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BAIL FOR SANJAY SINGH Bane or Boon for AAP?

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a relief to AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, the Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to him in the money laundering case related to the Delhi liquor policy case after the Enforcement Directorate conceded that it has no objections.

The AAP leader is not supposed to make any public statement regarding the case, the court added, while dismissing as infructuous the second petition filed by Singh challenging his arrest and remand.

The top court decision has brought a big relief to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in midst of Lok Sabha poll campaigning as two of its top leaders — national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia — are in jail in connection with the case. The bench comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, Dipankar Datta and PB Varale passed the order to grant him bail, who has been in jail for six months, observing that no money has been recovered from his possession and there is no trace of it, while orally commenting that Singh would be entitled to indulge in



In this file photo, AAP MP Sanjay Singh being taken to the Rouse Avenue Court by the Enforcement Directorate officials in connection with the Delhi excise policy case in New Delhi. Singh was on Tuesday granted bail in the case by the SC PTI

political activities during the period of bail. “We clarify that the concession given in the court today would not be treated as a precedent. We also clarify that we have not made any comments on the merits of the case. The impugned judgment is set aside and the appeal is allowed and disposed of in the above terms,” the court said in its

order. The bench ordered that the AAP leader can continue with his political activities but cannot make any statements with regard to the case. It said Singh will remain out on bail during the course of the entire trial and that the terms and conditions for the bail will be fixed by the special court. During the post-lunch session, Additional Solicitor General

SV Raju, appearing for the ED, said he has taken instructions from the probe agency and it has no objections if Singh is out on bail. “I am making the statement without going into the merits of the case and keeping all the rights and contentions open,” he said. Taking note of the statement, the bench ordered, “In the morning session ASG SV Raju was asked to obtain instructions. He states they have no objections if Sanjay is released on bail in proceedings arising out of the FIR...In view

of the statement made, we allow the present appeal and direct that Sanjay be released on bail during pendency of trial on terms and conditions set by the trial court.” The bench said the concession of bail granted to Singh will not be treated as “precedent”. Consequently this bail order may not be of much help to other jailed AAP leaders, including Arvind Kejriwal. The bench clarified that the bail was granted to Singh on the concession granted by the ED and not on merits. As AAP MP Sanjay was given bail by the Supreme Court in the liquor “scam” case on Tuesday, the atmosphere was jubilant at Singh’s residence as supporters with “dhol and nagada” gathered outside his house to celebrate the bail. They raised slogans like “Jail ke taale toot gaye, Sanjay bhaiya choot gaye” and “Sanjay tum sangharsh karo, hum tumhare sath hain”. Reacting on the bail, Singh’s wife Anita Singh said the happiness is incomplete with three of her “brothers”, Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain, still behind bars. Describing Singh’s bail as the “victory of truth”, his wife said the AAP will celebrate when all its leaders are cleared in the case.

Sleep timing of Ram Lalla keeps Ayodhya awake

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

Controversy has erupted over the district administration’s proposal to keep Ram Lalla awake for 24 hours during the upcoming Ram Navami festival, drawing objections from saints and members of the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.

Anticipating a significant surge in devotees during Ram Navami, the district administration has suggested keeping the temple doors open round-the-clock, discarding the traditional ‘shayan’ (sleeping) timing, to accommodate the expected influx of worshippers. District Magistrate Nitish Kumar had announced that the Ram Temple management will graciously open its doors round the clock from April 16 to April 18, with the pinnacle of celebrations slated for April 17. However, the proposal has been met with skepticism from saints, who question the prudence of such a decision. Senior Priest Satendra Das remarked, “Never ever any temple remained open for 24 hours, that too for three days. This is against Hindu tradition. Bhagwan also needs rest.” While the Trust asserts that it is consulting with the saints



to gather their opinions on the matter, concerns remain regarding the departure from established worship traditions. The Ram Navami fair, slated to begin on April 9, anticipates a massive turnout of over 50 lakh devotees in Ayodhya from across the country. With such a crowd expected, there is consideration to extend the temple’s opening hours to 24 hours a day during the festival period to ensure uninterrupted darshan of

Ram Lalla. Presently, the temple operates for 14 hours daily, attracting a footfall of approximately one and a half to two lakh devotees to Ram Lalla’s shrine. Acknowledging the necessity for extended hours during the festival, the district administration has urged the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust to contemplate opening the temple 24 hours on Ashtami, Navami, and Dashami tithis.



Ministry seeks report on Vistara flight cancellations, delays

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Vistara decided to temporarily curtail its daily flight schedule, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has sought a detailed report from the Tata group airline amid non-availability of pilots causing flight cancellations and major delays. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has also asked Vistara to submit a daily report on the flights that are being cancelled and delayed. Vistara has been facing backlash from passengers on social media due to significant operational challenges. Over the past week, flights have either been cancelled or delayed. Vistara has cancelled around 60 flights on Tuesday after the airline cancelled approximately 50 flights and 160 delayed on Monday. The number could even go up to 70. In the ongoing summer schedule, Vistara will be operating 25.22 per cent more weekly flights at 2,324. Many passengers have taken to social media to complain about flight delays and cancellations. Reflecting the impact of flight cancellations and delays, Vistara’s On Time Performance (OTP) touched 51.4 per cent on April 1 and it was the lowest among the scheduled airlines, as per the latest data from the civil aviation ministry. The airline’s passenger load factor stood at 85.4 per cent on April 1, the data showed.

Modi attacks Rahul over fire remark

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RUDRAPUR (UTTARAKHAND) / NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched a blistering attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his remark suggesting that there will be a “conflagration” in the country if he gets a third term and asked the people to wipe out the Congress from everywhere. Addressing his first election rally in Uttarakhand, Modi said he is being threatened and abused by the corrupt but there will be even bigger action against corruption after his re-election. “The Congress and INDIA Alliance have made their intentions clear. Congress’s royal

family shehzada (prince) has threatened there will be fire if Modi gets another term in office. Staying out of power has made them so desperate that they are now talking about setting the country afire. Would you let them do it? Is this the kind of language used in a democracy? Wouldn’t you punish them?” Modi said. At an INDIA Bloc rally in Delhi’s Ramlila Maidan on Sunday, Rahul Gandhi had said if the BJP wins the election through “match-fixing” and changes the Constitution, then the country would be on “fire” and would not survive. “The Congress, with its Emergency-mindset, no longer has faith in democracy. Therefore, it is busy instigating



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a public rally ahead of upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Udham Singh Nagar district in Uttarakhand on Tuesday PTI

people against the electoral mandate,” the Prime Minister alleged. He accused the Congress of pushing the country towards instability and anarchy and asked the people to wipe it out from everywhere. He said a big Congress leader in Karnataka recently spoke of separating south India from the country and dividing it. But instead of punishing him, the party has given him a ticket to contest the polls, he said, apparently referring to Congress leader DK Suresh. The Prime Minister also accused the Congress of insulting the country’s first Chief of Defence

Staff Bipin Rawat, who hailed from the hill State. He alleged that the Congress, which encouraged infiltrators, was troubled the most when the BJP brought CAA to give citizenship to persecuted religious minorities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan. “The Congress is sunk so deep in the morass of appeasement that it cannot think of national interest,” he alleged. He also talked about how the “weakness” of Congress Governments had led to the “country’s division” and the “ceding” of Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara from Indian Sikhs.

India sees red as China runs riot renaming Arunachal towns

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday rejected attempts by China to rename places in Arunachal Pradesh and asserted that assigning “invented names” will not alter the reality that the State “is, has been, and will always be” an integral and inalienable part of India. Responding to questions at a Press conference, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday had said, “If today I change the name of your house, will it become mine? Arunachal Pradesh was, is and will always be a State of India. Changing names does not have an effect.”



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

The MEA statement on Tuesday was issued in response to media queries in the wake of China releasing a fourth list of 30 new names of various places in Arunachal Pradesh amid Beijing’s stepped-up assertions in recent

weeks to re-emphasise its claim over the Indian State. “China has persisted with its senseless attempts to rename places in the Indian State of Arunachal Pradesh. We firmly reject such attempts. Assigning invented names will not alter the reality that Arunachal Pradesh is, has been, and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India,” MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaishwal was quoted as saying in the statement. The 30 places renamed by Beijing include 12 mountains, four rivers, one lake, one mountain pass, 11 residential areas and a piece of land, state-run Global Times reported. A high-resolution map of the areas has also been shared by China.

Three former foreign secretaries ask parties not to rake up Katchatheevu

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The DMK’s game plan to bring in Katchatheevu, a 285 acre uninhabited islet 20 km off Rameswaram coast, an issue in the upcoming Lok Sabha poll has backfired as three former Foreign Secretaries of the country have issued a stern warning to the major political parties which are behind the move. It all started with the DMK’s manifesto for the 2024 election blaming the BJP Government at the Centre for failing to retrieve the islet that was seceded to Sri Lanka in



1975 by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as part of the move to settle the international maritime boundary line between the two countries. It has also been revealed that a technology innovation by Union Government’s INCOIS laboratory to keep the

fishermen away from international maritime border line did not take off because of the lack of interest in it by a political party in Tamil Nadu. Shiv Shankar Menon, who was the Foreign Secretary and later national security adviser under the UPA Government led by Manmohan Singh has alerted the parties not to rake up the Katchatheevu issue. “It is like scoring a self-goal and will be counter productive,” Menon told media persons who asked him about the possibility of retrieving the islet, a bone of contention between fishermen of Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka.

Crackdown on vehicles with tinted glass intensifies

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Considering the involvement of tinted glass-equipped vehicles in criminal activities and the increasing prevalence of such vehicles, the Delhi Police has initiated a crackdown on these vehicles across the national Capital. The Najafgarh area of south west Delhi leads the list as of now with as many as 851 violations, followed by 617 in Nangloi, 417 in Punjabi Bagh, 365 in Tilak Nagar and 350 in Dwarka among others. The IGI airport area in Delhi, known for its bustling activity among tourists and

foreigners, has also experienced a 100 per cent surge in violations within just one year. Last year, the Delhi Traffic Police recorded 123 violations, whereas from January 1 to March 15 this year, the number has escalated to 265 violations. The police said such vehicles have a history of being used for committing crime against women by criminals. According to the law, the front windscreen should have a visual light transmission (VLT) of at least 70 per cent, which means it shouldn’t block more than 30 per cent of the light. The side windows should maintain a VLT of at least 50



Representational Image

per cent, ensuring adequate visibility. The opaqueness of heavily tinted windows obstructs clear visibility, posing a threat both for the other commuters and pedestrians and the driver of the four wheelers. The Delhi Traffic Police launched campaigns this year to target such vehicles with as many as 7,567 violators booked in 2023 compared to 1,083 in 2022 and 3,029 in 2023. Taking vigilance of a concerning trend of non-compliance, measures including heightened surveillance, regular checkpoints, and stringent penalties for offenders were put in

place in India’s Capital. These violations were frequently happening mainly in West and South west Delhi including areas of Najafgarh, Nangloi, Punjabi Bagh, Tilak Nagar, Dwarka, Karol Bagh, IGI Airport, Kapashera, Rajouri Garden, and Badarpur. Comparatively, the violations in these areas have also increased manifold over the years. While 50 violations were seen in Punjabi Bagh in 2022, the number went up to 417 in 2024. Similarly, in a period of a year the number of tinted glass violations in Tilak Nagar area went to 365 from

just 129 in 2023. By addressing this issue, the Delhi Traffic Police aims to mitigate potential hazards associated with impaired visibility, thereby reducing the incidence of accidents and promoting responsible driving practices. It also aims to crackdown on criminals who target women. Vehicle owners have been told to adhere strictly to regulations of tinted glass, stating that the “compliance with these regulations not only fosters safer road conditions but also contributes to the overall well-being of the community.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Satpal Joyal S/o Chandu Ram R/o 336F, Vill Dariaa, Chandigarh declare that my son Sagar & his wife Madhu are out of my control. I disown them from my movable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Chand Ram S/o Sh. Hukum Chand R/o Village Jharoti, Tehsil Kharkhoda, Distt. Sonipat has disowned my son Amit & his wife Himanshi from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

We, Satish Jain S/o Prakash Jain and Anju Jain W/o Satish Jain, R/o house no. 239, Virat Nagar, Near Bal Vikas School, Panipat declaer that By listening to our words, our son Rahul Jain due to being outside his movable and immovable property was evicted. But now our son he listens to everything we say and accepts everything we say. So now we have got the eviction of our son done by us Cancels it and its equivalent in our property Will be part of.

I, Harvinder Bhandari S/o Rajkumar Bhandari R/o H.No 234-L, Model Town, Panipat declared that my son Kapil and his wife Priya alias Manu Bhandari are out of control me and my family and they fight. So I disowned to my all property and relationships. So I disown them from my moveable & immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with him at own risk.

I, Paramjeet Bhalla s/o Devi Dass Bhalla R/o Nissing, Distt. Karnal declare that my son Pankaj Kumar is out of control. I disown him from all my movable and immovable properties. In future, whoever deals with or deals with this will be responsible for it.

I, Krishma Mehra W/o Goutam Mehra R/o 1763, Gali Arorian Wall, Chownk Farid, Amritsar, Punjab declare that my father was known by two names Subash Sharma and Subash Chander. Subash Sharma and Subash Chander is one and the same person.

I, Batan Legally Spouse Of Service No. Jc-765691x Sub Kaillash Chand Gurjar (Unit 11 Czw C/O 56 Apo) Resident Of Village Kolahera, Tehsil Narayanpur, Distt. Alwar, Pre Distt .Kotputli Behror, State Rajasthan Have Changed My Name From Batan To Battan Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 02/04/2024 Before Magistrate Jalandhar. All Please Note.

I, Jc- 761033n Sub Jatinder Jit Singh (Retd) Resi Of Vpo Maksudpur, Tehsil Bhlohath, Distt. Kapurthala-144819 Hereby Declared That My Mother Name Erroneously Recorded In My Service Documents As Harbans Kaur And Date Of Birth As 10-07-1946 Whereas Her Correct Name Is Kulwant Kaur And Date Of Birth Is 15-02-1942 Vide Affidavit Dated 02/04/2024 Before Magistrate Jalandhar. All Please Note.

I, Shyam Kali Mother Of Service No. Jc-404747k Sub Mahendra Prasad (Unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/O 56 Apo) Resident Of 14 A Araji 103, K R Puram Saniganwan, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur, (Up) 208021 Have Changed My Name From Shyam Kali To Shyamkali Vide Affidavit Dated 01/04/2024 Before Magistrate Jalandhar. All Please Note.

I, Anju Wala Spouse Of Service No. Jc-304148p Sub (Opr) Anchal Dass (Unit 128 Ad Msl Regiment C/O 56 Apo) Resident Of Village Nandpur (Ranjit Pur), Po .Nandpur Camp, Distt. Jammu (J&K) - 181141 Have Changed My Name From Anju Wala To Anju Bala Vide Affidavit Dated 01/04/2024 Before Magistrate Jalandhar. All Please Note.

It Is For General Information That I, Kamaljit S/O Late Roop Lal R/O Patti Badal Ki, Phillaur, Bundala, Bundala, Jalandhar, Punjab-144034, Declare That Name Of My Father Has Been Wrongly Written As Roopi In My Passport No B1963386. The Actual Name Of My Father Is Roop Lal, Which May Amended Accordingly.All Please Note.

We Khem Chand S/o Topan Dass, and Mohan Devi W/o Khem Chand R/o House No 212, Pakka Kalan, Bathinda, Punjab inform that our son Gulshan Kumar and daughter-in-law Reetu Kagra out of our control. We disown them from our moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I Nisha W/O Kulbhoosan Alias Kulbhushan Gupta R/O Village Sangoli Tehsil Dera Bassi Distt Sas Nagar Declare That In My Passport No. L6982880, Dated 06.02.2017 My Husband Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Kulbhoosan . His Correct Name Is Kulbhushan Gupta

I, Godabari (Existing Name Of Mother As Per Nok In Record) The Mother Of Chand Singh (Name Of Son) Resident Of Vpo-Purkhas, Tehsil Ganaur Distt Sonepat (Hr)-131102, Have Changed My Name And Dob From Godabari & Dob 01-07-1929/ Existing Name & Dob Of Mother As Per Nok In Record) To Smt.Godawari & Dob 01-01-1938/ Proposed/Accepted New Name & Dob) Vide Affidavit Dated 02-04-2024 At Sonepat.

We, Jagdeep Singh S/O Lt. Shyam Singh and Parminder Kaur W/O S. Jagdeep Singh R/O Flat No. 65, Housefed Complex-1, Sector 79 SAS Nagar Mohali, Declare That Our Son Lovepreet Singh And His Wife Priyanka Vashisht And Their Son Gabriel Meetkay Are Out Of Our Control And Disobey Us. So, We Disown Them From Our Movable And Immoveable Property. We Will Not Be Responsible For Their Act. Anybody Who Deals With Them, Should Do This At Their Own Risk.

I, Smt Bimla Devi Wd/O Late Sh. Jasbir Singh R/O H.No. 612 Kathura,Tehsil Gohana Distt. Sonipat (Haryana). Do Hereby Solemnly Affirm And Declare That My Husband Late Sh. Jasbir Singh S/O Sh. Maman R/O Village Kathura Tehsil Gohana Distt. Sonipat Has Been Expired On Dated 29/07/2020. That My Above Said Statement Are True And Correct Of My Knowledge. Deponent

I, Pushpa Rani Dahiya (Existing Name Of Spouse As Per Nok In Record), Spouse Of Ram Chander Dahiya (Name Of Husband) Resident Of H.No.26/311, Arya Nagar Sonepat (Hr), Have Changed My Name &Dob From Pushpa Rani Dahiya & Dob 01-05-1961 To Pushpa Rani & Dob 12-04-1962 (Proposed/ Accepted New Name & Dob Of Spouse) Vide Affidavit Dated 02-04/2024 At Sonepat.

I Rajender Parsad Son Of Sh.Ramnarayan Sharma Resident Of Village Bhuri Tehsil Ganaur District Sonipat Declare That My Son Pardeep Kaushik Out Of My Control So I Disown Him From My All Moveable/ Immoveable Property. Anybody Deal With Him At Their Own Risk.

I, Mahinder Kumar Khurana S/O Sh. Ram Ditta Mal R/O H.No. 23, Mansarovar Colony, Rohtak Haryana -124001 Declare That My Name Mahinder Kumar Is Written In My Matriculation Certificate But My Actual & Correct Name Is Mahinder Kumar Khurana As Mentioned In Aadhar Card & Other Ids. Mahinder Kumar Khurana And Mahinder Kumar Are The Name Of Same And One Person. In Future I Will Be Known As Mahinder Kumar Khurana For All Purposes.

I, Manisha Gite Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No-15434005L Rank- Hav(Na) Gite Shankar Jagannath Presently Posted At 4015 Fd Hospital Srinagar Permanent Address: Lohasar, Post-Khand Gaon, Lohasar, Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra-414106 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Manisha Gite To Manisha Shankar Gite. Vide Affidavit No-Rd 0021649550, Dated- 02/04/24

I, Jc No-344076y Rank-Nb/Svd Jitendra Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address- Simlas Grant, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248140 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Jitendra Singh (Name As Per In Service Record) To Jitendra Singh Kanyal. Vide Affidavit No-Rd 0021649537, Dated- 02/04/24

I, Kuldeep Kaur Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No-15567038L Rank-Hav Name Karamjit Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 105 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Leh Permanent Address: Sarala Kalan, Patiala, Punjab-140702 Declare That In My Husband Service Record My Date Of Birth Wrongly Mentioned As 01/07/1951 But My Correct Date Of Birth Is 26/11/1949 Vide Affidavit No-Rd 0021649546, Dated-02/04/24

I, Shamsher Singh Is Father Of Army No-15567038L Rank-Hav Name Karamjit Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 105 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Leh Permanent Address: Sarala Kalan, Patiala, Punjab-140702 Declare That In My Son's Service Record My Date Of Birth Wrongly Mentioned As 01/07/1951 But My Correct Date Of Birth Is 26/11/1949 Vide Affidavit No-Rd 0021649546, Dated-02/04/24

I, Jc No 858732h Rank-Nb/Sub Name- Bobade Prakash Chandrakant Presently Posted Unit-142 Ad Regt. (Sp) C/O 56 Apo, Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula (Haryana) Permanent Address- Panyachya Taki Javal At Post Anpatwadi,Taluka - Koregaon, Dist - Satara, Maharashtra – 415525 Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Pranjali To Bobade Pranjali Prakash. Vide Affidavit No-Rd 0021649532, Dated- 02/04/24

I, Gita Rani W/O Ex No-4559692-Y, Rank-Hav, Name-Late Trsem Lal, Of Mahar Regt. S/O Late Paras Ram. Resident Of Vpo -Ajauli, Tehsil-Nangal, District- Rupnagar, State- Punjab Declare That I Want To Amend My Son's Name In His Army Records Manpreet Singh Choudhary To Manpreet Singh Choudhary

I, No-3398053-N, Rank- Nk, Name-Satnam Singh, Residence Of Vill- Mothapur, Po-Nurpur Bedi, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District- Rupnagar, State-Punjab Declare That I Change My Father Name (Gurbaksh Singh To Gurbaksh Singh) Date Of Birth (01-02-1957 To 02-02-1954) And Mother (Manjeet Kaur) Date Of Birth (12-07-1962 To 01-01-1958)

I, No-14285590-Y, Rank-Sep, Name- Sukhdev Singh, Residence Of # 205, Western Homes, Jhungling Road, Tehsil - Kharar, District-Mohali, State-Punjab Declare That I Change My Wife's Name (Gurcharan Kaur To Gurcharan Kaur Randhawa) Date Of Birth (12-12-1952 To 15-10-1952)

We, Varun Shamshere Malla S/o Rajendra Shamshere Malla and Jasleen Malla wife Varun Shamshere Malla R/O H.No. 52, Ari Avenue, Kheri Gujra Officer Colony Patiala Tehsil & District Patiala declare that our son Yuvraj and his wife Patel Pooja Devial are out of our control and harassing us. We, Evict them from all our moveable / immoveable properties. Anyone dealing with them shall do so on their own risk, we will not be responsible.

I, Army No 15779067w Rank-Hav Paithankar Bhaskar Vishwas Presently Posted Unit-142 Ad Regt. (Sp) C/O 56 Apo, Chandimandir Cantt., Panchkula (Haryana) Permanent Address: 393b,Lasgaon,Post-Sammer,Distt-Jalgaon,Maharash tra-425115 Have Changed My son's Name From Tajus Bhaskar Paithankar To Tejas Bhaskar Paithankar. Vide Affidavit Dated- 02/04/24 Before Executive Magistrate Panchkula Hry.

I, Janak Raj S/o Kashi Ram R/O Vishnu nagar Lamini Pathankot Teh/Distt. Pathankot, Punjab declare that my son Ajay Kumar and his wife Renu Bala are beyond my authority and I evict them from my movable and immovable property. Whoever does any transaction with them in the future will He himself will be responsible. please note.

I, Hitherto Known As Rajandeep Kaur Billing Wife Of Ramandeep Duggal R/O Kot Bhai, Tehsil Gidderbaha Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab Pin Code-152101 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rajandeep Kaur. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I, Tarlochan Singh S/o Jasmer Singh R/o Jaitu (Faridkot) declare that in Passport of my son Arwinder Singh my name written as Trilochan Singh. I am one and same person of above said both names.

I, Charanjeet Kaur W/o Tarlochan Singh R/o Jaitu (Faridkot) declare that in Passport of my son Arwinder Singh my name written as Charanjeet Kaur. I am one and same lady of above said both names.

I, Tarlochan Singh S/o Jasmer Singh R/o Jaitu (Faridkot) declare that in Passport of my son Arwinder Singh my name written as Charanjeet Kaur. I am one and same lady of above said both names.

मैं शीला देवी पत्नी श्री हरिन्दर सिंह निवासी जाटो मोहल्ला,करनाल तहसील व जिला करनाल निवासी ब्यान करती हूँ कि मेरे लडके अजय को अपनी तमाम चल व अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करते है। मेरे पुत्र अजय से जो भी लेन देन करेगा व स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा। हमारे परिवार के किसी भी सदस्य या उत्तराधिकारी की कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

CHANGE OF NAME

मैं, जयपाल पुत्र श्री तुलसी राम निवासी गढ़ी तहसील हांसी जिला, हिसार हरियाणा घोषणा करता हूँ कि मैं अपने अर्मी रिकॉर्ड में अपनी पत्नी का नाम अमर पति देवी से ठीक करके अमर पति करना चाहता हूँ।

I, Vijay S/o Sh. Bihari Lal R/o H No 91, Phase-2, Bapu Dham Colony, Sector 26, Chandigarh have changed my name from Vijay to Ajay.

I, Manju W/o Jasbir R/o House No. 591, BCW, Surajpur, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my daughter name from Khushi to Khushboo.

I, Ankush Sood S/o Dinesh Sood R/o #966, Sector-16, Panchkula have changed my minor daughter name from Ranjana Sood to Sangvi Sood.

I, Pakher Singh S/o Piara Lal R/o Village Harkhowal PO Dhakkowal Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Pakhar Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Vikash Kumar S/o Jeet Singh r/o #123, Mehla Patti, V.P.O. Ahun, Distt. Kaithal have changed my name from Vikash Kumar Mehla to Vikash Kumar. In future I will be known as Vikash Kumar.

I, Gautam S/O Pawan Kumar R/o 1885-A, SEC 12 NHBC, Panipat, Haryana-132103, have changed my name to Gautam Thakral.

I, Vandana Singh W/o Gurvinder Singh H.No.50, Latif Garden Assandh Road, Panipat declare that I have Changed my Name From Vandana to Vandana Singh for all future purpose.

