, the Taliban-led Foreign Ministry said government agencies have taken steps to improve the human rights situation of detainees, and that Islamic law, or Shariah, prohibits torture.

It also questioned some of the report's data. The Ministry of Interior said it has identified only 21 cases of human rights violations.

# Ukraine's allies make legal arguments at top UN court

The Hague (Netherlands): Ukraine's international allies filed into the United Nations' top court on Wednesday to support Kyiv's case against Russia that alleges Moscow twisted the genocide convention to manufacture a pretext for its invasion last year.

The hearing came a day after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the UN General Assembly in New York that Russia is "weaponising" everything from food and energy to abducted children in its war against Ukraine — and warned world leaders that the same could happen to them.

An unprecedented 32 states were making brief legal arguments on Wednesday to the 16-judge panel at the International Court of Justice, which is holding hearings into Moscow's assertions that the World Court does not have jurisdiction and should throw out Ukraine's case.

Kyiv filed its case two days after Russia invaded Ukraine. It argues that the attack was based on false claims by Russia of acts of genocide in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions of eastern Ukraine. Ukraine insists the court has jurisdiction. Kyiv's allies supported that stance on Wednesday.

Legal representatives including Australian Solicitor-General Stephen Donaghe told judges that the case is about a dispute between Ukraine and Russia over the 1948 Genocide Convention that should be settled by the court. While most of the national presentations in the court's ornate Great Hall of Justice were dry legal arguments, Canada's representative, Alan Kessel, underscored what was at stake.

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# Tornadoes kill 10 in China

Beijing (AP): Two tornadoes within hours killed 10 people and seriously injured four others in eastern China, state media said Wednesday. The first tornado hit parts of Suqian city in Jiangsu province on Tuesday afternoon, state broadcaster CCTV said. It destroyed 137 homes and damaged crop land and pig farms. Five people died and four were injured.

A second tornado in the evening killed five people in Yancheng city, which is in the same province about 190 kilometers (120 miles) southeast of Suqian. Videos posted online of the first tornado showed cars that had been tossed about, including at least one flipped onto its side, and debris swirling in the air above a several-story-high building.

CCTV said that power and road service had been restored in the Suqian area.

# S'pore lawmakers reject motion to suspend minister Iswaran

AP ■ SINGAPORE

Singapore's lawmakers have rejected a motion by an opposition party to suspend Transport Minister S Iswaran, under investigation for graft charges, from parliament and voted instead to consider the matter when the probes against him conclude. During a two-hour debate on Tuesday, Leader of the House Indranee Rajah said the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) would consider a backlash of Iswaran's MP allowance if justified, such as if he is given criminal charges.

The Progress Singapore Party's (PSP) motion had called for Iswaran to be suspended as an MP for the remainder of the current session of parliament. He was arrested in July and is under investigation by the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB). The investiga-

tion relates to F1 races being hosted in Singapore. But Indranee filed a counter-motion for parliament to consider the matter when the outcome of the ongoing investigation against Iswaran is known. PAP MPs voted for Indranee's motion while the PSP's two Non-Constituency MPs — Hazel Poa and Leong Mun Wai — voted for their own motion, according to a Channel News Asia report.

All eight opposition MPs from the Workers' Party (WP) voted for the PAP's motion and against the PSP. Poa said she was filling the PSP motion so that Iswaran would no longer receive the MP allowance while he was not performing his duties whether in parliament or in his West Coast constituency.

"This motion is therefore about the prudent use of tax-

payers' money, not a presumption of guilt," she said.

She also filed a second motion for permission to introduce a Private Member's Bill proposing amendments to the Parliament (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act so that Iswaran could be reimbursed for his MP's allowance if cleared of any wrongdoing.

Indranee's counter-motion, meanwhile, also affirmed the need for MPs to uphold integrity and conduct themselves lawfully and the need to deal firmly and fairly with any MP being investigated for possible wrongdoing.

After his arrest, Iswaran was instructed to take a leave of absence. He has been interdicted from duty with a reduced pay of SGD 8,500 (USD 6,200) a month. He continues to draw the full annual MP allowance of SGD 1,92,500.

