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Parties sit up, take note as voting drops

Low voter turnout sparks concern as voting on 191 LS seats concludes in first two phases

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↑he low voting percentage in the first two phases, heartlands, that saw completion of 191 Lok Sabha constituencies has come as a great cause of worry and concern for political parties and more to the ruling BJP at the Centre and in States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar where it is in alliance as NDA. Interestingly, both the ruling BJP

as well as the Opposition , or the INDIA Bloc have claimed that a turnout shall advantageous to them. The dropping trends of voter turnout have also raised concern over this trend continuing in the remaining phases. According to EC's voter turnout

App, Uttar Pradesh recorded 55.01 per cent voter turnout; Bihar 58.89 per cent; Madhya Pradesh 58.59 per cent and Rajasthan 65.03 per cent. Assam saw a reduction in voter

turnout ranging from eight per

cent to 13.9 per cent across constituencies. Bihar's constituencies. constituencies experienced an 8.23 per cent to 12 per cent fall. Chhattisgarh saw comparatively minor drops, with the smallest being only 0.86 per cent. Similarly, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan noted significant falls in turnout. Just like the first phase of the Lok Sabha elections, voter turnout across the 88 seats in 13 States



that went to polls dropped to 64.74 per cent in comparison to the 69.4 per cent in 2019 elections (barring the five delimitated seats in Assam), indicating a broad decline in voter participation and also signalling a shift that could influence the final election

The questions arise whether the low voting percentage indicates a shift in voter engagement, highlighting potential changes in the political dynamics as the nation votes. What is the impact of a high or a low turnout on

electoral results? A higher voter voters out this time and the BJP's turnout is considered an indication of change while a low voter turnout of continuity is the general belief? However, there is no clear correlation or trend as the data shows. Top officials say it is difficult to say who will be benefiting from low voting percentage as there is no data to establish which community, caste or class did not vote. Low voting percentage is expected to considerably impact all the political parties.

Some analysts say that there is no single issue strong enough to pull core voters may not be stepping out due to complacency or overconfidence Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity and 'Aayega toh Modi hi" after consecration of Ram Temple in Ayodhya, resulting in lower turnouts.

Some analysts say people are not coming out to vote as they assume that Modi is coming to power for the third time. They argue that Muslim community has come in less number because the INDIA Bloc has failed to put up strongest

front against Modi.

Factors like impending heat waves and historical turnout trends suggest India may not surpass the 67 per cent record high seen in 2019, possibly reverting to pre-2019 levels. The Meteorological Department (IMD) has already predicted above normal temperatures in the coming days which signaling a low trend of voting percentage in the rest of

For instance, the national Capital which is going to polls on May 25 is expected for a low voters' turn out due to heat and long weekend. Given that May 23 (Thursday) is a gazetted holiday for Buddha Purnima and May 26 is a Sunday, officials are concerned that many people might take May 24 (Friday) off to create an extended long weekend. This could lead to a drop in voter turnout as residents may choose to travel out of town. Data showed less than 50 per cent of voters came to polling booths to cast their votes in six constituencies at Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, Ghaziabad and Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. Rewa recorded 49.43 per cent voter turnout; Ghaziabad 49.74 per cent and Mathura 49.41 percent. Bhagalpur recorded 51.40 per cent voter turnout; Banka 53.90 percent; Aligarh (56.62 percent); Baghpat (56.16 per cent); Bulandshahr (56.42 per cent) and Khajuraho (56.48 per cent).



Forest on fire: Army, Air Force pressed into service in Nainital

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s the unabated forest fires in A Sthe unabated force and Authorited Authori threatened to encroach upon the High Court Colony in the Pines area, Indian Army and Air Force were pressed into service on Saturday to aid in firefighting efforts, necessitating intervention.

According to the reports, an MI-17 helicopter equipped with a Bambi Bucket collected water from Bhimtal lake and conducted water drops over the burning forests across various areas of the district, including Pines, Bhumiadhar, Jyolikot, Narayan Nagar, Bhawali, Ramgarh, Mukteshwar.

However, the challenges faced by authorities extend beyond Nainital, as Uttarakhand reported a total of nine forest fire incidents from across the districts on Saturday alone, resulting in a significant damage to forested areas. Nationally, the situation remains forested areas. concerning, with 140 fire cases reported in a single day, with Chhattisgarh alone accounting for at least 41 incidents.

This widespread underscores the urgent need for coordinated efforts to contain and manage the fires.

In response to the crisis, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami reassured the public that all possible measures are being taken to bring the fires under control.

Additionally, three individuals have been arrested in Rudraprayag for attempting to ignite further fires, emphasizing the seriousness with which authorities are addressing the issue.

The insights provided by the senior Indian Forest Service (IFS) official in New Delhi shed light on the predominant role of human activities in triggering forest fires. According to the official, natural causes for forest fires are relatively rare, with most incidents being man-made.

UP: Lack of enthusiasm or disconnect, wonder parties

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In the second phase of polling, Uttar Pradesh witnessed a dismal turnout of just 54.85 per cent, the lowest in the country, sparking concerns among senior leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Samajwadi Party (SP) regarding the lack of voters' enthusiasm.

A senior BJP leader, who extensively toured various regions Chhattisgarh, including Madhya Pradesh, and western UP, expressed bewilderment over the noticeable absence of interest among voters. "The enthusiasm is missing this time among the voters, and this has made our work very difficult to ascertain which side the wind is blowing," he stated.

His sentiments were mirrored by a lawmaker from the SP, who emphasised the low polling percentages as indicative of the prevalent disinterest among voters.

vigorous

campaign efforts, such as the BJP's slogan "Iss baar 400 paar" (This time, beyond and assertions of sweeping victories by the "INDIA Bloc," both parties find themselves confronted with a

Despite

stark reality - a palpable absence of enthusiasm among the electorate. Even with the Election Commission distributing 1.66 crore voter slips to households five days before the elections, there seems to be a disconnect. The number of eligible voters in the second phase of LS polls

stands at 1.67 crore. Delving deeper into the issue, the BJP leader highlighted the detrimental impact of this lack of enthusiasm on party workers, noting, "there has to be a reaction to some action.

This action is missing. Even the Muslims are silent. We know they will not vote for BJP, but there is no perceptible reaction from the members of the minority community. This has resulted in a lack of

The SP has taken a cautious

approach regarding Muslim and minority welfare, with one of its candidates from central UP stating a deliberate avoidance of meetings in Muslim-dominated areas. "This may give a reason to BJP to react and ultimately polarize the election," the candidate explained, echoing concerns raised by BJP lawmakers regarding the

silence of Muslims.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav held a meeting today morning showed concern over missing long lines in Muslim dominated areas. Even polling percentage witnessed a decline of around five per cent in Rampur. Statistical evidence further accentuates the gravity of the situation, with UP witnessing a decline in voter

previous elections. In the first phase, UP registered a turnout of 61 per cent down from 66 per cent in 2019. The second phase, with a polling percentage of just

turnout compared to

54.85 per cent, marks a significant decrease compared to 62.76 per cent in 2019. Notably, Mathura reported a mere 49 per cent polling, a substantial 12 per cent decrease from the previous election's 61.08 per cent. Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh attributed the low turnout to people's satisfaction with the present regime, citing a similar turnout of 50 per cent in 2009 when the Congress retained power.

