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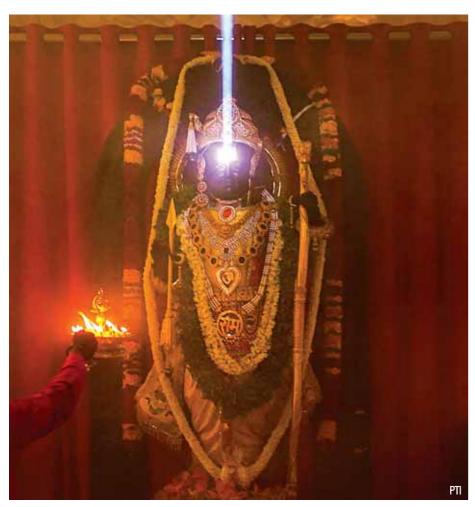
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# Surya Tilak for Ram Lalla after five centuries



**BISWAJEET BANERJEE** 

In an unprecedented event, at precisely 11:58 am today, the divine sunlight delicately graced the forehead of Ram marking ement of commencement of the revered Surya Abhishek ritual. Lasting for four celestial minutes, this enchanting spectacle unfolded amidst joyous celebrations in the sacred city of Ayodhya.

"This is an extraordinary moment for all devotees of Lord Ram," exclaimed Pandit Satyendra Das, a prominent priest at the temple. "The Surya abhishek symbolises the divine blessings showered upon the birthplace of Lord Ram after centuries of longing," he said.

The Surya Tilak, an effulgent mark adorning Ram Lalla's forehead, serves as a poignant emblem of Lord Ram's birth and the realisation of a profound spiritual aspiration. According to a senior scientist from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, the planned size of the tilak is 58 mm. The precise duration of the tilak on the forehead center

approximately three to threeand-a-half minutes, with two minutes of full illumination, he noted.

cutting-edge Utilising scientific expertise, a 5.8 centimetre beam of light was directed onto the deity's forehead. To achieve this remarkable phenomenon, a specialised instrument was meticulously crafted. A team of ten esteemed Indian scientists stationed at the Ram Mandir meticulously ensured the success of this auspicious event on Ram Navami.

For approximately 3 to 3.5 minutes, starting just before 12 noon, sunlight was precisely focused onto the statue's forehead using a combination of mirrors and lenses.

This tradition of adorning the Ram Lalla idol's forehead with the 'surya tilak' in Ayodhya on Ram Navami will now become an annual ritual," stated Abhay Karandikar, secretary of the Department of Science and Technology.

"However, due to the ongoing construction of the temple, adjustments will be required in the design of the optical mechanism responsible for creating the 'surya tilak."

# **Curtains down on campaign for first phase of LS polls**

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The campaigning for the first phase of polls covering 102 parliamentary seats of 21 States and Union Territories (UTs), where voting will be held on April 19 ended at 5 pm on Wednesday. Electioneering picked up pace on the final day of campaigning with the parties making last-minute effort to voters. Heatwave conditions and untimely rains with thunder and lightning had hit campaigning. Leading the charge, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took

whirlwind tours of various constituencies in the past few days, addressing rallies and holding roadshows, and asserting that he went to people with hope in 2014, trust in 2019 and guarantee in 2024. Many times he said "Modi's there is guarantee across the country and I am giving the guarantee of fulfilling all these guarantees". Modi held two election rallies in Assam's Nalbari and Tripura's Agartala

Wednesday and launched a scathing attack on the Congress during campaigning in the northeastern States saying the party had adopted the 'loot' east policy while the BJP turned it into the 'Act East' policy.

**LOK SABHA ELECTION PHASE 1 SEATS** 

CONSTITUENCY Andaman and Nicobar Islands Arunachal Pradesh East, Arunachal **Arunachal Pradesh** Pradesh West Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Kaziranga, Lakhimpur, Aurangabad, Gaya, Jamui, Nawada Chhattisgarh Chhindwara, Balaghat, Jabalpur, Mandla Nagpur, Chandrapur, Bhandara-Gondiya, Gadchiroli-Chimur, Ramtek Inner Manipur, Outer Manipu Shillong, Tura Mizoram Puducherry Ganganagar, Bikaner, Churu, Jhunjhunu, Sikar, Jaipur Rural, Jaipur, Alwar, Bharatpur, Karauli-Dholpur, Dausa, Nagaui Tiruvallur, Chennai North, Chennai South Chennai Central, Sriperumbudur, Kancheepuram, Arakkonam, Vellore, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Tiruvannamalai Arani, Viluppuram, Kallakurichi, Salem, Namakkal, Erode, Tiruppur, Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Pollachi, Dindigul, Karur, Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur, Cuddalore, Chidambaram, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Sivaganga, Madurai, Theni, Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Tenkasi Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari Tehri Garhwal, Garhwal, Almora, Nainital-Udhamsingh Nagar, Haridwar Uttar Pradesh Pilibhit, Saharanpur, Kairana, Muzaffarnagar, Bijnor, Nagina, Moradabad,

## **Deluge hits Dubai**



Vehicles sit abandoned in floodwater covering a major road in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Wednesday. Heavy thunderstorms lashed the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, dumping over a year and a half's worth of rain on the desert city-State of Dubai in the span of hours as it flooded out portions of major highways and its international airport

**AP/PTI** ■ DUBAI

 $H^{eavy}_{lashed\ the\ United\ Arab}$ Emirates on Tuesday, dumping over a year and a half's worth of rain on the desert city-State of Dubai in the span of hours as it flooded out portions of major highways and its international airport.

Meanwhile, the death toll in separate heavy flooding in neighbouring Oman rose to 18 with others still missing as the sultanate prepared for the

The rains began late Monday, soaking the sands and roadways of Dubai with some

20 millimetres (0.79 inches) of according meteorological data collected at Dubai International Airport. storms intensified The around 9 am local Tuesday and continued throughout the day, dumping more rain hail overwhelmed city.

## -TMC MANIFESTO-

## Mamata on collision course with Modi

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

n an apparent view to grab and pull back the steadily alienating minority voters, Bengal Chief Minister Banerjee Mamata the Trinamool through Congress manifesto that if her party comes to power as a constituent of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) in the Centre then it would the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) banish National Register of Citizens (NRC) and put a bar on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

Releasing the TMC's election manifesto, senior leader and former Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra quoting from Didi's shapath (promises) said, "If the TMC is voted to power as a part of the INDIA alliance then it will repeal the CAA, abolish the NRC and see to it that UCC does not take place in the entire country."



TMC leaders Amit Mitra, Derek O'Brien and Chandrima Bhattacharya release the party's election manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections in Kolkata on Wednesday

The Chief Minister too said There would be similar things at an election rally in Assam. Alleging that the BJP had "turned the entire country into a detention camp," she said, "If the INDIA Bloc wins, there will be no NRC, CAA and UCC. We will repeal all discriminatory laws. She said she had never seen

"such a dangerous election in

"no democracy left and there would be no elections" if Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns to power for the third term, she warned. Back in Kolkata the

ten promises christened Didir Sapath by the party, the TMC also held out dangling a whole range of carrots that ranged from 5 kilogram ration in home delivery mode to ten free LPG cylinders a year for all BPL families. "This is all about

Didir Sapath ... we

will provide 5 kg ration at the doorstep and give 10 gas cylinders free per year," Mitra who was flanked by

Bhattacharya said, adding his party would also get replaced the Ayushman Bharat at the all-India level to a ₹10 lakh medical insurance scheme. Besides, the students would get a credit card up to Rs 10 lakh for higher studies and the OBCs, SCs and STs would be provided separate higher education scholarships. The elderly too were not left out with a monthly old-age pension of ₹1,000 for those who cross 60 years. The party also promised a Minimum Support Price for

Chandrima

the farmers which would be 50 per cent higher than the average cost of production of the costs. Besides "Didi's Sapath also includes an enhanced wage of ₹400 per day for the job card holders who are enlisted in the 100-days' work scheme," said Mitra, adding the new Government in the Centre aided by the TMC would also decrease diesel and petrol prices by stabilisation mechanism.

## On the radar of Bihar's electorate, litmus test for Nitish Kumar

**DEEPAK KUMAR JHA** ■ PATNA

The Lok Sabha 2024 **I** elections, like all polls, are considered to be as significant as those in the past. However, Bihar's sevenphase elections for its 40 Parliamentary seats this time will not only decide between the NDA and the INDIA Bloc but also seal the fate for the future politics of the longest-serving Chief Minister Nitish Kumar now in his seventies, regardless of his alliances.

While it is a direct contest between the BJP-led NDA and the RJD-led INDIA Bloc, Nitish is on the 'radar' of the people of Bihar, making him the litmus test for his major coalition partner, the BJP, which has long struggled to 'install' their own candidate as head

of the State Government. As per the estimates of several politicians and

fervour, it is comprehensible that the BJP and the RJD will have a close finish against each other. The June 4 poll result may highlight any political misstep by the BJP in realigning with JD(U), as its tallest leader's popularity is waning.

They also said that Nitish would be able save his skin a bit just in the name of the BJP led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Am certain not only Nitish but his party JD(U) too, due severe internal factionalism pre- and post-Lalan Singh era, is affected. cadre is facing difficulties in explaining the voters of Bihar due to the lone instance of repeated flip-flops by a sitting Chief Minister in the history of Indian politics. Biharis don't like to be tagged as 'paltu', a

more derogatory term than

the old 'aayaa Ram, gayaa Ram'. But I have got feedback



Photo: Deepak Jha

across the world are facing difficulty in explaining his frequently changing sides. 'Nitish Kumar rode over different now. parties, amidst the poll that people of the State Lalu Raj and people "He seems to have run out of employment front. But such

overwhelmingly voted for him going beyond caste and religion, but things are

ideas for a good last two terms. His last alliance with Tejaswi Yadav's RJD kindled some hope on the

e ople - oriente d development seems to have taken a back seat while caste and religion-ridden politics is back if you look at the pattern pattern of ticket distribution," Pushpendra Kumar, former Professor and chairperson of prestigious Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Patna Centre and now working full time as a researcher of Bihar's society and polity,

tete-e-tete revolving around the general elections in

Bihar. Even residents of the village of Bihar CM expressed disenchantment towards the son of their soil due to his several political oscillations.

Nitish was so instrumental

in bringing back Bihar to life

after years of misrule by Lalu

Raj but now we are fed up

with Nitish's own decisions. I

told The Pioneer in We were so proud that

Rahein...," said Pradeep Mahto, a villager of Kalyan Bigha near Harnaut in Nalanda district. According to the Bihar Economic Survey (2023-24) the State has over 88 per cent population and 50 per cent of its

can only remember the Bollywood song Is Mod Se

Jaate Hai Kuch Sust Kadam

Raste Kuch Tej Kadam

workforce engaged agriculture.

The phase 1 polls on April 19 will see elections

Aurangabad, Nawada, and Jamui while second phase on April 26 will take place in Kishanganj, Katihar, Purnia, Bhagalpur,

and Banka. With 40 Lok Sabha seats, Bihar is considered to be a hotbed for Indian politics as it is the fourth-highest State

While the contesting from 16 seats, the BJP from 17 seats and its partner LJP of Ram Vilas Paswan fighting on five seats and former Bihar CM Jitan Ram Majhi's HAM and RLP each running for one seat.

The Mahagathbandhan also part of INDIA Bloc with the Congress as its partner in Bihar, the largest coalition member the RJD has staked for 26 seats while CPI(ML) on three seats, CPI and CPM one each, and the Congress nine seats.

The BJP, JDU, and LJP together formed the NDA, which won 39 of the 40 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The third phase May 7 will see polls in Jhanjharpur, Supaul, Araria, Madhepura, and Khagaria, and the fourth will be held in Darbhanga, Ujiarpur, Samastipur, Begusarai, and Munger on

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

- I, Bharti Aneja D/O Krishan Kumar R/O #311 Milk colony, Dhanas , Chandigarh do hereby undertake that I Bharti Aneja want to change my name to Aashiyaan Aneja and gender as Male and hereforth be known as Aashiyaan Aneja after the FTM Mastectomy Surgery from Dr. Prabhash. M.Mch (plastic surgery) B.20, First floor DDA shopping complex Tagore garden , New Delhi.
- I, Nirmala Devi (Date of Birth 01/01/1949) W/o Mohinder Singh, R/o Vill. Patti, PO Manakpur, Tehsil: Nangal, Distt.Rupnagar-140125 (PB), declare that my correct name is Nirmla Devi (Date of Birth is 04/10/1953) Vide Affidavit Number IN-PB0617505836356W Dated 15/04/2024 attested by Notary Public.
- I, Hoshiar Singh Shivnath along with my wife Kanta Devi D/o Jagmal Singh R/o H. No. 1966, Sector 14, Hisar, Haryana Choyal & daughter-in-law Mamta. They are not according to our temperaments and are not obedient to us. We severe all relations with them and disown them from our inheritance absolutely and forever heretofore. Whosoever will deal with them, will be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility. We or our family shall not be liable for any act of them.
- I Jc-344943X Nb/Sub Ranvir Singh S/O Sucha Singh R/O Village Jand Mangoli, Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That In My Army Record My Father's Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Suchha Singh And Dob As 17.08.1960. Whereas His Correct Name Is Sucha Singh And Correct Dob Is 15.10.1960. Please Correct Accordingly.
- I, No 4553724A, Ex. Nk Sube Singh R/O Village Barsana P.O. Khunga Kothi Distt. Jind. I Have Changed Name/Dob Of My Daughter From Mannu Dob 28.01.1991 To Manu Dob 28.01.1994.Vide Affidavit Dated 23.02.2024, Attested By Notary Public.
- I, No. 3186812M, Ex Hav Jasbir Singh S/O Sh. Nihal Singh R/O Vpo Bandaheri Teh. & Distt. Hisar (Haryana) Do Hereby Solemnly Affirm And Declare That I Have Change The Name Of My Daughter Sania Godara To Sania. In Future My Daughter Name Called Sania.
- I Jc-344943X Nb/Sub Ranvir Singh S/O Sucha Singh R/O Village Jand Mangoli, Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That In My Army Record My Mother's Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Nachhater Kaur And Dob As 09.10.1962. Whereas Her Correct Name Is Nachatar Kaur And Correct Dob Is 01.01.1961. Please Correct Accordingly.
- I Ghag Pradip Arjun S/O Arjun Ghag R/O New Army Camp, Hoshiarpur Road Jalandhar Canth Declare That In My Both Son's School Record My Name Is Wrongly Recorded As Sub Ghag Pradip Arjun. My Correct Name Is Ghag Pradip Arjun And My Wife Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Mrs. Priya Pradip Ghag. Her Correct Name Is Priya Pradip Ghag.
- We, Jagir Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh & Smt. Gurcharan Kaur w/o Sh. Jagir Singh R/o Village Sarawan, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt. Yamunangar state that our son Rajbir Singh & his wife Ramanpreet Ghotra, their child Manvir Kaur & Harleen Kaur are out of our control. So, we disown all of them from our all moveable wimmovable property. If anybody deals with them will be responsible himself.
- I, No 15161436H Hav Sohan Lal S/o Sarwan Lal, Village Gujjar Katrala, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur declare that in my service documents the name of my daughter wrongly recorded as Kirti. The correct name of my daughter is Tania.
- I, Sureshta Devi W/o Tilak
  Raj and Mother of No 2514631H
  Sep Sandeesh Kumar Unit-22
  Punjab, Village Jhang, Po Sariana,
  Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur
  declare that in my son army record
  my name and DOB wrongly
  recorded as Sarishta Devi and 1712-1970. My correct name and
  DOB is Sureshta Devi and 20-4-
- 1972.

  I, Kanchan Ben W/o Lakum Ganpatbhai B, Mother of No 14852580M, Rank Sep/MT Name Lakum Kamleshbhai Ganpatbhai resident of Umiyapark Society, Opp. Chamunda Stone, Limbdi, Surendranagar, Gujarat 363421, have changed my name from Kanchan Ben (Old Name) to Kanchanben Ganpatbhai Lakum (New Name) vide Affidavit dated 16 Apr 2024 sworn before Notary
- Public Sat Pal, Pathankot.

  I, B Subbalakshmi (Old Name) Wife of Srinivasu Bolagani resident of Village & Post Komali, , Taluk Bapatla, Distt Guntur, State Andhra Pradesh, Pin 522315, have changed my name from B Subbalakshmi (Old Name) to Bolagani Subbalakshmi (New Name) vide Affidavit dated 16 Apr 2024 sworn before Notary Public Sat Pal, Pathankot.

- I, Ganpat Bhai S/o Bhikhabhai Lakum, Father of No 14852580M, Rank Sep/MT Name Lakum Kamleshbhai Ganpatbhai resident of Umiyapark Society, Opp. Chamunda Stone, Limbdi, Surendranagar, Gujarat 363421, have changed my name from Ganpat Bhai (Old Name) to Lakum Ganpatbhai B (New Name) vide Affidavit dated 16 Apr 2024 sworn before Notary Public Sat Pal, Pathankot.
- I, Bisnu Priya Konar W/o
  Netai Chandra Konar, mother of
  Army No JC-294066W, Rank NB
  SUB Name Sandipan Konar
  resident of Vill Riya, Post Office –
  Bhur Kunda, Teh Arambagh, Dist,
   HOOGHLY, State West Bengal,
  PIN 712611, I have changed my
  name & date of birth from Bisnu
  Priya Konar, DOB 16/07/1965 to
  Bishnupriya Konar, DOB
  01/01/1967, vide Affidavit dated 17
  Apr 2024 sworn before Notary
  Public Sat Pal, Pathankot. Please
  correct it.
- I, Shama Mahajan W/o Sh Rakesh Mahajan R/o 4478, Shah Colony, Pathankot, Punjab 145001 declare that My son's Ashish Mahajan passport my name is wrongly entered as Shamma Mahajan instead of Shama Mahajan. That Shama Mahajan and Shamma Mahajan is name of one and the same person vide Affidavit dt 17/4/2024 Before Notary Public (Govt Of India). Pathankot Puniab.
- I, Babli W/o Swaran Singh Resident of Village Khani Khui P.O. Gharota Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot (Punjab) declare that Babli and Sanjogta Devi both are the names of one and the same person vide Affidavit dated 12/04/2024
- I, No. 14913714Y Ex NK Manjit Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh Residence of Village Mathi. PO Saidpura Teh and Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib (Pb.) That I have served in the Mech Inf Reat from 02 Jan 1985 to 31 Jan 2003. That Jagdeep Kaur is my legally wedded wife. As per Army Records name and DOB of my said wife has been written as Jagdip Kaur and DOB mentioned 01 Jan 1969. Whereas as per Aadhar Card, PAN Card and her correct name is Jagdeep Kaur and DOB is 01 Jan 1968. Hence, name & DOB be
- ਯਾਗਰੂਦਹ.

  ਮੈਂ ਹਰਬਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਤੇ ਡਾਕ ਮਲਿਕਪੁਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਤੋਂ ਜਲਾ ਰੂਪਨਗਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਅਮਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਤੀ 31.03.2023 ਨੂੰ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ, ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਵਿਚ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਉਕਤ ਬੇਦਖਲੀ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ।

#### CHANGE OF NAME

- I, Dinesh Kumar S/o Sh. Vedparkash R/o H.No. 20/375, Kath Mandi, Gandhi Nagar, Sonipat have changed my name to Dinesh Kaushik for all future purposes.
- I, Usha Davi W/o Sumer Singh R/o Nangal Kalan, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Usha Rani for all future purposes.
- I, Pintu S/o Pawan Kumar R/o Mouri, Tehsil-Charkhi Dadri, Mori (173), Bhiwani, Haryana-127022 declare that name of my mother is wrongly written as Urmila Dev in my Class 10th, 12th And B.A. Educational Documents. Actual name of my mother is Nirmala.
- I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Gurnam Singh R/o VPO Daroli Khurd, Distt. Jalandhar (Pb) India that I have changed my name from Balwinder Kaur to Kaur Balwinder. All concerned note please.
- I, Sudarshana Kumari alias Darshan Kumari wife of Sh Swaran Singh resident of Ward No. 2, Kala Manj Kothi, Mukerian, PO & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name from Sudarshana Kumari alias Darshan Kumari to Sudershna Kumari alias Darshana Kumari. Concerned note.
- I, Avtar Singh Dhillon S/o Sh. Mehar Singh R/o House No. 214, Sector 40A, Chandigarh declare that in my driving licence my name mentioned as A.S. Dhillon. Avtar Singh Dhillon and A.S. Dhillon is one and the same person. My correct name is Avtar Singh Dhillon.
- I, Leeza Goyal w/o Shubham Aggarwal, R/o #1402, Sector 15, Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name from Leeza Goyal to Leeza Aggarwal. Concerned Note.
- I, Surabhi Bhardwaj
  Daughter of Sanjay Kumar R/o
  #989-A, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh
  have changed my name from
  Surabhi Bhardwaj to Surabhi vide
  Affidavit Dated 17-04-2024 before
- Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

  I, Anu Verma W/o Ashok
  Kumar R/o 75, Kalindi Colony,
  Yamuna Nagar have changed my
  name from Anu Verma to Annu.
- I, Pardeep Kumar S/o Gian Chand R/o 67, Vishnu Garden, Block B, Jagadhri Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar to Pradeep Kathpal.
- I Shikha goel w/o Mayank goel r/o h.no 1456 near nava kot gurdwara sec-12 huda panipat declare change my name from Shikha to Shikha Goel and in future my name is Shikha Goel.
- I Sapna Syal (Aadhar Card 8496-8295-1378) Wife of Sh. Jatinder Kumar Resident of H. No. 75-B, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Santokhpura Jalandhar, Punjab-144004, That I have changed my name from Sapna to Sapna Syal

- I Sahijpreet Kaur D/O Jc-501210P Sub Rajidner Singh Presently R/O Village Bishanpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Sehajpreet Kaur To Sahijpreet Kaur Due To Wrongly Mentioned In My Father's Army Record.
- I, Bindu W/O Shri Naveen Kumar R/O 44/1 Subhash Nagar, Mani Majra, Sector 13, Chandigarh (Ut) .Have Changed My Name From Bindu Bala To Bindu.
- I, Jc-671027y Sub Maj Ramashray Singh Kushvaha, R/A Village Nauli, Po - Torwa, Distr-Chandauli, State- Up, Pin- 232105. Change My Name Ramashray Singh Kushvaha To Ramashray Singh Kushwaha, Notary Jasbir Singh Pal Ambala Cantt.
- I, Madhumita W/O Service No. Jc 293434n Rank Nb Sub (Ds) Name Buddhadeb Halder Presently Residing At Hq 371 Cab C/O 56 Apo R/O Dakshinpara, Vill Jamalpur, Post Paglachandi, Distt. Nadia,West Bengal 741181 Declare That My Name Madhumita & Madhumita Halder Is One And The Same Person.
- I, Kaleem Akhtar S/o Lutfar Rahman R/o # 462, Ambedkar Awas Yojna, Palsora, Sector 56, Chandigarh declare that my wife's wrong name Rukshana is registered on my Passport No J0827085. While my wife's correct name is Ruksana.
- I, Anjum Shaikh W/o Dilshad Ahmed R/o # 1371, Sector 38 (West), Dadu Majra Chandigarh have changed my name to Shaikh Anjum Bano.
- I, Gavala Swarna w/o Service
  No. 14932624M Rank-HAV Venkata
  Sivaraju.G r/o Vill Nekunambad,
  Mandal Bestavaripeta, Distt
  Prakasam (Andhra Pradesh)523334 present Unit 25 MECH INF
  (RECCE &SP) (WH) BN c/o 56APO
  have changed my name from
  Gavala Swarna TO Gavvala
  Swarna due to wrong name
  recorded in Army Service record of
  my husband.
- I, Simratpal Kaur w/o Gurjit Singh Kahlon VPO Wadala Banger Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name Simratpal Kaur to Simratpal Kaur Kahlon.
- I, Manjit Singh s/o Sucha Singh r/o Village Warraich p/o Nainokot distt Gurdaspur have declare that I changed my name Manjit Singh to Singh Manjit. In future Singh is my surname and Manjit is my given name. All concerned note.
- I, Surinder w/o Varinder Kumar r/o Ludhiana Mohalla, Dhariwal Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Surinder to Surinder Nahar. Concerned note.
- I Jai Parkash S/o Sh. Tek Ram R/o H. No. 21, Village Rahmana Distt Sonipat. Jai Parkash & Jai Prakash Both name are of same
- I, Navneet Pathania W/o Sumit Pathania R/o H.No. 257/A, Dashmesh Nagar Nayagaon, SAS Nagar Pin 160103, Punjab have changed my name from Navneet Pathania to Navneet Kaur. Concerned note.
- I, Dinesh Kumar S/o Sh. Vedparkash R/o H.No. 20/375, Kath Mandi, Gandhi Nagar, Sonipat have changed my name to Dinesh Kaushik for all future purposes.
- I, Kunal S/o Narinder Guliani R/o H.No.172-B, Gali No.3 near power house, 8 Marala, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Kunal to Kunal Guliani. In future I should be known as Kunal Guliani
- I, Narinder S/o H.No.172-B, ward-26, Satkartar colony, 8 marla, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Narinder to Narinder Guliani. In future I should be known as Narinder Guliani.
- I, Sonia W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o House No. HE-187A, Phase-7, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), have changed my name to Sonia Devi.
- I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Jamna Das R/o House No. HE-187A, Phase-7, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), have changed my minor son's name from Lakshya to Lakshya Arora.
- I, Jasdev Singh S/o Sarbjeet Singh R/o House No. 42, Phase-4, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), have changed my name to Jasdev Singh Matneja.
- I Vineet vohra s/o Anil Vohra #36-A green park, Mahesh Nagar, Ambala cantt Haryana have changed my name to Vineet Raj Vohra. Please Note.
- I, Parveen Kumar s/o Rammehar Singh r/o Village Gharawathi, Distt. Rohtak have changed my name to Parveen. Now I will be known as Parveen.
- I, Suresh Devi Is Mother Of Jc-424881W Rank Nb Sub Name Jasvinder Singh R/O Village- Bir Kalwa, Po-Babain, Tehsil-Thanesar, District-Kurukshetra, State-Haryana-136156 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 01/07/1961 To 01/01/1963 In My Son's Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 17.04.2024 Before Notary Public

Hisar.

I, Pratima Devi Is Mother Of No. 14934281A Rank Hav Name Anuj Kumar Singh R/O Village- Dhiri Bigha, Po- Charan, District-Aurangabad, State- Bihar-824301 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 21/07/1963 To 01/01/1967 In My Son's Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 17.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.

- I, Kiran Devi Is Mother Of No. 14936199K Rank Hav Name Bhawani Singh R/O Vpo-Kajara, District-Jhunjhunnun, State-Rajasthan-333030 Have Changed My Name From Kiran Devi To Kiran And Changed My Date Of Birth From 17/03/1955 To 01/01/1965 In My Son's Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 17.04.2024 Before
- Notary Public Hisar.