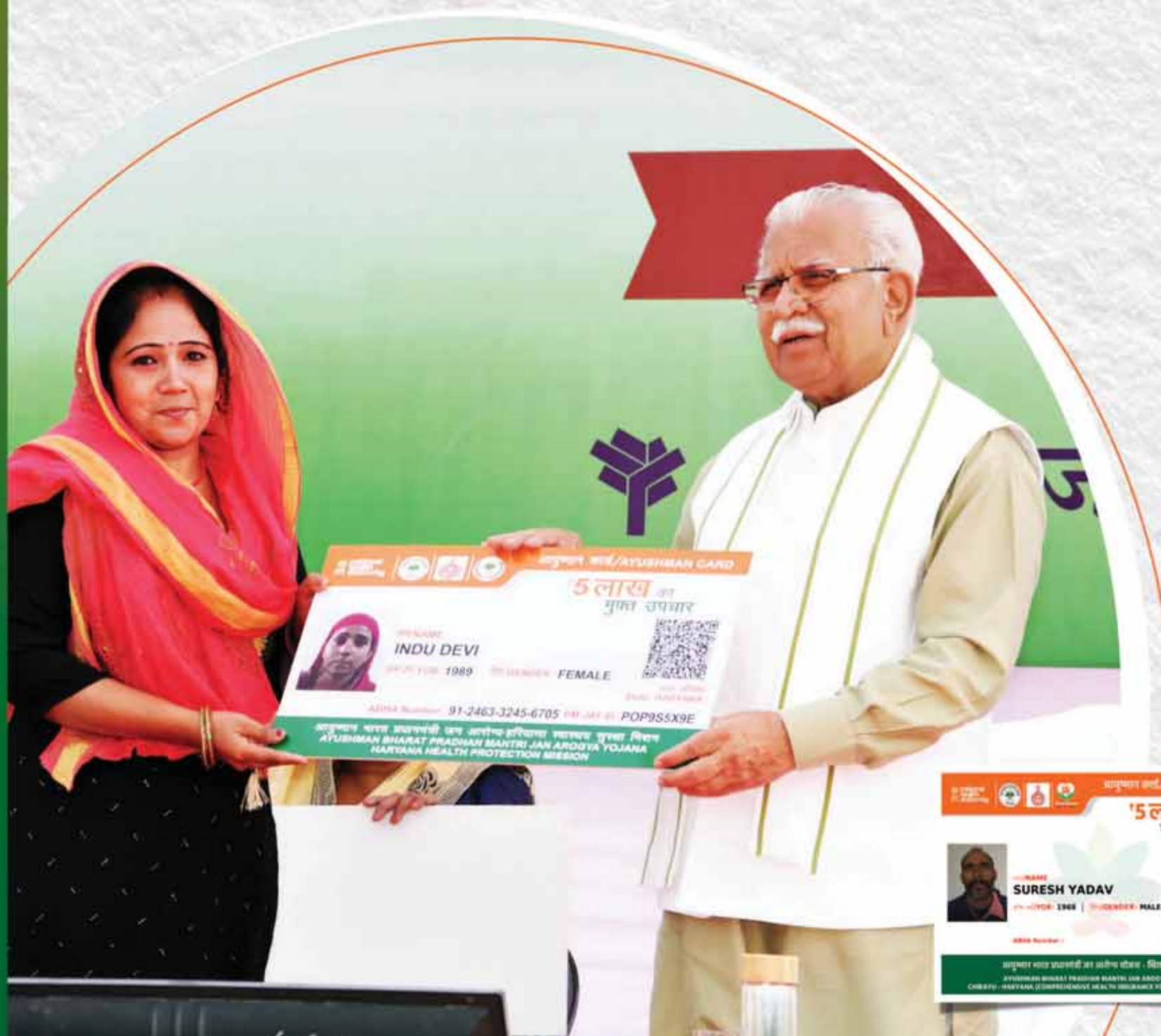


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# PSG get better of Dortmund

AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain got their Champions League campaign off to a winning start on Tuesday as a Kylian Mbappe penalty set them up for a 2-0 victory over Borussia Dortmund at the Parc des Princes.

The French champions had dominated the first half without overly troubling the Dortmund defence, but they went ahead four minutes after the break when Mbappe scored a spot-kick awarded for a Niklas Sule handball.

Achraf Hakimi added a memorable second, and PSG could have won the Group F encounter by a far more handsome margin in the end.

The result immediately puts them in control of the group, after AC Milan and Newcastle United drew 0-0 earlier, and coach Luis Enrique will hope they can build on this performance when they visit the English side next in a fortnight.

"It was an almost perfect evening," said Luis Enrique.

"I enjoyed practically everything about it, our intensity from the very beginning, the way we controlled the game for the first 75 minutes.

"We could have scored at least another goal but this win gives us confidence going forward. This is going to be a difficult group for everyone."

Dortmund, meanwhile, are nowhere near their best and must improve when they entertain Milan next in what is an unforgiving section.

