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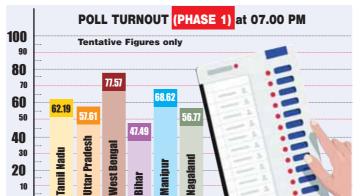
Over 62 per cent polling in 1st phase of LS polls

n a kaleidoscope of democracy in action, voters of all ages — from wheelchair-bound seniors to newlyweds and Great Andamanese Tribe from Strait Island in South Andaman to the world's shortest woman cast their vote on Friday with an estimated 62.37 per cent turnout recorded till 6 pm in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections. It covered 102 seats across 21

States and Union territories amid sporadic incidents of violence in West Bengal while an accidental

shell in Chhattisgarh left a CRPF jawan dead. The highest voter turnout on the first day of polling under Phase 1 of the Lok Sabha elections was recorded in Tripura at 79.90 percent, followed by West Bengal at 77.57 percent and Assam at 71.38 percent, with Bihar witnessing the lowest turnout at 47.49 percent till 7 pm. According to officials, the prevailing heatwave condition in Bihar could be a possible reason for the low voter turnout.

In strife-torn Manipur, around 68. 62 per cent polling was recorded



amid incidents of shooting, untoward incidents while 58 per damage to electronic voting cent voter turnout was recorded on damage to electronic voting machines (EVMs), threats to voters and polling agents by armed miscreants while voters in six districts of Nagaland stayed indoors

following an indefinite shutdown call by an apex body of tribal organisations to press for its demand for a separate state. Tamil Nadu recorded a voter

turnout of 72.09 percent in the Lok polls with no major

eight seats of western Uttar Pradesh. According to the Election Commission's Voter Turnout

app, 63.29 per cent voting

reported Saharanpur, 57.83 per cent in Moradabad, 60.39 per cent in Kairana, 59.17 per cent in Nagina, 60.23 per cent in Pilibhit, 54.68 per cent in Bijnor, 52.42 per cent in Rampur and 54.91 per cent in Muzaffarnagar. These seats fall in

the Jat and sugarcane belt of the

The commission described the turnout as "high", noting that voting remained "largely peaceful". In the first phase of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the voter turnout was recorded at 69.43 per cent. Some of the constituencies were different then and the total number of seats which went to polls were 91.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged voters to exercise their franchise in record numbers as the seven-phase Lok Sabha polls started with polling being held in 102 constituencies

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TAMIL NADU

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN CHENNAI

As polling in the first phase of the general election concluded by Friday 6 pm, Tamil Nadu registered a voter turn-out of 63 .2 per cent till 5 pm, according to the Election Commission of India. Final figures would be released by 8 pm, said the ECI officials. Dharmapuri registered 73.51 per cent while Krishnagiri recorded 64.24 per cent (figures recorded till 5 pm). Chennai Central, from Telangana where former Dr Tamilissai Governor Sounderarajan was contesting

recorded 41.47 per cent till 3 pm, according to Satyabrata Sahoo, chief electoral officer. Latha Ravishankar, a BJP activist in Chennai

Central.

disappointment written all over her face as voters failed to make it to the polling booths despite lot of cajoling by her and other volunteers. But the DMK camp

sounded positive as the lowturn out is expected to make the prospectus of the party candidates smooth. State has The

constituencies while the neighboring Puducherry has one seat.

WESTERN UTTAR PRADESH

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT LUCKNOW

Voter turnout of 57.54 per cent was recorded till 5 pm in all eight parliamentary constituencies of Western Uttar Pradesh where polling was held in first phase of Lok Sabha elections on Friday. Total turnout of voters expected to be marginally above 60 per

cent. The eight constituencies where polling was held on Friday included Pilibhit, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Kairana, Bijnor, Nagina, Moradabad and Rampur. Of these,

Saharanpur, Kairana, Bijnor, Moradabad and Rampur are general constituencies.

Over 25 per cent turnout was recorded till 11 am, and it rose to an average of 37 per cent till 1 pm. By 3 pm over 47.44 per cent voters had cast their votes in the eight constituencies.

was 54.68 per cent in Bijnor, 58.68 per cent in Kairana, 57.65 per cent in Moradabad, 54.91 per cent in Muzaffarnagar, 58.05 per cent in Nagina, 60.23 per cent in Pilibhit, 52.42 per cent in Rampur and 63.29 per cent in Cabarragar. Saharanpur.

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

KOLKATA

There were sufficient Treasons for the Election Commission of India to heave a big sigh of relief as the first round of elections for Bengal's parliamentary three constituencies of Cooch Behar, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri passed off without any loss of life though reports of "stray incidents of clashes, stone-pelting or booth capture," came in from many

Polling passed off nearpeacefully amid stray incidents of violence and complaints of booth capture

WEST BENGAL by both the Trinamool Congress and the BJP, sources

in the ECI said adding the constituencies three witnessed a brisk polling of about 77.5 percent till 5 pm. The polling percentage was likely to go beyond 82 percent as many voters were still standing in the queue.
While Cooch Behar recorded

comparatively high polling rate of 77.73 percent, about 75.54 percent voters voted at Alipurdar whereas Jalpaiguri

their

Nagaland

witnessed about 79.33 percent exercising voters franchise.

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Voting Machines were conflict-hit

separate State. People in the six districts. which have over four lakh votes spread over 738 polling stations, remained indoors in solidarity with the ENPO. Under the shadow of a long-drawn ethnic conflict, Manipur was set to go to polls on Friday for

BIHAR



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PATNA/AURANGABAD/GAYA

Around 46.32 per cent of the 75 lakh voters in four Lok Sabha constituencies in Bihar exercised their franchise till 5 pm on Friday, officials said. The polling began at 7 am and went on till 6 pm, a senior election official said. The voters will decide the fate of 38 candidates in these four seats. Tight security arrangements were in place at Nawada and Aurangabad, besides the reserved seats of Gava and Jamui, where a majority of nearly 5,000 polling booths have been marked as "sensitive"

Over 49.95 per cent voters have exercised their franchise in Aurangabad Lok Sabha constituency, 48.54 per cent in Gaya, 47.09 per cent in Jamui and 40.20 per cent in Nawada till 5 pm, officials said.

Of the four seats, Nawada has the highest number of 20.06 lakh voters, where altogether eight candidates are in the fray though the contest is primarily between Vivek Thakur, a BIP Rajva Sabha MP seeking entry into the Lok Sabha, and RJD's Shravan Kushwaha. Gaya has 18.18 lakh voters, but the highest number of 14 candidates. Here,

former chief minister Jitan Ram

Manjhi, an NDA ally, who is just a few

months shy of turning 80, is making yet

another bid to enter Parliament.

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

More than 55 per cent of total 95,54 lakh voters exercised their franchise in five constituencies that went to polls in the first phase of Lok Sabha polls eastern Maharashtra on Friday, with the naxalite-infested Gadchiroli-Chimur accounting for a maximum of 65 per cent polling.

constituencies, as voters turned out in large numbers braving harsh temperatures.

by the Chief Election Officer, Maharashtra at 5 pm, an average of five poll-bound constituencies cast

Gadkari is taking on Congress Vikas Thakre, there was a relatively lowest turnout of 47.11 per cent of voters. The polling percentage might have either touched or barely crossed 50 per cent when the polling ended at

highest poll percentage of 64.95, while the voter turn-outs reported from three other Lok Sabha constituencies where the elections were held were: Bhandara-Gondiya-56.87 per cent,

Nitin Gadkari, his wife Kanchan and other family members voted at a

The voter turnout



Talking to media persons after exercising his franchise, Gadkari expressed that the ruling BJP will cross a winning tally of 400 seats in the country, while he would win the polls from Nagpur by a margin of

turnout this time, from 54 per cent in 2019 to 75 per cent in 2024. I appeal to all the people to step out and exercise their right to vote, and celebrate the greatest festival of democracy," Gadkari said. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)

Reshimbagh in Nagpur. Dr Bhagaat was among the earliest to

for nearly 15 minutes before the polling started, entered to cast his vote and emerged soon thereafter, displaying his inked left-hand forefinger with pride. "I have forefinger with pride. performed my personal duty for the day and I call upon all the people to cast their vote since as citizens it is our right as well as a duty," Dr Bhagwat Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole exercised his franchise along with his family members at

Talking to media persons after he cast his vote, Patole said that the BIP-led government had "cheated" people for 10 years and they were determined to end the 10-year dictatorship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. people of Vidarbha have always stood firmly behind the Congress. We are receiving great support from the people this time as well. I am confident that we will win all the five Lok Sabha seats that went to poll

enthusiasm among voters in four poll-constituencies Chandrapur, Bhandara-Gondiya, Ramtek (SC), Gadchiroli-Chimur (ST). Lakhs of people, including large numbers of first-time voters, youth, senior citizens and transgenders, exercised their voting rights. In a heart-warming sight witnessed in

Gadchiroli-Chimur constituency, nine handicapped senior citizens were brought in a 'rath yatra' by people, accompanied by a brass band playing on the roads, to cast their votes at a polling station.



damaged at different polling booths in Manipur on Friday where polling was held in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections, according to sources. Meanwhile, the lone

Lok Sabha seat in Nagaland recorded a voter turnout of over 50 per cent till 4 pm, the closing time for voting, on Friday, officials said. The polling began at 7 am. The polling was held, amid a call given by the Eastern

the two constituencies — Inner and Outer Manipur. Polling is also scheduled in some areas of the Outer Manipur constituency in phase 2 on April 26. People's

With no untoward incident reported from anywhere, the polling passed off Bhandara-Gondiya, Ramtek Gadchiroli-Chimur

As per the polling percentages put out

54.85 per cent of the total electorate in their votes. The final poll percentages (as of 5.30 pm) were expected only after 9.30 pm. The average final polling percentage in the five constituencies may be anywhere from 57 to 60 per cent. In Nagpur where the two-time sitting MP and Union Minister Nitin

5.30 pm. In contrast, the Maoist-infested Gadchiroli-Chimur recorded the

Chandrapur-55.11 per cent and Ramtek-52.38 per cent.

MAHARASHTRA

polling station near their residence in

more than 5 lakh votes "We are also targeting a record voting

Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat cast his vote at a polling booth near

arrive at a polling station and waited

Sukli village in Bhandara district.

today," he said. Barring Nagpur where voter turn-out was the lowest, there was considerable

An eldery woman along with others waits to cast votes for the first phase of Lok Sabha polls, in Sivasagar, Assam, on

oodle salutes Indian Google

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

s India's much-awaited 2024 ALok Sabha elections' first phase unfolded on Friday, Google's iconic Doodle joined the country's democratic journey by featuring the iconic ink mark on the index finger, a hallmark of

Indian democracy. A click on the Google Doodle takes the users, from across the globe, to witness the monumental scale of India's vibrant democratic process being held in the seven phases from April 19 to June 1 in the country.

In the first phase, starting on Friday a total of 102 world's largest elections in which constituencies in 21 States have nearly one billion people are gone to vote, including 5 eligible to vote. "The first phase

constituencies from Phase 2 of the polls will be held next week on April 26, and 89 constituencies in 13 States will be voting, including five Assam constituencies.

Social media platforms were already buzzing with excitement as users shared the Doodle online and expressed their thoughts on significant moment. @RT_India_news posted on X, "Google Doodle Salutes Indian Elections - Democracy's Biggest Dance. Friday's illustration depicts a hand with the index finger marked with ink, symbolising the start of the



of India's 2024 Lok Sabha elections is currently underway, with significant participation multiple regions," it posted.

Stella Paul with @stellasglobe handle termed Google's move as "pretty cool" while one @virgojyoti02 found the move exciting "Let the festival of idea saying that, as citizens across like ours. It is a welcoming move

democracy begin!!! Google doodle". Naveen Athresh, having twitter handle @naveenathresh said, "Google Doodle with our Indian elections voting to push people to vote. A nice touch. Pritansu Privadarsini Biswal

from Bhubaneswar in Odisha too

was excited at Google's innovative

of the significance of our collective journey towards a more inclusive and democratic society." Jagdish Kaur, founder of the WILGA, an NGO engaged in empowerment of women shared that, "Through this Doodle, Google aims to educate people about the importance of voting and to highlight the significance of democracy. This also shows how our democracy has become

the country exercise their right to

vote, Google Doodle stands as a

virtual companion, reminding us

stronger every passing year." 'I think the vibrancy of any democracy lies in the power of an individual vote which decides the future of any powerful country

only country with 1.4 strong population to create awareness about elections," added Dr Rahul Bhargava, a bone marrow transplant specialist haematologist at Fortis Hospital, Gurgaon echoed similar sentiments. For Sanjay Ojha, Corporate

by Google which is presently the

Communication head at the ACME Green Solutions, it was like a significant moment for India. The Google Doodle seems like a thoughtful way to commemorate the start of such an important event. It's great to hear about the high level of participation in the elections. The democratic process is a vital aspect of any nation's Election Office informed that the classic symbol of Indian polls will be visible everywhere hand with only its index finger extended, marked by a purpleblack indelible ink. Devised as a method to prevent a

person from casting more than

senior official from Delhi

governance."

one vote, to preserve the principle of "one man, one vote", the ink manufactured by Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd, a Karnataka Government Undertaking has been used in Indian elections for decades. The ink manufactured in India has also travelled to other parts of the world to be used in other elections.

Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICE

- I, Nranga Lal S/o Matu Ram, R/o Village and post-office Nanakpur Tehsil Kalka district Panchkula, (Haryana) My son Ravindra and his wife Rekha Devi are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable /immoveable properties. In the future anybody deals with them at
- I. Naresh Kumar S/o Pritam Singh R/o Village Roran PO Bhunga Tehsil & Distt, Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that my son Gagandeep Singh is out of my control. I so disown all of them from our Moveable and Immoveable Properties anybody dealing with them his/ her own risk
- It is for general information that I Adarsh Biological S/O Ariun Singh and was adopted by Hemlata and Sanjay Kumar, residing at vill- bathiyuli p.o-kujji Teh-pachhad district sirmour (H.P) 173229 on dated 09/07/2013 vide sub registrar. Registration no. 131/2013 reference no. 821/2013 book no. 4 volume no. 306 from page 63 to 76 Now I hereafter be known as adarsh S/O Saniav Kumar and hemlata for all Which may be purposes. amended accordingly.
- It is for general information that I Harsh Biological S/O Arjun Singh and was adopted by Hemlata and Sanjay Kumar, residing at vill- bathiyuli p.o-kujji Teh-nachhad district sirmour (HP) 173229 on dated 09/07/2013 vide sub registrar. Registration no. 131/2013 reference no. 821/2013 book no. 4 volume no. 306 from page 63 to 76 Now I hereafter be known as adarsh S/O Sanjay Kumar and hemlata for all purposes. Which may be amended accordingly.
- I, Swarn Kaur w/o Army No. 18000120N Rank Hav Name Harbans Singh r/o 424(1) Engr Sqn c/o 56 APO declare that in my husband's Service record, my name wrongly written as Sarwan Kaur . My correct name is Swarn Kaur Vide affidavit No. IN-PB 06193009916663W Notary Public Pathankot dated 15-04-2024.
- I, Nannu S/o Mehanti Ram R/o House No. 1515/A, GMCH Campus Sector 32, Chandigarh inform that my son Shakti, Sumit Kumar, Rohit and their wife Soni, Anu, Rachna and my daughter Reena out of my control. I disown them from all my moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.
- I, Sandeep Kumar S/O Charan Dass R/O 1333/2, Katra Sher Singh District Amritsar Have Declare That My Son Sahil Kumar And His Wife Jvoti Are Out Of Mv Control I Disinherit Them From My All Movable And Immovable Properties Any Body Deal With Them Is Hiw Own Risk And Repsonsibility.
- I Surinder Kumar S/O Ram Dass Dhingra R/O #700, Sector-1, Part-2 Hudda, Shahabad Markanda, Tehsill Shahabad Markanda Disitt Kurkukshetra Declare That My Son Nikhil Dhingra And His Wife Ruchi Dhingra Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Them From Our Movable Or Immovable Properties . Anybody Dealing With Them On
- I. Sumitra W/O No. 2670683-A Ex Naik/ Ts Karambir S/O Sh. Sube Singh R/O Vill. & P.O. Saiman, Teh. Meham Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) Declare That My Name Sumitra Devi And My Dob 04.06.1957 Are Wrongly Mentioned In My Husband Army Record. But My Correct & Actual Name Is Sumitra And My Correct Dob Is 04.06.1967. Vide Affidavit Dated 12.04.2024 Before Notary Public Rohtak
- I No-14386378-K, Rank- Nk Gurdit Singh Bajwa. Residence Of #72, Street-03, Hargobind Nagar, Tehsil-Rupnagar. District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab That I Amend My Name (Gurdeep Singh To Gurdip Singh Bajwa) Due To Erroneously Recorded In My Army Record.
- I Am Ex No-4480432-M, Rank-Hav, Name-Malkit Singh. Residence Of -Vpo- Kishan Pura, Tehsil-Rupnagar, District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab Declare That I Change My Son Name Karanvir Singh To Karanveer Singh Due To Erroneously Recorded In My Army Record
- I Santosh Rani Legally Spouse Of No. 1585643L, Rank: Hav, Name: Om Prakash (Retd), Resident Of H.No. 13, Gali No. 02b, Rk Puram, Karnal, Teh-Karnal, Distt-Karnal (Harvana)-132001 Have Changed My Name From Santosh Rani To Santosh Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 19 April 2024.
- I, Surender Kour Legally Spouse Of No. 14816028f, Rank: Sep, Name: Satvinder Singh (Retd), Resident Of Vill- Garhi Sadhan, Po- Indri, Teh- Indri, Distt-Karnal (Haryana)- 132041 Have Changed My Name From Surender Kour To Surender Kaur Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 18 April 2024.

- Ram r/o Court Colony, Sirsa declare that my daughter in Law Geeta Rani widow Ashok Kumar, Grand Daughter Kanisha and Grand Son Viraj are out of my control. I disown them from all my moveable/ Immoveable properties. I & my wife Shakuntala Devi have no social, financial, legal relation with them.
- I. Anoop Kumar S/o Sh. Dasa Ram Resident of Jhuggi no 690, Sector 25, Chandigarh declared as that my son Sunil Alias Sunny and his wife Manisha both are out of our control. I disowned them from our movable immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at your own risk. Concern note.
- I. Avtar Singh S/o Balwant Singh R/o Village Khattra, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Punjab-India declare that my son Sukchain Singh Khattra and his wife Smilev Bhangu, are out of my control who are living in Canada. I disinherit from my entire moveable/immovable properties. I have no relation with them anybody dealing with them at their own risk.
- I, Rajpal Kour Spouse of No 13758995M Rank Hav Gurbhej Singh Residing at Village Madhak PO Madhak Tehsil Jaitu Dist. Faridkot have changed my name from Rajpal Kour to Rajpal Kaur and my correct DOB 15 May 1981 as per affidavit
- I, No4485098A L/Hav. Jatinder Singh 56APO declare that in my Army's record My Father's Name Gurmel Singh and his Date of birth 02-09-1962 has Written Wrongly. Actually his name is Gurmail Singh and his Date of birth is 13-03-1953.
- I. No. 4485098A I/Hay Jatinder Singh 56APO declare that in my Army's record My Mother's Name Nirmala Devi and his Date of birth 11-03-1959 has Written Wrongly. Actually her name is Nirmla Devi and her Date of birth is 07-04-1955.
- I, Sawaran Jit Kour W/o Harbans Singh Vpo, Rounta Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala, Distt Moga have my changed name English spelling Sawaran Jit Kour Sawarnjit Kaur & English spelling Vpo. Rounta to Vpo, Raunta Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala Distt Moga.
- I, Surjit Kour W/o Gursewak Singh alias Sewak Singh Vpo. Rounta Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala Distt, Moga have my changed name English spelling Surjit Kour to Surjit Kaur & english spelling Vpo Rounta to Vpo. Raunta Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga.
- I. K. Justin. Father of Jenith (Old Name) resident at Poducal Thollayavattam (Vilavancode Taluk), Kanyakumari District - 629157, have changed name of my son from Jenith (Old Name) to Jenith J.S (New Name) vide Affidavit dated 19 Apr 2024 sworn before Notary Public SAT PAL, Pathankot.
- I, J.S Jeslin Shyana (Old Name) daughter of K Justin. resident At Poducal Thollayavattam (Vilavancode Taluk), Kanyakumari District -629157, have changed my name from J.S Jeslin Shvana (Old Name) to Jeslin Shayana J.S (New Name) vide Affidavit dated 19 Apr 2024 sworn before Notary Public SAT PAL. Pathankot.
- I, Haseena (Old Name), Mother of Alisk Sanadi resident of Vill - Mutnal, Post - Nandagoan Tehsil - Gokak, Distt - Belgalavi State - Karnataka. Pin - 951231. have changed my name from Haseena (Old Name) Mother of Alisk Sanadi to Haseena Aslam Sanadi (New Name) Mother of Alisk Sanadi vide Affidavit dated 19 Apr 2024 sworn before First Class Magistrate, Pathankot.
- We, Syam Raj, S /o Shri Babu Rai and Anuradha W/o Shri Shyam Raj, R/o Village Barouli, Naraingarh, District Ambala, declare that in the birth certificate of our daughter, her name has been mistakenly written as Navana Rai whereas her actual
- name is Nayana Raj Nair. ਮੈ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਕੌਰ ਵਿਧਵਾ ਜਗਦੀਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਬਰੋਲੀ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਖਰੜ੍ਹ ਜਿਲਾ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੈ ਪਤੀ ਨੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ, ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਮ੍ਹੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਨ, ਮੈ ਉਕਤ ਬੇਦਖਲੀ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ।

CHANGE OF NAME

- **I, Sahil Jhanjji** s/o Sandeep Kumar r/o 131, Prem Vihar, Baltana, Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar declare that in my driving licence my father's name is wrongly entered as Sandeep Jhanjji. His correct name is Sandeep Kumar.
- I, Popat Shreya Jayeshbhai D/o Jayeshkumar Popat residing at House no 2449, second floor, Sector 37-C, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Shreya Jayeshkumar Popat.
- I, Kavita W/o Gulshan Kumar R/o 210-A, Keshaw Park, Bhatia Nagar, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Kavita to

- Late Sh. Dinesh Kumar R/o House No. 506, Second Floor, CASSIA. Chandigarh, Mullanpur Distt Mohali have changed my minor daughter's name from Aashna to Aashna Sharma.
- I, Meenakshi W/o Late Sh. Dinesh Kumar R/o House No. 506, Second Floor, OMAXE CASSIA, New Chandigarh Mullanpur Distt. Mohali have changed my name Meenakshi to Meenakshi Sharma.
- I. Anshu Oberoi D/o Anil Oberoi R/o 40. Madhu Colony. Behind Madhu Hotel, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Anshu Oberoi to Anshu K
- I. Monia D/o Malkit Ram R/o VPO Salempur Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Monia to Monia Bhatti Concerned note.
- I, Gurdial Chand Bhasin S/o Late Sh. Jiwan Das Bhasin R/o H No 122-A, Sector 18-A Chandigarh have changed my name from Gurdyal, Gurdial Singh Bhasin, Gurdial Singh, Gurdial Wasim and Gurdial Bhasin to Gurdial Chand Bhasin.
- I. Service no. JC501640Y Sub Harwinder Singh unit 7 Sikh C/O 99 APO S/O Nishan Singh R/O village Bagwanpur tehsil Bholath. Distt Kapurthala declare that in my service documents my wife's name is entered as Raiinder Kaur and her DOB is 10/03/1982. Which is incorrect .Her correct is Rajwinder Kaur and DOB is 28/12/1977. Please note.
- It is for general information that I, Mahabir Singh S/O Shiv Lal residing at Gorakhpur (52), Fathehabad, Haryana-125047 declare that name of my son has been wrongly written as Vikas Kumar Loot in my Discharge Book. The actual name of my son is vikas Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.
- I, Ajay Sharma S/O Om Parkash Sharma R/O Hno. 1447, Vijay Nagar, Ambala City I Have Changed My Name From Ajay Sharma To Ajay Gaur.
- I, Kiran Mai Parvatneni W/O Ajay Gaur R/O Hno. 1447, Vijay Nagar, Ambala City I Have Changed My Name From Kirar Mai Parvatneni To Kiran Sharma
- I, Karuna Garg W/o Dinesh Garg R/o H no. 87, sukhdev nagar, panipat declared that I have change my name Ekta to Karuna Garg. Ekta and Karuna Garg is only one person. So Karuna Garg called in future.
- I, Ghanshyam Gupta S/o Shri Hari Ram R/o H no. 1324, Sector 24, Huda, Panipat declared that I have change my name from Ghanshyam Gupta to Ghanshvam Dass Gupta, for all future purposes.
- I Anil Kumar son of Jagma Singh resident of Kheri Tehsil Raipur Rani District Panchkuka declare that I have changed my name from Anil to Anil Kumar. In future I should be known as Anil Kumar.
- I, Sushil Balodi S/o Subodh Kumar R/o House No 400 Pipliwala Town, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Pankaj Kumar.
- I, Krishna W/o Attar Singh Malik R/o H.No. 1800. Sector-12. Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Krishna Malik for all future purposes.
- I, Pooja Jeswani W/o Amit Jeswani R/o Dalhouse Road, Behind Sharma Nursing Home, Mohalla Ram Nagar, Tehsil & District Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From Pooja Jaiswal To Pooja Jeswani After Marriage,
- I, Jyoti Pathania W/o Vinod Singh Lalotra, R/o Daulatpur Road, Near Salvation Church, Prem Nagar Pathankot, Have Changed My Name Jyoti Pathania To Jyoti,
- I, Chandan Prjapat S/o Satpal R/o W.No.15 Desmesh Nagar, Saili Road, Tehsil & District Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From Chandan To Chandan Prjapat, Kindly Note.
- I, Pawale Sandhya Sunil Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 15776528K Hav Pawale Sunil Anandrao. Present Unit S8 Rr (Rajput) C/056 Apo. Pin-934558 Have Changed My Name From Pawale Sandhya Sunil To Sandhya Sunil Pawale Vide Dated 19-04-2024 Before Ambala Cantt
- I. Service No. 15776528K Hay Pawale Sunil Anandrao. Present Unit 58 Rr (Raiput) C/056 Apo, Pin-934558 Have Changed My Daughter Name From Pawale Puneswi Sunil To Pawale Puneswi Vide Affidavit Dated 19-04-2024 Before Ambala Cantt
- I, Service No. 15776528K Hav Pawale Sunil Anandrao Present Unit 58 Rr (Rajput) C/056 Apo, Pin-934558 Have Changed My Son Name From Shaniraj To Pawale Shaniraj Vide Affidavit Dated 19-04-2024 Before Ambala Cantt

- I, Service No. 15776528K Hay Pawale Sunil Anandrao. Present Unit 58 Rr (Rajput) C/056 Apo, Piv-934558 Have Changed My Father Name From Anandrao To Ananda Balu Pawale & Date Of Birth From 01-07-1948 To 01-03-1948 Vide Affidavit Dated 19-04-2024 Before Ambala Cantt
- I, Service No. 15776528K Hay Pawale Sunil Anandrao Present Unit 58 Rr (Rajput) C/056 Apo, Pin-934558 Have Changed My Mother Name From Salubaei To Salubai Ananada Pawale & Date Of Birth From 01-07-1985 To 01-06-1959 Vide Affidavit Dated 19-04-2024 Before Ambala Cantt
- I, Vinish Kansal S/o Sh Vijay Kumar R/o H. No. 930, Sector-14, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Vinish Kansal to Vinish Kumar for all future purpose.
- I, Vinish Kumar S/o Sh Vijay Kumar R/o H. No. 930, Sector-14. Hisar, Harvana declare that I have changed the name of my minor son from Nikhil Kansal to Nikhil for all future purpose.
- I Suman W/o Sh Rammehar R/o Village Thurana, Teh. Hansi, Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Suman Devi to Sumar for all future purpose.