  I, No. 14927033F Rank Hav Name Ranjeet Kumar Yadav R/O Village-Mithoura, Po- Kalyanpur Peppeganj, District- Gorakhpur, State-U.P.-273165 In My Army Service Record My Daughter's Name Wrongly Mentioned As Ruchi. While Her Correct Name Is Ruchi Yadav As Per Her All Government Documents. Now I Am Going To Make It Correct As Ruchi Yadav In My Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 17.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.
- I, Radhe Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 14934281A Rank Hav Name - Anuj Kumar Singh R/O Village- Dhiri Bigha, Po-Charan, District- Aurangabad, State- Bihar-824301 Have Changed My Name From Radhe To Radhe Kumari In My Spouse Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 17.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.
- I, Pramod Singh Is Father Of No. 14934281A Rank Hav Name Anuj Kumar Singh R/O Village-Dhiri Bigha, Po-Charan, District-Aurangabad, State- Bihar-824301 Have Changed My Name From Pramod Singh To Pramod Kumar Singh And Changed My Date Of Birth From 21/07/1960 To 20/01/1962 In My Son's Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 17.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.
- I, No. 14927242Y Rank Hav
  Name Bhairu Singh R/O VillageRajota, Po-Khetri, DistrictJhunjhunun, State- Rajasthan 333503 In My Army Service Record
  My Daughter's Name Wrongly
  Mentioned As Anusaka Kumari.
  While Her Correct Name Is
  Anushka Kumari As Per Her All
  Government Documents. Now I Am
  Going To Make It Correct As
  Anushka Kumari In My Army
  Service Record Vide Affidavit
  17.04.2024 Before Notary Public
  Hisar.
- I, Dilshad Ahmed S/o Habib Ahmed R/o # 1371, Dadu Majra Colony, Sector 38 (West), Chandigarh, have changed my minor son's name from Huzaifa Alvi to Huzaif Shah.
- I, Dilshad Ahmed S/o Habib Ahmed R/o # 1371, Dadu Majra Colony, Sector 38 (West), Chandigarh, have changed my minor daughter's name from Riza Alvi to Riza Shah.
- I, hitherto known as Sunder Lal alias Sunder Lal Lakhera S/o Puran Chand R/o 38/9, Street No.1, Radha Swami Colony, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name from and shall hereafter be known as Sunder Lal Lakhera.
- I, hitherto known as Manik S/o Sunder Lal Lakhera R/o 38/9, Street No.1, Radha Swami Colony, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name and shall hereafter be known as Manik Lakhera.
- I, Satya Devi W/o Naranjan Lal Suman, 493 Phase 6 Mohali, have changed name to Satya Devi Suman.
- I, Paritam Singla S/o Banarsi Dass, 322 Sector 4 C Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib have changed name to Pritam Chand.
- I Harbans Singh Son Of Guljar Singh Resident Of Village Chak Bhabra Tehsil Jalalabad District Fazilka Declare That Harbans Singh Alias Harbans Lal Both Names Of One And Same Person.
- I, Hitherto Known As Navin Kumar Sharma Son Of Kewal Sharma Residing At Ward No. 09, Gopal Nagar, Dhariwal, Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur- 143519 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Navin Sharma
- I, Hitherto Known As Uma Sharma Wife Of Navin Sharma Residing At Ward No. 09, Gopal Nagar, Dhariwal, Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur- 143519 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rashma
- I Rajesh Gupta S/O Kahan Chand R/O 25-B Tagore Colony Mall Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Kumar Gupta
- I Rajesh Kumar Mittal S/O Kahan Chand R/O 25-B Tagore Colony Mall Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Kumar Gupta
- I, Sher Singh Alias Shera Singh S/O Santokh Singh R/O Near Peera Di Jagh, Ibban Kalan, Amritsar Have Certified That Above Both Name's Are Mine One And Same Person

  I, Saurabh Kapur S/O Rakesh Kapoor R/O H.No.137, Silver

Estate Lane No.5, Near Maharaja

Farm, Amritsar Have Changed My

Name From Saurabh Kapur To

Sourabh Kapoor

I, Rakesh Kapur S/O Kharaiti
Ram Kapoor R/O H.No.137, Silver
Estate Lane No.5, Near Maharaja
Farm, Amritsar Have Changed My
Name From Rakesh Kapur To
Rakesh Kapoor

Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002, Phone: 011-40110455, Corporate Office: - 201-205, 2nd Floor, Pratap Bhawan 5, B.S.Z. Marg, New Delhi-110002 Phone: 011-69342500, Lucknow Office: 4th Floor, Sahara Shopping Centre, Faizabad Road, Lucknow-226 016. Telephones: 0522-2346443-45

- I, Surya Narain Singh S/O Bindeswari Singh R/O Village Barezi Post Barezi Reg Mohmmadabad Distt Ghazipur Up Have Changed Name Surya Narayan Singh
- I, Lovepreet Singh S/O Karam Singh R/O Village Kotla, Ferozepur.I Have Changed My Name From Loverpreet Singh To Lovepreet Singh I, Karam Singh S/O Karnail

Singh R/O Village Kotla,

Ferozepur I Have Changed My

Name From Karm Singh To Karam Singh I, Iqbal Kaur W/O Joginder Singh R/O Vpo Mudhal District Amritsar Have Chagend My Name

From Igbal Kaur To Bala

I, Kuldeep Singh S/O Balwant Singh R/O Patti Sultan Di, Vpo Sultanwind District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Kuldeep Singh To Kuldip Singh I. Aiit Kumar Singh S/O

Paramhans Singh R/O Tehsil Ballia

Badlipur, Babubel, Uttar Pradesh-277402 Have Changed My Son's Name From Ayus Kumar Singh To Ayush Kumar Singh I, Gurlal Singh Son Of Pargat Singh Resident Of Vpo Chutala, Tehsil & District Tarn Taran, Have

Changed My Name To Gurlal As My

Given Name And Singh As My

- I, Manmeet Singh W/O
  Sukhwinder Singh R/O H.No.91,
  Railway Link Road, Opp Railway
  Station Amritsar Have Changed My
  Name Manmeet Is My Given Name
  And Singh Is My Surname.
- I, Sarbjit Singh Walia S/o Gurdarshan Singh R/o H.No. 196, Heaven City, Manawala Khurd, PO Manawala, Amritsar, Punjab-143501 have changed my name from Sarbjit Singh Walia to Sarabjit Singh.
- Sh.Joginder Kumar R/o VPO Khtauli, Distt. Panchkula, have changed my name from Balbinder Kumar to Balwinder Singh. I, Baby W/o Sh.Balwinder Singh R/o VPO Khtauli, Distt.

I, Balbinder Kumar S/o

Panchkula, have changed my name from Baby to Bebi Rani.

I, Kamal Kumar S/o Mohan Lal R/o.91, Gali No.91 New Pawan Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar declare that in my son's school record his name is written as

Danish but his correct name is

Danish Kumar have.

- I, Gurdyal Singh Sahota S/o Sh. Gurmukh Singh R/o V.P.O. Damdama Tehsil Rania Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Gurdyal Singh to Gurdyal Singh Sahota, in future my name is to be called as Gurdyal Singh Sahota.
- I, Sunita Kumari Spouse of Sharwan Kumar Sahu Army No. 15695122W, Rank HAV, Serving Unit Address Western Command Signal Regiment C/o 56 APO, Pin 900475 declare that in my Husband's Army Record my name has been erroneously mentioned as Sunita Devi whereas my correct name is Sunita Kumari.
- I, Aditya S/o Sunil Kumar R/o VPO Dewan, Distt. Hisar, Haryana 125004 declare that I have changed my name from Aditya to Aditya Kumar for all future purpose.
- I, Sneha Sahi W/o Kunwar Sood R/o H.No.42, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab Have Changed My Surname From Sneha Sahi To Sneha Sood (After Marriage)
- I, Anoopa S/o Sadik Mohammad R/o # 56, Bhag 1, VPO. Amlala, Dera Bassi, Derabassi, Sas Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140507, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anoop.
- I, Metlesh Kumari W/o Basant Kumar R/o H.No. 02, J N V, Pabra (65), Pabra, Hisar, Haryana-125112. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mitlesh Kumari.
- I, Roshani Devi W/o Ashok Kumar R/o Village Khairoli, Bairawas (110), Mahendragarh, Haryana- 123028. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kamlesh Devi.
- I, Sushila D/o Balwant Singh W/o Vijender Verma R/o H.No.45, Sec 13, Hisar, Po.Hisar, Haryana-125001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sushila Vijender Verma.
- I, Jasvir Kaur W/o Ajaib Singh R/o Village Koopur, Post Office Adda Kathar, Distt Jalandhar, Punjab- 144106, I have changed the name of my minor Son Lucky aged about 17 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Lucky Jhim.
- I, Deepak Sharma S/o Balwinder Singh Bajwa R/o H.No. 8, Navjyoti Colony, Opp Guru Teg Bahadur Gurudwara, Near Amritsar Byepass Road, Jalandhar-I, Punjab- 144008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gurpreet Singh Bajwa. I, Arjinder Singh Malhi S/o
- Kang Sahbu, Jalandhar, Kang Saboo, Punjab- 144630, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Arjinder Singh.

  I, Sandeep Singh S/o Amar Singh R/o Village Bath Kalan, Tehsil

Sawaran Singh R/o Village. Singha,

I, Sandeep Singh S/o Amar
Singh R/o Village Bath Kalan, Tehsil
Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab
have changed my name from
Sandeep Singh to Sandeep Singh
Bath.

To Sucheta Malhotra.

I, Lakhwinder Kaur Jhand
W/o Baljit Singh R/o Vill: Jamalpur
Po. Rajla Teh-Samana (Patiala)
have changed my name to
Lakhwinder Kaur.

To Rajesh Malhotra.

I, Baljit Singh Jhand S/o Kashmir Singh R/o Vill: Jamalpur Po. Rajla Teh-Samana (Patiala) have changed my name to Baljit Singh.

I, Harpreet Kaur W/o

Sandeep Singh Bath R/o Village

Bath Kalan, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt.

Jalandhar, Punjab have changed

my name from Harpreet Kaur to

Ramesh Khanna R/o H.No. 167.

Nijatam Nagar, Basti Guzan,

Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have

changed my name from Neha to

SS S/o Rawel Singh R/o 437A

Street No. 6, Mohala, Gurunanak

Pura (West) Teh & Distt. Jalandhar

(Puniab) 144009. India have

changed my name and shall

hereafter be known as Swaran

I, Deeksha Pandey legally

patiala C/o 56 APO

vedded wife of No. 17034609H

Rank: CFN. Name: Pareekshir

Pandey, Unit: 2 CORPS ZONE

Presently Residing at Ward No. 01.

Amaudha, Raghurajnagar, Satna

Madhya Pradesh-485001, have

changed my name from Deeksha

Prabh Jindal R/o Gaushalla Road.

Mansa, Ward No-11, VTC: Mansa,

PO: Mansa, Mansa, Punjab -

151505, have changed my name to

Singh R/o Village Tut Sher Singh, Post Office Kanian kalan, Tehsil-

Shahkot, Distt- Jalandhar, Punjab

144703, have changed my name to

Sh. Gulzar Masih R/o VPO

Chhangla, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt.

Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India have

changed my name from Paster

Prem Masih Gill to Prem Masih Gill

Spouse of No. 17023016W, CFN

Rakesh Gour, Residing at Nagpur

PO Fule Market District Nagpur

State Maharashtra Near Meyo

Hospital B/Hind Hotel Midland

Bhoipura Near 6 Nal Fish Market

Nagpur Pin 440018 have changed

my name from Vaishnavi Lalaj

Gour to Vaishnavi Rakesh Gou

Vide Affidavit Dated 16 April 2024

Yogesh S.R. presently 37 (Coerg)

FD REGT, Clo 56 APO, Pin-

925737, residing in House No.291

Kiragandoor Village and Post

Kodagu, State Karnataka, Pin Code

No. 571251, have changed my

name from Bindu, S.Y. to M.M.

Bindu Vide Affidavit Dated 08-12-

2023 before at Notary P.G

R/O H No 770, Shanti Nagar,

Ferozepur City Have Changed My

Jarnail Singh Resident of Village

Kohala PO, Khosa Dal Singh Tehsil

Zira District Ferozepur have

Changed my name to Charan Kaur

Devi (Old Name) W/o Sultan Singh

R/o Village Karsa Chor, Distt

Karnal, Haryana- India, do here by

solemnly affirms and declares as

That previously my name was

Rekha Devi. I have changed my

name from Rekha Devi to Rekha

That from today onward my name

Scheme No.1, Batala Road,

Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur,

Punjab. Have Changed My Name

From Saurabh Sharma To Saurabh

Singh R/O Village- Bhoon

Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab,

India. Have Changed My Name

From Sarbjeet Singh To Sarbjit

Singh R/O Vill. Dhugga Khurd, P.O.

Sahota,

Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed

Satnam Singh R/O Village Johal

P.O. Bolina Doaba District

Jalandhar Puniab Have Changed

My Name To Kamaljit Kaur Phull.

Satpal R/O Basti Gobindgarh Distt

Moga Punjab India Have Changed

My Name To Baljit Kumar.

I Kamaljeet Kaur W/O

I Baljit Kumar Maini S/O

I Sawaranjit Kaur W/O

Chamkaur Singh R/O Sheikh

Daulat Distt. Ludhiana Have

Changed My Name To Swaranjit

Kailash Aggarwal R/O H.No.-17-A,

Aggar Nagar Ludhiana Have

Changed My Name To Vinay

R/O H.No.-4629 Mohalla Partap

Jagraon District Ludhiana Have

Kumar Malhotra R/O H.No.-B-415

Bharat Nagar, Jalandhar City Have

Changed My Name From Rajesh

Malhotra R/O H.No.-B-415 Bharat

Nagar, Jalandhar City Have

Changed My Name From Sucheta

Changed My Name To Chandni.

Kumar Aggarwal.

I, Vinay Aggarwal S/O

I Chand D/O Bishember Nath

I Raiesh S/O Sudarshan

I Sucheta W/O Rajesh

My Name To Singh Jaspal.

I Jaspal Singh S/O Malkit

I, Sarbjeet Singh S/O Ajaib

Dass Sharma R/O

Improvement

Singh.

Khanpur

I, Saurabh Sharma S/O Devi

Trust Colony,

12/6

I, Rekha (New Name), Rekha

I Laurance S/O Polas Masih

I Gurcharan Kaur wife of

Muthanna Somwarpet.

Name Lowrance Masih

Somwarpet, District

I, Bindu. S.Y., wife of Mr.

before at Notray Ferozepur.

Tehsil:

I. Vaishnavi Rakesh Gour

I. Paster Prem Masih Gill S/d

I Sukhjit Kaur W/o Gurmail

I Anita Gupta W/o Kamal

Dubey to Deeksha Pandey.

Anita Rani

Sukhjeet Kaur

I. hitherto Known as Bhachoo

I. Neha D/o Om Prakash W/o

Harpreet Kaur Bath.

Neha Khanna

Singh Bhachoo.

- I, Urmila W/o Prashant Kumar R/o #B-38/102, Jaijian Mohalla Patiala have changed my name to Urmila Dabbi.
- I, Sahil Preet Singh S/o Parampreet Singh R/o Vpo. Mari Buchian Teh-Batala (Gurdaspur) have changed my name as Sahilpreet Singh.
- I Maninder Kaur W/O Manjodh Singh R/O Village Bodewal Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, Distt Tarn Taran Punjab Have Changed My Name From Maninder Kaur Tukhaur To Maninder Kaur.
- I Balbir Singh S/o Teja Singh R/o Jangiana, Distt. Barnala have changed my name to Balvir Singh.

I Samandeep Singh Sandhu

- S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Ramgarh, Distt. Barnala have changed my name to Samandeep Singh. I Arshdeep Kaur Sekhon W/o
- Kuldeep Singh R/o Ramgarh, Tehsil Tapa, Distt Barnala-148100 have changed my name Arshdeep Kaur. I, Sarabjit W/o Surinder Pal Singh R/o H.No. 1153 Phase-9
- Singh R/o H.No. 1153 Phase-9 Sector 63 (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my name from Sarabjit to Sarabjit Kaur. I. Nattha Singh S/o Dhan
- Singh R/o H.No.53, Gali No.1, Gurbachan Colony, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Natha Singh. I, Navdeep Kaur W/o
- Kulwinder Singh R/o Vpo. Gandiwind Dhattal Teh-Patti (Tarn Taran) have changed my name from Navdeep Kaur alias Mandeep Kaur to Navdeep Kaur. I, Ajaydeep Singh S/o Sona Singh R/o Vill: Khara Teh and Distt.
- name to Ajaydeep and surname to Singh.

  I, Sahejpreet Kaur Sran D/o Iqbal Singh Sran R/o Kothe Sarawan (Faridkot) have changed

my name to Sehajpreet Kaur Sran.

Tarn Taran have changed my given

- I, Sehajpreet Kaur D/o Iqbal Singh Sran R/o Kothe Sarawan (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sehajpreet Kaur Sran. I, Iqbal Singh S/o Bhola Singh
- R/o Kothe Sarawan (Faridkot) have changed my name to Iqbal Singh Sran.

  I, Jaspreet Kaur W/o Iqbal

(Faridkot) have changed my name

- to Jaspreet Kaur Sran.

  I, Jaswinder Kaur urf
  Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Tehil Singh
  R/o Chaina (Faridkot) have
  changed my name to Jaswinder
- Kaur.

  I, Sanjeev Kumar Kansal S/o
  Ram Partap R/o Jaitu (Faridkot)
  have changed my name to Sanjeev
- I, Shivinder Singh S/o Bikram Singh Kochhar R/o Amrikan Street, Nai Abadi, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Shivinder Singh Kochhar.
- I Gurmit Singh S/O Sohan Singh R/O Village Gohalwarh Tehsil & District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Gurmit Singh To Gurmeet Singh. I Sukhdav Singh S/O
- Mahinder Singh R/O Village Thathian Mahantan Tehsil & District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Sukhdev Singh. I Harwinder Singh S/o
- Gardour Singh R/o Kauni District Shri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Harwinder Singh Dhaliwal.
- Gurmanpreet Singh Uppal R/o Sehbazpura (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur Uppal. I, Ajaypreet Singh S/o Ranjeet R/o Warnala Teh-Patti (Tarn

Taran) my given name is Ajaypreet

- and my surname is Singh.

  I, Sukhpreet Singh Brar S/o
  Darshan Singh R/o Vill: Ratol Rohi
  Po. Sodhi Wala Teh-Zira
  (Ferozepur) Pb, India, have
  changed my name to Sukhpreet
- I, Amarjeet Kaur @ Amarjit Kaur W/o Ranjit Singh R/o Kothe Sainian Hari Nau Road Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Amarjeet Kaur.

Singh.

- I Harpreet Singh Brar S/o Guljar Singh R/o VPO. Langiana Nawan, Mall Patti (Moga) have changed my name to Harpreet Singh
- Gurupura, P.O. Rode (Moga) have Changed my name to Jagsir Singh. I Amanpreet Kaur Dhillon W/o Sukhwinder Singh Wirring R/o Kothe Wirring, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to

Mahinder Singh R/o Village

I Jagsir Singh Brar S/o

Amanpreet Kaur Wirring, After Marriage.

I, Barsa C/o Shashi Kumar R/o H.No. 431/27 St.No. 4 Bhagat Nagar Po. Hoshiarpur (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name to Barsa

I, Sangeeta spouse of Laxman

Balaji Kadam resident of Village-Limboti, Post- Dongargone, Tehsil-Loha, District- Nanded, State-Maharashtra, Pin- 431708, have changed my name from Sangeeta to Sangeeta Laxman Kadam Vide affidavit No.IN-PB04264467990229W dated 08 April 2024 before notary public

- I, Laxmi Pathak spouse of No.15793087P NK Amit Tiwari resident of Village-Thiriya Brahmanan, Post-Meerganj, Tehsil-Meerganj, District- Bareilly State-Uttar Pradesh, Pin-243504, have changed my name from Laxmi Pathak to Laxmi Tiwari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06575124853755W dated 16 April 2024 before notary public
- I, No.13763371K Hav N Pugazhenthi resident of Village & Post- Periyammapalayam Tehsil-Veepanthattai, District- Perambalur, State- Tamilnadu, Pin- 621110, have changed my Father name from Anatchathiram to Natchathiram A Vide affidavii No.IN-PB06574374471646W dated 16 April 2024 before notary public

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- Pathankot

  I, Mamta Devi Mother of Amit Singh resident of Village-Padamara Kalan, Post- Padamara Khurd, Tehsil- Mandawar, District-Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301427, have changed my name from Mamta Devi to Mamta Kanwar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06578578571901392W dated 16 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, No.2807762K NK Vidhate Kishor Haribhau resident of Village- Jawkheda, (BK) Post-Jawkheda (BK) Tehsil- Bhokardan, District- Jalna, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 431213, have changed my Son name from Ansh to Ansh Kishor Vidhate Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06232017258765W dated 15 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Preeti spouse of No.17019283A CFN Kushal Singh resident of Village- Gharyana, Post-Kanda, Tehsil- Kasauli, District-Solan, State- Himachal Pradesh, Pin-173209, have changed my name from Preeti to Preeti Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06230820860226W dated 15 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Varsha spouse of Jagtap Mangesh Mohan resident of Village- Shindewadi, Post-Ashtapur, Tehsil- Haveli, District-Pune, State- Maharashtra, Pin-412207, have changed my name from Varsha to Varsha Mangesh Jagtap Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06571553753207W dated 16 Feb 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Man Singh Father of Amit Singh resident of Village-Padamara Kalan, Post-Padamara Khurd, Tehsil- Mandawar, District-Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301427, have changed my name from Man Singh to Mansingh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06577992681483W dated 16 April 2024 before notary public
- Pathankot

  I, Seema spouse of No.2801513P Hav Jadhav Bajarang Dundapa Age 40 resident of Village- Basarge (BK) Post-Basarge (BK) Tehsil- Gadhinglaj District- Kolhapur, State-Maharashtra, Pin-416506, have changed my name from Seema to Seema Bajarang Jhadav Vide affidavit No.IN-PB05910366954936W dated 14 April 2024 before notary public
- Pathankot Dob 02/01/1987

  I, Shubhdeep Singh Mann
  Son of JC- 512448P NB/Sub
  Sandip Singh resident of VillageChhadouri, Post- Begampur, TehsilBalachaur, District- Nawanshahr,
  State- Punjab, Pin-144524, have
  changed my name from Shubdip
  Singh Maan to Shubhdeep Singh
  Mann Vide affidavit No.INPB05067486744674W dated April
  2024 before notary public

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- I, Sehajdeep Singh Mann Son of JC- 512448P NB/Sub Sandip Singh resident of Village-Chhadouri, Post- Begampur, Tehsil-Balachaur, District- Nawanshahr, State- Punjab, Pin-144524, have changed my name from Sehajdeep Singh Mann Vide affidavit No.IN-PB05068080662700W dated 10 April 2024 before notary public
- I, Krishan Pal S/o Sh. Khima Ram R/o H No. 29, Ward No. 20, Geeta Colony Gohana, Teh. Gohana, District Sonipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Krishan Pal Singh to Krishan Pal vide affidavit dated 15 Apr 2024 before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only
- I, Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Mangal Sain Jain R/o H. No. 73/13,K D Nagar ,Ganaur, Sonipat have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sunil Jain for all future purposes.

Krishan Pal.

I, Rahul Dahiya S/o Sh. Joginder Singh R/o VPO – Sisana, Teh.- Kharkhoda, District - Sonipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Rahul Singh Dahiya to Rahul Dahiya vide affidavit dated 15 Api 2024 before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Rahul Dahiya.

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## **Unease grows as Congress delays announcing** candidates for Haryana's nine Lok Sabha seats

MANOJ KUMAR CHANDIGARH

Intense factionalism within the Haryana unit of the Congress party over the distribution of tickets has led to a delay in announcing the names of its candidates for nine out of the 10 Lok Sabha seats that it will be contesting in the State. This has also triggered restlessness among the party's leaders, workers, supporters and their alliance partner.

In Haryana, Congress is fighting the polls in alliance with Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), with the former contesting from nine of 10 seats, while AAP has already named former Rajya Sabha member and state party chief Sushil Gupta from Kurukshetra

BJP took the early initiative and announced its list of candidates on all the 10 Lok Sabha seats of the State long time back. Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) has so far declared its list of candidates on five Lok Sabha seats while Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) has already named its senior party leader Abhay Singh Chautala from Kurukshetra parliamentary seat. Both the parties INLD and IIP have decided to field their candidates on all the 10 seats of the Lok Sabha election in the

It is understood that the three-member Central Election Committee formed by the Party Central leadership has failed to resolve the differ-

the choice of candidates on some Lok Sabha seats. However, a consensus has almost been achieved on three Parliamentary seats that include Kumari Selja from Sirsa, Deepender Hooda from Rohtak and Varun Chaudhary from Ambala. If these names are finalised, Kumari Selja will be contesting against BJP's Ashok Tanwar, Deepender Hooda against BJP's Arvind Sharma while Varun Chaudhary will take on BJP's former MP Late Ratan Lal Kataria's wife Banto Kataria.

Congress' poll strategists are having a tough time selecting candidates for Sonepat, Bhiwani-Gurugram, Mahendragarh, Faridabad, Hisar and Karnal Lok Sabha seats. The two factions — one led by former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Party's state unit president Uday Bhan and the other comprising AICC general secretary Kumari Selja, Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Surjewala and former State Assembly Speaker Kiran Choudhry (euphemistically dubbed SRK) — have locked horns over six seats out of the nine seats.

The committee could not manage to get a consensus on the candidates' names despite multiple rounds of meetings that were attended by these leaders. The faction, led by Hooda, has sought to dominate ister Capt Ajay Yadav and the party's choice of candidates. ister Capt Ajay Yadav and actor-turned-politician Raj

ences that have emerged over The six seats on which the party has not been able to reach a consensus include Sonepat, Bhiwani-Gurugram, Mahendragarh, Faridabad, Hisar and Karnal.

#### **Ballot Battle**

In Bhiwani-Mahendragarh for example, the State unit wants to field Rao Dhan Singh, a Yadav leader, in place of former Lok Sabha member Shruti Choudhry, who is the daughter of former Haryana minister and five-term MLA Kiran Choudhry. Kiran, who has been a Cabinet Minister in Haryana twice, is known to be an open critic and rival of Bhupinder Singh Hooda. It is alleged that the Hooda camp wants to field Rao Dhan Singh even though seven out of nine Assembly segments under Bhiwani Lok Sabha seats are dominated by Jats, the community Choudhry belongs to.

In Hisar Lok Sabha constituency, from where Hooda loyalist and veteran leader Jai Prakash has thrown his hat in the ring while SRK faction is pitching for BJP turncoat Brijendra Singh, who was the sitting MP. Party workers, however, are not in favour of Brijendra citing that he has recently quit BJP and joined

In Gurugram, former min-

Babbar are among the front runners. Yadav had lost to BJP's Rao Inderjit Singh in 2019. BJP has again fielded Rao Inderjit. Captain Ajay Yadav is being backed by several senior leaders of the non-Hooda camp but Hooda wants to field film actor-turned-politician Raj

Babbar from the seat. In Faridabad, while Hooda camp is pitching for former state minister Karan Dalal, the rival camp wants former minister Mahendra Pratap Singh or his son Vijay Pratap to be declared as candidate. BJP has repeated party veteran Krishan Pal Gurjar for a third time, after he won consecutively in 2014 and 2019.

In Sonipat, there are three aspirants — former Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Sharma or his son Chankya Pandit being propped by Hooda faction (if either of the two fail to get a ticket from Karnal), and Satpal Brahmchari who has SRFK faction's backing. Former Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit's son Sandeep Dikshit is the dark horse from Sonipat. He has been a two-time MP from East Delhi and is looking

for a seat in NCR region this

In Karnal too, Chanakya Pandit is among the front runners. Hooda camp is pitching for him because Chanakya's grandfather Chiranji Lal had represented Karnal four times. The other faction wants Virendra Rathore. BJP has fielded former chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar from Karnal.

Talking to reporters, Haryana's party affairs incharge for Congress Deepak Babaria said that the final decision regarding the list of candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections will be taken by the Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge. Party will soon declare its candidates for Harvana," he added. He further said that the party follows democratic norms while selecting the candidates and everybody has a right to voice their concerns. Everybody has been heard and the final decision will be announced soon, Babaria

In Haryana, which goes to the polls on May 25, several leaders of the Congress party have expressed disappointment over the delay, saying it would come in the way of poll preparedness.

Recently, former Haryana Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Manohar Lal Khattar hit out at Congress, saying the party is finding it difficult to name candidates for nine parliamentary seats in the state Comparing the poll preparedness of both parties, Khattar said that while BJP had begun reaching out to voters in March itself, Congress is yet to come up with names of nominees. This shows no one is ready to contest on a Congress ticket, he

### Farmers back on rail tracks in Punjab; 'Rail Roko' protest disrupts 11 trains

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m armers, \, rallying \, under \, the}$ Samyukta Kisan Morcha (nonpolitical) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM), on Wednesday staged a significant demonstration, initiating a rail blockade at Shambhu railway station near the Punjab-Haryana border in Patiala district — resulting in the cancellation of at least 11 trains, with 24 others facing

Their primary demand was the immediate release of three farmers who had recently been apprehended by the Haryana Police. The protest, which com-

menced around 1.30 pm, saw farmers converging on the Shambhu railway station, initiating a 'rail roko' agitation. This move marked the 64th day of their indefinite sit-in at the Shambhu and Khanauri

borders of Punjab and Haryana. The demonstration aimed to amplify their demands, which include securing a legal guarantee on Minimum Support Price (MSP), obtaining farm-loan waivers, and securing the release of farmers previously detained during protests, among others.

A prominent farmer leader among the protesting farmers Jagjit Singh Dallewal expressed their stance, emphasizing that the rail blockade was a response to the authorities' failure to meet the stipulated deadline for releasing the three detained activists.

Despite heavy police deployment and efforts to deter the protesters, including the placement of barricades and female police presence, the farmers persisted, eventually gaining access to the railway station premises. This led to the setup of a tent on the railway track itself, symboliz-

ing their unwavering resolve. Another farmer leader Manjit Singh Rai highlighted the assurances provided by officials from both Punjab and Haryana regarding the release of the detained activists. However, with the deadline passing without action, the farmers felt compelled to escalate their protest.

KMM leader Sarwan Singh Pandher underscored the assurances received from the Haryana administration, noting the discrepancy between promises made and actions taken. The failure to honour commitments fueled the determination of the protesting farmers.

"When our farmers were not released, we decided to squat on the rail track," said Pandher. Though the Punjab Police had erected barricades to prevent protesters from heading towards the rail track, farmers forced their way and sat on the track.