We are confident that BJP will sweep the elections, but we need to improve the voting percentage," he asserted.

Maharashtra: Youth migration, farmer woes cause voting to fall

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

n a development that has Lsurprised many in the State political circles, eight constituencies in Vidarbha and Marathwada that went to the second phase of Lok recorded 59.63 per cent polling, which reflected a significant 3.3 per cent drop in the polling percentage witnessed for the same eight seats in 2019 LS. polls. Apart from a marked 3.33 per

cent drop in the polling percentage from the voter turnout of 62. 97 per cent registered in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the polling percentage recorded in Maharashtra on Friday was four percent less than the polling percentage of 64 per cent recorded at the national level. In the second phase of Lok Sabha elections, Buldhana, Akola, Amravati, Wardha, Yavatmal-Washim -all from Vidarbha, Hingoli, Nanded, and Parbhani - in



Marathwada region went to polls on Friday. By 5 pm on Friday, the eight constituencies 53.51 per cent of the total 1.5 crore voters had exercised their franchise and one that the expected polling percentage might pick up during the last one hour. But, it did not happen. The final polling percentage

in eight constituencies showed that a relatively low 59.63 per cent of voters exercised their rights in the second phase of polling. Wardha recorded a maximum 62.65 polling, followed by 60.79 per cent in Hingoli, and 60.09 per cent in Parbhani. The four other constituencies recorded below 60 per cent polling-Nanded (59.57 per cent), Buldhana (58.45), Akola (58.09) and Yaw Washim (57 per cent). Yavatmal-

Unlike in the 2014 and 2019 where there was a Modi wave at the ground level, there was no absolutely no wave in favour or against any political party in any of

constituencies. efforts by political parties of different hues including the BJP which is struggling to retrain four of the eight seats it had won in 2019 Lok Sabha.

Voters show indifference to high octane campaign in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

The high-decibel campaign for the 2024 Lok Sabha election in Kerala turned out to be a damp squib as the State registered 71.16 per cent constituencies which almost seven per cent less than what was recorded in the 2019 polls. Though both the CPI (M) and the Congress fronts were harping on secularism, pluralism, democracy and Constitution, the electorate seemed to be least interested in these

But both the fronts continued to exude their confidence and claimed that they would make a clean sweep of all the 20 seats even as the UDF expressed concern over the polling percentage. The BJPled NDA is the only front which did not bother about the prospects of the candidates fielded by it because it is almost certain

elements.



would not win even a single seat in the hustings An important point to be noted is the pattern of voting in the State. "There are 2.77 crore voters in the State out of which 1.97 crore exercised their franchise. This includes 1.02 crore women voters and 9.5 million men which gave the women a slight edge over

that the Hindutva party

their men counterparts. How the women voters cast their votes would be discussed in detail after the results are announced Interestingly, in this era of 24X7 news channels and world of you tubes there were

ignorant of the names of the NDA candidates. P Venugopal, former IAF engineer, who settled in Perumbavoor recently, told The Pioneer that he was not aware of the presence of the NDA candidate and the symbol. "I searched for the Lotus symbol which was not

there in the EVM. The polling agents of the NDA had not contacted us even once while the LDF and UDF agents visited our house at least two dozen times and even

held family meetings in the area to brief the electorate why they should vote for the fronts led by them," said Venugopal.

ED arrest ploy to crush AAP, Kejriwal tells SC

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has filed his response to the Enforcement Directorate's affidavit in the Supreme Court, saying his arrest is a classic case of how the ruling party-led Central Government has misused the ED and the PMLA to crush its biggest political opponent -- the Aam Aadmi Party and its leaders.



Kejriwal said the mode, manner and timing of his arrest just before the Lok Sabha elections when the Model Code of Conduct had come into play, speaks volumes about the "arbitrariness"

of the agency.In a rejoinder to the Enforcement Directorate's reply affidavit filed on his petition challenging his arrest in the case, Kejriwal has alleged that ED "illegally picked up" a sitting Chief Minister five days after the general elections were notified and the Model Code of Conduct was put in place. "During an election cycle when political activity is at its highest, the petitioner's illegal arrest has caused grave prejudice to the petitioner's political party, and will provide the ruling party at the Centre an unjust upper hand in the on-going polls," Kejriwal has said.

Lawyer Nikam replaces Mahajan on Mumbai seat



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday released its 15th list of candidates for the Lok Sabha Elections and fielded former special public prosecutor Ujjwal Deorao Nikam from the Mumbai North Central seat, dropping the sitting MP Poonam Mahajan. Nikam, in his long and illustrious legal career, was associated with many cases including 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts, the Gulshan Kumar murder case, Pramod

Mahajan murder case and the 2008 Mumbai attack. He was also the

special public prosecutor in the 2013

Mumbai gang rape case. Ujjwal

Nikam was awarded the Padma Shri in 2016. Mahajan, the daughter of late BIP leader Pramod Mahajan, was elected from the constituency in 2014

and 2019. She is also a former president of the BJP's youth wing. Party leaders have claimed that the decision to drop her was based on organisational feedback. Though indications had been there for some time that Mahajan would be dropped, it was the party's search for her replacement that took time, sources

several important and high profile cases including the 1993 Mumbai blasts case, terror attack in Mumbai in 2008. He argued successfully for

Nikam has represented the state in

the state government and got death penalty or life death penalty or life imprisonment for the terrorists. The BJP has decided to bring him into the fray on a tough constituency in Mumbai.

Nikam has played a huge part in ensuring a death penalty for the Mumbai terror attack terrorist Ajmal Kasab and 1993 Mumbai serial blasts terrorist.