I, Sumit S/o Sh. Vijay Kumar

R/o H. No. 980, Sector-14, Hisar,

- Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Sumit to Sumit Kansal for all future I, Vivek Kumar S/o Surender Singh R/o H. No. 259, Sector 15
- A, Hisar, Haryana 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Vivek Kumar to Vivek Kalirmna for all future purpose. I, Sukh Dev Bansal S/O Sh. Brij Bhushan Residing At 4, Model Town. Fatehabad (125050).
- Haryana Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Pearl Aged 17 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Pearl Bansal. I, Jarmanjeet Singh S/o Davinder Singh R/o Village Loharka Khurd, PO Loharka Kalan, Amritsar, Punjab have

changed my name from

Jarmanjeet Singh to Singh is my

surname and Jarmanjeet is my

- I. G Balammal Mother of JC-246652F Rank RIS Name G Ragunathan R/o Vill. & PO Edmalai Patty Pudhur, Teh. Tiruchirappalli, Distt. Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu-620012 have changed my date of birth in army record from 01-07-1957 to 13-05-1953 vide affidavit dated 18-04-2024 before Session Court
- I. Saniana Gahlot W/o Sh. Sidhant R/o Sujeet Motors Pvt Ltd Delhi-Hisar By-pass 10 Km Stone Village Satroad Khas Teh. and Distt. Hisar. Harvana declare that I have changed my name from Saniana Gahlot to Saniana Satroad for all future purpose.
- I. Nirmala Devi W/O 14403060K Rank (Late) Hav Sh Pal Singh R/O Narar Tehsil Distt (Haryana), In My Husband's Service Documents My Daughter Name Is Reetu Devi Whereas Her Correct And Real Name Is Ritu In All Civil
- I, Ulfat Banoo Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 15483520F Rank Dfr Name Saiyad Mohammed Julfi Khan R/O Vpo - Bagholi, Tehsil-Udaypur Wati, District-Jhunjhunun, State-Raiasthan - 333801 Have Changed My Name From Ulfat Banoo To Ulfat Banu In My Spouse Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 19.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.
- I, Aastha Pal Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 17001729F Rank Nk Name Ranvir Pal R/O Village-Dharmapur, Po-Anjhi Shahabad, Tehsil-Shahabad, District-Hardoi, State - U.P.-241124 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 02/01/1996 To 15/05/1997 In My Spouse Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 19.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.
- I, Anjna In Legally Wedded Spouse Of No 15488710X Rank Dfr Name Vinay Kumar R/O Village-Kheradhar. Po-Bhuira. Tehsil- Rajgarh, District- Sirmour, State-H.P. 173101 Have Changed My Name From Anjna To Anjna Devi In My Spouse Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 19.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.
- I, Vijitha Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 14649725X Rank Hav Name Rakesh P R R/O Vpo-Thiruvampady,
- Tehsil-Thamarassery, District-Kozhikode, State-Kerala-673603 Have Changed My Name From Vijitha To Vijitha P V In My Spouse Army Service Record Vide Affidavit 19.04.2024 Before Notary Public Hisar.
- I. Dharam Pal S/o Phula Ram #2461, Dainik Bhaskar, Sector 25-C, Chandigarh, declare that my Grandson name wrongly entered as Naksh in Aadhar No. 309806410672. I being guardian declare that his correct name is Daksh for all Purposes in Future.

- I, Babita W/o Sube Singh #1195-B, Sec-46 B, Chandigarh have changed the Name of my minor Daughter from Disha Rao to
- I, Pawan Kumar S/o Prem Singh # 178, Near Shiv Mandir, Sector-45A, Burail, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor son from Naksh to Naksh Dhiman.
- I, Praveen Kumar Kashyap S/O. Sh. Mishri Lal R/O. #212, FF. Guru Nanak Enclave, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Distt. Sas Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. I Have Changed My Name From Praveen Kumar Kashyap To Praveen Kumar.
- I, Anupama Kashyap W/O. To Praveen Kumar R/O. #212, FF, Guru Nanak Enclave, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Distt. Sas Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. I Have Changed My Name From Anupama Kashyap To Anupama Kumar. I, Brijesh s/o Karam Singh
- r/o Village Munak, Tehsil Ballha, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Berzesh Kumar to Brijesh for all of purpose. I, Bimaljeet Singh s/o
- Gursharn Singh r/o #E-89, School Area, Nilokheri, Karnal have changed the name of my minor daughter from Gursareen to Gursareen Kaur.

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नगर निगम, रोहतक

सार्यजानिक सुराना
सर्व साधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम,
रोहतक की कर शाखा के सम्पतिकर के रिकार्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी
आईडी नं. 1183GBM6 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आईडी नं
796227129 पता 0113 Pakki Garhi, Pakki Gali124001 पुराने एनडीसी रिकार्ड में Ram Sahai & Madan
Lai य सर्व के अनुसार नए एनडीसी रिकार्ड में Monika
female Pawan Kumar नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के
रिकार्ड में इस आईडी नं. में प्राची जिसका नाम सुनिमा देवी,
मुझतीर, पहन, निशा रानी, वीना, सीमा, रजनी के द्वारा
वसरीवक वीन, निशा रानी, वीना, सीमा, रजनी के द्वारा
वसरीवक वीन है। यहि किसी भी जानसाधारण को इनके नाम
वसरीवत करने में कोई भी आपित है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर अन्दर
नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपित दर्ज करवारों, अन्यवा
प्राप्टी देवस में उसके नाम तबदील कर दो जायेगी। जिसके
लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उतरदायी नही होगा। रामसहाई
को मीत 17/06/2000 को हो चुकी है।

क्रमांकः MCR/ZTO/2024/3885 **क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी** दिनंकः 19/04/2024 नगर निगम, रोहतक

नगर निगम, रोहतक

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकार्ड में नई प्रोपटी आईओ नं IHVKCVH7 पुरानी आईओ नं 44C326U320 पता Prem Nagar 992/21 पुराने एनडीसी रिकार्ड में Shanti Devi w/o Zile Singh व सर्वे के अनुसार नए जितारा Devr Wo Zile Singin त से पर के अनुसार ने पूर्णाओं तिकाई में Harender Singh Chahai नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इस आईडी नं. में प्रार्थी जिसका नाम शांति देवी, नरेन्द्र सिंह चहल, सुशीला, हरेंद्र सिंह, सतीष, निकिता, कार्तिक चहल के द्वारा वसीयत्। वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते है जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार, रोहतक द्वारा तसदीक की गई है। शही किसी भी जनसमागण का उनके माम तबदील की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण का इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर अन्दर नग निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स में उसके नाम तब्दील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। कर्मकः MCR/ZTO/2024/3879 रिनंकः 19/04/2024 **दोत्रीय कराधान अधि** नगर निगम, रोहतक

नगर निगम. रोहतक

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आई.डी.नं.1HFMOE57 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आई.डी.नं. 64C444U9 पता Lal Dora Pratap Mohall पुराने रनडीसी रिकॉर्ड में Harbhajan Singh व सर्वे के अनुसार नए एनडीसी रिकॉर्ड में Raj Rani नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड में इस आई.डी. नं. में प्रार्थी जिसका नाम Arun Sikka के द्वारा वसीयत/ वार्सान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते हैं जिसकी वारसान किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर नगर निगम कार्यात्वय में अपनी आपति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा प्रोपटी टैक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी।जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा।

क्रमंकः MCR/ZT0/2024/3883 क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी नगर निगम रोहतक

नगर निगम, रोहतक

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गम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। १८४७०२४४४४४४ **क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी** १४२०४४ **नगर निगम, रोहतक** क्रमकः MCR/ZTO/2024/3880 दिशंकः 19/04/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

, Anuradha w/o Lal singh vill Munne Teh: Anandpur Sahib, Distt Rupnagar (Punjab) 8491803528- This is for the Information that the Original Sale Deed Vasika No.-12 Dated 03-04 2012 in favour of Jasvir kaur w/c Jagtar Singh has been lost

LOST AND FOUND

IT IS NOTIFIED FOR THE INFORMATION THAT IN RESIDENTIAL REGISTRY FATEH JANG SINGH S/O SATAMAW SINGE IN PAYOR SORRINDER WODAN SIO MUNI LAL SALE DEED DATED 09-04-1997 HAVING DOCUMENT 171 ACTUALLY LOST AT BUS STAND GURDASPUR LR N:455298/2024 LOST DATE 3/01/2024 REPORT DATE 04/04/2024 IF ANYBOD FOUND BELOW ADDRESS CANDIDATE NAME KULWANT KAUR W/O PREM SINGH R/C H.NO.648/11 GOVERNMENT COLLEGE ROAD REEN AVENUE GURDASPUR 805431529

Bank of Baroda SCO NO.1120-21, Sector 22 B,

Chandigarh 0172-50009880, 8558846410 E-mail: sectoc@bankofbaroda.cor PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information to General Public that original registry/sale deed in the name of Mr. Rajinder Sharma son of Sh. Radha Krishan registered at Serial/Vasika No 6384 dated 23 01 2004 with the office of Sub Registrar, Dera Bassi has been lost. Lost Article Information Re oort has also been lodged vide Report No.2024/011504 dated 28.04.2024 with the Chandigarh Police in this regard. In case any body finds the above document he is advised to contact the Chief Manager, Bank of Baroda, Sector 22-B Branch, Chandigarh on Mobile No 8558846410 or Landline No. 0172-50009880 and return the above mentioned sale deed/registry to the Bank

Mob: 98142 03695

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meena Devi W/o Sh. Sudhir Kumar, R/o louse No. 1544, Sector-4. Panchkula, Harvana, declare that the original Registry, vasika no 17246 dated 22-03-2011, and Map of plot vide Khewat No. 63. Khatauni No. 136, Khasra No. 419/180 Halbatpur Road, Sadhemara, Derabassi, Distt. Mohali, has been lost at Sector-4. Panchkula on 19.04.2024 DDR lodge no-014 dated 19-04-2024 at Police Station ctor-5 Panchkula. If anybody found

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Nisha Sehrawat W/o Aman Pahal R/o 1168, Urban Estate, Jind, delcare that I have lost/misplace our Transfer Deed 569 dt. 14-05-2018, Sale Deed 2113 dt. 05-07-2012, Sale Deed 6381 dt. 20-03-2012, Sale Deed 1575 dt. 08-07-2010, Sale Deed 4572 dt. 10-11-2005, Exchange 2010, Sale Deed 4572 dt. 10-11-2005, Exchan Deed 2802 dt. 16-12-2002 of our prope somewhere at Jind on dtd. 01-01-2024. We ha tried our best to find out, but in vain. Who missing report is lodged through application in 132300622400325. Anybody finds it, plea contactus.

सार्वजनिक सूचना मैं तमन्ना पुत्री श्री राजेश कुमार पुत्र श्री हरबंसलाल निवासी मकान न. 665-ए, वार्ड न. 5, गली न. 3 इन्टा कालोनी, बारह क्वाटर रोड हिसार तहसील र ला हिसार। यह है कि मेरे पिता राजेश कुमार पुत्र श्री हरबंसलाल का स्वर्गवास दिनांक 12.12.2016 को हो चुका है। मेरी दादी श्रीमती कौशल्या देवी पत्नी श्री हरबँसलाल का देहांत काफी अरसा पहले हो चुका है। राजेश कुमार पुत्र श्री हरबंसलाल के स्वर्गवास पश्चात उनके निम्नलिखित वारसान है 1. श्रीमती सुषमा विधवा व 2. तमन्ना पुत्री श्री राजेश कुमार पुत्र श्री हरबंसलाल वारसान है। इसके अलावा अन्य कोई दिगर वारिस ना है। अन्य कोई दिगर वारिस या हकदार बनकर कलेम करेगा तो मेरी जिम्मेवारी होगी। –प्रार्थी

ublic is informed that Bunty W/o narmender has lost his Previous Sale deed dated 02/12/2010 no. 11113 in favour of Ompati W/o Bharmaparkash and Sale deted 02.12.2010 no. 11112 in favour of Sar W/o Jai and Sale deed dated 13/04/2018 no 529 in favour of Sanju W/o Navratan Singl regarding the Plot in bearing Property ID no 246-C-137-U-262, Khewat no. 1183, Khati no. 1251, Killa no. 33//9, Mouja Sunari Kala no. 1251, Killa no. 33/l/9, Mouja Sunari Kalan in Shri Ram Nagar Rohata, HARYANA 124001 Measuring 67.99 sq yards. IF any person has found/ Information / Possession / Knowledge for above said missing documents then Submit/ Intimate within 07 days to Pankaj Sharma, Advocate, Chambi 392, and Distt. Courts Rohtak 9896553019. There after any kind of clair

PUBLIC NOTICE

नगर निगम रोहतक

सार्वजनिक सूचना वर्ष साधारण को यूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहत की कर शाबा के सम्मतिकर के रिकॉर्ड में गई प्रोपटी आईएर्ड 1,1HWZ7AFV पूचनी प्रोपटी आईएर्ड 1,36C696U808 बार्ड न./पता Gandhi Nagar पुर लखेल्यील रिकॉर्ड में Rai Rani W/o Late Kishan Lal सर्वे के अनुसार नए एनण्डीठसींश रिकॉर्ड में Raj Rani Wo ate Kishan Lal नाम से दर्ज है। अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड इस आईण्डील न. में प्रार्थी जिसका नाम Rajender Kumar on the basis of Will/ Wasiyat) के द्वारा यत/वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करव हते है जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार, रोहतक द्वा त है। विस्तित जिस्ति (राज्य घटनाटाजर, राह्यक है हीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके न हील करने में कोई भी आपित है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन निगम कर्यालय में अपनी आपित दर्ज करवाये, अन्य र्स्टी टैक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लि र निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। मांक: MCR/ZTO/2024/3884 क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम रोहतक।

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to the Notice of the Public at large that
Original Sale deed No. 2034 dated 22.01.2021
executed by Prem Jain widow of Ramesh
Chander son of Deep Chand in favor of Sahil
Gandhi son of Rajesh Gandhi son of Madan Lalis
missing/lost from the property owner. It is
informed by the party, the same has not been
mortgaged with any bank or financial institution
and the same has been lost. If anybody has any
objection regarding the mortgaging of the same,
may respond within Fourteen days, to the
undersigned. After the expiry of the stipulated
period of Fourteen days, no claim whatsoever undersigned. After the expiry of the stipulated period of Fourteen days, no claim whatsoever shall be entertained. The detail of the property is as underr- Property measuring 00 Kanal 05 Marla 03 Sarsai(20x72 Sqr.Ft.)i.e. 1/2 share of land measuring 00 Kanal 10 Marla 06 Sarsai, comprised in Khasra No.85 (0-10-6), Khowat 10/20/4 Kanal No.85 (0 No.193/1, Khatuni No.306/1, as per jamaband for the year 1974-75, Situated within the revenu-limits of S.T.C, Giddarbaha Tehsil Giddarbaha i the name of Sahil Gandhi son of Rajesh Gandh son of Madan Lal AND Chandni Gandhi wife o

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतूक की कर शास्त्रा के सम्पतिकर के रिकार्ड में नई पोपर्टी आईडी नंबर 1HGWUWG5 प्ररानी पोपर्टी आईडी नंबर 104C3U506B वार्ड नंबर/पता Arya Nagar , रोहतक पुराने NDC रिकॉर्ड Nilima, Mandhir, Usha Rani And Others तथा नए NDC रिकॉर्ड में Nilima, Mandhir, Usha, praveen, Harish Kumar, Saiditamal दर्ज है। अब नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इस आईडी नंबर में पार्थी जिसका नाम श्री/श्रीमति Geeta, Nalin, Nilima, Mandhir Usha, Muskaan के द्वारा वसीयत/वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम से दर्ज करवाना चाहते है यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अंदर नगर निगम् कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। क्रमांक MCR/ZTO/2024/3870 दिनांक 18/04/2024 क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी नगर निगम रोहतक

कार्यालय नगर परिषद सिरसा

पब्लिक नोटिस विषय- कार्यालय के प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड अनुसार प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. SRS/B21/2759 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3RO5BWD0, SRS/B21/2708 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3RJB42H6 जो कि श्रीमान तजिन्द्र सिंह पुत्र गुरबख्श सिंह निवासी सिरसा के नाम दर्ज है। यह है कि श्रीमान तजिन्द सिंह पुत्र गुरबख्श सिंह जी का स्वर्गवास दिनाक 05/03/2023 को हो चुका है। यह है कि इनके स्वर्गवास के उपरांत रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार एस. आर. एस सिरसा के अनसार 1- अमर कौर माता. 2- नवजोत कौर विधवा 3-परमप्रीत पुत्री तजिन्द्र सिंह पुत्र गुरबख्श सिंह निवासीगण सिरसा के नाम प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड में तब्दील

करने हेतु अनुरोध किया है। सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. SRS/B21/2759 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3RO5BWD0. SRS/B21/2708 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3RJB42H6 में इस नाम तबदीली पर किसी आम व 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 मियाद उपरोक्त यूनिट मुताबिक प्रस्तुत दस्तावे आधार मतकान के वारसान के नाम केवल प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स वसूली हेतु तबदील कर दिया जावेगा ।इसमें नगर परिषद सिरसा की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी। विदित रहे सचिव / कार्यकारी अधिकारी नगरपरिषद, सिरसा

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, hereby informed the general public that Smt. Kalpana Verma wife of Sh. Sushii Kumar son of Sh. Satypal Verma resdient of House no. 324/2. Halwaii Hatta, Panipat is owner in possession of Property in the property of the p nd shall have no value in the eyes of law.

ANNU RANI, ADVOCATE, Chamber no. 563,

2ndFloor, Lawyer Chamber Complex, Phase-II, Distt. Court, Panipat

PUBLIC NOTICE

Certified that It is brought to Notice of General Public that Palvi daughter of Janak Raj s/o Mehar Chand, owner of the Property measuring: 120.60 So Et i.e. 0 Kanals - 1/2 Marlas hearing TS -Sq. Ft. i.e. 0 Kanals – 1/2 Marlas, bearing TS – 1 Assessment Register No. B. "AI-163, s/a Vishkarma Chowk, Sujanpur, Tehsil & District: Pathankot. The above said property has been transferred vide Transfer deed No. 2023-24/44/1/6747 dated 16.02.2024 is going to avail Loan from Finova Capital Pvt. Ltd. Pathankot. original Previous Transfer deed No. 5753 dated 09.02.2018 in the name of Abhishek Mehra s/o Janak Rai s/o Mehar Chand has heen lost and if lanak Raj s/o Mehar Chand has been lost and i Anybody having objection regarding mortgage of property with Finova Capital Pvt. Ltd. Pathankot nay responds or raise objection within 7 days, to ankaj Jain Advocate. Mobile No. 9878828140.

सार्वजनिक सचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, हिसार की गृहकर

शाखा के संपति रिकार्ड में प्रोपर्टी आईडी संख्या 1DAAMRV9/ P01701420656 वो कि मकान नं. 1833, ब्लॉक नं. 18, गली नं. 7 मौहल्ला रामपुरा, हिसार में स्थित है जो कि स्व. लीलावती विधवा श्री बुजलाल के नाम दर्ज है जिनका दिनांक 17-03-2019 को देहान्त हो चुका । लीलावती विधवा श्री बुजलाल ने अपने जीवनकाल में उक्त प्रोपर्ट की वसीयत अपनी पुत्री गीता / गीता चुघ के नाम की थी जिसका रजिस्ट्रेशन नं. 783 दिनांक 02.01.2012 है जोकि तहसील कार्यालय सब रजिस्टार हिसार में पंजीकत है। अब लीलावती के देहाना के उपरान उपरोक्त प्रोपर्टी में श्रीमती गीता /गीता चघ वारिस हैं। उपरोक्त प्रोपर्टी की अपने नाम तबदील करवाने के लिए वारिस गीता / गीता चघ ने नगर निगम में आवेदन किया है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को उपरोक्त प्रोपर्टी तबदील करने में कोई आपित हो तो 30 दिन के अन्दर निगम कार्यालय में आपित दर्ज करवा सकता है अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी उक्त वारसान के नाम कर दी जाएगी। प्रार्थी :- गीता चुघ पुत्री स्व. श्रीमती लीलावती।

कार्यालय नगर परिषद सिरसा कार्यालय के प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड अनुसार प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. SRS/B21/2226 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3ROYBVH4 जो कि श्रीमति देवा देवी पत्नी औमप्रकाश बागड़ी, धर्मेन्द्र पुत्र औमप्रकाश बागड़ी, योगेश पुत्र औमप्रकाश बागड़ी, आदर्श पुत्र औमप्रकाश बागडी, अरूणा पत्री औमप्रकाश बागडी निवासी सिरसा के नाम दर्ज है। यह है कि श्रीमति देवा देवी पत्नी औमप्रकाश बागड़ी का स्वर्गवास दिनांक 01.04.2024 को हो गया है। वसीयतनामा के अनुसार 1-धर्मेन्द्र बागड़ी 2-आदर्श बागड़ी पुत्रान श्रीमित देवा देवी पत्नी औमप्रकाश बागड़ी निवासीगण सिरसा हर दो समभाग जिला सिरसा के नाम प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड में तब्दील करने हेतु अनुरोध किया है। सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. SRS/B21/2226 नया हाउस टैक्स नंबर 3RQYBVH4 में इस नाम तबदीली पर किसी आम व 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 मियाद उपरोक्त यूनिट मुताबिक प्रस्तुत दस्तावे आधार मृतकान के वारसान के नाम केवल प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स वसूली हेतु तबदील कर दिया जावेगा । इसमें नगर परिषद सिरसा की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी। विदित रहे।

Lost & Found

सचिव/ कार्यकारी अधिकारी नगरपरिषद, सिरसा

Meenakshi Sharma w/o Brii Bhushan Sharma r/o #466, Sector 3. Kurukshetra inform that the allotment letter No. 10938 of my house dated 28.11.1989 which is lost in the bus stand. Kurukshetra. Whoever finds it, please inform at the above address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Sh. Rajiv Tewari Asstt. Estate Officer, U.T., Asstr. Estate Ornicer, U.I., Chandigarh Subject :- Transfer of Ownership in respect of Commercial SCO No. 10, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh (CP 1300) to the extent of 33.33% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Narinder Mohan Mittal.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Narinder Mohan Mittal is the owner/lessee of Commercial SCO No. 10, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 33,33% Share. It has been informed by Saroj Mittal that Sh Narinder Mohan Mittal expired on 14.11.2023 and she has also intimated the following legal

Mittal-Wife, (2) Seema Goyal- Daug ow, Saroj Mittal has applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Commercial SCO No. 10, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 33.33% Share held by Late Narinder Mohan

Mittal in her favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 25.05.2022. If anybody has any nformation about any other legal heir(s) of the ceased other than mentioned above, the me may be intimated to the Estate Officer, J.T., Chandigarh, immediately. f anybody has any objection upon the in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said property will be mutated share in the said property will be mutated.

share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage. Rajiv Tewari, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE SH. SANYAM GARG, HCS ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER, UT. CHANDIGARGH

Subject:- Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 76, SECTOR 21-A, Chandigarh (RP 3790) to the extent of 12.50% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late SUDARSHAN LAL

SUDARSHAN LAL.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./ Smt. SUDARSHAN LAL is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTAL Site No. 76, SECTOR 21-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 12.50% Share. It has been informed by POONAM CHAUHAN, SANDEEP VERMA, MUNISH VERMA, SANTOSH RANI, SHAVETA KANDA that Sh. / Smt. SUDARSHAN LAL expired on 24/02/2008 & he/she/they has/ have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:

Name of legal heir	Relation with deceased Daughter		
Shaveta Kanda			
Munish Verma	Son		
Poonam Chauhan	Daughter		
Santosh Rani	Wife		
Sandeep Verma	Son		
	Shaveta Kanda Munish Verma Poonam Chauhan Santosh Rani Sandeep Verma Now, POONAM CHAUH		

VERMA, MUNISH VERMA, SANTOSH RANI SHAVETA KANDA has / have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 76, SECTOR 21-A, Chandigarh, to the extent of 12.50% Share held by Late SUDARSHAN LAL in his/ her/ heir favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. f anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other han mentioned above, the same may be ntimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

Chandigam, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/ she/ they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidabit data). supported with affidavit duly attested by y Magistrate / Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies & no further claim whatsoever shall be epitactioned at any later stace. shall be entertained at any later stage. Sanyam Garg, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the

Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

2020 will be destroyed as per the retention policy of the hospital. Anybody needing these old medical records may approach the hospital or contact-98765-36765, before 22-07-2024.