### Drugs, cash, and valuables worth Rs 243 cr seized since enforcement of code in Punjab

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o curb unfair activities and ensure fair and transparent elections in Punjab, the enforcement agencies have seized drugs, liquor, unaccounted-for cash, and freebies worth Rs 243.95 crore in the past month since the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha elections came into force on March 16.

Tight security arrangements have been made to conduct the elections in a free and fair manner in Punjab. The highest amount of cash, liquor or narcotics, and other items worth Rs 158.76 crore have been seized by the Punjab Police from March 16 to April 17, 2024," said the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C on Wednesday.

CEO Sibin said that since March 16, the Punjab Police have seized cash worth Rs 2.49 crore, liquor worth Rs 7.06 crore, drugs worth Rs 148.21 crore, valuables worth Rs 25.6

lakh, and other items worth Rs 74.2 lakh. Similarly, the State Excise Department seized liquor worth Rs 6.77 crore and drugs worth Rs two lakh, while the BSF seized drugs and narcotics worth Rs 19.66 crore, valuables worth Rs 40 lakh, and cash worth Rs 36 lakh.

Apart from this, drugs worth Rs 45.92 crore, cash worth Rs 3.15 crore, valuables worth Rs 8.84 crore, and other valuables worth Rs six lakh have been seized by various agencies — bringing the total tally of seizures to Rs 243.95

"According to data recently released by the Election Commission of India (ECI), Punjab was ranked fifth in the country in terms of seizures. According to figures, Rs 311 crore has been seized in Punjab from March 1, 2024, to April

Sibin C said that in order to check the illegal smuggling of drugs, liquor, cash, and other goods, inter-state nakas (checkpoints) are being mon-

itored round the clock with 48 hi-tech CCTV cameras. In all the 117 assembly constituencies of the state, flying squad teams are monitoring 351 vehicles equipped with hi-tech CCTV cameras — three vehicles for each assembly constituency, and they are being monitored at all times through the district, with live feed being monitored 24x7 in the control room.

"To ensure the smooth conduct of the election process, administrative and police officials of the state have been directed to strictly implement the model code of conduct. Further strengthening of interstate coordination and increased vigilance by the BSF and other concerned agencies in the border districts aim to check the flow of arms and narcotics from across the border," said the CEO.

The Chief Electoral Officer stressed that as per the ECI directions, the entire staff is committed to conducting the elections in a fair and peaceful manner in the state.

### SAD faces dissent after denial of ticket to a Dhindsa from Sangrur

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Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) is finding itself embroiled in a storm of dissent following its decision to deny a ticket to a member of the Dhindsa family in their bastion - Sangrur — for the ensuing Lok Sabha elections. The unexpected move has triggered widespread discontent among SAD stalwart Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa and his associates, culminating in a vocal display of dissatisfaction during a crucial

meeting held at the residence of SAD's patron Dhindsa at Chandigarh on Wednesday. SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal had earlier given his word to the Dhindsa fam-

ily regarding a party ticket to Dhindsa's son and former finance minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa for Sangrur Lok Sabha constituency. However, the abrupt denial of this ticket, alongside the reneging on other significant promises made to Dhindsa and his allies, has sown seeds of discord within the months after Dhindsa had made a comeback in the SAD ranks after a hiatus of nearly three years. Dhindsa, along with his son and other supporters, had left the Akali Dal in protest against the Sukhbir's working style. He went on to float SAD faction, which allied with BJP for 2022 state assembly elections.

Moreover, the Dhindsa family was upset as the ticket was allocated to their bete noire Iqbal Singh Jhundan.

During the meeting, senior Akali leaders and grassroots workers did not mince words as they voiced their strong objection to the decision, viewing it as a blatant disregard for the Sangrur constituency. They expressed deep disappointment over the party leadership's failure to honour commitments made for the betterment of Puniab and the Sikh community. Of particular concern was the alleged sidelining of Dhindsa during the ticket allocation process, despite prior assurances from the party brass to consult him upon his return to the SAD fold. Despite attempts to quell the brewing discontent, Dhindsa urged for unity and a reaffirmation of the core principles of the Shiromani Akali Dal.

The meeting saw a notable turnout of influential figures within the party, including former Ministers Baldev Singh Mann, Sarwan Singh Phillaur, former MLA Justice Nirmal Singh, former Minister Parminder

**Ballot Battle** Singh Dhindsa, and former MLA Balvir Singh Ghunas, among others.

This development holds particular sig-nificance as it unfolds amidst the Akali Dal's concerted efforts to unite various factions and former leaders, aiming to present a cohesive front.

#### **Dhindsas in Touch with BJP**

SAD's selection of Iqbal Singh Jhundan as the candidate for Sangrur Lok Sabha seat decision came at a crucial juncture, particularly with the recent re-entry of the Dhindsa family into the Akali Dal's fold. While many anticipated Parminder Singh Dhindsa's nomination for the seat, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal's choice of Jhundan has heightened tensions between the Dhindsa and Badal factions. Sources suggest that the Dhindsa family is considering a shift to the BJP, potentially fielding Parminder Dhindsa as the Lok Sabha candidate from Sangrur.

Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa has hinted at an imminent decision, hinting at possible political realignments. Speculation is rife that the Dhindsa family might back Parminder Dhindsa for the elections, possibly with BJP support, given Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa's establishment of the Akali Dal Dhindsa faction following his split from the Badal family.

### Poll Buzz

time round.

Former Dy Mayor Manoj Wadhwa resigns from BJP; likely to join Cong & contest against Hry CM Saini

Karnal: Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Mayor Manoj Wadhwa resigned from the primary membership of the party on Wednesday. He has tendered his resignation to the party state president and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and district president Yogendra Rana. Wadhwa is likely to join the Congress party to contest the upcoming Karnal Assembly by-election against BJP candidate and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. Wadhwa had contested assembly elections in 2014 against former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and remained at the third position. Giving a jolt to the INLD in 2019, Wadhwa had joined the BJP. He became a councillor in 2013 and was elected as deputy mayor.

#### Haryana CM Saini hits campaign trail in Karnal; interacts with voters

Karnal: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini hit the campaign trail in Karnal city for the Lok Sabha and Assembly by- elections on Wednesday. During the campaign, he was advocating dual vote in both the Lok Sabha and Assembly bye-elections, scheduled on May 25. Former CM Manohar Lal Khattar was contesting the Karnal Lok Sabha election, while Saini was hoping for the MLA's position from the Karnal Assembly seat. During the campaign, his main focus was on public meetings and personal interaction with the voters. He also reached out to the party leaders and workers in the city. He also attended different religious and social programmes. "I urge people to cast two votes — one for the Lok Sabha seat, which supports Manohar Lal Khattar and, further Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the second for me from the Karnal Assembly segment, on May 25," Saini added, while seeking support for Khattar and himself.

#### Rao Inderjit Singh inaugurates BJP office in Sector-15 in Gurugram

Gurugram: The BJP candidate for the Gurugram Lok Sabha constituency Rao Inderjit Singh on Wednesday inaugurated the party office at Sector-15 in Gurugram. In his address, he said that the public mood ahead of the upcoming general elections is in favour of the BJP. He said that there is huge support among the farmers and the working class for the BJP. "The BJP's aim is the development of every section. There has been tremendous development in every sector in the last 10 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Rao said. Speaking on the BJP's election manifesto, Rao Inderjit Singh said that it has been drafted keeping in view every section and every person of the country. "Roads, highways and railway networks are getting strengthened in the country as well as the state. Basic facilities are easily available to the people. Under the leadership of PM Modi, India's economy has moved from 11th to fifth place in ten years and in the next five years, India will be the third largest economy in the world," Rao said. Taking a dig at the opposition he said opposition governments did caste politics in Haryana but now the BJP's slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Prayas' is being practiced. He said that there is no challenge to him in the Gurugram Lok Sabha seat.

#### Cong initiates damage control amidst ticket controversies in Punjab will be part of the April 20

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**Ballot Battle** 

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is a united front against Dr Gandhi. Several legislators and

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him. A meeting has been called on April 20 by Rajpura's former

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 $F_{\text{of six candidates for June 1}}^{\text{ollowing the announcement}}$ Lok Sabha elections, the Congress party has swiftly transitioned into damage control mode, particularly in constituencies where opposition to the party candidates has surfaced. Amidst growing discontent within the party ranks, Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring has embarked on a proactive approach, engaging with key stakeholders to address simmering tensions and foster unity ahead of the upcoming elections.

As the Congress leadership navigates the delicate terrain of candidate selection for the remaining seven seats, efforts are underway to address multiple fronts of discontentment within the party. While steps are being taken to assuage the concerns of the family of the late MP Santokh Chaudhary over the allocation of the party ticket to former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi in Jalandhar, simultaneous endeavors are being made to quell the brewing unrest in Patiala and Sangrur con-



Aadmi Party's (AAP) former MP and medical practitioner Dr Dharamvira Gandhi and Congress' Bholath MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira has triggered dissatisfaction in these regions, prompting the party to initiate comprehensive measures to mollify dissenting voices and reinforce party unity ahead of the elections.

The significance of these efforts and interactions with the discontent leaders cannot be understated, given the recent controversies surrounding ticket allocations.

The decision to field Dr Gandhi as its candidate from Patiala had stirred dissatisfaction among local party leaders, especially for ignoring the meeting. Notably, since day one, all

leaders in Patiala have been demanding a ticket for the traditional Congress worker, who have been clamouring for a change in the ticket allocation. Earlier, this faction had also written to the party high command seeking ticket for a tradition al Congress leader instead of a turncoat or new entrant. In response to the dissent,

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring took a proactive step towards damage control by personally reaching out to the disgruntled leaders. Warring Wednesday, met Kamboj in an apparent attempt to mend fences, and met the senior party leader at his residence

Besides Kamboj, Warring also met former Dhuri MLA Dalvir Singh Goldy, who was vying for the Sangrur ticket, and had openely expressed his discontentment over ticket allocation to Khaira. The meeting came a day after Goldy took to social media to publicly express his frustration following the denial of a ticket for the Sangrur Lok Sabha con-

over lunch.

stituency "once again".

After being denied a ticket, Goldy shared an emotional video on Tuesday, sparking a fresh controversy within the Punjab Congress. He urged the party not to disregard the dedication of honest workers. Alleging harassment by a party leader, Goldy affirmed his loyalty despite his ticket being denied four times, rejecting offers from other parties, and pledged to campaign for Sukhpal Khaira.

Warring's meeting with Goldy, along with former Chief Minister Rajinder Kaur Bhattal and party candidate Khaira in Dhuri, indicated at the Congress leadership's proactive approach to conflict resolution and a commitment to upholding the party's unity.

Following the meeting, Goldy declared his commitment to fulfill any responsibilities assigned to him by the party with utmost dedication. Also present on the occasion was Goldy's wife, who also pledged that they would ensure the fulfillment of these duties. Additionally, they announced their intention to support Khaira, nominating him as the Member of Parliament from Sangrur constituency.



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## Government determined to free country of Maoists: Shah

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nion Home Minister Amit Shah reaffirmed government's commitment to making Chattisgarh and entire country, "completely free of Maoists," He also labeled them "the biggest enemy

development, peace, and (the) bright future of youth". Shah's comments come a day after Chhattisgarh security forces killed 29 Maoists, including a senior rebel leader — Shankar Rao, on whom there was a bounty of Rs 25 lakh — in a gunfight in Kanker district.

The Home Minister also congratulated the joint District Reserve Guard and Border Security Force team, which suffered three non-

fatal injuries. He said the government determined to free the country from the scourge. Shah said due to the offensive policy of the government and the efforts of security forces, Maoism has been confined to a small area now and soon Chhattisgarh and the entire country will be completely Maoist-free.

"Today, a large number of Naxalites have been killed in the operation of security forces in Chhattisgarh. I congratulate all the security personnel who made this operation successful with their bravery and wish for the speedy recovery of the brave policemen who have been injured," Shah wrote on 'X' in Hindi.



Apart from the 29 rebels also recovered a huge including Ak-47 and INSAS killed, the DRG-BSF team quantity of weapons, rifles, as well as .303

carbines and pistols. Narendra

government will eliminate Naxals from the country in a very short period of time, Union Home Minister Amit asserted Wednesday, according to PTI from Ahmedabad.

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The central government has been conducting incessant operations against terrorism and Naxals, he said in a statement, a day after security forces gunned down 29 Maoists in Chhattisgarh. "I can say with conviction that operations against Naxals will continue in the times to come, and under the leadership of Modi, we will uproot Naxalism from our nation in a very short period of time," Shah said. The home minister said since the formation of a BJP government in Chhattisgarh

three months ago, more than Naxals have been eliminated, more than 125 arrested and more than 150 have surrendered Shah said a large number of

camps of security forces have been set up in Maoistaffected areas since 2014. Since 2019, as many as 250 such camps have been set up, ending the security vacuum, he said. Since the start of 2024, as many as 79 Naxalites have

been killed in separate gunbattles with security forces in the Bastar region, a Maoist stronghold. The violence in Kanker

comes days before the Lok Sabha election begins; the Bastar seat will vote in the first phase on Friday, while Kanker will vote in the second round on



## Modi greets people on Ram Navami

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted people on the occasion of Ram Navami on Wednesday and said Ayodhya is in incomparable bliss as this is the first time the festival is being celebrated there after the consecration of the Ram temple.

He also watched online the ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya following his Lok Sabha poll rally in Nalbari in Assam.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister said, "After my Nalbari rally, I watched the Surva Tilak on Ram Lalla. Like crores of Indians, this is a very emotional moment for me. The grand Ram Navami in Ayodhya is historic. May this Surya Tilak bring energy to our lives and may it inspire our nation to scale new heights of glory."

Greeting people, the prime minister said "The first Ram Navami after the Pran Pratishtha in Ayodhya is a generational milestone, weaving together centuries of devotion with a new era of hope and progress. This is a day crores of Indians waited for," Modi said in a series of posts on X. This is the fruit of the hardwork and sacrifices made by the people of the

country over many years, he Ram Navami celebrates the birth of Lord Ram and the

temple was recently consecrated at the place where he was born in Ayodhya. Modi said, "May the blessings

of Prabhu Shri Ram always remain upon us and guide paths towards righteousness and peace, illuminating our lives with wisdom and courage." He said he feels overwhelmed

and grateful on this occasion as he along with a large number of people in the country witnessed the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya. Modi said the memories of that moment continue to pulsate within him with the same energy. Lord Ram is embedded in the hearts of

Indians. Ram Navami is also a time to remember and respect those saints and devotees who dedicated their lives to the construction of the temple in Ayodhya, Modi said. 'Í am confident that Maryada

Purushottam Bhagwan Ram's life and ideals will become a strong basis for constructing 'Viksit Bharat'. His blessings will provide new energy to the resolve of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat," the prime minister

#### **Modi pays tribute** to former PM **Chandra Shekhar**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday paid tribute to former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar on his birth anniversary, lauding him as an exemplary leader who rose from the grassroots and made rich contributions to national progress. In a post on X, Modi said, "He

is remembered for his emphasis on serving the poor and downtrodden. He was also at the forefront of resisting the Emergency and safeguarding our democratic ideals." Born in the Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh in 1927, Chandra Shekhar was a stalwart socialist leader who briefly headed a minority government. His son Neeraj Shekhar is a BJP MP and is contesting from the Ballia.

## Congress questions EC order to delete bonds post from X

The Congress on Wednesday questioned the Election Commission's Congress move to get a post on electoral bonds scheme deleted from social media platform X and said the issue raised in the post makes the government "extremely uncomfortable".

The opposition party's remarks came after the social media platform X said the Election Commission (EC) ordered it to take down select posts of YSR Congress, AAP, N Chandrababu Naidu and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary violation of the model code of

The orders were issued on April 2 and April 3 and a follow-up email was sent by the poll panel on April 10 in which it cited a violation of the "voluntary code of ethics"

posts reported to it.

Congress spokesperson and social media Supriya department head Shrinate said the Election Commission had asked platform X, formerly known as Twitter, to delete some posts, one of which was about electoral bonds.

She said it is incumbent upon the poll watchdog to ensure that free and fair elections happen and that whenever someone breaches the model code of conduct, they are hauled up, including those making hate speeches, religious references and crass and vulgar statements.

"So that is why it is very surprising that the EC chose to get a tweet deleted which raised the issue of electoral bonds. Why would they do

"One does not understand but contracts. People being raided obviously electoral bonds is by ED and Income Tax "One does not understand but



an issue which makes the government extremely uncomfortable," Shrinate told reporters at the headquarters here.

She claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi tried his best to give an explanation on the electoral bonds issue and "not just sounded defensive but stopped making sense".

Those donating to the BJP were the ones winning the big

department were donating so this was an extortion racket that was happening and the country now knows about it," she claimed.

Rahul Gandhi's remarks at a press conference farmer leaders, associations earlier in the day, Shrinate and independent journalists alleged that the prime were all "restricted" during alleged that the prime were all "restricted" d minister is a "champion of the farmers' movement. corruption" as he was "I would like to say that "breeding graft through the electoral bonds scheme".

"media platforms are being curbed at a time when IT

a pattern as far as social media platforms are concerned. This government uncomfortable with social media platforms, digital platforms and YouTube platforms and YouTube channels because it has been able to convert large sections of mainstream media into cheerleaders of government that do not ask it about jobs, price rise, justice for the girl in Hathras or our athletes," Shrinate said. There is a pattern of how

independent media are being "systematically attacked", she alleged. Shrinate cited how multiple

social media accounts of "I would like to say that social

'I do want to raise that there is rules of 2021 are under contention across courts in India," she said. The government of the day must do some soul-searching about "suppressing these voices" Shrinate added.

On Tuesday, social media platform 'X' said the Election Commission has issued takedown orders requiring the microblogging site to act on posts containing political speech shared from elected politicians, political parties

## Pande inaugurates cybersecurity lab in Uzbekistan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

**Indian fishing boat involved** 

in diesel smuggling seized

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has apprehended an Índian boat allegedly involved in smuggling of carrying and unauthorised amount of currency totaling about Rs 11, 46,000.

Mumbai on Wednesďay for further investigation.

Giving details here, officials said Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (West) launched an operation based on tip off from customs and apprehended an Indian fishing boat 83 nautical miles northwest off

Mumbai on Monday. The operation involved a sustained search during challenging night conditions amidst considerable fishing and merchant traffic covering an area of 200 square miles

including

development areas off Maharashtra coast. In a seamlessly coordinated search by 02 ICG Fast Patrol Vessel (FPVs) and one Interceptor Boat, the suspected boat was finally

offshore

Monday night. The vessel was brought to Mumbai anchorage in the early of Wednesday. hours

located and boarded on

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $A^{\rm rmy}_{\rm Manoj}$ Chief General Pande Wednesday inaugurated a state-of-the-art IT laboratory facility that also cutting-edge cybersecurity lab at the Uzbek Academy of Armed Forces during his ongoing

The development signifies a milestone in defence cooperation between the two nations, following a commitment made during the Defence Ministers meeting in September 2018, Indian Army sources said. Pande is visiting Uzbekistan from April 15-18 to explore new avenues of bilateral military collaboration. He is scheduled to hold

wide-ranging talks with the top military brass of the Central Asian nation besides visiting a number of defence establishments, the defence ministry had earlier said in a statement. In a significant step toward strengthening bilateral ties between India visit to Uzbekistan, sources and Uzbekistan, the Army inaugurate tech IT laboratory at the Uzbek Academy of Armed Forces, sources said.

> The laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including nine rooms that house two lecture cutting-edge cybersecurity lab, a hardware programming lab, an object-



server room, a multimedia room, and a virtual reality room, they said.

Additional facilities include videoconferencing terminals, interactive panels,

assortment of computing equipment comprising a large number of high-end workstations and laptops, alongside essential peripherals such as printers, cameras, scanners, and

IT lab was initially made during the Defence during Ministers' Ministers' meeting in September 2018, and the project gained momentum

with the approval in 2019, funded through the Ministry of External Affairs' Aid to Eurasia initiative, the army sources added. It has been learnt that the

The request to establish an

budget of Rs 6.5 crore. As a result, Rs 8.5 crore was allotted for the project. An Indian company won the contract and made the lab fully operational well in time, they said.

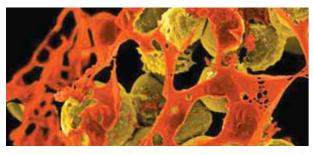
This collaborative initiative is not just a "leap in technological advancement"

for Uzbekistan's defence academy but also a bridge "reinforcing the expanding partnership" between the two nations, promising a future of cooperation in defence and technology, a source said.

The establishment of the IT lab is expected to enrich the training resources available to the Uzbek armed forces and foster a deeper standino cooperation between India and Uzbekistan in the years to come, they said.

The defence ministry on Monday described the Army chief's visit to Uzbekistan as a "significant step" in bolstering defence cooperation between the two

## Amid scare of antimicrobial resistance experts call for surveillance of pathogens



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Ithreat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in India, microbiologists have called for Unified Data Systems and Standard Operating (SoPs) Procedures surveillance of the pathogens. "AMR is a global threat that requires people who have historically not worked together to cooperate and work towards a common goal..." said Prof. Anurag Agrawal, Dean, Biosciences at Trivedi School of Biosciences, Ashoka University at a workshop titled. "Environmental Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance

n view of the escalating

Strategies Implications. The workshop which was held recently also saw involvement organizations such as the Indian Council of Medical

Research (ICMR), World Health Organisation (WHO), National Centre for Biological (NCBS), Sciences partners of Alliance for Pathogen Surveillance and Innovation (APSI), among others. They underscored the seriousness of the issue and the need for collaborative efforts to address effectively.

"The APSI consortium is a unique initiative involving public and private academia, public and private hospitals, R&D labs, and government departments trying to address the AMR problem in four different regions of the country," said Prof. LS Shashidhara, Director of the NCBS about the consortium. It is working with a vision that the data generated and the outcome of its efforts will provide additional evidence frame public health policies and strategies at the

national and state levels, he

During a panel discussion, integrating surveillance data healthcare environmental systems emerged as a crucial recommendation for better decision-making and policy development. Addressing challenges in real-time AMR surveillance, like data sharing and operator training, was a key focus. Additionally, there was an emphasis on digital systems to empower stakeholders, especially research labs, by ensuring smooth data generation and proper credit allocation. The emphasis on integrating

surveillance data into healthcare and environmental systems, along with the use of digital systems for smooth data generation and analysis, reflects a forward-thinking approach to addressing the challenges of AMR challenges surveillance, said a statement from the organiser.

Some of the prominent attendees were - Dr Kamini Walia, Senior Scientist at ICMR; Dr Anuj Sharma, NPO - Technical focal point for AMR, Labs and IPC, WHO; Dr Rakesh Mishra, Director, Tata Institute of Genetics Society; Dr (Brig.) Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Government Director, Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), among others.

## Testing, evaluation hub for sonar systems SPACE launched

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

Astate-of-the-art Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE) was inaugurated by Secretary, Department of Defence (R&D) and Chairman Defence Research and D e v e l o p m e n t Organisation(DRDO) Dr Samir Kamat Underwater Acoustic Research Facility, Kulamavu in Idukki, Kerala on Wednesday, defence ministry said here. The SPACE, set up by the Naval Physical and

Oceanographic Laboratory of DRDO, has been designed as a premier testing and evaluation hub for sonar systems destined for Indian Navy onboard various platforms including ships, submarines helicopters.

SPACE marks a The milestone in naval technology advancement. It will consist of two distinct assemblages - a platform which floats on the water surface, and a submersible platform which can be lowered to any depth up to m o 100 m using winch systems. scientific instrumentation.



operations, the submersible platform can be winched up and docked with the floating platform. The SPACE will mainly be

allowing for

completion

utilised for evaluation of complete sonar system, deployment and easy recovery of scientific packages such as sensors and transducers. It will be suitable for survey, sampling, and data collection of air, surface, mid-water, and reservoir floor parameters using

## Parties climate concerns in manifestos hollow amid no concrete steps: Experts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI** 

A midst the looming specter of climate change, political parties such as BJP Congress acknowledging the severity of the crisis and integrating it into their manifestoes as a commitment to addressing it through policy action and international cooperation. However, experts are not impressed.

They caution that while these commitments are a step in the right direction, they may fall short of meaningful action if not accompanied by concrete and substantive measures. The BJP, which released its

69-page election manifesto recently, has dedicated three pages to environment and climate issues under the section Modi Ki Guarantee for Sustainable Bharat , coming a long way from just a paragraph on environment in the 1999 Lok Sabha elections. The word climate change did not even figure in the 1999 and 2004 manifestos of the BJP, currently the world's largest political party. The Congress has allotted two for environment, pages climate, disaster management, and water and sanitation-related issues in its

2024 election manifesto.

A review of its previous Lok

shows a strong emphasis on climate change and environmental sustainability A 2022 study by the Centre for Policy Research noted that

the Congress has consistently

Sabha election manifestos

emphasized climate change environmental sustainability over the last three elections and has discussed specific steps for environmental protection, like green budgeting and the creation of an independent

authority to work on it. According to the study, while the BJP dedicates about 11 per cent of its manifesto to environmental issues, leftleaning parties generally highlight water conservation, dedicating around 12 per cent of their content environmental protection and

sustainability. Key commitments in the BJP's latest manifesto include achieving net-zero emissions by 2070, transitioning to non-

fossil fuel energy sources, improving river health. achieving national air quality standards in 60 cities, expanding tree cover, and boosting disaster resilience. The Congress has proposed setting up a fund for a green transition and achieving the net-zero goal.

However, critics highlight that some promises made in these manifestos might be symbolic rather substantive. "There have been several

cases where the government's approach to issues like forest and wildlife conservation, where policies and actions may not align with the stated commitments to address climate change. For instance, while there may be pledges to protect forests and wildlife habitats in manifestos, actual policies or actions may prioritize economic interests over environmental conservation," said a climate

change expert.



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#### **GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned, that Gold ornaments pledged with the under mentioned branches of the company under respective which have not been redeemed by the concerned customers so far in spite of repeated notices by the company, will be auctioned at the concerned branch offices of the company on Monday 29th April, 2024 as per the following details:-

A.Ajnala Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Shop no 1, Gali Bhatti Wali, Opp Muthoot Finance, Ajnala-143001. Phone- 01858-500865. Loan numbers- 127210000011710, 127210000011976, 127210000012277, 127210000012348, 127210000012384, 127210000012446, 127210000012447 (Time II-00 AM).

B.Amritsar Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Shop No. 5, Court Road, Opp Doaba Automobiles, Deep Complex, Amritsar, Phone -0183-5017723, Loan numbers - 110210000014467, 1102100000015187, 110210000015199

110210000015318 (Time 11:00 AM). C.Banur Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd. Shop No.1.Ward no.1.Near Canara Bank. Toll Barrie Chandigarh -Patiala highway, Banur-140601. Phone- 7657833313. Loan numbers- 171210000000297

D.Barnala Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd. #B12/256-257-258-259, Pukka college Road, Opp. Darbar Lal Tandon House, Barnala, Puniab, Phone -01679-500021, Loan numbers - 118210000006668, 118210000006699 118210000006786, 118210000006842, 118210000006969, 118210000006970, 118210000007007, 118210000007008, 118210000007025, 118210000007052, 118210000007080, 118210000007111, 1182100000007145, 118210000007183 118210000007190, 118210000007209, 118210000007216 (Time 11:00).

E.Bathinda Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Shop no. 3039A, Sharma complex, Power house road, Near Bus stand, Bhatinda. Phone: 01645-006340. Loan numbers- 106210000012713, 106210000013282, 106210000013284, 106210000013321, 106210000013322, 106210000013323, 106210000013413, 106210000013644 106210000013645 (Time 11:00 AM).

F.Chandigarh Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO 829-830, Sec. 22A, Chandigarh. Phone: 01725 041717. Loan numbers- 102210000014101, 102210000014476, 102210000014498, 102210000014627 (Time 11:00 AM). 6.Chandigarh Sec. 37 Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground Floor, SCO-376, Sector 37/0 Chandigarh-160036, Loan numbers- 168210000000876, 168210000001379, 168210000001582 (Time 11:00 AM). H.Derabasi Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Building No. 368, Sector 16, Gali No. 5, Adarsh Nagar

Derabasi, Punjab. Loan numbers-150210000001898, 150210000002077, 150210000002098 (Time 11:00 AM).