JASHN-E-MATDAN



Qutub Minar lights up in spirit of Jashn-e-matdan to celebrate Lok Sabha polls

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- We, Mohan Lal S/o Maya Ram Kiran Bala W/o Mohan Lal, R/o H. No. 633. Mitthan Mohalla, Near Jain Mandir, Distt Karnal declare that our son Rajan Garg is out of our control So we disown our son Raian Gard from our all movable and immovable properties. In future, we and our family will not be responsible for his any act.
- I. Satish Kumar S/o Ram Shehi. R/o House No. 223. Shastri Nagar, Manimajra Chandigarh inform that my son Aiay out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal
- with him at their own Risk. I, Rishi Pal S/o Baisakhi Ram R/o H.No. 940, Bharamal Kuaa Manimajra, Chandigarh 160101, have debarred my son Ajay from all my movable -immovable properties. as he is out of my control. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk. Me or any member of my family will not be responsible.
- I, Nikesh Singh, son of Shri Dilbagh Singh, resident of village Kasanda, tehsil Gohana district, Sonipat, declare that in my 10th class mark sheet, my mother's name is Nado Devi, which is wrong. Whereas Nando Devi is registered in my mother's Aadhar card. Which is correct. Nando Devi should be mentioned in my marksheet
- I Damanjit Paul s/o Mohinder jit Mukerian P/o & Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) inform that in my passport my Mother's name wrongly mentioned as Harjit Kaur. But according to my Mother's all documents his correct & actual name is Harjit Paul. All concerned pls note
- I Mohini Shrivastav W/o Late Rajinder Kumar R/o Flat No. 21-B, Pine Homes Dhakauli, Zirakour SAS Nagar Puniab declare that my son Montu Shreevastava and his Rimpy are out of my control. So I disown them from all my moveable/immoveable properties. if anybody deals with them they will do their own risk/responsibility.
- I No JC 511389F Rank Subeda Darshan Singh VPO Balloh Dist Bathinda,,(PB) Declare that in my recorded as Dharamiit Singh, his correct name is Dharamjeet Singh.
- I, No-1458231-L, Rank-Nk Name- Bhupinder Singh, Residence Of - Vill-Pather Majra, Po-Pathreri Jattan, Tehsil- Rupnagar, District-Rupnagar, State-Puniab Declare That I Change My Wife's Name Kamaljit Kaur To Kamalieet Kaur And Date Of Birth (20-01-1967 To 01-01-1965) I, No-4004123-H, Rank-Nk
- Name-Dharwinder Kumar. Residence Of Vill-Lehrian, Po-Bhaowal, Tehsil- Anandpur Sahib State-Puniah District-Rupnagar, Declare That I Change My Wife's Name (Sonia To Sonia Rani) And Wife's Date Of Birth (09-07-1988 To 14-02-1988)
- I. Usha Jain W/o Late Sh Raikumar Jain R/o H.No. 5/380. Indira Colony, Sonipat has disowned mv son Himanshu Jain & his wife Priyanka Gupta from my all movableimmovable property as they are out deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.
- I, Laxmi Sharma D/o Naresh Kumar R/o 811, Gali No. 9, Sunder Nagar, Amritsar, Punjab declare that Naresh Kumar and Naresh Kumar Sharma. Naresh Kumar and Naresh Kumar Sharma is one and the same
- I, Army No. 15434778L Rank Havildar Vikash S/o Sh. Satpal R/o Bhambhewa Distt. Jhaiiar declare that my mother name Sudesh is wrongly mentioned in my Army record which is incorrect. But my mother correct & actual name is Sudesh Devi (As per her Aadhar Card) Sudesh and Sudesh Devi is the same & one person.
- I, No. 3395128P Rank NK Nirmal Singh s/o Charan Singh r/o Vill Madhepur PO Dorangla Distt Gurdaspur PIN-143526 declare that in my Army Service record, date of birth of my daughter Rajandeep Kaur. has been wrongly written as 21.07.2002. Her correct DOB is 22.07.2002. Concerned note.
- I, Seema Rani W/o Amit Kumar R/o village Rangruti Kheda, Tehsil Assandh, District Karnal, declares that in my daughter Mehak's 10th and 12th class DMC, my husband's name is written as Amit and my name as Seema, which is wrong. Whereas, I want to get my husband's name as Amit Kumar and my name as Seema Rani registered in my daughter's school record, which is correct.
- I. Dariva Ram S/o Bir Singh R/o Village Ishaq Tehsil Pehowa Distt. Kurukshetra declare that my son Viiav Kumar and his wife Simranieet Kaur are out of my control. I, disown both of them from my all moveable and immoveable properties. If anybody deals with them at his own
- I. Mobin Ali S/o Wahid R/o Hariian Mohalla Tehsil Indri Distt.Karnal my son Mohsin Ali is out of my control. I, disown them from all my moveable and immoveable properties. If anybody deals with them at his own risk.
- I. Sukhpreet Singh Brar. Holder of Indian Passport No. T4011071 Having Permanent Address Vill Rataul Rohi Po Sodhiwala, Teh Zira, Ferozepur, Pin: 142050, Punjab, India Residing In Kuwait At Present, Hereby Declare That Henceforth My Name Will Be Read As Under: Given Name Sukhpreet Singh.

- Sadha Singh R/o village Sikanderpur, Tehsil & Distt. Sirsa disown my out of control daughter Surjeet Kaur from all my moveable-immoveable property If, in future anybody deals with he he/she will be responsible not me and my family. All concerned please note
- I Anand S/o Om Prakash # 4087 Sector 25-D, Chandigarh my son sonu his wife Monika and their daughter Drishti out of my control so
- I disown him from my all moveable/immovable property anybody deal with him at their own
- **ਮੈਂ, ਕੂਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਂਗਟ** ਪੁੱਤਰ ਜੋਗਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਸੈਣ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਸਤਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ, ਉਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਗੁਰਬਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰ੍ ਲੜਕੀ ਸੁਖਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ (ਵਿਆਹੀ ਹੈ) ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਟ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ੍ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਨੂੰ ਮਰੂਜੀ ਕਰੂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੇਰ੍ਰਾ ਇਸੁ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।
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CHANGE OF NAME

- I. Ravinder Kaur Arora W/o Sh Kulvinder Pal Singh R/o H.No. 1590 Phase 3132 SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Ravinder Kaur Arora to Ravinder Kaur for all
- I, Surinder Kumar S/o Ishwa Singh R/o VPO Deoban, District Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my Minor Son Name from Hardik to Hardik Jaglan. Note all concerned.
- I, Puneet Saxena S/o Jagdish Chand Saxena R/o #A-61, Kendriya Vihar, Near Police Station, Sector-14 Panchkula (Harvana) have changed my name from Puneet Saxena to Puuneet Saxena
- I, Naresh Kumar S/o Maha Singh Rohilla R/o 360, Sector - 18, HUDA, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Naresh Kumar to Naresh Kumar
- I. Army No. 19004251M Rank k presently posted at 22 Sikh C/o 99 APO R/o Village Fatehpur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that in my Army documents my mother's name recorded as entered as 08.03.1957. My mother's correct name is Sowaran Kaur and correct date of birth 01.01.1954 Affidavit dated 24.04.2024 before notary Yamuna nagar.
- I, Manju Shukla w/o Shri Vinay Kumar Shukla R/O #3337 Sector 47-D Chandigarh have changed my name from Manju Shukla to Manju
- I, Anuradha Yadav (Aadhar No 502382308446). D/o Kapil Yaday (Aadhar No 868418572577), resident of Sharda Niwas, St No 9, Rao Tula Ram Vihar, Nr Rao Gopal Dev Chowk, P.O. B.B. Ashram, Rewari 123401 (Hr), wish to state that my name has been erroneously entered as Anuradha Singh in my father's official documents. Now, I want to correct it as Anuradha Yadav. If anvone has any objection to this they may pls info within 7 days.
- I, Bholi Sharma W/o Deep Ram Sharma, R/o House No. 46/B-1, Nalagarh Road Model Town Piniore Panchkula Haryana, my name Poli is wrongly registered in my Aadhar Card No 413550592467. My correct name is
- I, Ayushi Chugh D/o Sh. Mahesh Chugh and wife of sh Prateek Navdeep Gupta Resident of #658, Sector-11, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name from Ayushi Chugh to Ayushi Gupta.
- I, Tanu W/o Harish Kumar R/o H.No. 3350/1, Shyam Colony, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Tanu to Tanu Chopra.
- I, Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Jasvinder Singh R/o H.No. 1088. Bhagwan Nagar Colony, Pipli, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Sukhwinder Kaur to Sukhvinder
- I Swati Goyal (Aadhar No. 868015595572) W/o Sh. Prem Chand Mangal R/o H.No. 1876, Second Floor, Sector-8, Housing Board Colony Kurukshetra have changed my name from Swati Goyal to Swati Mangal. All concerned note
- I, No. 4582236A Rank Nk Jagtan Vinod Shantaram Unit- 18 Mahar India r/o VPO- Kontya Boblad Teh Jath Distt Sangli (Maharashtra) 416412 Have changed My minor son's name Shreyash to Shreyash Vinod Jagtap due to wrong name recorded in my Army service record.
- I, No. 4582236A Rank Nk Jagtap Vinod Shantaram Unit- 18 Mahar India r/o VPO- Kontva Boblad Teh- Jath Distt- Sangli (Maharashtra) - 416412 Have changed My minor son's name Yash to Yash Vinod Jagtap due to wrong name recorded in my Army service record.
- I, Jagtap Sukanya w/o No 4582236A Rank Nk Jagtap Vinod Shantaram Unit- 18 Mahar India r/o VPO Kontya Boblad Teh- Jath Distt-Sangli (Maharashtra)- 416412 have changed my name from Jagtap Sukanya to Sukanya Vinod Jagtap due to wrong name recorded in my Husband's Army service record.
- This is for the information of General Public that Kanchan Kumari and Kanchan Kumari Jain (W/o Sh. Yogesh Jain R/o H. No. 34, Sector Panchkula, Haryana) are the name of one person only