They are still adapting to life without Jude Bellingham and coach Edin Terzic also dropped Sebastian Haller here, with the big striker enduring a difficult start to the campaign.

PSG are in the early weeks of a new era following the departures of Lionel Messi, Neymar and Marco Verratti, and Luis Enrique's arrival.

The former Spain coach, who won the Champions League with Barcelona in 2015, insisted on the eve of this game that he needs time to get his ideas across to his players,



## Alvarez saves Man City blushes after CL first night scare

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester City overcame a nearly scare to get their Champions League defence off to a solid start on Tuesday.

Pep Guardiola's City were stunned when Red Star's Osman Bukari opened the scoring in first half stoppage time.

But Julian Alvarez continued his sparkling early season form by leveling just two minutes after the break.

The Argentine then got some help from Red Star goalkeeper Omri Glazer as he flapped at Alvarez's free-kick to allow the ball to fly into the far corner.

Rodri rounded off a 3-1 win with a composed finish 17 minutes from time.

"If we scored two goals early



in the beginning it would've been completely different," said Guardiola, who was frustrated at his side's finishing.

"Having 22 (first-half) shots on goal means you are playing really good. It has to be the responsibility of the people in front to score the goals."

City are next away to RB Leipzig, who share top place in Group E after a 3-1 win at Swiss champions Young Boys.

Mohamed Simakan earned the distinction of scoring the first goal of the group stages with the 2023/24 competition only three minutes old.

many of whom also arrived over the summer.

There were five new signings in PSG's line-up here, including Ousmane Dembele and Randal Kolo Muani in attack.

### HELPING HAND

Preferred to Goncalo Ramos, Kolo Muani was starting for the first time since joining from Eintracht Frankfurt.

With him, PSG controlled the first half, while Dortmund and their five-man defence sat back and offered little going forward.

Vitinha hit the upright in the 19th minute and Dembele later forced a save from goalkeeper Gregor Kobel at his near post, but PSG had precious little to show for a share of possession that reached almost 80 percent going into the break.

However, they got the breakthrough just after half-time, thanks to a helping hand from Sule, and the referee.

Barely 60 seconds of the second half had been played when a shot by Mbappe struck the Dortmund defender at close range.

Sule survived a VAR check when the ball struck his arm in the area late in the first half but this time Spanish referee Jesus Gil Manzano immediately pointed to the spot, although the award seemed harsh.

Mbappe stepped up to stroke in the penalty for his eighth goal this season, and the home side had done the hard part.

"The handball rule is not really clear," lamented Terzic.

"PSG naturally will say it was a handball and we will say it was not but in the end what annoys me the most is that we were just not aggressive enough."

The home side scored again on 58 minutes as Vitinha and Hakimi combined for the latter to run through and prod home from close range.

It was a great goal, although Hakimi was helped by Mats Hummels throwing himself to the floor rather than standing up and trying to make a block.

## Howe 'proud' of Newcastle's goalless draw against Milan



AP ■ MILAN

Eddie Howe was proud of Newcastle United's dogged return to Champions League football after two decades away, holding seven-time European kings AC Milan to a goalless draw in Tuesday's opening Group F match.

Howe was the happier of the two managers with taking a point from the clash at the San Siro as his team were mostly on the back foot against last season's losing semi-finalists.

Newcastle did little in their first fixture in Europe's top club competition since 2003, the Saudi Arabia-backed club barely creating a chance and lucky to escape with a draw on the balance of play.

Milan should have won after wasting a string of chances, particularly in the first half, and dominating the play on Sandro Tonali's return to his old stomping ground after being sold to Newcastle in July.

"Definitely pride in result and the performance and the mentality shown," Howe told reporters.

"Within the squad the result wasn't underestimated. Also they

are very honest players that acknowledge the fact that we can perform better.

"I think we'll get better and better as time goes on. Hopefully can grow into the tournament."

"You have to win when you play so much better than such a good team. Unfortunately we weren't able to capitalise on the situations we created," said Pioli.

"It's a shame that we didn't win the first match because it's going to be a difficult group. We're not happy with the result... We were lacking the most important quality of all."

### MARCELINO DEPARTS

Marseille have been plunged into crisis just six weeks into the new season as coach Marcelino Garcia Toral left the French giants on Wednesday while the club's president was reportedly considering walking away too after an angry encounter with supporters.

The club said in a statement that the confrontation on Monday "prevents Marcelino and his coaching staff from being able to do their job in good conditions".

"As a consequence of this deplorable situation, Marcelino and his staff will not pursue their work at Olympique de Marseille," the statement added.