Note that old medical records of patients treated before 31-12

Chakravarty Nursing Home 207-208, Sector-10, Dated:-20-04-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform and seek objections, if any rom general public that Bank of Maharashtra had sanctioned loan against property to Mr. Abhimanyu Nandrajog s/o Mr. Surinder Nandrajog against the property i.e. That 1.) Sale Deed, Exchange deed no. 3292 dated 18.11.2010 registere in the o/o Joint Sub Registrar, Majr executed by Mr. Naresh Kumar Vij & Mrs Pooja Vij in favour of Mrs. Promila

Sale Deed No. 657, Dated 04.05.2011 registered in the o/o Joint Sub Registrar, Majri executed by Mr. Ujjagar Singh & Mr. Gurpreet Singh in favour of Mrs. Promila

3.) Sale Deed, Transfer Deed no. 1550

Dated 01.09.2017 registered in the o/o

Joint Sub Registrar, Mairi executed by Mrs

Nandrajog. (Original), was lost. That a DDR No. L.A.R No. 2024/002311 dated No. L.A.K No. 2024/002311 dated 23/01/2024 had been lodged in Police Station Sector PS-11 regarding the lost of the said Sale Deed. That in case any person having any claim, right, title or nterest in the above said property in an lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage charge, lien, trust, possession, easemen attachment or otherwise howsoever, sha bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supportin documents/ evidence within a period of days from the date of this notice failing which such claim if any, shall be considto be waived, abandoned and it shall be resumed that no person has any claim of any nature in respect of the above said ands and any subsequent claim shall not

Advocates & Legal Consultants, Chamber no. 95, New Lawyers Chambers, High Court, Chandigarh. M: 98882-02221

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bind our clients or their successors

nominee/ assignees in any manne

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन- साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि सीमा शर्मा निवासी म.न. 964/61, बलदेव नगर, अम्बाला शहर से मृतक स्वर्गीय लोकनाथ शर्मा के कानूनी वारिस की रिपेंट जारी कुरने हेतू एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कानुना बा(स का) स्पार्च आरी करन हुत् एक प्रायमा पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सत्तंग्न हरफनामों व रिपोर्ट नगरपार्थद व अधीक्षक नगर निगम, अंबाला अनुसार मृतक लोकनाथ शर्मा के निम्निलायत कानुनी बारिस हैं-1. सीमा शर्मा न्यी 2 पूजा शर्मा न्यूत्री 3. बंदना शर्मा - पुत्री 4. नेहा शर्मा -पुत्री 5. जीतंदर शर्मा -पुत्र 1 विद इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है, तो वह हरसील्वार अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय प्राप्ति है, तो वह हसीलदार,अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिकशन के 30 देन के अंदर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकता है। यदि प्राथी द्वारा दी गई सूचना किसी भी समय गलत पाई जाती है तो प्रार्थी भारतीय दंड सॉहता की धारा 177 व अन्य संबंधित कानूनों के तहत दंड का भागी होगा। तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर

सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस पिढलक नोटिस के मार्फत जन- साधारण को स्वित किया जाता है कि रमा सुद निवासी म.न. 172, माइल टाइन अम्बाला शहर से मृतक स्वर्गीय सुरिन्द मोहन सुद के कानुनी वासिस की रिपेट जारी करने हेंदू एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलेन हरूकनामां व राधेट नगरपार्थद व अधीक्षक नगर निगम, अंबाला अनुसार मृतक सुरिन्द मोहन सुद के निप्रार्थिकत कानुनी वासिस है:-1. रमा सुद - पत्री 2. ानभालाखत कानूना वात्तस हः-1. स्मा सूद - पत्ती 2. इतित सूद-पत्तु ३. राजन सूद -पूत्र । यदि इस स्त्रा किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति हैं, तो यह तहसीलदार,अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पिललेकप्रन के 30 दिन के अंदर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज कल्या सकता है। यदि प्रार्थी द्वारा दी गई सूचना किसी भी समय गलत गई जाती है तो प्रार्थी गरतीय दंड संहिता की धारा 177 व अन्य संबधित **हानूनों के तहत दंड का भागी होगा**

सार्वजनिक सूचना जाता है कि प्रसंजात सिंह निवासी म.न. 96, सानक विवाह जण्डली, अव्याहता शहर से मृतक स्थाणि गुरेब्द सिंह के कानुनी बारिस की रिपोट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस हरफनामों व रिपोर्ट नगरपार्थेद व अभीक्षक नगर निगम, अंबाला अनुसार मृतक गुरेवेन सिंह के निम्नित्वित्व कानुनी बारिस है-।. दिल्लाग कोर - पत्री 2. सुखिनद कीर - पृत्री 3. परमजीत सिंह -पृत्र 4. दरजीत सिंह-पुत्र 5. सरबजीत सिंह -पुत्र 1 यदि इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपति है, तो ब्यक्तिक स्थानित है । सीलदार,अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिकशन के 30 इन के अंदर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकता है। यदि पाथी दारा दी दंड संहिता की धारा 177 व अन्य संबंधित कानूनों के तहत दंड

तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर नगर निगम, रोहतक

सर्व साधारण को सवित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम. रोहतक की कर शास्त्रा के सम्पतिकर के रिकार्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आई.डी.नं. 1HYK8LF6 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आई.डी. नं. 10C818U346 वार्ड नं./पता Nehru Colony पुराने एन.डी.सी. रिकार्ड में Ranbir, Dalbir, Ravinder व सर्वे के अनुसार नए एन डीसी. रिकार्ड में Dalbir Singh नम से दर्ज है, उब नमर निगम के रिकार्ड में इस गई.डी. न. में प्रार्थी जिसका नाम दलबीर सिंह पुत्र राम दयाल, किताबो देवी माता, नुर्ति देवी विचवा व साहिल पुत्र, मोनिका पुत्री रणबीर सिंह पुत्र रामदयाल के द्वारा वसीयत/वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबवीन करवाना वाहते हैं. जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट तहसीलवर, रोहतक द्वारा तसदीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अन्टर- अन्टर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपीत दर्ज करवारे. अन्टारा

पोपरी टैक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, मांक : MCR/ZTO/2024/3855 श्रेजीय कराधान अधिकारी

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RESIDENTIAL Site No. 368, SECTOR 38-A Chandigarh (LRP 1033) to the extent of 70.00% share on the basis of Intestate Death ire on the basis of Intestate Death of Late SH. D.V. KOHLI. It is notified for the information of general

public and all concerned that as per record of this office SH. D.V. KOHLI is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 368, SECTOR 38-A. Chandigarh to the extent of 70.00% share. It has been informed by ALKA KHANNA, VIKAS KOHLI that SH. D.V. KOHLI expired on

16.10.2023 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased Relation with deceased

Name of Legal Heir VIKAS KOHLI ALKA KHANNA Now, ALKA KHANNA, VIKAS KOHLI

have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 368, SECTOR 38-A, Chandigarh, to the extent of 70.00% Share held by Late SH. D.V. KOHLI in their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Office, U.T., Chandigarh

DAUGHTER

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property in favour of the above named applicants, then he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/ Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage

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Cong, BJP step up Lok Sabha Election campaigning in Chandigarh; focus on colonies

CHANDIGARH

With a heavy concentration of voters in colonies and villages, the focus of the campaign of both Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party is more in these areas rather than sectors in the first phase of campaigning for the Chandigarh seat in the Lok Sabha Elections.

The response that the campaign of the political parties receive in the urban areas is relatively tepid. Knowing this fact, the Congress and BJP leaders in Chandigarh are making all out efforts to woo the voters in colonies and villages of the city.

Those watching the political developments in the city say that mostly the lower-rung population was settled in colonies, who have higher expectations from elected leaders, both in terms of uplifting their lives and civic development. Thus they come out to vote in high numbers, attracting parties' attention. Traditionally, Congress has a stronghold in the rural and slum areas of the city, they added.

After triangular contests in the last two Lok Sabha elections, Chandigarh is set to witness a two-cornered contest this time, with the Congress and AAP teaming up to trounce the BJP that is looking to secure a third straight win. While the BJP has nominated Sanjay Tandon, a



Congress candidate from Chandigarh, Manish Tewari addressed intellectuals of the city and sought their support for the Lok Sabha elections. Pioneer Photo

Lok Sabha debutant, the Congress has picked Manish Tewari, a two-time MP, who will be backed by the party's INDIA bloc partner AAP.

Ås per 2019 Lok Sabha elec-**Ballot Battle** tions, where colony voters showed up in force, boasting a turnout of 74 per cent, compared to urban areas' 68 per cent. Housing nearly half of the constituency's voter base, the 25 colonies in Chandigarh are the heart of campaigning for both the BJP and the Congress. In fact, the top four areas with highest voter turnout were also colonies, with Sector 25 leading the charge at 85.41 per cent, followed closely by Maloya Colony (84.52 per cent), Dadumajra Colony (84 per cent) and Manimajra's Indira

Colony (83.64 per cent). In the 2014 election, AAP candidate Gul Panag had eaten into Congress candidate Pawan councillors, and the Congress

Bansal's vote bank in the rehabilitated colonies and slums, grabbing 1.08 lakh votes (23.97 per cent) compared to Bansal's 1.21 lakh (26.84 per cent).

BJP's Kirron Kher, who won the elections,

received 1.91

lakh votes (42.20 per cent), having earned a lead in colonies. In 2019, Kher won again with 2.31 lakh votes (50 per cent), while Bansal received 1.8 lakh votes (40.4 per cent) and AAP's vote share was relegated to 3.82 per cent, with its can-

didate Harmohan Dhawan

polling 13,781 votes. This time, so far, 6,47,291 people have enrolled as voters in Chandigarh, of which staggering 3 lakh (46 per cent) voters are residents of colonies that are plagued by various civic issues. In the current Chandigarh Municipal Chandigarh Corporation, AAP has eight

BJP's Chandigarh Lok Sabha candidate Sanjay Tandon on Friday addressed party's elected and nominated councilors in Kamlam, Sec 33 and exhorted them to fan out in their respective wards to spread the message of development works done by the BJP in their wards Pioneer Photo and the BJP one each in ment's social welfare schemes,

colonies of the city.

A day after the announcement of his name as the Congress candidate for the Chandigarh Parliamentary seat, Manish Tewari had kicked off his poll campaign from the largest colonies – Maloya and Mauli Jagran — a traditional vote bank of four-time Congress MP from Chandigarh Pawan Bansal

Tewari also held a meeting with the representatives of 22 villages at the party office in Sector 35 and discussed with them about election strategies. Despite being the MP from Anandpur Sahib, Tewari had allocated funds for installation of CCTV cameras in Bapu Dham in the past.

The BJP leaders are also

constructing their campaign to woo colony voters, banking on the BJP-led central govern-

aimed to benefit the lower strata of the population, mosthoused in colonies in Chandigarh. As in these areas, people of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh are living so in 2019, the BJP had also brought in functionaries from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to connect with migrants. A BJP leader said, "Our focus will be on colonies and housing societies. We have already devised a strategy for our campaign and we are confident of winning across Chandigarh." BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon recently presided over a meeting with shopkeepers of the grain market, Sector 26, and farmers of the UT villages. After taking the feedback, the meeting discussed how to go ahead with the campaigning. On the occasion, leaders were asked to

Chandigarh MC launches crackdown against illegal water tanker service contractors

PNS CHANDIGARH

Acting tough against contractors illegally extracting underground water and using for commercial purposes, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on Friday lodged DDRs against three violators of village Daria, Mauli Road, Chandigarh in addition to the DDR lodged against Tiwana water tanker, private water tanker contractor of village Kajheri a day earlier.

MC officials said that the team of municipal engineers inspected sites at village Daria and found three service stations Mahadev Service station, Hare Krishna Service station and Manu Service Auto Centre, all at village Daria, Chandigarh were washing cars and other commercial vehicles at site. The team of MC engineers immediately disconnected the water connections and lodged DDR in the Police station.

The municipal team also removed the borewell from Tiwana Tankers at village Kajheri and lodged DDR against the violators.

In its mission to prevent unnecessary extraction of groundwater, MCC also identified nearly 8 tubewells outside Laldora including village Dadu Majra, Dadu Majra colony, village Kajheri, Kishangarh, Daria, Dhanas and Sarangpur which focus on planned campaigns. | were filling water tankers and

supplying to the public for drinking and other purposes. The MCC has taken up the Additionally, the team of MCC engineers have proposed to close 17 tube wells matter with the Chief Engineer, in different parts of the city which shall lead to an UT, Chandigarh to check for increase in the water table permission of tubewells and take necessary action accordacross the city, the official

THREE LABOURERS KILLED, ONE TRAPPED IN **HOUSE COLLAPSE**

Rupnagar: Three labourers were killed when a two-storey house collapsed in Preet Colony here while one remains trapped under the debris as rescue efforts continue, police said on Friday. The incident took place on Thursday when the labourers were engaged in the process of raising the lintel of the house. "Of the five labourers who got trapped under the debris, three died in the incident. Two were already dead when pulled out of the debris while one passed away in a hos-Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar, Gulneet Singh Khurana said. He added that one labourer, who was pulled out alive, is being treated at a hospital while efforts are on to rescue the one who is still trapped under the debris. The police said a loud explosion was heard when the building caved-in. Following the collapse, teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Punjab Police, and the fire brigade reached the spot to conduct the rescue operation. House owner Rajinder Kaur said on Thursday they had built this structure in 1984. They were doing the work of lifting the lintel of the house with the help of jacks. A contractor from Haryana had employed the labourers for the task, SSP Khurana said.

ISSUES OF OUTSOURCED WORKERS RESOLVED AT PGI

Chandigarh: The administration of the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER) has resolved the longstanding issue of equal work, equal pay for outsourced workers in sanitation, catering, and security services. Through persistent efforts and proactive intervention with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, PGIMER has demonstrated its commitment to upholding labour standards and promoting equity in the workplace. Prof Vivek Lal, Director of PGIMER, expressed satisfaction with the resolution, stating, "At PGIMER, we prioritize the well-being and fair treatment of all our workers. Our administration's persistent and proactive intervention with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare paved the way for the resolution of the longstanding issue of equal work, equal pay for outsourced workers in sanitation, catering, and security services.

PATENT GRANTED TO KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY FOR NON-SURGICAL CANCER TREATMENT Chandigarh: A patent has been granted to Kurukshetra

University in the name of Prof Pawan Sharma, Department of Chemistry, and Dr Jitender Bhardwaj, Department of Zoology for their triazolothiazolyl-triazole derivative apoptosis-inducing composition. Vice-Chancellor Prof Som Nath Sachdeva congratulated the KU faculty and said that Kurukshetra University is committed to providing high-quality research and elevating it to new heights. He said that the facility for filing patents is being provided to KU Professors through the invaluable contribution of patent expert IPR Honorary Professor Dr Ramesh Kumar Mehta Dr Jitender Bhardwaj said that the present invention relates to an apoptosis-inducing composition for cancer treatment. Cancer is one of the most dreaded diseases of mankind and has the highest number of patients worldwide. The main objective of the present invention is to solve the cancer problem by providing novel compositions and pharmaceutical compositions capable of inducing apoptosis.

HRY RIGHT TO SERVICE COMMISSION IMPOSES FINE OF RS 5000 ON PNB MANAGER FOR FAILING TO DISBURSE LOAN ON TIME

Chandigarh: The Haryana Right to Service Commission has decided to impose a fine of Rs 5000 on the manager of a Punjab National Bank branch for failing to disburse the loan within the stipulated time frame. This fine will be deducted from the manager's April month salary. Providing details in this regard here today, a spokesperson of the Haryana Right to Service Commission said that the Chief Commissioner TC Gupta addressed three cases concerning beneficiaries of the Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana (MMA-PUY) in March. One such case involved applicant Ompati from Siwani, where the Commission took suo motu cognizance. In this case, the Commission has imposed a fine of Rs 5000 on Anuj Verma, the branch manager of Punjab National Bank in Siwani, district Bhiwani, for the delay in loan disbursement. The Commission, in its ruling, has mandated that this fine be deducted from the branch manager's salary for the month of April, with the deducted amount to be deposited into the state treasury. Furthermore, the Commission has directed that the challan receipt for this deduction be submitted to the Commission within the next

HRY ACB REGISTERS CASE AGAINST INSPECTOR & PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL DHARMENDRA FOR BRIBERY

Chandigarh: A case has been registered by the Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) against Inspector Bilasa Ram and private individual Dharmendra for bribery in the Panipat district. In this case, accused Dharmendra was arrested redhanded yesterday while accepting a bribe of Rs.100,000, while the accused inspector Bilasa Ram fled from the spot. Sharing information in this regard an official spokesperson said that the ACB team received a complaint that Inspector Bilasa Ram, posted at Sector -13/17 police station in Panipat, and private individual Dharmendra were demanding a bribe of Rs 100,000 from the complainant in exchange for removing the name of the complainant's friend from the FIR. The ACB team of Karnal, after investigating the matter, made a plan to catch both the accused. In this case, accused Dharmendra was arrested red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 100,000, while the other accused inspector fled from the spot. A case has been registered in this matter against both the accused at the ACB Karnal police station and action has been taken, police spokesperson added.

TWO BRAIN DEAD DONORS AT FORTIS MOHALI GIFT LIFE TO 10 TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

Chandigarh: In a demonstration of compassion as well as clinical excellence, Doctors at Fortis Hospital, Mohali successfully transplanted the kidneys of two brain dead donors who had passed away due to brain hemorrhage. The recipients were two patients with kidney failure, a 66-year-old male from Chandigarh and a 48-year-old female teacher from Karnal who received one kidney each from both the donors. The Organ Transplant team comprising of Dr Sunil Kumar, Dr Sahil Rally, Dr Milind Mandwar, Dr Amit Nagpal, Dr Jasmeet Kaur, Dr Anjana Sharma, Dr Amit Sharma and Dr Anna Gupta performed the transplant surgeries, and the two patients were discharged with normal kidney functions and are off dialysis now.

CM Mann hits campaign trail from Fatehgarh Sahib

PNS CHANDIGARH/ **FATEHGARH SAHIB**

 $P_{\text{Bhagwant Mann, on}}^{\text{unjab Chief Minister}}$ Friday, started the election campaign of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) from Fatehgarh Sahib for the Lok Sabha polls despite heavy rainfall and hailstorm in the city, and said that no way he was going back before meeting the volunteers and addressing the gathered people. He said that he's ecstatic

that the Aam Aadmi Party is starting their election campaign from the holy land of Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and appealed to the people to vote for AAP candidate Gurpreet Singh GP and send him to the parliament as their voice in the biggest Mann said that he's stand-

ing before the people today after giving 43,000 government to the youth, that too without any bribe or recommendation. "More than 90% of households are getting zero electricity bills. We built world class government schools, improved the condition of government hospitals, made medicines available there and opened Aam Aadmi clinics. I didn't sell the public properties of Punjab to buy shares in transport, sand mines and dhabas. I bought a thermal power plant to give free elec-



tricity to the people of Punjab. I was a successful artist, if I only wanted money, I could

building new canals to give canal water to every field so that ground water can be saved. Canal water is reaching every corner of Punjab, at some places irrigation water was made available after 30 years. Our government in Punjab curbed the corruption, people are getting ration and government services at their door steps. We started a free pilgrimage scheme for our elders".

He said that the BJP arrested Arvind Kejriwal because they are mistaken that they can stop the Aam more," he said.

Aadmi Party but they don't know rivers make their own way with the flow. "I was in have earned loads of it in the Gujarat two days ago, there entertainment field," he added was a tsunami of the people in ting an overwhelming response in Assam and Kurukshetra. You have to vote not only to elect your representative but also to save our democracy and the constitu-

> "Give us 13 MPs from Punjab, we will win in Delhi, Gujarat, Assam and Kurukshetra. We already have 10 Rajya Sabha MPs. When we will have strength of 30-40 MPs in the parliament, no one will be able to stop our propeople policies, they won't be able to stop our funds no

tion," he added.

Kaur of Sirsa are oldest voters in Hry trict, Surinder Kaur, an PNS CHANDIGARH old and Phoolwati of

Dharamveer of Palwal and Balbir

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Agarwal on Friday said that the elderly and youth voters and those who have achieved significant achievements in various fields have been made the icons of district elections, with the aim of increasing the voting per-centage in the last Lok Sabha elections. The sixth phase of elections will be held in Haryana on May 25.

Agarwal said that
Dharmveer of Palwal district is

the oldest voter in Haryana at the age of 118 years. Similarly, Balbir Kaur of Sirsa district is 117 years old, Bhagwani of Sonipat district is 116 years old, Lakkhishek of Panipat district is 115 years old, Chandro Kaur of Rohtak district is 112 years old, Rani of Fatehabad district of Kurukshetra district, Sarjit Kaur and Chobi Devi are both 111 years old. Similarly, Narayani of Rewari district is 110 years old, Fulla of Kaithal district is 109 years old, Chanderi Devi of Faridabad district is 109 years old, Ramdevi of Jind district is 108 years old, Hari of Nuh district is 108 years old, Meva Devi of Jhajjar district is 106 years old, and Gulzar Singh of Karnal district, Shadkin and Shriram of Hisar district, and Geena Devi of Charkhi Dadri district are 106 years old voters.

He further said that Hardei

Yamunanagar is 100 years old. Sh. Agarwal has called upon the media to publish and broadcast interviews of such elderly voters so that young voters can be inspired by them.

Agarwal informed that Palak, who won the gold medal in shooting at the Asian Games 2023, has been made the icon of Jhajjar district, Adarsh Singh, who won the silver medal in shooting at the 19th Asian Games, has been made the icon of Faridabad district, Suman Devi, who secured the third place in the 19th Senior Para Powerlifting Championship, and Yashika, a player of the state team in the National School Games held in Bhopal, has been made the icon of Panipat district. Similarly, Sarabjot Singh, who won the silver medal in shooting at the made the icon of Ambala district. Similarly, Sonam Malik, who won the gold medal in the World Championship, has been made the icon of Sonipat disOlympic hockey player, has been made the icon of Kurukshetra district, and Muskan, who won the first place in singing at the National Youth Festival, has been made the icon of Fatehabad district.

The CEO asked the Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Electoral Officers of other districts to make icons of elections in their respective districts. He said that this year the Election Commission of India has made the slogan 'Chunav ka Parv Desh ka Garv' the top slogan for Lok Sabha elections so that citizens can participate actively in the elec-He appealed to the youth of the state, aged 18-19 years, who

will vote for the first time, saying that when youth engage with the election process, they will understand the power of tance of their vote. Therefore, youth should not miss this opportunity because the festival of democracy comes once in five years, he added.

JJP General Secretary Harpal Kamboj quits party

PNS CHANDIGARH AMBALA

In a setback to the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), its State General Secretary Harpal Kamboj on Friday resigned from the primary membership of the party. JJP was formed in December 2018 after a split in the Indian National Lok Dal

Kamboj sent his resignation to Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) president Ajay Singh Chautala. He said he quit the party due to "personal reasons". Kamboj was the urban district president of JJP's Ambala unit and had unsuccessfully contested the 2019 assembly elections on a JJP ticket from Ambala City.

JJP's state unit president Nishan Singh and the party's general secretary Kamlesh

Saini had also quit the party earlier this month. Polling for the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana will be held in the sixth phase of general elections on May 25. The JJP has already announced five candidates and the names of the remaining candidates will be announced

Ajay Chautala and Dushyant Chautala formed the JJP in December 2018 after a split in the INLD earlier that year following a feud in the Chautala family. In 2019, the JJP extended support to the BJP after the saffron party fell short of the majority mark in the assembly elections. The BJP-JJP alliance ended last month after which the JJP leadership said it would field its candidates on all 10 seats in

Action will be taken against officers absent

Punjab CEO Sibin C holds Facebook live interaction with Punjab voters

Water coolers fans to provide relief to Punjab voters on polling day

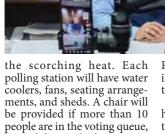
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mid rising temperatures Amid rising temperature Apunjab's Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C on Friday said all polling stations in the state will have water coolers, fans and seating arrangements to provide relief to the voters. Polling for the 13 Lok

Sabha seats in Punjab will be held in the last phase of the seven-phase general elections on June 1 -- when northern India is usually in the grip of severe heat wave. During a Facebook Live

interaction with people, the CEO said more than 1,600 complaints of Model Code of Conduct violations have been received by his office so far and all of them have been settled.

In response to a query, the CEO said that special consideration is being given to the possibility of a heat wave on polling day. Voters will be offered 'Chabeel' (sweetened water) to provide relief from



he said during the live session 'Talk to your CEO Punjab'.

A special room for children, separate lines for the elderly and pregnant women and at least one wheelchair at each polling station will be ensured while medical kits will also be available with polling staff, the official added. The CEO urged the people to actively participate in the electoral process so that Punjab achieves the goal of more than Punjab's voting percentage during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections was 65.96 per cent.

On security arrangements, he informed that special attention is being paid to the border areas and identified sensitive polling areas in the state. He said flying squads and surveillance teams are monitoring violations, if any, of the model code of conduct during the election process.

During the interaction session, the CEO addressed various queries from voters and also urged them to actively participate in voting to achieve the goal of 'Iss Vaar 70 Paar,' while also appealing 70 per cent poll percentage as them to report any Model

Code of Violation to the com-

Regarding a query about depositing weapons, Sibin C said that it is not compulsory for everyone, and people can get exemption after informing the reason for keeping the weapon to the Deputy Commissioner of their concerned district, as a committee has already been constituted in each district to review such

Addressing another social media query, the CEO said that there is a special provision for female staff to be deputed on election duty near their house. He further stated that the list of BLOs is available online on the CEO website.

Regarding the facility of online voting, the CEO informed voters that such a facility has not yet been offered by the Election Commission of India and even about 1600 registered NRI voters will have to visit their respective polling stations to cast their votes. He said that voters without voter cards can use 12 alternate documents, including the Aadhar card, PAN card, driving license, MGNRE-GA job card, for voting.

during election duty: Gurugram DEO

Gurugram: instructing the officers after the completion of the first randomisation process of the polling staff, Gurugram District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Gurugram Nishant Kumar Yadav on Friday that if any officer remains absent or makes any kind of recommendation for a reduction in duty during the upcoming Lok Sabha elections then strict action will be taken under Section 134A of the Public Representation Act and Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code. Yadav said that under the randomisation process, the duties of officers and employees of various departments as polling staff are determined at the time of elections as per the rules of the Election Commission of India. "Around 1270 booths have been made in the district in view of the Lok Sabha elections on May 25. To conduct the elections fairly and peacefully at all the booths, under the randomisation process, 1270 polling parties have been put on duty and 636 polling parties have been kept in reserve. Each party will have four members," Yadav said He said that while assigning duties, special care has been taken that during the elections, the polling staff employee should not be assigned duty in his home block but would be assigned to other blocks.

Your votes safe, EVMS 100 per cent safe: CEC to voters

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Election Kumar on Friday dismissed apprehensions about Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and assured people that their vote was safe and secure.

Kumar asserted that the EVMs were 100 per cent safe as a large number of safeguards - technological, administrative and process-oriented - were in place.

^{te}It is a settled issue. It is 100 per cent safe. It has been raised in the honourable court also. We are awaiting judgment, nothing can happen to the machines. Every stage political parties and their candidates are involved. Mock polls are done," he said to questions on doubts

the EVMs "There are a large number of safeguards, technological, administrative, and processoriented. Just enjoy the voting. This is a time to enjoy the voting, not doubt anything," the CEC said.

"Enjoy your voting, your vote is safe, secure and will be recorded as you vote," Kumar

The first phase of the Lok Sabha elections got underway across 102 constituencies in 21



states and union territories on

'We are getting reports from the field that even if rains are happening, people are really coming out in large numbers. Women, youth, old age people... everyone is rushing towards the polling stations. It is really a delightful situation to see that people are dancing to the tune of democracy," Kumar

He said the Election Commission has used technology to a great extent to ensure better voter turnout by reaching out to the youth and women voters by mapping parliamentary constituencies where voting has been traditionally less.
"A turn out plan was made

depending on the local context. Lots of celebrities were roped in, a number of organisations have worked with us - petrol pumps, banks, post offices in the outreach program," Kumar

We are very hopeful that people will come out to vote. It is our appeal, please join in this festival of democracy.. Youth, women, transgender, PwD, all geographies...It is your right, your duty, your responsibility, your pride," the CEC said.

Kumar, along with fellow Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and S S Sandhu, was monitoring the progress of the election process from the control room set up at the Election Commission headquarters here.

India ready to take next step towards becoming science powerhouse: Journal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Science journal 'Nature' has said India along with being an economic power is also more than ready to take the next step towards becoming a science powerhouse, as it called for a rise in the country's research and development spending, especially from the private sector.

The prestigious British weekly said in its editorial headlined "How India can become a science powerhouse" cited researchers to highlight that basic research has been neglected by successive governments and that a thriving research system needs much greater autonomy.

Along with being an economic power, India is also more than ready to take the next step towards becoming a science powerhouse. This is not yet a given, but it can happen," it

"In this editorial, we discuss a third aspect: how to bridge the funding gap. One thing India's government can do is to boost science spending by encouraging businesses to contribute more, as is the case for other leading economies. If policymakers and industrialists can get this right, an opportunity to put rocket boosters under the country's impressive scientific achievements is there for the



taking," the journal said. The editorial noted that in 2021-22, according to government data, India had the world's third-largest pharmaceutical industry by volume and was the leading supplier of affordable medicines and generic drugs, some of which were "crucial" to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic world-

Last year, India became the fourth country ever to achieve a soft landing on the Moon and the first to land near the lunar south pole, it said, adding that the country also has the world's largest constellation of remotesensing satellites.

The magazine said India is among the world's most prolific countries in terms of research output after the United States and China.

From 2014 to 2021, the number of universities increased from 760 to 1,113. In the past decade, seven more Indian

Institutes of Technology have been established, raising the total to 23. In the same period, two new Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research were also established. "Now consider that these gains were achieved by a nation that spent just 0.64 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) on research and development (R&D) during 2020-21," it said. Whichever political formation is elected to power in the ongoing polls, it must consider how to increase the country's R&D spending, as well as what could be achieved with more

money, it said. Nature said around 60 per cent of India's research spending can be traced to central and state governments and universities, and around 40 per cent to the private sector. In comparable nations, there is often much more private-sector funding.
"In 2022, the private sector

contributed, on average, 74 per cent of OECD nations' R&D spending and 66 per cent of such funding for the 27 members of the European Union. India today has many global companies in construction, information technology, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and more. They could be contributing a lot more to the nation's research -- both in terms of funding researchers and also infrastructure," it said.

On voting day Rahul urges voters to open Mohabbat ki Dukaan



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

As polling began in the first phase of the Lok Sabha polls on Friday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urged voters to strengthen democracy and open 'Mohabbat ki Dukaan' in every corner of the country by defeating hatred.

"Today is the first phase of voting! Remember, each and every vote of yours is going to decide the future of India's democracy and its generations," Rahul Gandhi said in a post in Hindi

'Go out and strengthen democracy by applying the balm of your vote on the wounds inflicted on the soul of the country in the last 10 years," he said. Open 'Mohabbat Ki Dukaan' in every

corner of the country by defeating hatred, the Congress leader added. Rahul Gandhi also shared a graphic of the key Congress guarantees to the people, including the right to apprenticeship, a legal guarantee of MSP and a nationwide caste census.