I, Ravi Sharma urf Ravi Kumar Sharma S/o Om Parkash R/O 86, Prithvi Nagar-A, Farakpur, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Ravi Kumar.

I, Sarbjit Kaur D/O Bant Singh W/O Sarabjit Singh # 1189, Sector 28-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Amandeep Kaur.

I, Runbeer Singh S/o Didar Singh R/O 468, Hari Nagar, Near Bye pass Chowk, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Runbeer Singh to Ranbir Singh.

I, Raj Bahadur Yadav S/o Ram Dev R/o # 1365 A First Floor, Sector – 11 Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name to Raj Bahadur.

I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Dulichand R/o Village-Sanpera, Tehsil-Gannaur, District-Sonipat have changed my name from Ramesh Chander to Ramesh Kumar.

I, 3200204Y Rank NK Vikesh Kumar S/o Jaib Singh R/O Amar Colony Sirsama Postoffice Bir Mathana, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra (Haryana) 136131, inform that my mother's name has been written as Santosh Devi by mistake in my army documents. While my mother's actual name is Santosh Rani, which may be amended accordingly.

I, Parminder Singh, Resident Of 330 JOHN NEUFELD CRES., WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA. R3W 0M7. Declare That I Changed My Name To Parminder Singh Mand With Immediate Effect Affidavit 18-March-2024 Please Note.

I, number-2712841N Naik Sombir, son of Shri Jaibir, resident of Kalod Tehsil, Siwani district, Bhiwani, declare that in my army record, my father's name is Jaibir Singh, which is wrong. Now I want to register my father's name as Jaibir in my army record, which is correct.

I, Gurpreet Kaur Sandhu W/o Pargat Singh Sandhu R/o Village Nauneetpur PO Barian Kalan Distt. Punjab have changed my name to Gurpreet. Concerned note.

I, Guljit Singh S/o Prakash Singh R/o B-11 MCH 751/2, Kamalpura, Jalandhar Road, Hoshiarpur, have changed my name from Guljit Singh Najar to Guljit Singh, Vide my affidavit dated 02-04-2024. Concerned note.

I, Rajbir Kaur W/o Mandheer Singh Uppal R/o Village Lamme PO Sham Chaurasi (Rural) Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Rajbir Kaur Uppal to Rajbir Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Mandeep D/o No. 13744346W Hav (Hony Nb Sub) Gurbakshi Ram (Retd) R/O Village Bisso Chak, PO Dhaddar, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name from Mandeep to Mandeep Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Raj Bhadur S/o Ram Dev, House No. 1174/A, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Shivang to Shivang Yadav.

I, Sandeep D/o No. 13744346W Hav (Hony Nb Sub) Gurbakshi Ram (Retd.) R/O Village Bisso Chak, PO Dhaddar, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name from Sandeep to Sandeep Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Vibha Singh Spouse of GS-172474M, Rank -Welder Ashok Kumar Singh R/OVPO - Singhpur, Teh &Dist - Ballia (UP), do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that, my name Bibha Devi & DOB 1970, was erroneously recorded in the service documents of my husband at the time of appointment in the BRO on 17 May 1989, instead of my correct name as Vibha Singh, DOB 01 Jan 1969 vide Affidavit/Certificate No. IN-UP78447500388073W and IN-UP78443620760147W both dated 27 Feb 2024, Before Executive Magistrate, Ballia (UP)

I, Raj Bhadur Yadav S/o Ram Dev, House No. 1174/A, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Raj Bhadur Yadav to Raj Bhadur.

I, Rajiv Kumar S/o Ram Nath R/O House No 4, Gali number 1, Near Shivalik Garden, Shanti Nagar Manimajra Chandigarh I have changed my minor daughter's name from Praanvi to Praanvi Dhiman.

I, Rajiv Kumar S/o Ram Nath R/O House No 4, Gali number 1, Near Shivalik Garden, Shanti Nagar Manimajra Chandigarh I have changed my minor son's name from Dhiren to Dhiren Dhiman.

I, Abinash S/o Surinder Kumar, House No 3816, Sector 56, Chandigarh have changed my name from Abinash to Avinash.

I, Iqbal Singh Mittal S/o Tejpal R/O Village Lukhi Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, I Have changed my name from Iqbal Singh to Iqbal Singh Mittal.

I Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh. Prem Parkash R/O Tipra, Tehsil Kalika Distt, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name from Bhupinder Kumar to Sandeep Kumar

I, Priyakshi Chaudhry Hans D/o Sh. Bir Singh Kaliramma R/O A-51, Dolphin Apartment, MDC, Sector -6, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Priyakshi Chaudhry Hans to Priyakshi Chaudhry and both are same.

I, Parmod S/o Shri Dharam Singh R/o H.no. 88-B,ward no. 17, Radha Krishan mandir wali gali, Azad nagar panipat have changed my name from Parmod to Parmod Kumar Sharma for all future purposes.

I, No.2496808A Ex Nk (TS) Deepak Singh S/o Shri Karnail Singh R/o VPO Hariana Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my daughter from Puneet Jaryal to Puneeta Jaryal.

I, Smt. Sushama Devi W/o No. 14538990Y Ex Hav Avtar Singh R/o Vill. Rehama Pur PO Mehangerwal Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Sushama Devi to Sushma Devi and my date of birth from 31-7-1965 to 02-11-1962.

I, Smt. Rita Rani W/o No. 3981578Y Ex Nk Vijay Singh R/o Vill. Fattuwal PO Mukerian Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Sushama Devi to Sushma Devi and my date of birth from 31-7-1965 to 02-11-1962.

I, Smt. Asha Kumari W/o No. 2460113M Ex Nk Kuldip Singh R/o Vill. Nangal Thathal PO Pandori Atwal Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Asha Kumari to Asha Rani. Concerned note.

I, Deepak S/o Tilak Raj R/o H.No. 3195, Gali No. 7, Wadda Hari Pura, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Kumar.

I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Sarbjit Singh R/O L/1 700, New Gurnam Nagar, Dashmesh Avenue, Near Akali Colony, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Gurmeet Kaur to Gurmeetpal Kaur.

I, Chiranjeet Kaur w/o Satpal Singh r/o # 868, Block-K, Sector 45, Buraill Chandigarh have changed my name from Chiranjeet Kaur to Charanjit Kaur.

I, Jagdish Ahlawat S/o Sh. Mukhtyar Singh R/o R.K. Colony, G.T.Road, Muthral, Sonipat have changed my daughter's name Aradhya to Aradhya Ahlawat for all future purposes.

I, Hitherto Known As Kawaljit Singh Randhawa Son Of Inder Sigh Residing At Vpo Waryam Nangal Tehsil Majitha District Amritsar-143502 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kawaljit Singh.

I, Hitherto Known As Jarnail Singh Harbans Singh Bajwa Son Of Harbans Singh Residing At Village Pindi Saidan Po Kalanaur, District Gurdaspur-143512 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jarnail Singh Bajwa.

I, Hitherto Known As Lakhwinder Pal Singh Wife Of Balram Dass Residing At H.No.74/150, Shashtari Nagar, Batala, Post Office Batala, District Gurdaspur-143505 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Lakhwinder Rana.

I, Monika Nayyar W/O Parminder Singh R/O H.No.1635, Road Warys Colony Islamabad, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Monika Nayyar To Monika

I, Varinder Kumar Jain S/O Baldev Raj Jain R/O 106, Basant Avenue, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Varinder Kumar Jain To Varinder Jain

I, Bhawna Sharma W/O Mahesh Sharma R/O 665-D, Ranjeet Avenue, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Bhawna Sharma To Bhawana Sharma

I Kamal Jeet Kaur Alias Kamalpreet Kaur W/O Suninderjeet Singh R/O Hno 87 Green Avenue Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Kamal Jeet Kaur Alias Kamalpreet Kaur To Kamalpreet Kaur

I Arvinder Singh S/O Gurbachan Singh R/O Hno 122 Swadeshi Colony Ram Tirath Road Pultigarh Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Arvinder Singh To Arwinder Singh

I Raj Kumar S/O Sham Sunder R/O 169 Ward No 8 Makhu Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Raj Kumar To Raj Kumar Arora

In My Husband No. 4198714p Hav Rajendra Singh, 21 Kumaon Services Documents My Name Wrongly Written As Nirmala Devi, Which Needs To Be Corrected As Nirmala Mehra.

I, Meenu Garg W/o Sh. Shubham Garg R/o H. No. 110/2, Prem Nagar, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Meenu Goyal to Meenu Garg for all future purpose.

I, Nisha W/o Subhash Chand R/o Ward Number-14, Geeta Colony, New Anaj Mandi Barwala (Rural) (128) Hisar, Haryana 125121 Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Nisha W/o Subhash to Nisha W/o Subhash Chand for all future purpose.

I, Zore Dipali Wife of No. 17018420F Rank CFN Name Zore Ramesh Vishwanath R/o Vill. Maharkhed, PO Sawkhed Tejan, Teh. Sindkhed Raja, Distt. Buldana, Maharashtra-443203 have changed my name in army record from Zore Dipali to Dipali Ramesh Zore vide affidavit dated 02-04-2024 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Verinder Mohan S/O Jagdish Chander R/O Friends Colony Patel Chowk,Pathankot-145001 Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab Has Changed My Name From Verinder Mohan To Varinder Mohan Sharma

I, Inderjit Singh S/O Hardeep Singh R/O Village Gulluwall Po Rajtal District Amritsar 143108 Have Changed My Name From Inderjeet Singh To Inderjit Singh

I, Ranjit Kaur W/O Inderjit Singh R/O Village Gulluwall Po Rajatal District Amritsar 143108 Have Changed My Name From Ranjeet Kaur To Ranjit Kaur

I, Deepti D/o Gulshan Kumar Aggarwal R/O Hno 3429 Near Jain mandir, Mohalla Jain Nakodar Distt Jalandhar, Punjab. I am also Known as Deepti Aggarwal. Deepti and Deepti Aggarwal is one and same person.

I, Gaurav Bathla S/o Kishan lal bathla R/o H.No.26, friends Colony, near aneja petrol pump Model Town Panipat Declare that in my Passport No.(Z2972247) name of my father is wrongly written Krishan Lal Bathla but my father correct name is Kishan Lal Bathla.

I, hitherto known as Rashmi D/o Dayanand Bagri, R/o H. No. 776, Sector-14/9, Hisar, Tehsil and Distt. Hisar have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rashmi Bagri. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Ram Singh S/o Late Gurdev Singh, Permanent Address:- Ward No 2. Master Colony Dhariwal. (Gurdaspur), presently residing at H.No.2050-B, Sector-41C, Chandigarh, declare that in some documents my father's name wrongly written.Gurdas Singh wheras my father real name is Gurdev Singh.

I, Monika Sharma W/o Mahesh Kumar R/o W. No. 18 Mohindara Street Club Chowk, Malerkotla, Distt Malerkotla, have changed my name to Monika.

I, Kulvir Sing Sanghra S/o Bachan Singh R/o Vill Sadrabad Tehsil Malerkotla Distt Malerkotla , have changed my name to Kulvir Singh.

I, Aarpit Bains S/o Surinder Paul, Flat No-6, LIC Comlex, Nangal Township (Ropar) declare that my right name is Arpit Bains.

I, Geetika D/o Ashok Kumar, V.P.O Charatgarh, Distt (UNA) HP, have changed my name to Geetika Bhardwaj

I, Aman Babber S/O Radhe Shyam R/o H.No. 19 Huda R-2 Ward No 07 Cheeka, Kaithal, have changed my name Aman Babbar.

I, Jatender Arora S/o Krishan Lal R/O H.No- 1946, Sec-9 Huda Ambala City have changed my name from Jatender Arora to Jitender Arora.

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Pawan Kumar R/o H.No-81 Kanshi Nagar Model Town Ambala City have changed my name from Sandeep Kumar to Sandip Kumar

I, JC-203371X Ex Sub Maj & Hony Capt Ram Kumar Dheer S/o Sh. Tulsri Ram R/o 1679 Sec. 16-17, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have to change the name of my wife from Bimla Dheer to Bimla Devi and her DOB from 27.02.1961 to 01.09.1959.

I, Pinky W/o Sanjay Sangwan R/o H. No. 280, Sector-13, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Pinky to Pinky Sangwan for future purpose.

I, Meenu Garg W/o Sh. Shubham Garg R/o H. No. 110/2, Prem Nagar, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Meenu Goyal to Meenu Garg for all future purpose.

I, Nisha W/o Subhash Chand R/o Ward Number-14, Geeta Colony, New Anaj Mandi Barwala (Rural) (128) Hisar, Haryana 125121 Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Nisha W/o Subhash to Nisha W/o Subhash Chand for all future purpose.

I, Zore Dipali Wife of No. 17018420F Rank CFN Name Zore Ramesh Vishwanath R/o Vill. Maharkhed, PO Sawkhed Tejan, Teh. Sindkhed Raja, Distt. Buldana, Maharashtra-443203 have changed my name in army record from Zore Dipali to Dipali Ramesh Zore vide affidavit dated 02-04-2024 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Reenu Wife of No. 17002816F Rank NK Name Lekhran R/o Vill. Bhursatola, PO Bortalab, Teh. Dongargarh, Distt. Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh-491445 have changed my name in army record from Reenu to Reenu Netam vide affidavit dated 02-04-2024 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Khileshwari Wife of No. 14849566P Rank NK Name Harendra Kumar R/o Vill. Sanjari, PO Sanjari, Teh. Dondi Lohara, Distt. Balod, Chhattisgarh-491223 have changed my name in army record from Kh

ECI holds inter-state meeting with Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh to review LS poll preparation

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A team of Election Commission of India (ECI) led by Deputy Election Commissioners Hirdesh Kumar and Ajay Bhadoo held an inter-state meeting on Tuesday with top bureaucrats, police officers, nodal officers from different departments and senior officials from enforcement agencies including Income Tax, ED, Customs and other officials from Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh to review election arrangements and law and order coordination in view of the Lok Sabha elections 2024.

The aim of the meeting was to ensure comprehensive preparation and coordination for the electoral process. Deliberations were held on various crucial aspects essential for smooth, fair, and transparent elections. Key topics included electoral roll revision, Vulnerability Mapping and Critical Polling stations, law and order, Arms depositions, security measures, voter awareness campaigns, webcasting, Electoral marked copy, EVM & VVPAT availability, Postal Ballot Instructions, Seizure Integrated Control Room, Availability of AMF in all PS Specially Shade, Chair and water , PwD managed, Youth, And Women managed Polling Stations, Availability of Manpower, Sweep activities where low voter turnout and resource deployment to facil-



itate seamless voting procedures.

Recognizing the significance of these elections in upholding democratic principles, the DEC's emphasized diligent preparation and adherence to electoral guidelines. Effective coordination among all stakeholders was underscored to ensure free, fair, and credible elections, maintaining the integrity of the democratic process.

In addition, a separate meeting was held by the ECI team with various nodal agencies to review preparedness and steps taken by enforcement agencies. Nodal agencies were urged to provide training and knowledge sharing at the district level, following the instructions and SOPs pre-

pared by the ECI for seizure. All the CEOs, IGs, CPs, DC, SSP and nodal officials of enforcement agencies have been directed to comply with instructions of the commission scrupulously and put sustained efforts to ensure

election in a free and fair manner. Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C said that during the meeting, the ECI team directed state teams to enhance vigilance on the state borders and state authorities assured to further strengthen interstate coordination for conducting a smooth electoral process. The team specifically stressed the need for vigilance over the interstate check posts across neighboring states to ensure

no cross-border movement of illicit cash, liquor, drugs or freebies takes place.

The CEO further said the ECI team has been informed that state officials have been asked to step up seizures with support from adjoining border states and instill fear of administration among violators to conduct a free and fair election in the state. The team specifically urged Police and CRPF teams to keep strict vigilance and help curtail the drug menace. "We have enhanced vigil across the state to conduct a free and fair elections", Punjab CEO Sibin C assured the ECI team.

During the meeting, all officers were briefed on the latest instructions of the commission and reviewed the necessary measures taken post the election announcement, particularly regarding the seizure of liquor and drugs.

AAP Takes Charge: Mann, Pathak lead the charge for Punjab elections

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In a bid to fortify its position ahead of the fiercely-contested 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has embarked on a proactive campaign led by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and the party's national general secretary Sandeep Pathak. The political terrain, marked by the arrest of its supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, recent defections, and challenges, has prompted AAP to take decisive steps to address internal dissension and bolster party unity.

The recent defections of prominent leaders like its Jalandhar MP Sushil Kumar Rinku and MLA Sheetal Angural to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have underscored the challenges facing AAP in Punjab as it sought to consolidate its hold on the State. In response, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has initiated a series of strategic meetings with legislators and party nominees across key constituencies, aiming to quell dissatisfaction and prevent further defections.

Mann's proactive approach was evident during his recent visits to Patiala and Faridkot, where he engaged in extensive discussions with MLAs to understand their concerns and grievances. Assuring them of his commitment to address their issues, Mann emphasized the importance of unity with-

in the party to navigate the challenges posed by political rivals.

Dr Balbir Singh and Karamjit Singh Anmol, contesting for Patiala and Faridkot seats respectively, along with the MLAs, participated in the discussions. Mann urged the AAP leaders to collaborate closely to ensure victory for the party's candidates in both constituencies. "Our constituents have witnessed the impact of our governance and are content. Let's exert ourselves and replicate the resounding victories of the 2022 assembly elections," he said.

The leaders informed Mann of their ongoing efforts, including village meetings and door-to-door campaigns, aimed at informing people about the achievements of the AAP Government in Punjab. They expressed their commitment to intensify these efforts in their respective constituencies.

Meanwhile, Sandeep Pathak, the poll-strategist and party's national general secretary, also delivered a categorical message during a gathering of party workers at Ludhiana, indicating that those inclined to switch allegiance to other parties were free to do so. Pathak's statement, while seemingly unconventional, reflected AAP's confidence in its leadership and its commitment to

upholding democratic principles.

The timing of these developments is significant, especially with AAP's supremo Arvind Kejriwal embroiled in legal matters in Delhi. Despite Kejriwal's absence, AAP remained steadfast in its mission to serve the people of Punjab and deliver on its electoral promises.

Pathak's assertive stance is indicative of AAP's determination to confront challenges head-on and maintain party unity amidst external pressures. He reiterated AAP's commitment to its core principles and expressed confidence in winning all 13 seats in Punjab, despite attempts by rival parties to lure away its members with lucrative offers.

Furthermore, Pathak emphasized the importance of unity among party members and workers, urging them to stand firm against any attempts to intimidate or coerce them into switching sides. His remarks resonate strongly with

AAP's grassroots supporters, who view the party as a beacon of hope for a better future.

The responsibility for Punjab's all 13 seats, along with campaigning in other states for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, lie entirely on Chief Minister Mann. Acting upon Mann's directive, the AAP high command had decided to stay out of the opposition bloc INDIA while making clear its intention to contest elections independently. However, following Kejriwal's arrest coupled with BJP's alleged attempts to poach its leaders has led to discontentment within the party ranks.

Mann to Hit Campaign Trail ACROSS All Districts

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is now stepping into all districts to resolve discontent among legislators. This schedule of the Chief Minister had already been prepared earlier but was put on hold due to the Delhi rally. Soon, CM Mann will visit each district of Punjab one by one to meet with candidates and legislators there.

Special cordon and search operation in Punjab ahead of LS Polls

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections, Punjab Police on Tuesday conducted a special cordon and search operation at and around all railway stations and bus stands across the state.

The operation was conducted on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav as part of confidence-building measures and to tighten the grip over anti-social elements. Polling for 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab will take place on June 1.

The cordon and search operation was conducted from 11 am to 3 pm simultaneously in all districts under which police teams along with teams of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) frisked people arriving and departing at the railway stations and bus stands.

The police teams also checked two-wheelers and four-wheelers stationed at the parking of railway stations and bus stands using VAHAN App during the operation.

Special DGP (law and order) Arpit Shukla said that all police officers were asked to deploy at least two police teams per railway station and bus stand under the supervision of a gazetted officer to carry out this operation.

"We had strictly instructed all the police personnel to deal with every person in a friendly and polite manner while frisking them during the course of this operation," he added.

Shukla said that around 221 police teams, involving over 2,000 police personnel, were deputed across Punjab to look for suspicious persons at different railway stations and bus stands in the state while ensuring minimum inconvenience to them.

He said that 3,851 suspicious persons were checked during the operation conducted at 193 railway stations and 162 bus stands in the state.

The police teams also checked at least 3,002 vehicles stationed at the parking of railway stations and bus stands using the VAHAN App.

SAD accuses NCM Chairman of participating in political activities

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Shiromani Akali Dal on Tuesday accused the National Commission for Minorities Chairman Iqbal Singh Lalpura for "openly participating in political activities" of the BJP, and sought strict action by the Election Commission over it.

SAD, in a complaint to the poll panel, said Lalpura has allegedly attended functions of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in which political leaders join the party. It was a violation of the Model Code of Conduct, the party said.

SAD chief spokesperson Arshdeep Singh Kler said the minorities panel chief was present at the BJP head office when the MP Preneet Kaur joined the party. The Union government set up the minorities panel under the National Commission of Minorities Act, 1992, the party said in state-

ment.

This commission was created to safeguard and protect the interest of minorities as provided in the Constitution and laws enacted by Parliament and state legislators, it said. Kler said Lalpura was appointed "to work towards the betterment of minorities without involving himself in the political activities of a particular party". He said that he wanted to bring into the Election of Commission's notice that Lalpura was allegedly involved in the political activities of the BJP.

Kler claimed that last week Lalpura was also present at the BJP head office when the MP Preneet Kaur joined the party. This is a clear cut violation of the provision of the Constitution and Model Code of Conduct and is not expected from the chairman of a national commission, he claimed.

AAP fields Dr Chabbewal from Hoshiarpur, Kang from Anandpur Sahib

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday revealed the latest additions to its lineup for the June 1 Lok Sabha elections in Punjab. Releasing its second list, AAP has announced two candidates — Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal – a former Congress MLA set to contest from Hoshiarpur reserved seat; and Malvinder Singh Kang – party's chief spokesperson eyeing victory from Sri Anandpur Sahib constituency.

The list was shared in a post on 'X' by AAP's national general secretary Sandeep Pathak. In the first list announced earlier, AAP had declared candidates for eight seats. However, its lone MP in the Lok Sabha Sushil Kumar Rinku, who was nominated by AAP from Jalandhar constituency, shifted loyalties towards BJP in a surprising move. Of the total 13 seats in

Punjab, the state's ruling party is yet to announce its candidates for four seats — Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Gurdaspur, and Ferozepur.

Dr Chabbewal, two-time Congress MLA, had joined the AAP on March 15 and has now been nominated as a candidate for the Lok Sabha elections. Dr Chabbewal had made headlines when he sprung a surprise by leaving the Congress, days after staging strong protests against the AAP Government during the Vidhan Sabha's budget session, and joined AAP. Congress Legislative Party's (CLP) deputy leader, Dr Chabbewal had received a warm welcome from the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

The 54-year-old also resigned as MLA from the Chabbewal constituency in Hoshiarpur district. After joining the party, Chabbewal had said that he was impressed with

the AAP Government's "pro-people" policies, especially for the poor and the weaker sections.

A prominent Dalit leader of the Congress party, Dr Chabbewal is a doctor by profession. He had, in 2019, contested the Lok Sabha elections from Hoshiarpur constituency on Congress ticket, but lost to BJP's Som Prakash, now the Union Minister.

The Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal, and the BJP are yet to name their candidates from the reserved seat. While Congress is considering fielding former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi from the reserved seat, BJP may once again lay its trust in Som Parkash.

Kang, the chief spokesperson of AAP's Punjab unit, is one of the party's most prominent faces in the state. He joined the AAP in July 2021, having quit the BJP in October 2020 over the

now-repealed farm laws. He was the state general secretary of the BJP and a prominent Sikh face in the party's core committee. Kang has also been a two-time president of the Panjab University Students' Council.

The Anandpur Sahib seat is currently represented by the Congress' Manish Tewari. No other major party has announced their candidates for the seat.

In its first list of candidates, AAP named five Cabinet Ministers — Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal from Amritsar, Laljit Singh Bhullar from Khadoor Sahib, Gurmeet Singh Khudian from Bathinda, Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer from Sangrur, and Dr Balbir Singh from Patiala. It had also nominated former Congress MLA Gurpreet Singh GP from Fatehgarh Sahib, and Punjabi actor and singer Karamjeet Anmol from Faridkot.

Channi's Birthday Celebration Sparks Speculation of Jalandhar Candidacy

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Amidst ongoing speculations surrounding Punjab's former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Charanjit Singh Channi's potential bid for the Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat, his birthday celebration has fueled the rumors. The event featured a custom cake adorned with the inscription "Sadda Channi – Jalandhar" — a thoughtful gesture orchestrated by Sukhwinder Singh Kotli, the Congress MLA representing Adampur assembly segment falling under the Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat.

Expressing gratitude, Channi mentioned that the Congress leaders brought along a cake as a token of goodwill. When asked about a potential shift to Jalandhar, he tactfully evaded a direct response, stating, "Hum toh shuru se hi apke saath hain" (We have been with you, referring to Jalandhar, from the outset).

During the celebrations, cheers erupted in favour of Channi, with people raising slogans in support of his potential candidacy. Notably, Channi's wife was also present at the event, which took place at their residence in Chamkaur Sahib.

In recent times, heightened political activities have been witnessed in Jalandhar, particularly concerning the ensuing Lok Sabha elections. During a visit by Congress' Punjab in-charge Devendra Yadav and state unit president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, discussions revolved around assessing potential candidates for the upcoming electoral battle.