The former Sevilla, Villarreal, Valencia and Athletic Bilbao coach, aged 58, was only appointed in June to succeed Igor Tudor, who had led the 1993 Champions League winners to a third-place finish in Ligue 1 last season.

Marseille are unbeaten five games into the new domestic season but supporters were furious with their insipid performance in drawing 0-0 with Toulouse at the weekend.

## Felix hits double as 'best' Barca thrash Antwerp



AP ■ BARCELONA

**Felix shone for the Spanish champions on a stroll on a warm night in the Catalan capital, helped on their way by an own goal, with Robert Lewandowski and Gavi also scoring**

Joao Felix struck twice as Barcelona flexed their muscles with a crushing 5-0 win over Royal Antwerp in the Champions League on Tuesday, showing their determination to be considered among Europe's elite once again.

After consecutive humiliating group stage eliminations Barcelona are desperate to go deep in this season's competition, last winning it eight years ago.

The victory followed a 5-0 thrashing of Real Betis on Saturday, leading coach Xavi Hernandez to describe these two performances as the best since he joined the club in November 2021.

"I think these last two games are the best level we have shown with me as coach -- it's the path to follow," he told Movistar.

Felix shone for the Spanish champions on a stroll on a warm night in the Catalan capital, helped on their way by an own goal, with Robert Lewandowski and Gavi also scoring.

After a troubled spell at Atletico Madrid and an even

worse loan at Chelsea, the Portuguese forward finally seems ready to flourish.

"We all played really well, I am happy with the win and enjoying myself," said Felix.

"The most difficult thing now is to maintain this level. I have started well, the team is playing well.

"Getting to this level it's not the most difficult thing, it's maintaining it. We all have to work hard to do that."

Barcelona's 2015 triumph was the last in a run of four victories over a golden decade in the club's history, during which current coach Xavi

Hernandez was a key figure in midfield.

Xavi said those feats weighed heavy on the club now, that the current team were under "brutal" pressure to succeed in Europe.

It did not show against Antwerp, with Barcelona brushing aside Marc van Bommel's Belgian title-winners with ease in their first Champions League appearance at the Olympic Stadium.

With Felix and Joao Cancelo joining on loan at the end of the summer transfer window, Barcelona immediately appear a more dynamic side, with supreme creative quality in the final third reflected in successive five-goal wins.

"Joao Felix has a lot of quality, a lot of talent and he's showing it," De Jong told Movistar.

"I hope he can keep going like this. If he keeps working like now, he will give a lot to us."

Xavi brought on 16-year-old starlet Lamine Yamal to become the second youngest player of all time in the competition's history.

Tougher challenges lie ahead, including a visit to Porto in their next European game at the start of October, but Barcelona's self-esteem is higher than at any point since Lionel Messi left in 2021.

Xavi said Barcelona's aim was to make it through the group first before worrying about bigger challenges, and this was a confident first step. "It's an honour to watch the team play at the moment but we have to remain consistent now," warned the Catalan coach.

"We have to maintain these performances, the hunger, the focus... the players are enjoying themselves, we're creating a lot in attack."

Xavi's opposite number, a former team-mate of his at Barcelona, praised the hosts' display.

"For me, Barca, with how they have developed and evolved, of course they have a chance of winning the Champions League," said Antwerp coach Van Bommel.

"But they need some luck ... there are a lot of factors."



## Murray vows to make strong finish

AP ■ ZHUHAI

Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray on Wednesday said he is "still going in the right direction" and is determined to make a strong finish to an "up and down" year.

The 36-year-old former world number one reflecting on his year so far, said: "Look, I would like the year to have gone better, for sure."

"There have been some good moments, but also some tough losses as well," said Murray, who had career-saving surgery in 2019 and now plays with a metal hip.

His five-set defeat in the second round at Wimbledon to fifth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas,

having been ahead when the match was forced into the next day because of a tournament curfew, still rankles.

Murray suffered an abdominal injury at the Canadian Open last month and went out in the second round at the US Open, where he is a former champion, in straight sets to Grigor Dimitrov.

Murray, who felt he started 2023 especially well and reached the final in Qatar, said: "It's been up and down."

"I got up to my highest ranking a few weeks ago since I had the hip operation so that's positive and shows that although it's not as fast a trajectory as I would have liked, I'm still going in the right direction."

AP ■ TEHRAN

Cristiano Ronaldo enjoyed a winning debut in the Asian Champions League as he helped Al Nassr to a 2-0 victory against 10-man Persepolis in Iran on Tuesday night.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner, who has five UEFA Champions League titles to his name, captained the Saudi Arabian side to an opening three points in Group E.