The 2024 Lok Sabha polls kicked off Friday with polling being held for the first phase scheduled in 102 seats spread across 21 states and Union territories. Among those in the fray are Union ministers Nitin Gadkari, Sarbanada Sonowal and Bhupendra Yadav, Gaurav Gogoi of the Congress, the DMK's Kanimozhi and K Annamalai of the BJP.

Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh (60 seats) elections in and Sikkim (32 seats) are also being held simultaneously.

1992 batch IPS officer Nalin Prabhat appointed NSG chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $S^{\text{enior Indian Police Service}}_{\text{(IPS) officer Nalin Prabhat}}$ has been appointed as the chief of National Security Guard (NSG), the country's counterterrorism force, according to a Personnel Ministry order. Prabhat, a 1992 IPS officer of

Andhra Pradesh cadre, is presently working as Additional Director General in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The Appointments Committee

of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment as the Director General, NSG for a period up to August 31, 2028 i.E. The date of his superannuation, the order said.

Popularly known as the "black cats", the federal contingency Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) chief Daljit Singh Chawdhary 2026, the order said.



was holding the additional charge of the NSG.

The ACC has also approved appointment of Sapna Tewari as the Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB). Tewari, a 1992 batch IPS officer of Odisha cadre, is currently working as Additional Director

She has been appointed as the Special Director, IB for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the superannuation i.E. April 30,

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

ivil services examination Ctopper Aditya Srivastava scored 54.27 per cent in the prestigious exam conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), according to the detailed marks of the recommended candidates released by the Commission on Friday. Following closely behind is Animesh Pradhan, who scored 52.69 per cent in Civil Services Examination 2023.

As many as 1,016 candidates - 664 men and 352 women have qualified in the examination, results of which were announced on Tuesday. The civil services examination

is conducted annually by the Union Public Service Commission(UPSC) in three stages -- preliminary, main and personality test (or interview) -- to select officers for Service (IFS) and Indian

Police Service (IPS), among

The preliminary examination consists of two objective type (multiple choice) question papers of 400 marks. This stage is meant to serve as

a screening test only, and the marks obtained in it by the candidates, who are declared qualified for admission to the main examination, are not counted for determining their final order of merit. The merit is determined out of the total of 2,025 marks -written or main exam is of

1,750 marks and the interview is of 275. Srivastava (27) got a total of 1,099 marks -- 899 in the written and 200 in the personality test, according to the

marks of recommended can-

didates disclosed by the

A trainee Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, he hails from Lucknow in Uttar engineering from the Indian secured the second rank.



Civil Services topper Aditya scores 54.27 per cent in UPSC exams

Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and also possesses an MTech degree. He had electrical engineering as his optional subject in the civil services exam.

Pradhan (24), resident of Talcher town in Odisha's Angul district, scored 1,067 Service (IAS), Indian Foreign ed his BTech in electrical 175 in interview -- and

He had chosen sociology as his optional subject in the examination. Pradhan completed his BTech in computer science from the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Rourkela and is currently an employee of the Indian Oil Corporation's (IOC) refiner-Third rank holder Donuru

Ananya Reddy, who appeared

in the exam as an economically weaker section candidate, got 1,065 marks (52.59 per cent) -- 875 in the main and 190 in the interview -- and fourth rank holder P K Sidharth Ramkumar scored 1,059 marks (52.29 per cent) 874 in written and 185 in the interview. Reddy (22), who has a BA

(Hons) in geography from Miranda House, Delhi University, had anthropology as her optional subject. She hails from Mahabubnagar in Telangana. Ramkumar (27) has a bache-

lor's degree in architecture from the College of Architecture in Trivandrum. Ruhani got the fifth rank with a total of 1,049 marks (51.8 per cent) -- 856 in written and 193 in the interview. She completed her BA (Hons) in economics from St Stephens College, Delhi University.

marks achieved by all the 1,016 candidates on its web-

site. The Civil Services (preliminary) Exam 2023 was conducted on May 28. A total of 10,16,850 candidates applied, of which 5,92,141 appeared in the examination. As many as 14,624 candidates qualified for the written (main) examination, which was held in September.

"A total of 2,855 candidates qualified for the personality test of the examination," the UPSC said.

Of these, 1,016 candidates were finally recommended for different government services. The government had reported 1,143 vacancies --180 in IAS, 37 in IPS, 200 in IPS, 613 posts in different central Group A services and 113 in Group B services -- to be filled through the civil services examination 2023, the UPSC said.

As many as 240 candidates have been put on a reserved list, it said, adding that the mended candidates has been

Congress raps Centre

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

¬he Congress charged Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday with protecting those responsible for the paper-leak and recruitment "scams" in Madhya Pradesh and asked him why the crime rate against Dalits is "increasing" in the state.

Congress general secretary

Jairam Ramesh hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre ahead of Modi's rally in Damoh in Madhya Pradesh. "Today's questions for PM Modi as he heads to MP: Who is the PM protecting in MP's paper leak and recruitment scams? Why has the BJP let down Adivasis in Forest Rights Act implementation? MP has the highest crime rate against Dalits. Why is it increasing?' Ramesh asked in a post on X. Elaborating on what he said were details of "jumlas" (rhetoric), the Congress leader said the government might have changed the name of the Employees Selection Board in Madhya Pradesh but nobody has forgotten the notorious Vyapam "scam" that rocked the state 10 years ago.

Since then, allegations of rigging have cropped up in the recruitment of nursing staff, school teachers, constables and agriculture development officers, but all that the BJP government has done is deny and subvert, he alleged.

"Just last year, allegations broke out of a scam in the patwari recruitment examination. Seven of ten toppers in the examination came from the same exam centre in Gwalior which is owned by a BJP MLA.



"A few years earlier, in 2021, three tests — for agriculture extension officers, senior agriculture officers and nursing staff - were cancelled when the evidence of foul play became too obvious to ignore," Ramesh said.

He said a probe subsequently found out that the papers for the exams were leaked by a private company that was already implicated in the Vyapam "scam"." Who is the PM protecting in these scams? What is PM Modi doing to ensure that our youth never face such injustice again?" the former Union minister asked. In 2006, the Congress passed the revolutionary Forest Rights Act (FRA) that granted the Adivasi and forest-dwelling communities legal rights to manage their forests, and economically benefit from the forest produce they collect, he pointed out.

"The BJP government, how-ever, has obstructed the imple-mentation of the FRA, depriving millions of Adivasis of its benefits. Only 47 per cent (2,94,877 claims) of the 6,27,513 individual claims filed have been granted, and land titles distributed cover only 10 per cent (5,931 sq. km) of the 57,948 sq. Km eligible

for community rights, Ramesh alleged.

Why have the successive BJP governments in Madhya Pradesh failed to provide the Adivasi communities their rights, he asked.

Citing data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the Congress leader pointed out that Madhya Pradesh has the highest crime rate against Dalits in the country.

"In 2021 (the latest year for which data is available), the crime rate against SCs was 63.6 as compared to the national average of 25.3. The state also recorded high crime rates against Dalits in 2019 and 2020 — 46.7 and 60.8 against the national averages of 22.8 and 25 respectively. It is disgusting and shameful that the rate of crimes against Dalits has actually increased year-onyear," he said.

The BJP has been in power in MP for more than two decades now. Why is it that Dalits have to increasingly fear for their safety? Does PM Modi feel no shame for the countless atrocities that Dalits have endured under his watch?" Ramesh asked and said the prime minister should break his silence

Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar to become new Navy Chief



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi will be the new Navy Chief by the end of this month succeeding incumbent Admiral R Hari Kumar. Admiral Kumar will retire from service on April

Tripathi is currently serving as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff. government has "The

appointed Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, presently serving as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff as the next Chief of the Naval Staff with effect from the afternoon of April 30," the defence ministry said.Born on May 15, 1964, Vice Admiral Tripathi was commissioned into the executive branch of the Indian Navy on July 1, 1985.A communication and electronic warfare specialist, he has had a long and distinguished service spanning nearly 30 years. Prior to taking over as Vice Chief of Navy, he had served

as Flag Officer Commanding-

in-Chief of the Western Naval

Command. Tripathi has served in a variety of command, staff and instructional appointments. He has commanded INS

He has also held various important operational and staff appointments which include Fleet Operations Officer of the Western Fleet, Director of Naval Operations, Principal Director Network Centric Operations and Principal Director of Naval Plans at New Delhi.

As Rear Admiral, he served as Flag Officer Commanding of the Eastern Fleet. He also served as Commandant of the prestigious Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala.

An alumnus of the Sainik School, Rewa and National Defence Academy(NDA) Khadakwasla, Vice Admiral Tripathi has undergone courses at the Naval War College, Goa and Naval War College USA. He is a recipient of the Ati Vishist Seva Medal (AVSM) and Nau Sena Medal

DRDO hands over indigenous actuators, air brake modules to HAL



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has handed over the first batch of the indigenous Leading Edge Actuators and Airbrake Control Module to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), marking a significant leap towards self-reliance in aeronautical technologies, defence ministry said here on Friday. Giving details, officials said Hindustan Aeronautics Limited(HAL), Lucknow has already made preparations for the production of these units for the current 83 LCA Tejas Mk1A order. The Secondary Flight Control

of LCA-Tejas, comprising Leading Edge Slats and Airbrakes, now boasts state-ofthe-art Servo-Valve based electro-hydraulic servo actuators and control modules. These high pressure, redundant servo actuators and control module, characterised by astute design, precision manufacturing, assembly, and testing, represent a culmination of ADA's relentless pursuit of indigenous technological prowess.

Medical experts for reintroduction of Indian **Medical Services**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Medical experts representing the public and private sector have batted for reintroduction of Indian Medical Services (IMS), akin to Indian Administrative Service, to boost the healthcare sector infrastructure, and enhance coordination in healthcare policy formulation.

Led by the Think Change Forum (TCF), a think tank, the experts submitted a five-point agenda to the government to roll-out the IMS following discussion at a recently held panel discussion titled 'Is it time for India to resurrect Indian Medical Services?'

The deliberation highlighted the imperative of strengthening the public healthcare system and emphasised the pivotal role that IMS can play in achieving this objective.
The IMS will help bring the

sheen and trust back to public health sector which has been lost to private sector; help stop brain drain from public medical services by attracting and retaining the best medical talent; allow for superior health-care outcomes with better managed facilities and processes, as no longer generalists will be managing the specialists, said the experts.

Overall, the healthcare infrastructure is fractured and falls short of providing quality and effective healthcare at scale. These shortcomings primarily stem from inefficient bureaucratic management rather than lack of skills among healthcare

professionals, noted the

Dr Rajesh Gupta, Additional Director, Pulmonology and Critical Care, Fortis Healthcare, Noida, said, "The majority of the Indian public relies on the private sector for healthcare services, with 60 per cent of inpatient admissions (IPDs) and 80 per cent of outpatient visits (OPDs) occurring in private facilities."

The second point highlighted challenges in staffing the public healthcare system with skilled doctors. Lack of incentives for these highly educated professionals to work under generalist administrators has resulted in brain drain, they

Dr Sharad Kr Agarwal, the immediate past national president of IMA, said, "The implementation of IMS holds the promise of enhancing service quality through induc-tion of skilled doctors and addressing the persistent doctor shortage, especially in rural areas. Crucial to its success is equipping the cadre with ample facilities and resources comparable to those provided to IAS or IPS officers."

"This will ensure that doctors are incentivized to join IMS, drawn by a clear career trajectory and motivated to serve communities, even in remote areas," he said.

It was also felt that the IMS will be able to enable seamless coordination and cooperation between the central and state health departments, for improved national healthcare policies for the country.

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I, Sakli Lal s/o Puran Singh r/o #91, Wazir Chand Colony, Karnal have changed my name from Sakli Lal to Chhakki Lal.

It is for general information that I, Rampal S/O Amar Singh residing at Bocharia, Ateli (Rural) (21), Mandi Ateli. Mahendragarh. Harvana-123021 declare that the name of my minor son has been wrongly written as Yashpal in my minor son Yashpal Yadav aged 17 years in his CBSE CLASS 10th Educational Documents. The actual name of my minor son is Yashpal Yadav which may be amended accordingly.

- I, Ramesh Kumar Mehta S/o Sh. Veer Bhan R/o H.No. 1436, Sector 16-17. Hisar, declare that I have changed my name from Ramesh Mehta to Ramesh Kumar Mehta for all future purposes.
- Singh R/o H.No. 15, Mahalsara Distt. Hisar declare that my son's correct name is Yogesh Godara & DOB is 13.7.2011. In his birth certificate my name is Surender Alias Salinder and mother's name is Alka Devi. In future I will be known as Salinder and his mother will be known as Alka Devi.
- I. Aashish S/o Udham Singh R/o Vill Mali Majra, P.O Amadalpur, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar.have changed my name from Aashish To Aashish Kamboj.
- I. Parmila W/o Ramesh R/o VPO Karsola, Jind 126101 declare that I have changed my name from Parmila to Parmilla for all future purpose.
- I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Shyam Sunder R/o H No. 105 Chiraniiy Colony Near Old Electricity Board Bhiwani 127021 declare that I have changed my name from Sanjay Kumar to Sanjay Girdhar for all

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- I. Sanieev Kumar Chhabra S/o Jai Kishan Chhabra R/O 799, D Block, Near A-Block Gurudwara, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar have Changed my name from Sanjeev Chhabra to Sanjeev Kumar

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- I. Kiran w/o Rohit Verma r/o H.No 733/8, Hari Darbar Colony, Gurdaspur (Punjab)-143521 have changed my name from Kiran to Kiran Verma. Concerned note.
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- I, Charanjit Kaur W/O Baldev Singh R/O Village Varpal District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Charanjit Kaur To Charanjeet Kaur
- Kaur Uppal D/O Randhir Singh Residing At Near Puniab Concrete Block, Bhagwanpur, Tajpur, Distt. Jalandhar-144026, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Harpreet
- I Hitherto Known As Om Parkash S/O Sant Ram, Residing At P.O. Jandu Singha, Dala Patti, Jandu Singha, Distt. Jalandhar-Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Parkash Singh.
- I, Kuldeep Kaur And Kuldip Kaur W/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Vpo Bagga Kalan Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar Have Certified That Above Both Name's Are Mine One And
- I, Vijay Kumar And Vijay Kumar Bhasin S/O Sh. Bal Krishan H-No.51-A, Street No.12, New Pawan Nagar Amritsar Have Declare That Above Both Name's Are Mine One And Same Person
- I Shama W/O Gobind Jaiswal R/O H.No.283, Gali No.10, Guru Har Rai Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Shama To Shama Jaiswal
- I Jasvir Kaur D/O Gurbax Singh R/O H.No.824-A Sant Nagar Pathankot Have Changed My
- Name To Jasbir Kaur I. Hardaval Singh S/O Swarn Singh R/O 107, Ward No.17, Opp Amritsar Public School, Dashmesh Avenue. District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Hardayal
- In My Services Documents My Daughter's Name Wrongly Written As Vainya Yadav. Which Needs To Be Corrected As Venya Yadav. I No. 4203032w L/Nk Rajendra Kumar Yadav, 21 Kumaon

Singh To Hardyal Singh

- I, Diksha Sehriya D/O Amarjit Kumar Sehriya Resident Of 448-B, Colony, Chheharta Sandhu Amritsar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Diksha Sehriya To Diksha Sehrya
- I, No.6494306x Hav Palani Samy S R/O 66, Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Nankut Taluk, Erayangadu District Vellore, Tamil Nadu-632104 Have Changed My Child's Name From Shakthi Vel To Sakthivel Palanisamy Vide Affidevit No.In-Pb06248829742944w
- Dt.15.04.2024 Before Notary Public
- I, No.6494306x Hav Palani Samy S R/O 66, Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Anaikut Taluk, Erayangadu, District Vellore, Tamil Nadu-632104 Have Changed My Child's Name From P Saravanan To Saravanan Palanisamy Vide Affidevit No.In-Pb0625473133005w Dt.15.04.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar
- I, S Nirmala Spouse Of No.6494306x Hav Palani Samy S R/O 66, Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Nankut Taluk, Erayangadu, District Vellore, Tamil Nadu-632104 Have Changed My Name From S Nirmala To Nirmala Palanisamy Vide Affidevit No.In-Pb06244569925816w Dt.5.04.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar
- I, M Devika Mother Of No.6494306x Hav Palani Samy S R/O 66, Pillaiyar Kovil Street Nankut Taluk, Eravangadu, District Vellore, Tamil Nadu-632104 Have Changed My Name From M Devika To Devika Subramani And Date Of Birth From 01.07.1966 15.09.1960 Before Notary Public
- I Tajinder Kaur w/o Gursharan Singh r/o # 2747 Basantpura Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Haryana India have changed my name Tajinder Kaur to Kaur Tajinder.
- I, Jab Wanti Alias Jarmanti Alias Jarmanti Devi W/o Sh. Manbir R/o Village Goria (14-N) Distt. Jhajjar, Haryana -124142, have changed my name from Jab Wanti Alias Jarmanti Alias Jarmanti Devi to Jamwanti Devi.
- I Kanchan w/o Gurbachana VPO Siwan Majra Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Haryana India have changed my name Kanchan to Kanchan Devi.
- I Manjit Kumar s/o Darshan Lal r/o Dasmesh Nagar, Gali no. 4b, kkp road Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my minor daughter Ipsa's name to Ipsa Arora. All concerned note it
- I, Shweta D/o Sunesh Kumar R/o Village Budana Teh. Narnaund Distt. Hisar has declared that my name changed from Shweta to Shweta Dhanda in future for all
- I, Shingara Singh Dullat S/o Jagjit Singh R/o H.No. 229 Amani, Tehsil Tohana, Distt. Fatehabad. Dangra, Haryana have changed my name to Shingara Singh. I m Rajkumar s/o sh.
- Rajeshwar Tyagi house no 933 sector 4 UE karnal-132001 (Haryana). i have changed my name to Rajkumar Tyagi. I, Army No. 3406602A Hav
- Gurdeb Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh Village Talheri, Pehowa Distt. Kurukshetra want to change his daughter,s name in his army service record from Jasandeep Kaur to

- I. Suneel Kumar S/o Randhir Singh Vill Garhi Gujran, Indri Karnal Have Changed My Name Sunil Kumar.
- I, Joginder S/o Gyan Chand R/o Ward No. 03, Yaday Mohalla Kalayat, District Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Joginder to Joginder Yadav. In future, I will be known by the name of Joginder Yadav for all purposes. All concerned please
- I, Promila W/o Joginder Yadav R/o Ward No. 03. Yaday Mohalla Kalayat, District Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Promila to Promila Devi In future, I will be known by the name of Promila Devi for all purposes. All concerned please
- I, Joginder Yadav S/o Gyan Chand R/o Ward No. 03, Yadav Mohalla, Kalayat, District Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my minor son's name from Nishant to Nishant Yadav. In future, he will be known by the name of Nishant Yaday for all purposes. All
- concerned please note. I. Gurdeep Singh S/o Karam Chand R/o Village Devinagar, Hira Singh Wala Distt. Patiala, (Punjab) have changed my name from
- Gurdeep Singh to Gurdip Singh. I, Gursharan Kaur W/c Paramdeep Singh Anand R/o H.No. 45. Gian Colony, Patiala (Puniab) have changed my name Gursharan Kaur Anand after
- marriage I Devinder Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o Opp Gurudwara Ghoriana Wala, Alohran Gate, Nabha (Patiala) have changed my
- name to Davinder Singh I Devinder Bhatia W/o Harvinder Singh R/o Basant Pura Mohalla, Nabha, Patiala Punjab (147201) have changed my name from Devinder Bhatia to Davinder
- I, M Chevvanthi is legally Wife of Service No. 16118946M Rank: Hav. Name: Dhanasekar P. presently residing at Vill. Ariyur, Post Ariyur, Tehsil Vellore, Distt. Vellore, State Tamil Nadu Pin 632055, have changed my name from D Chevvanthi to M Chevvanthi.
- I, Kadeem S/o Chandan R/ o Joshi Jat Teh- & Distt.Sonipat have changed my name from Kadim to Kadeem for all future purposes. I, Gurdevinder w/o Rajwinder
- Singh vill . Barnala p/o Bhagran Tehsil Mukerian district Hoshiarpur have changed my name Gurdevinder to Gurdevinder Kaur. Please note. I, Gurbax Singh Virdi S/o
- Kartar Singh R/o H.No. 89, Lamba Pind Road, Arjun Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Gurbax Singh Virdi to Gurbax Singh. I. Bimla Devi W/o Gurbax
- Singh R/o H.No. 89. Lamba Pind Arjun Singh Nagar, Jalandhar Puniab have changed my name from Bimla Devi to Bimla I, Suraj Kumar S/o Mahender
- R/o A-47, Second Floor, Park Elite Floor, Bptp Park Land, Bihari Market, Sector-85, Kheri Kalan (113), Faridabad, Harvana- 121002 have changed my name as Surajj
- I. Manish Kumar Agarwal S/o Vinod Kumar Agarwal R/o 3103, Sector 46, Urban Estate, Jharsa Gurgaon, Harvana- 122003, I have changed the name of my minor Son Veer Agarwal aged about 2 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Rajvir Agarwal.
- I, Susan George W/o Jatinder Monga R/o 737, Sector-9, Panchkula, Haryana- 134109. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Susan
- I, Vanshik S/o Prem Singh R/o VPO. Damunda, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Vanshik to Vanshik Sidhu.
- Singh R/o VPO. Sujjon, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144506 have changed my name from Tayleen Singh to Tavlin Singh. I Reena Rani W/o Balvir

I. Taylin Singh S/o Amrik

- Bangar R/o Village Dhina. PO Jalandhar Cantt, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Reena Rani to Rani Reena (Surname as Rani)
- I hitherto known as Ninder Singh W/o Rattan Singh residing at B-5/57, Street No.1, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, Jalandhar-144004, Punjab India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Narinder Kaur.
- I, hitherto known as Palwinder Kour W/o Gurwinder Singh residing at H.No. 57. Gali No.1. Saniav Gandhi Nagar, Jalandhar-144004, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ranjeet Kaur. I, hitherto known as Anupam
- Duggal D/o Surinder Kumar Duggal W/o Pankaj Seth residing at B-23 H.No. 3121, Street No. 3, Ganesh Nagar, Millerganj, Ludhiana-141003, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sehaj Seth. I hitherto known as Manjot
- Kaur D/o Raj Singh W/o Inderjeet Singh residing at H.No.1221, Ajit Nagar, Near Nakodar Chowk, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kaur Manjot.
- I, Amandeep Singh, S/o Udai Bhan, R/o Village Sirta, Tehsil & Dist Kaithal. Informs that in my Aadhar Card. Pan Card and other documents my name is Amandeep Singh. Now I have changed my name from Amandeep to Amandeep Singh. Call Amandeep Singh in future.

- I, Vitthal Bhat Is Father Of Makwana Pankeshkumar Vitthalbhai Residing At Village Panchvada, Tehsil Sihor, District Bhavnagar, State Gujarat Pin 364250. Have Changed My Name From Vitthal Bhat To Makwana Vitthalbhai Jadavbhai Vide Affidavit Dated 18 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.
- I, Makwrna J Vitthalbhat Is Mother Makwana Of Pankeshkumar Vitthalbhai Residing At Village Panchvada, Tehsil Sihor, District Bhavnagar, State Gujarat Pin 364250. Have Changed My Name From Makwrna J Vitthalbhat To Makwana Jivuben Vitthalbhai Vide Affidavit Dated 18 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.
- I, Vina Devi Is Spouse Of Bharat Singh Residing At Village Mandnaka, Tehsil Hathin, District Palwal State Haryana Pin 121108. Have Changed My Name From Vina Devi To Beena Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 18 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur
- I, Manasi Rani Samal Spouse Satchidananda Beura Residence Of Village Ghasiput, Post Ghasiput Tehsil Banki, District Cuttack State Odisha Pin 754008 Have Changed My Name From Manasi Rani Samal To Manasirani Samal Vide Affidavit No. Pb07064860373433w Dated 18 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.
- I. No. 2705225L. Hav. Sarvaiya Ganabhai Mansangbhai Unit 19 Grenadiers Resident At Dhajala, Surendra Nagar, Gujarat, Pin 363440 Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Rootika To Sarvaiva Rutika Ganabhai Vide Affidavit Dated 19 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.
- I, No. 2705225L, Hav. Sarvaiya Ganabhai Mansangbhai Unit 19 Grenadiers Resident At Dhajala, Surendra Nagar, Gujarat, Pin 363440 Have Changed My Name From Sarayiya Gana Bhai Mansanbhai To Sarvaiya Ganabhai Mansangbhai Vide Affidavit Dated 19 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.
- I. No. 2705225L. Hav. Sarvaiya Ganabhai Mansangbhai Unit 19 Grenadiers Resident At Dhajala, Surendra Nagar, Gujarat, Pin 363440 Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Priyal To Sarvaiya Priyal Ganabhai Vide Affidavit Dated 19 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.
- I, Sarvaiya Ranjanben Spouse 2705225L, Hav, Sarvaiya Ganabhai Mansangbhai Unit 19 Grenadiers Resident At Dhajala, Surendra Nagar, Gujarat, Pin 363440 Have Changed My Name From Sabaliva Ranjanben To Sarvaiya Ranjanben Ganabhai Vide Affidavit Dated 19 April 2024 Before At Notray Ferozepur.
- I, Tejo Devi Saini W/o No. 6613366 Sep. Neki Ram Saini (Retd) S/o Deep Chand R/o Village-Jhivarheri, Post Office Hasanpur, Thanesar District Kurukshetra (Harvana) Pin-136119 inform that my name (Date of Birth) in the service documents of my husband is written as Tejio Devi (01 December 1948). Whereas my actual name is Tejo Devi Saini (01 January 1946). Which has to be amended accordingly.
- I, hitherto known as Geeta W/o Vinod Kumar R/o Vill. Samana Bahu, Samana Bahu (30), PO: Samana Bahu, Dist: Karnal, Haryana- 132117, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Geeta Rani.
- I, No-14386378-K, Rank- Nk Gurdit Singh Bajwa. Residence Of # 72, Street-03, Hargobind Nagar, Tehsil-Rupnagar, Rupnagar, State-Punjab That I Amend My Name (Gurdeep Singh To Gurdip Singh Bajwa) Due To Erroneously Recorded In My Army
- I, Am Ex No-4480432-M, Rank-Hav, Name-Malkit Singh. Residence Of -Vno- Kishan Pura Tehsil-Rupnagar, District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab Declare That Change My Son Name Karanvir Singh To Karanveer Singh Due To Erroneously Recorded In My Army Record.
- I, Prabhjot Singh S/o Sarbjeet Singh R/o village Dhani Bachchan Singh, Tehsil Ellenabad District Sirsa have changed my name from Parbhjot Singh to Prabhjot Singh. In future, I should be known and recognized by the name Prabhjot
- I Kulwinder Kour W/O Ravinder Singh R/O Ward No 6 Vpo & Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak Distt Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name Kulwinder Kour To Kulwinder Kaur, All Concurred Please Note.
- I No. 3197531w Ex Naik Manbir Singh S/O Mahinder Singh Resident Of Vpo Bhaini Chanderpal, Tehsil Meham, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Wife Sonu Devi Date Of Birth Army Record From 15.03.1988 (Existing Dob) To 15.03.1990 (Proposed New Dob) My Wife Correct/Actual Dob Is 15.03.1990 Instead Of 15.03.1988 As Per My Wife Aadhaar /Pan Card. In Future Mv Wife Shall Mav Be Known/Written And Called As Sonu Devi (Dob: 15.03.1990) For All Work Purposes, Vide Affidavit Dated April 2024 Before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak)
- I Sudesh Devi (Existing Name) Wife Of No. 3176175n Ex Nk (Ts) Raj Singh S/O Jagat Singh Resident Of Vpo Sunarian Kalan, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name In My Husband's Army Record From Sudesh Devi (Existing Name) To Sudesh (Proposed New Name) My Correct Dob Is 15.05.1969 Instead Of 31.05.1968 As Per My Aadhaar Card/Pan Card. In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Sudesh (Dob: 15.05.1969) For All Work Purposes, Vide Affidavit

Dated April 2024 Before 1st Class

Magistrate (Rohtak)

- Spouse Rupali 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 Name From Rupali To Rupali Kishor Vidhate Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb06231393890886w Dated 15 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot
- I, Jyoti Spouse Of Kumar S Nagaral Resident Of Village-Lagameshwar, Post-Ankalgi, Tehsil-Gokak, District- Belgaum, State-Karnataka. Pin- 591101. Have Changed My Name From Jyoti To Jyoti Kumar Nagaral Vide Affidavit No In-Ph06227607983902w Dated 15 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot
- I. Nanda Spouse No.2808309y Sep Zinje Dattatray Rajaram Resident Of Village-Shingnapur, Post- Shingnapur, Tehsil- Jath, District- Sangli, State-Maharashtra, Pin- 416405, Have Changed My Name From Nanda To Nanda Dattatray Zinje Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb06576112349946w Dated 16 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot
- I, Shaik Hussan Bee Mother Of No.4488819k Hay/Clk Shaik Rahamath Basha Resident Of Edamakallu, Edamakallu, Tehsil- Komarole, District- Prakasam, State- Andhra Pin- 523369, Changed My Name & Dob From Hussain Bee To Shaik Hussan Bee And Date Of Birth From 24 September 1959 To 01 Jan 1951 Affidavit No.In-Pb07247219304433w Dated 18 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot
- I, Surekha Kuragund Spouse Of No.14672891x Hay Vishwanath Kallappa Kuragund Resident Of Village- Maradinagalapur, Post-Maradinagalapur, Tehsil- Bailhongal District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka Pin- 591125, Have Changed My Name From Surekha Kuragund To Surekha Vishwanath Kuragund Affidavit Pb05068707652568w Dated 10 April 2024 Before Notary Public
- I, Sanjay Dnyanoba Kale Resident Of Village - Kalamamba, Post - Kalamamba, Tehsil - Kaij, District - Beed. State - Maharashtra. Pin- 431123, Have Changed My Name From Kale Sanjay Dnyanoba To Sanjay Dnyanoba Kale Due To Mismatch The Name In Service Records Of My And My Civil Documents Vide Affidavit No. In-Pbw Dated 16 April 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot.
- Singh R/O Village & P.O. Purkhali, Tehsil And District Rupnagar (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Karamjeet Kaur To Karamjit I Hitherto Known As Akbar Ali Khan S/O Aladin Khan Teli R/O

Gobindgarh, Fatehgarh Sahib

140,Sector 9-B, Mandi

I. Karamiit Kaur W/O Inderpa

- Punjab- 147301 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Akbar Ali I Balbir Singh Bains S/O Rajinder Singh Bains R/O # 2543, Sector 37-C, Chandigarh Declare That Balbir Singh Bains And Balbir Singh Is One And The Same
- I Siya Dulari W/O Mo Anjar R/O # 1630, Faidan Nizampur, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Siya Dulari To Zoya Bano. I Jai Chand Chauhan S/O

Person. Both Names Pertain To Me.