1. Dhuri Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Dhuri Pind Road, Near Bank Road, Opp. Icici Bank, Tehsi Dhuri, Sangrur, PUNJAB. Phone: 01675-224006. Loan numbers- 146210000001974 (Time 11:00 AM). J.Faridkot Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground Floor, M.C.no, B-6-320/1, B-6/57, Circular road

Balmiki chowk, Faridkot, Punjab. Phone: 01639-500142. Loan numbers- 121210000007439, 121210000007933 121210000008893, 121210000009031, 121210000009296 (Time 11:00 AM). K.Fatehgarh Sahib Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Jassar Complex, Jyoti Saroop Turn, Above

Central Bank of India, Sirhind Distt-Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab. Phone: 01763-510432, Loan numbers 120210000009144, 120210000009188, 120210000009233, 120210000009834, 120210000009864, 120210000009895 120210000010018, 120210000010082, 120210000010167, 120210000010224(Time 11-00 AM). L.Ferozepur Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., The Mall, Near Singla Slimming Center Ferozpur City

Punjab. Phone: 01632-503788. Loan numbers- 112210000018271, 112210000019764, 112210000019766 112210000019775, 112210000019775, 112210000019790, 112210000019859, 112210000019802 112210000019903. 112210000019921. 112210000020053. 112210000020056. 112210000020091. 112210000020193. 112210000020194, 112210000020204, 112210000026205, 112210000020284, 112210000020556 (Time 11:00 AM).

M.Ghanaur Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCF 19, Ground Floor, Grain Market, Near Punjab and Sind Bank, Ghanaur, Patiala, Punjab-140702. Phone-9875906395. Loan numbers-184210000000177, 184210000000180 184210000000468, 184210000000487, 184210000000558, 184210000000598, 184210000000650 (Time 11:00 AM).

N.Guru Har Sahai Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Old Grain Market, Opp. Hdfc Bank, Guru Harsaha Distt- Ferozepur, Punjab- 152022. Phone: 01685-291050. Loan numbers- 143210000004486, 14321000000464 143210000005152, 143210000005408, 143210000005515, 143210000005559, 143210000005561, 143210000005563 143210000005564, 143210000005586, 143210000005625, 143210000005626, 143210000005645, 143210000005741 143210000005742, 143210000005771, 143210000005781, 143210000005786, 143210000005809, 143210000006062 143210000006665, 143210000006695, 1432100000066101, 143210000006116, 1432100000066131, 143210000006150 143210000006166, 143210000006235, 143210000006314, 143210000006350, 143210000006361, 143210000006682, 143210000006683, 143210000006688, 143210000006689, 143210000006691, 143210000006692, 143210000006697 143210000006703, 143210000006704, 143210000006706, 143210000006709, 143210000006711, 143210000006715 143210000006716, 143210000006717, 143210000006726, 143210000006727, 143210000006735 (Time 11:00 AM).

O.Hoshiarpur Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Parkash complex, Govt. college chowk, Hoshiarpu Punjab- 146001. Phone: 01882-500628. Loan numbers- 164210000000974, 164210000001090, 164210000001450

P.Jaito Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Main Bazaar, near BSNL office, Jaito. Phone: 01635-502903 Loan numbers- 126210000011791, 126210000012006, 126210000013047 (Time 11:00 AM). Q.Jalalabad Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Shop no. 1471, Opp. Punjab National Bank, Jalalabad

West, Distt. Fazilka, Punjab, Phone: 01638-509700, Loan numbers- 1352100000011429, 1352100000011431 R.Khanna Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SHOP NO. B007-00640, Ground Floor, Adjoining Yes Bank

Lalheri Chowk, Main Gt Road, Khanna- 141401. Phone- 9569190113. Loan numbers- 109210000007914. 109210000007962, 109210000008069, 109210000008070, 109210000008115, 109210000008126, 109210000008139 109210000008144, 109210000008168, 109210000008249, 109210000008275 (Time 11:00 AM).

S.Kharar Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground floor, Sco No.3, Bansanwali Chungi, Opp. City Heart Chandigarh-Ludhiana Highway, Kharar 140301.Phone- 9041355575.Loan numbers- 176210000000359 176210000000450, 176210000000478, 176210000000507, 176210000000583, 176210000000859 (Time 11:00 AM). T.Lairu Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground floor, Ward no. 7, Near Axis Bank ATM, Lairu, Punjab

Phone- 9056822252.loan numbers- 205210000000022, 205210000000089, 205210000000108, 20521000000012 (Time 11:00 AM). U.Ludhiana Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO 14, 1st Floor, Green Park Avenue, Canal Colon-

Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana. Phone: 01615-026815. Loan numbers- 111210000009142, 111210000009222 111210000009408, 111210000009477, 111210000009723 (Time 11:00 AM). V.Ludhiana Samrala Chowk Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., BXXX, 4140, Beant Pura, Main

Chandigarh Road, Adjoining Hotel Nav Classic, Ludhiana. Phone- 01615-092628. Loan numbers-147210000003508, 147210000003781, 147210000004368, 147210000004395, 147210000004471, 147210000004580 147210000004676, 147210000004803, 147210000004827, 147210000004853, 147210000004874, 147210000004923, 147210000004958, 147210000004977, 147210000004992, 147210000005017, 147210000005036, 147210000005181. 147210000005203, 147210000005246, 147210000005252, 147210000005269, 147210000005279, 147210000005289 147210000005333, 147210000005338, 147210000005391, 147210000005394, 147210000005487, 147210000005555. 147210000005586, 147210000005601, 147210000005605, 147210000005625, 147210000005627, 147210000005651 147210000005668 (Time 11:00 AM). W.Malout Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Groun Floor, Fanney Khan Complex, Opp. Pnb Bank, Gt Road

Malout, Punjab- 152107. Phone: 01637-291191. Loan numbers- 157210000001717 (Time 11:00 AM). X.Hoga Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO/SCF 24, Ground Floor, Lal Bhadur Shastri Complex O

Improvement Trust, Near Axis Bank, GT Road, Moga, Phone: 01636-500143. Loan numbers- 119210000012906. 119210000013116, 119210000013118, 119210000013148, 119210000013264, 119210000013272, 119210000013333. 119210000013346, 119210000013367, 119210000013431, 119210000013464, 119210000013484, 119210000013511, 119210000013569, 119210000013644, 119210000013668, 119210000013825, 119210000013826, 119210000013837 119210000013964 (Time 11-00 AM)

Y.Mohali Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO 126, 1ST FLOOR, PHASE 7, MOHALI. Phone: 0172-5032917 Loan numbers-103210000011980, 103210000012325, 103210000012333, 103210000012477 (Time 11:00 AM).

Z.Mukatsar Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Fashion Planet, Opp. Gill Petrol Pump, Kotakoura roac Sri Mukatsar sahib, Punjab, Phone: 01633-501542. Loan numbers- 132210000010244, 132210000010446 132210000010489, 132210000010992, 132210000011002, 132210000011067, 132210000011424, 132210000011500

AA.Nabha Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pyt. Ltd., SCO 10, Ground Floor, Balrai Complex, Dr. Ambedka Axis Bank, Patiala Gate, Nabha-147201. 158210000001309 (Time 11:00 AM).

BB.Nangal Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCF 37, Railway Road, Nangal, Punjab. Phone: 01887-222800. Loan numbers- 134210000005065. 134210000005551. 134210000005924. 134210000005929. 134210000005930, 134210000005958, 134210000005993, 134210000006019, 134210000006062, 134210000006072 134210000006112, 134210000006118, 134210000006123, 134210000006153, 134210000006208, 134210000006272, 134210000006282. 134210000006401. 134210000006405 (Time 11:00 AM).

CC. Nawanshahar Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., 8-78 Lajpat complex near Rai market, Adjoining PNB Bank, Ambedkar chowk, Nawansahahr, Punjab. Phone: 0823-508929. Loan numbers- 107210000008180,

107210000008184, 107210000008312, 107210000008504, 107210000008662 (Time11:00 AM). DD.Pathankot Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Building No. 2, Ground Floor, Opp. Venice Hotel Dhangu Road, Pathankot, Punjab. Phone- 01865-082633. Loan numbers- 142210000004412, 142210000004707

142210000004840, 142210000004944(Time11:00 AM). EE.Patiala Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO-4, Opp. Income Tax Office, Leela Bhawan, Patiala Punjab, Phone: 01755-181047, Loan Numbers- 124210000007588, 124210000007863, 124210000007886

124210000007964, 124210000008033, 124210000008044, 124210000008075, 124210000008082, 124210000008097 124210000008113, 124210000008192, 124210000008333, 124210000008334, 124210000008363, 124210000008395 124210000008449, 124210000008520 (Time11:00 AM). FF.Patiala Tripuri Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Shop No.S -2A.DLF Colony, Tripuri, Patiala

Punjab-147001. Phone- 9041455585. Loan numbers- 179210000000554, 179210000000626, 179210000000885 179210000000889, 179210000000899, 179210000001085, 179210000001134, 179210000001238 (Time11:00 AM), GG.Patti Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., BUILDING NO. 672/13, Near Kiran Cinema, Adjoining Muthoo

Finance Patti Puniah Phone: 01852-291081 Loan numbers- 144210000002415 144210000002908 144210000003100, 144210000003235, 144210000003236, 144210000003237, 144210000003557, 14421000000361 (Time11:00 AM).

HH.Phagwara Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Shop no 37, Handa's city centre, Opp. Main Bus Stand, Phagwara, Phone: 01824-503664. Loan numbers- 105210000010382, 105210000010844, 105210000011024 105210000011070, 105210000011016 (Timel1-00 AM).

II.Rajpura Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., C-23, FIRST FLOOR, CALIBRE MARKET, RAJPURA, PUNJAB Phone- 01762-522749, Loan numbers- 141210000005414 (Time11:00 AM). JJ.Ropar Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO No.-24, Beant Singh Aman Nagar, Rupnagar, Punjab

Phone: 01881-505924. Loan numbers- 128210000008210, 128210000008992, 1282100000099129, 128210000009486 128210000009556, 128210000009804 (Time11:00 AM). KK. Sultanwind Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Plot no. 5. Ahadi Mahant Lachmandass, Sultanwin

Road, Amritsar- 143006. Phone: 01835-090145. Loan numbers- 137210000006360, 137210000006697, 137210000006856, 137210000006857, 13721000006858, 137210000006859, 137210000007033, 137210000007720, 137210000007039, 137210000007299, 1372100000097303, 137210000007304, 137210000007306, 13721000000734 137210000007387(Time11:00 AM).

LL.Sunder Nagar Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., #B25, 1259/11, Ground Floor, Sardar Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana, Punjah-141007, Phone: 01615-092663, Loan numbers-125210000010056, 125210000012074 125210000012469, 125210000012479, 125210000012486, 125210000012492, 125210000012503, 125210000012508,

mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Description of the Immoveable

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THE FEROZEPUR CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Ferozepur Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued

a Demand Notice on the date mentioned against accounts calling upon the borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount

The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred

on him / her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the date mentioned against account.

The borrowers / guarantors 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 the The Ferozepur Central Cooperative Bank Ltd.

for an amount of mentioned below and further interest / other charges accrued thereon. The borrower attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem

measuring 258.50 sq feet (28.72 sq. yards around), situated at Bazaar no. 4,

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MM. Talwandi Rhai Rranch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Shop no. 62. The Talwandi Rhai Co- opera Marketing Society Ltd., Old grain market, near SBI Bank, Talwandi Bhai, Punjab. Phone: 01632-382388. Loar numbers- 131210000007873, 131210000009429, 131210000009559, 131210000009566 (Time11:00 AM). NN.Zirakpur Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO 3-4, Balaji Enclave, Patiala Road, Zirakpur. Pho

0176-2509170, Loan numbers-104210000010830, 104210000011785 (Time11:00 AM). A.Ambala Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt, Ltd. #6349, Nicholson Road, Sadar Bazaar, Ambala Cant

Ambala, Haryana- 133001.Phone- 01714-014545. Loan numbers- 108210000008709, 10821000000876 108210000008917, 108210000009040, 108210000009061, 108210000009104, 108210000009113, 10821000000922 108210000009251; 108210000009257; 108210000009359; 108210000009383; 108210000009463 (Time 11:00 AM). B.Assandh Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pyt. Ltd. Safidon Road, Opp. Miglani Furniture House, Assand

Haryana. Phone -01749-277400. Loan numbers - 116210000012150, 116210000013160, 11621000001324 116210000013539, 116210000014977, 116210000015054, 116210000015077, 116210000015147, 116210000015217 116210000015260, 116210000015272, 116210000015305, 116210000015351, 116210000015359, 116210000015461 116210000015554 116210000015561 116210000015635 116210000015636 116210000015699 116210000015706 116210000015743. 116210000015749. 116210000015751. 116210000015763. 116210000015776. 116210000015792. 116210000015867, 116210000015887, 116210000015919, 116210000015930, 116210000015949, 11621000001604 116210000016125 (Time 11:00 AM).

C.Barara Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Railway Road, Barara, Near Shiv Mandir, Opp. Hp Pet Pump, Haryana, Phone: 01731-284159. Loan numbers- 149210000002513, 149210000002577, 149210 (Time 11:00 AM).

D.Cheeka Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.6B/R1, Mandi township Huda, Kaithal Road, N Axis Bank, Cheeka, Distt., Jind, Harvana-136034, Loan numbers-165210000000969 (Time 11-00 AM).

E.Dabwali Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Adjoining Central Bank Of India, Chautala Road, Man Dabwali, Haryana- 125104. Phone: 01668-223240. . Loan numbers- 145210000005239, 145210000005672 145210000005729, 145210000005807, 145210000005882, 145210000005997, 145210000006117, 145210000006118 145210000006427, 145210000006589{Time 11:00 AM).

F.Fatehabad Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Fatehabad GT Road, Near HDFC Bank, Fatehaba Haryana. Phone- 01667-221500. Loan numbers- 133210000012209, 133210000012007, 133210000011769, 133210000012114, 133210000009669, 133210000012482, 133210000012370, 133210000012474, 133210000012473 133210000012417, 133210000012357, 133210000012318, 133210000012226, 133210000012165, 133210000012125 133210000012065, 133210000012002, 133210000011956, 133210000011957, 133210000011903, 133210000011899 133210000011866, 133210000011728, 133210000011612, 133210000011598, 133210000011471, 133210000011453 133210000011327, 133210000011281(Time 11:00 AM).

G. Hisar Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pyt. Ltd., SCO-164, Ground Floor, Red Square Market, Hisar, Haryan, 125001. Phone: 01662-225021. Loan numbers- 148210000003743, 148210000004831, 148210000005249 148210000005312, 148210000005417, 148210000005495, 148210000005586, 148210000005665, 148210000005670 148210000005697, 148210000005719, 148210000005803, 148210000005874, 148210000005883, 14821000000592 148210000005979, 148210000005992, 1482100000006011, 148210000006030, 148210000006084, 14821000000610 148210000006179, 148210000006187, 148210000006251, 148210000006319, 148210000006330, 148210000006635 148210000006483, 148210000006557 (Time 11:00 AM).

H. Jakhal Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Upper Ground Floor, Goyal Complex, Patiala Road, Opp. ICIC Bank, Jakhal, Distt- Fatehabad, Haryana. Phone: 01692-252300. Loan numbers- 140210000002433 140210000002861, 140210000003073, 140210000003243, 140210000003685, 140210000003740, 140210000003849 140210000003917, 140210000003962, 140210000003994, 140210000004027, 140210000004040, 140210000004076 140210000004103, 140210000004120, 140210000004161, 140210000004181, 140210000004212, 140210000000424 140210000004255, 140210000004256 (Time 11:00 AM).

I.Jind Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCF 25, Diwan Khana Market, Near Rani Talab, Jind, Haryana Phone: 01681-257901. Loan numbers- 152210000001532, 152210000002295, 152210000002559, 15221000000258 152210000002659, 152210000002711(Time 11:00 AM).

J.Kaithal Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ambala road Kaithal, near PNB bank. Pehowa cho Kaithal. Phone: 01746-235750. Loan numbers 122210000015485, 122210000015698, 122210000015772 122210000015893, 122210000016012, 122210000016065, 122210000016077, 122210000016116, 122210000016167 122210000016242 122210000016292 122210000016300 122210000016304 122210000016308 122210000016342 122210000016350, 122210000016372, 122210000016428, 122210000016592, 122210000016712, 122210000016713 122210000016764, 122210000016813 (Time 11:00 AM).

K.Karnal Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd. IISS no. 207, sector 12, Part - 1, Onn. Muthoot Finance, Karna Phone: 01844-074101. Loan numbers- 114210000015708, 114210000016733, 114210000016817, 114210000016934 1142100000017060 114210000017157 114210000017321 114210000017334 114210000017424(Time 11-00 AM) L.Karnal Shiv Colony Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Kaithal Road Karnal, Shiv Colony, Khewat N

#1250, Khatoni #264, Karnal, Haryana- 132001, Phone: 01842-291159. Loan numbers-154210000001816, 154210000001905, 154210000001915 (Time 11:00 AM). M. Kurukshetra Branch - Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., SCO 44, Sector 17, Kurukshetra-136118. Phone: 01744

270700. Loan numbers- 115210000009032, 115210000009920, 115210000009996, 115210000010067 115210000010087, 115210000010121, 115210000010122, 115210000010211, 115210000010364, 115210000010403 115210000010444, 115210000010497, 115210000010514 (Time 11:00 AM). N.Ladwa Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Khasra No. 256/5-16, Khewat No. 543, Katatauni No. 615

Ladwa, Haryana. Phone: 01744-260525.Loan numbers- 155210000001676, 155210000001914, 15521000000205 155210000002090 (Time 11:00 AM). O.Narwana Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., DSS-18, Old Hospital, Hudda Complex, Railway Roa Narwana, Distt- Jind- Haryana. Phone: 01684-241155. Loan numbers- 161210000001918, 161210000002445

161210000002467, 161210000002548, 161210000002585, 161210000002631, 161210000003027, 16121000000308 P.Nissing Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Karnal road, Near Muthoot finance, Nissing, Harya Phone: 01745-270600. Loan numbers-117210000013043, 117210000013693, 117210000013857, 11721000001386

117210000014194, 117210000014231, 117210000014516, 117210000014561, 117210000014574 (Time11:00 AM). O.Pinjore Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd. Ground floor, Property No.194, B3, Opp. Ravidas Mandir, No. Khanna Mediclinic, Nalagarh Road, Pinjore, Haryana 134102. Phone- 9041155545. Loan numbers 174210000000704, 174210000000843, 174210000000948 (Time11:00 AM).

R.Pundri Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground Floor SCF No. 289,0pp. Bus stand, near Wal Hospital Pundri, Haryana. Phone: 01746-270701. Loan numbers- 130210000007180, 130210000007584 130210000007607, 130210000007623, 130210000007627, 130210000007635, 130210000007646, 130210000007669 130210000007681, 130210000007711, 130210000007757, 130210000007722, 130210000007779, 130210000007813, 130210000007829, 130210000007880, 130210000007929, 130210000007939, 130210000007954, 130210000007970 130210000008028, 130210000008108, 1302100000008111, 130210000008264, 130210000008294 (Time11:00 AM).

S.Rania Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground Floor, Sirsa Road, Near Bus Stand, Rania, Distt-Sirs Harvana: Phone- 01698-250531, Loan numbers- 138210000004916, 138210000005082, 138210000005463. 138210000005505, 138210000005640, 138210000006605, 138210000006665, 138210000006759, 13821000000695 138210000007154, 138210000007181, 138210000007231(Time11:00 AM).

T.Ratia Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Kewat No. 46, Khatuni 58 Bearing Khasra No. 714/1/1(3-4) Kita Village, Ratia, Distt- Fatehabad, Haryana- 125051. Phone: 01697-253200. Loan numbers- 151210000002686 151210000003100, 151210000003280, 1512100000033330, 1512100000033394, 151210000003343, 151210000003433, 151210000003516, 151210000003533, 151210000003592, 151210000003632, 151210000003648, 15121000000375 151210000003837, 151210000003990 (Time11:00 AM).

U.Rohtak Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground floor,964 A/32, Near V.K.M Senior Secondar School, Kathmandi, Rohtak, Haryana-124001. Phone- 9875906393. Loan numbers-181210000000503, 181210000000530 (Time11:00 AM).

V.Safidon Branch-Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Railway Road, Near Baluja Industry-126112, Safidon. Phon 01686- 265500, Loan numbers- 123210000007140, 123210000009710, 1232100000010150, 123210000010367 123210000010425, 123210000010664, 123210000010693, 123210000010892, 123210000011137, 123210000011212 123210000011213, 123210000011242, 123210000011349, 123210000011352 (Time 11:00 AM).

W.Shahabad Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd. SC0.353/354.G.T.Road.Near Honda Agency. Shahbad Kurukshetra, Haryana-136135. Phone-8699044434.Loan numbers- 175210000000041, 1752100000000403, 175210000000430, 175210000000460, 175210000000492, 175210000000590, 175210000000594, 1752100000000600 175210000000711, 175210000000726 (Time11:00 AM),

X.Sirsa Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd. Ground Floor, Opp. Welcome Palace, Barnala Road, Sirsa Harvana- 125055 Phone- 8699355535 Loan numbers-177210000000346, 177210000000446, 177210000000522 177210000000548,177210000000590,177210000000629 (Time11:00 AM),

Y.Tohana Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground floor, Near Rasoi Gas. Opp. Muncipal Committ Chandigarh Road, Tohana, Haryana. Phone- 01692-231771. Loan numbers- 136210000008316, 136210000009274, 136210000009449, 136210000009470, 136210000009500, 136210000009575, 136210000009600, 1362100000096 136210000009809.136210000009857(Time11:00 AM).

Z.Bahadurgarh Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground floor, Metro Pillar No.840, Saini Marke n, Near ICICI Bank, Bahadurgarh, Haryana - 124507, Phone: 9875973305., Loan number 193210000000020, 193210000000023, 193210000000032, 193210000000088, 193210000000080, 193210000000084 193210000000098, 193210000000104, 193210000000109, 193210000000135, 193210000000155, 1932100000001

193210000000196, 193210000000204, 193210000000219, 19321000000265, 193210000000277 (Time 11:00 AM). AA.Faridabad Sec 34 Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground floor, SCF 7,Sector 34,Faridaban 121003, Haryana. Phone- 8544833393. Loan numbers- 19621000000036. 196210000000040. 196210000000004

BB.Hodal Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd, Shop No.1003-1002/2, Ground floor, Near Goyal Nur

Home, Old G.T. Road, Anaaz Mandi, Hodal, Harvana, Phone- 8284833393, Loan numbers- 189210000000000 189210000000067, 189210000000073, 189210000000074, 189210000000081, 189210000000140, 18921000000014 189210000000146, 189210000000202, 189210000000217, 189210000000225, 189210000000235, 189210000000238 189210000000240, 189210000000245, 189210000000252, 189210000000266 (Time 11:00 AM).

CC.Jawahar Colony Branch- Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd., Ground Floor, 11/18, Jawahar colo Faridabad, Harvana, Phone-81462333393, Loan numbers-195210000000059 (Time 11:00 AM). It may please be noted that if the auction does not get completed on the above stated day due to any reason, the same will be conducted on **6th Hay 2024** at the same place and time without any further notice. Note: Concerned customers can get the groaments released before the auction date.

Note: Paul Merchants Finance Private Limited, on its sole discretion has the authority to remove any of the ornaments under any loan account from the auction list without prior information Note: Bidders are requested to produce Identity Card. PAN Card & TIN Number in case of registered dealer

Successful bidder shall be requested to transfer the full auction amount to the company by RTGS/any oth permitted mode immediately.

> Authorized Signator Paul Merchants Finance Pvt. Ltd.

For any clarification regarding the above notice, please contact at 0172-5041717 or the concerned branch

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#### **Public Notice**

This is to inform that I Sunder Singh S/O Satbir Singh, 1174/24, Bhatnagar Colony Rohtak Road Gali No. 12, Jind-126102 Registry Deed No. 2030 dated 19.07.2000 which is in the name of Guddi wife Satbir, these documents got lost somewhere in Bhatnagar Colony while changing house on Dated 1.11.2023, after investigation, we lodged the DDR No. 132300112400855 with the police. The above has been registered. If anyone finds it, please contact the above address/9817313550.

#### Public Notice

It is informed to General Public that Sh. Surender Kuma S/o Sh. Ram Kumar has lost his previous Transfer deed no. 7111 dated 09.03.2016 for Property i.e. Property having MCH unit no. 2582/14, having Old Property id no. 14-08-2582, New Property id no. 3GJCP483, measuring 171.70 Sq. Yards. Situated at Vishawkarma Colony Near Kali Devi Road, Hansi, Tehsil Hansi Distt, Hisar, 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)

NAME CHANGE I, Sahil S/o Sh. Rajesh R/o H.No. 3018, W.No. 34, Shri Ram Nagar, Rohtak I have change my name from Sahil to Vinesh for all future purposes.

आवश्यक सूचना नगर परिषद गोहाना के प्रोपर्टी टैक्स रिकार्ड के अनुसार वर्तम में PUID No. 3FWKER55 वार्ड नं0, पर श्री N/A पुत्र/प श्री N/A के नाम पर दर्ज है। अब इस प्रोपर्टी आईडी पर अ ाम पर दर्ज करवाने के लिये. निवासी वार्ड नं 11 गोहाना कि नाम पर दन करवान के रिल्प, मन्त्रासा वाड + 1.1 गाहाना जिला 8684811800 ने इस कार्यालय में अपना आवेदन पत्र, स्वच का मृत्यु प्रमाण पत्र व तहसीलदार गोहाना द्वारा सोनीपत, मोबाईल ब्री/ब्रीमाति नं खरीतो पुत्र गेला राम तसदीक 'सल्यापित वारिस्मा रिपोर्ट तथा अन्य आवस्यक स्त्तावेज सहित प्रस्तुत किया है। अत: आम जन साधारण को इस नोटिस के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि इस प्रोपर्टी आईडी पर उपरोक्त कथा जाता है। के भाद इस अपना आइडा पर उपराक्ष गावेदकाआवेदकों का नाम दर्ज करने पर कोई एतराजआपित हैं गो वह इस नोटिस प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर अन्दर गारप्रियद कार्यालय गोहाना में अपना एतराजाआपित मय स्तावेजी सबूतों सहित प्रस्तुत करें। अन्यथा नोटिस अव ज़रने के बाद PUID No. 3FWKER55 पर उपर . आवेदकों का नाम 1. हंसराज 2.कृष्णा चावला 3. सीमा देश 1.प्रिति 5. जिया 6. मनन दर्ज कर दिया जायेगा। जिसके उपरा-ार परिषद गोहाना की किसी प्रकार की कोई जिम्मेवारी कार्यकारी अधिकारी /प्रचित

LOST / FOUND Notice is hereby given that Share Certificate of in respect of Membership No. 2258, Piot No 74 in Sector F, Ajitgarh Colony, Zirakpur Patiala Road , SAS Nagar Punjab issued in favour of Gurbaksh Singh (Old Membership No. 281) and further transferred in the name of Mr. Abhishek S/o Sarvan Kumar R/o Village Devinagar, Sector 3, Panchkula, Haryana & Mrs. Sunita W/o Mr. Sharwan Kumar R/o House Bou 1855, Mauil Jagran Complex, Chandigarh by The Panchsheel Cooperative House Building Society Limited has been lost / misplaced at Zirakpur and the same is not traceable. We, Abhishek & Sunita not traceable. We, Abhishek & Sunita not uraceable. is not traceable. We, Abhishek & Sunita now Current Owner have made a police complaint on dated 15-04-2024 at Community Policing Wing, Punjab vide report/ diary no / LR No. 459193/2024 and have now applied to The Panchsheel Cooperative House Building Society Limited for issuance of certified duplicate copy of Share Certificate. If anyone has any objection / claim over the same, they are requested to file an objection against the same to the secretary, The Panchsheel Cooperative House Building Society Limited, House No. 110, Telephone Exchange Colony, Zirakpur, Punjab – 140603 within 15 days of publication of this notice. Exchange Colony, Zirakpur, Punjab - 140 within 15 days of publication of this notice.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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1, Savith Dev in respect of property i.e., Plot no. 13, Area Measuring 250 sq. yds Out of Kille no. 209/10 and Plot bearing No. 13, area measuring- 300 Sq. yds., Out of Killa No. 209/10, Bohar Rothlak Tohsil and District Rothlak. I Have lost Sale Deed dated 05.10.1972 anywhere in Rothlak. A DDR also registered at Rothlak. I also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit not said properly. If anybody found and any concern with in this property, please contact Advocate Bhupander Kumar, Ph. no. 8295849981 # 1591, SECTOR 16-17, HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sheela Devi Wio Late Sh. quiab Singh R/o Sant Kabir
Nagar, Near Kabir Ashram, Kalupur, Sonipat declares
that I am a permanent resident of the above address.
That my husband Late Sh. Culub Singh passed away on
07.08.2018. After the death of my husband Late Sh. Sulab Singh, his heirs are Ashish Kumar (Son), Ravi Kumar (Son), Maniu (Daughter) and Sheela (Wife), That the death of my husband's inheritance be registered and approved in the name of the above mentioned heirs.