The match at the Azadi Stadium in Tehran was played without fans after the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) upheld a one-game ban for Persepolis supporters dating back to 2021.

That clearly helped Nassr, who grabbed both goals in the second half against the two-time runners-up, through a Danial Esmailifar own goal and a fine strike by defender Mohammed Qassem.

It marked the first time a Saudi club played in AFC since 2016, after the AFC announced a "ground-breaking agreement" earlier this



month between the two countries' federations.

Iran and Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic ties seven

## Nine-man Celtic lose 2-0 to ruthless Feyenoord

AP ■ ROTTERDAM

Ruthless Feyenoord beat an undisciplined Celtic 2-0 in a scrappy Champions League Group E encounter Tuesday with the Scottish champions hit by two red cards in the space of five minutes.

Celtic started brightly but never recovered from losing Swedish defender Gustaf Lagerbielke and Norway's Odin Thiago Holm to a straight red card for a late challenge mid-way through the second half.

Feyenoord's Iranian striker Alireza Jahanbakhsh sealed the win for the Dutch champions in the 76th minute, finishing off a well-worked move by smashing the ball past Hoops keeper Joe Hart.

The hosts had taken the lead with only one minute left in first-half injury time, Dutch international Calvin Stengs drilling a long-range free kick through a poorly constructed Celtic wall and beating Hart, who was only able to palm the ball into the side netting.

It was a bitter pill for Celtic, who enjoyed the best of the first half in which the Dutch cham-



pions lacked penetration, clearly missing prolific goalscorer Santiago Gimenez, who was suspended.

Lashing rain and wind did not dampen the spirits, with a capacity 51,000 crowd at the Feyenoord stadium in Rotterdam, better known as "De Kuip" or "The Tub", giving the Celtic players a hostile reception throughout.

Feyenoord came into the match on a superb run of form, unbeaten in the Dutch top flight and scoring at least five goals in their last three games.

"Unfortunately for us, we got the two players sent off and it's

a difficult level 11 v 11, but 11 v nine is really difficult," he said.

"I think it's inexperience by the two guys, you've just got to let the ball run through, you don't have to be in the fight," said the manager.

But Rodgers was heartened by the "spirit and mentality" of the nine men left on the pitch, who managed to keep the score respectable, with Feyenoord having two late goals disallowed.

"Overall, I'm frustrated for the players because they gave so much, but the point for me was that their spirit was never broken," said the Hoops boss.

## Ronaldo helps Al Nassr to historic Asia Cup win in Iran

### INCHEON WIN

In the group's other match, Iran's Istiklol were held to a goalless draw in Dushanbe by Qatari heavyweights Al Dhail.

In Group A, 2003 winners Al Ain secured an impressive 3-0 victory at Pakhtakor in Tashkent, while Turkmenistan side Ahal defeated Saudi opponents Al Fayha 1-0 at home to record only a second win in the competition.

In the East Asian side of the draw, South Korea's Incheon United opened their Group G account with a 4-2 win over J.League champions Yokohama F Marinos in Japan.

As a result, Incheon sit on three points alongside Chinese Super League side

Shandong Taishan, who were made to work for their 3-1 victory in Manila over Kaya FC Iloilo of the Philippines.

In Group I, South Korean champions, and 2020 Asian Champions League winners, Ulsan Hyundai won at home over Thailand's BG Pathum United 3-1, while Japan's Kawasaki Frontale saw off hosts Johor Darul Ta'zim 1-0 in Malaysia.

The group stage, which this year returned to a home-and-away format for the first time since early 2020, runs until mid-December, with the 10 pool winners and the six best second-placed teams advancing to the knockout rounds.

That begins in February with the final taking place across two legs in May.

# ASHWIN VS SUNDAR: STORY BEHIND UNEXPECTED WC TRIAL

PTI ■ MOHALI

A month and half back, Ravichandran Ashwin was eloquently explaining on his Tamil YouTube channel, why a talent like Tilak Varma should be seriously considered for the ODI World Cup.

One of India's greatest match-winners in Test cricket wouldn't possibly have envisaged that in six weeks time he would be summoned for a two-match trial against Washington Sundar — nearly a decade and half junior to him.

Close selection calls are par for course when it comes to World Cup squads.

But just two weeks before the mega event, the Indian team management has called the two off-spinners for the three-match series against Australia to keep a ready back-up option in case Axar Patel's quadriceps tear doesn't heal on time.