Phool Chand R/O # 328, B3, Shiv Shakto Colony, Pinjore, Kalka Panchkula Haryana Declare That Jai Chand Chauhan And Jai Chand Is One And The Same I, Bharati Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Sujit Kumar Singh R/O

Vill- Bhawan Tola, Po- Khawaspur,

Teh Ara, Distt-Bhojpur, State-Bihar

Pin Code 802301. Have Changed

My Nam Ffrom Bharati To Bharati Singh Vide Affidavit No In Pb 07418218791800w Dated 19-04-2024 Before Distt-Court Gurdaspur (Pujab). I, Kumari Sujata Is Legally Daughter Of Sujit Kumar Singh Viil-Bhawan Tola, Po- Khawaspur, Teh-Ara, Distt-Bhojpur, State-Bihar, Pin Code 802301, Have Changed My Name From Kumari Sujata To

Sujata Singh Vide Affidavit No.In

Pb07419076294214w Dated 19-04-

- 2024 Before Distt- Court Gurdaspur I. Paramiit Kaur W/O Avtar Singh Vpo- Chak Sharif Tehsil/Distt-Gurdaspur. Declare That In Some Docuemnts My Son's Name Written As Bhavishpal Singh And In Others Is Bhavish Pal Singh. My Son's Correct Name Is Bhavishpal Singh.
- I Ajay S/O Tarsem Lal R/O Dr. Ambedkar Chowk, Hadiabad, (Satnampura) Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Ajay To Ajay Kumar. I Jeevan Lal S/O Kishan Lal
- R/O Mohalla Hakupura, Hadiabad, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Parshant To Parshant Kaul. I Sonia W/O Sourav Trehan R/O New Professor Colony Near
- Panj Mandri Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Sonia To Sonia Trehan. I Jeenat D/O Joginder Singh R/O Village Herian, P.O. Pandori Kad, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have

Changed My Name From Jeenat To

- Jeenat Kaur. I Madhvi Sharma W/O Gaurav Sharma R/O 62, Ajit Enclave Near Gurudwara Ainala Road Amritsar Puniab 143001 Have Changed My Name From Madhvi Kaith To Madhvi Sharma.
- I Harvinder Kaur W/O Narinder Singh R/O Vpo. Rama (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Harwinder Kaur. I, Atisha W/O Manoj Bajaj R/O

Talwandi Bhai District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Atisha

- I Swarnjit S/O Rulia Ram R/O H.No.-295 W.No.-6 Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Swarnjit
- I Renu Bala D/O Prem Bahadur Singh W/O Swarnjit H.No.-295 St.No.-4 Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Renu Bala Sharma
- I Ruchi D/O Mangat Rai W/O Arunish Kumar Mangla R/O Moga Have Changed My Name To Ruchi I Amariit Kaur D/O Maio
- Singh W/O Parupkar Singh Sangha R/O Vill. Jogewala (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Amarjit Kaur Sangha. I Manju W/O Pradeep Kumar
- Gupta R/O H.No.-1150 Ward No.-4 Dutt Road Moga Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Manju I Gurlal Singh S/o Chanan

Singh Vill Ninm Wala Maur

- Sukhpura Maur Tehsil Tapa, Distt. Barnala have changed my name Gurlal Singh Maan. I, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu S/o Raghbir Singh R/o W.No. 6 Awan Road Zira (Ferozepur) have
- changed my name to Gurpreet Singh. I, Jasvir Singh Kamboj S/o Nachhatar Singh R/o Basti Khushal Singh Wali Dakhli Manochahal (Ferozepur) have changed my
- name to Jasvir Singh. I, Kulwinder Sharma S/o Tirath Ram R/o Sada Patti, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Kulwinder Kumar.
- I, Hari Krishan Malhotra S/o Bhag Ram Malhotra R/o F-004 Jai Puria Sunrise Greens, VIP Road Zirakpur (SAS Nagar) changed my son name from Aditaya to Aditaya Malhotra. I, Amandeep Kaur D/o Surjit
- Singh W/o Mininder Pal Singh R/o Gilzian Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Punjab, my given name is Amandeep and my surname is Kaur. I, Parmod Kumar Saini S/o Bishan Dass R/o H No B-A/462

Sukhi Choi, Bahadurpur Hoshiarpur

have changed my name to Parmod

- I. Sharanieet Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Village Mamrai Po Batala Distt. Gurdaspui have changed my name to Sharanjit I. Nirmaan C/o Rakesh Kumar
- Arora R/o H.No. 2267 Near VRKA Booth (Chandigarh) have changed my name from Nirmaan to Nirmaan I Shukhwinder Singh S/O Assa Singh Village Behbowa Chhanian PO Nangal Bihalan Tehsi

Dasuya (Hoshiarpur)

Singh To Sukhwinder Singh. I. Manesh Bhambri S/o Kanti Parshad R/o H.No-151, Bulepur Road, New Khanna City Tehsil Khanna {Ludhiana} changed my name from Manesh Bhambri to Manish Bhambri.

I, Harjit Singh S/o Sukhdev

Changed My Name Shukhwinder

- Singh R/o Vill: Nathowal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Harjit Singh Buttar I Malkit Kaur W/O Raj Singh R/O Village Bugha Tehsil & District
- Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Malkeet Kaur. I Paramjeet Kaur W/o Palvinder Singh Resident Of Ward
- No 10 Assandh Have Changed My Name To Parmjeet Kaur. I Harwinder Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o VPO-Kangna, Tehsil-Nakodar, District- Jalandhar Puniab - 144701, have changed my name to Ravinder Kaur.
- I Vinod Kumar S/o Shiy Lal R/o Near Guru Nanak School Abohar, Firozpur, Punjab - 152116 have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Goyal.

DATE: 20.04.2024

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- I Gurmit kaur D/o Sewak Singh and W/o Rajvinder Singh R/o #18160, St No-14, Bibi Wala Road, Dhillon Gym, Chandsar Nagar, Bathinda, PO- Bathinda, Bathinda, Punjab - 151001, have changed my name to Baggi Kaur.
- I Ashu Grover D/o Manmohan Grover and W/o Ripan Dhingra R/o House No-2647, Street No-1, Jagat Nagar, PO-Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana, Punjab -141007, have changed my name to Isha Dhingra.
- I, Gurmit Kaur W/o Nirmal Singh R/o H.No.261, VPO Libra, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurmeet
- I, Jasvir Kaur Deol W/o Baljit Singh R/o Village Ajnaud, Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jasvir Kaur
- I, Vishal Gupta R/o #108, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, MK Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my father's name from Ashwani Jindal to Ashwani Kumar

I Avtar Singh Warring S/o

- Lachhman Singh R/o Street No.5, Moga road, Aman Nagar, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Avtar Singh. I Sakatter Singh S/O Bua
- I Nilam Rani W/O Kashmir Lal Singh R/O Village Sheron Tehsil & R/O Vill Mishri Wala, Distt-District Tarn Taran Have Changed Ferozepur Have Changed My My Name To Sakttar Singh. Name To Neelam Rani.

The Manimajra Cooperative House Building (First) Society Ltd., Sector 48-A, Chandigarh PUBLIC NOTICE

t is hereby notified for the information of general public and all the concerned that the ollowing members/applicants applied for transfer of share/ flat and issue of NOC/ Permission for execution of Transfer of Lease Right before the Managing Committee of the society/Registrar Cooperative Societies, U.T., Chandigarh as per notification issued by inance Department, Chandigarh Administration Name of Original Allottee/Transferee Name of Applicant Property

(I) Smt. Pardeep Kumari Flat No. 81, F. F., CAT "B" (ii) Sh. Divyansh Kaushik | Sector 48-A, Chandigarh If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of title right or interest in above mentioned flats of the society in favour of the applicants, then, he/she/ they may submit the objection in writing alongwith relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favour of the applicants. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

PRESIDENT

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT-1) 2nd FLOOR, S.C.O. 33-34-35, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH Case No.: OA/81/2020

Summons under Sub-Section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with Sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh. No. 20996 UCO BANK

vs SHRI SUNDER SINGH Shri Sunder Singh D/W/S/O-S/o Sh. Raiya Ram C/o Lokender

Rathhour, Rathhour Niwas, Ghora Chowki, Post Office Tara Devi. Tehsil and District Shimla (H.P.) and Also Resident of Village Dagar Bhawai, Tehsil Sangarh, Distt. Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh. 2. Shiri Jitender Kumar S/o Sh. Yogeshwar Dutt R/o Village Shakra, Post Office Shakra, Tehsil Karsog Mandi , Himachal Pradesh. SUMMONS

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 2099673/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

WHEREAS, OA/81/2020 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding

officer/Registrar on 09.02.2024

n accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under : (I) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why ief prayed for should not be granted:

(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the (iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of

he original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties: (iv)You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in he ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without he prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 24.04.2024

at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this date

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank 🕸 FARIDKOT (2441) BRANCH E.3 to [Rule-8(1)] Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)

[Rule-8(1)] Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002/Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to borrower(s)/quarantor(s), on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s)/guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against below accounts.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK, Faridkot Branch for an amount of being less amount of recovery made, if any other charges/expenses, costs, thereon.

The borrower's/ Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Demand Physical Notice Possession Ms. Ramandeep Kaur (Borrower cum Mortgagor) D/o Mr. Surinder Singh, Street No. 24L Dogar Basti Faridkot (151203). Mr. Amanpreer Germander Singh (Guarantor) S/o Mr. Surinder S/o Mr. Surinder Singh (Guarantor) S/o Mr. Surinder S/o Mr. Suri

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Theatre of the absurd

The ever-falling state of polity touches a new low, trivialising life for political gains

■ n the realm of politics, where governance and public welfare should reign supreme, a disturbing trend has emerged — the trivialisation of human life for the sake of politlical benefits. Recent events surrounding Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal exemplify this worrying trend, where his health crisis has become a point of one-upmanship and is being used to serve narrow political narratives rather than addressing the genuine concerns of his health. The case took a curious turn when the Enforcement Directorate (ED) claimed that Kejriwal intentionally indulged in a high-sugar diet to fabricate grounds for bail. Kejriwal's colleague Atishi has countered this assertion, alleging a conspiracy to deny the jailed Chief Minister access to essential insulin and home-cooked food, potentially putting his life at risk. Both claims, while patently opposite, underscore a distressing reality — the callous politicisation of a health crisis. In the theatre of politics, where power dynamics often overshadows ethical considerations, the sanctity of human life



seems to have been direly neglected. The focus has shifted from genuine concern for an individual's wellbeing to exploiting their vulnerabilities for partisan gains. Such a narrative not only reflects poorly on the integrity of political discourse but also raises profound questions about the moral compass of those entrusted with governance.

The ED's assertion of Kejriwal deliberately manipulating his health for legal advantage is a damning indictment of the extent to which political opponents are willing to go to discredit their adversaries. It underscores a culture where the personal struggles of individuals are weaponised for political advantage. Conversely,

Atishi's allegations of a plot to endanger Kejriwal's life highlight the dangerous consequences of unchecked political rhetoric. Accusations of attempted murder, if unsubstantiated, not only sow seeds of distrust but also trivialise the gravity of such heinous crimes. At its core, the Kejriwal saga underscores a broader crisis within the polity — the prioritisation of political expediency over human dignity. In the relentless pursuit of power and influence, the inherent value of human life is often sacrificed at the altar of partisan interests. This erosion of empathy and decency not only corrodes the fabric of democracy but also threatens the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens. Without delving into the merits of the case or passing judgment on who is truthful, Kejriwal, like everyone else, must be given the best treatment at the moment, even if the illness is selfinflicted. To reclaim the integrity of polity, it is imperative for political actors to realign their priorities with the values of compassion, integrity and accountability. The welfare of individuals should never be subjugated to the exigencies of political gamesmanship. Instead, leaders must demonstrate a commitment to upholding the dignity and wellbeing of every citizen, irrespective of their political affiliations. The Kejriwal saga serves as a sobering reminder of the perils of allowing politics to trump humanity.



School students with their faces and hands painted as part of voter awareness campaign pose for photos, in Jammu PTI

Aung San Suu Kyi: Prison or house arrest?



Concerns over Suu Kyi's whereabouts as the junta stares at defeat

he news website, *The Irrawaddy*, cites "informed sources in Naypyitaw and Yangon" as saying that Aung San Suu Kyi (78), the emblem of the Myanmar's struggle for democracy and Win Mint (72), incarcerated president of the country's democraticallyelected Government ousted by the coup on February 1, 2021, remain in prison. This, indeed, is likely to be the case given the high level of credibility that the website enjoys. It would be instructive to read what it has to say in this connection. The ball, so to say, was set rolling late on the afternoon of April 16 when a pro-regime media outlet said that both had been moved to a new location. It was followed by the regime's spokesman, Major-General Zaw Min Tun telling the Burmese services of VOA and the BBC: "Not only Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and U Win Myint but also some [other] older prisoners were given necessary care since the weather is extremely hot." However, he did not say that Suu Kyi had been moved to a new location. When media outlets pressed him for further information, he did not provide any details. Despite this and the absence of any photographic or other evidence showing their having been moved to house arrest, both local and international and news agencies carried stories saying that it was the case That this is not so is further sug-

gested by Aung San Suu Kyi's son, Kim Aris, who to told Kay Burley of Sky News during a breakfast interview, "They are saying house arrest. She only has one house and she's not there." Given the utterly unsavoury reputations that the junta and news outlets which act as its mouthpieces enjoy, the confusion may, in all likelihood, have been deliberately created by both acting in tandem. If this, indeed, is the case, what purpose was sought to have been achieved? The most plausible answer would be that it was to show that the junta cared. Why suddenly?

It has been known for some time that Aung San Suu Kyi was very ill in prison and the junta was

not providing her the kind of medical attention she needed. It has also been speculated that the junta could murder her in prison and claim that she had died of old age or other natural causes. Whatever it is, it would serve the generals well to create the impression that it was not their fault if something untoward happened to her. The other reason could be differences within the junta, a section of which wants to do a deal with her to end the civil war they are losing and another would hear nothing

The Sit-Tat (which and not Tatmadaw, is the real name for Myanmar Army), is now facing defeat at a none-to-distant future. It has been suffering one major reverse after another since the opposition Three Brotherhood Alliance (henceforth Alliance) launched its current offensive, codenamed Operation 1027, on October 27, 2023. The latest, the loss of Myawaddy, an important border town, on April 11, 2024, to the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and Karen National Army, is clearly the most devastating blow suffered by



THE JUNTA IS **REPORTEDLY** PREPARING TO LAUNCH A COUNTER OFFENSIVE. WHETHER IT MATERIALISES AND, IF IT DOES, WITH WHAT SUCCESS, REMAINS TO BE the junta since the Alliance's current offensive began. A key trading hub close to the eastern end of Myanmar's border with Thailand—the total value of imports and exports passing though it has been valued at \$ 1 billion in 2023—it is also regarded as Myanmar's opening to South-East Asian countries.

The Junta is reportedly preparing to launch a counter offensive. Whether it materialises and, if it does, with what success, remains to be seen. But even if it is successful and the Sit-Tat is able to retain the town after regaining it, the event is unlikely to be a turning point in the civil war which is going overwhelming in favour of the Alliancecomprising the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA), active in the Kokang Special Region of northern Shan State, the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), also active in the Shan State and the Arakan Army (AA), based in the Rakhine State in the country's

Acting in close cooperation opposition National Unity Government's military arm, the People's Defence Force

western part.

(PDF) and other ethnic armies like the KNLA and

At the time of writing, the AA

has brought almost the entire Rakhine State under its control. By early April, it had captured some 170 junta camps and posts, several larger bases, battalion headquarters and training facilities. It seized the important town of Paletwa on January 15, 2024. Kyaukphyu, where China is developing a port and a spe-cial economic zone spread over 1,600 hectares, is about to fall. The AA is pressing hard on Sittwe, an important port town, after seizing control of the small towns around it and cutting off access to it through road and waterways. India shifted its staff from its consulate there to Yangon

earlier in April, 2024. Initially, one had thought that the Junta's ouster, even though inevitable, would take a long time to come about. It now seems that it would be defenestrated much sooner than one had thought. India must bear this in mind.

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THE EDITOR

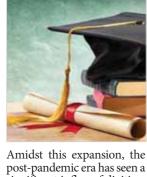
Transformative trends in India's higher education ARITRA GHOSHAL



The surge in EdTech presents opportunities for democratising education but also highlights challenges such as the digital divide and ensuring quality

ndia's higher education landscape is undergoing a **⊥**transformative shift. With initiatives like the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, skill development programs by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and the encouragement of 100 per cent FDI in education, the landscape is ripe for innovation and investment. Additionally, UGC's push for setting up international campuses in India and the Ministry of Education's focus on global learning is reshaping our educational framework

The market size of the Indian higher education system was estimated at around \$40 billion in 2023, growing at a CAGR of 15 per cent. With over 1,200 universities, 49,400 colleges and 12,600 standalone institutions, India hosts one of the largest higher education ecosystems in the world. Catering to more than 50 million students — a number expected to grow substantially in the next five years these institutions are crucial in achieving an enhanced Gross Enrollment Ratio and improving the skill set of our future workforce.



significant influx of digitisation in learning, with universities offering online programs and various platforms providing a broad spectrum courses online. Considering our current infrastructure and the expected demand, it is essential for the country to further explore online learning and skill development opportunities. Aligning these opportunities with the next 10-year growth plan is crucial for preparing a skilled workforce that enhances graduate employa-

However, the selection of courses among students has also seen a paradigm shift. India is moving beyond tra- ance and adapting accredita-

ditional domains like engineering, medicine and management. Today, students are increasingly drawn to interdisciplinary programs and new-age courses that promise quicker skill acquisition and certification. There is a significant opportunity for institutions to expand their offerings in these certification/degree courses where students can learn new skills in less dura-

The surge in EdTech has been transformative and represents a key area ripe for investment and innovation. By providing everything from career guidance to student counselling digitally, these platforms have democratised access to education, ensuring that students from all regions have better career opportunities. Yet, realising the full potential of these advancements requires overcoming significant challenges. Addressing the digital divide, ensuring equitable access to technology and improving internet connectivity, especially in underserved areas, are critical. Moreover, as the field rapidly diversifies,

strengthening quality assur-

tion and regulatory frameworks are essential to maintaining standards and credibility. These bodies must adapt to the changing dynamics of higher education to uphold academic integrity and student outcomes.

The Ministry of Education's current focus on the internationalization of higher education in India is set to have profound effects, not only on educational practices but also on the broader economy and society. This strategic emphasis will enable transnational education and student/faculty exchanges, thereby building a globally competent workforce and fostering knowledge exchange between

As we look ahead, the future of higher education in India is not just about scaling up but also about smart scaling. By embracing these trends and addressing inherent challenges, we can ensure that the sector not only expands but also elevates, providing every student with a world-class education and global oppor-

(The writer is the founder and director of OneStep Global; views are personal)

BJP'S STRATEGIC MANIFESTO

Madam — Apropos the news article, "A Vision for India's Global Leadership", published on April 19, this is my response. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) manifesto signals a shift towards a policy-centric approach, departing from traditional electoral strategies. By highlighting achievements and projecting a vision for India's future, it aims to secure votes based on governance rather than populist promises. The absence of significant Pakistan-centric rhetoric suggests a nuanced understanding of foreign policy priorities, focusing instead on global engagement and regional stability.

Prime Minister Modi's emphasis on "Neighbour First" and "Act East" policies reflects a proactive stance in regional diplomacy, enhancing India's influence and fostering solidarity among neighbouring nations. The manifesto's commitment to global advocacy for the Global South underscores India's aspirations for a leadership role in international affairs. However, challenges persist, particularly in integrating India into global supply chains and enhancing the rupee's acceptability. Yet, the manifesto's articulation of strategic goals and pledges for collaboration within the Indo-Pacific region portrays a coherent vision for India's role in the evolving geopolitical landscape.

Sneha Gupta | Delhi

OTT LANGUAGE DEBATE

ity's normalisation.

Madam — Apropos the news article, "How justified is abusive language on OTT?", published on April 19, this is my response. India's OTT platforms have reshaped entertainment, offering diverse content but facing criticism for excessive profanity. The Supreme Court's recent ruling defends free speech, sparking debates on cultural integrity. Profanity may enhance realism yet risks societal norms, especially impacting youth. While OTT isn't solely responsible, it amplifies existing trends. Education reforms emphasise cultural values, conflicting with profan-

Political quagmire



propos the news article, "Corruption and Apolitical defections: A telltale sign of democratic decay", published on April 19, this is my response. The article delves into the unsettling reality of political manoeuvring, where corruption probes seem to act as a revolving door for politicians, raising questions about the integrity of the system. It draws a

under the Modi Government, India, with its rich spiritual heritage, can transcend its current challenges and emerge as a global exemplar of moral

Despite honouring women in tradition, derogatory language persists, undermining societal respect. Education institutions oppose abuse, but OTT exposure challenges efforts. A balanced approach is crucial, fostering dialogue on artistic freedom versus cultural preservation. OTT's influence demands responsible content creation, respect for diverse audiences and societal values. Ultimately, societal progress intertwines with cultural preservation, demanding nuanced solutions to maintain integrity amidst evolving entertainment landscapes.

Rishab Vashisht | Bhopal

INSIGHTS ON INDIAN JEWELRY

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Heritage Indian jewellery dazzles the world", published on April 19, this is my response. Dr Alka Raghuvanshi's posthumously published masterpiece, 'Rendezvous with Traditional Indian Jewellery," transcends the boundaries of a mere book. It's a heartfelt journey delving into the soul of India's cultural heritage, where artistry intertwines with profound symbolism. The meticulous attention to detail reveals a rich tapestry of craftsmanship, history and significance. The book's thematic chapters unravel the evolution and diversity of Indian jewellery, from the majestic influences of the Mughal era to the intricate designs of

Ishaan Shukhi | Ludhiana

could yield significant improvements, reducing

electoral malpractice, corruption and divisive pol-

itics. As the nation awaits potential reforms

It showcases stunning visuals and explores the deep symbolism ingrained in each piece, reflecting social, religious and cultural narratives. Moreover, it sheds light on the craftsmanship and techniques passed down through generations, preserving the essence of traditional jewellery-making. Regional variations highlight the unique aesthetics across India, celebrating its diverse cultural tapestry. This book is a captivating ode to India's cherished art form, offering insights for enthusiasts, historians and admirers alike, encapsulating the beauty and legacy of Indian jewellery.

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near elephant habitats.

tal activities. This expansion often leads to encroachment into elephant territories,

resulting in the destruction or fragmenta-

tion of their natural habitats. Consequently,

elephants are forced to venture closer to

human habitations in search of food and

space. Mining activities, in particular, lead

to deforestation and habitat degradation,

disrupting elephant migratory routes and

undermining the scope and health of ele-

phant habitats. Similarly, urbanisation and

infrastructure development often intersect

with elephant corridors, pushing these gen-

tle giants into unfamiliar and potentially

dangerous territories. Climate change is

another significant factor in this conflict.

Changes in climate patterns can affect the

availability and distribution of food and

water sources in elephant habitats. Extreme

weather events like droughts, floods and

high temperatures can force elephants to migrate in search of these resources, often

bringing them into conflict with humans.

The current State of HEC in India is alarm-

ing. Over 500 humans are killed annually in encounters with elephants and more than 100 elephants lose their lives due to

human-related activities, including poach-

ing for ivory, poisoning, electrocution and

collisions with trains. Train collisions are the

second-highest cause of unnatural elephant deaths in the country, following acciden-

tal electrocution. Over the past decade, train collisions have claimed the lives of more

As mega-herbivores, elephants consume up

to 150 kilograms of forage and drink up to

190 litres of water per day. This necessitates

a large foraging area, typically spanning 100-

1,000 km for a family herd, to provide a

diverse diet of grasses, shrubs and fruits.

However, navigating large areas to find suf-

ficient food and water becomes a challenge

when these areas overlap with numan activ

ities. This often results in crop raiding, prop-

erty damage, and, in some tragic instances,

human casualties. These incidents, unfor-

tunately, lead to retaliatory actions from

humans that can be fatal for these majes-

tic creatures, further intensifying their

fear and mistrust of humans. Farmers, par-

ticularly those with limited resources strug-

gle to cope with crop losses. This hardship

breeds resentment towards elephants,

undermining conservation efforts and trapping both humans and elephants in a

Since 2019, there have been over 1500

human fatalities reported due to elephant

attacks. In 2023-24 alone, Odisha report-

ed 149 elephant deaths due to HEC.

Mineral-rich districts like Dhenkanal,

Angul, Keonjhar and Sundargarh have been

hit the hardest, with Dhenkanal alone wit-

nessing 130 elephants and 227 human

In August 2023, three elephants were elec-

trocuted at the Rani Tea EState near

Guwahati due to low-hanging high-voltage

deaths over the last decade.

than 200 elephants.

cycle of violence.

FIRST COLUMN

MIND, THE KEY TO **HIDDEN FORTUNE**

True wealth lies not in material possessions but in the freedom of mind



RAVI VALLURI

nce upon a time lived a woman. She was struck with an unexpected tragedy as her husband passed away untimely. The lady was now left with only one son and precious jewellery. Since she was hounded by creditors to repay the debts accrued by her husband, she conjured a trick to hide the wealth.