- Omnarkash # 1450/21 Sector 29 B Chandigarh have changed my minor Taak.
- I, Manoj Kumar S/o Anil Kuma # 1437/3, Sector 29 B, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Ayushman to Ayushman Kumar. I, Pooja Shyam Sansi W/O

Vicky Wadhwa # 2771, Sec-25-D.

- Chandigarh have changed my name to Pooja Wadhwa. I, Gopal Krishan S/o Late Sh Harbans Lal R/o 64, Gali no. 1, Kot Mahna Singh, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar have changed my name
- from Gopal Krishan alias Gopal Bajaj to Gopal Krishan. I, Sunanda Khurana w/o Dalip Kumar r/o #1825, Sec-13, Urban Estate, Karnal have changed my name from Sunanda Khurana to
- Sunanda. I, Sukhwinder Kaur mother of No. 3404476A Hav Satnam Singh R/o Village Bishanpur, PO & Tehsi Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Sukhwinder Kaur to Sakhwinder Kaur vide PB10099393800113W dated 27 April
- Notary Public Mukerian. I, Milind Tapaswi S/o Muran Purushottam Tapaswi R/o H.no- 212 Sector-6 Panchkula, have changed my name from Milind Tapaswi to

2024 before Smt Anju Chowdhary

- Milind Murari Tapaswi. I, Nishan Singh S/O Gurpa Singh Vpo Bhalojala, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Nishan Singh To Nishan Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname. Concerned Noted.
- I, Pankaj Malhotra S/o Sh. Krishan Lal Malhotra R/o 189, Vidya Vihar Outer Ring Road, West Enclave, Pitam Pura, North West Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Pankaj Kumar for all future I, Archna W/o Gajinder Khosla
- R/o Flat No- 401, 4th floor, Tower No-9B. Parikrama, Sector 20, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name to Archana Khosla I, Kiran Bala w/o Manjeet Singh
- r/o #1197, Preet Nagar, Barara, Distt Ambala have changed my name from Kiran Bala to Kirna Devi I, Sarita Rani W/o Angrej Singh
- Narwal R/o H.no.79, Agrasen Colony, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Sarita Ran to Sarita, for all future purpose. I, Angrej S/o Ruliya Ram R/o
- H.no. 54, Agrasen Colony, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Angrej to Angrej Singh Narwal, for all future purpose. I. Santokh Singh S/o
- Gurbakhsh Singh R/o Village Dehla, Tehsil Moonak, Distt. Sangrur Punjab Declare that in my passport M 6735507 my name registered as Santokh Singh Harika while my name is Santokh Singh in my other all documents. That now want to make it correct as Santokh Singh in my passport M 6735507 Now I have permanently known as name Santokh Singh . I will do all Official and non official work with this name in future for all purposes.
- I. Ashma W/o Parvez Khan R/o H.No. 92, Ward No. 1, Majri Mohalla, Shahabad (M.) Distt Kurukshetra, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name Ashma Rani to Ashma. All Concerned please note
- I, Anoop Kumar Alias Anoop Kumar Kothiyal S/o Tika Ram R/o Khasra No. 557, Jyoti Nagar, Opp. Sacred Heart Convent School Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Anoop
- Kothiyal. I, Preeti Thakur w/o Ritesh Singh R/o near Sanjay Chowk Hyderabadi Hospital, Panipat, have changed my name from Preeti Singh to Preeti Thakur for all purposes.
- I, Army No. 2702720Y NK Ahidul Islam S/o Habibar Rahaman R/o Village Kharasinpur Post Katigram Distt Birbhum (W.B.) have changed my wife's name from Nurunnehar Bibi to Nurun Nehar Begam vide affidavit dated 26.04-2024 before Session Court, Hisar in my Army Service Record.
- I, Amit Singh S/o Naresh Ward No 5. Julana Tehsil Julana Distt Jind Haryana inform that Amit Singh and Amit is the name of one and same person.
- I, Poojakumari Wadhwa, W/o Shri Aman Wadhwa, R/o House no. 1514, Yoga Enclave, Urban Estate. Sector-7, Karnal- 132001 have changed my name from Poojakumari to Poojakumari Wadhwa for all future purposes.
- I Savita W/O Manajeet Singh R/O House No. DB 160/1 Near Balajee Mandir Ward 2 Village Bhapra, Tehsil Samalakha District Panipat. In My Son And Daughter Documents My Name Is Savita, Bu Real Name Is Savita Rani. In Future My Name Should Be Known As Savita Rani In Their Papers.
- I Devender S/o Harpal Singh R/o Village puthar, tehsil israna, Panipat have changed my name from Devender to Devender Singh for all future purposes.
- I, Usha W/o Satish R/o Village Mandi Kalan, Tehsil Uchana Kalan Distt. Jind (Haryana) declares that have changed my name from Usha Rani to Usha. In future. I will be known by the name of Usha. All concerned please note
- I. Parmila W/o Subhash Chander R/o #192/5, Hakikat Nagar, Jind-126102 have declared that my name Changed From Parmila To Parmila Devi. In Future all purposes.