It will be a virtual shoot-out and their performances on flat decks of Mohali and Rajkot will be monitored by Ajit Agarkar's selection committee.

"I think Ashwin will be slightly ahead now that a bowler of his stature has been called into the mix. I have always felt that Ashwin should have been in the mix from the time the team got into the ODI World Cup mode," said former chairman of selectors MSK Prasad, who was at helm when the 2019 squad was selected.

So, who will be his pick if Axar can't make it to the World Cup?

"Look, let us hope that Axar is fit for the final ODI in Rajkot. Because if he is fit, however well Ashwin or Wasby bowl, it will be Axar who will retain his place. If he has been your pick ahead of these two, then you have to have him if he is good to go," Prasad set the record straight.

"But this is one of the most fascinating World Cup trials



that you will get (to see). Question is: if they are looking at a 50-50 batting-bowling option then it is Wasby. But if they are looking at a purely spin bowling option, then Ash holds an edge as far as I am concerned," Prasad said.

Harbhajan Singh, however, has a contrarian viewpoint.

The 'Turbantor' believes that if the team management and selectors took an informed decision to summon Washington in Colombo for the Asia Cup final and even fielded him in the playing XI, then he should be the first-choice replacement.

"Washington bowls well in Powerplays. He is a brilliant fielder and last but not the least is a left-hander in that lower middle order. So, he does come as a package," said Harbhajan.

Another national selector, who refused to be named, had an interesting take on the Washington vs Ashwin debate.

"No offence meant but Axar's supposed hamstring

injury could just be a blessing in disguise. The decision to have a right-arm finger spinner should have been taken long back and now, perhaps, at eleventh hour, they have got that opportunity," the selector, who has seen some pitched battles between previous captains and selection commit-

tees, said. He then decoded the whole issue that the Indian team is facing.

"Not denying that Axar played two crucial knocks in the Asia Cup and one was in a winning cause against Sri Lanka. But just look at his bowling on a track that offered considerable

turn. If Charith Asalanka is picking up four wickets and you (Axar) are not even getting most of your deliveries to turn, it is a problem," added the former selector.

"Mind it, Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja) is lethal when there is help off the surface and doubly

so, if Ashwin is operating at the other end. Also, why did they call two off-spinners and not a like-for-like replacement. The next in line are Shahbaz Ahmed and Abhishek Sharma (left-arm spin and left-handed bat). These two are okay for Asian Games level but certainly not for the World Cup," he added.

"Also at the moment, they asked Ashwin to report for his fitness update at NCA (after the Super 4 against Pakistan, if one goes by his Instagram handle), you would know that he is in line and there is a clear dilemma in Rohit (Sharma), Rahul (Dravid) and Ajit (Agarkar)'s mind as to who is the best option. "Is it a bits and pieces cricketer like Wasby or someone like Ashwin, who can turn a game or two on Indian tracks? Hence they called both," the selector said.

Prasad agreed to the point. "I believe some of the tracks will offer help for spinners. In Chennai, think about Ashwin's possible match-up against Steve Smith or a left-hander like David Warner. Yes, his success came in the red ball (cricket) but just think about the possibilities," the former India stumper added.



## Siraj back to No. 1 in ODI rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj has regained his number one spot in the men's ICC ODI bowling rankings after his six-wicket haul in the final of the recently-concluded Asia Cup. Siraj, who first grabbed the top position in January before being displaced by Josh Hazlewood in March, has surged eight spots after his memorable performance that helped dismiss Sri Lanka for just 50 runs and enabled India to complete a 10-wicket victo-

ry in the summit clash.

Left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav has moved down three places to ninth.

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah climbed up two places to 27th while Hardik Pandya rose eight spots to 50th.

Among batters, openers Shubman Gill and Rohit Sharma have retained their second and 10th spots respectively while star batter Virat Kohli moved up a rung to eighth.

Pandya is the only all-rounder in the top 20, climbing up a spot to the sixth place.

## ICC confirms New York, Dallas, Florida as US venues for T20 WC 2024

PTI ■ DUBAI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday confirmed New York, Dallas and Florida as the three venues for the USA-leg of the ICC Men's World Cup 2024.

Broward County (Florida), Grand Prairie (Dallas) and Eisenhower Park (New York) will be the three stadiums hosting the matches in the US.

This is the first time the tournament will be played in the USA, and they will co-host it with the West Indies.

The ICC had awarded the event to the USA in 2021. Geoff Allardice, the Chief Executive of the governing body, said, these venues have been zeroed in after an extensive evaluation process.

"We're delighted to announce the three USA venues that will host part of the biggest ICC Men's T20 World Cup ever staged, with 20 teams competing for the trophy.