In sheer desperation to keep the jewellery safe from creditors, the lady wrapped the precious wealth in a piece of cloth and hid it under a tree. The mother and son lived in an impoverished State. Her mind was always disturbed by the fact that she did not share this piece of vital information with her only son. As it turned out, she carried this secret to the

Consequently, the son inherited plenty of debt, a barren hut and a cot. The son had to work hard for sustenance and to repay the ever-rising liabilities. He toiled hard to survive and regretted his misfortune. 'Property is not the sacred right. When a rich man becomes poor it is a misfortune, it is not a moral evil. When a poor man becomes destitute, it is a moral evil, teeming with consequences and is injurious to society and morality,' opined Lord Acton. Indeed, the impoverishment of the poor is heart-wrenching.

One day while cutting the branches of a tree, he stumbled upon the jewellery. Dumbfounded and stupefied, the strapping youngster hid the bijouterie in a pit he dug in the hut, petrified that the creditors would appropriate the wealth. He too committed the cardinal mistake of not sharing the secret with his wife and carried it to his grave. The mother and son were not mindful and wakeful enough to be in the Present Moment and remained prisoners of their past and future



Two Buddhist monks were once discussing a flag flapping in the wind. While one felt it was the wind moving, the other conjectured it was the flag fluttering. The imbroglio could not be resolved and they sought the intervention of a Zen Master. The master impassively said, 'It is the MIND that moves, neither the flag nor the wind."

Humans need freedom from their past and future to be in the present. And being in the NOW or present is true enlightenment and mindfulness. The past is full of sorrows and regrets while the future brims with anxieties and worries and humans are caged in that mindset, thereby postponing their happiness quotient. To appreciate true happiness and joy, the human mind should not vacillate between the past and the future but remain in the PRESENT.

A young monk was once travelling in pursuit of happiness and truth. During his travels, he encountered a massive river that he could not cross. A short while later, he saw a senior monk on the other side of the river. He hailed him and sought assistance to cross the river to reach the other side. The senior monk pondered and replied, 'You are already on the other

This fact can be appreciated only when the mind is centred. Breathing techniques such as Sudarshan Kriya, Pranayama, Yoga, Meditation and Vipassana all help in dissolving the mind so that it becomes centred. 'True happiness is not possible without freedom. We have to learn the habit of being free. We do not allow our past, the future, our projects, or our fear to get hold of us. We are free. Every step is free. Every step is nourishment. Every step is healing. Every step is joy,' says Thich Nhat

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Human-elephant conflict: The way out

To ensure the protection of these majestic creatures, it is imperative to revisit and revise legislative frameworks with a focus on ecological sustainability





WESTERN MAHARASHTRA, A REGION NOT **TRADITIONALLY** KNOWN FOR **ELEPHANT** HABITATION, SAW A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN 2002 WHEN ELEPHANTS MIGRATED FROM KARNATAKA. THIS **MOVEMENT WAS**

LARGELY ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR DISPLACEMENT FROM THE DANDELI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, A PLACE THEY HAD **INHABITED** COMFORTABLY

wires. This was not an isolated incident; back in October 2021, sagging power lines near the Dihing-Patkai National Park claimed the lives of another three elephants. The situation worsened in October 2022, when within a single week, 11 elephants across Assam lost their lives to human-related hazards including electrocution, crop poisoning and

train collisions. Western Maharashtra, a region not traditionally known for elephant habitation, saw a significant change in 2002 when elephants migrated from Karnataka. This movement was largely attributed to their displacement from the Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary, a place they had Wildlife Sanctuary, a place they had inhabited comfortably until 1990. The construction of the Kali hydroelectric project is believed to have been the catalyst for their relocation to the districts of Kolhapur and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, leading to notable incidents of crop raiding. A similar pattern emerged in 2022 when a herd of 22 elephants trekked from Chhattisgarh to Maharashtra, settling in the lush forests along the Wain-Ganga, Pranhita and Dina river basins. This migration has been linked to increased human encroachment, the construction of two canals in Odisha and mining disturbances in their traditional corridors.

The Wayanad region, a vital watershed for Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, is currently facing a multitude of environmental challenges such as deforestation, irresponsible tourism and unscientific development. Such activities are posing a significant threat to the ecological balance of the region, endangering the lives of both humans and wildlife. Wayanad plays a critical role in maintaining regional biodiversity. However, ongoing habitat degradation in this region could potentially intensify the water crisis in the Kaveri basin and escalate the HEC, which has tragically led to 41 fatalities already. Similarly, in the northeastern States of Assam and West Bengal, expanding tea plantations and human settlements have encroached on elephants' traditional grounds, leading to frequent HEC incidents.

Addressing HEC requires a multi-

pronged approach that balances the needs of wildlife conservation with the socio-economic realities of human populations living near elephant habitats. This includes securing and restoring elephant corridors to ensure safe passage for elephants between different habitats, thereby reducing the likelihood of them entering human-dominated landscapes. Recognising this need, the Indian Government has launched an ambitious initiative known as Project Elephant. This program focuses on enhancing elephant habitats by creating a network of reserves, corridors and protected areas. To address the common issue of crop raiding in human-elephant interactions, the project employs innovative technologies such as early warning systems and elephant-proof barriers. It also implements various strategies like durable and solar-powered electric fences and biological deterrents including bio-fencing with cacti, beehive fences and chilli smoke to deter elephants.

Enhancing the natural food supply within forests is another essential strategy for preventing elephants from entering human territories. This involves improving water conservation, regenerating forests by replanting and nurturing native trees and plants, implementing fire protection and removing invasive species. Programs focused on ecotourism and livelihood diversification not only engage local communities in conservation but also provide them with sustainable economic alternatives. Success stories from the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and the Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong landscape underscore the effectiveness of community-led conservation endeavours, strategic land-use planning, trans-border collaboration and habitat restoration in diminishing conflict incidents. Kerala has also taken a bold initiative to relocate people from forest regions and reforest agricultural lands, despite the central Government's refusal to fund this Rs. 620 crore project. The State's declaration of HEC as a State-specific disaster and the involvement of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority in

conflict management, are significant steps towards addressing this complex issue.

BKP SINHA

ARVIND JHA

Statutory support is fundamental in the conservation efforts addressing the HEC. Elephants, listed as endangered on the IUCN Red List, are protected under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Recent amendments to the Forest

Conservation Act of 1980 have raised concerns regarding their impact on elephant reserves and corridors, particularly within the 100 km strip of India's boundary where the majority of these reserves and corridors are located. These changes could potentially worsen the fragmentation and degradation of these vital habitats, thereby intensifying the HEC. The Forest Rights Act of 2006, while well-intentioned in empowering forest-dwelling communities, has also had unintended consequences. Its implementation has sometimes resulted in further encroachments and habitat fragmentation, which can force elephants to venture into new areas in search of refuge and resources, increasing the likelihood and severity of conflicts. Post-project monitoring, particularly in the mining industry, is often insufficient, lead ing to a neglect of wildlife protection measures that were stipulated during the project's approval. This oversight can result in significant harm to elephant populations and their habitats, undermining conser-

vation efforts. As we move forward, let us remember that our fates are intertwined with those of the elephants and all wildlife. Their survival is our survival. Their well-being reflects the health of our planet and their continued existence enriches our world in ways that cannot be quantified. It's high time we recognise our role and act responsibly, ensuring a future where humans and wildlife coexist harmoniously, each playing their part in maintaining the balance of our shared ecosystem.

(The writers are former principal chief conservator of Forests, UP and Maharashtra; views are personal)





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Rahul Gandhi holds on to Wayanad despite speculation

The decision comes as a strategic move, influenced by a variety of factors, including local dynamics and broader political alliances in Kerala

¬ven as the Indian National Congress was burning midnight oil about the Lok Sabha constituency from where Rahul Gandhi would contest this time, The Pioneer has reported that the scion of the Nehru-Gandhi clan would not leave Wayanad from where he was elected with a mammoth majority of four lakh votes in the 2019 edition of the General Election. The report was prepared after speaking to a cross-section of the electorate in the Wayanad constituency who were unanimous in their opinion that Rahul Gandhi should contest

from Wayanad itself. Those who reacted to the queries posed to them included hardcore CPI(M) members and activists who



made it known that Rahul should register a much bigger majority than that of the 2019 poll because the opponent happened to be Annie Raja of the CPI and K Surendran of the BJP. Annie, the spouse of D Raja, CPI's national general secretary, had rubbed Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in the wrong way and the CPI(M) cadres

Raja too had publicly questioned the capability of Vijayan and this made the CPI(M) activists furious. Had the Congress or BJP leaders criticized Vijayan, they would not have bothered but the CPI had crossed the Lakshman Rekha (it could be Stalinist Rekha since

the comrades do not accept Ramayana). The CPI(M) comrades would certainly teach Annie Raja a lesson or two in the art of politics. The truth is that the CPI(M) leaders wanted Rahul Gandhi to contest from Wayanad so that the CPI would lose one seat for sure.

The decision to field Surendran, the Kerala State president of the BJP, was made much later. Surendran consider it as a cardinal sin. himself knows that he would

has to kowtow the party line. The information coming out of the BJP office is that he may be given a gubernatorial position even if he loses the security deposit. There are no suitable candidates in Kerala BJP to challenge the supremacy of Rahul Gandhi and the Congress. The question being asked by Wayand voters is that how many people remember the names of the 2019 challengers to Rahul What is interesting is that the

animosity between the CPI(M) and Congress has come down drastically with Gandhi filing the nomination from Wayanad. Though the Congress leaders lambast the CPI(M), it is just a façade to convince the hardcore mem-

lose by a big margin but he bers of these parties that the CPI(M) as of date. there is no alliance between them. But what the people of the State see in TV channels and newspapers is the video images and pictures of Sitaram Yechury and D Raja hugging and kissing Rahul Gandhi while in Tripura former CPI(M) Chief Minister Manik Sarkar openly campaigning for the Congress party's candidates.

Kerala is the only State where they act as if they are rivals and enemies. By the next election, one can see the Congress and the CPI(M) fighting it together in Kerala against the BJP-led front provided the Hindutva party leadership throws out all the rotten eggs from its basket). There is no difference between the Congress and outfits whose secularist cre-silence on the CPI(M) candi-

Political pundits have been asking both parties to offi-cially legalize the ties so that the entire secular parties could be arrayed under the flag of the Congress across the country against the "communal and fascist" forces.

The secular parties include the Muslim League! In Marxist parlance, they say that whoever aligns with the CPI(M) is secular while the BJP is "communal and fascist". The CPI(M) does not have any issues in accepting the former NDA constituents as allies once they call off the marriage of convenience with the BJP. Telugu Desam of Andhra Pradesh, BJD of Orissa, BSP and JD(U) are

some of the major political

dentials depend on their ties with the BJP.

The press meeting addressed by A K Antony, the Bheeshma Pitamah of the Congress on 9 April 2024 at Thiruvananthapuram was an indicator of how political marriages take place in Kerala. While Antony was cursing his son Anil Antony who is contesting from Pathanamthitta as a BJP candidate and asking the electorate to ensure the defeat of his son, he was waxing eloquence on Anto Antony, the Congress candidate who is pitted against Anil. The former defence minister lambasted the BJP as anti-nationals, communalists and dicta-

But what stood out was his

dates. Antony's ties with the CPI(M) are infamous as he had sailed with the Marxists for almost two years during 1980-1983.

The CPI(M) and the Congress-led by Antony fought the 1980 general elec-tion together and ruled Kerala for almost two years. The Congress faction was pushed out of the LDF by the CPI(M) which demolished the offices of the Congress across the State with the police looking the other way. It is not without any reason political pundits say that politics make strange persons into bedfellows. Do we need more proof than A K Antony?

(The writer is special correspondent with The Pioneer; views are personal)

Iran fires at apparent Israeli attack drones

n apparent Israeli drone An apparent fire air defenses at a major air base and a nuclear site early on Friday morning near the central city of Isfahan, an assault coming in retaliation for Tehran's unprecedented droneand-missile assault on the country. No Iranian official directly acknowledged the possibility that Israel attacked, and the Israeli military did not respond to a request for comment. However, tensions have been high since the Saturday assault on Israel amid its war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip and its own strikes targeting Iran in

Speaking at the G7 meeting in Capri, Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said the US received "last-minute" information from Israel about the attack on Isfahan.

United States officials declined to comment as of early Friday, but American broadcast networks quoting unnamed US officials said Israel carried out Times quoted anonymous Israeli officials claiming the assault, which came on Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's 85th birthday. Israeli politicians also made comments hinting that the country had launched an

Air defense batteries fired in several provinces over reports of drones being in the air, state television reported. Iranian army commander Gen. Abdolrahim Mousavi said crews targeted several flying objects. "The explosion this morning in the sky of Isfahan was related to the shooting of air defense systems at a suspicious object that did not cause any damage," Mousavi said. Others suggested the drones may be so-called quadcopters four rotor, small drones that are commercially available.

Authorities said air defenses fired at a major air base in Isfahan, which long has been home to Iran's fleet of American-made F-14 Tomcats - purchased before the 1979

Tasnim also published a video from one of its reporters, who said he was in the southeastern Zerdenjan area of Isfahan, near its "nuclear energy mountain." The footage showed two different anti-aircraft gun positions, and details of the video corre-

sponded with known features of the site of Iran's Uranium Conversion Facility at Isfahan. 'At 4:45, we heard gunshots. There was nothing going on," he said. "It was the air defense these guys that you're watching, and over there too.

The facility at Isfahan operates three small Chinese-supplied research reactors, as well as handling fuel production and other activities for Iran's civilian nuclear program.

Isfahan also is home to sites associated with Iran's nuclear program, including its underground Natanz enrichment site, which has been repeatedly targeted by suspected Israeli sabotage attacks. State television described all

atomic sites in the area as "fully safe." The United Nations'

Agency, also said "there is no damage to Iran's nuclear sites' after the incident.

The IAEA "continues to call for extreme restraint from everybody and reiterates that nuclear facilities should never be a target in military conflicts," the agency said.

Iran's nuclear program has rapidly advanced to producing enriched uranium at nearly weapons-grade levels since the collapse of its atomic deal with world powers after then-President Donald Trump withdrew America from the accord in 2018.

While Iran insists its program is for peaceful purposes, Western nations and the IAEA say Tehran operated a secret military weapons program until 2003. The IAEA has warned that Iran now holds enough enriched uranium to build several nuclear weapons if it chose to do so - though the US intelligence community maintains Tehran is not actively seeking the bomb.

nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy and FlyDubai began diverting militias are based, residents of over the threat. The apparent and FlyDubai began diverting around western Iran about 4:30 a.m. local time. They offered no explanation, though local warnings to aviators suggested the airspace may have been closed.

> Iran then grounded commercial flights in Tehran and across areas of its western and central regions. Iran later restored normal flight service, authorities said. Around the time of the incident in Iran, Syria's staterun SANA news agency quoted a military statement saying Israel carried out a missile strike targeting an air defense unit in its south and causing material damage. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, said the strike hit a military radar for government forces. It was not clear if there casualties, Observatory said. That area of Syria is directly

west of Isfahan, some 1,500 kilometers (930 miles) away, and east of Israel.

Baghdad reported hearing sounds of explosions, but the source of the noise was not immediately clear.

The incident Friday in Iran also sparked concerns about the conflict again escalating across the seas of the Middle East, which have been seeing attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels of Yemen on shipping over the war in Gaza. The British military's United

Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center warned ships in the region that they could see increased drone activity in the skies. "There are currently no indications commercial vessels are the intended target," it wrote. The Houthis have launched at least 53 attacks on shipping, seized one vessel and sank another since November, according to the US Maritime Administration. Houthi attacks have dropped in recent weeks as the rebels have been targeted by a US-led airstrike campaign in Yemen and as shipping through the Red Sea

attack also briefly spooked energy markets, sending benchmark Brent crude above USD 90 before it fell again in trading Friday. However, Iranian state-run media sought to downplay the incident after the fact, airing footage of an otherwise-peaceful Isfahan morning. That could be intentional, particularly after Iranian officials for days have been threatening to retaliate for any Israeli retaliatory attack on the

nation. "As long as Iran continues to deny the attack and deflect attention from it and no further hits are seen, there is space for both sides to climb down the escalation ladder for now," said Sanam Vakil, the director of the Middle East and North Africa program at Chatham House. (AP) Associated Press journalists Nasser Karimi, Mehdi Fattahi and Amir Vahdat in Tehran, Iran; Bassem Mroue in Beirut: and Nicole Winfield in Capri, Italy; contributed to this

Man detained after police op at Iranian consulate

Paris (AP): Police said Friday they detained a man at the Iranian consulate in Paris after responding to a report of a suspicious man possibly carrying a grenade and explosives vest, but did they did not immediately confirm finding any weapons.A Paris police official told The Associated Press that officers were verifying the man's identity and trying to determine whether he had weapons. The official was speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to be publicly named under police policy.

The official said the man was spotted around 11 a.m. (0900 GMT) on Friday and that police launched a special operation as soon as they were alerted. The man's motives were not immediately clear. No explosions have been reported, the official said.

Images on French television and social media showed police surrounding the build-

Israel warned US about drone attack on Iran, Italian foreign min says at G7

Capri (AP): The United States told the Group of Seven foreign ministers on Friday that it received "last minute" information from Israel about a drone action in Iran, Italy's foreign minister said.

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, who chaired the meeting of ministers of industrialised countries, said the United States provided the information at a Friday morning session that was changed at the last minute to address the suspected attack.

Tajani said the US informed the G7 ministers that it had been "informed at the last minute" by Israel about the drones. "But there was no sharing of the attack by the US. It was a mere information

Early Friday, Iran fired air defences at a major air base and a nuclear site near the central city of Isfahan after spotting drones, part of an apparent Israeli attack in retaliation for Tehran's unprecedented droneand-missile assault on the coun try last weekend.

In a communique following the three-day meeting, the ministers urged the parties "to prevent further escalation."

The statement pledged support for Israel's security and condemned "in the strongest terms" what the foreign ministers described as Iran's "unprecedented attack against Israel of April 13-14, which Israel defeated with the help of its partners, as well as the seizure of the Portuguese-flagged vessel MSC Aries in the Strait of Hormuz.

'We stand ready to adopt further sanctions or take other measures, now and in response to further destabilising initiatives," the document read.

The group also warned Iran against transferring ballistic missiles and related technology to Russia. On the war in Gaza the group called on Hamas to release hostages and reminded Israel to respect international and humanitarian law.

US vetoes Palestinian bid to gain statehood at UN PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

The US has vetoed a resolution in the UN Security Council on the latest Palestinian bid to be granted full membership of the United Nations, an outcome lauded by Israel but criticised by Palestine as "unfair, immoral, and unjus-

The 15-nation Council voted on a draft resolution Thursday that would have recommended to the 193-member UN General Assembly "that the State of Palestine be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

The resolution got 12 votes in its favour, with Switzerland and the UK abstaining and the US casting its veto.

To be adopted, the draft resolution required at least nine Council members voting in its favour, with no vetoes by any of its five permanent members China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Palestinian attempts for recognition as a full member state began in 2011. Palestine is currently a non-member

observer state, a status that was granted in November 2012 by the UN General Assembly.

This status allows Palestine to participate in proceedings of the world body but it cannot vote on resolutions. The only other non-member Observer State at the UN is the Holy See, representing the Vatican.

Israel's Foreign Minister Israel Katz praised the US for vetoing what he called a "shameful proposal.

The proposal to recognise a Palestinian state, more than 6 months after the largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust and after the sexual crimes and other atrocities committed by Hamas terrorists was a reward for terrorism", Katz wrote on X, after the US

US Ambassador Robert Wood. Alternative Representative for Special Political Affairs, said in the explanation of the vote at the Security Council meeting on Palestinian membership that Washington continues to strongly support a two-state

"It remains the US view that the most expeditious path

toward statehood for the Palestinian people is through direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority with the support of the United States and other partners," he said.

This vote does not reflect opposition to Palestinian statehood, but instead is an acknowledgement that it will only come from direct negotiations between the parties."

Wood said there are "unresolved questions" as to whether Palestine meets the criteria to be considered a State.

'We have long called on the Palestinian Authority to undertake necessary reforms to help establish the attributes of readiness for statehood and note that Hamas - a terrorist organisation - is currently exerting power and influence in Gaza, an integral part of the state envisioned in this resolution," he said, adding that "For these reasons, the United States voted "no" on this Security Council resolution." Wood noted that since the

October 7 attacks last year against Israel by Hamas, US President Joe Biden has been

clear that sustainable peace in the region can only be achieved through a two-state solution, with Israel's security guaranteed. "There is no other path that

guarantees Israel's security and future as a democratic Jewish state. There is no other path that guarantees Palestinians can live in peace and with dignity in a state of their own. And there is no other path that leads to regional integration between Israel and all its Arab neighbours, including Saudi

Arabia," he said. The Palestinian Authority President, Mahmoud Abbas, sharply criticised the US veto, saying that it was "unfair, immoral, and unjustified, and defies the will of the international community, which strongly supports the State of Palestine obtaining full membership in the United Nations." Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine, said that "our right to self-determination has never once been subject to bargaining or negotiation. "Our right to self-determina-

tion is a natural right, a historic

right, a legal right. A right to live in our homeland Palestine as an independent state that is free and that is sovereign. Our right to self-determination is inalienable...," he said.

Getting emotional and choking up as he made the remarks, Mansour said that a majority of the Council members "have risen to the level of this historic moment" and have stood "on the side of justice, freedom and

He asserted that Palestine's admission as a full member of the UN is an "investment in peace." On April 2, 2024, Palestine again sent a letter to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres requesting that its application for full UN membership be considered

For a State to be granted full UN membership, its application must be approved both by the Security Council and the General Assembly, where a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting is required for the State to be admitted as a full member. Earlier in the day, Guterres, in his remarks to a Council meeting on the Middle East, warned that the region is on a "knife edge".

"Recent escalations make it even more important to support good-faith efforts to find lasting peace between Israel and a fully independent, viable and sovereign Palestinian state," Guterres said.

"Failure to make progress towards a two-state solution will only increase volatility and risk for hundreds of millions of people across the region, who will continue to live under the constant threat of violence," he said.

The UN, citing the Ministry of Health in Gaza, said that between October 7 last year and April 17, at least 33,899 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza and 76,664 Palestinians injured.

Over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals, including 33 children, have been killed in Israel, the vast majority on October 7. As of April 17, Israeli authorities estimate that 133 Israelis and foreign nationals remain captive in Gaza, including fatalities whose bodies are

Jury selection could be nearing close in Trump's hush money trial

AP ■ NEW YORK

awyers worked Friday to Lawyers worked 1112, round out the panel of 12 jurors and six alternates who will hear Donald Trump's hush money trial, as the former president railed against a gag order that has prosecutors seeking to hold him in contempt of court. After a jury of 12 New

Yorkers was seated Thursday, lawyers turned their attention to picking alternates who can vow to set aside their personal views and judge the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

Thursday's proceedings demonstrated unpredictability in the jury selection process of such a high-profile case, with two jurors who had been seated a day earlier being dismissed from the panel.

The judge has suggested that opening statements could begin as early as Monday, before prosecutors begin laying out their case alleging a scheme to cover up negative



trial at Manhattan criminal court in New York on Thursday

stories Trump feared would hurt his 2016 presidential

The trial will place Trump in a Manhattan courtroom for weeks, forcing him to juggle his dual role as criminal defendant and political candidate against the backdrop of his hotly contested race against President Joe Biden. It will feature salacious and unflattering testimony his opponent will no doubt seize on to try to paint

Trump as unfit to return as

commander in chief. After

about the gag order imposed by the judge that limits what he can publicly say about wit-

He has lashed out on social media about the judge, prosecutors and likely witnesses, prompting the district attorneys to seek sanctions for possible gag order viola-tions. The judge will hold a hearing next week on prosecutors' request to hold Trump in

contempt. "The gag order has to come off. People are allowed to speak about me, and I have a gag order," Trump said. After a new group of potential jurors was brought into the courtroom, one woman who said she didn't believe she could be "completely fair" was excused. Judge Juan M. Merchan is also expected to hold a hearing Friday to consider a request from prosecutors to bring up Trump's prior legal entanglements if he takes the stand in the hush money case.

Attack blamed on IS militants kills 22 people in central Syria

Beirut (AP): An attack on progovernment fighters by suspected members of the Islamic State group in central Syria killed 22 pro-government fighters, an opposition war monitor and pro-government media report-

ed on Friday. Gunmen attacked a bus carrying members of the Quds Brigade, a government and Russian-backed faction of mostly Palestinian fighters in Syria, near the town of Sukhna late Thursday night. Sukhna was once an IS stronghold. There was no immediate claim of responsibility but both the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based opposition war monitor, and the pro-government radio station Sham FM said IS was behind the attack. Both the Observatory and Sham FM said 22 fighters were killed. Sham FM said they were all Quds Brigade gunmen, while the Observatory said the majority belonged to the group.

Xi Jingping launches Information Support Force for military

PTI ■ BEIJING

hinese President Xi Jinping On Friday launched an Information Support Force, a new wing of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), which he said will be a "strategic branch" and a "key pillar" of the army. Xi, who also heads the Central Military Commission (CMC), the overall high command of the Chinese military, besides heading the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Presidency, said that the establishment of the information support force is a major decision made by the CPC and the CMC in light of the overall need of building a strong military. After presenting a flag to the force at its establishment ceremony in Beijing, Xi, 71, stressed that the information support force is a new, strategic branch of the military and a key pillar in coordinating the construction and application of the network information system.

It will play a crucial role in advancing the Chinese mili-tary's high-quality development and competitiveness in modern warfare, state-run Xinhua news agency quoted him as saying.

He ordered the force to resolutely obey the ruling Communist Party's command and make sure it stays absolutely loyal, pure and reliable. Xi urged the force to integrate deeply into the Chinese military's joint operation system, carry out information support operations in a precise and effective manner, and facilitate military operations in various directions and fields. He also urged efforts to build a network information system that fulfils the requirements of modern warfare and features the Chinese military's own characteristics, as well as efforts to accelerate the development of integrated combat capabilities more effectively.

3 dead in UAE floods

AP ■ DUBAI

Three people have died in the United Arab Emirates as a result of heavy flooding caused by record-setting rains this week, officials said Friday.

A statement by the

Philippine's Department of Migrant Workers said two women suffocated inside their vehicle during the flooding, while a man died when his

vehicle fell into a sinkhole. The exact number of deaths caused by the storm is not yet known as UAE officials have not released any

information. The UAE, a hereditarily ruled, autocratic nation on the Arabian Peninsula, typically sees little rainfall in its arid desert climate. However, a massive storm forecasters had been warning about for days blew through the country's seven sheikhdoms.

By the end of Tuesday, more than 142 millimeters (5.59 inches) of rainfall had soaked Dubai over 24 hours. An average year sees 94.7 millimeters (3.73 inches) of rain at Dubai International Airport. Other areas of the country saw even more precipitation.

Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international travel, hoped to be back on a normal schedule within 24 hours, its CEO told The Associated Press late Thursday. On Friday, longhaul carrier Emirates said on the social platform X that it would again halt local checkin for passengers traveling on its flights until early Saturday to "support operations recovery from the recent bad weather at our Dubai hub." Low-cost carrier FlyDubai also saw some disruptions. Meanwhile, intense floods also struck neighboring Oman in recent days. On Thursday, authorities raised the death toll from those storms to at least 21 killed.