- I. Subash Chander S/o Viiav Singh R/o #192/5, Hakikat Nagar, JIND-126102 have declared that my name Changed From Subash Chander To Subhash Chander. In future all purposes.
- I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Sh. Rajbir Singh R/o H. No. 1213A/21 Prem Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Sanjay to Sanjay Kumar. In future my name will be called as Sanjay Kumar.
- I, Arti Chawla W/o Manoj Chawla R/o Balaji Enclave, Jaitu Road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name after marriage from Arti Dhawan to Arti Chawla
- I, Anu Goyal W/o Cheenu Goval R/o Green Enclave. Kotkanura (Faridkot) have changed my name after marriage from Anu Mittal to Anu Goyal. I. Aniana W/O Mukesh Mittal
- R/O #293 Huda R-3, Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name from Anjana Rani to Anjana. I, Sonu Kumari legally wedded
- spouse of No JC414482Y SUB Sukhdev S/o Mahant presently residing at Vill. Manhan, Sunhani (207), Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh-174029, have changed my name from Sonu Parmar to Sonu Kumari vide Affidavit Dated 27 April. 2024.
- I. Geeta Devi W/o Rajender Singh R/o Vill Kheri Taloda PO Jamni Distt. Jind, have changed my name Geeta Rani to Geeta Devi. I, Harveer S/o Shambhu Nain
- R/o VPO Kharal, Kaithal, have changed name given Harveer Nain and surname Nain.
- I, Mamta Anand Sanjeev Nanda R\O Hno 258 A Mission Road Near Renuka Mandir Pathankot-145001 Teh And Distt Patahnkot [Punjab] Have Changed Ny Name From Mamta Anand To Mamta Nanda. Kindly Note.
- I Ravinder Kumar W/O Uttam Chand R\O Hno 1114 B Sarai Mohalla Pathankot-145001 Teh And Distt Pathankot [Punjab] Declare That Ravinder Kumar And Ravinder Kumar Sharma Is The Name Of One Person. Kindly Note.
- I, Variender Khanna S/O Ishar Dass Khanna R/O H.No.25, Shiv Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Variender Khanna To Virender Khanna
- I. Sharaniit Kaur W/O Lakhwinder Singh R/O H.No.A-364, Partap Nagar G.T Road, Amritsai Have Changed My Name From Sharanjit Kaur To Sharnjit Kaur
- I, Tejinder Kaur W/O Bhupinder Singh Chhina R/O H.No.4658, Guru Nanak Wara, Near Khalsa College Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Tejinder Kaur To Tejinder Kaur Chhina I Rajesh Bala W/O Subhash
- Chander R/O H.No.2875/20, Gali No.2, Azad Nagar, Putlighar, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Rajesh Bala To Rajesh I. Kanwalieet Kaur Thind W/O Tajinder Singh Thind R/O H.No.4,
- Gali No.1, G.T Road, Amritsar Public School, Dashmesh Avenue, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Kanwaljeet Kaur Thind To Kanwaljit Kaur Thind. I, Sarabjeet Kaur W/O Kashmir Singh R/O H.No.1205,

Fairland Colony, Fgc Road, Amritsar

Have Changed My Name From

- Sarabjeet Kaur To Sarabjit Kaur I No. 14938773w Nk Shaikh Firoz Shaikh Sattar Residing At Vtc Lakhamapur Satana, Maharashtra-423213. Changed My Son's Name From Shaikh Mohammad Zidan Mohammad Zidan Firoz Shaikh Vide Dated Pb10206427639901w 27-04-2024, Before Notary Public,
- I, No. Jc-424427w Nb/Sub Suresh Kumar Residing At Vpo Sarupgarh, Tehsil & District Charkhi Haryana-127306, Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Chahat Kumari To Chahat Affidavit No. Dated Pb10206014901843w 27-04-2024, Before Notary Public,
- I. Hemlata Devi Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. Jc-424427w Nb/Sub Suresh Kumar Presently Residing At Vpo Sarupgarh, Tehsil & District Charkhi Dadri, Haryana-127306, Have Changed My Name From Hemlata Devi To Hemlata Vide Pb10205082528969w Dated 27-04-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.
- I. Settu C Father Of No. 15509763m Ld Suresh Kumar S Presently Residing At Village Kalpattu, Po Nanju Konda Puram, Tehsil Polur, District Tiruvannamalai. Tamil Nadu-632312 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 21 .lun 1960 To 01 Jul 1965 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb10206935313109w 27-04-2024, Before Notary Public
- I, Sagunthala S Mother Of No. 15509763m Ld Suresh Kumar S Presently Residing At Village Kalpattu, Po Nanju Konda Puram, Tehsil Polur, District Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu-632312 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 10 Jul 1970 To 01 Jul 1975 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb10206575772786w Dated 27-04-2024, Before Notary Public,
- I, Arshdeep Singh S/O Kawaljit Singh R/O Village Jhander Tehsil Ainala District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Arshdeep Singh To Arshdeep Singh Gill.
- I Ninder Singh Kaler S/O Mukhtar Singh R/O Vill Kaler Mangat Po Kathu Nangal Distt Amritsar Have Change My Name From Ninder Singh Kaler To Ninder Singh.

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

- I. Sumit Kansal S/o Viiav Kumar R/o House No. 980, Sector-14, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed the name of my minor son from Rehan to Rehan Kansal for all future purpose.
- I, Ritu W/o Parveen Goyal R/o Uklana Mandi, Teh. Uklana, Distt. Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Ritu to Ritu Rani for all
- I, Bhavya Chawla D/o Sh. Rajender Kumar R/o H. No. 2, Varinda Beauty Parlor, Hari Nagar Bank Wali Gali, Hisar, Teh. and Distt. Hisar declare that in my 10th class DMC/Birth Certificate my father's name mentioned as Rajender Kumar but other documents as Rajender Kumar Chawla. The above both Rajender Kumar and Raiender Kumar Chawla is one and same person. In future my father's ame will be known as Rajender Kumar.
- I, Baljinder Singh S/O Baldev Singh, R/O Vpo Gehri Mandi, Tehsil & District Amritsar, Punjab, I Have Change My Name From Baljinde Singh To Baliinder Is My Name And My Surname Is Singh, All Concerned

I. Manieet Chahal W/o

- Ravinder Kumar Chahal R/o H. No. 203. Near Saint Sophia School. Sector 15-A, Hisar-125001, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Manjeet Kumari to Manjeet Chahal for all future purpose. I, Karnail Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o Amunur Tehsil Nissing
- name from Karnail Singh to Karnail (Surname) Singh I, Mahender Singh S/o Nihal Singh R/o Amupur, Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal have changed my

name from Mahender Singh to

District Karnal have changed my

- Mahinder Singh. I, Krishan Pal Singh S/o Bicha Ram Vill.Bhatt Majra, Saraswati Khera, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My name Krishan Pal.
- Sanjeev Kumar R/o Near Govt. School, Ismailabad, Kurukshetra These two names are mine. Let me be known by the above two names. I. Inder Kumar S/o Babu Ram

I Suman Lata and Suman W/o

- Model Town, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My Name Inder Singla. I, Jasvinder Singh
- Bhupinder Singh Village Kalsa, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My Given name Jasvinder Surname I, Jasvir Kaur W/o Hari Singh
- changed my name Jasbir Kaur. I, Jasvinder Kaur W/o Iqbal Singh Vill.Harigarh Bhorakh, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed my Name Jaswinder Kaur.