Apart from the above, if any other heir of my husband Late Sh. Gulab Singh is found, then I myself will be responsible for the same. Deponent Sheela Devi

#### LOST & FOUND This is to inform that Power of Attorney

("POA") issued to Mr. Anurag Dhamija Employee ID 43968 by Axis Bank Limited has been lost on 15.11.2023 at Sri Hargobindpur. It is hereby cautioned that any misuse of the said POA w.e.f. 15.11.2023 shall not be binding on Bank and anybody who is in possession of POA should return it to the Axis Bank, Corporate Office:- 7th Floor, BBO Department Axis House, Wadia International Center, P.B. Marg, Worli, Mumbai 400025

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I. Charul D/o Piare Lal Bhoria R/o # 940 C, Housing Board Colony Himshikha, Pinjore, Distt Panchkula, Haryana. declare that my Original 10<sup>th</sup> Passed Certificate, index No. T/7065/012 (ICSE Board) of passed out year in 2006 from St. Xavier's High School, Panchkula has been lost. If anyone find, please Contact at the above mentioned address or Call us 99253-06076

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विषय- प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. 3RV9WJB2 (SRS/B07/0734)

तसदीक रिपोर्ट बाबत वारसान तथा मृत्यु प्रमाण पत्र (गुरदास चंद) सलंग्न करके वर्णित यूनिट को उक्त मृतक के वारसान (1) Smt.

आई.डी. SRS/B02/143 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3RTPOCM5 जो कि श्रीमान मेघ राज जैन, सभाष अमृत लाल पुत्र श्री श्रीराम जैन निवासी सिरसा के नाम दर्ज है। यह है कि श्रीमान मेघ राज जैन जी का र्गवास दिनांक 25/10/2017 को हो चुका है व इनके पिता श्रीराम जैन एवं माता श्रीमती राज रानी का स्वर्गवास भी काफी अरसा दराज पहले हो चुका है। यह है कि इनके वर्गवास के उपरांत रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार एस. आर. एस .सिरसा के अनुसार मेघराज जैन के वारसान 1- जनक रानी विधवा 2- मनीषा जैन पुत्री 3- सुधीर जैन पुत्र श्री मेघ राज जैन निवासीगण सिरसा के नाम प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड में तब्दील करने हेतु अनुरोध किया है। सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी.

पब्लिक नोटिस

गवाchanda (Daughter) (4) Suman Sachdeva (5), Parveen, Kumar (Son) of late Shri ad के नाम प्रीपटी टैक्स रिकार्ड में तबदील करने हेत् SRS/B02/143 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3RTPQCM5 में इस नाम तबदीली पर किसी आम व अनुराध कथा है। अतः इस प्रकाशन के माध्यम से सृचित जाता है कि यदि प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. 3RV9WJB2 (SRS/B07/0734) वाक्या मोहहल राजपूताना सिरसा में उक्त नाम तबदीली पर किसी आम व खास को कोई खास को कोई एतराज हो तो वह नोटिस प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अंदर अंदर इस कार्यालय में हाजिर असलतान व वकालतन अपना पक्ष पेश करें । अन्यथा बाद गुजरने राज हो तो वह नोटिस प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर अन्दर इस मियाद उपरोक्त युनिट मृताबिक प्रस्तुत दस्तावेजों के ायांलय में हाजिर असलतान व वकालतान अपना पश्च पेश करे आधार मृतकान के वारसान के नाम केवल प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स अन्यथा बाद गुजरने मियाद उपरोक्त यूनिट मुताबिक प्रस्तुत दस्तीवजों के अन्यथा बाद गुजरने मियाद उपरोक्त यूनिट मुताबिक प्रस्तुत दस्तीवजों के आधार मुतकान के वारसान के नाम केवल प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स वसूली हेतु तबदील कर दिया जावेगा, इसमें नगरपरिषद, सिरस्सा की कोई जिम्मेवारी वसली हेत तबदील कर दिया जावेगा । इसमें नगर परिषद सचिव / कार्यकारी अधिकारी नगरपरिषद, सिरस सचिव / कार्यकारी अधिकारी नगरपरिषद, सिरसा

memo No. 1640-41 dated 31.01.1994 in favour of Sh. Sohan Lal S/o Sh. Munshi Ram R/o VPO Khabra Kalan District Hisar. Therefore said plot/house was sold by Sohan Lal S/o Sh. Munshi Ram in the name of Smt. Sharda W/o Sh. Ravi Chauhan through sale deed vasika No. 5947 dated 12.09.2005. Now the above mentioned plot is to be transferred in favour o above name Smt. Sharda W/o Sh. Ravi Chauhan R/o H. No. 933, Sector 15A, Hisar on the basis of above said documents and being legal heir. In case any person having any claim, right, title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever shall bring the same to the notice of the Estate Officer, HSVP Hisa n writing with supporting documents/ evidence withi a period 30 days from the date of this notice failing waived, abandoned and it shall be presumed that no person has any claim of any nature in respect of the above said plot and any subsequent claim shall not be binding in any manner whatsoever and the plot will be transferred in the name of applicant after completion

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES DRAW TIME: 06:00 I AW DATE: 17/04/2024

(Seller Prize Amount Rs.500/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10500/- each) 2549

4512 5044 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) 2339 2867 4350 6532 7002 8021 8463 5th Prize Amount (2000)Rs.100/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )

Kindly Check The Final Result With Official Gazette Notification

#### सार्वजनिक सचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, हिसार क गहकर शास्त्रा के संपति रिकार्ड में प्रोपर्टी आईडी संस्य 1DFQFJ55/ P01700790148 जो कि मकान, किशनदत्त, जगतार बाग, नजदीक 12 क्वार्टर पुलिस चौकी हिसा में स्थित है जो स्व. शकुंतला देवी पत्नी स्व. श्री अशोक कुमार व नाम दर्ज है जिनका दिनांक 17.06.2020 को देहानत हो चुका है शकतला देवी के देहान्त के उपरान्त उपरोक्त प्रोपर्टी में विरेन्द्र कुम पुत्र स्व. श्री अशोक कुमार पुत्र स्व. श्री वेद प्रकाश है। उपरोव . बारसान के अलावा अन्य कोई दिगर वारिस स्व. शक्तला देवी व ना है। वारसान ने प्रोपर्टी को अपने नाम तबदील करवाने के लि नगर निगम में आवेदन किया है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण उपरोक्त पोपर्टी तबदील करने में कोई आपित हो तो 30 दिन व अन्दर अन्दर निगम कार्यालय में आपति दर्ज करवा सकता अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी उक्त वारसान के नाम कर दी जाएगी। प्रार्थी :- विरेन्द्र कुमार पुत्र स्व. श्री अशोक कुम

पत्र स्व. श्री वेद प्रकाश। नगर निगम, हिसार

I Paras Punia Proprietor of Primegic Financial Solutions SCO- 379, Top Floor, Sector-37D, Chandigarh have lost my Kotak Mahindra Bank ID card in the name of Mohit Id Card No. RA15893, Police complaint vide DDR No. 2024/006832 dated 06-03-2024. If anyone finds Please call 9988591049

I Paras Punia Proprietor of Primegic Financial Solutions SCO- 379, Top Floor, Sector-37D, Chandigarh have lost my Kotak Mahindra Bank ID card in the name of Shivam Id Card No. RA15069, Police complaint vide DDR No. 2024/008483 dated 20-03-2024. If anyone finds Please call 9988591049

I Paras Punia Proprietor of Primegic Financial Solutions SCO- 379, Top Floor, Sector-37D, Chandigarh have lost my Kotak Mahindra Bank ID card in the name of Simranieet Kaur Id Card No. RA15070. Police complaint vide DDR No. 2024/008480 dated 20-03-2024. If anyone finds Please call 9988591049

#### सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन- साधारण को सूचित किय जाता है कि अजय गौड निवासी म.न. 1067, सैक्टर-9, अम्बाला शहर से मृतक स्वर्गीय आनन्द माया शर्मा के कानूनी वारिस की रिपोंट जारी करने हेतू एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस नार्यालय् में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलंग्न हल्फनामों व रिपोर्ट नगरपार्षद व अधीक्षक नगर निगम, अंबाल अनुसार मृतक आनन्द माया शर्मा के निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस है:-1. ममता कौशिक -पुत्री 2. बसंत कुमार शर्मा-पुत्र 3. किरण शर्मा -पुत्री 4. रेखा -पुत्री 5. पूनम गौड़-पुत्री 6. योगित्। गौड-पुत्री 7. अजय गौड-पुत्र। यदि इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपित है, तो वह तहसीलदार,अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिकेशन के 30 दिन के अंदर-2 आपित दर्ज करवा सकता है। यदि प्राथी द्वारा दी गई सूचना किसी भी समय गलत पार्ड जाती है तो पार्थी भारतीय दंड संहिता की धारा 177 व अन्य गड़ जाता है जा अन्य जाता है। संबंधित कानूनों के तहत दंड का भागी होगा। हहसीलदर, अंबला प्रहर

#### COMMAND MILITARY DENTAL CENTRE (WC) CHANDIMANDIR

DENTAL CENTRE TO BE RUN AS PER GUIDELINES OF MINISTRY OF DEFENCE The regimental shops as given below are available at CMDC (WC)

Chandimandir to be run as per Ministry of Defence guidelines.

CMDC (WC) Cafeteria & Beverage Shop

Application be forwarded to Command, Command Military Dental Centre

(Western Command) Chandimandir

placed at the Reception of Command Military Dental Centre (WC). Last date of accepting application: 02 May 2024

Note: -1. Only applications of war widows/widows of Defence personnel killed

2. Bidder must comply with latest rules, policies guidelines, which are in vogue.

they are bidding for. 4. Format of application, terms and conditions as well as Ministry of

5. The experience for each shop should be as per the below given requirement:-

educational institute where there is a footfall of 200 to 250 people. (b) Decision of management committee will be final.

7. The List of items to be sold along with the rate will be approved by

#### Aakarshan College of Education N H Narot Jaimal Singh Pathankot

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Invites online applications for the post of Principal on regular basis. (aakarshancollege@yahoo.co.in). Qualification & Grade as per UGC/NCTE/Punjab Govt. GNDU norms. Reservation Policy will be as per Punjab Govt. rules. Candidates must submit online application within 15 days from the date of



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, MC International, The Mall, Mall

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	
1.	M/s Chopra Associates (087805000055 & 087855000001) Anju Chopra, Kashish Chopra and Manisha ghai (Legal heirs, Guarantor), Chopra associate (Applicant)	Residential House- Khasra No- 14//6/2(6-6), Bearing Wasika No-1182, Near Jaggi Interlock Tile Factory Ward No-9 Mastgarh Colont Vpo Tanda Tehsii Dasua Hoshiarpur Punjab, Land Area Of The Property Is 2720 Sq Feet And Built-up Area Is 3392 Sq Feet	Rs. 71,77, 936.07/- as on April 02, 2024	Rs. 35,00, 000/- Rs. 3,50, 000/-	May 10, 2024 from 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	May 15, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	

May 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before May 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, MC International, The Mall, Mall Road Amritsar- 143001 on or before May 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Amritsar.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** The general public is hereby informed that Plot/Hous 933 Sector 15A. Hisar was reallotted vide this office

Sd. Estate Officer, HSVP, Hisar

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 SILVER WEDNESDAY WEEKLY LOTTER

MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket

1st Prize Amount (10)Rs.10,000/-,Common to all series (On last 4 digits )

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) 6079

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)
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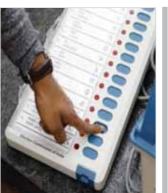
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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

## **SC** votes for EVMs

The apex court has summarily rejected the idea of reverting to ballot papers for registering votes

neneral elections would be held through Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) as The Supreme Court has voiced its disapproval of criticism directed towards them; it has summarily dismissed the idea of reverting to ballot papers. This statement comes amid debates regarding the reliability of EVMs. Many Opposition leaders have publicly expressed scepticism regarding the accuracy of EVM results, citing concerns of tampering and the potential undermining of the democratic process. The Supreme Court's stance underscores the need for a pragmatic approach towards electoral reforms, balancing concerns of transparency and efficiency in democratic practices. The use of EVMs in elections has been a subject of contention since its introduction in India in the 1990s by the Congress Government. While proponents argue for its efficiency, accuracy and ability to streamline the voting process, critics raise concerns over potential vulnerabilities to tampering, hacking and manipulation. These concerns have fuelled



calls for a return to traditional paper ballots, perceived by some as a more secure and transparent method of voting. However, the Supreme Court's recent remarks shed light on the practical challenges associated with such a regression. The transition from paper ballots to EVMs was a significant leap forward in the electoral process. Reverting to paper ballots would not only be a step back in terms of technology but also pose logistical challenges in managing large-scale elections in a country as populous as India.

The Supreme Court is right in its stand as replacing EVMs with paper ballots will be a humongous exercise. However, there is a middle ground called VVPAT

— the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). A tangible link between electronic voting and the traditional paper ballot system, it provides voters with the opportunity to verify their vote by displaying a paper slip containing the chosen candidate's name and symbol. A little tweaking of the system to collect paper slips with the candidate's name the voter voted for and counted along with the electronic votes would go a long way in making the system transparent. Critics of EVMs have often pointed to instances of alleged tampering and discrepancies in election results. While these concerns merit attention, it is essential to distinguish between genuine issues and unsubstantiated claims driven by political agendas. The integrity of the electoral process is paramount, and any allegations of malpractice should be thoroughly investigated and addressed. Perception plays a crucial role in shaping the legitimacy of election outcomes, and measures to strengthen transparency and accountability are essential. Rather than advocating for a wholesale rejection of technological advancements, the focus should be on enhancing the security, transparency and accountability of the electoral process. Making VVPAT counting and matching mandatory would indeed go a long way in clearing the doubts about the EVMs.



National Cadet Corps perform a drill during their 10-day summer season camp at Nagrota, in Jammu

## Showdown in Karnataka



As Karnataka braces for the Lok Sabha elections, the political arena is set for a fierce clash between the Congress and the BJP-JD(S) alliance

he Lok Sabha elections are coming up in Karnataka and will be held in 28 constituencies on April 26 and May 7. The Congress party and the BJP-JD(S) alliance will compete to win voters' support. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has visited the State multiple times to campaign for BJP candidates. BJP has the support of former chief minister Yediyurappa, who is widespread among the Lingayat community and is a significant vote bank in the State. These elections are crucial for Karnataka's future and mark a pivotal moment in its his-

Karnataka has been a stronghold of Congress for many years. It supported Prime Minister Indira Gandhi even after the Emergency, is a testament to its political significance. This historical significance is evident from the victories of Indira Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi, who both won seats in Karnataka for the Congress party.

These elections are not just a contest but a high-stakes battle between Congress, BJP and the Bharatiya Janata Party-Janata Dal (Secular) alliance. They symbolise the BJP's re-entry into Karnataka's political landscape. The election could shift policy priorities and governance style, potentially impacting various sectors of the State's economy and society. The results will have significant consequences for people's lives, making their participation and understanding of the

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) seeks to emerge victorious in the upcoming Karnataka elections to solidify its regional dominance in the South, enhance its standing in national politics and extend its sphere of influence in southern India. In contrast, the Indian National Congress is committed to protecting its Government in the State. At the same time, the Janata Dal (Secular) [JD(S)] endeavours to survive in a highly competitive political climate. In essence, JD(S) is striving to attain political longevity.

The BJP's campaign in Karnataka centres around PM Modi's achievements and Congress's fail-

ures. It targets two influential communities, the Lingayats and Vokkaligas, who are crucial to its electoral strategy. The Lingayats, being a dominant community in the State, have traditionally supported

In contrast, the Vokkaligas, another influential community, has been a JD (S) stronghold. Winning over these communities is crucial for the BJP's electoral success. The BJP faces some local con-

flicts. For the first time since 2014, the party has had an open rebellion. The reason for this is the BJP-JDS alliance, which has yet to be well received. The Congress, too, has its rebel candidates. Congress is targeting SCs, STs and Muslims in Karnataka.

The Congress Government implemented five essential poll guarantees promised last year, which included free bus rides for women, increased funding for education and job creation. These promises were designed to address specific concerns of the region's voters and reflect the party's commitment to social wellare and economic development. Three pre-poll surveys by Edina, News 18 and India Today Group predict con-



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flicting results for Karnataka's upcoming elections. Edina predicts Congress will win 17 seats and the BJP-JDS alliance will bag 11. News 18 forecasts NDA will win 25 seats, Congress only 3. India Today Group predicts NDA will win 24 seats with a 53 per cent vote share. The INDIA alliance, a regional party alliance, is expected to secure only four seats with a 42 per cent vote share. These surveys provide a snapshot of the current political landscape.

They can help readers gauge the potential outcomes of the election. There is a significant shift from the 2019 polls when Congress and JD(S) were allies. The BJP aims to secure the Vokkaliga vote in Old Mysore and tilt the election in their favour. The Vokkaligas, a dominant community in the Old Mysore region, have traditionally supported the JD (S). The BJP's strategy to win over this community involves a combination of caste-based outreach, promises of development and highlighting the failures of the JD 6) Government. II successiul, this strategy could significantly impact the election outcome and the State's political landscape.

The BJP has fielded a top cardiologist, a member of the Mysuru royal family and an ex-chief Minister among its candidates. It has also fielded some new faces. The Congress has many ministers' relatives and these candidates can impact the result.

Since the BJP formed its first Government in 2008, the 'toppling game has been ongoing. Money and positions often play a significant role in luring legislators to shift loyalties, adding another layer of complexity to the State's political landscape. Both parties are willing to spend money.

The upcoming election in the State poses a decision for voters. They must choose between supporting the Congress party they previously elected in the Assembly polls or the BJP, which had held power earlier. While some may prefer the Congress, the BJP still has a loyal following. Suppose the voters choose to reject the BJP. In that case, it'll signify that the political party's access to the South has been closed, at least temporarily and the return of Congress is on the right track.

, (The writer is a popular columnist; views are personal)

## The new age of quantum technology



DHARMAPALAN

The scientific community celebrated April 14 as World Quantum Day to raise awareness of quantum science's impact across diverse fields

**¬**he world of science is on the cusp of a transformative era driven by the burgeoning field of quantum technology. Quantum science is founded on several key principles that underpin the behaviour of particles and systems at the quantum scale.

The term "quantum scale" refers to the realm of physics that deals with phenomena occurring at very small scales, typically at the level of atoms, subatomic particles and fundamental particles. It encompasses the principles of quantum mechanics, which govern the behaviour of particles and systems at these tiny dimensions. At the heart of quantum technology lies the principles of quantum mechanics, a branch of physics that describes the behaviour of particles at the smallest scales. Quantum mechanics introduces uncertainty and the notion of superposition, where particles can exist in multiple States simultaneously. Furthermore, entanglement, another fundamental quantum phenomenon, links the properties of particles regardless of dis-

tance, enabling instantaneous

communication between them. These counterintuitive

phenomena, once relegated to the realm of theory, are now being harnessed to create groundbreaking technologies with the potential to revolutionise numerous fields. India has a long and rich history in quantum science. Pioneering work by Satyendra Nath Bose on quantum statistics laid the groundwork for many modern quantum technologies, including Bose-Einstein condensation, quantum superconductivity and quantum information theory.

Over the past few decades, advancements in quantum science have surged, laying the groundwork for a new era characterised by unparalleled computational power, secure communication and transformative applications across various sectors. One of the most captivating applications of quantum mechanics is the

development of quantum computers. These machines leverage the power of superposition to perform calculations exponentially faster than traditional computers. By manipulating qubits (quantum bits) that can be 0, 1, or both simultaneously, quantum computers can explore a vast array of possibilities con-currently. This unparalleled processing power holds immense promise for drug discovery, where simulating complex molecules can accelerate the development of lifesaving medications.

Another revolutionary application of quantum technology is in secure communication. Quantum key distribution (QKD) utilises the principles of quantum mechanics to establish secure cryptographic keys between parties. By encoding information into the quantum States of particles and leveraging entanglement properties, QKD ensures that any attempt to intercept or eavesdrop on the communication would disturb the quantum State, thereby alerting the parties

involved. Quantum cryptography safeguards sensitive information

in critical areas like financial transactions, national security communications and protecting intellectual property. By exploiting the extreme sensitivity of quantum systems to minute changes, scientists are developing sensors capable of detecting the subtlest variations in magnetic fields, gravity and temperature. This has profound implications for medical imaging, where ultra-high-resolution MRIs can provide detailed analyses of tissues and organs, aiding in early disease detection and personalised medicine. In navigation, quantum sensors can lead to more precise GPS and navigation systems, which are crucial for autonomous vehicles and various scientific endeavours. The Government of India, under the Department of Science and Technology, has initiated the National Quantum Mission (NQM), which aims to harness the transformative potential of quantum technology to address national challenges and foster innovation. (The writer is an adjunct

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#### **MEDICAL SUPPLIES SCANDAL**

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Delhi Government's Vigilance Department Exposes Kejriwal", published on April 16, this is my response. Recent revelations concerning irregularities in medical procurement by the AAP-led Delhi Government raise serious concerns. The findings of the Vigilance Department indicate a pattern of favouritism towards specific individuals and companies during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in significant losses for the Government. The involvement of high-ranking officials, including the Health Minister's OSD RN Das, in managing tenders to benefit particular entities is troubling.

The exploitation of the pandemic crisis to swindle funds from the public exchequer is deplorable. The notice's assertion that procurement procedures were blatantly ignored, coupled with allegations of cartelisation among suppliers, paints a grim picture of corruption within the health department. The revelation that certain companies, allegedly linked to influential individuals, secured lucrative contracts further deepens suspicions of foul play. While the AAP-led Delhi Government dismisses the allegations as baseless, the call for accountability is paramount. Swift and transparent investigations are necessary to restore public trust and ensure such egregious malpractices are rooted out effective-

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#### **NATO'S EVOLVING CHALLENGES**

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Challenges galore for NATO@75", published on April 16, this is my response. NATO, an alliance born in the aftermath of World War II, faces a multitude of challenges as it marks its 75th anniversary. Criticism from within Europe, coupled with the rise of right-wing nationalism, underscores the need for NATO to adapt. Its traditional focus on military might must now contend with non-traditional threats

like cyber warfare and terrorism. Moreover, NATO's credibility is under mango consumption. Nutrition is the

## The power of young citizens



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** 

propos the news article. "A call to vote responsibly beyond party lines", published on April 16, this is my response. India's youthful population wields immense power through their vote, a power intrinsically tied to responsibility. As we step into adulthood, we're not just celebrating a milestone but embracing a civic duty to shape the nation's

future. The call is clear: transcend party lines and scrutinise progress objectively. Our nation's trajectory demands introspection—are we advancing equitably? Are policies benefiting all strata of society?

The electoral process is our mechanism for accountability, a tool to measure leadership against promises made. Infrastructure, industry, healthcare, education—these sectors reflect our collective welfare. As citizens, we must assess policies impartially, ensuring transparency and inclusivity. Our vote signifies unity, transcending divisive lines for the greater good. Informed decision-making isn't just a privilege but a necessity. Our diverse nation thrives when every voice is heard and every concern addressed. Let's harness the power of our vote to pave the path towards a stronger, more inclu-

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scrutiny due to perceptions of American hegemony and its military interventions worldwide. The proposed aid package to Ukraine highlights NATO's role in geopolitical tensions, particularly concerning Russia. However, India's rejection of a US offer to join NATO signals a broader reluctance among nations to align too closely with Western military alliances. As NATO faces an uncertain future, navigating the complexities of global power dynamics will require strategic reforms and a renewed commitment to its founding principles of

security and cooperation. Aryan Kant | Sonipat

#### **MENTAL IMPACT OF NUTRITION**

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Mangoes are nature's antidepressants", published on April 15, this is my response. Poor nutrition doesn't just affect our bodies—it deeply impacts our mental wellbeing too. In an insightful exploration by Rajdeep Joshi, the link between nutrition and mental health is emphasised, with a focus on the often overlooked benefits of

cornerstone of good health and its deficiency is intertwined with mental health issues like depression and anxiety. While various factors contribute to depression, nutritional imbalances are often sidelined. Key vitamins and minerals play pivotal roles in managing psychological wellbeing, influencing optimal brain function and stress levels.

Mangoes emerge as natural mood enhancers, packed with serotonin-boosting tryptophan and vital minerals like potassium and magnesium. Incorporating mangoes into our diet not only promotes physical health but also aids in relieving nervous tension and improving mood. The recipe provided, a nutritious mango salad, offers a delicious way to harness the mental wellness benefits of mangoes, blending their goodness with other wholesome ingredients. It's a flavorful reminder that what we eat profoundly impacts not just our bodies, but our minds too.

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## **FIRST COLUMN**

## **SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

To return to a life of harmony with nature, we need to realise our spiritual identity



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few centuries ago no one worried about climate change, because there was no reason to do so. But as humans extracted more from nature and dumped an increasing amount of waste, including highly toxic substances, on it, the ecological balance began to get disrupted. This process has accelerated over the centuries and brought us to the present situation where, according to some experts, the entire human race faces extinction shortly.

Climate change and global warming are sometimes thought of as things that will happen in the future. But scientists are finding increasing evidence that the planet is changing now - and that people must take a large share of the blame for this phenomenon. They further explain that excessive carbon emissions through industrial and vehicular pollution, use of CFCs and plundering of forests and natural resources have depleted the ozone layer. This has trapped more and more solar radiation inside the earth's atmosphere. As a result, the earth is heating up which has begun to trigger a chain of natural upheavals like floods, earthquakes, tsunamis and landslides in recent times.

To prevent such an eventuality, humans need to work on themselves. Man does not need to master nature. The human soul is the master of all that is material. It is when the soul begins to identify itself with the body that it comes under the influence of matter and vices. In the Golden and Silver Ages, when all human souls had self-awareness and divine qualities, nature was their obedient servant. The elements of nature made life pleasant in that era, which is remembered in religious texts as paradise or heaven



Because the divine beings of that world were free of vices, they never exploited or despoiled nature. Instead of having to be environment-friendly, they had a truly friendly environment. They were friends not only to their fellow beings but also to all matter. This State of affairs continued till the beginning of the Copper Age when the souls forgot who they were and began to come under the influence of the body and the vices. They then began to exploit natural resources, gradually harming the environment. In return, nature too ceased to obey souls who had lost mastery over themselves. As the influence of the vices grew, so did the plunder of nature and what was once a harmonious relationship turned more into one between an exploiter and the exploited

The Prime Minister of India in his speech at the UN said "We can achieve the same level of development, prosperity and well-being without necessarily going down the path of reckless consumption. It doesn't mean that economies will suffer; it will mean that our economies will take on a different character. For us in India, respect for nature is an integral part of spiritualism. We treat nature's bounties as sacred. Yoga is an invaluable gift of our ancient tradition. Yoga embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; and a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and nature. By changing our lifestyle and creating consciousness, it can help us deal with climate change.

Now, if we wish to go back from the brink and return to a life of harmony with nature, we need to realise our spiritual identity and values. Such awareness will make us naturally eco-friendly and send out a positive energy that will bring the elements of nature into harmony with us again. If a critical mass of humans begin to live with this spiritual awareness, nature will by itself become our friend and humanity will look at a golden instead of a doubtful future.

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# The roots of Wahhabi extremism



The world reels under the grip of Wahhabi terrorism, orchestrated by Saudi rulers with Zionist affiliations, masquerading behind a façade of Islam



oday entire world is gripped in the clutches of Wahhabi terrorism spearheaded by Zionist Saudi rulers, wearing the cloak of pseudo-Islam, who are hiding their faith in Judaism. All terrorist organisations, such as Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Lashkar e Taiyaba, Lashkar e Jhangvi, etc; follow the ideology of Wahhabism, a newly created cult of Saudi rulers, the pseudo-Muslims.

The activities of this cult can be best explained through the words of renowned British historian Charles Allen, who in his book, God's Terrorists -The Wahhabi Cult and the Hidden Roots of Modern Jihad, writes, Wahhabi is a guiding ideology behind modern Islamist terrorism. In the 18th century, a violently intolerant re-interpretation of Islam took root in the Arabian desert. Its followers became nown after their founder Muhammad Najdi ibn Abd-al Wahhab), as Wahhabi. The creed was then exported to India and its north-west frontier

Afghanistan.' Sheikh Najdi was born in 1702, in the desert of Najd, a rocky plateau of the Arabian Peninsula. About Najd, Charles Allen writes, "Indeed for many Arabs, Najd had only negative associations. There was a popular saying that 'Nothing good never came out of Najd' and it was related in the Hadith that the Prophet had three times been called upon to ask God to bless Najd and had three times been called upon to ask God to bless Naid and had three times refused, answering on the third occasion, Earthquakes and dissension are there and there shall arise the horn of Satan.' In the years following the ministry of Al-Wahhab, there were many who argued that this prophecy had been confirmed." In 1744, Najdi ibn Wahhab, sidelining the preaching of true Islam by Prophet Mohammed, created a new version of



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Islam called Wahhabism. His ideology is enshrined in Kitab-al Tawhid (book of unity), which prescribes the forceful conversion of Muslims and non-Muslims to his Salafi or Wahhabi ideology, wherein he manifestly says, "Follow my ideology, else get ready to be killed." His ideology was strongly opposed by Muslim masses, including his father and

So, Wahhabism is nothing but pseudo-Islam. However, when the opposition mounted against his ideology, Najdi was shrewd enough to find a patron in Muhammed-ibn-Saud, a Bedouin tribal chief, who made use of his new vitriolic version of Islam for political consolidation. Ibn Saud belonged to the Jewish tribe of anza Ben waei.