"We explored a number of potential venue options in the country, and we were hugely encouraged by the enthusiasm



the event generated amongst prospective hosts," said Allardice in an ICC release.

Allardice said the existing

ular stadium solutions.

He said the same technology will be used to build a 34,000-seat modular stadium at Nassau County, New York, and he hoped to acquire the required permit from local officials by next month. "We are very excited about the opportunity to use modular stadium technology. This technology has been used at previous ICC events to increase venue capacity and it's routinely used in other major sports around the world.

"In the USA, it will give us the opportunity to increase the

size of the venues in both Dallas and Florida and create what is going to be a stunning venue in New York," said Allardice.

A number of other venues around the USA, including George Mason University in Washington, the new home of MLC team Washington Freedom, have also been identified as potential venues for pre-event matches and training. The ICC's announcement has also allayed all concerns over USA hosting the T20 WC 2024 because of the doubts surrounding the readiness of the stadiums.

## B'desh hungry to gain pre-WC boost in ODI series vs NZ

AP ■ MIRPUR

After failing to reach this month's Asia Cup final, Bangladesh is hungry to gain a much-needed boost ahead of the 50-over World Cup by beating New Zealand in the three-match ODI series that starts on Thursday.

Bangladesh rested a host of key players for the Asia Cup, captain Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Najmul Hossain and Towhid Hridoy among them, in order to keep them fresh and injury-free, although it has still not named its squad for next month's World Cup.

New Zealand has sent only five World Cup-bound players to Bangladesh, stand-in skipper Lockie Ferguson, Trent Boult, Rachin Ravindra, Ish Sodhi and Will Young.

Tamim Iqbal, who stepped down as ODI captain last month, is back for Bangladesh after recovering from a back problem. Mahmudullah, axed after the England series



in March following poor form, also returns. Liton Das, who leads the side in Shakib's absence, said: "There are many things to achieve from the series. The first thing is to win, that will be a big achievement ahead of the World Cup.

"We won't play to show just individual brilliance. A five-wicket haul or a century doesn't matter if the team doesn't win."

Ferguson, yet to play on Bangladesh soil, believes conditions will test his New Zealand team to the limit.

"Bangladesh is very good in home conditions and is a huge challenge here," he said. "It's important for us just to focus on what's coming up tomorrow and try to adapt as quickly as possible to the conditions. Some of us haven't played here so we'll have to adapt quicker."

New Zealand hasn't won an ODI match in the country since 2008 and Ferguson said the input of former Bangladesh bowling coach Shane Jurgensen would be invaluable.



## Southee to undergo surgery on thumb

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

New Zealand veteran fast bowler Tim Southee is set to undergo a surgery on his injured right thumb on Thursday and a call on his availability for the World Cup in India will be taken next week. Southee broke and dislocated his right thumb while attempting to take a catch in the fourth ODI against England last week.

New Zealand head coach Gary Stead is hopeful the 34-year-old seamer will recover in time for the side's opening game in the mega event on October 5.

"We've got our fingers crossed the surgery goes well for Tim," Stead said.

"He'll have some pins or screws inserted in his right thumb and, providing the procedure is a success, it will be a matter of ensuring Tim can tolerate the pain and manage the actual wound when returning to train and play."

Ahead of their opener against defending champions England, New Zealand are

## Ronaldinho to visit Kolkata during Durga Puja

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Retired Brazilian legend Ronaldinho is set to visit Kolkata during the auspicious occasion of Durga Puja next month.

An official privy to the development said that Ronaldinho is likely to visit the city between October 15-19 but the final date will be ascertained following the confirmation date of Barca Legends match at Congo.

According to the official, Ronaldinho, who will be visiting Kolkata for the first time, is expected to feature in a short charity match, besides visiting a football clinic and a Durga Puja pandal. He will also inaugurate a statue of Argentine FIFA World Cup winner Lionel Messi.

A two-time Ballon d'Or winner, Ronaldinho is also expected to attend some sponsor meet and greet events and visit the nearby town of Rishra.

The official involved has played a key role in bringing football legends to the city in the past, including Maradona, Pele and Cafu.

He also played a role in bringing current Argentinian World Cup-winning goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez this July to the city.

Notably, Ronaldinho also has his football academy in the city, the R10 Academy, in Rajarhat.

## Sreejesh eyes direct berth to Olympics through Asiad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

At 35, PR Sreejesh is standing at the twilight of his career and the Hangzhou Asian Games is most likely his last appearance at the continental showpiece.