R/o Theh Banera tehsil Guhla have

- I. Rohit S/O Mukesh Bhardwa R/O Ramsharn Colony, Near S.D College, Kahnuwan Gurdaspur. Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name From Rohit To Rohit Bhardwaj I, Jaskarn Singh S/O Satwinder
- Singh R/O Mohalla Mojowal Vpo-Kalanaur Tehsil Kalanaur Distt-Gurdaspur, Punjab. Have Changed My Name To Jaskaran Singh I. Mehak D/O Satish Kumar R/O Shankar Nagar Mohalla

Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur,

Punjab. Have Changed My Name

From Mehak To Mehak Kaur

- I No 15224085W Hay Likhande Nirutti Yashwant resident of Village-Loni, Taluka, Ambegeon, Tehsil-Godegaon, District- Pune, State-Maharashtra, Pin-410510, changed my name from Likhande Nirutti Yashwant to Lokhande Nivrutti Yashwant Vide affidavit No.IN-PB09949448087774W dated 26 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Chanchala spouse of No 15769258X Hay Akhilesh Kumar resident of Village- Nanaura, Postnanaura Tehsil- Nawada District-Nawada, State- Bihar, Pin-805112, have changed my name from Chanchala to Chanchala Kumari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB09497011657415W dated 25 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, No. JC-858708M NB/Sub Saurabh Kant of Unit 4064/406 Gun MSL Regt C/I 56 APO, Pin-926406, have changed my Son DOB from 06 Feb 2016 to 06 Feb 2017 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB08364485092187W dated 22 April 2024 before notary
- public Pathankot I, Preeti Devi spouse of Dharmendra Singh resident of Village- Bhilam, Post- Patakhas, Tehsil- Hathras, District - Hathras, State- UP, Pin-204213, have changed my name from Preeti Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB09967281488172W dated 26 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Jamna Kanwar Mother of Deep Singh Rathore resident of Village- Khiyasariya, Post- Setrawa, Tehsil- Shergarh, District- Jodhpur, State- Rajasthan, Pin-342025, have changed my name from Jaman Kanwer to Jamna Kanwar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB08365984615094W dated 22 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot.
- I, No.15210407A Hav Maheshkumar Mahadev Warute resident of Village- Bad. Post- Bad. Tehsil- Hukkeri, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin- 591225, have changed my Son name from Shoury to Souray Maheshkumar Warute Vide affidavit No.IN-PB09834614752295W dated 09 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot.
- I, Ganapat Singh Father of Deep Singh Rathore resident of Village- Khivasariya, Post- Setrawa, Tehsil- Shergarh, District- Jodhpur, State- Rajasthan, Pin-342025, have changed my name from Ganpat Singh Rathore to Ganapat Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB08364799008167W dated 22 April 2024 before notary

- I. Sampa Rani spouse of No.6499084X NK Rintu Nath resident of Village- Bhangarpar, Post-Bhangarpar, Tehsil-Katighora, District - Cachar, State-Assam, Pin
- Nath Vide affidavit No.IN-PB09825993488871W dated 26 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot No.JC-385595W Prashant Yadav resident of Village-Parasia, Post- Parasia, Tehsil-Parasia, District - Chhindwara, State

788817, have changed my name

from Sampa Rani to Sampa Rani

- M.P. Pin- 480441, have changed my name from Prashant to Prashant Yaday Vide affidayit No.IN-PBW dated 26 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot I Rajnish Kumar Sharma S/o
- Hari Krishan Sharma R/o 558 Prabhu Prem Puram Ambala Cantt distt. Ambala that I have changed my name from Rajnish Kumar Sharma to Rajnish Kumar and surname to Sharma. Concerned note I. Sneh Gupta W/o Sh Bhupinder Kumar R/o T-63, Gali

Peer Ji Wali. Near Geeta Bhawan

Sirsa (Haryana). That I have

changed my name from Sneh Gupta

to Saneh Lata Gupta, in future my

- name is to be called as Saneh Lata I, Raj Bala Mother (Aadhar 227894196830) of Army No 2513771H Rank LNK Name Rakesh Kumar Presently residing at as Village Farwain Kalan, PO: Farwain Kalan, Tehsil Sirsa, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Raj Bala to Bala Devi , in
- I, Harvinder Singh S/O Swran Singh R/O H No 02 St No 3 New Mansa Devi Mandir, Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Harvinder Singh To

future my name is to be called as

I, Hitherto Known As Hina D/O Manmohan Lal R/O Village Koopur, PO Adda Kathar, Distt, Jalandha 144106, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shal Hereafter Be Known As Avleen Kaur

Harvinder Gaday.

I Harminder Singh S/O Amolak Singh Vaseer R/O 1298, New Golden Avenue, GT Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Harminder Singh Vaseer. All Concerned Note.

I Charanjeet Singh Ahluwalia

S/O Avtar Singh Ahluwalia R/O

H.No.14, St.No.14, D-Block, Guru Amar Dass Avenue Ajnala Road Amritsar Punjab Changed My Name Charanjeet Singh Ahluwalia To Charanjit Singh Ahluwalia. I Parminder Kaur Chit Chot W/O Rajinder Kumar R/O Vpo.

Gumti Kalan Tehsil Phul Distt

Bathinda Have Changed My Name

- To Parminder Kaur. I Manjeet Kaur Dhaliwal W/O Hardeep Singh R/O Vill. Maddoke Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Manjeet Kaur After
- I Komalpreet Kaur Brar D/O Jatinder Singh Brar R/O Vill. Mari Mustafa Distt. Moga Have Changed

THE CSIO EMPLOYEES **CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD** SEC-49A, CHANDIGARH

This is to inform the General Public tha Smt. Kamlesh Sharma W/o Late Sh Bhim Sain Sharma has applied for transfer of share/flat in her name due to death of her husband, whose membership No. is 40/41of flat no. 547.1st floor, Sector- 49A, Chandigarh n case anybody has any objection in respect of transfer of the said share may submit the objection, if any in writing within 30 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned long with documentary evidence, if any

PUBLIC NOTICE

(President)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It hereby informs to general public at large that 1. Dalip Singh son of Ram Sawarcop son of Shital and 2. Smf Publica Rani wife of Dalip Singh son of Ram Sawarcop residents of Ward No. 13, R.K. Colory Faterhabad Tehsil and District No. 13, R.K. Colory Faterhabad Tehsil and District Paterhabadines to avail Secured from from my client Cholamadham Investment and Firenace Co. Lubbrandt Martias (121 Sq. Yo) 1.0. 417 5 there of 8 K-15 M comprised in Kharsas (121 Sq. Yo) 1.0. 417 5 there of 8 K-15 M comprised in Kharsas (121 Sq. Yo) 1.0. 417 5 there of 8 K-15 M comprised in Kharsas (121 Sq. Yo) 1.0. 417 5 there of 8 K-15 M comprised in Kharsas on 1. 1241/25(8-15) studed in Basta Bhima Tehal and District Faterhabad as per jamaband for the year 2018-2019 by virtue of Sale Dead Ko. 4159 Registers on 1.0. 12010 from the office of Sub-Registrar, Faterhabad coupled with Mutation No. 2046SSanclioned on 29.01 2010 from the office of Sub-Registrar, Faterhabad coupled with Mutation No. 2046SSanclised on 16.0. 12010 from the office of Sub-Registrar, Faterhabadexecuted by Smt Rama wife of Raj Kumar son of Gyan Chand Infavour of Smt Darshan Kaur wife of Raj Kumar son of Gyan Chand Infavour of Smt Darshan Kaur wife of Bashan Singh son of Anand Singhhas been lost. A Polica Report has also been registered in this regard vide No. 132560072400779 in online portal of Haryana Police. If anybody found the said lost document, then my contact to undersigned and anybody having claim or claiming any prior rights or ritherest in any manner in this property or has raised Objection by depositing the aforesaid document to any person-thankortoprotein-financial institution may approach the undersigned and submit objection within 7 days from the date of this public notice. After the expiry of period of this no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be deemed to be false, fake, fixed on from contagning the aforesaid security of the sale of the same of the control of the office of the false fake, fake and of the policy of the o