Islam is not the original religion of Saudi Arab rulers. Sheikh Najdi, also belonging to Jewish ancestry, not only made an alliance with Ibn Saud but also got his daughter married to Ibn Saud's son Abd-al-Aziz ibn Saud. Thereafter, the faith was of Sheikh Najdi and the sword was of Ibn Saud. A dynastic government was established as a result of this partnership, which is continuing in the name of Saudi Arabia.

In 1766, Muhammed ibn Saud was killed and his son Abd-al-Aziz took over as Emir (temporal leader). He introduced firearms in the holy war or jihad, replacing conventional weaponry. He accelerated his attacks in a spectacular bid to extend his territory and as Allen says, "He issued every holy warrior a 'firman' or written order addressed to gate-keeper of heaven, requir-

ing him to be admitted forth-with should he die on battle." Since then it has been the common schismatic, fraudulent practice of terror operators to misguide and exploit the youth for recruitment with the promise of paradise. The history of Wahhabism has

been written with the blood of innocent people. On June 2, 1792, Sheikh Muhammad Najdiibn-Abd-al Wahhab died, leaving his 24 wives and 18 children and his son-in-law Abd-al-Aziz speeded up his violent actions and conversions. In 1802, he attacked Karbala in Iraq, desecrating the holy shrine of Hazrat omb of Hazrat Imam Husain, slaying in the course of the day, with circumstances of peculiar cruelty, killing about 5,000 of the inhabitants. A huge amount of booty was seized.

In 1803, Abd-al-Aziz ibn Saud obtained a visit permit from the Shareef of Mecca on the pretext of performing Hajj; whereupon his Wahhabi fighters laid waste in Islam's holiest shrine (Ka'aba), like the accursed Yazid had desecrated it in 682 AD. According to T.E Ravenshaw, author of A Memorandum on the Sect of Wahhabis, "They robbed the splendid tombs of the Mahomedan saints, who were interred there; and their fanatical zeal did not even spare the Prophet's Mosque (in Medina) which they robbed of the immense treasures and costly furniture to which each Mahomedan Prince of Europe,

Asia and Africa had contributed his share." In 1804, a Wahhabi gang again

crossed the great desert in the Hijaz and destroyed tombs of the Prophet's family members at Jannat-ul-Baqi, the ancient century of Medina and even despoiled the grave of Prophet Mohammed. In 1925, Wahhabis demolished the holy shrines of Hazrat Fatima Zehra, daughter of Prophet Mohammed and his grandsons, as well as the birthplace of Prophet Mohammad. In India, the 500-year-old Babri Masjid in Ayodhya was demolished on December 6, 1992, by a radical Hindu mob led by Sangh Imam Husain. Lieutenant Francis
Warden wrote, "They pillaged the across the globe, irrespective of whole of it and plundered the caste, creed, religion or region, condemned the demolition Muslims across the world protested. Several lives were lost. In its

> pensation. On the other hand, the more heinous crime of multiple demolitions of holy shrines, relics and heritage sites together with massacres took place in Saudi Arabia at the behest of Saudi Arab's Wahhabi/Salafi rulers of Zionist ancestry, on 8th Shawwal 1344 Hijri (1925 A.D), but surprisingly no Muslim of any sect reacts or protests against the pseudo-Muslim Saudi rulers. Is it because those perpetrators are Muslim for

landmark judgement of 2019,

the Supreme Court held that the

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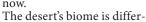
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## Temperature soars as our ignorance threatens Earth's future

The relentless rise in global temperatures paints a stark portrait of humanity's disregard for the environment, echoing a dire warning for the planet's future

¬he temperature in the world is increasing day by day, due to the ignorance and carelessness of the people. The problem of rising temperatures is seen all over the world. The world's Climate changes day by day. The rising temperature is a bell of danger for the living world. If we are not aware, then we will not be able to deal with the problems of the future. All living beings need water, air and heat to survive. The changes in the quality and quantity of water and air will give birth to uncountable problems. When the atmosphere or the climate changes the changes are also seen in the living world, as we see





ent from Iceland's biome. In Australia we can see its national animal kangaroo, In Iceland we can see polar bears and penguins. Fruits, vegetables, flowers and forests also differ due to climate change. When the temperature of the earth is increasing, it poses a big threat to everyone. We don't know whether we will get the same fruits and vegetables tomorrow that we get now. Today the animals, birds or insects that we see all around us will they extinct or survive we don't

We don't have any information about living beings, how many species of them have already extinct every year is not known doubt

don't account for how much our lives have been affected since they disappeared. If our outer is affected then our inner is also affected. It is worth considering. We are destroying our environment because of our greed. Inhumanity is seen in humans today. There are two reasons behind the increase in global temperature, one is man-made and the other one is natural. Man-made causes are deforestation, cutting of trees, use of vehicles and excessive use of fossil fuels. Natural causes where earthquakes, Storms, forest fires, gas accidents coal burning etc. The main cause of global warming is the greenhouse effect. A greenhouse is a glass they enrich our lives. We house for keeping trees,



heat to go away from the glass house.

It is used to save the trees. The greenhouse effect is seen in the increase of carbon dioxide and methane gas. When the temperature increases by one degree, it greatly affects our environment. The ice accumulated in few days. In the future, as or the pralaya where the

which does not allow the in the South Pole and the North Pole of the Earth is starting to melt. The glaciers in the Himalayas of India are also starting to melt and the water from these glaciers is causing floods in the rivers coming out of the glaciers. Nowadays days Shiv ling in Amarnath is melting within

the heat increases, the rivers will cause flood and they will join the sea with the flood water. Many intellectuals of the world are concerned about the increase in global temperature. The solution to these problems is only by planting trees The only way we can save our planet is by plantation and forest protection. Trees give us oxygen and reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere. So planting trees is only one solution to the problem.

The tree planting program should be carried out regularly. When the Seawater rises it enters nearby cities and villages. In the fourth chapter of the twelfth skanda of the Bhagavatam, there is a description of the flood

matter of Prithibi becomes hot and causes a flood or pralaya. It is also said that the rays of the sun will destroy the living world. How to save the living world should be the main subject of our course of studies in educational institutions. As long as the world is standing at the door of destruction we should not count the numbers of profit and loss but the message of collective development and collective happiness and peace should be spread. The intellectual people of India always sent messages of peace and goodwill to the world. Today let India be the guide of the world to protect the planet.

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## Israel 'making decision to act' as Iran vows to respond

British Foreign Secretary
David Cameron said Wednesday that Israel "is making a decision to act" in response to Iran's missile and drone attack over the weekend, while Iran warned that even the "tiniest" invasion of its territory would bring a "massive and harsh" response.

srael has vowed to respond to Iran's unprecedented attack without saying when or how, leaving the region bracing for further escalation after months of unrest linked to the ongoing war in Gaza. Israel's closest allies, including the United States and the United Kingdom which helped it repel the Iranian attack - are trying to limit any further escalation.

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi meanwhile warned Israel against any retaliation as he addressed an annual army parade, which had been relocat ed to a barracks from its usual route and was not carried live on state TV — possibly because of fears that it could be targeted.



the abo al Hanood family after an Israeli airstrike in Rafah refugee camp, southern

In remarks carried by Iran's official IRNA news agency, Raisi said Saturday's attack was a limited one, and that if Iran had wanted to carry out a bigger attack, "nothing would remain from the Zionist regime.

Adding to the already high tensions, a rocket attack by Lebanon's Hezbollah on a northern Israeli border town on Wednesday wounded 13 people four of them seriously, according to the Israeli rescue service

Magen David Adom. The Iranbacked militant group said it was a response to the killing of a number of its fighters, including a commander, in Israeli strikes on Lebanon the day

Both Cameron and Germany's Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock were in Israel on separate visits to meet with top offi-cials on Wednesday. The two European countries, which are among Israel's closest allies, have urged restraint. Cameron said "it's clear the

Israelis are making a decision to act" against Iran, but he hoped they would do so "in a way that is smart as well as tough and also does as little as possible to escalate this conflict." He spoke after meeting with Israel's President Isaac Herzog, whose office is mainly ceremonial. Cameron said the main aim of his visit was to refocus attention on the ongoing war in Gaza and the need for a cease-fire and the release of hostages held by

Baerbock said Germany stands "in full solidarity with Israel" but called on it to exercise restraint. "Everyone must now act prudently and responsibly. I'm not talking about giving in. I'm talking about prudent restraint, which is nothing less than strength," she told reporters. "Because Israel has already shown strength with its defensive victory at the weekend." The ministers said they would

sanctions on Iran. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he met with both ministers and thanked them for their countries' sup-

push for further international

They have all sorts of suggestions and advice. I appreciate that. But I want to be clear: Our decisions we will make ourselves, and the state of Israel will do whatever it needs to defend itself," Netanyahu said in a statement. Iran launched hundreds of missiles and drones at Israel over the weekend in response to an apparent Israeli strike on Iran's embassy compound in Syria on April 1 that killed 12 people, including two

## Sunak tells Netanyahu to exercise restraint in wake of Iran attack

 $B^{\mathsf{ritish}\,\mathsf{Prime}\,\mathsf{Minister}\,\mathsf{Rishi}}_{\mathsf{Sunak}\,\;\mathsf{has}\;\;\mathsf{called}\;\;\mathsf{on}\;\;\mathsf{his}}$ Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu to exercise restraint and let "calm heads" prevail in the wake of Iran's missile attacks as his Foreign Secretary David Cameron landed in Tel for talks Wednesday.On a phone call, Sunak reiterated the UK's "steadfast support" for regional stability and told the Israeli leader that Iran had miscalculated its move, being isolated on the global stage as a result. Netanyahu is said to have

The Prime Minister [Sunak] said Iran had badly miscalculated and was increasingly

thanked Britain for its "rapid

and robust" support in the face

of Iran's unprecedented direct

attack on Israel on Saturday.

isolated on the global stage, with the G7 coordinating a diplomatic response, Downing Street said in a read-out of the call on Tuesday evening.

"He stressed that significant escalation was in no one's interest and would only deepen insecurity in the Middle East. This was a moment for calm heads to prevail," the statement said. On the ongoing Israel-Hamas

conflict in Gaza, Sunak told

Netanyahu that he remained gravely concerned about the deepening humanitarian crisis. The UK wanted to see a massive step change in aid access to flood Gaza with vital supplies, including Israel opening up new aid routes as quickly as possible. The Prime Minister said it was deeply disappointing that Hamas blocked a deal at the weekend that would have saved Palestinian lives and secured the safe release of hostages, Downing Street added. The call will form the backdrop for Cameron's discussions in Israel, where he is expected to meet Netanyahu and senior Israeli officials and attempt to talk the country out of retaliating to Iran's assault.

The visit will include meetings in the occupied West Bank, after which Cameron will travel to a gathering of Group of Seven (G7) ministers in Italy to discuss further sanctions on

The UK has condemned Iran's "reckless and dangerous escalation" in the region and called on all sides to show restraint after Tehran's "barrage of 300 missiles and drones" targeted Israel over the weekend.

## With calls for sanctions on Iran, Italy seeks G7 message of restraint as mins meet

roup of Seven foreign ministers are meeting on the Italian resort island of Capri, with calls for new sanctions against Iran over its attack against Israel and more aid to Ukraine to fight Russia's war topping the agenda. Under Italy's rotating stewardship, the G7 leaders are expected to issue a united call for Israel to exercise restraint after Iran's unprecedented weekend attack involving hundreds of drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles fired toward the Jewish

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said he had spoken to his Israeli counterpart, Israel Katz, on Tuesday and urged Israel to not only deescalate any reaction to Iran's attack but to stave off a planned offensive into the southern Gaza city of Rafah. "I reiterated this message and I believe that on the occasion of the G7 foreign ministers in Capri, tomorrow and Friday morning, a similar message will be sent," Tajani told state-

With Israel's war in Gaza in its sixth month, Tehran's attack added a new element of urgency to the three-day meeting of foreign ministers from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States. German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock called for new sanctions against Tehran and was making a last-minute visit to Israel before arriving on Capri later Wednesday. "We will discuss how a further

escalation with more and more violence can be prevented," she said. "Because what matters now is to put a stop to Iran without encouraging further escalation." Germany, a staunch ally of Israel, has been among the chorus of European and US leaders urging Israel to de-escalate tensions and not retaliate for Tehran's attack, which was largely repelled thanks to US and allied help. British Foreign Secretary

David Cameron said he would push for "coordinated sancions against Iran" at the meeting. He argued that Tehran was orchestrating "so much of the malign activity in this region" from Hamas in Gaza, to Hezbollah in southern Lebanon to the Houthi rebels in Yemen who are behind attacks on shipping in the Red

"They need to be given a clear and unequivocal message by the G-7 and I hope that will happen," Cameron told broadcasters during a visit to Israel. Russia's two-year war in Ukraine is also high on the agenda, with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg invited to the Capri meeting on Thursday as guests. Kuleba is expected to repeat his country's need for essential military support, including artiflery, ammunition, and air defense systems to bolster its capacity as Russia pushes along the front line.

## Russian missiles slam into Ukraine killing 14

Three Russian missiles slammed into a downtown area of the northern Ukrainian city of Chernihiv on Wednesday, hitting an eightfloor apartment building and killing at least 14 people, authorities said.

At least 61 people, including two children, were wounded in the morning attack, Ukrainian emergency services said. Chernihiv lies about 150 kilometres (90 miles) north of the capital, Kyiv, near the border with Russia and Belarus, and has a population of around 250,000 people.

The latest Russian bombardment came as the war stretched into its third year and approached what could be a critical juncture as a lack of further military support from Ukraine's Western partners increasingly leaves it at the mercy of the Kremlin's bigger forces.

Through the winter months, Russia made no dramatic advance along the 1,000-kilometre (620-mile) front line, focusing instead on attritional

warfare. However, Ukraine's shortage of artillery ammunition, troops and armoured vehicles has allowed the

Russians to gradually push forward, military analysts say. A crucial element for Ukraine is the holdup in Washington of approval for an aid package that includes roughly USD 60 billion for Ukraine. House Speaker Mike Johnson said Sunday that he would try to move the package forward this week.

Ukraine's need is now acute, according to the Institute for the Study of War, a Washingtonbased think tank.

The Russians are breaking out of positional warfare and beginning to restore maneuver to the

battlefield because of the delays in the provision of U.S. military assistance to Ukraine," the ISW said in an assessment late Tuesday.

'Ukraine cannot hold the present lines now without the rapid resumption of US assistance, particularly air defense and artillery that only the U.S. can provide rapidly and at scale," it said. President

Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy has pleaded with Western countries to provide his country with more air defense equipment, including more surface-to-air Patriot guided missile systems. He said the Chernihiv strike "would not have happened if air defense equipment and if the world's determination to counter Russian terror was also sufficient." Zelenskyy told PBS in an inter-

view broadcast earlier this week that Ukraine recently ran out of air defense missiles while it was defending against a major missile and drone attack that destroyed one of Ukraine's largest power plants, part of a recent Russian campaign targeting energy infrastructure. Ukrainian Foreign Minister

Dmytro Kuleba repeated Zelenskyy's appeal for more help as he prepared to attend a Group of Seven foreign ministers' meeting in Italy.

'We need at least seven more Patriot batteries to protect our cities and economic centers from destruction," Kuleba told German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung in an interview published Wednesday. "Why is it so difficult to find seven Patriot batteries?'

Ukrainian forces are digging in, building fortifications in anticipation of a major Russian offensive that Kyiv officials say could come as early as next

Ukraine is using long-range drone and missile strikes behind Russian lines which are designed to disrupt Moscow's war machine.

Russia's defence ministry said Wednesday that a Ukrainian drone was shot down over the Tatarstan region early Wednesday. That's the same area that was targeted in early April by Ukraine's deepest strike so far inside Russia, about 1,200 kilometres (745 miles) east of Ukraine.

Ukrainian drone developers have been extending the weapons' range.

Another Ukrainian drone was shot down over the Mordovia region, roughly 350 kilometers (220 miles) east of Moscow, the

ministry said. That is 700 kilometers (430 miles) from the Ukrainian bor-

About an hour before that Mordovia attack, Russia's civil aviation authority halted flights at airports in two of the country's largest cities, Nizhny Novgorod and Tatarstan's Kazan, because of safety con-

### Leaked graft report sparks conntroversy against Muizzu

Male (PTI): Ahead of the parliamentary polls in the Maldives, the opposition parties have demanded a probe and impeachment of President Mohamed Muizzu following the leaked report of his alleged corruption from 2018, a charge

dismissed by him Elections to the Majlis are to be held on Sunday and the atmosphere has been vitiated by the trading of charges between the main opposition the Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) and the Muizzu's People's National Congress (PNC).

Local media reports have highlighted that the political storm started on Monday with an anonymous handle 'Hassan Kurusee' posting on social media X leaked intelligence reports, including documents prepared by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of the Maldives Monetary Authority and the Maldives Police Service that allegedly linked President Muizzu to corruption. "These reports, dated circa 2018, claim irregularities in money transfers to President Muizzu's personal bank account, highlighting 10 critical red flag indicators of financial misconduct. These indicators suggest involvement with politically exposed persons, embezzlement, structured transactions, and the use of corporate entities to hide fund origins, news portal Maldives Republic (mvrepublic.com) reported. The allegations soon created a political storm with several reactions pouring in on various social media channels. News portals and newspapers, however, tread with caution. The opposition Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) and People's National Front (PNF) demanded an investigation into the matter Former Vice President Di Mohamed Jameel Ahmed urged Muizzu's impeachment following the leaked intelligence reports. Taking to his social media handle X, Jameel reposted these documents, emphasising the need for accountability at all levels of governance.

#### Suu Kyi moved from prison to house arrest military's seizure of power. The military had claimed that her was unable to eat. Aris, who military safe house inside an Myanmar's jailed former leader Aung San Suu Kyi National League for Democracy Party used widespread electoral fraud to win a landslide victoan allegation independent

has been moved from prison to due to a heat wave, the military government said as it freed more than 3,000 prisoners under an amnesty to mark this week's traditional New Year holiday Suu Kyi, 78, and Win Myint, the

72-year-old former president of her ousted government, were among the elderly and infirm prisoners moved to house arrest because of the severe heat, military spokesperson Maj Gen General Zaw Min Tun told foreign media representatives late Tuesday.

The move has not yet been publicly announced in Myanmar. Suu Kyi's transfer comes as the army has been suffering a string of major defeats at the hands of pro-democracy resistance fighters and their allies in ethnic minority guerrilla forces. The nationwide conflict began after the army ousted the elected government in February 2021. imprisoned Suu Kyi and began suppressing nonviolent protests



that sought a return to democratic rule.

Suu Kyi has been serving a 27 year prison term on a variety of criminal convictions in a spe cially built annex of the main prison in the capital Naypyitaw, where Myanmar's meteorological department said tempera tures reached 39 degrees Celsius (102.2 degrees Fahrenheit) on Гuesday afternoon.

Win Myint was serving an eight-year prison sentence in Taungoo in Myanmar's Bago

Suu Kyi's supporters and independent analysts say the charges were fabricated in an attempt to discredit her and legitimize the observers found unconvinc-

According to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, an independent group that monitors casualties and arrests, more than 20,351 people arrested on political charges since the 2021 army takeover are still in detention, most of whom have not received criminal convictions. Suu Kyi's health has reportedly deteriorated in prison. In September last year, reports emerged that she was suffering from symptoms of low blood pressure including dizziness and loss of appetite, but had been denied treatment at qualified facilities outside the prison system.

Those reports could not be independently confirmed, but her younger son Kim Aris said in interviews that he had heard that his mother has been extremely ill and has been suflives in the UK, urged that army base.

News about Suu Kyi is tightly controlled by the military government, and even her lawyers are banned by a gag order from talking to the media about her cases. Her legal team has faced several hurdles, including being unable to meet with her to receive her instructions since they last saw her in person in

December 2022. Whether the latest move was

meant to be temporary was not announced. Spokesperson Zaw Min Tun did not say where the released prisoners were being moved to in his remarks to US-government funded Voice of America and Britain's BBC, but there was no indication it might be one of her own former homes. The lakeside house where Suu Kyi spent most of her years in house arrest is in legal limbo after a court-ordered auction in March failed to find a buyer. Before being sent to prison, Suu

Myanmar's military govern-ment be pressured to free his mother and other political pris-iday, state-run MRTV television announced Wednesday, but it wasn't immediately clear how many were pro-democracy activists and political prisoners who were detained for protesting army rule. Aung Myo Kyaw of the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners said the group had heard of 7-10 people released in Yangon and nine from a prison in the central regions of Magway. MRTV said that the head of the ruling military council, Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing, had pardoned 3,303 prisoners, including 28 foreigners who will be deported from Myanmar. He also reduced sentences for others. Mass amnesties on the holiday are not unusual in

Myanmar. Family and friends gathered outside the gates of Insein Prison, in northern Yangon, waiting expectantly and scanning the windows of buses that brought the released detainees out of the vast complex.

## Biden seeking higher tariffs on ninese stee

AP SCRANTON

President Joe Biden is calling for a tripling of tariffs on steel from China to protect American producers from a flood of cheap imports, an announcement he planned to roll out on Wednesday in an address to steelworkers in the battleground state of Pennsylvania

The move reflects the intersection of Biden's international trade policy with his efforts to court voters in a state that is likely to play a pivotal role in deciding November's election.

The White House insists, however, that it is more about shielding American manufacturing from unfair trade practices overseas than firing up a union audience.

In addition to boosting steel tar-iffs, Biden also will seek to triple levies on Chinese aluminum. The current rate is 7.5 per cent for both metals. The administration also promised to pursue anti-dumping investigations against countries and importers that try to saturate existing markets with Chinese steel, and said it was working with Mexico to ensure that Chinese companies can't circumvent the tariffs by shipping steel there for subsequent export to the US

'The president understands we must invest in American manufacturing. But we also have to protect those investments and those workers from unfair exports associated with China's industrial overcapacity," White House National Economic Adviser Lael Brainard said on a call with reporters.

Biden was set to announce that he is asking the US Trade Representative to consider tripling the tariffs during a visit to United Steelworkers union headquarters in Pittsburgh. The president is on a three-day Pennsylvania swing that began in Scranton on Tuesday and will include a visit to Philadelphia on Thursday. The administration says China is distorting markets



and eroding competition by unfairly flooding the market with below-market-cost steel. "China's policy-driven overcapacity poses a serious risk to the future of the American steel and aluminum industry," Brainard said. Referencing China's economic downturn, she added that Beijing "cannot export its way to recovery".

"China is simply too big to play by its own rules," Brainard said. Higher tariffs can carry major economic risks. Steel and aluminum could become more expensive, possibly increasing the costs of cars, construction materials and other key goods for US consumers.

Inflation has already been a

drag on Biden's political fortunes,

and his turn toward protection-

ism echoes the playbook of his predecessor and opponent in this fall's election, Donald Trump. The former president imposed broader tariffs on Chinese goods during his administration, and has threatened to increase levies on Chinese goods unless they trade on his preferred terms as he campaigns for a second term. An outside analysis by the consultancy Oxford Economics has suggested that implementing the tariffs Trump has proposed could hurt the overall US economy. Senior Biden administration officials said that, unlike the Trump administration, they were seeking a "strategic and bal-

anced" approach to new tariff rates. China produces around

half of the world's steel, and is

already making far more than its

domestic market needs.

## 'IS detainees in Syria subjected to widespread abuse'

mnesty International said Ann Wednesday it has documented widespread abuses, including torture and deprivation of medical care, in detention facilities holding thousands of suspected Islamic State members and their relatives in northeast Syria

The centers and camps hold about 56,000 people — the majority of them children and teens — and are run by local authorities affiliated with the US-backed, Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The SDF and its allies, including US-led coalition forces, defeated the Islamic State group in Syria in 2019, ending its self-proclaimed Islamic "caliphate" that had ruled over a large swath of territory straddling Iraq and Syria. What to do with the suspected IS fighters and their families has become an intractable issue.



travelled to Syria to join IS have been reluctant to repatriate them, as have local communities in Syria.

People held in this system are facing large-scale violations of their rights, some of which amount to war crimes, Nicolette Waldman, Amnesty's senior crisis advisor, told jour-

The United States is also

lations because it played a key role in establishing and maintaining the detention system, providing hundreds of millions of dollars to the SDF and interrogating Waldman said.

affiliated forces and regularly detainees The human rights group interviewed 126 people accused of IS affiliation currently or former-

out charge or trial, in violation of international human rights law and international humanitarian law," while those who have been tried were, in many cases, convicted on the basis of confessions extracted under torture. The alleged abuses include "beating, stress positions, drowning, electric shocks and gender-based violence," including a male detainee who said he and others had been sodomized with broomsticks by guards, the report said. Detainees were also deprived of food, water and medical care and subjected to extreme cold and heat in overcrowded cells,

tration and aid workers.

suffocation, it said. The report added that many of ly detained, along with reprethe approximately 14,500

with some allegedly dying of

sentatives of the local adminis-The Amnesty report said the vast majority of detainees are being held "indefinitely, withto identify trafficking victims and protect them. The report also criticised the

practice of forcibly separating adolescent boys - some as young as 11 or 12 — from their mothers and placing them in rehabilitation centers indefi-

ities, the US government and other allies to bring the detention system into compliance with international law and urged the United Nations to work with them to establish a screening process to release all who are not "reasonably suspected" of having committed a serious crime.

women and 30,000 children held had been victims of human trafficking, including women who were forced to marry IS fighters and minors who were forcibly recruited by the group, and that local authorities had failed to set up a "mechanism

nitely. Amnesty called on local author-

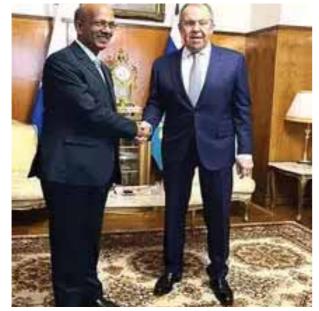
## **New Indian envoy meets Sergey Lavrov**

India and Russia on Wednesday discussed "contemporary regional and glob-al issues" ahead of the highlevel bilateral exchanges that would further strengthen the special and privileged strategic partnership between the two

India's newly appointed Ambassador to Russia, Vinay Kumar called on Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov here, days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held separate telephonic conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Both the leaders have invited Modi to their respective coun-

"Ambassador @vkumar1969 paid courtesy call on Foreign



Lavrov; they discussed contemporary regional and global issues and upcoming highlevel bilateral exchanges which would further strengthen the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Privileged Strategic Partnership," posted the official X handle of the Indian Mission in Moscow.

Earlier in the day, Kumar met and presented a copy of his Letter of Credence to Adrey Rudenko, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and "discussed fur-Federation, and "discussed fur-ther steps to deepen India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership," a post from the Indian Embassy said. On April 12, Kumar was wel-comed on his arrival here by the Department of State Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and

Indian embassy officials. On March 20, Prime Minister Modi held separate conversations with Putin and Zelenskyy and asserted that dialogue and diplomacy were the way forward for the resolution of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine con-

Modi spoke to Putin to congratulate him for winning a fifth term in office in mid-March elections and followed it up with a phone call to Zelenskyy to convey India's "consistent support" for all efforts for peace and bringing an early end to the ongoing

Both Putin and Zelenskyy have invited the prime minister to visit Russia and Ukraine respectively after the Lok Sabha elections, sources said, adding they see Modi as a "peacemak-

### Sharif optimistic Saudi delegation visit will boost Investments

Islamabad (PTI): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday expressed confidence that the visit of a high-level Saudi delegation to Pakistan would lead to invest-ment worth billions of dollars in the country as it tries to overcome its financial woes. Sharif was addressing the cabinet a day after a Saudi delegation led by its foreign minister paid a two-day visit to explore investment opportunities in cash-strapped Pakistan.

Shehbaz told the cabinet meeting that the Saudi delega-tion visited on the special interest of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman. "As a result of the Saudi delega-tion's visit, billions of dollars will be invested in Pakistan, he asserted.

The Prime Minister said that the Saudi delegation was impressed by the preparation of Pakistani ministers and officials and Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan expressed this openly.

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sised the need to demonstrate the same spirit and dedication to ensure the arrival of Saudi investment in Pakistan and the completion of projects.

'We must ensure the comple tion of this investment in Pakistan with the same spirit and dedication," the prime minister added. "No obstacles or hindrances in this regard will be allowed."