Local party leaders advocated for Karamjit Kaur

Chaudhary — the widow of Jalandhar's former MP Chaudhary Santokh Singh; and Channi, culminating in the submission of a list of prospective candidates to the Congress high command for the final decision. Sources indicate that Channi's candidature has received approval from the party's top brass. Notably, Karamjit Kaur, whose son Vikramjit Singh Chaudhary is also a party MLA, had unsuccessfully contested the Jalandhar bypolls the previous year, losing to former Congress MLA Sushil Kumar Rinku, who contested on the AAP ticket. Rinku is not contesting from Jalandhar as a BJP candidate.

Apart from the two, Punjab Police's retired SSP Rajinder Singh has also thrown his hat into the ring. However, his candidacy has yet to gain significant traction. Interestingly, a recent rally held in Kartarpur saw fervent support rallying behind former SSP Rajinder Singh as the prospective candidate for the Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat in the upcoming elections.

In 2021, the Congress replaced Capt Amarinder Singh with Channi as the Chief Minister of Punjab. Despite being touted as the face of the Congress for the 2022 Punjab Assembly elections, Channi's leadership failed to secure a victory for the party in the State. While Channi faced resounding defeat from two seats — Chamkaur Sahib and Bhadaur, Congress was restricted to just 18 seats.

The Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat is reserved, with the Dalit community wielding considerable influence, a factor that could significantly shape the electoral dynamics.

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Secretary HTVSN Prasad on Tuesday said that the functioning and efficiency of the employees will be improved to ensure the timely completion of governmental tasks. He also instructed the officers to maintain complete cleanliness in the offices.

He was assessing the employees performance after conducting a surprise inspection at the Haryana Civil Secretariat and said that employees should maintain complete cleanliness in their offices. If they need any kind of infrastructure, then immediately bring it to the notice of their senior officers so that its availability can be ensured, he added.

Prasad examined the employees' working system in the Secretariat and gave suggestions for improvement, adding that that employees must arrive at the office on time, should not be negligent in their work and should perform their work with full responsibility and accountability. Any instances

of negligence will result in disciplinary action. Additionally, he welcomed suggestions from employees to enhance the functioning.

He stated that the Mission Karmayogi program is being implemented in the state to inspire and educate employees about working with ethics and principles and over 300,000 employees are set to undergo training aimed at fostering impartial and transparent work practices. This training is expected to significantly enhance the employees' work style.

Himachal CEO emphasizes on timely delivery of EPIC cards

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Electoral Office (CEO) Maneesh Garg on Tuesday chaired a meeting of all the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) cum District Election Officers (DEOs) on poll preparedness virtually and directed the DEO's for accelerating the updation process of enrollment of new voters and completing it in a time bound manner. Besides, the CEO emphasized on timely delivery of Elector's Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) as well.

As of now the total number of new electors from 10th May, 2023 till date has been reported as 181509. The total number of EPIC cards distributed so far is 167135, he said. He also asked the DEOs to ensure the actual deliverance of voter's cards from the postal department regularly.

Garg also directed to ensure hundred percent availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs) to facilitate

the voters including provisions of ramps, toilets, clean drinking water facilities at all polling stations. He also directed the DEOs to identify the polling stations for webcasting in accordance with the Election Commission of India (ECI) recommendations and also work out the places where due to lack of internet or connectivity issues webcasting was not possible.

The critical Polling Stations where webcasting is not possible due to connectivity issues, proper videography should be done, he remarked. It was also emphasized to ensure that the storage and security protocol for all categories of EVMs to be adhered to as per the ECI instructions.

The CEO said that keeping in consideration the bye-polls being held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections, a complete list of counting places, strong rooms, post counting storage of EVMs etc should be provided to the CEO office latest by 10th April.

Hry Chief Secretary inspects offices in Civil Secretariat

Prasad also inspected other branches including the Political and Parliamentary Affairs Branch, Cabinet Branch, Human Resources Branch, Services Branch, Training Branch, Chief Minister's Secretariat Branch.

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Punjab withdraws order declaring private silos as purchase centres

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab government on Tuesday withdrew its order declaring private silos as wheat procurement centres in the state.

Hours before the government's withdrawal, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha had said they would hold demonstrations on Sunday against allowing private silos to be used as wheat procurement centres in Punjab. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has directed the cancellation of the order pertaining to declaring silos as sub yards, Punjab Mandi Board chairman Harchand Singh Barsat said, adding that the decision has been taken in view of farmers' demands.

Barsat added the silos will be used for storage purposes only. Responding to farmer unions' claim that the silos will have made the grain markets redundant, Barsat clarified that no market committees will be dissolved.

BRIEFS

SPECIAL HOLIDAY ON JUNE 1 FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH AND CHANDIGARH VOTERS EMPLOYED IN PUNJAB

Chandigarh: A special holiday has been declared for voters hailing from Himachal Pradesh and UT Chandigarh, currently employed in Punjab, to exercise their franchise on June 1, 2024.

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C said that employees working in government offices, boards/corporations, and government educational institutions across Punjab, who are registered voters of UT Chandigarh or Himachal Pradesh, are eligible for a special leave on June 1, 2024 (Saturday). This leave, upon presentation of their voter card, will be granted without deduction from their leave balance. He further informed that employees of UT Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh working in any industrial establishment, business, trade or other establishments in Punjab will also benefit from a paid holiday on June 1, 2024, for casting their vote, in accordance with Section 135B(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. A notification to this effect has been issued by the Punjab government.

HIMACHAL CS CHAIRS MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THREE NEW CRIMINAL LAWS

Shimla: Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena chaired a meeting on Tuesday regarding the implementation of the newly enacted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. He said that proper arrangements would be made in the police and all related departments to ensure effective implementation of three criminal laws which would come into force from 1st July, 2024. He said that police officers, judicial officers, state forensic science, officers of prison department and field staff would be provided proper training for using digital technology regarding the new laws. He said that adequate changes would be made in the crime and criminal network tracking system of the police to ensure effective implementation of the provisions of the laws. Under this, the software of the system will be updated on the basis of new laws. Additional Chief Secretary Onkar Chand Sharma, Director General of Police Sanjay Kundu, Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services S.R. Ojha, Secretary Law Sharad Kumar Lagwal, Director Prosecution Mohinder Chauhan and other senior officers attended the meeting.

32,000 LITERS OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR SEIZED IN HIMACHAL

Shimla: The Himachal Pradesh State Taxes and Excise department has seized about 32,000 litres of illegal liquor, officials on Tuesday said. Excise Commissioner Yunus, in a statement issued here, said that during an intensive operation, the department raided 10 illegal liquor manufacturing units (Bhatties) in Dabat and Majri areas of Bilaspur district. In a joint action taken with the Excise department of Punjab, 18,000 bulk liters of Lahan worth Rs 18 lakh was recovered and destroyed recently, Yunus said. A team of the Excise department of Una district has recovered 13,730 bulk liters of liquor in two cases, he added. The officer said that the department was continuously taking action to curb illegal liquor trade.

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Geeta Devi alias Gurwinder Kaur D/o Ram Dass R/o Bhagwanpur, Jalandhar, Punjab- 144026, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gurwinder Kaur.

I, Mandeep Kaur Alias Virpal Kaur W/o Avtar Singh R/o Chitti, Po. Chitti, Jalandhar, Punjab- 144028, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Virpal Kaur.

I, Hapreet Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/o Lallian Kalan, Jalandhar, Lallian, Punjab-144028, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Harpreet Singh Kang.

I, Akashdeep S/o Dharminder R/o VPO Manko, Distt. Jalandhar, State Punjab-144106, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Akashdeep Bhutta.

I, Nirmal S/o Gindi Ram R/o Malian Nangal, Masit Pal Kot, Garhdiwala, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 144207, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nirmal Gharu.

I, Nahida Bano W/o Tanwir Ahmed R/o H.No C-70563, Quba Enclave, Near Model Town, Ludhiana Bye Pass, Malerkotla (R), Sangrur, Punjab-148023, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nahid Tanwir.

I, Sukhbir alias Sukhbir Singh S/o Jage Ram R/o Village Khatiwass, Post Office Samaspur, District Charkhi Dadri, Haryana- 127306, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sukhbir Singh.

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Suchha Singh R/o 206, Tower 8, 2nd floor, AVL36 Gurgaon, CPR road, Sihi, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004, I have changed the name of my minor Son Viraj Banker aged about 5 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Viraj Kumar.

I, Ripka W/o George Mand R/o Mand Kulla, Kapurthala, Punjab-144631, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ripka Mand.

I, Gurjinder Singh S/O Kewal Singh R/O Village Pallah, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, I have Changed My Name To Gurjinder As Given Name And Singh As Surname.

I Disha Thakur D/O Raj Kumar Rana R/O Ward No. 1, Havelli Kalan, Ropar Have Changed My Name From Disha Thakur Rana To Disha Thakur

I, Bajinder Chouhan S/O Banarsi Dass, R/O H.No- 855-P Sector- 4 Panchkula, Declare That I Bajinder Chouhan And Bijender Singh Is One And The Same Person. In Future Known As Me Bajinder Chouhan.

I Avtar S/O Mohinder Pal R/O Vill China, Distt Jalandhar Declare That I Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Taniya To Taniya Kumari

I Sunita Chaudhary Wo Anil Chaudhary R/O H.No 2960 Near Panjiri Plant Rajpura Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name From Sunita Rani To Sunita Chaudhary.

I Rohit S/O Sh.Babu Ram R/O Vill.Kanhari Kalan, Tehsil Jagadhri Distt.Yamunanagar.I Have Changed My Name From Rohit Kumar To Rohit.

I Saksham S/O Pardeep Wadhwa R/O Dashmesh Nagar, Gali No. 7, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Saksham Wadhwa

I Pardeep Kumar S/O Roshan Lal R/O Dashmesh Nagar, Gali No. 7, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Pardeep Wadhwa

I Heena Rani W/O Pardeep Kumar R/O Dashmesh Nagar, Gali No. 7, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Heena Wadhwa

I Munish Kumar Ahuja Son Of Shammil Ahuja R/O H. No. 293- Nirankari Colony Kotkapura Road Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Munish Ahuja.

I, Guruvammal M Is Legally Mother Of Service No. 16116037h Rank Hav Name: Chelladurai M Residing At Village P Sangaralingapuram, Post T Ramanathapuram, Taluk Peraiyur, Distt. Madurai, (State) Tamil Nadu Pin Code-625535, Have Changed My Name From Guruvammal To Guruvammal M.

I, Lakshmi Is Spouse Of No. 2500559m, Hav. Chappidi Thirupalu Reddy Residing At 3-23, Main Road Sanjamala Mandal Nossam, Village Nossam District Karnool- Andhra Pradesh-518145, Have Changed My Name From Lakshmi To Chappidi Lakshmi Vide Affidavit Dated 12 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.

I, Sabarigireesan Ek Is Father Of Army No. 16130071n Rank L/Nk Name. Akhil Ek Of Unit 5 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Name From Sabarigireesan Ek To Sabari Girisan E K Vide Affidavit Dated 02 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.

I, Radhamani Is Mother Of Army No. 16130071n Rank L/Nk Name Akhil Ek Of Unit 5 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Name From Radhamani To Radhamani P Vide Affidavit Dated 02 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.

I Prasad Is Father Of Army No. 16114689h Rank Nk Name Garikipati Naveen Of Unit 5 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo, Have Changed My Name From Prasad To Garikipati Prasad Vide Affidavit Dated 02 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.

I, G Kantham Is Mother Of Army No. 16114689h Rank Nk Name Garikipati Naveen Of Unit 5 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Name From G Kantham To Garikipati Kantam Vide Affidavit Dated 02 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.

I, Army No. Jc-287785m, Rank Sub (Gnr) Shedale Sudam Haribhau Unit 197 Fd Regt. C/O 56 Apo Resident Of Village Madadgaon, Po. Takali Kazi, Tehsil & District Ahmednagar, Pin 414201 (Maharashtra) Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Divya To Divya Sudam Shedale Vide Affidavit Dated 01 April 2024 Before At Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

I, Army No. Jc-287785m, Rank Sub (Gnr) Shedale Sudam Haribhau Unit 197 Fd Regt. C/O 56 Apo Resident Of Village Madadgaon, Po. Takali Kazi, Tehsil & District Ahmednagar, Pin 414201 (Maharashtra) Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Rishikesh To Rishi Sudam Shedale Vide Affidavit Dated 01 April 2024 Before At Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

I, Usha Berad Spouse Of Army No. Jc-287785m, Rank Sub (Gnr) Shedale Sudam Haribhau Unit 197 Fd Regt. C/O 56 Apo Resident Of Village Madadgaon, Po. Takali Kazi, Tehsil & District Ahmednagar, Pin 414201 (Maharashtra) Have Changed My Name From Usha Berad To Usha Sudam Shedale Vide Affidavit Dated 01 April 2024 Before At Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

I, Saroj Bala Wife Of Army No. Jc-493201w, Rank Nb/Sub, Ajit Singh, Presently Resident At Village Achchapura, Tehsil Rajgarh, District Churu, Rajasthan, 331305, Have Changed My Name From Saroj Devi To Saroj Bala Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb02130980012139w, Dated, 01-April 2024 Before At Notary Public Ferozepur.

I, Pawan Kumar Son Of Malkiyat Singh Resident Of Street No. 2 Shanti Nagar Ram Sharnam Ashram Ferozepur City Declares That My Son's Gautam Studding In First D Class, Adm No. Nk182/21, School St Joseph Convent School Ferozepur Record My Son's Name Gotam Is Wrongly Mentioned In School Record But My Son's Actual And Correct Name Is Gautam.

I Kapil Jindal S/O Shri Roop Chand R/O House No. 713, Sector-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar. That I have change my name from Kapil Jindal to Kapil Kumar.

I, Sunil Kumar Nirwal S/o Dalbir Singh R/o Near Dera Rajnath, Ishaq, Kurukshetra have Changed My Name Sunil Kumar.

I, Narinder Paul Singh s/o Rawel Singh r/o Village Bhaini Paswal PO Jagowal Bet Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Narinder Paul Singh to Narinder Pal Singh. Concerned note.

I, Mithlesh Singh Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Jc-248037h Rank Ris Name Narendra Pal Singh R/O Village - Sahijana, Po - Barwan, Tehsil - Sawazipur, District - Hardoi, State - U.P. - 241401, Have Changed My Name From Mithlesh Singh To Mithlesh Singh In My Spouse Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 02.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.

I, Jaya Bharti Is Daughter Of Jc-248037h Rank Ris Name Narendra Pal Singh R/O Village - Sahijana, Po - Barwan, Tehsil - Sawazipur, District - Hardoi, State - U.P. - 241401, Have Changed My Name From Jaya Bharti To Jaya Bharti Singh In My Father's Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 02.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.

I, Prinsa Bharti Is Daughter Of Jc-248037h Rank Ris Name Narendra Pal Singh R/O Village - Sahijana, Po - Barwan, Tehsil - Sawazipur, District - Hardoi, State - U.P. - 241401, Have Changed My Name From Prinsa Bharti To Princi Bharti Singh In My Father's Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 02.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.

I, Prashant Kumar Is Son Of Jc-248037h Rank Ris Name Narendra Pal Singh R/O Village - Sahijana, Po - Barwan, Tehsil - Sawazipur, District - Hardoi, State - U.P. - 241401, Have Changed My Name From Prashant Kumar To Prashant Kumar Singh In My Father's Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 02.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.

I, Bhupender S/O Sh. Giani Ram R/O H. No. 573/2 Laxman Chotra Hansi Tehsil Hansi District Hisar Declare Have Changed My Name Bhupinder To Bhupender For All Future Purpose.

I Balvinder Singh S/O Banta Singh R/O House No.115C, Model Town, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Balvinder Singh To Balwinder Singh.

I Kuldeep Kaur W/O Balwinder Singh R/O House No.115C, Model Town, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Kuldeep Kaur To Kuldeep Kaur.

I Monika D/O Resham Lal R/O Village Salarpur, District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Monika To Monika Rani.

I Gurcharan Jit Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/O Village Hardeo Pharala, District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Gurcharan Jit Singh To Gursharan Jit Singh.

I Narinder Kaur Alias Narinder Kumari Pal W/O Inderjit Kumar R/O H.No.B 57/231, New Model Town, Phagwara Distt Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Narinder Kaur Alias Narinder Kumari Pal To Narinder Kaur.

I Balbinder Singh Dhesi S/O Late Ajit Singh R/O Vpo. Maheru, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala, Punjab Declare That My Late Father Known By Two Names I.E. Ajit Singh Alias Jit Singh. Both Names Are One And The Same Person.

I Varinderjeet Kaur. W/O Ranjit Saini R/O New Vishkarma Nagar Plahi Road. Phagwara District Kapurthala 144401 Have Changed My Name To Kaur Varinderjeet.

I Ranjit Singh Saini S/O Sohan Singh R/O New Vishkarma Nagar Plahi Road Phagwara District Kapurthala 144401 have changed my name To Ranjit Saini.

I Desh Mukh S/O Sagli Ram Mehan R/O H.No.A-15, Mehans Home, Una Road, New Gautam Nagar, Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Desh Mukh Mehan.

I Jasbir Kaur W/O Sarabjit Singh R/O Village Lohar Kagnpan, P.O Nainowal Jattan, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Jasvir Kaur.

I Rahul S/O Bish Ram R/O Vpo. Nangal Shahidan, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Rahul To Rahul Singh.

I, Atul Kumar Wahi S/O Ashok Kumar Wahi R/O Opp. Mount Carmel School, Vpo. Kakkon, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, 146001, My Given Name Is Atul Kumar And My Surname Is Wahi.

I Kuldeep Singh S/O Gulzar Singh R/O Village Mirzapur Khadiala, P.O. Hussainpur Lalowal, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Kuldeep Singh To Kuldip Singh.

I Nitesh Kumar S/O Kundan Lal R/O H.No.588 B/9 New Model Town Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Nitesh Kumar Kataria.

I Sukhdeep Kaur Dhillon W/O Kulwinder Singh Haans R/O Pandori Gate Dharamkot Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Sukhdeep Kaur.

I Jasbir Kaur D/O Sikandar Singh R/O Vpo. Barsal Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jasvir Kaur.

I Baljit Singh Hans S/O Maghar Singh R/O Vpo. Hans Kalan Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Baljit Singh.

I, Rampi W/O Sanjeev Kumar R/O H.No.-6314 Mohalla Garje Ka Near Mori Gate Gurdwara Jagraon (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Rimpy.

I Maninder Kaur Guraya W/O Harpreet Singh R/O Vpo. Jalal, Tehsil Phul, Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Maninder Kaur.

I Harpreet Singh Guraya S/O Kashmir Singh R/O Vpo. Jalal, Tehsil Phul, Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Harpreet Singh.

I Ramandeep Kaur W/O Kulwinder Singh Sran R/O Firozepur Road Chugha Singh Nagar Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Ramandeep Kaur Sran.

I, Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Mohar Singh R/o Village Sainpal Kothe, Tehsil Rania, District Sirsa have changed my name from Jagjit Singh to Jagjeet Singh.

I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Sh. Jagjeet Singh R/o Village Sainpal Kothe, Tehsil Rania, District Sirsa have changed my name from Parmjit Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur.

I Urmila W/O Service No. 14579856-H Nk Ramtirth Singh R/O H.No. 1906-C, Sector 43-B, Chandigarh, Declare That I Changed My Name From Urmila To Urmila Mehrolia. Urmila & Urmila Mehrolia Is One And The Same Person. My Correct Date Of Birth Is 01-05-1970.

I, Namala Jayashree Spouse Of Hav (Gnr) Namala Sadananda Swamy Resident Of Vpo- Adoni, Tehsil- Adoni District- Kurmool, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 518301, My Husband Serving In Indian Army In His Service Book My Name Is Wrongly Mentioned Jayashree While My Correct Name As Per Adhar Card, Pan Card Is Name Namala Jayasree Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb86167650440308w

I, Laxman Todmal Resident Of Village- Jeur, Post- Jeur, Tehsil- Nagar, District- Ahmednagar, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 414601, Have Changed My Father Name From Khandu Todmal To Khandu Parvat Todmal Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb02535365450441w Dated 02 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Reshma Spouse Of Amol Shinde Resident Of Village- Bamani, Post- Bamani, Tehsil- Khanapur, District- Sangli, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 415311, Have Changed My Name From Reshma To Reshma Amol Shinde Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb02360840500996w Dated 02 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Laxman Todmal Resident Of Village- Jeur, Post- Jeur, Tehsil- Nagar, District- Ahmednagar, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 414601, Have Changed My Mother Name From Gayabai Todmal To Gayabai Khandu Todmal Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb02535807612303w Dated 02 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Ranjna Singh Spouse Of Jc-293837n Rank Nb Sub (Aig) Name Balram Singh Presently Residing At Village Arun Nagar Sujampur, Po. Sujampur Tehsil And Distt Pathankot, Punjab, Pin – 145023, Have Changed My Name From Ranjna Singh To Ranjana Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 02/04/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Manpreet Singh Andhwan S/O Karamjit Singh R/o Wasti Machhian Zira, Distt Ferozepur have changed my name to Manpreet Singh.

I, Shkuntla W/O Sh. Mahtab Singh Dahiya R/O Village - Khurampur, Po - Barona, Teh. - Kharkhoda, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sakuntala Devi To Shkuntla Vide Affidavit Dated 02 Apr 2024 Before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In Future I Should Be Known As Shkuntla.

I, Rohni W/O Sh. Mehar Singh R/O Vpo - Khanpur Kalan, Teh. - Gohana, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Rosan Devi To Roshni Vide Affidavit Dated 02 Apr 2024 Before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In Future I Should Be Known As Roshni.

I, Prem Wd/O No.6896886k Ex L/Naik (Late) Satbir Singh Resident Of H.No. 2852, Sector 3, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Daughter Name In My Husband,S Army Record From Urmila Devi (Existing Name) To Urmila (Proposed New Name) My Daughter Correct/Actual Dob Is 20.03.1979 Instead Of 25.01.1978 As Per My Daughter Matric Certificate, Aadhaar /Pan Card. In Future My Daughter Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Urmila (Dob: 20.03.1979) For All Work Purposes, Vide Affidavit Dated 02 April 2024 Before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak)

I, Narender Kaur W/O No.1464165k Ex Nk Lakhbir Singh R/O Village- Bhule Chak Po- Pul Tibri Tehsil And Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, That I Declare Changed My Name From Narender Kaur To Narinder Kaur In My Husband Army Record.

I, Ram Murty (Existing Name) Wife Of No. 6801641 Ex Sepoy Ishwar Singh Resident Of Vpo : Nindana, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name In My Husband's Army Record From Ram Murty (Existing Name) To Ram Murti (Proposed New Name) As Per My Aadhaar Card/Pan Card. In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Ram Murti (Dob: 01.01.1931) For All Work Purposes, Vide Affidavit Dated 02 April 2024 Before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak).

I, Krishan Mohan S/o Sh. Gian Chand Khanna, R/o House No. 587A, Sector 12A, Panchkula, have changed my name from Krishan Mohan to Krishan Mohan Khanna.

I, Karanjit Singh Chauhan Son Of Sucha Singh, Residing At Village Nabipur, Tehsil And District Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521, Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Karanjit Singh Chauhan To Karanjit Singh. All Nears And Dears May Note.

I, Prabheet Kaur Daughter Of Jarnail Singh Residing At Village Jiwanwal, Po. Babri, District Gurdaspur, Punjab-143520 Do Hereby Declare That The Name Of My Mother Has Been Wrongly Written As Rajwinder Kaur In My 10 Th And 12 Th Class Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of My Mother Is Rajwant Kaur Which May Be Amended Accordinly.

I Smt, Shakuntla Rani W/O Late No. 791190755 Hc/Dvr, Nand Lal R/O Village Barnala Po Gurdaspur Tehsil And Distt Gurdaspur State Punjab Have Changed My Name From Sakuntala Devi To Shakuntla Rani And Date Of Birth Is. 23-04-1955 To 01-01-1957.

I, No 168414-K, Ex, Po Uw- I, Ranjit Singh S/O Sh Gurdip Singh R/O Vpo Bhumli Tehsil And Distt Gurdaspur State Punjab Have Changed My Name From Ranjit Singh To Ranjit Singh Boparai.

I, No 3998606w Lnk Sudershan Singh Resident Of Vpo - Karoli, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed The Name Of My Daughter From Karti Padwal To Kriti Padwal Vide Affidavit No In-Pb02470644769637w Dated 02-04-2024 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, No 3998606w Lnk Sudershan Singh Resident Of Vpo - Karoli, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed The Name Of My Son From Vishal Singh Padwal To Vishal Singh Vide Affidavit No In-Pb02472268646491w Dated 02-04-2024 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Ranjna Singh Spouse Of Jc-293837n Rank Nb Sub (Aig) Name Balram Singh Presently Residing At Village Arun Nagar Sujampur, Po. Sujampur Tehsil And Distt Pathankot, Punjab, Pin – 145023, Have Changed My Name From Ranjna Singh To Ranjana Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 02/04/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Manpreet Singh Andhwan S/O Karamjit Singh R/o Wasti Machhian Zira, Distt Ferozepur have changed my name to Manpreet Singh.

I, Kuldeep W/O Nirmal Singh R/O H.No 178 B Vivekanand Park Maqsudan Distt Jalandhar Punjab I Have Changed My Name From Kuldeep To Kuldeep Rani.

I Manjot Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/o Vill- Sakhowal Po-Ghoman Teh-Batala Distt Gurdaspur Punjab I have changed my name from Manjot Singh to Manjot is my given name and Singh is my surname.

I Vidya Devi W/O Bholla Singh Sahota R/O Vpo Kular Tehsil Shahkot Distt Jalandhar Punjab I Have Changed My Name From Vidya Devi To Vidya Devi Sahota.