But the veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper is determined to win the gold at Hangzhou to give himself a chance to earn a direct entry to the Paris Olympics next year, and do better there winning a yellow-coated medal.

Eight-time champions India had won a historic bronze at the Tokyo Olympics after 41 years beating Germany 5-4 in the

play-off match.

"Obviously, next year's Olympics is my main target and I want to change the colour of my medal there. But having said that, we need to qualify through the Asian Games (to Olympics) so that we get ample time to prepare ourselves," Sreejesh told PTI.

Sreejesh reiterated that age is just a number for a sports person and gave the example of tennis great Novak Djokovic in this regard.

"I am right now taking one game, one tournament at a time. As (Novak) Djokovic said, 35 is the new 25. So, I'm definite-



ly there," he said.

Having handled the duties under the goal post of the Indian hockey team for more than 17 years, Sreejesh wants to groom the next generation of goalkeepers in India.

"Krishan (Bahadur Pathak) and me have been donning the goalkeeping responsibilities for a long time. We share a good rapport. There are upcoming goalkeepers like Suraj Karkera and Pawan Malik who are good and will only get better with time.

"I just want to ensure that there is enough back-up," he said.

The Indian men's hockey team goalkeepers, including Sreejesh, underwent some sessions under Dutchman Dennis van de Pol in the lead up to the Asian Games, which has been very helpful according to the veteran custodian.

"Dennis van de Pol is a good coach. It has really been beneficial to work with him. His experience and vast knowledge about goalkeeping has been very useful for us.

"He has deep knowledge about his skills and expertise and it has definitely helped us in all aspects of goalkeeping qualities," he signed off.

## Antim Panghal shocks reigning world champion Parrish, reaches semis

PTI ■ BELGRADE

Antim Panghal shocked reigning champion Olivia Dominique Parrish en route to the World Championship semifinals, raising hopes of locking a quota for the Paris Olympics even as other Indian contenders bit the dust in their respective categories, here Wednesday.

The two-time U20 champion Panghal slipped to a 0-2 deficit at the start of the bout against the American but edged her rival 3-2 in the women's 53kg opening round.

She later outplayed Poland's Rokšana Marta Zasina

by technical superiority and followed that up with a 9-6 win over Russian Natalia Malysheva, who is competing as a neutral athlete.

However, Manisha (62kg), Priyanka (68kg) and Jyoti Beralw (72kg) have lost their bouts and exited the tournament.

All 10 men's free-style wrestlers have already exited the tournament without winning either an Olympic quota or a medal in non-Olympic categories.

All Indian athletes are competing under the UWW flag because the wrestling federation is suspended.

## India face Bangladesh in must-win Asian Games football match

PTI ■ HANGZHOU

Battered by hosts China in their opening match after playing without any training session, India will be up against a tricky Bangladesh side in their must-win group match in the Asian Games football competition here on Thursday. A rag-tag Indian team reached here late Monday evening and played its first match without proper rest and sleep and was hammered 1-5 by China on Tuesday.

Igor Stimac's team needs to beat Bangladesh in its second Group A game to remain in the fray for the knock-outs.

A loss on Thursday may not straightway knock India out of

reckoning as the best third-placed teams from the six groups can also advance to the Round of 16, but that will leave the team with a lot of uncertainties in the final game.

Qualifying as one of the best four third-place teams could also set India up against tougher sides in the pre-quarterfinals.

Bangladesh have never been an easy side for India in any level and they will also be desperate for a win after losing their opening match 0-1 to Myanmar.

India will, however, be strengthened after the arrival of defender Konsam Chinglensana Singh, who could not travel with the team before due to a visa delay. The Indian Olympic



Association (IOA) arranged 'express visa' — which could be procured in two-three days — for him and he has arrived here separately.

It will not be easy for the Sunil Chhetri-led side to beat Bangladesh and log its first win of the competition as the team was assembled at the last minute with very few known faces after the Indian Super League clubs refused to release their players.

The Indians played on an even keel in the first 45 minutes but they caved in the second half, exposing the gulf in quality between the two teams.

Stimac himself admitted after the China match that he has brought a third-rung team

with him.

"This is our third or fourth-choice team here. I would love to play against China with my best team. Then it would be totally opposite, but the players that are here are heroes," the Croatian coach said.

"What they went through, with travelling problems, arriving here very late, not having time to recover and handling the first 45 minutes in a brilliant way.

"I was realistic and knew that it wouldn't happen (to get a drawn match). With no-one on the bench, apart from three players which we had, we couldn't make any tactical changes. We couldn't influence the game in the second half."