The Saudi delegation had held talks with officials in Pakistan and showed confidence in the investment environment in Pakistan. The visiting foreign minister apart from detailed talks with Pakistan foreign minister Ishaq Dar also met President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and army chief General Asim after LHC ruling

Pak's ruling PML-N

party loses two seats

 $T^{\text{he ruling Pakistan Muslim}}_{\text{League-Nawaz party lost}}$  two of its National Assembly seats as separate benches of the Lahore High Court set aside the victory notifications of its lawmakers from Gujranwala and Lodhran in Punjab province of Pakistan.

Shahid Karim on Tuesday passed an order against NA-81 (Gujranwala) Member of the National Assembly Azhar Qayum Nahra, allowing a petition by PTI-backed independent candidate Chaudhry Bilal Ijaz, Dawn News reported ljaz's counsel on Tuesday control de that his client was initended that his client was initially declared elected by 7,791 votes, but the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in a recount on a request of respondent Nahra declared him victorious with a margin of 3,100 votes.

At least 10,000 votes of the petitioner were declared cancelled in the recount, the counsel said.

The counsel argued that the commission violated the law by allowing a recount after the formation of the election tribunals to hear challenges to poll disputes and asked the court to strike down the ECP's impugned recount order for being unlawful.

Justice Karim observed that in ordering the recount, the ECP had ignored the Supreme Court's ruling.

The judge also asked the ECP lawyer if ignoring the Supreme Court's decision constituted contempt of court.

The judge maintained that the commission could not entertain complaints against election disputes after tribunals had started working, and allowed the petition, setting

respondent's victory.
Meanwhile, the Bahawalpur
bench of the Lahore High
Court unseated Abdul
Rehman Kan-joo, the PML-N
MNA from NA-154 Lodhran,

and declared PTI-backed Rana Faraz Noon as the winner. According to petitioner PTI candidate's lawyer Makhdoom Kalimullah Hashmi, the LHC bench, deciding an intra-court appeal (ICA), declared null and Lahore High Court Justice void the notification issued by the ECP, announcing Kanjoo as victorious in the February 8 general elections.

Kanjoo, a former minister, has already taken oath as a lawmaker in the National Assembly. In both cases, the petitioners - runners-up in the polls — are likely to be notified as the returned candidates following the success of their pleas.

In another development on Tuesday, PML-N National Assembly member from Nankana Sahib Rana Arshad's victory notification was suspended on a petition filed by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) backed opponent. Justice Shahid Karim issued the stay order on a petition filed by PTI-backed independent candidate Mohammad Atif who pleaded that he was initially declared the returned candidate with a margin of over 3,500 votes. However, Atif said, the ECP held a recount on an applica-

tion of the respondent and declared him victorious by 2,500 votes. He asked the court to set aside the recounting order of the ECP and the impugned notification of the respondent's victory for being unlawful.

The judge suspended the noti-fication and sought a reply from the ECP and other respondents.

## Swedish Parl votes to ease gender change process

**Stockholm (AP):** The Swedish parliament passed a law Wednesday lowering the age required for people to legally change their gender from 18 to 16. Young people under 18 will still need approval from a guardian, a doctor, and the National Board of Health and

However, a gender dysphoria diagnosis — defined by medical professionals as psychological distress experienced by those whose gender expression does not match their gender identity — will no longer be required.

The vote was 234 for and 94 against with 21 listed as absent.

The centre-right coalition of Sweden's conservative prime minister, Ulf Kristersson, has been split on the issue, with his own Moderates and the Liberals largely supporting the law while the small Christian Democrats were against it. The populist party with far-right roots Sweden Democrats, who support the government in parliament but are not part of the government, also opposed it.

Among others, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Spain already have similar legisla-

In the U.K., the Scottish parliament in 2022 passed a bill, allowing people aged 16 or older to change the gender designation on identity documents by self-declaration. It was vetoed by the British government, a decision that

Scotland's highest civil court



Former president Donald Trump, poses for a photo with New York Police officers after visiting a bodega, Tuesday, who's owner was attacked last year in New York. Fresh from a Manhattan courtroom, Donald Trump visited a New York bodega where a man was stabbed to death, a stark pivot for the former president as he juggles being a criminal defendant and the Republican challenger intent on blaming President Joe Biden for crime. Alba's attorney, Rich Cardinale, second from left, and Fransisco Marte, president of the Bodega Association, looked on.

## UK lawmakers back landmark bill to phase out smoking

upheld in December.

The British government's I plan for a landmark smoking ban that aims to stop young people from ever smoking cleared its first hurdle in Parliament on Tuesday despite vocal opposition from within Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party.

policy The bill, a key announced by Sunak last year, tobacco products to anyone born after January 1, 2009. If passed, the bill will give Britain some of the toughest antismoking measures in the world. Authorities say it will create modern Britain's "first smoke-free generation."Under the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, children turning 15 this year or younger will never be legally sold tobacco. Once implemented — officials are aiming for 2027 — the legal age of sale that people in England can buy cigarettes will be raised by one year, every year until it is eventually illegal for the whole population.

The bill also includes measures

to crack down on youth vaping, such as banning the sale of cheap disposable vapes and restricting their flavours to prevent children from becoming addicted to nicotine.

It is currently illegal for anyone to sell cigarettes or tobacco products and vapes to people under 18 years old throughout During the bill's second read-

opposed it after an afternoon of debate. Although the bill was widely praised by health experts and had the support of the opposition Labour Party, Sunak faced rebellion from more libertarian-minded members of his party, who criticised the proposals as "unconservative

Opponents, such as the smokers' rights lobbying group FOR-EST, said the move risks creating a black market and will "treat future generations of adults like kids." Prominent voices within the Conservative Party, including two of Sunak's predecessors Boris Johnson and Liz Truss, said the plans

went against conservative values by limiting people's personal freedoms.

The bill was a "virtue-sig-nalling piece of legislation about protecting adults from themselves in the future," Truss told Parliament during Tuesday's debate.

Other high-profile Tories, including business secretary Kemi Badenoch, a Cabinet ing late Tuesday, 383 lawmak- minister, also opposed the bill

Conservative lawmakers were granted a free vote, meaning they could vote with their personal conscience rather than follow the official party line. The plans were believed to have been inspired by similar policies proposed by New Zealand under former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, but the country's new coalition government repealed the bill earlier this year.

The government said that smoking won't be criminalised, and the phased changes mean that anyone who can legally buy cigarettes now won't be prevented from doing so in the

### Lanka Easter US navy flies aircraft through Taiwan bombing victims to be honoured

Colombo (PTI): Over 200 Catholic devotees who lost their lives in the Easter suicide bombings in 2019 would be honoured as "heroes of faith", head of the local church Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith said here on Wednesday As many as 270 people, including 11 Indians, were killed on April 21, 2019, when nine suilocal Islamist extremist group National Thawheed Jamaat (NTJ) linked to ISIS carried out a series of blasts that tore through three churches and as many luxury hotels in Sri Lanka. Ranjith said, "Those who attended churches on the day didn't expect to get killed and their bodies to be taken home' He said signatures of the Catholic minority under the diocese of Colombo would be collected in the campaign to recognise the victims as "heroes of faith". "This will also give the Easter attack an international appeal and it will become an

international issue," Ranjith

# Strait after rare US-China talk

The US 7th Fleet said a Navv P-8A Poseidon flew through the Taiwan Strait on Wednesday, a day after US and Chinese defense chiefs held their first talks since November 2022 in an effort to reduce regional ten-The patrol and reconnaissance

plane "transited the Taiwan Strait in international airspace", the 7th Fleet said in a news

"By operating within the Taiwan Strait in accordance with international law, the United States upholds the navigational rights and freedoms of all nations," the release said.

The critical strait is 160 kilometers (100 mile) wide and divides China from the self-governing island democracy. Although it's in international waters, China considers the passage of foreign military aircraft and ships through it a challenge to its sovereignty.

China claims the island of Taiwan, threatening to defend it by force if necessary despite US military support for the island. China scrambled fighter jets to

"monitor the US plane's passage" and operated "in accordance of laws and regulations, naval Col. Li Xi, spokesperson for the Chinese People's Liberation Army's Eastern Theatre Command, said in a report on the command's official Weibo social media site.

"Theatre troops are on high alert at all times to resolutely safeguard national sovereignty and security as well as regional peace and stability," Li said.

protests and activates defences in response to the passage of ships and military planes through the straight, particularly those from the US China also regularly sends navy

ships and warplanes into the strait and other areas around the island to wear down Taiwan's defences and seek to intimidate its 23 million people, who firmly back their de facto indepen

By operating within the Taiwan Strait in accordance with international law, the United States upholds the navigational rights and freedoms of all nations. The aircraft's transit of the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the United

With early voting available to

a select few, voters have spent

recent days travelling back to

home electorates, quietening

the streets of Honiara and

forcing the nation's main hos-

States' commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. The United States military flies, sails and operates anywhere international law allows," the 7th Fleet statement said. US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke with his Chinese counterpart, Adm. Dong Jun, on Tuesday in the latest US effort to improve communications with the Chinese military and reduce the chances of a clash in the region. It was the first time Austin has he has spoken at length with any Chinese counterpart since November 2022. The call, which lasted a bit more than an hour came as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is expected to travel to China this month for

Military-to-military contact stalled in August 2022, when Beijing suspended all such communication after then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan. China responded by firing missiles over Taiwan and staging a surge in military maneuvers, including what appeared to be a rehearsal of a naval and aerial blockade of the

### Taliban suspend TV stations in Af for neglecting Islamic value

Islamabad (AP): The Taliban have suspended the activities of two TV stations in Afghanistan, alleging they failed to "consider national and Islamic values." An official from the Information Ministry's Media Violations Commission, Hafizullah Barakzai, said a court will investigate files on the two Kabul-based stations.

Joor TV and Barva ' operate until the court gives its

"Despite repeated warnings and recommendations, Noor TV and Barva TV did not follow journalistic principles, they did not consider national and Islamic values," Barakzai said on Tuesday.

He gave no further details on the alleged violations. Many journalists lost their jobs after the Taliban takeover in 2021. with media outlets closing over a lack of funds or because their staff left the country. Women journalists face additional hardships because of work bans and travel restric-

## 'US mulling options to monitor N Korea'

The United States and its allies are discussing options "both inside and outside the UN system" to create a new mechanism for monitoring North Korea over its nuclear weapons programme, the American ambassador to the United Nations said on Wednesday.

Russia last month vetoed a UN resolution in a move that effectively abolished monitoring by UN experts of Security Council sanctions against North Korea, which prompted Western accusations that Moscow was acting to shield its arms purchases from North Korea to fuel its war in Ukraine

"I look forward to engaging with both the Republic of Korea and Japan, but likeminded (countries) as well, on trying to develop options both inside the UN as well as outside the UN. The point here is that we cannot allow the work that the panel of experts were doing to lapse," US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield told a news conference in Seoul, using the formal name for South Korea

Thomas-Greenfield didn't pro-

vide specific details about US listic missile testing since 2022, discussions with allies and other partners, including whether an alternative monitoring regime would more likely be established through the UN General Assembly or with an independent entity outside of the UN.

Thomas-Greenfield met with South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul on Monday and they discussed unspecified "next steps to ensure a continuation of independent and accurate reporting" of North Korea's illicit weapons development activities, according to her office. Thomas-Greenfield said it was

clear that Russia and China, which abstained from voting on the UN resolution vetoed by Moscow, will continue to try to block international efforts to maintain monitoring of UN sanctions against North Korea. She criticised Russia for violating those sanctions with its alleged arms purchases from North Korea, and China for protecting the North from being held accountable.

Moscow and Beijing have thwarted US-led efforts to tighten UN sanctions on North Korea over its ramped-up bal-

underscoring a divide between permanent Security Council members that deepened over Russia's war on Ukraine."I don't expect that they will cooperate or agree with any efforts that we make to find another path, but that is not going to stop us from finding that path moving forward," Thomas-Greenfield said. Thomas-Greenfield also briefly addressed questions about tensions in the Middle East. When asked about the Palestinian Authority's request to have full UN membership, she said a UN resolution in support of that request would

Palestinian conflict. "President Biden has said categorically that we support a two-state solution for addressing the situation in the Middle East, where Palestinians will have a state of their own and Israel is secure in their state, and we are working on the ground to get to that place as quickly as possible," she said. We do not see that doing a res-

olution in the Security Council

will necessarily get us to a place

where we can find a ... two-state

solution moving forward," she

not contribute to finding a

two-state solution to the Israeli-

The Security Council imposed sanctions after North Korea's first nuclear test explosion in 2006 and tightened them over the years in a total of 10 resolutions seeking — so far unsuccessfully — to cut funds and curb its nuclear and missile

added.

council in December 2017. The Security Council estab lished a committee to monitor sanctions, and the mandate for its panel of experts to investigate violations had been renewed for 14 years until last month.Russia's Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia

programmes. The last sanctions

resolution was adopted by the

told the Security Council before last month's vote that Western nations are trying to "strangle" North Korea and that sanctions are losing their "relevance" in preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the North. In its most recent report circulated last month, the panel of experts said it is investigating 58 suspected North Korean cyberattacks between 2017 and 2023 valued at approximately USD 3 billion, with the money reportedly being used to help fund its

weapons development.

# election shaping ties with China

**AP** ■ HONIARA

Voting has closed across Solomon Islands on Wednesday in the South Pacific nation's first general election since the government switched diplomatic allegiances from Taiwan to Beijing and struck a secret security pact that has raised fears of the Chinese navy gaining a foothold in the region. The Solomon Islands' closer relationship with China and a troubled domestic economy weighed on voters' minds as they cast their ballots.

As many as 420,000 registered voters had their say across 50 national seats on Wednesday. For the first time, the national vote also coincides with elections for eight of the 10 local governments. Esther Maeluma cast her vote in the National Art Gallery in the capital Honiara and said it seemed busier than the last national

election in 2019. "I want my country and the economy to be good and that's why I chose my candidate," she said outside a polling station.



Solomon Islanders cast votes in

to a lack of staff. three hours before polling "I didn't used to vote, but now began — with many more I can see that maybe my vote flocking to booths early after seeing the growing crowds. Voting ended at 4 p.m.

can change the system and the country, hospital worker Loretta Maeohu said. The United States has been working to build diplomatic bridges with South Pacific

island nations since Prime

Minister Manasseh Sogavare

signed the security pact with

China. Russia's Sputnik news agency last week published an article featuring anonymous claims that the United States was planning an "electoral coup" in the Solomon Islands, which were repeated in an article published by the Chinese Communist Party's Global Times newspaper. Links to the articles have been posted on social media. US Ambassador to the Solomons, Papua New Guinea,

and Vanuatu, Ann Marie Yastishock on Tuesday released a statement dismissing "bla-tantly misleading claims about the Únited States' engagement in the region". We strongly refute allegations

being made in known propaganda outlets that claim USAID and the US government has sought to influence the upcoming election in Solomon Islands," Yastishock said. More than 1,000 polling stations were scattered across villages and town centres across the Solomons archipelago, 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) off Australia's northeast coast.

## Indian economy projected to grow 6.5 per cent in 2024, says UNCTAD

**PTI** UNITED NATIONS

ndia's economy is projected to grow by 6.5 per cent in 2024, Laccording to a report by the which noted multinationals extending their manufacturing processes into the country to diversify their supply chains will have a positive impact

on Indian exports. UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its report released on Tuesday said that India grew by 6.7 per cent in 2023 and is expected to expand by 6.5 per cent in 2024, continuing to be the fastest-growing major economy in the world.

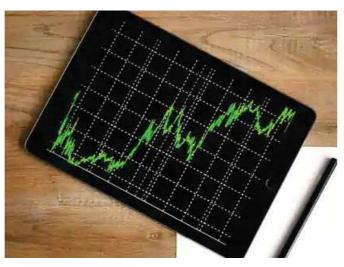
The expansion in 2023 was driven by strong public investment outlays as well as the vitality of the services sector which benefited from robust local demand for consumer services and firm external demand for the country's business services exports," the report said, adding that these factors are expected to continue to support growth in India in 2024.

The report also noted the increasing focus multinationals on India as a manufacturing base as they diversify their supply chains, a reference to China.

"In the outlook, an increasing trend of multinationals extending their manufacturing processes into India to diversify their supply chains will also have a positive impact on Indian exports, while moderating commodity prices will be beneficial to the country's import bill," it said.

Last week, the flagship '2024 Financing for Sustainable Development Report: Financing for Development at a Crossroads launched at the world body said that investment in South Asia, particularly in India, remains

strong.
It added that India is benefiting from growing interest from multinationals, which see the country as an alternative the near term, while restrained manufacturing base in the context of developed economies' supply chain diversification strategies, making an apparent In other



reference to China The UNCTAD report said the Reserve Bank of India is expected to keep interest rates constant in

public consumption spending will be offset by strong public investment expenditures. Southern Asian

countries, however, economic growth remains more subdued. Three countries in the region -Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka - are currently under IMF programmes, the conditionalities which necessitate the application of tight monetary policies and fiscal austerity measures whose impacts are most severely felt by low-income households, it said.

Global growth is projected to be 2.6 per cent in 2024, slightly slower than the 2.7 per cent in This makes 2024 the third

consecutive year in which the global economy will grow slower than before the pandemic when the average rate for 2015-2019 was 3.2 per cent, the report said. The UNCTAD report added that

the risks that substantially threatened to slow down global economic growth in 2023 did not fully protegialise. fully materialise.

"Some economies - including large ones, such as China, India, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, the United States, among others - escaped the financial trouble that loomed earlier in the year," it said, adding that as a result, the world economy grew 2.7 per cent, just 0.2 percentage point more than the threshold of 2.5 per cent that is often associated with a global

"This positive dynamic is now being squandered. Policy discussions continue to centre on inflation, conveying confidence that anticipated monetary easing will heal the world's economic woes. Meanwhile, the pressing challenges of trade disruptions, climate change, low growth, under-investment inequalities are growing more serious," it said.

The report said that China's economy, projected to grow 4.9 per cent in 2024, has been facing some headwinds such as external uncertainties, a troublesome housing market, an underperforming labour market and subdued consumption.

The UNCTAD report comes even as the International Monetary Fund said in its latest edition of the World Economic Outlook released on Tuesday that growth in India is projected to remain strong at 6.8 per cent in 2024 and 6.5 per cent in 2025, with the robustness reflecting continuing strength in domestic demand and a rising working-age population.



### **Funskool seeks** to transform India into global hub for toy manufacturing

PTI CHENNAI

 $T^{\rm oy}$  manufacturer Funskool India, part of tyre major MRF Group, has taken up expansion at its manufacturing facilities in Tamil Nadu to make India a global hub for toy manufacturing.

The expansion work at its premises in Ranipet, would effectively double the manufacturing capacities. The upgraded facilities in both Unit 1

and 2 of the manufacturing facilities represent a substantial investment in Funskool's production capabilities, a company statement here said on Wednesday.

"Funskool India has experienced remarkable growth over the years. With this expansion, we solidify our position as a leader in India's toy industry and move closer to our goal of transforming India into a global hub for toy manufacturing" Funskool India Ltd Chairman Arun Mammen said after

inaugurating the upgraded facilities. Besides the two units at Ranipet, Funskool India has 1.62 lakh sq ft of manufacturing space at its first plant in

"Our commitment to the Make in India initiative is stronger than ever. This expansion not only meets the manufacturing needs of rising domestic demand but exports as well," Funskool India Ltd CEO R Jeswant said.

With the expansion work, Funskool India would take up production of a wide range of toys including both plastic and wooden varieties.

"A dedicated wing within the expanded campus has started focusing on the manufacturing of wooden toys, aligning with Funskool's strategic growth objectives," the statement said. Funskool said the workforce at the Ranipet factories comprises 80 percent women. The manufacturing facilities utilize solar energy for running the plants ensuring health and safety and managing environmental impact in all operations



### **India** power consumption rises to 70.66 billion units in first half of April

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's power consumption grew nearly 10 per cent year-on-year to 70.66 billion units (BU) in the first half of April this year, showing improvement in economic activities and consumption patterns, according to the power ministry data.

According to the data, power consumption in the country rose to 70.66 BU during April 1-15 this year from 64.24 MU in the year-ago period. The peak power demand met or the highest supply in a day rose to about 218 GW in the first half of April compared to The highest supply in a day during the entire month of April last year was about

The ministry has projected a peak power demand of 260 GW during the summer season (April to June) in view of longer heat wave duration. The peak power demand had touched an all-time high of 243 GW in September 2023.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted above-normal maximum temperatures in most parts of the country during summer this year. The experts said that the power demand

will increase in the coming days as rains in different parts of the country have reduced the need for cooling appliances like air conditioners, desert coolers etc used during this time of the year.

However, they said that power consumption growth in double digits shows improvement in economic activities and change in consumption patterns.

They are of the view that the consumers in India are also increasing their energy consumption on various appliances and gadgets as is being done in the developed

Besides, they pointed out that the increase in electricity in the transport sector like electric buses, cars, rickshaws and railways has also changed the

## Women participation in tech roles in non tech sectors to grow by 2027: Report

technology roles in non-tech businesses is expected to grow by nearly a quarter by 2027 across all levels, including freshers, junior, mid-senior, leadership, and C-Suite levels, a report said on Wednesday.

The tech women's participation rate in non-tech industries stood at 19.4 lakh workforce in 2023, which is expected to grow by 24.3 per cent to 24.1 lakh employees by 2027, TeamLease Digital's report - Women at the Heart of India's Digital

total women workforce engaged in tech roles in non-tech sectors, momen's participation in there is a pressing need to amplify female participation in this domain. Having said that, the tech sector is increasingly prioritising the employment of women and India's women's STEM participation stands at 43 per cent globally, which is the highest in the world," TeamLease Digital Chief Executive Officer Neeti Sharma

This would further grow this year (2025) on the basis of the sustained efforts of the government and womencentric programs enabling



maternity support, she stated.

The TeamLease Digital - Women at the Heart of India's Digital Evolution, report is Evolution, has revealed. increased participation of based on data obtained from its With only 0.5 per cent of the women in tech, inclusive wide network and proprietary

database, as well as several public sources from 2019 till Further, mentioning city-

specific statistics, the report found that the percentage of women joining the workforce from tier I cities (55 per cent) outnumbers the tier II cities. Women hiring is projected to centre in Maharashtra, Tamil

Nadu, and Gujarat in the coming months, with talent being hired in locations such as Chennai, Pune, Nasik, Kochi, Coimbatore,

Aurangabad, and Vadodara, it Currently, in the manufacturing employed women workforce, it noted. It found that the fresher level

had the highest concentration of women at 34 per cent, which gradually declines as the hierarchy rises, with 26 per cent in the junior level (3-5 years experience), 18 per cent in the mid-senior level (5-15 years), 11 per cent in leadership roles (15 20 years), and a mere 8 per cent in the C-suite or boardroom level.

The decline in women in leadership positions is mainly due to lack of opportunities, support for women with caregiving responsibilities, and fewer mentors and role models, segment, Tamil Nadu accounts the report said. for 43 per cent of the total

## Middle East conflict, US inflation, foreign fund outflows drag markets lower from record peaks

lobal uncertainties, mainly uncertainty. massive correction in the equity markets in the last three days after a record-shattering rally that saw the BSE Sensex crossing the historic 75,000 mark last week.

Hotter-than-expected US inflation data fuelled concerns that the Federal Reserve will hold back on delivering the cuts to interest rates. Also, foreign fund outflows and profit-taking contributed to the correction in the equity markets. In the past three days, the BSE benchmark tanked 2,094.47 points

or 2.79 per cent. Investors' wealth tumbled Rs 7.93 lakh crore in the three days of the market crash amid simmering tensions in the Middle East and weak global trends.

"The heavy correction in the market can be attributed to several factors, including the escalating tensions between Iran and Israel which have heightened geopolitical uncertainties and prompted risk aversion among investors. "Additionally, the Federal Reserve's

hawkish stance on inflation has shifted interest rate expectations, dampening hopes for significant interest rate cuts. geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have contributed to the

towards safer assets amidst uncertainty. These factors Gescalating tensions between combined have led to a significant period of record rally," said Suman Bannerjee, CIO of hedge fund Hedonova.

The BSE Sensex hit its all-time peak of 75,124.28 on April 9. The index breached the historic 75,000 mark for the first time ever on the same day

On April 10, the 30-share BSE benchmark settled above the 75,000 mark for the first time. The market capitalisation of BSElisted companies went past the coveted Rs 400 lakh crore mark for the first time ever on April 8. From February 29 to April 10, the BSE benchmark jumped 2,537.85

points or 3.50 per cent. However, from April 12 onwards the markets have been falling. "The recent heavy correction in the

market can be attributed to geopolitical tensions. Additionally, anticipation of delayed rate cuts in the USA has added pressure. These have collectively contributed to the downturn following a period of record rally in the markets," Arvinder Singh Nanda, Senior Vice President, of Master Capital Services Ltd, said. Stock markets are closed on Wednesday for Ram Navami.

Swastika Investment Ltd Managing



Director Sunil Nyati said the market corrected due to selling in the broader market, weak global selling by Institutional Investors (FIIs), upcoming US Federal Reserve meeting and rising crude oil prices. When there is widespread selling across various sectors and stocks, it can lead to overall market decline as investors' sentiment turns negative, Nyati said.

"India is a major importer of crude oil, and higher oil prices can negatively affect the country's trade balance, inflation, and fiscal situation," Nyati added. Last month, the 30-share BSE

Sensex climbed 1,151.05 points or 1.58 per cent.

"Markets extended their losing streak for the third straight session

a sharp rise in US bond yields due to rising Middle East tensions have made equity markets less attractive profit-taking. Investors are fearing that the ongoing conflict could fuel buoyancy in crude oil prices and in turn, weigh on inflation," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd,

Bannerjee said the Q4 earnings report will be crucial as solid results could reignite the rally, while disappointments might trigger further corrections.

"Additionally, the Federal Reserve's policy actions regarding interest rates will be closely monitored for any changes in their stance. Furthermore, global economic health and significant developments, especially geopolitical tensions, such as the conflict, Iran-Israel

impact investor significantly sentiment and market movements," he said.

"The near-term direction of the Indian stock market can be influenced by several key factors performance of global markets, Lok Sabha election results, foreign investors trading activity, upcoming decisions by the US Federal Reserve regarding interest rates and fluctuations in oil prices,"

## **Daimler India to foray into** battery electric segment with new gen eCanter

PTI NEW DELHI

Daimler India Commercial DVehicles on Wednesday said it plans to foray into the domestic battery electric segment with the launch of the all-electric next-generation light duty truck eCanter in the next 6-12 months.

The all-new next-generation eCanter had its world premiere in Japan and Europe in the second half of 2022.

'The launch of the all-electric eCanter in India, within the next 6 to 12 months, is the first step in our long-term strategy to decarbonise our entire product portfolio," Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) MD and CEO Satyakam Arya said in a statement.

However, the reality is that diesel ICE and carbon dioxide propulsion neutral technologies will continue to co-exist in the Indian market for the foreseeable future, he

added. "A long-term plan like ours hinges on many complex external factors, some of which are, the availability of a charging and refuelling

infrastructure, the availability



of green energy, cost parity and wide-scale acceptance," Arya said.

Therefore, the company's initial focus with the eCanter is to achieve product and service excellence, along customer acceptance, he noted. "Over the next two decades we will have a firm footing with decarbonised transportation solutions and will be making progress towards becoming a leader in sustainable transportation in India," Arya said.

On how a conducive policy framework is crucial to ensuring economic viability for customers, he stated that adoption of carbon neutral vehicles is possible if there is wide consumer acceptance about changes in the equations of total cost of ownership.

## India not reaping benefits of democratic dividend: Raghuram Rajan

**PTI** WASHINGTON

India is not reaping the benefits of democratic dividends, former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan said Tuesday, emphasizing that there is need to focus on improving the human capital and enhancing their

"I think we are in the midst of it (democratic dividend), but the problem is we are not reaping the benefits," Rajan said at a conference on "Making India an Advanced Economy by 2047: What Will it Take" at the George Washington University here.

"That's why I said 6 per cent growth. If you think that's about what we are right now, take away the fluff in the GDP numbers. That 6 per cent is in the midst of a demographic

dividend. It is much below where China and Korea were when they reaped their demographic dividend And that's why I'm saying we are being overly complicit when we say this is great. This is not because we losing the demographic dividend because we are not giving those guys jobs," the former RBI governor said. And that leads us to the question,

how do we create those jobs? The answer to my mind is partly enhancing the capabilities of the people we have, partly changing the nature of the jobs that are available and we need to work on both fronts.

"This idea of apprenticeship, which the Congress has in its manifesto is worth working on. I think there's a lot that needs to be done to make it effective, but we need many more



students to at least be capable of doing a good job," Rajan said, adding that there also needs to be focus on job creation. Rajan was critical of India spending

billions of dollars on chip manufacturing. "Think about these chip factories. So many billions going to subsidise chip manufacturing," he said, adding that a number of job intensive areas like leather are not doing good.