Trial underway for Panama Papers case

AP ■ PANAMA CITY

Eight years after 11 million leaked secret financial documents revealed how some of the world's richest people hide their wealth, more than two dozen defendants are on trial in Panama for their alleged roles. The repercussions of the leaks

were far-ranging, prompting the resignation of the prime minister of Iceland and bringing scrutiny to the then-leaders of Argentina and Ukraine, Chinese politicians and Russian President Vladimir Putin, among others. But those on trial now for alleged money laundering are principally the leaders and associates of the now defunct Panamanian boutique law firm that helped set up the shell companies used to obscure those really behind them. The leaders of that firm, Jürgen Mossack and Ramón Fonseca, are among those on Panamanian prosecutors allege that Mossack, Fonseca and their associates created a web of offshore companies that used complex transactions to hide money linked to illicit activities in the "car wash" corruption scandal of Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht. In December 2016, Odebrecht

pleaded guilty in US federal court to a charge related to its use of shell companies to disguise hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes paid in countries around the world to win public contracts.According

Panamanian prosecutors, the Mossack Fonseca firm created 44 shell companies, 31 of which opened accounts in Panama to hide money linked to the Brazilian scandal. The judge on the case, Baloisa Marquinez, last year decided to also merge the Odebrecht-related charges to prosecutors' allegations about

giant Siemens. Prosecutors allege a former executive with the company used entities created by Mossack Fonseca to transfer funds for bribes. A Siemens spokesperson

declined to comment, noting that it is not a party to the Panama case and that it involves former Siemens employees in their private capacity.
The 71-year-old Fonseca has

not been present for the trial, because his lawyer said he is hospitalised. But he had previously said his firm did not control how their clients used the shell companies the firm created for them. Its role was simply the creation and sale of the companies. Mossack, a 76-year-old lawyer originally from Germany, said in a statement "we categorically reject that we have committed any crime, not Mossack Fonseca nor the subsidiaries ... and we hope that can be proved in the the firm's work for German trial.



Minister Chrystia Freeland of Canada, and Finance Minister Nicola Willis of New Zealand, pose for a photograph after a Five Eyes Finance Ministers meeting at the Treasury Department, on Thursday in Washington

monitor North Korean nukes

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 accu-sations 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 provide specific details about US discussions with allies and other partners, including whether an alternative monitoring regime would more likely be established through the ÚN 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



sions 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 not contribute to finding a two-state

solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"President Biden has said cat-

egorically that we support a two-state solution for address-

ing 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 resolution in the Security Council

will necessarily get us to a place

where we can find a ... two-state

solution moving forward," she

added. Tensions on the Korean

Peninsula are at their highest

point in years, as North Korean

leader Kim Jong Un has accel-

erated his weapons demonstra-

tions and issued provocative

threats of nuclear conflict

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 ballistic missile testing since 2022, 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 ten-

The United States, South Korea and Japan have responded by expanding their combined military exercises and sharpening their nuclear deterrence strategies built around strategic US

In a telephone conversation on Wednesday, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida agreed to further strengthen three-way cooperation with Washington to counter North Korean threats and other regional challenges amid "deepening uncertain-ties in the international situa-

tion", Yoon's office said. 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 programmes. The last sanctions resolution was adopted by the council in December 2017.

The Security Council established 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 UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia 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.

Envoy says US determined to Ukraine claims it shot down Russian strategic bomber

Ukraine's air force claimed Friday it shot down a Russian strategic bomber, but Moscow officials said the plane crashed in a sparsely populated area due to a malfunction after a combat mission. Neither claim could be independently verified. Previous Ukrainian claims of shooting down Russian warplanes during their more than two-year war have met with silence or denials from Moscow.

Meanwhile, Russian missiles struck cities in the central Dnipro region of Ukraine, killing eight people, including a 14-year-old girl and 8-year-old boy, and injuring 28, local officials said.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy repeated Kyiv officials' almost daily appeals for more Western air defense systems, again drawing a parallel with how Israel blunted a recent Iranian attack.

Missile and drone attacks can be thwarted, he wrote on social platform X: "This has been demonstrated in the skies over the Middle East, and it should

also work in Europe." Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba added: "Children must not be killed in airstrikes in modern Europe.'

Russia's air force is vastly more powerful than Ukraine's, but sophisticated missile systems provided by Kyiv's Western partners are a major threat to Russian aviation as the Kremlin's forces slowly push forward along the around 1,000-kilometre front line in what has become a grinding war of attrition. Ukrainian officials say they expect a major Russian offensive in the summer. Ukraine said the air force and military intelligence cooperated to bring down the Tu-22M3 bomber

EU official von der Leyen visits Finland-Russia border to assess security situation

after visiting the border in

Lappeenranta with Finnish

Prime Minister Petteri Orpo.

"We should be more Finnish

Von der Leyen and Orpo flew

in a Finnish helicopter over the

landscape of forests and towns

on the border. In a statement

issued after the visit, Orpo said that "the spring's warmer

weather increases the risk of

Russia helping people illegally

try to get to Finland via the land border ... outside the border

crossing points." Most of the migrants hail from

the Middle East and Africa. The

vast majority of them have

sought asylum in Finland, a member of the EU and NATO

with a population of 5.6 million.

Finland joined NATO in April

2023, ending decades of neu-

trality after the country's defeat

by the Soviet Union in World

War II. In March, Sweden also

became a member of the trans-

Atlantic alliance. The move

dealt a major blow to Putin, with a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War secu-

rity landscape triggered by Moscow's full-scale invasion

when it comes to security."

AP ■ COPENHAGEN

The head of the European Union's executive branch said on Friday that Finland's decision to close its border crossings with Russia over a surge in migrants was a security matter for the whole 27member bloc to consider. European Commission

President Ursula von der Leyen made the remarks during a trip to the frontier, visiting a part of the border located in the Arctic. 'We all know how (Russian President Vladimir) Putin and his allies instrumentalize migrants to test our defenses and to try to destabilize us," von der Leyen said. "Now Putin is focusing on Finland, and this is no doubt in response to your firm support of Ukraine and your accession to NATO."
On April 4, Finland decided to extend the closure of its border

crossing points with Russia "until further notice" because of what the government says is a high risk of organized migration being orchestrated by Moscow. Finland's government has closed eight of its nine checkpoints with Russia. The only one that remains open is dedicated to rail travel only, and cargo trains mainly run

through it. Finland shares a 1,340-kilometer (832-mile) land border with Russia, running mostly through thick forests in the south, and to the rugged landscape in the Arctic north. "This is not just about the security of Finland, but it is about the security of the European Union. We are in this together," von der Leven said

with anti-aircraft missiles. Russia commonly uses the bomber to fire Kh-22 cruise missiles at Ukrainian targets

from inside its own airspace. The plane can also carry nuclear warheads. The Russian defense ministry said the warplane crashed "in a deserted area" in the southern region of Stavropol, hundreds of kilometers (miles)

from the Ukrainian border. Three crew members were rescued after ejecting from the aircraft, and the search for a fourth is taking place, according to the ministry. But Stavropol Gov. Vladimir Vladimirov said one of the rescued pilots died.

On Christmas Eve, Ukraine claimed to have shot down two Russian fighter jets. In January the Ukrainian air force said it shot down a Russian early warning and control plane and a key command center aircraft that relays information to troops on the ground, in what appeared to be a signif-icant blow for the Kremlin's forces. The next month, Ukraine said it knocked out another early warning and control plane.

Also in January, Moscow accused Kyiv of shooting down a Russian military transport plane that was carrying Ukrainian POWs who were headed for a prisoner swap. Russian forces overnight conducted a combined aerial attack with the use of 22 missiles of various types and 14 Shahed drones during the night, the Ukrainian air force said. All the drones and 15 of the missiles were intercepted, it said. The attack hit urban areas as well as train infrastructure in the Dnipro region, Ukraine's National Railway Operator said. Among those killed in the strikes was employee Oksana Storozhenko, the mother of two

teenage sons, it said.

More people evacuated after dramatic eruption of Indonesian volcano

More people living near an erupting volcano on Indonesia's Sulawesi Island were evacuated on Friday due to the dangers of spreading ash, falling rocks, hot volcanic clouds and the possibility of a tsunami. An international airport in Manado city, which is located less than 100 kilometers 62 miles) from the erupting Mount Ruang, is still temporarily closed as volcanic ash

Satellite imagery from the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency showed that the ash has spread to the west, northwest, northeast and southeast, covering Manado and North Minahasa, according to a statement from Indonesia's Transportation Ministry.

was spewed into the air.

"We are still monitoring developments in the eruption of Mount Ruang and coordinating with relevant stakeholders ... to anticipate the necessary actions to ensure flight safety, security and comfort," said Ambar Suryoko, head of the regional airport authority More than 11,000 people were

told to leave their homes and at least 1,000 have done so. A joint

team from the local authorities is still combing the villages surrounding the volcano and evacuating the residents to safer areas by boat.

Officials worry that part of the volcano could collapse into the sea and cause a tsunami, as happened in an eruption there in 1871 eruption. Houses, roads and other buildings in the affected areas were covered by roofs were also broken by the materials spewed from the eruption. Mount Ruang saw at least five large eruptions Wednesday, causing the Centre for Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation to issue its highest level of alert. People were ordered to stay at least 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) from the 725-metre (2,378-foot) mountain. The observation from the agency on Friday said that white smoke is rising from the main crater with medium to thick intensity. Tagulandang Island, east of the volcano, could be at risk if a collapse occurred. Its residents were among those being told to evacuate. Indonesia's National Disaster Mitigation Agency said residents will be relocated to Manado, a journey of six hours by boat.

IMF MD says China has to define growth strategies for the future

Observing that China has the benefit of a particular set of policies over the last decades for its export-oriented growth, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has said that the time has come for Beijing to look at domestic sources for growth, opening up more opportunities for the market.

per cent in the first quarter, making a stronger-thanexpected start to the year even as the downturn of its property market continued while the domestic demand remained subdued. The GDP grew 5.3 per cent year on year to 29.63 trillion yuan (about USD 4.17 trillion) in the first three months of 2024, data from the National Bureau of Statistics

showed on Tuesday. 'China is the fork in the road. Why? Because China has to define growth strategies for the future. China has the benefit of a particular set of policies over the last decades, export-oriented growth, but the time has come to look at domestic sources for growth, opening up more opportunities for the market to lift up these prospects," Georgieva said.

The IMF sees three important opportunities for China, she said. Number one, to shift the economy more towards domestic consumption. It is actually in line with what China is aspiring to, the dual circulation economy. It would take giving consumers more confidence

and offering them more services, and more things to buy. "We know that the healthcare services in China can expand quite significantly that getting the social safety nets to work more effectively would give people an opportunity to save a bit less, to spend a bit more," she said.

"Secondly, we see the reforms in China that have served the country well continuing to be needed, reforms of state-owned enterprises opening up for a more competitive environment. In the years ahead, that can help Ćhina grow more," Georgieva said. Last but not least, there are some problems right now, and how they are solved will have implications for China's growth, she observed. "The most obvious example is the property sector. People in China rely on their homeownership as a way of saving. When prices there—as savings go down, when prices of real estate go down, that affects consumer confidence. and deflation risks coming So clearing up the problems in the sector more resolutely would certainly help China, she said.

"We see China making some important decisions around greening their growth pattern. Again, the more China does for lifting up domestic consumption, the better," the IMF Managing Director said. At a separate news conference,

Asia and Pacific Department, told reporters that on the macroeconomic aspects. China's economy is experiencing weak domestic demand. This emanates from two fac-

tors: the continued weakness in the real estate sector and the legacies of the pandemic. So in that context, the IMF has

advocated for two things. One is policies that would help address the problem in the property sector and other than that, trying to boost consumption demand by improving social safety nets in the case of China and again, improving the pension system in a fiscally prudent way and investing in people, education, and health. 'So that's as far as once on the domestic demand side if you pursue these policies, you will see domestic demand rising down," he said.

China provides wide-ranging support to priority sectors. This includes preferential access to credit research funds and incentives for certain firms, particularly in the areas of strategic manufacturing and science and technology. "In terms of what China can do, on the first issue of misallocation of resources, we have talked tant to address SOE reform quite urgently, scaling back of industrial policies, which provide implicit or explicit guarantees for SOEs. So in other words, try to make it have to ensure competitive neutrality between SOEs and the private sector so that there's no misallocation of resources doesn't happen," Srinivasan said.

That's one thing. And again, we also said that SOE reforms, some SOEs are clearly unprofitable. And the more support you provide, you keep them in business for longer than they should be. So that's something which we've called for in terms of SOE reforms. And so those are the policies which we're advocating for China both to address, to address the issue of what you talked about as overproduction," he added.

Teenager charged with terror in stabbings of bishop and priest at Sydney church

Sydney (AP): A 16-year-old lectual disability. Christian clerics during a Sydney church service has been charged by police with terrorism offenses Authorities said the stabbing

was declared a terrorist act because of the teenager's suspected religious motivation and that the boy travelled up to 90 minutes from his home to the Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Sydney's western suburbs. The teen spoke in Arabic about the Prophet Muhammad being insulted after he stabbed Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel and the Rev. Isaac Royel during Monday night's Assyrian Orthodox service. He was later overpowered by parishioners, sustaining severe

hand injuries. 'Yesterday investigators attended a medical facility to interview the alleged offender where he was charged with committing a terrorist act," said Federal Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw at a press conference on Friday in Sydney. The offense carries a maxi-

mum penalty of imprisonment for life. The matter was heard at a Sydney children's court on Friday. The juvenile, who is not being named, did not appear via video link from his hospital bed and did not apply for bail at the brief hearing.

The teen has a history of knife-related offenses and had seen three psychologists and a school counsellor, and had an appointment to see a psychiatrist, his lawyer said during Friday's court hearing.

The boy's family had previously said the 16-year-old might have "anger management and behavioral issues" and a "short fuse", but had shown no signs of being radicalised. The 16-year-old's lawyer, Greg Scragg, said the boy had a "long history of behaviour" consistent with a mental illness or intel-

mendation for the boy to have a mental health assessment while in custody. He will enter remand custody at a children's detention centre once released from the hospital, until his next court hearing on June 14.

A crowd of up to 600 people converged on the church after the attack, some demanding that police hand over the boy.

Hours of rioting led to 51 police officers being injured. Sydney mosques also received firebomb threats.

The bishop released an audio statement on Thursday saying that he was "doing fine, recovering very quickly" and that he forgave his attacker. He also used his statement to call for calm after the attack, which was Australia's second high-profile knife attack in a week, after a man stabbed six people to death at a busy Sydney shopping centre on Saturday before he was fatally shot. Regarding the church attack, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said, "Clearly

the riots that followed. 'The response as well, I must say, as a Sydneysider, was very disappointing with police being attacked, they should be treated with respect at all times," Albanese told radio station 3AW on Friday.

this was a terrorism event", and

it had been disappointing to see

"Our police do extraordinary work in order to keep us safe and they shouldn't have been subject to the attacks that happened on that evening. And there have been charges done because of that as well.

Police say they are continuing to hunt for as many as 50 people involved in the riot and expect to make more arrests in the coming days.

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Commissioner Karen Webb said extra police had been deployed to that part of western Sydney as part of a high-visibility operation "for as long as needed to reassure the community we are there to keep them safe". (AP)

US ambassador to UN visits Nagasaki A-bomb museum

AP ■ TOKYO

The American envoy to the United Nations called Friday for countries armed with atomic weapons to pursue nuclear disarmament as she visited the atomic bomb museum in Nagasaki, Japan.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, who became the first US cabinet member to visit Nagasaki, stressed the importance of dialogue and diplomacy amid a growing nuclear threat in the region. "We must continue to work together to create an environment for nuclear disarmament. We must continue to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons in every corner of the world," she said after a tour of the

atomic bomb museum. "For those of us who already have those weapons, we must pursue arms control. We can and must work to ensure that Nagasaki is the last place to ever experience the horror of nuclear



Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, right, shake hands during a meeting on Friday

weapons," she added, standing in front of colourful hanging origami cranes, a symbol of peace. The United States dropped the world's first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, destroying the city and killing 140,000 people. A second attack three days later on Nagasaki killed 70,000 more people. Japan surrendered on August 15, ending World War II and its near-

ly half-century of aggression in Asia. Nagasaki Gov. Kengo Oishi said in a statement that he believed Thomas-Greenfield's visit and her first-person experience at the museum "will be a strong message in promoting momentum of nuclear disarmament for the international society at a time the world faces a severe environment surrounding atomic weapons?

Five Japanese escape unhurt in Karachi suicide bombing child, were killed in the attack.

PTI ■ KARACHI/PESHAWAR

Pive Japanese nationals had a lucky escape when their vehicle was targeted by militants in a suicide attack here in Pakistan's Sindh province on Friday, police said.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) East Azfar Mahesar said the terrorists on a motorbike attempted to hit the van of the Japanese nationals near Murtaza Chorangi in Landhi.

"All five Japanese remained safe. However, the private security guard with them was injured," Clifton," he said.

he said. "The Japanese nationals were on the way to the Export Processing Zone from their residence in Zamzama, Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) DIG Asif Aijaz Shaikh told Dawn News that the

Japanese nationals were travel-

ling in a van along with two

security guards when two ter-

rorists tried to hit the van. The

security guards killed one terrorist while another blew himself up in an attempt to get close to the van, the official said. "All five Japanese nationals are safe," DIG Shaikh said. "No one has claimed responsibility so

the vehicle carrying the Japanese nationals was bullet-proof. Meanwhile, with the death of two more persons, the toll in Thursday's ambush on a gov-

far," the DIG said, adding that

ernment vehicle in Pakistan's restive Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province rose to seven, police said on Friday. The deceased include five officials and two passer-byes, including a fouryear-old girl and a man. The officials from Customs

Intelligence were on routine duty on Quetta Road in Dera Ismail Khan district in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province when unknown gunmen opened fire at their vehicle, police said. On Thursday, police said five people, including a girl

The killers fled from the scene before police from Draban Police Station rushed to the area. Chief Minister of the province Ali Amin Gandapur strongly condemned the attack and directed the police to arrest the attackers. On Wednesday, Pakistani secu-

rity forces killed seven terrorists trying to infiltrate the country's border with Afghanistan in the same province. There has been an uptick in ter-

ror incidents across Pakistan,

especially in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province over the last two years since the Taliban-led dispensation took over the control of Afghanistan. Pakistan has consistently asked the Taliban-led interim Afghan government to ensure effective border management on their side of the border and deny the use of Afghan soil by terrorists for perpetrating acts of terrorism against Pakistan.

India standout performer amidst sluggish global growth: IEA Secretary

espite a challenging global scenario, India's economy has shown robust growth over the past year backed by sustained consumption and investment demand, a top Indian official told members of a World Bank committee here.

The GDP growth estimate for the fiscal, which has been revised upwards from 7.3 per cent to 7.6 per cent in the second advance estimates, highlights the enduring strength and resilience of the Indian economy, India's Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth said while addressing the Development Committee meeting here on Thursday.

"India grew above 8 per cent for three consecutive quarters of FY24, reaffirming its position as a standout performer amidst sluggish global growth trends," Seth

He said that similar sentiments have been echoed by various agencies who have revised India's fiscal 24 growth

India's proactive stance on reform and investment in sustainable growth avenues sets a benchmark for emerging

The Indian delegation at the annual Spring Meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank is being represented at the official level this time. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is not attending the annual gathering of global financial leaders due to the ongoing Lok Sabha elections

Seth told the Development Committee that India's thrust on capex continued to crowd in private investment resulting in enhanced Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) at constant prices registering a growth above 10 per cent in FY24.

inflation outlook India's appears positive with headline and core inflation trending downwards, indicating a broad-based moderation in price pressures, he said. Seth said that on the external



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strategic programmes and

partnerships across the public

and private sectors. The focus

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propel India to stay on the

innovation, consolidate and

solidify its position in the

manufacturing sector registered double-digit growth

in Q3 of 24 fiscal years, driven

by a surge in investment,

improved investor confidence,

global supply chain," he said.

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merchandise trade deficit and the rising net services receipts are expected to improve the current account balance in fiscal 2024.

To catalyse and democratise the Artificial Intelligence (AI) innovation ecosystem in the country, the Centre has approved the "India AI Mission" with a budget outlay of INR 103 billion for building computing infrastructure, developing indigenous AI capabilities, streamlining access to datasets, attracting AI talent, and financing AI startups. and strong domestic demand "The Mission aims to establish conditions, Seth said the year

contact-intensive Emphasising that India has the

growth in services, led by non-

highest digital transactions globally with a share of 46 per cent of global real-time transactions in 2022, Seth noted that the monthly transactions for March 2024 stood at 13.44 billion to talong an amount of INR 19.78 The volume of UPI online

transactions witnessed a 54 per cent YoY growth in Q3 FY24, which can be attributed to convenience, increased financial flexibility, and avenues in ease of spending for consumers, he

"Today this increased mobile connectivity and its linkage with the bank accounts has become an integral part of India's inclusive economic growth story with consumers, small traders, vendors, and vulnerable populations from the lowest rung of the society, being the key beneficiaries," he

Stock markets stage strong rebound

PTI ■ MUMBAI

 $S_{\rm close}$ markets rebounded from early lows to $S_{\rm close}$ higher on Friday, snapping the four-day losing streak on heavy value buying in banking and auto shares

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 599.34 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 73,088.33. The index opened lower and tanked further 672.53 points or 0.92 per cent to hit a low of 71,816.46 in early trade. However, the index rebounded in the second half on value-buying in banking shares. The NSE Nifty jumped 151.15 points or 0.69 per cent to close at 22,147. The broader index dropped to a low of 21,777.65 in early trade before paring its losses to end in the green.

From the Sensex basket, Bajaj Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFC Bank, JSW Steel, Maruti, Wipro, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finserv, ICICI Bank and ITC were the major gainers. Nestle India, HCL Technologies, Larsen &

Toubro, Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Motors and Infosys were among the laggards. Infosys declined nearly 1 per cent after the company's revenue growth guidance for FY25

failed to meet market expectations. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai, and Hong Kong settled in the negative territory. European markets were trading in the red. Wall

Street ended mostly lower on Thursday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.55 per cent to USD 87.62 a barrel.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 4,260.33 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

"Despite global weakness, Indian markets staged a strong recovery driven by large-cap stocks, buoyed by the expectation of limited prospects



of escalation following Israel's action against Iran. However, fragility persists with elevated oil prices, posing inflation risks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. "Nifty reversed a four-day losing streak to end higher," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities. In the broader market, the

smallcap index dipped 0.04 per cent. Among the indices, bankex jumped 1.02 per cent and metal climbed 0.85 per cent. Financial services (0.83 per cent), consumer durables (0.78 per cent) and commodities (0.54 per cent) also gained. IT, telecommunication, utilities, realty and teck were among the laggards.
On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark

BSE midcap gauge declined 0.39 per cent and

declined 1,156.57 points or 1.55 per cent and the Nifty dipped 372.4 points or 1.65 per cent. Meanwhile, the 2024 Lok Sabha polls kicked off on Friday with the beginning of polling for the first phase. The BSE benchmark tanked 454.69 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at 72,488.99 on Thursday. The NSE Nifty declined 152.05 points or 0.69 per cent to 21,995.85.



Nestle shares continue to decline; mcap erodes by ₹10,610.55 crore in two days

PTI NEW DELHI

Shares of Nestle India to decline on Friday, ending the day over 1 per cent lower, amid reports that the global FMCG major sold infant milk products with more sugar content in less developed countries

The stock declined 3.53 per cent to Rs 2,375.75 during the day on the BSE. It later ended at Rs 2,437.10 a share, down 1.04 per cent.

On the NSE, shares of the company dipped 2.13 per cent to Rs 2,410 during the day. The stock ended at Rs 2,430 apiece,

On Thursday, shares of Nestle India had declined over 3 per In two days, the company's

market capitalisation (mcap) got eroded by Rs 10,610.55 crore to Rs 2,34,974.74 crore. Nestle India on Thursday said it has reduced added sugar on baby food products in India by up to 30 per cent, depending on variants, over the past five years, amid reports that the

global FMCG major sold

products with more sugar

content in less developed

According to findings by Swiss NGO, Public Eye and International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), Nestle sold baby products with higher sugar content in less developed South Asian countries, including India, Africa and Latin American nations as compared to markets in Europe

When reached out for comments, a company spokesperson said, "Reduction of added sugars is a priority for Nestle India. Over the past 5 years, we have already reduced added sugars by up to 30 per variant."

The spokesperson further said, "We regularly review our portfolio and continue to innovate and reformulate our products to further reduce the level of added sugars, without compromising on nutrition, quality, safety, and taste.'

Nestle India asserted that its "infant cereal products are manufactured to ensure the appropriate delivery of nutritional requirements such as protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, iron etc. For early childhood".

Strong growth momentum provides RBI policy space to focus on price stability: Das

The strong growth momentum and the GDP projections for 2024-25 give the RBI a policy space to unwaveringly focus on price stability, Governor Shaktikanta Das stressed while voting for a status quo in the interest rate earlier this month.

The Reserve Bank had maintained status-quo on the benchmark lending rate (repo) at 6.5 per cent since February on concerns over 2023 on concerns creatinflation after the three-day meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) earlier this month.

MUTUAL FUND

HDFC AMC Q4

profit soars 44 pc

HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) on Friday reported a 44 per cent jump in profit after tax at Rs

541.1 crore in three months

In comparison, the company posted a profit after tax (PAT)

of Rs 376.1 crore in the year-

ago period, the fund house said

in a regulatory filing to the

The firm's total income surged

by 33 per cent Year-on-Year

(YoY) to Rs 851 crore in the

quarter under review from Rs

637.8 crore in the January-March quarter of the financial year 2022-23 (FY23).

Additionally, the company's

expenses grew 18 per cent YoY

to Rs 172 crore in the fourth

March 2024 as against Rs 4.5 lakh crore a year earlier.

For the full financial year 2023-

24 (FY24), the fund house's

and total income rose 27 per cent YoY to Rs 3,162.5 crore.

HDFC AMC is an investment

manager for HDFC Mutual

quarter ended March 2024. The company's average asset under management (AAUM) stood at Rs 6.13 lakh crore as of

to ₹541 crore

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ended March 2024.

stock exchanges



The central bank on Friday released the minutes of the meeting.

The gains in disinflation achieved over last two years have to be preserved and taken forward towards aligning the headline inflation to the 4 per cent target on a durable basis," he said, according to the

Five of the six MPC members had voted for the status quo in the policy rate.

MPC member Jayanth R however, had advocated a reduction in the repo rate by 25 basis points as "high interest rates entail a growth sacrifice".



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Gold and silver prices Soared to fresh record high levels on Friday with the precious metal breaching Rs 74,000 per 10 grams mark here on bullish global trends.

According to HDFC Securities, gold price jumped Rs 400 to hit its lifetime high of Rs 74,100 per 10 grams in Delhi. It had closed at Rs 73,700 per 10 grams on Thursday.

Similarly, silver prices rose by Rs 100 to hit a new peak of Rs 86,600 per kg.

the Delhi markets are trading at a record high of Rs 74,100 per 10 grams, up by Rs 400 amid a positive trend in the overseas markets," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the overseas markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at USD 2,390 per ounce, up by USD 15 from the previous close.

Gold in the global market surged near a record high in the Asian trading hours on Friday, following reports that Israel had struck targets on Iranian soil, days after Iran had launched an attack on Israel in retaliation for a raid on its

consulate in Syria.

This has increased the possibility of a larger regional conflict that would support higher gold prices.

Additionally, silver was quoted higher at USD 28.29 per ounce. In the previous close, it had finished at USD 28.25 per

According to market analysts,

a string of reports, including US inflation data which has remained hotter than forecast this year, have pushed the top US Federal Reserve officials to say recently they could hold That's a letdown after the Fed earlier had signalled three cuts to interest rates could be possible this year. But Fed officials have been adamant they want to be sure inflation is heading down toward their 2 per cent target before lowering the Fed's main interest rate from its highest level since

"Gold prices are expected to react to news developments related to both geopolitical tensions and updates on interest rates from the Federal Reserve," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said.