YOGESH MEHTA, ADVOCATE Chamber No. 148, District Courts, Fatehabad Mob: - 7357277777

PUBLIC NOTICE It is informed to general public that Smt. Kamlesh Gupta wife of Husan Lal Gupta Sio Om Parkash Rio H.No. 10, S.C.F., 2nd Addl. Mandl., Siras is owner of A Service Industrial Plot no. 10, Cc-II, measuring 25 x 65 i.e. 180.55 s.yards; situated at Cc-II, Mandl., Siras with in municipal limit of Sirsa vide Transfer Deed No.574 dated 18.04.2024 duly registered in the office of Sub Registras Siras. She has lost Original Conveyance deed no. 1046 dated 07 06. 1982 consequence II say person believe in consertion. st Onginal Conveyance deed no. 1046 dated 07.05.1982. me-where. If any person have any objection regarding ortgage of said property or have claim any right in above dideed, may lodge/inform him claim to the undersigned th 3 day of the publication of this notice. Manjit Singh Sethi, Advocate 117, F-Block, Sirsa Mob.No. 98121-19593

PUBLIC NOTICE

Santra W/o Ajmer S/o Sh. Chande ingh R/o Ward No. 6 Near Shiv Mandir Julana Teh, Julana Distt, Jind Haryana declare that my House Situ ated at House No. 11. Ward No.06 Julana Teh. Julana Distt. Jind and having dispute regarding the said house with PIRAMAL FINANCE and the case is pending before the adinistration. If any person buys the said house under the influence of the Bank will be responsible for his ow osses.

ali No.8, Krishna Colony, Hansi Dis isar declare that my previous sale leed no. 2954 dated 06-11-2009 which missing on 09-04-2024 at Hansi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whose DDR no. 18 132290452400458. If any person finds t then he can contact Sh. Aditya Pratap Singh Advocate Ch. No. 258 Distt Court Bhiwani, Mo. No.

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We, Raj Widow & Jatinder Masih & Sunny Masih Sons and Neetu D/o Prem Masih Resident of Dhillon Hospital Road, New Abadi Dhariwal Tehsil and District Gurdaspur hereby declare that our husband/father Prem Masih was registered owner of land 5 marla bearing Khasra No. 21R/24/2(3-0) 25(7-11) nos. 2 total (10-11) share of 5/211 (0-5) situated at Village Fatehnangal Hadbast No. 387 Tehsil and Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab , who have died. We are legal heirs of our husband/father, no legal heirs of our husband/father except us. Any other legal heir of our husband/father then he can claim within 7 days after publishing this notice. The above said statement is true and correct

HOUSING BOARD HARYANA PUBLIC NOTICE

With the consent of legal heirs)It is notified for the information of General public and a incerned that the House No. 3354-LIC lotted to Sh. Raiesh Kumar S/o Maya Ra vide this office letter No. 1279 dated 16.07.1993. It has been reported by Sml Saroj W/o Rajesh Kumar that her husband Rajesh Kumar has been expired on dated 12.06.2004. Smt. Saroj W/o Rajesh Kuma No H No VPO Pandu Pindara Jind Wife of ne deceased has submitted transfer doc nt for the transfer of said house in he isbnad Late. Sh. Rajesh Kumar.lf any pe son regarding this transfer of house in favou of Smt. Saroj W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o H.No VPO Pandu Pindara, Jind, has any objection/claim/he/she should file objection/claim in writing in person to this office within 30 days from the date of Publication of this erred accordingly.No further claim whatso ined later on

ublic is informed that Pardeep Singh S/o opi Ram and Anita W/o Pardeep Singh ha 05.12.1989 no. 3438 in favour of Mangat Ra nd Sale deed dated 27.08.1998 no. 1901 i our of Virender, Sale deed date 5.07.1998 no. 1460 in favour of Virende Sale deed dated 07.08.1989 no. 1981 avour of Raghbir Singh, Release deed date 02.06.2000 no. 1055 in favour of Narende mar, Mahender Kumar and Viren Manoj Kumar, Sale deed date .06.2003 no. 903 in favour of Jai Bhagwa inta Devi, Satish Kumar, Saroj Bala, an onveyance deed dated 02.07.1992 in favou Mangat Ram Regarding the Plot me na Raod to main Bus Stand, Jind. Teh nd Distt. Jind. IF any person has foun-formation / Possession / Knowledge for bove said missing documents then Subr nate within 15 days to Pankai Sharm dvocate, Chamber 392, and Distt. Count ohtak Ph.No. 9896553019. There after an

LOST & FOUND I, Anoop Singh S/o Rai Singh R/o H. No. 1898, Sector 2P. Rohtak declare that I have lost my original Sale Deed no. 2749 DT 11/06/2007 in the name of Ramphal and Sale Deed No. 1788 DT 16/05/2007 in the name of Sudhir of Plot no. 1898 Sector 2P, Rohtak, somewhere in Sector 2. Rohtak city on dated 10-4-

Pankai Sharma Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

2024. The Above Fact is True.

s is to inform general public that KIFS Hou ance Ltd, Branch Office at SCO-332, 2nd F tor 20 HUDA Kaithal (HRY) has advance of vide application No. 0000021164 for INR Sector 20 HUDA Kaithal (HRY) has advance loan vide application No. 000021164 for INR 6,69,628 to Sh. Ashok son of Kamlesh son of Romar No. 100 ceed with the disbursement of loan and cre

f mortgage in respect thereof. MANOJ CHAUHAN ADVOCATE, CHAMBER NO. 139 DISTRICT COURTS KAITHAL.(HR) ON BEHALF OFKIFS Housing Finance Ltd

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Haryana CS urges stricter measures to combat illegal liquor smuggling ahead of Lok Sabha elections

CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Secretary T.V.S.N. Prasad on Saturday urged for more stringent measures to combat illegal liquor smuggling during the 2024 Lok Sabha general elections. He emphasised the critical role of intensified intelligence gathering at the local level by Police Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners (DCs), Superintendents of Police (SPs), and officers from the Excise Department.

This proactive approach aims to bolster legal actions against individuals engaged in such illicit activities.