I Swaranjit Kaur W/o Jugraj Singh R/o Kothe Chidian Wale, Kotliablu, PO Kotli, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib-151202 have changed my name to Swarnjit Kaur.

I Jagraj Singh S/o Hakam Singh R/o Kothe Chidian Wale, Kotliablu, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib-151202 have changed my name to Jugraj Singh.

I, Parshotam Lal Jindal S/o Darshan Lal R/o Jain Gali Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name as Parshotam Lal.

I Satnam Singh S/o Surjan Singh R/o Vpo Chuslewar Tehsil Pattl District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Satnam Singh to Sukhchain Singh.

I, Gurmit Singh S/o Tara Singh R/o Near Maharaja Ranjit Singh Public School Tarn Taran-143401, have changed my name from Gurmeet Singh to Gurmit Singh.

I Dilbagh Singh S/o Savinder Singh R/o vill Bainka Teh Patti Distt Tarn Taran Punjab declare that have changed my name to Dilbag Singh.

I, Kashmir Singh Sandhu S/o Lachhman Singh R/o Valtoha (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Kashmir Singh.

I, Swarn Kaur Sandhu alias Kulwinder Kaur W/o Kashmir Singh R/o Valtoha (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Kulwinder Kaur Sandhu.

I, Rajinder Kumar Bawa S/o Ram Lubhaya R/o House Number 501 Mohalla Mallian Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Rajinder Bawa.

I, Jagsir Kumar S/o Gian Chand R/o Kalsian (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kumar Jagsir.

I, Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vill: Ruppia Patti (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sandeep Singh.

I Gagan Deep Kour W/o Jawar Jung Singh R/o V.P.O Mallekan Distt sirsa haryana have changed my name to Gagandeep Kaur.

I, Jarman Singh S/o Bachittar Singh R/o Vill: Kothe Gadri Wala Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) Pb, India, have changed my name to Jarman Singh Gill.

I, Barot Vidhi HemantKumar D/o HemantKumar Barot Now W/o Mithlesh Sharma R/o H.no-35 A, Country Homes Colony, Near Raza Hotel, Samrala Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) changed my name to Vidhi Sharma, after marriage.

I, Harjit Kaur W/o Lachhman Singh R/o Village Gaggar Majra, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Harjeet Kaur.

I, Kuldeep Kaur Rao W/o Kirpal Singh R/o VPO Daheru, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur.

I, Satish Kumar S/o Mulakh Raj R/o H.No.1, W.No.10, New Model Town, Amloh Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Satish Kumar Nanda.

I Ashok Kumar S/o Jagdish Lal R/o Bahman wala road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my Minor Son name Sahil to Sahil Kumar.

I Raj Kumar S/o Kuleinder Pal R/o Village Bahman wala, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Raj Kumar Sharma.

I Sukhwinder Kaur W/O Jasveer Singh Sangha R/O Dhudi (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name Sukhwinder Kaur Sangha.

I, Ravinder Kaur W/o Sukhpal Singh R/o Vill: Ramgarh Teh-Bholath (Kapurthala) Punjab, have changed my daughter's name from Subhampreet Kaur to Subhampreet Kaur.

I Sukhwinder Pal S/O Hans Raj R/O Village Algon Kothi, Algon, Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran, Punjab (143419) Have Change My Name To Sukhwinderpal Sharma.

I Paramjit Kaur Wife Of Swarn Singh Resident Of Village Naurang Ke Lelli District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Paramjeet Kaur.

I Shabeg Singh Bhullar S/O Surjan Singh R/O Sbi Street,V.P.O.Makhu,Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Shabeg Singh Bhullar To Shabeg Singh.

I Rachna Alias Pinki Wife Of Sarwan Kumar Resident Of 148 Bedi Green Avenue Ferozepur City I Am Known By Both Names As Above One And Is Same Person.

I, Jaswinder Kaur Daughter Of Harbhajan Singh Wife Of Bohar Singh Resident Of Village Rajiwala Tehsil & District Ferozepur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Baljinder Kaur.

I, Bharat Bhushan S/O Tulsu Ram Trehan, Resident Of House No.362, Sunview Enclave, Ayali Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab - 142027 Have Changed My Name To Bharat Bhushan Trehan.

I, Navneet Kumar Son Of Nirparkash Kumar Vjj Resident Of House No. 122, Street No. 08, Ichhe Wala Road, Suraj Avenue Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name To Navneet Kumar Vji.

I Kiranjit Kaur Wife Of Balkam Singh R/O H No. 4137, Abohar Road, Near Central Bank, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Kiranjeet Kaur.

I, Rajesh Kumar Khanna S/O Arjan Lal Khanna R/O Gali Laxman Dass Kochhar, Ferozepur City, Tehsil District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Rajesh Kumar To Rajesh Kumar Khanna.

I, Sukhpal Jeet Singh Bath S/O Bohar Singh R/O House No. 5, Shri Ganesh Enclave, Block B, Mallan Wala Road, Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name To Sukhpal Jeet Singh.

I Nachhatar Singh S/O Khem Singh R/O H.No. 723 Agwar Karam Chand Da Patti Sanjhi, Bhai Rupa Distt. Bathinda I Have Change My Name Nachhattar Singh.

I Voilait W/O Samuel Vicky Resident Of Near Baba Gudi, Shanti Nagar, Ward No. 17, Ferozepur City, District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Voilait To Vaillat.

I Sanjiv Kumar S/o Shyam Lal R/O # 407-B-9/966, Tarapuri, Vishnu Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar Have Changed My Name From Sanjiv Kumar To Sanjeev Kumar.

I, Madan Lal Sharma S/O Late Ram Dass Sharma R/O 414, Mahavir Jain Bhawan, Kapurthala Chowk, Jalandhar, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name From Madan Lal To Madan Lal Sharma With Immediate Effect.

I Varun Garg S/O Jivan Lal Garg R/O H.No.145/C Model Town Patiala 147001 Punjab Have Changed Name Of My Minor Daughter Avisha To Avisha Garg.

I Seema Devi W/O Karam Singh, Resident Of Village Chochran Distt. Kamal Change To Seema.

I Parminder Singh Sehmi S/O Trilok Singh R/O Flat No. 126, Western Tower, Nijjer Chowk Khara, Punjab - 140301, Have Changed My Name To Parminder Singh.

I, Prem Singh S/O Gurdev Singh R/O Patti Hevli, Malsian, Malsian, Jalandhar, Shahkot, Punjab- 144701, Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Palak Aged 11 Years To Palakpreet Kaur Forever.

NAME CHANGE
I, Anjali W/o Sh. Tarun Kumar
R/o H.No. 1830-P, Triveni
Park, Sec. 2, Rohtak declare
that I have changed my name
from Anjali Pathania to Anjali.
I may be known as Anjali in
future for all purposes.

Punjab & Haryana High Court Advocates Cooperative House Building (1st Society Ltd., Sector 49-A, Chandigarh.
PUBLIC NOTICE
It is notified the General Public that in the name of Sh. Jacky Kumar S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar & Mrs. Shyam Singh W/o Sh. Jacky Kumar both R/o Flat No. 296, Advocate Society, Sector 49-A, High Court Advocates Cooperative House Building (1st Society Ltd., Sector 49-A, Chandigarh) presently owned by Sh. Ram Avtar Sheoran S/o Sh. Shish Ram R/o Flat No. 291, Advocate Society, Sector 49-A, High Court Advocates Cooperative House Building (1st Society Ltd., Sector 49-A, Chandigarh) for issuance of NOC for Sale & execution of Transfer of Lease Rights (Sale/Deed).
In case anybody has any objection in respect of the proposed Sale & execution of Sale & execution of Transfer of Lease Rights (Sale/Deed) he/she may submit the objections, if any in writing within 30 days of publication before the undersigned along with the supporting evidence, on or before 15.06.2024.

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कैबिनेट प्रमाण अतिरिक्त, गम निमन कानाला

PUBLIC NOTICE

**BEFORE SH. SANYAM GARG,
HCS ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER,
UT, CHANDIGARH.**



Subject: Transfer of Lease Hold Rights in respect of Residential Site No. 3100, Sect-38-D, Chandigarh (R.P. 19078) to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Smt. Son Nath Saini.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./ Smt. Son Nath Saini is the owner/ lessee of Residential Site No. 3100, Sector 38-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% Share.

It has been informed by Seema Leekha, Saini's elder Saini that Sh./ Smt. Son Nath Saini expired on 26/11/2013 and he/ she has/ have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/ lessee:-

Sr. No.	Name of legal heir	Relationship with deceased
1	Romesh Saini	Son
2	Amrit Kumar	Grandson
3	Satish Kumar Saini	Son
4	Seema Leekha	Daughter
5	Indira Seth	Daughter
6	Narinder Kumar	Son in Law
7	Rakesh Kumar	Grandson
8	Kamla Devi	Daughter

Now, Seema Leekha, Saini's daughter Smt. Saini has/ have applied for the Transfer of Lease Rights in respect of Residential Site No. 3100, Sector 38-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50.00% Share held by Late Smt. Son Nath Saini in his/ her favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 12/09/2013. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may/ may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If, after 30 days any objection on the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/ she/ they may/ may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit, duly sworn by) before Magistrate/ Notary/ in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be transferred to the said name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

You shall obtain the Occupation Certificate within 3 months after the mutation in your favour.

**Sanyam Garg, HCS,
Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the
powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh**

सार्वजनिक सूचना

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Public Notice
It is for the information to the General Public as well as to the concerned that Flt No. 2931-FF in Sector 19, Housing Board Colony Dulari was allotted in the name of **Smt. Raj Lal Nathu Late Sh. Nirajan Patil** R/c 301/2, Thathera wall Gali, Kila, Panipat dated 16.08.2016. The allottee **Smt. Raj Dulari** was expired on dated 27.04.2019.
Now **Sh. Sumit S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar** R/c 301/2, Thathera wall Gali, Kila, Panipat has submitted documents for transfer of said house in favour of self due to death of his Grand Mother. If any person has any objection regarding transfer of this house he/she should file the objection with document proof, in writing, to this office (on address given below) before the expiry of 30 days from the date of this notice. If no objection is received from person within this stipulated period, the permission for transfer of house will be granted in favour of **Sh. Sumit S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar** by this office on the basis of documents submitted by transferee. As per policy of the Board No claim/objection shall be entertained after that in this regard.

**Estate Manager,
Housing Board Haryana, Panipat**

LOST & FOUND

I am Jony Singh S/o Jasbir R/o House No. 3, Ram Nagar Karmal declare that Me and my colleague Hemant Yadav's bag in which we had many important property documents which were lost some years ago, which I recently saw in Sector 12 Karmal in the hands of Bhupendra Limbachiya's wife Mittal Limbachiya who is now absconding. I filed a police complaint vide Application No.1323108324020065. If anybody will give tips or information about Mittal limbachiya or Bhupendra Limbachiya will be rewarded by Jony Singh.

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सांख्यिक सचना

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के माफत उन-संग्राहण को सूचित किया जाता है कि विक्रय-अनुमोदना नं. 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 106

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of General Public that Shri. Sumi Kishore Singh R/o. P.O.- Samar Gopalpur (09), District - Rohtak, Haryana has applied for transfer of his/her Flat No. C-5/GF in Housing Board Colony, Sector-14, Phase-1, District - Rohtak, Haryana. Shri. Sawan Singh R/o. Shri. Singh R/o. P.O.- Samar Gopalpur (09), District - Rohtak, Haryana. Any person regarding transfer of this flat has any objection, he/she should file objection with documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within stipulated period, the Permission for transfer will be granted to Shri. Sumi Kishore Singh R/o. P.O.- Samar Gopalpur (09), District - Rohtak, Haryana on the basis of documents submitted as per policy of the Housing Board, Rohtak. After that shall be entertained in this regard.

Estate Manager, Housing Board Rohtak, Rohtak.

NAME CHANGE
I, Niti W/o Ankit Phogat R/o H.No. 752/31, Sunaria Bank Colony, R/o declare that I have changed my name from Niti to Niti Phogat for all future purposes.

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FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY
OFFICER - I/1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)
Ground Floor, SCO 33-34-35,
Sector 17-A, Chandigarh- 160 017
DEMAND NOTICE (PUBLICATION)
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25
TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF
DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT,
1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND
SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME
TAX ACT, 1961
RC/1724/2018 20-09-2023
ICI BANK LIMITED
Versus
SHIVAM FABRICS AND
ANOTHER
(CD 1) M/S SHIVAM FABRICS
THROUGHTS PROPRIETOR,
PLOT NO.14, MAHAVIR JAIN
COLONY, TAJPUR ROAD,
LUDHIANA.
(CD2) SH. RAJEEV SHARMA, S/O
S.H. DES RAJ SHARMA,
PROPRIETOR, **M/S SHIVAM**
FABRICS, R/O PLOT NO.14,
MAHAVIR JAIN COLONY, TAJPUR
ROAD, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB.

Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3) CA/1226/2018 an amount of Rs. 14,54,838.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Four Thousands Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Only) along with pendentelitte and interest @ 12.00 % w.e.f. 01.01.2018 till realization and costs of Rs 37,155.00 (Rupees Thirty Seven Thousands One Hundred Fifty Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally)/Fugly/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

the satisfaction of Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore this notice is given by this publication directing you to put in appearance before this Tribunal on **11.04.2022 at 10:30 AM**.

4. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **20/09/2023**

**Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)**

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Kavita W/o Virender Singh, R/o Village Sanjarwas Teh Bound distt Charkhi Dadri. That my property (house) whose registration number was 630 dated 20.06.2022. This registry has gone missing from my house on 20.02.2023 whose FIR no. 132590052400146. If any person finds this registry then please contact Old Bus Stand, 3rd Floor, Crown Plaza S.K. finance deposited in Bhiwani. If I get this registry then I will be punctual in depositing S.K.Finance in Bhiwani and will not misuse the registry.

Notice
I, Hitesh Kumar S/o Shri Vinod Kumar R/o 623/21 Azad Garh Rohtak do hereby declare that I want to change the name of my son Pratyush to Pratyush Bhardwaj in School Record. He is studying in 10th class in MDNI School Rohtak. That My wife name is Vibhuti Parashar. that the said Statement is true and genuine. **Deponent**

NAME CHANGE
I, Ankit Phogat S/o
Rajpal Phogat R/o
H.No. 752/31,
Sunaria Chowk,
Rohtak declare that I
have changed my
son name from
Annav to Arnab
Phogat for all future
purposes.

सांख्यिक स्थाना

सर्व सामान्य को सुचित किया जाता है कि अगर निम्न श्रेणी को जोर देना के साथ कि श्रेणी के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रविष्टि अर्द्धशत में 1.10HQ9A24 प्रतीक जोड़ा अर्द्धशत में 1.10HQ212U78 पत्र 547/24 जोड़ा कार्यालय प्रतीक एच.डी.सी. रिकॉर्ड में दयाल में एक अंक के अनुसार एक एच.डी.सी. रिकॉर्ड में दयाल में नई है, अब नगर के रिकॉर्ड में एक अर्द्धशत में न 1.10HQ9A24 प्रतीक जिसका दयाल में द्वारा सत्यापन के आधार पर अपने अंतर्गत अतिरिक्त, किया पत्र/पूरी दयाल में एक 127/19 परिवर्तन रिकॉर्ड के नगरपालिका यहाँ है, यह रिकॉर्ड में नगरपालिका के इन्फो नगर तदर्थी कार्य में नॉट में आपात है 30 दिनों के अन्दर -अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपात कार्य, अन्वेषण प्रतीक के न उसके नगर तदर्थी कार्य के कार्यालय, जिसके लिए नगर निगम, श्रेणीक व अस्का को प्रतीक उपर्युक्त नहीं होगा। जिसकी वारसा रिकॉर्ड तदर्थीकरण, श्रेणीक द्वारा तदर्थी को नही

पुब्लिक नोटिस

It is informed to General Public that S.S. Teju Narain

no. 903 dated 20.06.2013 for Property Ie. Part of bearing khewat no. 5420, khatori no. 5774, khasra no. 1313 (0-8), measuring 8M., Situated at Village Bhuna Tehsil Bhuna Distt. Fatehabad. If any person has objection then file replies alongwith proof of ownership within 7 days before the undersigned. After lapsation of stipulated period no claim will be accepted regarding the above said property.


Rajesh Jain, Advocate
19, 20, IInd Floor, R.D. City Centre, Red Cross Market, Railway Road, Hisar (9416044098)

Public Notice

It is informed to General Public that Smt. Sunita Wiro Singh, Satyawan Singh has lost his previous sale deed No. 4734 dated 28.12.2011 & sale deed no. 554 dated 15.05.2019 for Property I. Part of bearing khasra no. 5701/4 (6-16), 57-7/1, khetwat no. 3192, khatoni no. 3658, measuring 8.5M (260 sq. yards), Situated at Telsi Colony, Barwala Tehsil Barwala Distt. Hissar. If any person has objection then file replies alongwith proof of ownership within 7 days before the undersigned. After lapse of stipulated period no claim will be accepted regarding the above said property.

Rajesh Jain, Advocate
19, 20, 11th Floor, R.D. City Centre, Red Cross Market, Railway Road, Hissar (9416044098)

PUBLIC NOTICE (TRANSFER IN CASE OF DEATH)
It is for the information of General Public/ Banks as well as concerned that S.No. 1242-GF in Housing Board Colony, Sector-5, Hansi was allotted/ transferred to **Smt Rampal W/o Sh. Azad Singh R/o Puthi Patali S/o Sh. Azad Singh R/o Puthi Patali S/o Sh. Azad Singh** vide this office memo No 1063 dated 29.09.2021 and she has been expired on 10.02.2024. Now **Sh. Rampal S/o Sh. Azad Singh R/o Puthi Patali S/o Sh. Azad Singh** the deceased has submitted transfer document for transfer of said house in his/her favour due to death of allottee. If any person regarding transfer of said flat in favour of **Sh. Rampal S/o Sh. Azad Singh R/o Puthi Patali S/o Sh. Azad Singh** has any objection/claim he/she should file objection/claim in writing in person to this office within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received within stipulated period it will be presumed that there is objection / claim regarding this transfer and further action for transfer of said house will be taken by this office.
Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana, Hsir.

		DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES																
DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS					DRAW DATE: 02/04/2024													
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 DIAMOND TUESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY																		
MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket																		
1st Prize Amount (10)Rs.10,000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)																		
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.500/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10500/- each)																		
4267																		
2nd Prize Amount (10)Rs.2000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)																		
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.200/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.2200/- each)																		
2434																		
3rd Prize Amount (100)Rs.500/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)																		
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.550/- each)																		
0920	1103	1400	1693	4677	4982	7420	8172	8472	9862									
4th Prize Amount (100)Rs.200/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)																		
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.220/- each)																		
0025	1864	3963	3921	3955	3995	4538	8875	9064	9164									
5th Prize Amount (2000)Rs.100/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)																		
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.10/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.110/- each)																		
0153	0219	0266	0350	0595	0626	0635	0704	0729	0737									
0754	0770	0806	0816	0840	0890	0901	0992	1009	1019									
1026	1032	1153	1239	1274	1309	1325	1352	1408	1423									
1442	1453	1486	1549	1752	1788	1878	1886	1961	1999									
2048	2113	2114	2144	2189	2251	2277	2307	2325	2349									
2383	2406	2449	2486	2480	2511	2548	2601	2617	2623									
2719	2779	2826	2864	2962	2965	2956	3016	3018	3103									
3196	3206	3228	3306	3319	3351	3354	3381	3429	3515									
3570	3658	3664	3734	3738	3769	3801	3823	3846	3900									
3979	4112	4115	4178	4189	4228	4265	4287	4402	4474									
4327	4543</																	

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Notice for Immovable Properties of more than one borrower by the same Authorized Officer (For Immovable property) Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice(s) on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s) date of receipt of the said notice(s).

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the day (as given below date of possession Notice) The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon

Name of the account Borrower (s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of Moveable /Immovable property Mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Balance Outstanding
Borrower: - Sh. Karam Chand s/o Sh. Sawnu Ram, House No. 203- A, Chopra Garden, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar [Haryana]	All that part and parcel of House Bearing Property I.D No. 240C648U18 measuring 238.33 sq. yards i.e. 00B-04 ¼ Being 58.89 share out of land measuring 04B-00B comprising in khewat No. 59/1177, Khatauni No. 204, comprised in Kharsa No. 1774-	25.07.2023	30.03.2024	Rs. 4,89,493.82 (Rupees four lakhs eighty nine thousand four hundred ninety three and paise eighty two only) including interest charged upto 30.06.2023 with further interest at contracted rate w.e.f. 01.07.2023 and all incidental expenses, costs & misc.
0), situated at Mouja Gobindpuri H.B. No. 404 now known as Chopra Garden (Vikas Nagar) Yamuna Nagar, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.				

charges etc., less recovery, if any until payment in full.

DIRECTORATE PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES

Draw Time: 08:00 PM FORWARD

DATE: 02/04/2024

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 200 MONTHLY LOTTERY

MRF Rs.200/- Per Ticket

1st Prize Amount (1) Rs. 1.50 Crore (On 6 digits)												
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 10 Lakh + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 5 Lakh Total Prize Amount Rs. 1.65 Crore)												
403775												
2nd Prize Amount (1) Rs. 10 Lakh (On 6 digits)												
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 10 Lakh + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 50 Thousand Total Prize Amount Rs. 11.50 Lakh)												
358047												
3rd Prize Amount (1) Rs. 5 Lakh (On 6 digits)												
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 50 Thousand + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 20 Thousand Total Prize Amount Rs. 5.70 Lakh)												
184029												
4th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 5,000/- (On last 4 digits)												
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 500/- Total Prize Amount Rs. 500/- Each)												
0107	1808	4865	5893	7213	7570	8046	8720	9017	9734			
5th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 3,000/- (On last 4 digits)												
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 500/- Total Prize Amount Rs. 500/- Each)												
0131	1057	2145	3529	4793	7713	8008	8440	8937	9510			
6th Prize Amount (10000) Rs. 1,000/- (On last 4 digits)												
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 100/- Total Prize Amount Rs. 100/- Each)												
0007	0016	0052	0068	0120	0154	0180	0249	0319	0444			
0450	0533	0536	0628	0669	0712	0721	0786	0792	0843			
0897	1040	1125	1141	1166	1227	1229	1302	1330	1346			
1369	1423	1449	1560	1581	1654	1723	1728	1789	1789			
1837	1921	1954	1986	2002	2025	2055	2220	2312	2320			
2325	2331	2445	2471	2521	2547	2582	2591	2640	2706			
2710	2718	2798	2868	2931	3147	3183	3225	3252	3322			
3359	3374	3377	3419	3421	3452	3495	3547	3553	3588			
3631	3866	3913	3998	4014	4135	4177	4185	4231	4347			
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Tumultuous times

Imran Khan gets relief in Toshakhana corruption case; no reprieve for Pakistani politics

In what can be termed as a minor victory for cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan, he has got some relief from the court in the ongoing corruption case against him. In a dramatic turn of events, the former Pakistani Prime Minister, Imran Khan, and his wife, Bushra Bibi, have had their 14-year jail sentence suspended by the court. Imran Khan received a reprieve as the High Court of Islamabad suspended the sentence imposed on him and his wife, Bushra Bibi, in the Toshakhana corruption case. Initially sentenced on January 31 by an accountability court, the couple challenged the verdict in the Islamabad High Court. The Islamabad High Court has granted temporary relief to the couple by suspending their sentences and providing them bail. The decision, made by the Islamabad High Court, has stirred considerable controversy and reignited discussions about the state of governance and accountability in Pakistan. The case revolved around allegations that Imran Khan and his wife had received luxury gifts from foreign dignitaries during his tenure as Pakistan's Prime Minister and did not deposit them in the state treasury. The decision to suspend the jail term has sparked intense debate across Pakistan. Supporters of Imran Khan view it as a victory for justice, citing a lack of substantial evidence and alleging political vendetta by the ruling party. On the other hand, critics argue that the move undermines the credibility of Pakistan's anti-corruption efforts and raises questions about the role of the judiciary. This development comes at a crucial juncture for Pakistan, with the country grappling with a myriad of economic, social, and political challenges. The new regime that came to power is still gasping for legitimacy. The popular perception is that the election was a farce and Imran remains popular though behind bars. He was ousted from office two years back when he fell out of favour with the Pakistan army, which holds significant influence as the kingmaker in the country. Imran campaigned for his party in the general elections but was put behind bars just before the elections and remained there throughout the election while Pakistan Muslim League (N) won the elections and Shehbaz Sharif was elected as the prime minister of the country. The popular perception is that it is the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf of Imran Khan has a large support base and Imran remains a popular leader. With the court verdict now going in his favour Imran may take on the ruling party more aggressively. While Imran Khan's supporters see it as a vindication of his leadership and a blow to his political adversaries, PML(N) is likely to intensify its efforts to dig deeper into Imran's follies. Moreover, the role of the military in Pakistani politics continues to be a subject of speculation and concern. Amidst these challenges, Pakistan faces an uncertain future. A lot needs to be done to ensure good governance and accountability in the country. As Pakistan navigates through these turbulent times, the need for strong and principled leadership has never been more pressing.