"We are going down in those areas. No wonder we have more of a job problem. The job problem was not created in the last 10 years. It's been growing over the last few decades. But if you neglect the areas which are more intensive, I'm not saying we need to now offer subsidised subsidies to leather examples, but figure out what's going wrong there

and try and rectify that," he said. Responding to a question, Rajan said a lot of Indian innovators now are going to Singapore or to Silicon Valley to set up because they find access to the final markets much easier there. "We need to ask what is it that forces them to go outside of India to set up rather than stay inside India? But what is really heartwarming is talking to some of these entrepreneurs and seeing their desire to change the world and increasingly many of them are not happy staying in India," he said.

"They want to actually expand more globally. I think there is a young India that has a Virat Kohli mentality. I'm second to none in the world," Rajan said.

Earlier in his presentation, Rajan said regardless of whether one picks a problem. "And this is so well known, I don't need to elaborate. Unemployment numbers are high, disguised

agricultural construction, India has

manufacturing,

unemployment is even higher, labor force participation is low, female labor force participation is really alarmingly low...the share of agriculture and jobs is increasing in recent times. Of course all this is exhibited in highly educated unemployment and massive numbers of people applying for government jobs. PhDs applying for obs as peons in railways," he said. Even as this is happening. Even as we have a massive labour which is unemployed, we have the capital intensity of manufacturing steadily going up," Rajan said.



# Manika, Sreeja make group stage exits from ITTF World Cup

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

tar Indian table tennis player Manika Batra and her compatriot Sreeja Akula exited in the secondround group stage after losing against China's Wang Manyu and defending champion

Chen Meng respectively at the ITTF World Cup in Galaxy Arena in Wednesday. in Macau on

World no. 39 Sreeja lost 1-3 (4-11 4-11 15-13 2-11) to reigning Olympic champion and world no. 4 Meng of first-round group China and finished second in matches on Tuesday.

Manika also made an exit finishing second after losing 0-4 (6-11 4-11 9-11 4-11) against world no. 2 Manyu of China. Both the Indian players had earlier won their respective first-round group

There are sixteen groups in each of the men's and women's singles competition.

Group stage matches consists of four games, with the ratio of wins and losses determining the final rankings that will further help them to book a berth for the knockout rounds.

## Every practice, drill will count from now on: Harmanpreet

PTI NEW DELHI

Tndian men's hockey team Lcaptain Harmanpreet Singh on Wednesday said with 100 days left for the Paris Olympics, every day, every practice and every drill will count towards building momentum to shine at the biggest sporting stage.

Last edition's bronze medallist India are currently placed sixth in the world, but Harmanpreet said they are hungry to improve upon their Tokyo result in Paris.

The star drag-flicker's comments came following India's dismal show in the recent tour of Australia, where they were whitewashed 0-5 by the hosts.

"We just returned from the intense Australia tour. After a short break, we will hit the grind again. With only 100 days to go until the Paris Olympics, the excitement in the team is growing," Harmanpreet said in a Hockey India release.

"The unity of our team continues to grow, fuelled by our shared goal to clinch the gold medal. Craig Fulton, our chief coach, keeps us on track with the Olympics countdown in our weekly schedule.

"Every day counts, every practice, every drill — it's all about building towards that moment on the Olympic stage. All in all, we're hungry, we're

India qualified for the Paris Olympics by winning gold medal in last year's Hangzhou Asian Games.

focused, and we're ready to

shine," he added.

India vice-captain Hardik

Singh said the need of the hour is to iron out the grey areas before the Paris Games. Australia

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highlighted the areas that we need to improve, and upon our return to camp, we aim to make sure that we iron out any remaining issues well in time for the Paris 2024 Olympics," he said.

"We will give our best on each

of the 100 remaining days to make sure that our pursuit for the gold medal at the Olympics is successful," he added.

In Paris Olympics, India are clubbed alongside defending champions Belgium, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand and Ireland in Pool B.

India will play their opener against New Zealand on July 27.

AP AUSTIN (TEXAS)

new American team with ties to A new American stock car series, a new television deal in the United States and upcoming American

MotoGP, global motorcycle racing's version of Formula 1, looks primed for a bid to copy F1's explosive growth in recent years and bring a new group of fans - notably from the US - to the thrills of twowheeled speed.

"It has what Americans really crave or demand out of their sports: A combination of physical ability and danger," said Bobby Epstein, president of the Texas race-track Circuit of the Americas, which hosts MotoGP's only race in the US. Liberty Media's purchase of Spain-based Dorna and the commercial rights to MotoGP by the end of the year has fueled speculation of what might come for a racing series anchored largely in Europe

"They know what to do, they raise Formula 1 to the maximum peak we've ever seen," said Italy's

Francesco Bagnaia, the 2022 and 2023 MotoGP champion with Ducati. "It will be a great opportunity for MotoGP."

Liberty took over Formula 1 in 2017 and has overseen its rise in popularity, with an expanded calendar, new races in Las Vegas and Miami, and the slick Netflix docu-series "Drive to Survive."

Liberty has yet to reveal specific plans for MotoGP. But, President and Chief Executive Greg Maffei called the series "a great sporting spectacle that we can expand to a wider global audience. The business has significant upside, and we intend to grow the sport for MotoGP fans, teams, commercial partners and our shareholders."

MotoGP already has two key elements for growing its American audience: Trackhouse Racing's move into the series this season and its potential crossover appeal to NASCAR fans; and a broadcast deal with TNT Sports to carry every sprint race and grand prix live across the network's platforms.

"I see a tremendous amount of

potential, which is exactly why I made the investment to come into this sport," said Justin Marks, coowner of Trackhouse Racing with pop star Pitbull. "I understand the American motorsport consumer. I understand the profile of the

American racing fan." Those fans will appreciate daredevil riders racing at speeds that can top 200 mph (321 kph), and short races that typically finish in under an hour, Marks said.

Trackhouse is already trying to lure its NASCAR fans into giving MotoGP a look Trackhouse NASCAR drivers Ross

Chastain and Daniel Suarez were in the MotoGP paddock at the Grand Prix of the Americas last week before their race on Sunday.

Earlier in the week, Trackhouse MotoGP riders Miguel Oliveira and Raul Fernandez visited the team's NASCAR headquarters in North Carolina. All of it was crosspromoted across team social media accounts.

"It's our one time to race on



talking to fans who walked up and shook my hand and just said, Thanks for doing what you are doing and investing in motorcycle racing," Marks said.

American fans will look for an American rider. They won't find

No American has held a full-time American soil. I spent a lot of time ride in MotoGP since 2015. No Joe Roberts, who races for the

rider from the US has won a MotoGP race since 2011. The last American champion was the late Nicky Hayden in 2006.

dominates Europe development at all levels. Of the 22 riders this season, 16 are from Spain, including Fernandez, or Italy. Oliveira is Portuguese.

Onlyfans American Racing team, is the only American rider at the Moto2 level.

"An American rider at the top level of GP competing for wins is the absolute best-case scenario. It's just going to get take a while to get there. Hopefully, Trackhouse can help curate that American talent," Marks said.

Liberty The takeover announcement noted that Dorna would remain an "independently run company" that will remain based in Madrid. Carlos Ezpeleta, Dorna's chief sporting officer, last week downplayed the prospect of major changes in the immediate future. The series had already added F1-style sprint races and expanded its calendar to 22 races.

"Liberty does not think that the sport needs fixing, and we agree with that," Ezpeleta said.

MotoGP had three races in the US in 2013. By 2016, it was down to one. The Circuit of the Americas has hosted the series for a decade. Race sites are mostly set through

Epstein said adding a new US race too soon would only dilute attendance at his race and a new one. Marks would like to see MotoGP follow the F1 model of expanding into new American markets with international appeal and flavour, such as Southern California or Miami. Marks chose Los Angeles as the site to unveil the Trackhouse team and liveries back in January.

Friends Vince Chu, 59, and Russ Smith, 69, of Las Vegas made their first trip to the race in Austin last week. They were decked out in Ducati gear as they roamed the "Ducati Island" fan zone.

Both said they hope MotoGP will draw new fans and welcomed the idea of more races, particularly on the West Coast. But, they also had a message for Liberty and any idea about expansion: MotoGP fans expect their series to remain affordable

"I'm a Formula 1 fan, I'm from Las Vegas, and I couldn't go to the race in Vegas. (Cost) was outrageous," Chu said.



## Former world champion runner Jeruto faces doping case

**AP** ■ LAUSANNE (SWITZERLAND)

 $F_{\text{champion Norah Jeruto}}^{\text{ormer steeplechase world}}$ faces a doping case hearing in June, five weeks before the Paris Olympics open.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport said Wednesday it will hear an appeal by World Athletics on June 17 against a ruling last year that cleared the 2022 world champion of

suspected blood doping.
Jeruto had argued that ulcers and a bout of COVID-19 could explain her blood test results in 2020 and 2021 which were later judged to be irregular. She did not test positive for a banned substance.

Kenya-born Jeruto competed for Kazakhstan when she won gold in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the worlds in Eugene, Oregon, but could not defend her title last year as she was suspended

during an investigation. The Athletics Integrity Unit implicated the 28-year-old Jeruto in banned blood transfusions and taking the endurance-boosting hormone

An independent tribunal judging the case said a COVID-19 infection in late 2020 raised "sufficient doubt on this part of the case that it would be unfair to convict (Jeruto).'

An expert witness said internal bleeding from Jeruto's ulcers could explain why some of her samples indicated she had lost blood, and there was no evidence she received any transfusions.

Jeruto became an African champion while representing Kenya and won on the top-tier Diamond League circuit in 2021. She missed the Tokyo Olympics that year while her change of allegiance to Kazakhstan was processed. An urgent CAS verdict is likely before the women's steeplechase is raced at the Paris Olympics on August 6-8

at Stade de France.

▼n Paris' outskirts, a bright-Leyed young girl is eager for the Olympic and Paralympic Games to end. That's because the swimming club where 10year-old Lyla Kebbi trains will inherit an Olympic pool. It will be dismantled after the Games and trucked from the Olympic race venue in Paris' high-rise business district to Sevran, a Paris-area town with less glitter and wealth. There, the pieces will be bolted back together and - voila! - Kebbi and her swim team will have a new Olympic-sized pool to splash around in.

"It's incredible !" she says. "I hope it's going to bring us luck," adds her mother, Nora. In 100 days as of Wednesday, the Paris Olympics will kick off with a wildly ambitious waterborne opening ceremony. But the first Games in a century in France's capital won't be judged for spectacle alone. Another yardstick will their impact disadvantaged Paris suburbs, away from the city-center landmarks that are hosting

Asian Para Games gold-winner ASheetal Devi grabbed a silver in the Khelo India NTPC National Ranking archery meet, finishing second behind Haryana's Ekta Rani,

who is able-bodied and a junior

In the competition held at the DDA

Yamuna Sports Complex, the 17-year-old Sheetal competed with able-bodied junior archers and lost

138-140 to Ekta in the individual

Sheetal, who was bestowed the Arjuna award earlier this year for

her two gold and a silver medal

winning performance in the

Hangzhou Asian Para Games, was

born with a rare condition called

phocomelia which makes her the

much of the action.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

world champion.

compound event final.

Paris prepares for 100 days countdown to Olympics By promising socially positive and also less polluting and less wasteful Olympics, the city synonymous with romance is also setting itself the high bar of making future Games generally more desirable.

Critics question their value for

a world grappling with climate

warming and other emergencies. Potential host cities became so Games-averse that Paris and Los Angeles were the only remaining candidates in 2017 when the Olympic International Committee selected them for 2024 and 2028, respectively. After scandals and the \$13 billion cost of the pandemicdelayed Tokyo Games in 2021, unfulfilled promises beneficial change for host Rio de Janeiro in 2016 and the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi tarnished by Russian doping and President Vladimir Putin's subsequent land grabs in Ukraine, the Switzerlandbased IOC has mountains of

skepticism to dispel. Virtuous Summer Games in Paris could help the long-term survival of the IOC's mega-SPREADING BENEFITS



BEYOND CENTRAL PARIS The idea that the July 26-Aug. 11 Games and Aug. 28-Sept. 8 Paralympics should benefit disadvantaged communities in the Seine-Saint-Denis region northeast of Paris was built from the outset into the city's

Seine-Saint-Denis is mainland France's poorest region. Thanks to generations of immigration, it also is vibrantly diverse, counting nationalities and more than 170 languages spoken by its 1.6 million inhabitants. For Seine-Saint-Denis kids facing racial discrimination and other barriers, sports are sometimes a route out. World Cup winner Kylian Mbappé honed his silky

soccer skills as a boy in the

Once heavily industrialized, Seine-Saint-Denis became grim and scary in parts after many jobs were lost. Rioting rocked its streets in 2005 and again last year. Members of an Islamic extremist cell that killed 130 people in the French capital in 2015 hid after the carnage in an apartment in the town of Saint-Denis and were killed in a shootout with heavily armed SWAT teams. That drama unfolded just a 15minute walk from the Olympic stadium that will host track and field and rugby and the

Seine-Saint-Denis town of Bondy

closing ceremonies. Concretely, the Games will leave a legacy of new and closures in the 1990s. Its refurbished sports existing 25-meter pool is infrastructure in Seine-Saint-nearly 50 years old. Denis, although critics say the Other investment still isn't enough to catch it up with better equipped, more prosperous

regions.
Seine-Saint-Denis got the new Olympic village that will become housing and offices when the 10,500 Olympians and 4,400 Paralympians have left. It also is home to the Games' only purpose-built competition venue, an aquatics center for diving, water polo and artistic swimming events. Other competition venues already existed, were previously planned or will be temporary.

"We really were driven by the ambition of sobriety and above all not to build sports facilities that aren't needed and which will have no reason to exist after the Games," Marie Barsacq, the organizing committee's legacy director, said in an interview.

The hand-me-down 50-meter pool for Sevran will be a significant upgrade. The Seine-Saint-Denis town of 51,000 people was whacked by factory

Seine-Saint-Denis towns are also getting new or renovated pools - particularly welcome for the region's children, because only half of them can swim.
"The ambition for these

Olympic Games ... Is that they benefit everyone and for the longest time possible," said Sevran Mayor Stéphane Blanchet. The Olympics, Blanchet said, can't "carry on just passing though and then moving on without thinking about tomorrow.'

PARIS' COSTS COMPARE FAVORABLYA Close to 9 billion euros (\$9.7 billion), more than half from sponsors, ticket sales and other nonpublic funding, Paris' expenses so far are less than for the last three Summer Games in Tokyo, Rio and London in 2012. Including policing and transport costs, the portion of the bill for French taxpayers is likely to be around 3 billion euros (\$3.25 billon), France's body for auditing public funds said in its most recent study in

previously so I had the match experience against her. We faced off in Patiala last December as well. It feels good to play against her because she is an armless archer and it gives a lot of motivation as well, Ekta said.

Ekta bagged the prize money of Rs 50,000 whereas Sheetal received Rs 40,000.

The tournament was conducted in three categories — senior, junior and sub-junior in recurve and compound. Eighty-seven archers competed in this event.

#### Sheetal claims silver in competition with able bodied at Khelo India National meet first and the only international para-archery champion without tournament, alongside able-bodied competitors, is giving training and

Sheetal believes her performance in

the Khelo India event will help her prepare for the challenges ahead. This result will help me more going

ahead in the international platforms and the Olympics," Sheetal was quoted as saying in a media release from the Sports Authority of India. Her coach Abhilasha said the competition was much-needed for the teenager before the Paralympics. "Taking part in the national ranking



competition exposure which is much-needed prior to the much-needed prior to the Olympics," said the archer's coach Abhilasha. We have to go abroad for exposure but we are getting the same experience here itself. Domestic-

level tournaments like these are helping the cause," Abhilasha added. On her part, Ekta said she felt inspired by Sheetal's presence in the competition.

"I have faced-off with Sheetal

## Punjab Kings, Mumbai Indians desperate to resurrect IPL campaign

Punjab Kings and Mumbai Indians will be desperate to resurrect their faltering campaigns in the Indian Premier League when the two bottom-rung teams face-off here on Thursday.

Only a few decimal points separate the two teams after six matches each with Punjab's marginally better Net Run Rate of -0.218 keeping them at the seventh spot in the IPL points table, one above Mumbai Indians (-0.234).

Both Punjab and Mumbai have lost four matches each and are coming off defeats in their respective last outings, which mean pressure will be high on both the camps to get their act together.

For Punjab, the challenge of getting the best out of their top order has compounded with regular skipper Dhawan being sidelined for 'seven to 10 days due to a shoulder injury.

The only bright spot for PBKS this season has been resolute displays from their unsung

Indian players Shashank Singh and Ashutosh Sharma, who both bat lower in the order and have had to make up for the shortcomings at the top more than once.

The form of Prabhsimran Singh - 119 runs in six matches at 19.83 - is a concern and the same can be said for India wicketkeeper-batter Jitesh Sharma. With selection for the World Cup squad on the horizon, Jitesh, who has managed a mere 106 runs in six outings at 17.66, would be under the pump too.

PBKS will have to find more support for their overseas bowling duo of Sam Curran (126 runs and 8 wickets) and Kagiso Rabada (9). The Indian pair of Arshdeep Singh (9) and Harshal Patel (7) have both been easy targets for batters.

Mumbai Indians would know they have enough firepower in the camp to turn the tide but a collective effort on a consistent basis is the need of the hour. Two wins at home against Delhi Capitals and Royal Challengers Bengaluru did end



but a loss to Chennai Super Kings despite Rohit Sharma's Punjab century meant the five-time winners have forced them to go back to the drawing board. It starts with Hardik Pandya's form and role in the side. The

all-rounder has looked to share responsibility in bowling department but his economy rate of 12 is alarming. On the same parameter, Gerald Coetzee (9) and uncapped Akash Madhwal (4) have given away more than 10 runs an

their three-match losing run,

With the bat, Pandya has not provided any consolidation while batting first or finished matches in the latter half.

At the same time, Pandya has faced hostile environments at various stadiums in all the games he has played so far this season, something that could have an adverse impact on a

Rohit and Ishan Kishan's form thus become crucial for Mumbai Indians, for whom Suryakumar Yadav has produced mixed results.

Kings: Shikhar Dhawan (c), Matthew Short, Prabhsimran Singh, Jitesh Sharma, Sikandar Raza, Rishi Dhawan, Liam Livingstone, Atharva Taide, Arshdeep Singh, Nathan Ellis, Sam Curran, Kagiso Rabada, Harpreet Brar, Rahul Chahar, Harpreet Bhatia, Vidwath Kaverappa, Shivam Singh, Harshal Patel, Chris Woakes, Ashutosh Sharma, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Shashank Singh, Tanay Thyagarajan, Prince Choudhary, Rilee Rossouw.

Mumbai Indians: Hardik Pandya (c), Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Dewald Brevis, Jasprit Bumrah, Piyush Chawla, Gerald Coetzee, Tim David, Shreyas Gopal, Ishan Kishan (wk), Anshul Kamboj, Kumar Kartikeya, Akash Madhwal, Kwena Maphaka, Mohammad Nabi, Shams Mulani, Naman Dhir, Shivalik Sharma, Romario Shepherd, Arjun Tendulkar, Nuwan Thushara, Tilak Varma, Harvik Desai, Nehal Wadhera,

## lyer fined ₹12 lakh for first slow over rate offence

**PTI** KOLKATA

olkata Knight Riders Kolkata Knight Riders captain Shreyas Iyer has been fined Rs 12 lakh for maintaining a slow over-rate PL game against Rajasthan Royals here.

KKR lost to Royals by two wickets here on Tuesday with Jos Buttler smashing unbeaten 107 off 60 balls.

"As it was his team's first offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over rate offences, Iyer was fined Rs 12 lakhs," said the IPL in a release.

It was the Royals' sixth win in seven matches while KKR suffered their second loss in six games

## Rinku credits Gambhir for Narine transformation as specialist opener

**PTI** ■ KOLKATA

Sunil Narine opening for Kolkata Knight Riders in this IPL has proved to be a masterstroke and credit for the West Indian's move up the order should go to team mentor Gautam Gambhir, reckons Rinku Singh.

Narine smashed his maiden T20 hundred on Tuesday, a 56-ball 109 against Rajasthan Royals.

His form at the top this season has been nothing short of remarkable considering he aggregated just 154 runs over the past three seasons while batting lower down the order. As an opener this season, he has already collected 276 runs in six

After scoring a memorable hundred at the Eden Gardens, Narine gave due credit to former captain Gambhir for making him open for the first time since 2017. In the post-match interaction, Rinku

echoed Narine's words. You can see the way Narine is batting this time. In every match, he's making runs, opening the batting and that was his (Gambhir's)

idea only," Rinku said.
Narine was unleashed as an opener under Gambhir's captaincy in 2017 when he smashed IPL's fastest fifty in 15 balls, a record that was gradually improved by KL Rahul (14), Pat Cummins (14) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (13).

Narine also has a 13-ball 50 for Comilla Victorians in the Bangladesh Premier League in their against Chattogram Challengers in 2022.

Earlier he would just swivel his bat, but this time Narine is seen batting



with skill and poise as his strokemaking in the arc has vastly improved.

Asked about the transformation, Rinku said: "Nothing much has changed. It's the result of his sheer hard work at the nets.

"I've just noticed one change -- he's more patient now. Earlier he used to swing his bat to every ball, now he has restrained himself and playing according to the merit of the ball. He is batting thoughtfully and wisely." But Narine's century went in vain as Jos Buttler (107 not out; 60b) showed his masterclass to single-handedly steer Rajasthan Royals to an eightwicket win in the final ball of the

"It happens sometimes but it won't impact much. Our team is doing very well. We are not thinking much

(about the loss). Credit to RR they

match.

did well. Also, you need a bit of luck in your favour. It was there day. Buttler innings was the turning point. Full credit goes to him," Rinku

with the KKR top-order going strong this time, the finisher Rinku, who was KKR's leading rungetter in IPL 2023 with 474 runs at 59.25, is not getting much opportunities. This season Rinku has an aggregate

of 83 runs at 27.66 and is yet to score a fifty. But his strike-rate has been a handsome 184-plus. "Our top order batters are doing so

well that I'm not getting much opportunities to show my batting this time. Rinku played as an Impact Sub on

Tuesday and that was because of a niggle."I had a niggle, I will be back to playing the full match against RCB on Sunday," he said.

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Jos Buttler has seen "crazy things" happen in the IPL and he drew inspiration from the likes of Virat Kohli and Mahendra Singh Dhoni to single-handedly pull off the like. gle-handedly pull off the highest run chase in the tournament's history here. Buttler smashed an

107 off 60 balls as Rajasthan Royals came back from the dead to beat Kolkata Knight Riders by two wickets on Tuesday night. Fittingly, Buttler hit the winning runs.

The Englishman was struggling to even walk towards the end but didn't give up. Chasing a record 224, Royals were 121 for six in the 13th over.

"Keep believing, that was the real key today. Ĭ was struggling a bit for rhythm. At times you feel frustrated or you are questioning yourself. I tell myself it's

## Guys like Kohli, Dhoni keep believing and that is what I tried to do: Buttler

okay, keep going, you'll get your rhythm back and try to of times throughout the IPL, you've seen crazy things happen Guys like Dhoni and Kohli, the way they stay till the end and keep believing and I tried to do the same," Buttler said at the post-match presentation.

Both Dhoni and Kohli have played some exhilarating knocks in the ongoing tournament even though the latter has not found enough support from his team and has mostly ended up on the wrong side of the results so far.

Buttler also credited head coach



Kumar Sangakkara for building his self-belief.

has told me a lot - there's always a breaking point. The worse thing you can do is to not fight and give your wicket away. "He (Sangakkara) just tells me to stay there and at some point, the momentum will change. That's been a big part of my play over the last few years." He termed Tuesday's knock as his best IPL innings. "I would think

so (best IPL innings). Very satisfying." RR skipper Sanju Samson said

Buttler is a special player and when he is on song, no target is safe. "Very happy with the win. We were wondering like the wickets we lost. Rovman (Powell) hit a couple of sixes and that's when we felt like we were in the game they also played really well. The quality of spin they had, they bowled really well. This ground suited them.

Jos (Buttler) did what he does for us in the last 6-7 years, so happy for him. It (Buttler's knock) should go right on top. Being an opener, if he gets in, no runs are unchaseable. He does something special," he said.

The national selection committee is unlikely to blood any rookie IPL performer during the upcoming T20 World Cup in the Americas but a couple of tried-and-tested faces might have to brace up for disappointment when the squad is finalised by the end of this month.

With the ICC making it mandatory to announce the provisional 15-member squad by May 1 cut-off date, Ajit Agarkar and his colleagues have some straightforward choices to make if every member of the team is fit.

"There would not be any experimentation or left-field selections. All those who have played for India and have done well consistently in T20 Internationals and the IPL will be rewarded," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

It is understood that one among Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal might miss out but in case both proven performers are selected in the final 15, then only one among two finishers — Kolkata Knight Riders' Řinku Singh and Chennai Super Kings' Shivam Dube — will get the

The other close call could be for the second wicketkeeper's slot where Sanju Samson has competition from Jitesh Sharma, KL Rahul and Ishan Kishan. Rahul and Kishan bat at the top of the order, and they haven't tried batting in the middle order in this IPL so far, which makes it difficult for the selectors to analyse their impact down the order. Although Hardik Pandya's bowling fit-

ness remains a concern, there is no immediate doubt on his selection. Much like him, Virat Kohli's inclusion is also a formality

The other automatic selections are skipper Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra adeja, Rishabh Pant, Arshdeep Singh, Mohammed Siraj and Kuldeep Yadav. These 10 names, if fit, will definitely be on the flight across the Atlantic. It is understood that Siraj is being rest-

ed by RCB as he has been playing constantly and needed workload management.

In the choice between Gill and Jaiswal. the former has scored more runs but in case of Jaiswal, who has been a big find for Indian cricket, the selection committee might not give up easily on him mere-

ly for a few low IPL scores. Also, being the only left-hander in inside the top four is a novelty and in a largely

unidimensional top order. However, if Gill piles up enough runs, it will be a difficult choice unless the selectors accommodate both and drop one

among Shivam and Rinku from the 15. The reserve spinner's slot could also be a three-way battle between Axar Patel, a handy batter apart from being an accurate left-arm spinner, Yuzvendra Chahal, who is yet to play a single T20 World Cup match in his nine-year international career, and Ravi Bishnoi, who plays for Lucknow Super Giants.

While Chahal is head and shoulders above the other two in terms of bowling skills, his repeated omissions from important squads leaves a big question mark about his inclusion showpiece in

IMPACT PLAYER RULE IS HURTING **TEAM SELECTION:** A former international player, who is also a broadcaster, gave an interesting insight.

"The 'Impact Player' rule, which is basically a glorified '12-a-side' cricket contest has been good for IPL viewership but detrimental for Indian cricket. It has killed the concept of all-rounder and hence a half-fit Hardik Pandya also has premium value because he can bowl." he stated. "Think about it, if there was no Impact Player rule, could MS Dhoni (not Ruturaj Gaikwad) as CSK 'skipper' afford to not bowl Dube? Selectors don't know about Dube's bowling form.

'Similarly, a guy like Rahul Tewatia is no longer in contention despite being a good finisher, who also used to be a handy legbreak bowler. He doesn't bowl now as he is an 'Impact Player'. Who is it hurting? The national team," he pointed out.

NEW CROP OF T20 PLAYERS: The

likes of Riyan Parag, Mayank Yadav Abhishek Sharma, and Harshit Rana have all performed well but it is understood that the selection committee would like to follow the process of easing them in via bilateral cricket instead of putting them to test in a high-stakes World T20

There are two white-ball series against Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka and these young men would be in line for their India debuts at that time. Nitish Reddy who is a seam bowling all-rounder and was part of India Emerging side that toured Sri Lanka last year, could also follow the same path.

It will be interesting to see if BCCI makes arrangements for the likes of Mayank Yadav, Harshit Rana or Akash Madhwal to be taken as net bowlers, which will also give them good exposure.

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CHANGE OF NAME

Bandhu Rao R/o House No -59, Majri Sas Nagar (Mohali) Punjab-140110, have changed the name of my minor Son namely Veer Varinder aged -15 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Veer Varinder

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Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:

Date : 18/04/2024

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh, Court I, has ordered the commencement of a Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of Asian Alloys Limited on 16.04.2024 The creditors of Asian Alloys Limited are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 30.04.2024 to the Interim Resolution Professional at the address mentioned against entry No 10.The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

The submission of proof of claims should be made in accordance with Chapter IV of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016 The proof of claims is to be submitted by way of following specified forms along with documentary proof

support of their claims. Form B-For claims by Operational Creditors (except Workmen and Employees); Form C-For claims by Financial Creditors, Form CA-For claims by Financial Creditors in a class as aforesaid, Form D-For claims by Workmen and Employees, Form E-For claims by Authorized Representative of Workmen and Employees, Form F- For claims by Creditors other than Financial Creditors and Operational

**FORM A** 

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT** 

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF ASIAN ALLOYS LIMITED RELEVANT PARTICULARS

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