BUSINESS BRIEF



VITEEE-2024 KICKS OFF AT VIT AP UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

The Vellore Institute of Technology Engineering Entrance Examination (VITEEE)-2024 has officially begun today at the VIT-AP campus in Amaravati. The computer-based entrance exam, conducted annually, aims to facilitate admissions to B.Tech programs offered at VIT's campuses in Vellore, Chennai, Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), and Bhopal Sharing his insights on VITEEE 2024 Dr. S.V. Kota Reddy -Vice-Chancellor highlighted that the entrance examination will continue at various exam centres until April 30, 2024. Candidates hailing from 125 cities across the nation and 6 cities abroad will participate in the online entrance examination. The results are tentatively set to be available on May 3, 2024, on www.vit.ac.in. Dr. Jagadish Chandra, Registrar, said that the examination is conducted in three sessions daily, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA MEET AND EXHIBITION TODAY

The Department of Architecture, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology (ZHCET), Aligarh Muslim University is organising an Industry-Academia Meet and Exhibition on April 20, 2024, to bring together the professionals, academicians and students for interaction and exchange of ideas. AMU Vice Chancellor is the chief patron and Prof Mirza Salim Beg, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology and Prof MM Sufyan Beg, Principal, ZHCET are the co-patrons. The talks will be focused on the present scenario in building design and construction practices and the eminent speakers are Prof Manoj Mathur, SPA, New Delhi; Prof Rajat Ray, Ex-Dean, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi; Dr. Arun Kapur, Amity School of Architecture, Lucknow and also Honorary Architect, Gunjan and Associates, Lucknow; Architect Gaurav Gupta, De:Cape Studio, Lucknow; Architect Manish Kr Sahai, Sahai Architects, Aligarh; Architect Hemlata Singh, White Fox Designs LLP, New Delhi and Architect Udit Gaurav, Green Building Consultant, Greater Noida

Hyundai Motor India rolls out Grameen Mahotsav aspirations but also identify that with good monsoon,

AIndia has expanded its 'Grameen Mahotsav' initiative to 16 new locations across the country, after the success of its inaugural event held in Gujarat this month. The 'Grameen Mahotsav' initiative aims to further strengthen HMIL's connection to rural India with specially curated events and product displays including live music, folk dance, and regional talent shows among others.

It also serves as a platform for Hyundai to delve into the vast potential of rural markets. By closely engaging with communities and discerning market trends, HMIL aims to not only cater to evolving

and welcome new customers, increasing income levels and statement on Friday. The inaugural 'Grameen

Mahotsay' event was held successfully in Mahemdavad, Gujarat. Now, Hyundai Motor India looks forward to extending its reach and impact across rural landscapes.

"Our sustained efforts towards bolstering rural connect are bearing great fruits and Hyundai Motor India has witnessed a remarkable growth in rural markets in the financial year 2023-24. We sold 1.15 lakh vehicles in rural India last year, a growth of 11 per cent over 2022-23," Hyundai Motor India Ltd. COO Tarun Garg said. "We are confident

from contribution rural markets will further increase,' he said. Hyundai Motor said nearly 40 per cent of sales and service networks were in rural areas. HMIL is committed to fostering strong bonds with rural communities.

With initiatives like Grameen Mahotsay, we hope to nurture our customers in every part of the country and also understand the market trends to fulfill their expectations. As we continue to innovate and engage with rural consumers, we are confident in our ability to contribute to the inclusive development of the country," Garg added.

Infosys shares decline nearly per cent after Q4 earnings

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 S_1 hares of Infosys on Friday ended nearly S_1 per cent lower after the company's revenue growth guidance for FY25 failed

to meet market expectations.

The stock fell 2.87 per cent to Rs 1,379.70 during the day on the BSE. It finally ended at Rs 1,411.60 apiece, lower by 0.63 per On the NSE, it declined 2.85 per cent to Rs

1,378.75 in intra-day trade. Shares of the company ended at Rs 1,411.95 each, down 0.51 per cent.

The company's market capitalisation (mcap) declined by Rs 3,655.37 crore to Rs



5,85,936,45 crore. In volume terms, 8.65 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE and over

206.04 lakh shares on the NSE during the IT company Infosys on Thursday said its

consolidated profit jumped 30 per cent to Rs 7,969 crore in the March 2024 quarter. The company posted a profit of Rs 6,128 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing.

The consolidated revenue of Infosys

during the quarter increased 1.3 per cent to Rs 37,923 crore from Rs 37,441 crore in the same quarter a year ago. The company expects a revenue growth of

1-3 per cent in constant currency for FY25 and an operating margin of 20-22 per cent. The growth projection is lower compared to the outlook of between 4 per cent and 7 er cent for FY24.

Infosys guided for 1-3 per cent constant currency revenue growth for FY25, missing expectations," as per a report by JM Financial Institutional Securities.

CAG signs pact with SAI Bulgaria to enhance international collaboration he said

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The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has signed an agreement with SAI Bulgaria, the PAT surged by 37 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,946 crore Bulgarian National Audit Office, in Sofia, in a bid to fos-Fund, one of the leading ter international cooperation. mutual funds in the country. Shares of HDFC AMC settled The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), inked 1.73 per cent lower at Rs 3,707.15 apiece on the BSE. by the two Supreme audit insti-

tutions, aims to enhance collab-

oration and the exchange of expertise in the field of auditing between the two nations, the CAG said in a statement. Through the MoU, a platform will be established for the exchange of knowledge and experience amongst auditing professionals and technical teams through collaboration in training programs, and mutual assistance in conducting audits, it said.

Girish Chandra Murmu, the CAG of India, expressed confidence in the partnership and said the MoU will further

strengthen bilateral coopera-'We look forward to working closely with you and assure you of our support and commitment to energize our capacity development initiatives and exchange of knowledge and

information between our SAIs,"

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Goritsa Grancharova - Kozhareva, Acting President of the Bulgarian National Audit

Murmu further highlighted the broader implications of the MoU, stating it will also help cementing the ties that already exist between the two



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Dubai flights

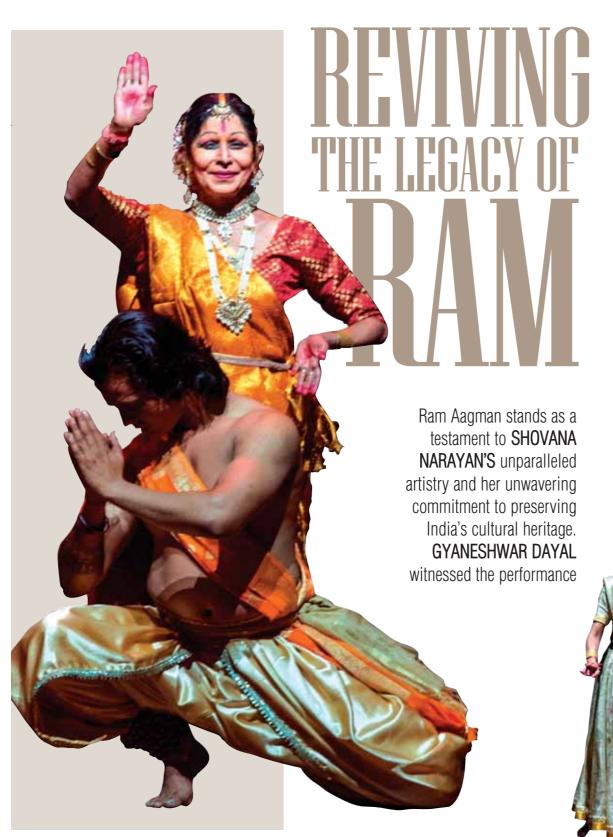
ir India on Friday said it Ahas cancelled flights to and from Dubai due to continued operational disruptions at the airport in the Gulf city.

Passengers of Air India who have booked the flights for travel till April 21 will be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling and full refunds for cancellation.

An Air India spokesperson said the airline has cancelled the flights to and from Dubai due to continued operational disruptions at the Dubai airport.
"We are doing our best to get

affected customers on their way by re-accommodating them on flights as soon as operations resume," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Dubai airport operations have been hit by unprecedented rains and floods.



classical enowned dancer Shovana Narayan, Padmashree awardee celebrated her mesmerising performances, once captivated audiences with her scintillating dance production "Ram Aagman." Held on the auspicious occasion of Chaitra Navratri, this spectacle, presented at the Kamani Auditorium in New Delhi, was a testament to Narayan's dedication to preserving and promoting Indian classical dance forms

'Ram Aagman,' choreographed and directed by Narayan herself along with Lalita Narayan, delved into the timeless tale of Lord Ram, from his birth to Sita's disappearance into the earth. With a team of 19 skilled dancers from her repertory ASAVARI, Narayan masterfully brought to life lesser-known incidents from Ram's life, offering a fresh perspective on the epic narrative. The event was graced by esteemed personalities such as Sangita Saxena, Meenakshi Lekhi, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, and Dr Sandhya Purecha, among others. Their presence underscored the significance of Narayan's contribution to the cultural landscape of India.

'Ram Aagman' was not just a dance performance; it was a rich tapestry of cultural exploration. Through insightful talks by Lady Kishwar Desai and Dr. Alka Pande, the production seamlessly integrated cultural geography and visual arts, shedding light on the influence of Sri Ram's journey in Punjab and the

> depicting his darshan. Narayan's choreography skillfully portrayed the myriad emotions stirred bv Lord Ram's arrival, from the joyous anticipation of his devotees to the impact on his family and subjects. Her commitment to social messaging was evident as she unearthed new dimensions of the Ram Katha, resonating with audiences on both intellectual emotional levels.

profound symbolism present

in hand-held paintings

One of the distinctive "Ram elements of Aagman" was homage to Goddess





Durga, emphasizing the celebration of divine femininity and her pivotal role in the universe. Narayan's reverence for tradition, coupled with her innovative approach, breathed new life into this timeless tale, making it relevant for contemporary audiences.

The success of 'Ram Aagman' owes much to the collective efforts of the talented team behind the scenes. From the soul-stirring music composed by Pt. Jwala Prasad, Pt. Madho Prasad, and Dinesh Parihar to the meticulous lighting by Milind Srivastava, every aspect contributed to the immersive experience.

Narayan's dedication to her art form is evident in every aspect of "Ram

Aagman." Through her evocative choreography and profound storytelling, she continues to inspire audiences and keep the rich heritage of Indian classical dance alive. As she eloquently puts it, "The absence or the presence of 'Ramatva' became evident through various emotions portrayed, offering food for thought to the audiences."

'Ram Aagman' stands as a testament to Shovana Narayan's unparalleled artistry and her unwavering commitment to preserving India's cultural heritage. With each graceful movement, she not only honours the legacy of Lord Ram but also enriches the cultural tapestry of our

Tradition, Transformation, Empowerment

Poonam Dhillon returns in Ek Kori Prem Katha alongside newcomer Khanak Budhiraja, a film that tackles the sensitive subject of the Kori tradition. In this conversation with SAKSHI PRIYA the film's cast dwells on the gravity of sensitive social issues and the challenge of questioning outdated traditions.

your character undertakes in the film?

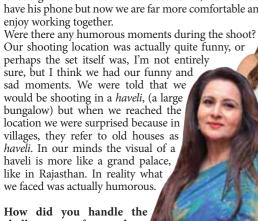
n Ek Kori Prem Katha, my character embodies the acceptance of the Kori tradition, deeply rooted in her family, village, and society, which she embraces without a question. The story progresses with a newlywed girl who enters a family, deeply in love with the son. Initially happy with the union, tensions arise in the family when the daughter-in-law refuses to participate in the Kori tradition, leading to shock and hostility where my character begins to gauge the unjust nature of the tradition and the need to refuse the perpetuation of such practices. This marks a transformation in my character, as she starts to support her daughter-in-law in opposing the Kori tradition. Together, they stand up against this outdated tradition in their powerful journey of change and empowerment. The film narrates my character's journey as she challenges outdated traditions for the greater good of evolving our cultural norms.

How did you prepare to play a character with a different perspective than your own?

Well, every time I play a character, it is different, and 99 per cent of the time she is not the real me. So, I always start with the physical attributes of the character, how she

dresses, talks and walks, and slip into the role from the

director's, and the writer's, point of view. How did you feel working with Raj Babbar in this film? Working with Raj Babbar after so many years felt really good. Today, I feel our communication is much better. As an actor and a person, he is great, and at this stage in life it feels good to talk to him. I must admit, I didn't even have his phone but now we are far more comfortable and enjoy working together.



of outdoor challenges shoots?

Outdoor shoots come with their own set challenges and difficulties. If we think everything should be according to our expectations and perfect that is impossible. expectations

Poonam Dhillon, can you elaborate on the journey make you unhappy which disturbs the whole unit. So, one adapts and adjusts.

> Khanak Budhiraja, what drew you to the role of Sabhayata, the challenges you faced in bringing her story to life, given the gravity of the film's subject?

> I am an introvert and feminine by nature and I am not a sportsperson. So playing Sabhayata was a very challenging task. Like Poonam said, 99 per cent of the time you do not find a role which you relate to, thereby the challenges. Apart from learning how to ride a bus and drive a bike, my character had to be bold on-screen. In our society we still fight shy of issues like virginity. I am happy that at the outset of my career, I could play such a

> Khanak, as a newcomer, what did you learn while filming?

I think filming everyday on the sets is in itself a learning process. We prepare ourselves for something which is poles apart from the scenes we actually shoot. As my first film, I was nervous, wondering about the surprise element in every scene. It took time, but I got used to it.

Khanak, your character fights against a regressive tradition. How did you prepare for the role of Sabhayata? I researched, and met two victims in Rajasthan,



(Director), what do you hope audience will take away from this film? I hope the audience will understand the depth of the subject and plot, and they will take away the learning that we should not treat women like we do and what needs

to be done.

Sculpting

Inspired by Beethoven and her Indian roots, Niyamat Mehta, all of 23, has already carved a niche in art history, says SAKSHI PRIYA

culptor Niyamat Mehta is Smaking waves in the art world with sculptures that blend traditional techniques and contemporary themes. Inspired by Beethoven and her Indian roots, her work resonates with deep historical and cultural significance. At the Venice Biennale, she became the youngest artist to showcase her talent, drawing global acclaim. Her first solo exhibit, Meraki, featured 27 sculptures inviting viewers to contemplate their own journeys.

At a tender age of 23, Niyamat has already etched her name in the annals of art history, hailed by Firenze Yes Please as the 'Emerging Artist to Invest In 2023. Her artistic journey began at the prestigious Venice Biennale, where she became the youngest artist to exhibit at the renowned Palazzo Albrizzi, sharing space with luminaries like Anish Kapoor, Simone Leigh, and Célestin Faustin.

Niyamat's journey is a testament to the harmonious blend of diverse influences and traditions. Being the youngest artist at the Venice Biennale was not just a milestone but a transformative moment that shaped her artistic vision. Exhibiting at Palazzo Albrizi was both encouraging and overwhelming, with the rich history and heritage of the venue enhancing her experience. The sculptor draws inspiration from Beethoven's 'String Quartets' that unveils a deep connection between music and visual art.

Niyamat listens to Western classical while sculpting to stay in the creative flow and translate intangible energy into tangible texture in her sculptures. This is a systematic process that begins with clarifying what she wants to create and why. Her Indian heritage is a fundamental part of her identity, influencing her sculptures and artistic vision.



Niyamat believes that the diversity of preferences, dislikes, and opinions across various regions enriches the world, making her work inherently fascinating. When collaborating with collectors, she strives to find a balance between her artistic vision and their desires, creating something meaningful together. Mehta's training in "drawing in space" and the sight-size method is not just a technical foundation but the essence of her artistic expression. She views these techniques as languages that serve as alphabets of her craft.

Her meticulous nature extends to her creative testament to her creativity and attention to detail. Her sculptures, particularly the Dali series, are inspired by artists like Salvador Dali and

where she approaches sculptures as "landscapes," seeking diverse topography within different areas of the piece. Bridging artistic cultures, Niyamat incorporates traditional techniques in her contemporary work seamlessly. She believes that every creation must possess both technical excellence and artistic allure, a philosophy instilled in her during her training at the Florence Academy of Art. This blend of vibrant Western techniques and Indian heritage is evident in her sculptures like Atman

and Amor Fati. The young sculptor operates from her private studio, Atelier Della Firenze, located in New Delhi. Her studio is more than just a workspace; it is a sanctuary. With an atmosphere akin to heaven, it provides the perfect backdrop for her masterpieces. Here, not only does she sculpt, she also imparts her knowledge masterclasses, nurturing a new generation of sculptors.

Niyamat's sculptures are a

Auguste Rodin. Drawing from their styles, she strives to compose something unique of her own, blending surrealism and romanticism to create sculptures rich in expressions and emotions. Her recent solo exhibition, Meraki, showcased 27 sculptures that invited viewers to contemplate their own journeys. The title means putting your soul into your work which reflects the philosophy Niyamat abides by. She believes every sculpture of hers embodies a piece of her, an expression of herself. This guiding principle is

evident in every sculpture presents, imbuing them with a soulful essence. Looking ahead, Niyamat aims to

persist with c o m m i s s i o n e d work, hold solo exhibitions, and ensure

that her sculptures find their way into the collections of art collectors who truly value her artistry. She wants the next generation of sculptors to approach this career without fear, embrace commissioned work, participate in exhibitions, and serve as their own most discerning critics.

Niyamat is a shining example of and passion, talent notwithstanding an artist's age. Her exhibitions are not just displays of art but experiences that transcend words. Each sculpture tells a story, inviting viewers to immerse themselves in her world of creativity. A hidden artist with immense talent, the world deserves to know and appreciate her work. In a world where creativity knows no bounds, Niyamat Mehta stands out as a beacon of artistic excellence, her sculptures showcasing her talent, passion, and dedication.

ISHABH PANT SET FOR EMOTIONAL HOMECOMING

emotional homecoming awaits Rishabh Pant when he leads Delhi Capitals out at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here, hoping to halt the marauding run of Pat Cummins' Sunrisers Hyderabad on Saturday and continue the resurgence which has come to define his life both on and off the field. The last time Pant was seen at

the refurbished stadium, he needed crutches to walk but that now seems a distant memory given how remarkably well he has managed to come back both as a wicketkeeper and batter after enduring a life-threatening car accident in 2022.

Capitals have had a mixed season so far, but a couple of impressive wins against Lucknow Super Giants and Gujarat Titans have put them back in the mix. In all, they have three wins and four defeats in seven outings so far. Placed fourth in the IPL points table, Sunrisers Hyderabad have set a different template altogether with two of the highest-ever totals of 277/3

and 287/3, which will require a lot of heart and skill to counter. Hence, 'Captain Pant' will have to use his resources with extreme caution and guile on a track which will have good bounce and carry for a change Travis Head (235 runs) — IPL's foreign flavour of the season will be keen to build on his 39ball century and his partner Abhishek Sharma (211 runs) is no pushover either. Both have a penchant for taking the aerial route during powerplay.

Abhishek's and intimidating strike rates of 199 and 197 respectively will pose a serious challenge for the pace trio of Ishant Sharma, Khaleel Ahmed and Mukesh Kumar. Adding to the threat is Heinrich Klaasen, who is also striking at 199, who is one of finishers best international cricket with propensity to hit balls out of the stadium, which gives SRH's batting a scary look.

But Kuldeep Yadav's (economy of 6.06) left-arm wrist spin could well prove to be a game-changer and in Tristan Stubbs, Pant has got an ideal third spin option alongside Axar Patel (6.75). Pant, who is himself



game, wouldn't mind if he can win the toss and opt to bat. But David Warner's knuckle injury is a cause for concern for Pant and head coach Ricky Ponting although Jake Fraser-McGurk has impressed one and all in his first two matches. While SRH's batting has been top-notch on belters, their bowlers have suffered a lot on those tracks with only skipper Cummins (7.87) having an economy rate of less than eight runs per over, which is considered good in T20.

However, the seasoned duo of Jaydev Unadkat (11.35) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (10.45), have both been average while the tweakers — wrist spinner Mayank Markande (11.23) and left-arm spinner Shahbaz Ahmed (ER 12.44) — have been sent on a leather hunt. The best option for Pant would be to open the batting and go for the jugular against SRH, putting a scoreboard pressure on the rampaging Orange

In case Capitals have to chase, the idea would be to keep SRH down to 210-220 which would be chaseable against an attack

Army.

its own on a good batting

TEAMS (FROM): Delhi Capitals: Rishabh Pant

(c&wk), David Warner, Abishek Porel, Ricky Bhui, Yash Dhull, Shai Hope, Prithvi Shaw, Tristan Stubbs, Kumar Kushagra (wk), Swastik Chikara, Ishant Sharma, Jhye Richardson, Rasikh Dar Salam, Vicky Ostwal, Anrich Nortje, Mukesh Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav, Praveen Dubey, Khaleel Ahmed, Sumit Kumar, Axar Patel, Mitchell Marsh, Lalit Yaday, Jake Fraser-McGurk. Sunrisers Hyderabad: Pat Cummins (c), Abdul Samad, Abhishek Sharma, Aiden Markram, Marco Jansen, Rahul Tripathi, Washington Sundar, Glenn Phillips, Sanvir Singh, Heinrich Klaasen (wk), Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mayank Agarwal, Natarajan, Anmolpreet Singh, Mayank Markande, Upendra Singh Yadav (wk), Ümran Malik,

Nitish Kumar Reddy, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Shahbaz Ahmed, Travis Head, Jaydev Unadkat, Akash Singh, Jhathavedh Subramanyan



Hardik Pandya fined for slow over rate against Punjab Kings

PTI MULLANPUR (PUNJAB)

Mumbai Indians skipper Hardik Pandya has been maintaining a slow over rate during their thrilling nine-run victory over Punjab Kings in the Indian Premier League. Mumbai Indians, thanks to Suryakumar Yadav's blazing

78 off 53 deliveries, posted a competitive 192/7 and then dismissed PBKS, despite Ashutosh Sharma's stunning 28-ball 61 and Shashank Singh's 41, for 183 in 19.1

MI rose to seventh from ninth position on the points table following their third win in seven games in IPL 2024,

while PBKS dropped a spot to ninth after their fifth defeat. "Hardik Pandya, the Mumbai Indians captain, has been maintained a slow over rate during their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 match against Punjab Kings at the New International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur

on April 18," said an IPL

statement on Friday. "As it was his team's first offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over rate offences, Pandya was fined Rs 12 lakhs," the statement added. Mumbai Indians next play Rajasthan Royals in Jaipur on April 22.

It was my dream to play sweep shot against Bumrah: Ashutosh

PTI ■ MULLANPUR (PUNJAB)

Dunjab Kings' batting Ashutosh sensation Sharma said he lived a "dream" when he swept "world's best fast bowler" Jasprit Bumrah during his team's IPL clash against Mumbai Indians here. The 25-year-old Ashutosh put the Bumrah-led Mumbai Indians' bowling to sword here Thursday when he hammered seven sixes and two fours to make 61 off a mere 28 balls, a knock which brought PBKS back from the brink after an early collapse. PBKS were 17/4 inside the powerplay but courtesy the stunning fightback from Ashutosh and Shashank Singh (41), they were able to get close to MI's 193-run target before losing by nine runs.

It was in the 13th over of Punjab's chase when Ashutosh got down low on his front to convert an attempted vorker from Bumrah into a full toss and smack it for a six over backward square leg.

"It was my dream to hit a sweep shot against Bumrah. I was practising for that shot but it came against the best bowler in the world - it is a part of the game," Ashutosh told the media here after the match.

Ashutosh said he was confident of taking Punjab over the line.

would be able to win the game said.



for the team," he said. Ashutosh credited former India player and coach Sanjay Bangar, head of cricket

development at PBKS, for his improvement this season. "Sanjay sir told me that I am

not a slogger and that I can play proper cricket shots. It was a small statement but carried a huge meaning for me. I am only following it - I am not a hard-hitter, I am playing proper cricketing shots and that is what has "I had belief in myself that I changed my game," Ashutosh

"Back home, I was working with my coach Amay Khurasiya who had told me that the longer you stay on the pitch, the more your team has a chance of winning," he added.

The right-handed batter, who made some gestures towards the PBKS dugout after completing his fifty, said the celebrations were meant for his team management.

'That celebration was for our Sanjay (Bangar) sir, I have been working a lot with him and I keep asking him

He gave me a chance, and also the entire Punjab team which showed belief in me. Our head coach Trevor Bayliss, Ashish (Tuli) paaji, Shikhar (Dhawan) paaji, everyone believed in me, so it was for all of them," he

Punjab slumped to their fifth defeat in seven matches as well as to the ninth spot in the points table, but Ashutosh said his side has been playing well. "Winning and losing are part of the game. How you are playing is something that matters and we are playing well as a team. If we will play well, we will win," he said. Mumbai Indians' pacer Gerald Coetzee conceded his side was tense after Ashutosh's stunning

added.

"He really brought it to us. We just wanted to be really clear do. We executed really well to him in the back end to shut it down and win the game," the South African bowler said.

"But it was tense, as I think everyone saw. But it was just all tactical discussions," he added.

Coetzee conceded Mumbai Indians could've been better with their slower balls, something that PBKS used perfectly in the first half.
"We just really learned from their innings. We adapted our plans and I think it worked,"

Coetzee added.

Impact Player not ideal for coaches but fans have last say: Ponting

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Impact Player rule in IPL might be hampering the growth of all-rounders but Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting said on Friday that fans should be able to decide on the future of this contentious system. Ponting has never been a gained momentum after hurts development of Indian all-rounders.

"Look, I think, I read some really, really interesting on this yesterday. This reason why I couldn't go back to Impact Player is taking the the old," he added. all-rounders out of the game a little bit," Ponting said ahead of DC's match against Sunrisers Hyderahad here Saturday.

"You know you can play your Ño. 8. Pretty much. But look, I think for a coach and for the players, it's probably not ideal, but I think you know a lot of what this game tries to do is to entertain people," Ponting explained his point of view.



"The T20 strong advocate of the entertainment package and it's Impact Player and the debate probably better asking the spectator what they think about Rohit Sharma in a recent the impact player, because if YouTube podcast said that he everyone is loving the fact that is not a "fan of the rule" as it teams are making, you know, 220 up to 250 in a lot of the games, and the spectators like seeing it, then it should stay. "But if the spectators aren't answers from Rohit Sharma liking it as much, then there's no

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OTHER SPORTS

Group condemns searches by security at Barcelona stadium

AP PARIS

The director of a group that advocates I for female sports fans says she and other Paris Saint-Germain supporters were subjected to "abusive" searches while entering Barcelona's stadium for a Champions League match earlier this week.

Anoush Morel, the director of Her Game Too France, told L'Equipe and RMC Sport that her breasts, buttocks and groin were touched by a female security officer during a pat-down at the Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium on Tuesday night. Other women reported similarly

aggressive searches, she said. Paris Saint-Germain won the match 4-1 and advanced to the Champions League semifinals.

condemned the practice and called on "relevant authorities" to take action. "It's unacceptable that spectators, fans and women in general were particularly targeted by these intrusive and humiliating searches that constitute sexual aggression," the letter read.

The group said there have been similar complaints at other stadiums in Europe usually impacting visiting fans. It called on teams, organizers of the games and stadiums to ensure their security protocols avoid the "unfair treatment" of supporters.

It asks UEFA to provide answers on whether visiting fans in particular are being subjected to more aggressive

A request for comment from UEFA sent Thursday evening was not In a letter Thursday, the organization immediately answered.

Olympic organisers to use AI in sports

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AP LONDON

Olympic organisers unveiled their plans Friday to use artificial intelligence in sports, joining the global rush to capitalize on the rapidly

advancing technology.
The International Olympic Committee outlined its agenda for taking advantage of AI. Officials said it could be used to help identify promising athletes, personalize training methods and make the games fairer by

improving judging.
"Today, we are making another step to ensure the uniqueness of the Olympic Games and the relevance of sport. To do this, we have to be leaders of change," IOC President Thomas Bach said at a press event at the former London Olympic Park, which hosted the Summer Games in 2012. "We are determined to exploit the vast potential of AI in a responsible way, Bach said.

The IOC revealed its AI strategy as it gears up to hold the Paris Olympics, which are set to kick off in just under 100 days

The IOC's AI plans also include using the technology to protect athletes from online harassment and to help broadcasters improve the viewing experience for people watching from home. The IOC earns billions of dollars through the sale of broadcast rights for the games.

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