A herd of wild Asiatic elephants seen on the outskirts of Guwahati

Role of parents in a child's formative years

The first five years of a child's life are termed 'golden period,' a pivotal phase where parents play a monumental role in shaping its future

The first five years of a child's life are a unique opportunity for parents to nurture and guide their child's development so that they can realise their full potential and become the best version of themselves. This period is often referred to as the "golden period," a critical and transformative phase that lays the foundation for all their future development, learning, and well-being. Let's understand why. Unraveling Synaptic Pruning Every baby is born with about 100 billion brain cells which are largely not connected with each other. As the baby comes into the world and experiences the world through sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feel, these brain cells start firing and connecting with each other at an astounding rate to form "synapses". But, starting around the age of 2, the brain wants to be efficient and it starts pruning off brain connections (synapses) that it thinks are not strong or important enough by a process called synaptic pruning. It's almost as if the child starts losing their talents even before they have a chance to



fully develop them. **Pivotal Role Of Parents in Early Childhood** For parents, it's crucial to understand the significance of synaptic pruning in the early years of a child's brain development, and it highlights the importance of providing rich, engaging learning experiences for their baby right from birth. By offering diverse and holistic learning experiences - that includes physical play, creative stimulation - parents can help ensure that the most beneficial synapses are strengthened in their child's brain, setting the foundation for a lifetime of talents and skill development. **Sooner, the Better** During the first five years the brain is exceptionally malleable, and experiences leave a lasting impact on cognitive, emotional, and social development. Maximising positive experiences and interactions during this critical phase

sets the foundation for a child's future success in various aspects of life. The younger the baby, the faster they learn, and wider the window for them to explore their fullest potential. **Practical Tips for Parents:** **1.Quality Interactions:** Your young baby or toddler is capable of amazing feats, much beyond your imaginations! Treat them not as a helpless being, but as a fearless and curious learner! **2.Deliberate Stimulations:** Create deliberate opportunities to provide your baby or child with the right stimulations to grow and develop their physical, intellectual, social, cognitive, creative, logical, and problem solving skills through play. **3.Consistent Activity:** Get into an easy-to-follow routine, where you are not stressing out daily about researching and reading on what to do with your child, but can follow a done-for-you program that tells you what activities to do with your child on a daily basis for their all-round development. **4.Meaningful Playtime:** Try and give many opportunities to your child to play with kids

of their own age to help develop compassion, confidence, social skills and even a higher IQ. It is as important for them to interact with other kids as it is for them to interact with adults, and we can't neglect one over the other! **5.No Screen time:** Yes, it's easy to feed your child while watching a video on mobile! But, screen time may lead to long term impact on your child's brain development, and may also lead to speech delays, so avoid screen time as much as you can! Bill Gates has said that the first five years of a child essentially shape how the next 80 years turn out to be. Parents thus have a huge responsibility towards their children to understand the significance of synaptic pruning and recognise this golden window of opportunity. Through love, engagement, and thoughtful nurturing, parents can contribute to the flourishing of strong neural connections, laying the groundwork for a bright and promising future. *(The writer is Co-founder, Raising Superstars; views are personal)*



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Political seesaw in Nepal

As Nepal navigates through these uncertain times, the future of its leadership and the direction of its governance hang in a delicate balance

Many Nepalese see second time Home Minister Rabi Lamichhane Rashtra Swatantra Party as a future Prime Minister . With Bell as its election symbol it became the fourth largest party on debut in politics. Bereft of ideological orientation and any macro vision, it has focused on development and eradication of corruption. Ironically, Lamichhane is himself being investigated for fraud a second time—the first time he had to step down due to dual passport and citizenship issues. Nepali Congress had blocked Parliamentary proceedings setting a deadline of 31 March for an impartial parliamentary probe and demanding his resignation for alleged fraud in a cooperative fund. He was questioned by an inhouse panel of lawmakers where he denied the charge. Both Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda and former PM KP Oli have ruled out the probe and his resignation. Lamichhane captured the people's imagination as a Galaxy 4K TV anchor who championed the crusade over corruption in his signature show, Seedha Kura Janata Ko Sang (Straight Talk with People). He is youthful, charismatic and a popular leader who is going places. A Janata Samajwadi Party politburo member, whose party is in the five-party coalition Government told me yesterday in Pokhara, : "Lamichhane ko dui ta haath ma laddu chha (Lamichhane has sweets in both hands), implying he's the new kingmaker sought by the opposition NC to break the coalition and return to power. The NC is believed to have offered him the premiership before Prachanda and Oli had secured him. Will Lamichhane take a break till investigations - if ordered - are completed? Or will the case lead to another political crisis? But the assault on corruption is absolute. The former Maoist leader and Prachanda confidante KB Mahara was rearrested and released on bail in the 61 kg gold scam in which his son Rahul is already in jail. Many distinguished leaders are in and out of jail. There is a



money and name trail with Chinese deeply embedded. The Bhutan refugee scam had powerful politicians including former NC defence minister, Balkrishna Khand, recently released on bail and Maoist Top Bahadur Raymajhi still in custody. Many others including a "prominent lady" are linked to it. Min Bahadur Gurung, the owner of the biggest departmental store chain, Bhat Bhateni, was in jail recently. And last month, Nepal's only billionaire and NC lawmaker, Binod Chaudhary, was investigated over Bansbari land scam while his brother Arun was briefly jailed. The names of two former PMs have been linked to Lalita Niwas land scam. Another former PM's name is whispered about a tea estate in Jhapa. Both Prachanda and Lamichhane are attacking corruption with utmost vigour China was last month delighted with the Left alliance returning to power which Communist leader Oli insisted was not Beijing's handiwork but "ours" - "we brought about the change". Despite the perceived pro-China Government, its leaders are moving very slowly on BRI and the utilisation of Rs 60 bn pledged by President Xi Jinping during his maiden visit in 2019. Last week Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Narayan Kaji Shreshtha was on a nine-day visit to Beijing (UML's Bishnu Poudyel was also in China)

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and met his counter part Wang Yi. They reaffirmed to "very soon sign the BRI implementation plan" which is according to Chinese procedure, is needed for executing projects. When NC's former Foreign Minister Prakash Mahat signed the BRI Framework Agreement in 2017, Nepal had worked on 35 projects which were toned down to nine. The hesitation on part of both China and Nepal and the consequential delay is due to defining the funding modality. Kathmandu wants aid and grants or , concessional, not commercial, loans from China. Nepal has joined only China's Global Development Initiative, not Global Security or Global Civilisation Initiatives. After an agonising four years, Kathmandu subscribed to US's Millennium Challenge Corporation - Nepal Compact in 2022. BRI is intended to balance MCC. Nepali strategists have modified Prithvi Narayan Shah's dictum — Nepal is a yam between two stones (India and China) to three stones (India, China and US). Till about 2010, US Embassy in Delhi would say: "It will take the lead on Nepal from India." Over time, that has changed. I've been living in Lame Ahal, a predominantly Gurung village below the Kathmandu-Pokhara Highway which China, its original builder, is four-laning for the last two years throwing up dust, slush and anger.

Chinese engineers from Wayuan Highway and Bridge Construction Company with Nepalese labour are working at snail's pace. Pokhara-ites were telling me it hadn't rained for two years. Many village taps had dried up. Then suddenly last week Pokhara valley was deluged in rain, causing havoc for road and air traffic from Pokhara. It is an unseasonable phenomenon and climate-change related. India is still the favourite whipping boy. When I visited Bhat Bhateni and observed in audible voice: everything is Chinese" the lady at the counter responded: "India does not give us anything". On my daily trek across Seti river, I sometimes hear the word 'thug' about India. All of this is compulsive and imagined anti-India sentiment which will not go away anytime soon. Prachanda is already talking about switching coalitions again. This tactic keeps coalition partners with him. NC is trying to wean away JSP and Unified Socialists led by Upendra Yadav and Madhav Nepal who was once called Madhav India to revive Democratic alliance keeping the current coalition on a short fuse and Nepal unstable. *(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and a founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. Views are personal)*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WATER SCARCITY

Madam — Acute water shortage is a fact of life in most Indian cities. The water crisis in Bengaluru adds to the plethora of apocalyptic tales of water scarcity. In Bengaluru, the cost of tanker services surged, impacting upscale and residential areas alike. The issue of water scarcity and the lack of access to clean water in many parts of the world. water is frequently regarded as a commodity rather than an essential human right. The absence of water could be perilous in alternative scenarios like urban fires due to which firefighters are struggling to encounter increased challenges in reaching a blaze in our densely populated country. Declaring water as a human right can be seen as problematic because it doesn't address the underlying issue of access and distribution. While it's crucial for those who lack it, simply declaring it a right without addressing systematic issues could be seen as a superficial solution. In 2023, the sale of bottled water in India was worth about 403 billion rupees. The growth slowed down mainly because fewer people in rural areas were buying bottled water. It takes about five times more water to make a plastic bottle than the amount of water it can hold inside. **Palak Rohra | Ujjain**

GET RID OF WASTE

Madam — The common practice for household refuse disposal in rural areas is to dump solid waste openly in backyard gardens or open spaces. Such indiscriminate disposal is an environmental hazard and can threaten human health and safety. Solid waste that is improperly disposed of can result in several problems. It can create a breeding ground for pathogenic microorganisms and vectors of disease and cause a public nuisance due to its unsightliness and bad smell. It can cause contamination of surrounding soil, groundwater and surface water, and it can also create fire hazards, and physical hazards and have poisoning effects (from pesticides and insecticides).

Empowering women in science



Apropos news article "Need more women representation in science" published on April 02, this is my response. The underrepresentation of women in STEM fields is a multifaceted challenge, stemming from societal biases and a lack of support within professional circles. Recognising this disparity, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in India has launched the 'Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN)' scheme, a commendable effort to empower women across diverse backgrounds in scientific pursuits. WISE-KIRAN's comprehensive approach addresses various hurdles faced by women in STEM, from societal stereotypes to limited resources and mentorship opportunities. By offering scholarships, mentorship programmes, and capacity-building workshops, this initiative aims to foster a supportive environment for women in scientific careers. Moreover, schemes like WIDUSHI and CURIE further bolster women's participation by supporting retired and non-permanent women researchers and enhancing research infrastructure in women's institutions. Additionally, initiatives like Vigyan Jyoti play a crucial role in sparking young girls' interest in STEM disciplines, paving the way for a more inclusive and diverse scientific community. These efforts signify a step forward in breaking down barriers and fostering a culture of inclusivity, ultimately driving innovation and progress in STEM fields.

Vishal Kumar | Delhi

However, these problems can be avoided by using appropriate management techniques. For all waste management issues, your role should be to engage community members and families in awareness of the solid waste problems in their area and try to change their behaviour. In doing so, it should be possible to have a clean, attractive and sustainable environment. Proper management of e-waste will help your community prevent communicable diseases and sustainably safeguard the environment.

Shanthi Ramanathan | Mumbai

STRUGGLE OF INDIAN CRICKETERS

Madam — Apropos news article "New pace sensation Mayank who found inspiration in jet planes" published on April 01, this is my response. There is no dearth of Mayank Yadav's like stories in Indian cricket. Many past and young cricketers who have made it to the IPL or Indian team have seen their share of struggles in their lives and come from humble beginnings. MS Dhoni, Bumrah, T. Natarajan, Mukesh Kumar, Praveen Kumar—the list is endless.

Since we have a fascination for fast bowling hence any bowler who bowls at faster than 150 kmph delivery gets into the limelight. Mayank, who did not have proper cricketing shoes 7 years ago and could not even get proper meals and his father's small commodity business collapsed during Covid. But the Sonnet club in Delhi took great care of him and nurtured him. There is no doubt that by clocking 156 kmph delivery he has become the talk of the town but he should not forget that before him there was Umran Malik who bowled at 157 kmph delivery and even played for India too, but then his inconsistency did him in. So Mayank Yadav would do well to sharpen his other aspects of the game and try to be consistent if he wants to play for India. Because only bowling fast will not fetch him the desired results. He has to develop in swing, outswing, slower, cutter all kinds of variations.

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FIRST COLUMN

TIME TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION

Create an environment that ensures fairness, justice and integrity in governance



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In recent months there has been one topic that has consistently grabbed headlines in Indian media and that is 'Corruption'. Huge scams, central agencies probes, public protests and anti-corruption agitations have kept the topic alive in all sections of media, Government quarters and in public and private discussions. There has been enormous pressure on the Government by civil rights activists to make a strong anti-corruption Law and implement it aggressively across the country. However, in this whole struggle, we tend to forget the fact that the issue of corruption cannot be dealt with by activism and political awareness alone. Because laws and regulations cannot deter humans from indulging in follies of character and moral values. It is like pruning or cutting the stems and branches that will sprout again and proliferate in more directions. Such laws can surely deter people in high public offices from indulging in blatant acts of bribery, fraud and corruption but it cannot root out the evil itself.

So what is it that makes man corrupt? Is it power, status, wealth or lack of these that makes him so? The genesis of corruption is not to be found in any external circumstance, it actually lies in the psyche or the character of the human soul. It begins with a desire that tempts one to have more, acquire more and grab more money, assets, power and fame in order to gain happiness.



Once it starts, it creates a chain of vicious circles that keeps feeding itself with more desire and indulgence. This blind chase is then supported by the temporary feeling of being high and powerful which is followed by emptiness, insecurity and despair that further drives a person to commit such acts of corruption. All this begins from the fundamental ignorance about the true identity of self. Because we believe our self-worth depends on money, role, status, fame or authority we strive to create more identities based on that. With time these fabricated means of self-worth crumble and fall apart and in that fear, we put in all effort to strengthen and protect these false support systems because we feel we are nobody if all these identities are taken away.

From a spiritual perspective, it is said that vices like greed, ego, lust, anger and attachment are all born out of body consciousness i.e. the false identification of the self with one's physical image, role and assets. It is this ignorance and vices that begin to corrupt the soul and everything that comes from a corrupt soul will be tainted i.e. its thoughts, feelings, actions and habits. In that sense, one can say that today almost all human souls have become corrupt to some degree. Hence we must understand that corruption is a soul-deep malady and it can be remedied only by spiritual awareness and empowerment. We must awaken to our true selves and live by our original values of peace, purity, love and joy.

When we look inward and become aware of our true identity and innate qualities, we begin to express and experience them in our lives naturally. A person who empowers himself this way experiences contentment in life. Such a person will never fall into the trap of sensory attractions and desires as it's only when we are disconnected from our innate self we feel empty inside and get attracted to external things to feel happy or worthy. In the soul consciousness stage, we are naturally aware of our virtues and we also understand the law of cause and effect — the law of karma. Remember! A soul that is aware of its spiritual identity will never indulge in corrupt actions as it knows that they will lead to suffering and degradation. This realisation and experience will free us from corruption.

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Political chameleons: A threat to democracy



SUKHDEV **SINGH**

The new political entrants like AAP, promising a departure from traditional politics, have faltered, mirroring the same patterns of opportunism and non-performance



The presence of political parties in democracies makes the peoples' representation in governance social but organised and helps the democracies work. Since the representation is through individuals, the politics of party switching by one or more leaders and/or followers is a common phenomenon causing the defeat and victory of the respective individual leaders and political parties. If party switching is guided by political ideologies, development policies and other policy programmes or by the change in leadership affecting the core ideology of the party or the constitutional spirit of the governance, it can be a healthy corrective exercise.

But if influenced by the strategic local individual factors concerning the prospects of the political growth of an individual involving the chances of winning elections, gaining ministerial and other positions and gaining influence, then it is a matter of serious concern for a democracy, people and a nation.

Another matter of a similar concern is the growing trust deficit of the people in the political class and cynicism about human integrity and political class due to the gap between what the political leaders say and do.

Indian democracy is under threat from both these political phenomena more than ever in its history: the major political parties in power promise during the elections without delivering on the ground after winning the elections. If this were not enough, the party-switching game driven by individual strategic interests is more frequent and unhesitant than ever in its history. What is more worrisome is that the political parties are themselves active players in the game of poaching turncoats who willingly show them white today, yellow tomorrow and saffron the next day. Neither the individual leaders nor the political parties have any qualms about the mismatch in the ideologies and policies; the only



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motivation is winning elections to remain in power; Neither the individual leaders nor the political parties have any worry that the party switching would impact governance, confidence of people, representation and policy-making. It underscores the fluidity of political allegiances, party politics and validity of manifestoes.

The recent happenings during the last a few years in Punjab are a case in study. Disillusioned about the working of the traditional political groupings, people in Punjab elected the first time leaders of a new political party AAP challenging the traditional party system, but finding AAP too in the footsteps of the traditional political parties has led them to a new level of disillusionment.

Rather than planning a serious engagement to fulfil the poll promises and work for people, a continued engagement in blame game and with winning elections following the modus operandi of the conventional political parties has created despondency rather than enthusiasm. Instead of fielding their own members, however raw they may be, or searching from the academia and NGOs their probable candidates in elections at different levels, they have been relying on induction of the traditional leaders from other traditional parties to contest in their name without bothering to check their ideology, previous political training and working behaviour.

Anurag Sheetal of Jalandhar left BJP to contest assembly elections in 2022 on AAP ticket but has now left AAP to join BJP again. His rival as a congress candidate in the 2022 assembly elections,

Sushil Kumar Rinku was inducted in AAP in the presence of Arvind Kejriwal to contest parliamentary by-election from Jalandhar in 2023 in spite of staunch opposition by the AAP MLA Anurag Sheetal. To the desperation of AAP, Susheel Rinku has now resigned from AAP to join BJP, charging AAP senior leadership with non-performance.

With strong support from the AAP, Sushil Kumar Rinku had won the parliamentary by-election. Interestingly in August, 2023, he was suspended from the parliament session for his unruly behaviour while opposing the BJP Government on Delhi services bill. As a follow up, he wore chains symbolising "democracy in slavery" and stood in front of the Parliament building protesting against the leaders of opposition parties. Criticising the central Government i.e. the BJP, he had appealed to the people to defeat the central Government (BJP) in 2024 elections to keep the spirit of constitution and ideology of Bhim Rao Ambedkar alive. Now, ironically, he himself has joined the BJP to bring it back to power again and the BJP has welcomed him in its fold without any qualms about his 'unruly behaviour' worthy of suspension from parliament.

Wouldn't his appeal to the people to elect the BJP into power that he earlier wanted the people to defeat confuse the people and generate disbelief and cynicism? Wouldn't the praise of Sushil Rinku as a worthy and sober leader by the BJP high command persuading to vote for Sushil Rinku, whom they had suspended as an unruly leader add to the

confusion and trust deficit? Wouldn't the people experience absurdity to see Anurag Sheetal campaigning for Rinku whose entry in AAP he had opposed? Several senior congress leaders have already defected from the congress to the BJP impersonating a 'take-over' instead of switch over. Sunil Jakhar, once the state president of the congress, is now the state BJP president causing unhappiness to both the congress high command and the old guard of the state BJP. Shouldn't people receive his policy statements with an amount of mistrust? A three term MP on congress ticket has quit congress to join the BJP. As a young boy and sophomore in politics, he was rewarded for his grandfather's political assassination as a congressman and the then chief minister of Punjab. Suddenly after joining the BJP, he has realised that the PM and HM have a great affection for Punjab whom he has criticised more than once for their ideology, politics and governance. To the people, his statement definitely does not stand as an authentic communication.

The political discourse by nature is characterised by a gap between projected and practised values; if the gap is widened enough to be poles apart on different occasions, it sounds unauthentic and absurd. Yet the political parties in Punjab are busy setting the stage for a theatre of absurd for the people to witness the circus of parliamentary elections 2024.

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Kangana Ranaut: From stardom to political aspirations

Kangana's evolution from a silver screen sensation to a grassroots politician unfolds against a backdrop of controversy and high expectations

In line with the 19th-century Victorian realist philosophy of 'Chance and destiny' championed by Thomas Hardy, Kangana Ranaut's journey from an obscure village in Himachal Pradesh to the glamorous world of Bollywood and now to the realm of politics seems like an unimaginable dream turned into reality. Her indomitable spirit and unwavering determination have propelled her from testing her luck in the film industry in Mumbai to considering a political career in her hilly home state.

Kangana's ascent from the nondescript village of Bhambala in Mandi district is a testament to her sheer willpower and commitment. Despite facing resistance from her family, who initially



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opposed her choice to pursue a career in Bollywood, Kangana forged ahead, overcoming financial struggles and the harsh realities of life in Mumbai. Her journey was fraught with challenges, with her even lacking a proper place to live at times. However, her training under renowned theatre director Arvind Gaur proved to be a turning point, honing her skills and shaping her into the formidable talent she is today.

Transitioning from the glitz and glamour of Bollywood to the rough and tumble world of politics is no small feat. Kangana's decision to enter active politics, particularly by contesting the Mandi Lok Sabha seat, signifies a significant shift in her career trajectory. Despite her lack of experience

in politics, her unwavering support for Hindutva ideology and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, coupled with her association with the RSS, has garnered her the BJP ticket, setting the stage for a potentially dramatic political showdown.

However, Kangana's foray into politics is not without its challenges. Unlike the scripted narratives of films, political reality demands a different set of skills and commitments. Voters in Mandi will expect her to prioritise their needs and concerns, necessitating her to establish a permanent presence in the constituency. Her inexperience in political manoeuvring will require her to work doubly hard to earn the trust and support of the electorate, notwithstanding



the backing of the BJP machinery and the charisma of Prime Minister Modi. The bypoll for the Mandi Lok Sabha seat held on October 30, 2021, saw the Congress candidate securing victory, largely due to the sympathy factor fol-

lowing the demise of Virbhadra Singh. However, with the political landscape shifting and the Congress party grappling with internal strife, Kangana's entry into the fray could potentially tilt the scales in her favour.

Kangana's nomination for the Mandi seat on her 37th birthday was seen as a fitting tribute to her unwavering commitment to her ideological beliefs and her determination to serve her birthplace. However, her propensity for controversy, evident in her social media posts and public statements, has garnered both acclaim and criticism. From her remarks on the farmer's agitation to her views on India's independence, Kangana has courted controversy, often finding herself embroiled in heated debates and facing backlash from various quarters.

As she embarks on this new chapter in her life, Kangana will need to shed her filmy persona and connect with the grassroots workers and voters

on a more personal level. Building rapport with the electorate and demonstrating a genuine understanding of their needs will be crucial for her success as a politician.

In conclusion, Kangana Ranaut's journey from Bollywood to politics is a testament to her resilience and determination. While her transition may be fraught with challenges, her unwavering commitment to her beliefs and her desire to serve her people could pave the way for a successful political career. As she navigates this new terrain, Kangana will need to draw upon her strengths and adapt to the demands of the political arena, all while staying true to her roots and convictions.

(The writer is a political analyst; views are personal)

Kitchen charity halts Gaza ops

AP ■ DEIR AL-BALAH

An apparent Israeli airstrike killed six international aid workers with the World Central Kitchen and their Palestinian driver, the charity said Tuesday, in a potentially major setback to efforts to deliver aid by sea to Gaza, where Israel's offensive against Hamas has pushed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to the brink of starvation. The food charity, founded by celebrity chef Jose Andres, said it was immediately suspending operations in the region. The source of fire late Monday could not be independently confirmed. The Israeli military expressed "sincere sorrow" over the deaths while stopping short of accepting responsibility. Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the top military spokesman, said that officials are reviewing the incident at the highest levels. He says an independent investigation will be launched that "will help us reduce the risk of such an event from occurring again."

Footage showed the bodies, several wearing protective gear with the charity's logo, at a hospital in the central Gaza town of Deir al-Balah. Those killed include three British nationals, an Australian, a Polish national and an American-Canadian dual citizen, according to hospital records. The charity said the team was travelling in a three-car convoy that included two armoured vehicles. "Despite coordinating movements with the (Israeli army), the convoy was hit as it was

'Aid workers in Gaza were killed by an unintended strike'

Deir Al-Balah (Gaza Strip) (AP): Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has acknowledged that Israeli forces carried out the strike that killed seven aid workers in Gaza. In a statement on Tuesday, he said: "Unfortunately over the last day there was a tragic incident of an unintended strike of our forces on innocent people in the Gaza Strip." He says officials are "checking this thoroughly" and "will do everything for this not to happen again". The strike late Monday killed seven aid workers for the World Central Kitchen, leading the charity to suspend its operations in Gaza.

leaving the Deir al-Balah warehouse, where the team had unloaded more than 100 tons of humanitarian food aid brought to Gaza on the maritime route." Erin Gore, the CEO of the charity, said "this is not only an attack against WCK, this is an attack on humanitarian organizations showing up in the most dire of situations where food is being used as a weapon of war. This is unforgivable." Three aid ships from the Mediterranean

island nation of Cyprus arrived earlier Monday carrying some 400 tons of food and supplies organized by the charity and the United Arab Emirates, the group's second shipment after a pilot run last month. The Israeli military was involved in coordinating both deliveries. The US, which has provided key military and diplomatic support for Israel's offensive, has touted the sea route as a new way to deliver desperately needed aid to northern Gaza and plans to build its own floating dock, with construction expected to take several weeks. The UN has said much of the population is on the brink of starvation, largely cut off from the rest of the territory by Israeli forces. Israel has barred UNRWA, the main U.N. agency in Gaza, from making deliveries to the north, and other aid groups say sending truck convoys north has been too dangerous because of the military's failure to ensure safe passage. The UNRWA said in its latest report that 173 of its workers have been killed in Gaza. The figure does not include workers for other aid organizations. The bodies of the aid workers have been taken to a hospital in the southern city of Rafah on the Egyptian border, according to an Associated Press reporter at the hospital. The foreigners' bodies will be evacuated out of Gaza and the Palestinian driver's body will be handed to his family in Rafah for burial.

12-year-old opens fire at school in Finland, killing 1, wounding 2

AP ■ HELSINKI

A 12-year-old student opened fire at a secondary school in southern Finland on Tuesday morning, killing one and seriously wounded two other students, police said. The suspect was later apprehended. Heavily armed police cordoned off the Viertola school — a large educational institution including lower and upper secondary schools with a total of about 800 students — in the city of Vantaa, just outside the capital, Helsinki, after receiving a call about a shooting incident at 09:08 am. Police said both the suspect and the victims were 12 years old. One of the students had died instantly after being shot, Chief of Police Ilkka Koskimäki from the Eastern Uusimaa Police Department told a news conference. The other two were seriously wounded, he said. The weapon used in the shooting was a registered handgun that was licensed to the suspect's relative, Koskimäki said. The suspect was detained in the



Helsinki area later Tuesday with a handgun in his possession, police said. He admitted to the shooting in an initial police hearing but there is no immediate word of the motive, police said, adding that the case is being investigated as a murder and two attempted murders. Finnish President Alexander Stubb and Prime Minister Petteri Orpo offered condo-

lences to the families of the victims in postings on X with both saying they were shocked over the shooting. "What makes it particularly shocking is the age of the victim and the suspect," Orpo said during a news conference later Tuesday. "I can assure you that this (shooting) will be carefully reviewed and conclusions will be drawn that this will not happen again," he said.

The minimum age of criminal liability in Finland is 15 years, which means the suspect cannot be formally arrested. A suspect younger than 15 can only be heard by the police after which they will be handed over to Finland's child welfare authorities. In the past decades, Finland has witnessed two major deadly school shootings. In November 2007, a 18-year-old student armed with a semi-automatic pistol opened fire at the premises of the Jokela high school in Tuusula, southern Finland, killing nine people. He was found dead with self-inflicted wounds. Less than a year later, in September 2008, a 22-year-old student shot and killed 10 people with a semi-automatic pistol at a vocational college in Kauhajoki, southwestern Finland, before fatally shooting himself. In the Nordic nation of 5.6 million, there are more than 1.5 million licensed firearms and about 430,000 license holders, according to the Finnish Interior Ministry.

Egypt's pres sworn in for third 6-year-term

AP ■ CAIRO

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi of Egypt was sworn in for a third six-year term on Tuesday after being re-elected in a December vote in which he faced no serious challengers. El-Sissi took the oath of office before parliament, which convened in the new administrative capital in the desert outside Cairo. El-Sissi won 89.6 per cent of the vote in the December election, with turnout of 66.8 per cent more than 67 million registered voters. He ran against three virtually unknown opponents. The vote was overshadowed by the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza on Egypt's eastern border, which has threatened to expand into wider regional turmoil. El-Sissi was first elected as president in mid-2014, then reelected in 2018. A year later, constitutional amendments, passed in a general referendum,



added two years to el-Sissi's second term, and allowed him to run for a third, six-year term. His victory in this latest election was widely seen as inevitable. His three opponents were marginal political figures who were rarely seen during the election campaign.

Senegal swears in ex-opp figure, recently freed from prison, as new president

AP ■ DAKAR (SENEGAL)

Senegal inaugurated Bassirou Diomaye Faye as its new president on Tuesday, completing the previously little-known opposition figure's dramatic ascent from prison to the palace in recent weeks. Faye was released from prison less than two weeks before the March 24 election, along with popular opposition figure and mentor Ousmane Sonko, following a political amnesty announced by outgoing President Macky Sall. It is the former tax inspector's first time in elected office. "It's the culmination of a long struggle for democracy and the rule of law," said Aissata Sagna, a 39-year-old factory worker who worked on Faye's campaign. "This is a day of celebration for us, even if we have lost young people killed during



the demonstrations." The election tested Senegal's reputation as a stable democracy in West Africa, a region that has experienced coups and attempted coups. It followed months of unrest ignited by the arrests last year of Sonko and Faye and concerns that the president would seek a third term in office despite constitutional term limits. Rights groups said dozens were killed in the

protests and about 1,000 were jailed. Faye, 44, campaigned on promises to clean up corruption and better manage the country's natural resources. His victory was seen as reflecting the will of young people frustrated with widespread unemployment and former colonial ruler France, seen by critics to be using its relationship with Senegal to enrich itself. Such frustrations are common across many countries in Africa, home to the world's youngest population, where a number of leaders have clung to power for decades. In his first speech as president-elect, Faye promised to fight corruption and reform the economy. A practising Muslim from a small town, Faye has two wives, both of whom were present on Tuesday. Ahead of the election, he released a declaration of his

assets to show transparency and called on other candidates to do the same. It listed a home in Dakar and land outside the capital and in his hometown. His bank accounts totalled roughly USD 6,600. "I think the first challenge is the formation of his (Faye's) government," said Alioune Tine, founder of the Senegalese think tank Afrikajom Centre. "This will be the first concrete message he sends to the Senegalese people. The size, diversity and profiles will be analyzed with a fine-tooth comb, to see if they meet the demand for a break with the past." The new president was little known until Sonko, a popular opposition figure who came third in the previous election in 2019, named him to run in his place after being barred from the election for a prior conviction.

Israel clears way to expel Al Jazeera

Netanyahu's incitement claim is a lie

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday vowed to shut down Al Jazeera's operations in Israel, calling it a "terror channel" that spreads incitement, after parliament passed a law clearing the way for the closure. Netanyahu's pledge escalated Israel's long-running feud against Al Jazeera. It also threatened to heighten tensions with Qatar, which owns the channel, at a time when the Doha government is playing a key role in mediation efforts to halt the war in Gaza. The broadcaster condemned Netanyahu's incitement claim as a "dangerous ludicrous lie." Al Jazeera said late Monday that it holds Netanyahu responsible for the safety of its staff and offices, that it would continue what it described as its bold and professional coverage, and that it "reserves the right to pursue every legal step." Israel has long had a rocky relationship with Al Jazeera, accusing it of bias against Israel. Relations took a major downturn nearly two years ago when Al Jazeera correspondent Shireen Abu Akleh was killed during an Israeli military raid in the occupied West Bank. The Palestinian-American journalist was well-known across the Arab world for her critical coverage of Israel, and the channel accused Israel of intentionally killing her. Israel denied the charge, saying she was likely killed by Israeli fire in what appeared to be an accidental shooting. Those relations further deteriorated following the outbreak of Israel's war against Hamas on October 7, when the militant group carried out a cross-border attack in southern Israel that killed 1,200 people and took 250 others hostage. In December, an Israeli strike killed an Al Jazeera cameraman as he reported on the war in southern Gaza. The channel's bureau chief in Gaza, Wael Dahdouh, was

injured in the same attack. The network also blamed Israel for killing Dahdouh's son in a strike in January. Hamza Dahdouh was working for Al Jazeera when the strike hit a car he was traveling, it reported. The army later said that Hamza Dahdouh was a member of Islamic Jihad, a militant group that joined the October 7 attack with Hamas. Wael Dahdouh's wife, daughter and another son were killed along with his grandson in another Israeli strike last October. The channel broadcast images of Dahdouh entering the hospital and giving way to grief as he peered over the body of his dead son. Israel has not said who the target of that strike was. Al Jazeera is one of the few international media outlets to remain in Gaza throughout the war, broadcasting bloody scenes of airstrikes and overcrowded hospitals and accusing Israel of massacres. Israel accuses Al Jazeera of collaborating with Hamas. "Al Jazeera harmed Israel's security, actively participated in the October 7 massacre, and incited against Israeli soldiers. It is time to remove the bullhorn of Hamas from our country," Netanyahu said on X, formerly Twitter. He said he planned on acting immediately under the authorities of the newly passed law. "The terror channel Al Jazeera will no longer broadcast from Israel," he said. Al Jazeera has been closed or blocked by other Mideast governments, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Egypt has banned Al Jazeera since 2013. It launched the crackdown after the 2013 military overthrow of an elected but divisive government dominated by the Muslim Brotherhood group. Egypt considers the Brotherhood a terrorist group and accused both Qatar and Al Jazeera of supporting it.

Sunak expands free childcare as 'improving' sign before election

London (PTI): British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Tuesday marked the expansion of free government-funded childcare to cover two-year-olds as a sign of things "improving" for the economy ahead of a general election expected later this year. During a round of local radio interviews in north-east England, the 43-year-old British Indian leader was again asked when he plans to call an election and reiterated his previous indication of a timeline in the second half of the year. While he came under some criticism for laughing off the question during one such exchange, Sunak insisted that the government was heading to a place where the electorate would be able to see a "brighter future" ahead. "Last year we promised the biggest-ever expansion in childcare provision this country has ever seen, and today we are delivering on our plan with 15 hours of free childcare for parents with two-year-olds," said Sunak. "We want to give working families the peace of mind that they will be supported and our full expansion will save parents 6,900 pounds a year – helping to build a brighter future for families and help to grow our economy," he said. Asked about a general election, he told BBC Radio Newcastle: "I've said repeatedly and clearly that my working assumption would be that we have a general election in the second half of the year. There's been no change to that." "I think people hopefully will increasingly feel that things are improving and that we're heading to a place where, as I said, I want to give people peace of mind that there's a brighter future for them and their families, they can have a renewed sense of pride in our country. That's the direction of travel and so we're now heading in the right way," he told BBC Radio Tees.

Iran vows retaliation for Israeli strike on Syrian consulate

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran and one of its key proxies vowed Tuesday to respond to a strike widely attributed to Israel that demolished Iran's consulate in the Syrian capital of Damascus and killed eight people, including two Iranian generals. Iran's state TV reported Tuesday that the country's Supreme National Security Council, a key decision-making body, met late Monday and decided on a "required" response to the strike. The report said the meeting was chaired by President Ebrahim Raisi, but provided no further details. "We will make them regretful about the crime and similar acts," said Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say on all matters of state in Iran. Israel has repeatedly targeted military officials from Iran, which supports militant

groups fighting Israel in Gaza, and along its border with Lebanon. Monday's strike in Damascus signaled an escalation because it struck an Iranian diplomatic mission. It was not clear if Iran would respond itself, risking a dangerous confrontation with Israel and its ally the United States, or if it would continue to rely on proxies, including Lebanon's Hezbollah militia and Yemen's Houthi rebels. The airstrike in Syria killed Gen Mohammad Reza Zahedi, who led the elite Quds Force in Lebanon and Syria until 2016, according to Iran's Revolutionary Guard. It also killed Zahedi's deputy, Gen Mohammad Hadi Hajriahim, and five other officers. Hezbollah said Tuesday that Zahedi played a crucial role in helping "develop and advance the work" of the group in Lebanon. A Hezbollah member was also killed in Monday's strike, bringing the overall death toll

to eight. Hezbollah announced the death of Hussein Youssef on Tuesday, but did not provide further details. "This crime will certainly not pass without the enemy receiving punishment and revenge," Hezbollah said in a statement. Since the outbreak of the war in Gaza nearly six months ago, those proxies have stepped up attacks, leading to near daily cross-border exchanges between Hezbollah and Israel, and frequent Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping. Hamas, which rules Gaza and attacked Israel on October 7, is also backed by Iran. Israel, which rarely acknowledges strikes against Iranian targets, said it had no comment on the latest attack in Syria, although a military spokesman blamed Iran for a drone attack early Monday against a naval base in southern Israel. Israel has grown increasingly impatient with

the daily exchanges of fire with Hezbollah, which have escalated in recent days, and warned of the possibility of a full-fledged war. Houthi rebels have also been launching long-range missiles toward Israel, including on Monday. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said the country is in a war on multiple fronts "both offensively and defensively." "We see evidence of this every day, including over the last few days," said Gallant, speaking to the Israeli parliament's Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee. "We operate everywhere, every day, in order to prevent our enemies from gaining strength and in order to make it clear to anyone who acts against us — all over the Middle East — that the price for action against Israel will be a heavy one." Gulf monarchies Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar condemned the strike on the Iranian consulate amid fears

of a widening regional conflict. The 22-state Arab League alleged that Israel aims to "expand the war and push the region to chaos." Iran's official news agency IRNA said Tuesday that Iran relayed an important message to the United States late Monday and that it called for a meeting of the U.N. Security Council. The message to Washington was delivered through a Swiss envoy in Tehran; Switzerland looks after US interests in Iran. IRNA said Iran holds the United States, Israel's closest ally, responsible for the strike. Meanwhile amid ongoing tensions in the Red Sea, the U.S. Central Command said early Tuesday that its forces had destroyed a Houthi unmanned surface vessel the previous day. CENTCOM said the vessel posed "a threat to US and coalition forces and merchant vessels in the region."

Congo appoints its first female PM

AP ■ KINSHASA (CONGO)

Congolese President Felix Tshisekedi on Monday appointed the country's first female prime minister, fulfilling a campaign promise and taking an important step toward the formation of a new government after his reelection late last year. Former planning minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka will step into the role at a time of worsening violence in the country's mineral-rich east, which borders Rwanda. The long-running conflict has displaced more than 7 million people according to the United Nations, making it one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Tuluka promised to work toward peace and development in her first speech on state television following her appointment. Still, it could be months before a new government is formed as the process requires intensive negotia-



tions with the many political parties. "My thoughts go out to the east and to all corners of the country, which today are facing conflicts with enemies

who are sometimes hidden," she said, referring to the conflict that involves many armed groups, including some believed to be backed by Rwanda's military. "I'm thinking of all these people, and my heart goes out to them." Far from the nation's capital, Kinshasa, eastern Congo has long been overrun by more than 120 armed groups seeking a share of the region's gold and other resources as they carry out mass killings. Both regional and UN peacekeepers have been asked to leave Congo after the government accused them of failing to resolve the conflict. Violence has only continued to worsen as the withdrawal of personnel begins and Congolese authorities move into their positions. Bintou Keita, the top UN envoy to Congo, told the UN Security Council last week that the prominent rebel group known as M23 had made significant territorial

gains in the east, which was contributing to the spike in violence and surging numbers of displaced people. Re-elected to a second five-year term in December, Tshisekedi has blamed neighbouring Rwanda for providing military support to the rebels. Rwanda denies the claim but UN experts have said there is substantial evidence of their forces in Congo. The United States last month urged Congo and Rwanda to walk back from the brink of war. The US State Department also said Rwanda should withdraw troops and surface-to-air missile systems from eastern Congo and criticized M23, calling it a "Rwanda-backed" armed group. The Rwandan Foreign Ministry said last month that the country's troops are defending Rwandan territory as Congo carries out a "drumatic military build-up" near the border.

Channel opened for vessels clearing wreckage at bridge collapse site

AP ■ BALTIMORE (US)

The US Coast Guard has opened a temporary, alternate channel for vessels involved in clearing debris from the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, part of a phased approach to opening the main shipping channel leading to the vital port, officials said Monday. Crews are undertaking the complicated work of removing steel and concrete at the site of the bridge's deadly collapse after a container ship lost power and crashed into a supporting column. On Sunday, dive teams surveyed parts of the bridge and checked the ship, and workers in lifts used torches to cut above-water parts of the twisted steel superstructure. Officials said the temporary channel is open primarily to vessels that are helping with the cleanup effort. Some barges and tugs that have been stuck in the Port of Baltimore since the

collapse are also scheduled to pass through the channel. Authorities believe six workers plunged to their deaths in the collapse, including two whose bodies were recovered last week. Maryland Gov. Wes Moore said at a Monday afternoon news conference that his top priority is recovering the four remaining bodies, followed by reopening shipping channels to the port. He said he understands the urgency but that the risks are significant. He said crews have described the mangled steel girders of the fallen bridge as "chaotic wreckage." "What we're finding is it is more complicated than we hoped for initially," said US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Shannon Gilreath. Moore said crews used a large crane to lift a 200-ton (180-metric ton) span of the bridge, a task that took 10 hours. He said the piece was considered a "relatively small lift" in the grand scheme

of the recovery effort, which he called enormous. Moore said crews would lift another 350-ton (317-metric ton) piece from the bridge later Monday as weather allows. Officials earlier said the temporary channel would have a controlling depth of 11 feet (over 3 meters), a horizontal clearance of 264 feet (80 meters) and a vertical clearance of 96 feet (29 meters). "This marks an important first step along the road to reopening the port of Baltimore," Capt. David O'Connell, the federal on-scene coordinator of the response, said in a statement Monday. "By opening this alternate route, we will support the flow of marine traffic into Baltimore." Two additional larger channels are planned as more debris is removed from the waterway. Officials declined to provide a projected timeline for those channels being opened.

PML-N led ruling coalition sweeps Senate elections in Pak

AP ■ ISLAMABAD/ LAHORE

Pakistan's ruling coalition swept the Senate elections as the results of 19 seats were announced after the election process to fill 48 vacant seats of the upper house of the bi-cameral Parliament. The alliance led by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and including Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and other parties bagged 18 seats out of 19 while an independent candidate also was elected with their support. Polling was held on 12 seats from Sindh, five seats from Punjab and two seats from the Islamabad capital territory. In Punjab, PML-N grabbed all seats while in Sindh, PPP got 10 seats and one seat went to Muttahida Qaumi Movement and an independent candidate. The PML-N and the PPP won one seat each from Islamabad. Eighteen candidates had already been elected

unopposed, including eleven from Balochistan and seven from Punjab. Elections in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province were postponed due to controversy over oaths of members elected on reserved seats. Foreign minister Ishaq Dar was elected senator after getting 224 votes in the National Assembly. His opponent Raja Ansar Mehmood from the opposition Sunni Ittehad Council got 81 votes. Rana Mehmood ul Hassan of the Pakistan Peoples Party also won his seat by defeating Farzand Hussain Shah of the Sunni Ittehad Council. Thus the ruling alliance won both senate seats from the Islamabad capital territory. Prominent among the winners were PML-N-supported Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and Petroleum Minister Musadiq Malik who won in Punjab by garnering 128 and 121 votes, respectively. PML-N's Khalil Tahir

Sindhu was successful on a minority seat in Punjab while PPP's Poonjo Bheel was successful on a minority seat in Sindh. Earlier, polling was postponed in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) "on account of delay of oaths of reserved seats" as the house was incomplete because 25 members elected on the reserved seats were not given oath by the speaker of the provincial assembly Babar Saleem Swati. "The commission is of the considered view that the standards of honesty, justness and fairness of election as provided in Article 218(3) of the Constitution cannot be fulfilled due to non-administration of oath to elected members and which amounts to disenfranchisement of lawful voters and denial of level playing field to the voters," the ECP said in a statement. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief

Minister Ali Amin Gandapur vowed that he would not let the members elected on reserved seats take oath as they were elected illegally as the seats were snatched from his party led by Imran Khan. He further said that the PTI would summon its parliamentary meeting and pass a resolution on the matter. The Senate comprises 96 members, including 23 each from four provinces and four from the federal capital region of Islamabad. Those from provinces are elected by the respective provincial assemblies while the National Assembly elects one Senator from the Islamabad region. The Senate is a continuous body as half of its members retire after three years and new ones are elected. The ECP had announced plans to hold polls on 48 seats as four seats of senators who were elected from tribal regions were abolished after the region

was merged with the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province of the country. Before the merger, eight senators were elected from the federally administered tribal areas called Fata. The PML-N's numbers in the Senate have now risen to 19 while the PPP's have risen to 24. Khan's PTI has 20 members in the Senate. The ruling alliance's strength in the upper house will play a crucial role in case of any amendment in the constitution as a two-thirds majority is needed in both houses for the same.

NAWAZ SHARIF CHAIRS YET ANOTHER MEETING

Unfazed by criticism, Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif has chaired yet another administrative meeting with his daughter and Punjab province Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. Sharif, who is also the supreme of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party, on Monday, co-chaired a meet-

ing to review issues faced by the province's agriculture sector, a report in Dawn newspaper said on Tuesday. The veteran leader chairing the administrative meetings raised many questions as he does not hold any official posts in the provincial or federal government and is only a National Assembly member. Since the February 8 general elections marred by allegations of vote rigging, the 74-year-old PML-N supreme leader has generally kept a low profile. However, in the few public appearances since, he has been seen chairing or co-chairing with his 50-year-old daughter administrative meetings of the Punjab provincial government. "This has led to questions, as Sharif holds no official position in either the provincial or federal government and is officially only a member of the National Assembly," it said. Earlier in March, Sharif

assumed a 'de-facto' role of Punjab chief minister, and presided over three administrative meetings of the provincial government, raising many eyebrows. Sharif issued directions to the authorities concerned and ministers regarding different projects in the province, which used to be the bastion of his Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party, regarding different infrastructure projects, including the underground train and metro bus, farmers' plight, electric bikes for students and Ramzan relief package. Sharif was elected from Lahore in the February 8 polls. Jailed former premier Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party has alleged that its mandate was stolen by Sharif-led PML-N. Sharif served as Punjab chief minister twice in the 1980s before moving to Islamabad. He was Pakistan's prime minister for three non-consecutive terms.

Bushra Bibi poisoned in sub-jail: Imran

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday said his wife and former first lady Bushra Bibi was poisoned while incarcerated at his private residence here which was turned into a sub-jail, emphasizing that the army chief should be held responsible if she is harmed. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader during the hearing of the 190 million pound Toshakhana corruption case in Adiala jail informed Judge Nasir Javed Rana that there had been an attempt to poison the former first lady and added that she had marks on her skin and tongue as a side effect of the "poisoning." "I know who is behind it," The Express Tribune newspaper quoted the 71-year-old PTI founder as saying. Khan said that if any harm came to Bushra, the Pakistan Army chief (General Asim Munir) should be held responsible as members of an intelligence agency were controlling everything at his Bani Gala residence in Islamabad and Adiala jail in Rawalpindi. Khan further urged the court to order 49-year-old Bushra's medical examination by Dr. Asim of Shaukat Khanum Hospital, adding that he and the party did not trust the doctor who examined her earlier. He also urged to have an inquiry into the matter of Bushra's alleged poisoning. Following the former premier's request, the court directed Khan to submit a detailed application about the former first lady's medical examination. Talking to the media after the hearing, Bushra said rumours regarding her being an "American agent" were circulating in the party and that she was poisoned through a popular toilet cleaner. She said "three drops" of a popular toilet cleaner were added to her food, claiming that a person's health deteriorates after a month of consumption. "My eyes swell up, I feel pain and discomfort in my chest and stomach and food and water also taste bitter. Some suspicious substance was mixed in honey earlier and now the toilet cleaner was mixed in my food," claimed the former first lady.

'Delivering justice strengthens security in my country'

AP ■ THE HAGUE (NETHERLANDS)

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday urged delegates at a conference on justice and compensation in Ukraine to continue efforts to tackle impunity for war crimes in order to "provide real strength to our common security — security from aggressions and terror?" Ministers and officials from dozens of countries met in the Netherlands to discuss how to bring justice to victims of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as the war sparked by Russia's invasion drags on in its third devastating year. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Russian President Vladimir Putin and the country's commissioner for children's rights charging them with personal responsibility for the abductions of children from Ukraine. The court also has issued warrants for two senior Russian military officers for alleged responsibility for attacks on critical infrastructure in Ukraine. "Let the real peace be restored faster. And let everyone who destroys peace be truly afraid



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, and French Defence Minister Sébastien Lecornu shake hands as they attend the French Support for Ukraine Public Diplomacy Event at the Nexter Systems headquarters in Versailles, near Paris, France, on Tuesday.

of facing trial in The Hague," Zelenskyy said in a video message. Ukraine's prosecutor general, Andriy Kostin, told the meeting that his country has identified 551 war crimes suspects, indicted 374 and has already

prosecuted 104 people.

During the conference, a register of damage caused by Russia's invasion was formally opened, allowing people to submit claims for compensation for damages, loss or injury suffered as a result of the inva-

sion.

The Hague-based Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, or RD4U, was established by the Council of Europe last year. It will not pay out any claims, but

is a stepping stone toward an international compensation mechanism that has not yet been established.

The launch focused on claims for damage or destruction of residential property. It said that between 300,000 and 600,000 claims are expected. RD4U aims to allow further claims soon, including those related to damage or destruction of Ukrainian critical infrastructure.

Opening the conference, Dutch Foreign Minister Hanke Bruins Slot said the devastating toll of Russian attacks underscored the need to support Ukraine. "Because if we don't, the country's justice system will eventually collapse under the weight of these atrocities," she said.

The Hague, known as the international city of peace and justice, is central to efforts to bring accountability and end impunity for crimes in Ukraine. It is home to the International Criminal Court and the International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine, and the Dutch government has offered to host a special tribunal on the crime of aggression.

National Assembly Speaker appoints Tehreek-e-Insaf nominee as Leader of Opp

AP ■ ISLAMABA

Pakistan's National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq Tuesday endorsed a major demand of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party by appointing its nominated leader Omar Ayub Khan as the Leader of the Opposition in the lower house. According to a press release issued by the Assembly Secretariat, the development came after Omar along with PTI chief Gohar Khan and senior leader Amir Dogar met Sadiq. The Speaker declared Khan the Leader of the Opposition after the scrutiny process was completed under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the National Assembly. The statement added that the deadline to submit nomination papers for the slot was till 6pm on Monday. No other candidates' nomination papers had been received by the stipulated

time, it said. With the appointment, the phase of appointing the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly was completed. The PTI supported Sunni Ittehad Council on March 9 had formally nominated Umar for the leader of the opposition by submitting his documents to the office of the speaker. Leader of the opposition sits in front of the speaker on his left side and on the right side of the leader of the house. He enjoys the status of a federal minister and gets a separate office where usually opposition parties hold meetings. He also gets the right to speak in response to the speech by the leader of the house or any leading member from the government. It may be noted that after the February 8 elections, all independent members elected with the support of PTI had joined the Sunni Ittehad Council, excluding Gohar Khan and Omar Ayub Khan.

Putin vows to find masterminds of concert hall attack

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed on Tuesday to track down the masterminds of the Moscow concert hall attack that left 144 people dead in the worst assault on Russian soil in two decades, and urged the country's law enforcement agencies to tighten security at mass gatherings. Putin has repeatedly sought to link the March 22 attack to Ukraine and the West despite the Islamic State group's claim of responsibility and Kyiv's vehement denial. Speaking at a meeting with top officials of the Interior Ministry that oversees the nation's police force, Putin said it is important to determine "not only the perpetrators of this outrage, but all links in the chain and its beneficiaries." He added, in an apparent threat of retaliation: "Those who use this weapon against Russia should realize it's a double-edged weapon." Putin said that the masterminds of the concert hall raid sought to "sow discord and panic, strife and hatred in our multiethnic country in order to break up Russia from within," adding that "we mustn't allow them to do that." "It's inadmissible to use the tragic event to provoke ethnic tensions, xenophobia and Islamophobia," he said. Russian security agencies have detained four suspected gunmen, all of them citizens of Tajikistan, and seven other suspects. The attack has fuelled anti-migrant sentiments and drawn calls from Russian hawks to limit migration despite the fact that the Russian economy strongly depends on migrant workers, most of them citizens of ex-Soviet nations in Central Asia, including Tajikistan. Russian media reported that authorities have strengthened con-

trols over migrants in the wake of the attack. Putin urged the Interior Ministry to tighten controls to stop illegal migration and close loopholes in existing procedures that allow people with a criminal past get work permits and even Russian citizenship. The lapse in security has led many to wonder how gunmen could easily kill so many people at a public event. Kremlin critics have argued that the security blunder was rooted in the Russian vast security apparatus focusing heavily on stifling the political opposition, independent media and civil society groups in the harshest crackdown since Soviet times instead of on terror threats. Putin said that the authorities are investigating the performance of law enforcement structures and other agencies in the concert hall attack. He urged law enforcement agencies to strengthen security at public gatherings. "We have paid a very high price, and the analysis of the situation must be objective and professional," he said. "We need to take ensuring security and order at mass gatherings, sports facilities, transport, trade and recreational centers, schools, hospitals, universities, theaters and so on. All those facilities must be under constant control." Putin, who has repeatedly accused the US and its allies of trying to destroy Russia, again charged that Moscow's geopolitical adversaries were aiming to "ruin what is left of historic Russia, to break up its historic core" in order to win control over the country's vast resources. "Some of them are trying to preserve their hegemony in today's rapidly changing world at the expense of Russia," he said. "Some apparently saw our country as a weak link. They are mistaken."

Ukraine uses drones in what appears to be its deepest strike yet inside Russia

PTI ■ MOSCOW

Ukrainian drones attacked industrial facilities in the province of Tatarstan, Russian authorities said Tuesday, in what would be Kyiv's deepest strike inside Russian territory since the war began more than two years ago. Seven people were injured in the attack on facilities near the cities of Yelabuga and Nizhnekamsk, located some 1,200 kilometers (745 miles) east of Ukraine, Russian regional authorities said. The strike damaged a hostel for students and workers in a free economic zone where a factory manufacturing Iranian-designed drones is reportedly located, other media reports said. Tatarstan is known for its high level of industrialization. Tatarstan officials said the attack didn't disrupt industrial production, while Nizhnekamsk's mayor said the attempt to strike a refinery was thwarted by air defenses. Kyiv officials normally neither



A Ukrainian Emergency Situation sapper carries an unexploded shell after using a mine-clearing machine to clear the site of explosives after battles with Russian troops, near Balaklia, Kharkiv region, Ukraine on Monday.

claim nor deny responsibility for attacks on Russian soil, though they sometimes refer obliquely to them. The Associated Press could not independently verify

the reports.

Ukrainian drone developers have for months been extending the weapons' range, part of Kyiv's effort to compensate for

its battlefield disadvantage in weapons and troops. The unmanned aerial vehicles are also an affordable option while Ukraine awaits more U.S. military aid. Neither side is currently able to make much of a dent on the around 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line. Ukraine previously has launched drone attacks in and around St. Petersburg, which lies about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) north of the border. But the facilities in Tatarstan, a province on the Volga River, appears to be the most distant target Ukraine has tried to hit. In recent weeks, Russian refineries and oil terminals have been targets of Ukrainian drone attacks, part of stepped-up assaults on Russian territory, including long-range drone attacks. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said last year his country had developed a weapon that hit a target 700 kilometers (400 miles) away, in an apparent reference to a drone attack on Russian soil.

Fire at Istanbul nightclub kills at least 29 people



AP ■ ISTANBUL

A fire at an Istanbul nightclub during renovations on Tuesday killed at least 29 people, officials and reports said. Several people, including managers of the club, were detained for questioning. At least one person was being treated at a hospital, the Istanbul governor's office said in a statement. The Masquerade nightclub, which was closed for renovations, was on the ground and basement floors of a 16-story

residential building in the Besiktas district on the European side of the city bisected by the Bosphorus. The fire was extinguished. Gov. Davut Gul told reporters at the scene that the cause of the fire was under investigation and the victims were believed to be involved in the renovation work. Authorities detained five people for questioning, including managers of the club and one person in charge of the renovations, Justice Minister Yilmaz Tunc said.

Pope exposes confidential details of past conclaves

AP ■ VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis has exposed the political "maneuvers" used to sway votes during the two most recent elections of popes, while denying he is planning to reform the process for future conclaves, in a book-length interview published on Tuesday. The revelations are contained in "Pope Francis, Successor: My Memories of Pope Benedict XVI," in which the Argentine pope reflects on his relationship with the late German pope and settles some scores with Benedict's longtime aide. The book, written as a conversation with the correspondent for Spain's ABC daily, Javier Martinez-Brocal, comes at a delicate time for the 87-year-old Francis. His frail health has raised questions about how much longer he will remain pope, whether he might follow



in Benedict's footsteps and resign, and who might eventually replace him. In the book, Francis revealed previously confidential details about the 2005 conclave that elected Benedict pope and the 2013 ballot in which he himself was elected, saying he was allowed to deviate from the cardinals' oath of secrecy because he is pope.

In 2005, Francis said, he was "used" by cardinals who wanted to block the election of Benedict — then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — and that they managed to sway 40 out of 115 votes. The idea wasn't to elect the Argentine but rather to force a compromise candidate after knocking Ratzinger out of the running, he said. "They told me afterward that they didn't want a foreign pope" — in other words, a non-Italian one — Francis said, making clear that the process wasn't so much about the Holy Spirit inspiring cardinals as it was a cold, hard political calculus. Francis said he put an end to the maneuvering by announcing that he wouldn't accept being pope, after which Ratzinger was elected. "He was the only one who could be pope in that moment," Francis said, adding that he,

too, voted for Ratzinger. In 2013, after Benedict's resignation, there was also political maneuvering involved. Francis — then Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio — said he only realized after the fact that cardinals were coalescing behind him, pestering him with questions about the church in Latin America and dropping hints that he was gaining support. He said it finally dawned on him that he might be pope when Spanish Cardinal Santos Abril y Castelló came running after him after lunch on March 13, just before what would become the final ballot. The Spanish cardinal had what was clearly a health-related question about Bergoglio's ability to take on the physical rigors of the papacy, after opponents apparently had raised his health as a possible impediment to his election. "Eminence, is it true you're

missing a lung?" Francis recounted Abril as saying, to which he replied that he had part of one lung removed after a respiratory infection. After he assured the cardinal that the operation had taken place more than 50 years earlier, he remembered Abril muttering: "Oh these last-minute maneuvers..." Francis in the interview denied rumours he is planning any reform of the conclave rules for a future papal election. Conservative media have speculated, without any attribution, that Francis was tinkering with the protocols to limit pre-conclave discussions about the needs of the church to cardinals aged under 80. Only those cardinals — most of whom were appointed by Francis — are able to vote for the next pope, but older colleagues are currently allowed to take part in the earlier discussions.

While Francis denied any such reform, he revealed he was revising the protocol for papal funerals. Francis said Benedict's would be "the last wake in which the body of a pope is exposed in an open coffin, on a bier." He said he wanted to ensure popes "are buried like any son of the church", in a dignified, but not excessive manner. In the book, Francis also settles some scores with Benedict's longtime secretary, Archbishop Georg Gaenswein, whom he initially fired and then exiled from the Vatican after what he described as a series of imprudent decisions that "made life difficult for me." Gaenswein is widely believed to have helped fuel the anti-Francis opposition during Benedict's decade-long retirement, allowing Benedict to be used by conservatives nostalgic for his doctrinaire papacy.

India manufacturing sector growth hits 16 years high in March

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's manufacturing sector growth climbed to a 16-year high in March on the back of the strongest increase in output and new orders since October 2020, amid reports of buoyant demand conditions, a monthly survey said on Tuesday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) surged to a 16-year high of 59.1 in March, from 56.9 in February, reflecting stronger growth of new orders, output and input stocks as well as renewed job creation.

In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"India's March manufacturing



PMI rose to its highest level since 2008. Manufacturing companies expanded hiring in response to strong production and new orders. On the back of strong demand and a slight tightening in capacity, input

cost inflation picked up in March," Ines Lam, Economist at HSBC, said.

Manufacturing output rose for the 33rd month running in March, and to the greatest extent since October 2020.

Growth quickened across the consumer, intermediate and investment goods sectors.

Inflows of new work strengthened from both domestic and export markets. New export orders increased at

the fastest pace since May 2022, the survey said.

Quantities of purchase increased at the quickest rate since mid-2023, and one that was among the strongest in nearly 13 years, as companies sought to build up stocks in advance of expected improvements in sales.

On the job front, after leaving payroll numbers broadly unchanged in the previous two months, manufacturers in India took on additional workers in March. The pace of job creation was mild, but the best since September 2023, the survey said.

On the price front, despite remaining modest by historical standards, cost pressures were at their highest in five months. Companies reported having paid more for cotton, iron,

machinery tools, plastics and steel.

However, customer retention remained a priority for goods producers who raised their charges to the least extent in over a year.

On the outlook for the Indian manufacturing sector, companies remained confident on an average, with 28 per cent forecasting output growth in the year ahead and 1 per cent expecting a contraction.

The overall level of sentiment remained elevated, but slipped to a four-month low as inflation concerns weighed on confidence.

The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI is compiled by S&P Global from responses to questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in a panel of around 400 manufacturers.



India, EEU bloc start negotiation for FTA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Senior officials of India and the five-nation Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) bloc held detailed discussions last month to formally start negotiations for a free trade agreement to boost economic ties, an official said.

The five members of the EEU are Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia. The official said two feasibility studies have already been conducted on the proposed agreement.

In such agreements, two or more trading partners either eliminate or significantly reduce customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. These agreements provide greater market access to Indian goods and services.

"Senior officers of both sides have met on March 28 here and have

discussed formally starting talks for the FTA," the official said.

An industry expert said domestic exporters from sectors like engineering goods, electronics and agriculture can get an edge from the agreement.

Russia is the top trading partner of India in the bloc, with bilateral trade worth USD 49.4 billion in FY23. India's exports to Russia stood at USD 1.14 billion in 2022-23, while imports were USD 46.2 billion due to an increase in crude oil imports.

The bilateral trade with Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan was USD 134.26 million, USD 111.81 million, USD 641.62 million, and USD 56.56 million, respectively, in 2022-23. A similar agreement was signed by India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). The members of this bloc are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland.

India commanding higher valuations on investors trust: Buch

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch on Tuesday said the Indian capital markets are commanding higher valuations because of foreign investors' optimism and trust in the country.

She said at 22.2, the ratio of price to earning multiple in the Indian market is higher than the average of many indices around the world.

"Yes, some people say that we are an expensive market but still why is the investment coming? Because this is a reflection of the optimism and the trust and faith that the world has in India today that we are commanding the kind of multiples in our markets," she said at a CII event on corporate governance here.

A few weeks ago, Buch had flagged concerns on high valuations in segments of small and midcap stocks, stating that it could be becoming into a bubble.

Buch said she meets foreign investors regularly as part of her mandate and has seen an increased interest in India among them because of the velocity which the country's economy has got after years of high speed growth.

They are encouraged by data suggesting the strength of



the economy as visible in the growth in GST collections month on month, advance tax payouts, power and energy consumption, she said.

The interest has led to the overall market capitalisation in equities reaching over Rs 378 lakh crore at the end of FY24 from Rs 74 lakh crore a decade ago, Buch said, adding that the market capitalisation is at the level of the overall GDP now.

She said Indian entities raised a total of Rs 10.5 lakh crore from markets by way of equity and bond issuances in FY24, which includes over Rs 8 lakh crore through the bond route.

Speaking about the bond issuances, she said it has reached over 62 per cent of the overall bank lending done in a year now.

Bajaj Auto shares climb nearly three per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Bajaj Auto Ltd on Tuesday climbed nearly 3 per cent after the company reported a 25 per cent year-on-year growth in its total vehicle wholesales in March. The stock advanced 2.61 per cent to settle at Rs 9,276.65 on the BSE. During the day, it jumped 3.48 per cent to reach the 52-week high of Rs 9,356.

At the NSE, it climbed 2.53 per cent to Rs 9,271.05.

Bajaj Auto Ltd on Tuesday reported 25 per cent year-on-year growth in its total vehicle wholesales, including exports at 3,65,904 units in March.

The Pune-based automaker had sold 2,91,567 two-wheelers and commercial vehicles in March 2023, according to a company statement.

Total domestic sales (including commercial vehicles) rose 18 per cent to 2,20,393 units in the last



month compared to 1,86,522 units sold in the same month last year.

Total exports during the month under review rose 39 per cent at 1,45,511 units from 1,05,045 vehicles shipped out to overseas markets in March last year, according to the statement.

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, the company reported wholesales of 4,350,933 units, an 11 per cent rise over 3,927,857 units in 2022-23.

Stock markets end three days winning run

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Stock markets snapped the three-day winning run on Tuesday with benchmark Sensex falling by 110 points due to profit-taking in select IT, private bank and auto shares amid weak trends from the US markets and foreign fund outflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined by 110.64 points or 0.15 per cent to settle at 73,903.91 with 16 of its components ending lower and 14 settling higher. During the day, the index dropped by 270.78 points or 0.36 per cent to a low of 73,743.77 points. The broader NSE Nifty closed lower by 8.70 points or 0.04 per cent at 22,453.30 despite recovery at the fag-end..



Both Sensex and Nifty scaled lifetime high levels in intra-day trade on Monday before settling around 0.5% higher.

"The domestic market took a breather today after achieving a fresh record high yesterday.

Factors such as a rising dollar, increasing US bond yields, and a notable uptick in crude oil prices collectively dampened investor sentiment," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial

Services said. Better-than-expected US data raised worries about a potential delay in interest rate cuts by the US Fed, Nair added.

"Nifty snapped its three-day rally despite a sharp recovery in the last half an hour. Global stocks were mixed on Tuesday after Wall Street fell as surprisingly strong US manufacturing data created doubts over how soon the US Federal Reserve might cut interest rates," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

From the Sensex basket, Kotak Mahindra Bank fell the most by 1.84 per cent. ICICI Bank dropped 1.63 per cent, HCL Technologies by 1.82 per cent, and Infosys by 0.84 per cent. Tata Consultancy

Services, Wipro, Tech Mahindra and Larsen & Toubro were the major laggards.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Nestle, Tata Motors and IndusInd Bank were among the gainers.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge jumped 1.28 per cent and the midcap index climbed 1.14 per cent.

Analysts said mid and small-cap stocks continued their recovery rally, although concerns about high valuations lingered.

Moreover, investors are eagerly anticipating guidance from the upcoming RBI monetary policy announcement for insight into near-term market direction.



Gold falls ₹50; silver climbs ₹430

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

After hitting an all-time high Alevel, gold prices on Tuesday fell Rs 50 to Rs 68,370 per 10 grams in the local market, following weak trends in the international markets, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous session, the precious metal closed at Rs 68,420 per 10 grams.

However, silver prices climbed Rs 430 to Rs 79,000 per kg. In the previous session, it had settled at Rs 78,570 per kg.

In the overseas markets, spot gold at COMEX was trading at USD 2,255 per ounce, down by USD 2 from the previous close.

"After reaching an all-time high in the previous session, gold prices slightly retreated on Tuesday, as traders began to doubt the US Federal Reserve's decision to lower interest rates following solid US manufacturing data.

"Meanwhile, the US dollar index rallied to a five-month high, which also weighed down on the precious metal prices," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities.

However, silver prices were higher at USD 25.55 per ounce. Its previous close was USD 25.13 per ounce.

Audit profession at crossroads in fight for talent: ACCA

PNS ■ DELHI

Accountancy bodies ACCA & ACAANZ have released a survey report which highlights major challenges audit profession is facing in attracting and retaining talent. A survey conducted by ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ), supported by a series of global roundtables, revealed persistent challenges in the auditing profession in its battle to attract and retain talent. Antonis Diolas, head of Audit and Assurance, ACCA and author of the report "Attract, Engage, Retain: Insights and Recommendations for Audit Talent Success", said, "A compelling insight from our study highlights the absence of a commonly understood and unified purpose within the audit profession. This not only inhibits prospective candidates from entering the profession in the first place, but also hinders current professionals from recognising how their work generates value."

Amir Ghandar, Reporting and Assurance leader, CA ANZ said, "The research clearly shows the need for empathy and respect in the workplace recognising employees' multifaceted lives."

He also said that the people also need to be able to see themselves in their leaders, to visualise the opportunities and career possibilities in a way that feels real.

Hiring down four per cent in March year on year: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Hiring by Indian companies saw a 4 per cent decline in March as compared to the same month last year, a report released on Tuesday stated.

However, sequentially, there was a slight uptick of 3 per cent, reflecting an optimistic business sentiment, the report by foundit Insights Tracker (fit) said.

The report is based on an analysis of fit data from March 2023 to March 2024. The report revealed that white-collar gig jobs, or freelance work, saw an 184 per cent increase compared to the previous year.

This suggests professionals' growing preference for flexible, project-based work arrangements, it noted.

Additionally, it stated that gig workers, representing a vital workforce segment, have expanded 21 per cent over the same period, highlighting companies' increasing reliance on freelancers and independent contractors to meet business needs.

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MakeMyTrip, STB ink pact to promote Singapore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Online travel service provider, MakeMyTrip Ltd on Tuesday said it has entered into a partnership with Singapore Tourism Board for promoting Singapore as a key destination to Indian travellers. The two partners have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a year-long strategic partnership to boost travel to Singapore, MakeMyTrip said in a statement.

Under the MoU, Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and MakeMyTrip will embark on joint activations and campaigns to boost inbound travel to Singapore in 2024, it added.

"Through this partnership, we want to



deepen Indian consumers' brand affinity for Singapore and reinforce the city's appeal and enhanced offerings for various segments of Indian visitors," STB Chief Executive Melissa Ow said.

STB will also tap into MakeMyTrip's market understanding and insights to curate unique travel holiday packages targeting consumers in India, the statement said.

MakeMyTrip Co-Founder and Group CEO, Rajesh Magow said Singapore was one of the top three searched international destinations on the company's platform last year, advancing from fifth place in 2022.

"The widespread interest for this destination from across India underscores its appeal. With ongoing initiatives that refresh its offerings, seamless travel access, and amenities tailored to Indian preferences, Singapore holds significant potential to capture the continued interest of more Indian travellers," he added.

India is one of the top five markets for STB and over 10 lakh Indians visited Singapore in 2023, the statement said.

Main board IPOs collect ₹62,000 crore in FY24

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Buoyant secondary markets, strong participation of retail investors, and robust flows from institutional investors helped 76 companies in raising nearly Rs 62,000 crore through mainboard IPOs in 2023-24, marking a 19 per cent surge from the previous fiscal year. With FY2025 on the horizon, expectations are high for yet another stellar year for IPOs (Initial Public Offerings). This optimism is fuelled by a confluence of factors, including the surge in domestic capital, enhanced governance practices, the vibrant spirit of Indian



entrepreneurship, and favourable government policies bolstered by FDI support, Pantomath Financial Services Group, said in its report.

"With a diverse array of offerings and a fervent appetite for growth capital,

the IPO landscape in FY2025 promises to be dynamic and vibrant, offering exciting opportunities for investors and companies alike. We anticipate that equity-raise through IPOs in FY25 could exceed Rs 1 lakh crore. This figure could potentially increase even further if there are no global shocks affecting the Indian market," Mahavir Lunawat, Managing Director, at Pantomath Capital Advisors, said.

According to the report, a total of 76 companies garnered close to Rs 62,000 crore through main-board IPOs in 2023-24, which was way higher than Rs 52,115

crore mopped up by 37 companies in the preceding fiscal.

Interestingly, companies from multiple sectors tapped the IPO market in FY24. However, the traditionally dominant financial sector, demonstrated restrained activity, raising Rs 9,655 crore, which accounted for less than a fifth of the total capital raised in FY24, in comparison to 51 per cent in 2022-23.

Further, new-age technology companies were also few, with just three IPOs of Yatra, Mamaearth, and Zaggie hitting the market in the last fiscal.

Rupee falls four paise to close at 83.43 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Tuesday consolidated in a narrow range and settled 4 paise lower at 83.43 against the US dollar, weighed down by a strong dollar and elevated crude oil prices. Forex traders said a weak trend in domestic equities also dented investor sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the local unit opened at 83.37, then touched an intraday high of 83.34 and a low of 83.44 against the greenback. The rupee finally

settled at 83.43, a fall of 4 paise over its previous close. On Thursday last week, the rupee depreciated 6 paise to settle at 83.39 against the US dollar. Forex market was closed on Friday and Monday on account of 'Good Friday' and the annual account closing of banks, respectively.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on strong US dollar and weak tone in domestic markets. Rising crude oil prices may also weigh on the domestic currency," said Anuj Choudhary Research Analyst,

Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Traders may take cues from Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) and speeches by various US Federal Reserve officials. USD/INR spot price is expected to trade in the range of Rs 83.20 to Rs 83.60, Choudhary added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.05 per cent lower at 104.96. Brent crude futures advanced 1.78 per cent to USD 88.98 per barrel.



INDIAN MEN HOCKEY TEAM HEADS TO AUSTRALIA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian men's hockey team has left for Australia to compete in a five-match Test series beginning April 6, a crucial assignment ahead of the Paris Olympics in July-August. The Harmanpreet Singh-led side left on Monday night. The team has been in good form and recently won three out of its four matches during the FIH Pro League in Bhubaneswar. After the opening game on April 6, the series features matches on

April 7, 10, 12 and 13. It is essential for the Indian team to enhance their performance, build and check-through the improvement areas for the coming Paris Olympics, Hockey India stated in a press release. "As we embark on this crucial tour to Australia, we are filled with determination and excitement. The series presents an excellent opportunity for us to assess our strengths and areas for improvement ahead of the Paris Olympics," Harmanpreet said before the side's departure.

"We are fully committed to giving our best on the field and making every moment count," Vice-captain Hardik Singh stated that this tour holds immense significance for the team. "We have been working hard as a team to refine our skills and strategies, and we are confident in our abilities. We are focused on putting up a strong performance and making our country proud," he said.

THE INDIAN TEAM:
GOALKEEPERS: Krishan Bahadur Pathak, PR Sreejesh,

Suraj Karkera
DEFENDERS: Harmanpreet Singh (C), Jarmanpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Sanjay, Sumit, Amir Ali
MIDFIELDERS: Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh (VC), Vivek Sagar Prasad, Shamsher Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Rajkumar Pal, Vishnukant Singh.
FORWARDS: Akashdeep Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Abhishek, Dilpreet Singh, Sukhjeet Singh, Gurjant Singh, Mohammed Raheel Mauseen, Bobby Singh Dhami, Arajjeet Singh Hundal.

Praggnanandhaa enters as India best bet

PTI ■ TORONTO

Teen sensation R Praggnanandhaa will enter as the favourite among the three Indian participants in the Candidates chess tournament that will get underway here from Wednesday to decide the challenger for the next world championship match. After nearly 35 years as many as three Indians — Praggnanandhaa, D Gukesh and Vidit Gujrathi — have qualified for the most prestigious event of the year that has just eight participants. According to an expert, India is the new Russia of the chess world, as in the past such dominance was only shown by Russian players. Praggnanandhaa, 18, starts as the rating favourite among Indians and also as the favourite of the chess buffs even though the top bracket of the world feels that all the three Indian youngsters still need time to settle among the world elite. Fearless and psychologically sound, Praggnandhaa will likely have the assistance of eight-time Russian champion Peter Svidler for the event. One cannot help but recall that during one of the world championships Indian grandmaster P Harikrishna had assisted Svidler in his quest to be the world champion. While Svidler could be a game-changer, it will largely depend on Praggnandhaa's form and how he adapts in this tough event, where the eight players will play each other twice. At just 17 years, Gukesh is



hailed as one of the finest talents around. The Indian is also the youngest participant in the fray and second youngest ever after Robert James Fischer — aka Bobby Fischer — to qualify for the elite event. Fischer was 16-year-old when he qualified in 1959. That Fischer's record lasted a whopping 65 years, goes to prove what it takes to be one of the candidates and if Gukesh wins it, he will be the youngest ever to compete for the World Championship title. Vidit Gujrathi will have his task cut out and much will depend on his form. In his last outing, probably training his sights for the candidates, the Nasik-based player did not do well at the Prague masters and slipped considerably on the rating list also. Praggnanandhaa was the first to qualify for the tournament

by virtue of his silver medal performance in the last World Cup at Baku, Azerbaijan. The Indian star went down to Magnus Carlsen in the final but since then has picked up a lot and has come around as a fierce. Gujrathi made it thanks to a remarkable performance in the Grand Swiss tournament at Isle of Man, UK, last year. The Indian had displayed top form in the final stages of the tournament. For Gukesh it was touch and go but the teenager displayed steely nerves to win a spot through the rating process by winning a GM tournament in Chennai last December. The field however is diverse with a great mix of youth and experience. American Fabiano Caruana starts as the top seed ahead of his compatriot Hikaru

Nakamura. The 20-year-old Alireza Firouzja of France is ranked third while twice challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia is the fourth seed. Praggnanandhaa, Gukesh and Gujrathi follow these four in terms of FIDE ratings while Nijat Abasov of Azerbaijan is the last seed in the event. The first round will commence on Thursday, at midnight IST. There will be four rest days in all. The winner not only gets to play the world championship match but will also become richer by 48000 Euros (roughly Rs. 45 lakh).

ROAD TO THE CANDIDATES:
Ian Nepomniachtchi (2758) — qualified as the previous World Championship match runner-up.
R Praggnanandhaa (2747) — qualified as the 2023 World Cup runner-up.
Fabiano Caruana (USA, 2804) — qualified as the third-place finisher at the 2023 World Cup.
Nijat Abasov (AZE, 2632) — qualified as the fourth-place finisher at the 2023 World Cup after the winner, Magnus Carlsen, declined his right to participate.
Hikaru Nakamura (USA, 2789) — qualified as the 2023 Grand Swiss runner-up.
Vidit Gujrathi (2747) — qualified as the 2023 Grand Swiss winner.
Alireza Firouzja (FRA, 2760) — qualified as the best by rating on January 1, 2024.
D Gukesh (2747) — qualified as the 2023 FIDE Circuit winner.

PTI ■ ROHTAK

Month-long exposure camps with international pugilists will greatly benefit the development of boxing in India, especially at the age-group level, feels national junior girls' boxing coach Geeta Chanu. Chanu noted that the reason countries like Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are among the top boxing nations is the close cooperation between the respective boards of these Central Asian nations. "Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have good endurance they are also high on strength but where they really score over others is there confidence," Chanu told PTI. "Central Asian countries like Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan conduct combined training and competitions across various age groups, at least three such combined train-

Indian junior girls coach advocates for extended training camps with international boxers

ing or competitions in a year. Hence from a very young age they get a lot of international exposure. "Our players face international boxers only in multi-national tournaments," she added. The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) conducted a 15-day REC Combined Multinational Training Camp for junior boys and girls at the Sports Authority of India's National Boxing Academy here. At the camp that ended on Tuesday, Indian boxers got to rub shoulders with pugilists from boxing powerhouses Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan besides Sri Lanka.



Chanu welcomed BFI's move to host a multinational camp for the age-group level Indian teams but insisted that the duration of such camps should be longer. "We need even longer camps. A

30-day camp would yield more results. In 15 days not everything can be covered so we want that a longer camp should be there," she said. Junior World Championship gold and silver medallists Payal and Amisha Kerketta echoed the same sentiment. "This camp was very useful as our shortcomings were identified and a lot of work on rectifying them was done. It would have been great had it been a longer camp," Payal said. "At the continental as well as World Championships we face a lot of Uzbek and Kazakh boxers so it was good to observe them close up and spar with

them at this camp," Amisha added. "We wish more such camps are conducted for longer durations like 45 days or a month so that we can learn much more." The camp, which is a part of SAI's new Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KRITI) initiative, saw participation of over 150 boxers including 75 from India, 37 from Kazakhstan, 18 from Uzbekistan and 35 from Sri Lanka. "The vision behind this is to identify athletes at a grassroots level and to build the bench strength of the he country," said Deputy Director SAI Sachin. K.



Atletico Madrid beat Villarreal

AP ■ MADRID

Atletico Madrid scored early and late to beat Villarreal 2-1 in an entertaining Spanish league game and snap a two-game losing streak. Villarreal won its last four matches and was nine games unbeaten, but a last-gasp goal from substitute Saul Niguez gave Atletico all three points and took it into fourth place in La Liga, two points above Athletic Bilbao. Niguez got the winner with three minutes remaining when he coolly side-footed a low shot past the goalkeeper from 17 yards out. It was the first league goal of the season for the central midfielder, who went on to replace Pablo Barrios just three minutes earlier.

Axel Witsel put the capital club 1-0 up when he headed home a corner from Rodrigo Riquelme after eight minutes. Villarreal's Norwegian striker Alexander Sorloth equalized four minutes into the second half with his 14th goal of the season. The late defeat was a crushing blow for Villarreal, which started poorly but came into the match in the second half. It remained in 10th place, ahead of Getafe on goal difference and a point behind Osasuna in ninth. Of the late goal, Villarreal defender Raul Albiol said, "Atletico have a punch and that can happen. They are one of the teams who most score goals in the final minutes of a game."

We need to start believing we are as good as anyone: Jena

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Olympic-bound javelin thrower Kishore Jena says facilities and funding have never been as good as they are right now for India's athletes, who need to improve their mindset and start considering themselves as good as anyone else in the world. Jena undertook a 35-day training stint in Gold Coast in Australia from February 5 to March 10, funded by Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS). Speaking to PTI, Jena said he hardly found anything different save for the warmer weather Down Under, which was more conducive for his training. "We have everything here, I trained at NIS Patiala where the facilities are world class and as good as in Australia. I have been looked after very well by Sports Ministry, SAI (Sports Authority of India), getting funding from TOPS," Jena, youngest of the seven children of a paddy farmer in Kothashahi village near Puri in Odisha, said in the interview facilitated by SAI. "What is lacking is in ourselves (athletes), our mindset, the mindset that we are as good as any other in the

world though we are improving on this front as well." His goal is to deliver his personal best at the upcoming Paris Olympics but the Asian Games silver-medallist feels he can enter the exclusive Indian club of Diamond League top-three finishers. Jena, who improved his personal best from 78.05m to 87.54m last year, is beginning his season at the Doha leg of the prestigious Diamond League on May 10. He will also take part in Golden Spike at Ostrava, Czech Republic, on May 28 — a World Athletics Continental Tour gold level event — and the Paris leg of the Diamond League on July 7. "This year, everything is about doing my personal best in Paris Olympics. That is the most important thing. But everybody wants to finish on podium (top three) in prestigious competitions like Diamond League and I also hope to do that," Jena said. "If I do my best on the day, it (top three finish in DL) can happen," said the 28-year-old who made the Paris Olympics cut by breaching the 85.50m qualifying standard at the Asian Games last year. Till now, reigning Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra, long



jumper M Sreeshankar and former discus throw star Vikas Gowda are the only three Indians who have finished inside top three in a Diamond League meet. Jena threw his personal best of 87.44m to win the silver medal in the Hangzhou Asian Games last year, while Chopra took the gold with a throw of 88.88m. His meteoric rise last year — from finishing fifth in the Budapest World Championships to winning silver medal in Asian Games -- was

achieved while training in India and he said the country has world class infrastructure and support system to shine at the global stage. "It's cold in Patiala in winter and difficult to manage training because of fog also. So, we requested SAI for training stint in Australia. We went to Australia solely because of the cold winter in Patiala, nothing else. "It was a productive stint of strength training and improvement on technique (in Australia). We worked on the bending of the blocking leg. It

will gradually improve and I am hoping for 85 per cent improvement on that. "We are yet to do full throwing sessions (in Patiala), will do gradually as the Diamond League (Doha leg on May 10) approaches. I am hoping to improve my personal best and achieve peak form during Paris Olympics." Chopra had said after last year's Asian Games that Jena has a smooth run-up but his blocking leg bends a bit and he will do even better if he corrects that. Jena said that he has started much better than last year and will be training at NIS Patiala before leaving for Doha. Asked if he will return to India after competitions abroad, Jena said, "I may be taking part in back-to-back events (beginning in Doha on May 10) and may need to be abroad most of the time till the Paris Olympics, but we are yet to finalise. "But from the Paris Diamond League (July 7) onwards, I would prefer to have my base there till the end of the Olympics." The men's javelin throw event at the Paris Olympics will start with the qualifying round on August 6 and final will be held on August 8.

Inter extends Serie A lead with win over Empoli

AP ■ ROME

Inter Milan became the second team in Serie A history to score in the season's first 30 games when it beat Empoli 2-0 and edged closer to the title. Only Juventus in the 2013-14 campaign scored in its first 30 games. In the big five European leagues this season, no other team has matched Inter's feat. Inter extended its lead to 14 points on second-placed AC Milan. There are eight rounds left. Empoli lost its last three games by 1-0 and it was a goal behind after just five minutes when Federico Dimarco turned in

an Alessandro Bastoni cross. Inter was on top throughout but it couldn't double its lead until the 82nd minute. Alexis Sanchez, who replaced Bastoni, had the easiest of finishes after good work on the right by Denzel Dumfries. Empoli remained third to last and in serious relegation trouble. **BOLOGNA CLOSER TO CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Bologna beat lowly Salernitana 3-0 to take another step towards Champions League football. The eighth win in nine games for Thiago Motta's side pushed it to within two points of third-placed Juventus. A fourth place finish would ensure

Bologna of Champions League football for the first time. Riccardo Orsolini opened the scoring after 14 minutes with a tremendous left-foot shot from outside the box and Alexis Saelemaekers made it 2-0 a minute from halftime. Left back Charalampos Lykogiannis completed the scoring in stoppage time after working a neat one-two with Saelemaekers. The result marked an unhappy debut for Salernitana coach Stefano Colantuono, the club's fourth coach this season. Salernitana looks doomed to spend next season in the second tier. It is 11 points from safety. Salernitana plays Sassuolo



next Friday in a relegation six-point game made all the more urgent after Sassuolo surrendered a lead at home to Udinese. Grégoire Defrel opened the scoring for the home four minutes before halftime following a defense-splitting pass from Matheus Henrique. However, Florian Thauvin equalized from close range three minutes later. The result will satisfy neither side as the search for points becomes more desperate. Sassuolo remained second from bottom on the table, and although Udinese was five places above it, only four points separate them in a congested battle to avoid the

drop. **CAGLIARI DRAWS WITH VERONA:** Two other teams in the fight, Cagliari and Verona, started the day tied on points and they ended the day still tied after drawing 1-1. Verona led after half an hour through Federico Bonazzoli. Goalkeeper Simone Scuffet got a hand to Bonazzoli's flick with the outside of his boot but could not stop the ball going in. Ghanaian midfielder Ibrahim Sulemana scored with 16 minutes remaining to give Cagliari a share of the spoils. Verona was in 15th place, above Cagliari on goal difference. **ROMA STALEMATE AT**

LECCE: Fifth-placed Roma was held to 0-0 at Lecce. Good goalkeeping and profligate finishing ensured a stalemate. Roma failed to score in the league for the first time since Daniele De Rossi took over as coach in mid-January but the point still means he has taken 23 points in his first 10 matches in charge, a feat bettered previously by only two other Roma coaches in the last 30 years. The point was a welcome one for Lecce and coach Luca Gotti. Gotti took over on March 13 and is unbeaten in his first two games. Lecce remained in 13th place but not out of relegation danger.



DELHI CAPITALS READY FOR KKR CHALLENGE

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Delhi Capitals would be keen to prove that their comfortable win against Chennai Super Kings was not a flash in the pan while Kolkata Knight Riders would be eyeing a hat-trick of victories when the two sides face off in the IPL here on Wednesday.

The Capitals would be buoyed by the 20-run victory here on Sunday, their first of the season, against defending champions CSK who were outsmarted by Rishabh Pant and Co. In all departments of the game. And come Wednesday, the Capitals will have to put another such performance against KKR, whose batters pummelled Royal Challengers Bengaluru bowlers to notch their second win of the season on March 29. For DC, the onus will be on Prithvi Shaw and veteran Australian David Warner to provide a solid start. Meanwhile, Pant continues his

inspirational journey. After two scratchy innings, the skipper gave a glimpse of his devastating best as he scored his maiden fifty (51 off 32 balls) of the season and seems to be slowly finding his groove. The likes of South African Tristan Stubbs and Australian Mitchell Marsh, both capable of launching an assault on the opposition, need to be better towards the end as DC lack domestic power hitters.

While Stubbs showcased his prowess with the bat against Rajasthan Royals, a consistent show from him will do a world of good for DC. On the other hand, Marsh is yet to produce a glimpse of his brute power with the willow which could prove to be DC's lethal weapon.

South African Anrich Nortje is yet to find his rhythm as he returned to action after a long injury layoff. The Capitals' Indian pace unit will thus have to punch above its weight against a formidable KKR side.



Khaleel Ahmed's performance against CSK was commendable, yet his long-standing fielding troubles remain a concern. He struggles particularly with aerial catches, dropping more than he successfully takes. He dropped a catch of MS Dhoni against CSK. Mukesh Kumar lacks pace while veteran Ishant Sharma is more than capable of asking pertinent questions.

KKR, on the other hand, have looked good this season, registering two wins from as many games. Opener Phil Salt, all-rounder Andre Russell and Venkatesh Iyer have been in good nick in the first two games and would look to pose a challenge for the Delhi pacers.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer also got some runs under his belt in the win against Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

Rookie pacer Harshit Rana has impressed so far, picking five wickets in two outings, but Mitchell Starc, their record

buy, and Varun Chakravarthy have gone for runs aplenty.

THE TEAMS (FROM):

Delhi Capitals: Rishabh Pant (c), David Warner, Prithvi Shaw, Yash Dhull, Abishek Porel, Axar Patel, Lalit Yadav, Mitchell Marsh, Pravin Dubey, Vicky Ostwal, Anrich Nortje, Kuldeep Yadav, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Khaleel Ahmed, Ishant Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, Tristan Stubbs, Ricky Bhui, Kumar Kushagra, Rasikh Dar, Jhye Richardson, Sumit Kumar, Swastik Chikara and Shai Hope.

Kolkata Knight Riders: Shreyas Iyer (c), KS Bharat, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Rinku Singh, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Sherfane Rutherford, Manish Pandey, Andre Russell, Nitish Rana, Venkatesh Iyer, Anukul Roy, Ramandeep Singh, Varun Chakravarthy, Sunil Narine, Vaibhav Arora, Chetan Sakariya, Harshit Rana, Suyash Sharma, Mitchell Starc, Dushmantha Chameera, Sakib Hussain, Mujeeb Ur Rahman.



Parag reminds me of young SKY: Bond

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Rajasthan Royals assistant Coach Shane Bond has described in-form Rryan Parag as a player of "extreme talent" and likened him to a young Suryakumar Yadav who joined Mumbai Indians more than a decade ago and went on to become one of the most explosive T20 batters in the world.

The 22-year-old Parag has brought his rich form from domestic cricket into the IPL, striking two high quality fifties to help Rajasthan notch up wins in all three games so far. Parag's latest effort came against Mumbai Indians in his side's six-wicket win on Monday. He dropped anchor to spearhead Royals' chase of 126, scoring 54 not out off 39 balls with the help of five fours and three sixes.

"He (Parag) sort of reminds me a little bit of Surya (Suryakumar Yadav), who came to Mumbai a few years ago. He looks like that - he has got extreme talent. He has just matured as a cricketer, even though he is only 22," Bond, who is also the RR bowling coach, said at the post-match press conference.

Bond played a crucial role in developing bowling talents at MI in his nine-year stint with the Mumbai-based franchise from 2015 onwards, before shifting base to Jaipur this year. "He (Parag) has had an outstanding domestic season, obviously, batting up the order. The trade we made with Devdutt (Padikkal), bringing Avesh (Khan) in, that was to put Rryan up into a position which was probably better suited," the former New Zealand fast bowler added.

Suryakumar, the world's number one T20 batter, joined MI in 2011 and spent four years at Kolkata Knight Riders from 2014-17 before he was brought back to the Mumbai side in 2018. He is recovering from a recent surgery.

Bond said Parag has had to play the role of a finisher in the IPL at a young age whereas other teams have experienced international players in that role.

"Rryan started so young, you forget that he was 17 or something, playing in one of the toughest spots in a batting line-up of No 6. You look at the characters who finish games around the IPL, they are

generally pretty experienced guys," he said.

(The) Tim Davids, (the) Dave Millers... these are high quality players who play international cricket. Rryan has been tasked with that for a number of years. He is still a very young man, but he has got this wealth of experience behind him now.

"We are getting the best of him. The investment that RR have made of him, it's starting to reap the rewards. It is pretty exciting what he could offer for the rest of the season for us."

Bond also felt "selfless" Yuzvendra Chahal, who produced a measly spell of 4-0-11-3 to set up Rajasthan's win on Monday, could be back in India reckoning if he continues to deliver.

"The competition is pretty tough, so one of the real challenges for any bowler coming into this tournament is to forget that there is a World Cup, and you start bowling to get into a World Cup team," he said.

"If your team is successful, you are in a winning team, selections and rewards come from that. That has more of been our focus, to forget about all that other noise from the outside and just work really hard for each other.

"If we do that, I have got no doubt people are going to start talking like you are now about Chahal and whether he will feature in a World Cup or not. He is bowling beautifully, and if he keeps doing that, then we have got a massive chance in this tournament," he added.

Bond said having knowledge about opposition players also helps in making strategies for his current team.

"When you have obviously spent so much time with certain players, watched them every day and talked to them about their game and the way that they see the game, that definitely helps," he said.

"It was quite fun being on the other side of the team. A couple of dismissals, you get a lot of satisfaction from that." MI pacer Akash Madhwal said a fresh pitch at the Wankhede Stadium assisted bowlers in the first game but maintaining tight lines was equally crucial.

"We had to get our basics right and had to bowl in the line of the stumps. The pitch had some help for the fast bowlers," said Madhwal, who returned 3/20.

Rohit would not have lost MI captaincy if he had been named India T20 WC skipper earlier: Sidhu



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu believes that Rohit Sharma would not have been replaced by Hardik Pandya as Mumbai Indians captain had the BCCI named him skipper for the T20 World Cup last year itself.

Rohit was declared captain of India's yet-to-be-named T20 World Cup squad in February this year by BCCI secretary Jay Shah at an event in Ahmedabad, a good two months after he was replaced by Pandya as MI skipper.

"If the BCCI had named Rohit as captain for the T20 World Cup in October, the franchise wouldn't have chosen Hardik as captain. It's a matter of the franchise's respect. So, the actual issue here is timing," Sidhu said in 'Star Sports Press Room'.

Pandya has been facing hostility from fans in the ongoing IPL, booed in all three matches so far, including the one at MI's home turf of Wankhede, besides ending up

on the losing side.

Sidhu said the fans' reaction is quite understandable as Rohit is a much-loved cricketer. "Nobody can digest the fact that India's hero, India's captain, is not the captain of our franchise. 'What wrong has he done?' is what fans of the franchise would be thinking. But what does he have to do?"

"There is nothing that succeeds like success. If he had won these two matches, there wouldn't have been any noise," he pointed out.

Talking about other teams in the IPL, Sidhu felt Royal Challengers Bengaluru have become predictable, especially in their spin bowling.

"The biggest thing needed in the winning of a team is that they are not dependent on just one individual to achieve victory. We do talk about Virat Kohli and Faf du Plessis, but you got to saddle the right horse."

"The chain is as strong as the weakest link, and their weakness lies in the spin

department. Their spinners are just not there, so therefore they will have to replenish that area. Like, RCB had (Wanindu) Hasaranga, who was pretty good and even before him, there was Yuzvendra Chahal," he observed.

"But they let them go and that has created a void in their bowling line-up. RCB haven't been able to fill that void, which makes them predictable. Now look at (MS) Dhoni - when he comes, no one knows his plan," he said.

Sidhu reiterated that IPL performances will shape the T20 World Cup squads of all the teams.

"The entire world revolves around the IPL. Playing in the IPL just before the World Cup is like participating in a mini World Cup. Stellar performance here can make you an overnight sensation. Therefore, anyone who excels in the IPL becomes a strong contender," he said.

The T20 World Cup will begin on June 1 in the USA and the West Indies.



KKR-RR, GT-DC matches rescheduled: BCCI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Kolkata Knight Riders' home IPL game against Rajasthan Royals was on Tuesday advanced by a day to April 16, while Gujarat Titans-Delhi Capitals fixture in Ahmedabad was also rescheduled by the BCCI which did not give any reason for the move.

The PTI had on Monday reported that the KKR-RR tie was set to be rescheduled due to Ram Navami, but the Board did not specify any reason for the rescheduling of matches on these two dates.

"The fixture between Kolkata Knight Riders & Rajasthan Royals, which was earlier scheduled to take place on April 17, 2024 at Eden Gardens, Kolkata will now be played a day prior on April 16, 2024.

"The Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad was earlier scheduled to host the match between Gujarat Titans & Delhi Capitals on April 16, 2024. The fixture will now be played on April 17, 2024," the BCCI said in a statement.

It was learnt that Kolkata Police expressed its inability to provide adequate security cover for what will be KKR's third home game of the 17th IPL season, just three days after they host the Lucknow Super Giants.

"Since the match is coinciding with Ram Navami and a portion of security is already deployed for elections. Therefore it won't

be possible for us to provide adequate security for the match on April 17," Kolkata Police had stated in a letter to Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) president Snehasish Ganguly.

Bengal is also set to vote on April 19 in the first phase of the seven-phase general elections. The voting in Kolkata will take place on June 1.

"Yes, the CAB has informed us that local police has asked for rescheduling of the date and the matter is being looked into. We haven't yet decided on the new date," a senior BCCI official told PTI on Monday.

On part of CAB, a senior office-bearer had informed: "We have suggested two dates, April 16 or 18. In any case, it is KKR's home match and will be played at the Eden Gardens."

The CAB had suggested that the match be advanced either by a day (16 April) or pushed back by 24 hours to 18 April. KKR is currently in Visakhapatnam for a game against Delhi Capitals on Wednesday.

They had begun the season with a thrilling four-run victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad at the Eden Gardens, followed by a seven-wicket thumping of Royal Challengers Bengaluru at M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

The Shubman Gill-led Gujarat Titans are placed fourth in the standings with four points, following two wins and a loss from four outings.

We never give up, we will keep fighting, asserts Hardik



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Mumbai Indians skipper Hardik Pandya on Tuesday asserted that the former champions will not give up and will continue to fight in the ongoing IPL despite slumping to a hat-trick of defeats.

"If there's one thing you should know about this team, we never give up. We'll keep fighting, we'll keep going," Hardik posted on X.

Hardik has been facing the ire of fans since replacing Rohit Sharma as MI captain. The all-rounder was booed in the team's opening two matches and the crowd hostility was at its peak in MI's first home game of the season on Monday.

To add to the woes, under his captaincy MI's campaign at the 2024 IPL got off to a disastrous start as they sit at the bottom of the table following three losses on the trot.

However, MI are known to be perennial slow starters. In 2015, they lost the first four games before going on to win the title.

Hardik's poor captaincy calls have also been questioned -- whether it was not giving Bumrah the new ball or sending Tim David ahead of himself against Gujarat Titans.

The change in captaincy has not sat well with the legions of MI supporters. On Monday, chants of 'Rohit Rohit' filled the Wankhede with the Indian captain himself asking the crowd not to jeer Hardik. Mumbai Indians will next face Delhi Capitals at home on Sunday.

Kohli seems to have evolved again: Hussey

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Virat Kohli seems to have "evolved again" avowed former Australia cricketer David Hussey, who warned against writing off the champion player after a debate ensued on the Indian batter's strike rate.

Despite leading the run chart for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the ongoing edition of IPL, Kohli faced some criticism for not batting aggressively enough against KKR in their last game.

Kohli is the joint-highest run getter so far with RR's Rryan Parag, scoring 181 runs in three matches with two fifties at a strike rate of 141.4.

With the T20 World Cup impending, Kohli's place in the team has also been a topic of discussion even though he played one of the most memorable innings for India in their clash against arch-rivals Pakistan in Melbourne.

"Virat Kohli is the leading run scorer, isn't he in the IPL currently?" Hussey replied when asked about what he made of the debate around

Kohli's strike rate.

"He's a pretty good player. I don't think he's going to have too many issues. If you see the strike rate in this IPL, he seems to have taken his game to a new level, he's evolved again," Hussey told the media here on the sidelines of the announcement of the launch of Melbourne Cricket Academy, a partnership between Cricket Victoria and KheloMore.

"You never write off champions, like you never write off Steve Smith, (like) you never write off Ricky Ponting, Sachin Tendulkar, Rohit Sharma..."

"You never write them off and I'm certain that Virat Kohli is going to come out in the next World Cup and be the dominant force that he has been for the better part of a decade. Never write off your champions," Hussey reiterated.

Hussey, who played in the IPL for Chennai Super Kings, the then Kings XI Punjab and Kolkata Knight Riders, said the competition has evolved with teams moving on from a conservative approach to an



ultra-aggressive one.

"It's hit-hit, bang-bang from ball one now, whereas back in 2008, (it) was (about) take your time, get yourself in, try and have wickets in hand at the first 10-over mark and then try and get 180 or 190, (and) that was out of this world," he said.

"Now teams are getting 270 runs and other teams are almost chasing them down. If you face a couple of dot balls early and your strike rate is under 100, you're sort of ostracised, you don't fit to the T20 mould, so the planning that's evolved from 2008 till

now is phenomenal - every ball, every over is really important," he said.

Hussey, who was present at the Cricket Club of India along with Cricket Victoria CEO Nick Cummins and KheloMore CEO and selector Jatin Paranjape, said 10 years

from now IPL would be entirely different.

"The game has evolved out of sight and like Nick (Cummins) said, I can't wait to see what the IPL and what T20 cricket looks like in a decade's time, because teams might get 300 runs and chase it down, which should be not good for fast bowlers or spinners but it's great for the game of cricket," he said.

Hussey felt Australia will have a selection headache going into the World Cup, adding that players who are likely to feature in the T20 World Cup are getting an excellent opportunity to prepare for it in the IPL.

"There's competition for places, isn't there, in the Australian team? There's Travis Head who also opens up batting as well, who's playing particularly well," Hussey said.

"Anybody can beat anybody on their day, the pitch is a different, foreign conditions, but the players are very, very fortunate to have the IPL to play in and prepare very well in order to go to the World Cup and execute their skills," Hussey said.