Presiding over the meeting to review preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Gurugram. in which Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, and Commissioners of police officers from Gurugram, Panchkula, Sonipat, and Jhajjar, along with representatives from the Police and Excise and Taxation departments, attended the meeting, Prasad enquired about the status of illegal liquor seized districtwise. He directed senior officers to establish coordination with neighboring states to trace the origin of seized liquor.
Additionally, he emphasized
the need for heightened vigilance, especially in districts bordering Delhi and other

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Agarwal, and ADGP, CID Alok Mittal, Principal Secretary, Excise Department, Devinder Kalyan also attended the meeting through video conference.

highlighted the seizure of 2,78,819 litres of illicit liquor worth Rs 9 crore within Haryana thus far. He concluded by stressing the necessity of maintaining the effectiveness of these strict measures until the upcoming assembly election. He emphasised that the strict measures taken now will remain effective until the upcoming assembly elections.

The Chief Secretary directnetworks and take decisive action **Ballot Battle** against those involved in such

illicit activities. He emphasised the importance of strengthening intelligence networks and investigating past cases, relying on the inputs provided by the CID. Additionally, he commended the suggestion made by Gurugram Divisional Commissioner, Sh. R.C Bidhan to increase surprise inspections on alternative routes rather than main thoroughfares. During the meeting, Gurugram, DC, Nishant Kumar Yadav briefed the Chief Secretary on the district's progress, highlighting the establishment of 47 checkpoints in Gurugram and the seizure of 14.8 thousand litres of illicit liquor thus far.

CS inaugurates Voter Park in Gurugram aimed at increasing voter awareness

The Chief Secretary also inaugurated the Voter Park established in collaboration with CSR Trust in the Vikas Sadan Complex of Gurugram. Under this park, activities related to voting and Lok Sabha elections were showcased. On

this occasion, Prasad along with Gurugram Division Commissioner, R.C. Bidhan, DC, Nishant Kumar Yadav and ADC, Hitesh Kumar Meena were also present.

Prasad was briefed about the first EVM (Electronic Voting Machine) and VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail) machines installed at the booths in the Voter Park. He cast a vote using the ballot unit and also obtained a slip ed all officers to expand their from the VVPAT machine.

Detailed infor-

mation about

the democratic system of the country and the Gurugram Lok Sabha constituency was displayed in the Voter Park. It was mentioned that the first elections were held between October 1951 and February 1952, with Sukumar Sen as the Chief Election Commissioner, and the voter turnout was 45.7%. The history of the EVM machine was also explained, stating that it was first used in the Kerala elections in 1982 and later used nationwide for elections in 2004. Visual content regarding the sveep activities conducted in the district was also displayed in the park.

The Chief Secretary, in support of the sveep campaign, released balloons into the air, urging all citizens to vote. He also boosted the morale of the district administration by painting "Sveep Well Done" on the wall. Brand ambassadors appointed for the Gurugram Lok Sabha elections, including the famous singers MD Desi and Naveen Punia, presented a spirited voting anthem, 'Vote Karo-Vote Karo' composed for Gurugram. Chief Secretary honored two other brand ambassadors, young chess player Tanishka Kotiva and senior citizen Subhash Bishoi, with Sveep caps. He urged the citizens and players present to pledge for maximum voter turnout on May 25.

Prasad stated that voting is the most crucial responsibility of every citizen in a democratic system. He was addressing local media personnel after inaugurating the Voter Park. He mentioned that the Gurugram district administration is conducting commendable activities under the Sveep campaign, and he is confident that voter turnout will be even higher this time. He directed the district administrative officers to ensure all facilities for elderly and differently-abled voters and to boost the enthusiasm of young first-

'Voter-in-Queue' app: No longer need to wait long to cast a vote

The 'Voter-in-Queue' app released by the Election Commission will provide information on the queue of voters at polling centers on the day of elections. With the app's information, voters can vote according to their convenience. This app will also help to increase voter turnout.

Deputy Karnal, Commissioner cum District Election Officer, Uttam Singh stated that the Election Commission is taking significant steps to increase voter turnout during the Lok Sabha elections. For the 2024 general elections scheduled for May 25, the 'Voter-in-Queue' app has been launched by the com-

mission to make vital decisions. Through this, voters can see the live crowd at the polling centers on the day of the election, allowing them to go to the centre to vote according to their convenience. Many times, voters leave without casting their votes after seeing the crowd. But now, through this app, information about the polling centers will be available. He informed that the Election Commission of India has also approved the use of the 'Voter-In-Queue' mobile

Singh stated that on the mobile app, voters will feed information such as the name of their area, the name of the polling booth, the voter's name, etc., and they will receive an OTP. Through this OTP, they can connect directly with the BLO at the booth. The BLO will update the app about the number of people standing in the queue every hour or half an hour. The app's primary advantage is that it will save voters time by eliminating the need to wait in long queues, he added. The District Election

Officer stated that the 'Voterin-Queue' mobile app is being used for the first time in elections. If this experiment is successful, it can be implemented in all assembly constituencies in the future. As an initial trial, the 'Voter-in-Queue' app has been started in conincluding stituencies Gurugram, Rohtak, Bahadurgarh, Kaithal, Jhajjar, Rewari, Narnaul, Nuh, Palwal, Faridabad, Badkhal, Panchkula, Ambala Cantonment, Ambala City, Yamunanagar, Thanesar,

Congress in Himachal announces candidates for 3 assembly bypolls; Two BJP turncoats get ticket

PNS SHIMLA

The Congress on Friday named candidates for the bypolls on three of the seats that fell vacant after the disqualification of six party rebels from the Himachal Pradesh Assembly this February.

The candidate list includes two turncoats -- Captain Ranjit Singh from Sujanpur and Rakesh Kalia from Gagret -both of who recently quit the BJP after the party did not name them as candidates for the bypolls.

The BJP instead chose as its

candidates the Congress rebels who had voted in its favour in the Rajya Sabha polls held on February 27.

Congress leader Vivek Sharma has been declared as the party candidate from Kutlehar

The six Congress MLAs, Rajinder Rana (Sujanpur), Sudhir Sharma (Dharamshala), Ravi Thakur (Lahaul and Spiti), Inder Dutt Lakhanpal (Barsar),

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Chetanya Sharma (Gagret) and Devinder Kumar Bhutto (Kutlehar) were disqualified for defying a party whip to be present in Vidhan Sabha and vote in favour of the government during the cut motions and budget on February 29.

Captain Ranjit Singh who had contested the 2022 assembly polls against Congress rebel Rajinder Rana as the BJP candidate and lost by 399 votes, left the party this Wednesday. Now the old rivals have been pitted against each other again, albeit from opposite parties. Rakesh Kalia, a three-time

Congress MLA from Gagret had joined the BJP ahead of the 2022 assembly polls after he was denied ticket but returned to the Congress recently. He

would face Chetanya Sharma

who is now with the BJP. Vivek Sharma, son of former Himachal deputy speaker and senior Congress leader Ram Nath Sharma, would be up against BJP's candidate from Kutlehar Devinder Kumar Bhutto.

The party is yet to announce its candidates from Barsar, Dharamshala and Lahaul and Spiti assembly seats. The elections for four Lok Sabha seats and six assembly bypolls would be held on

CM Mann campaigns in Faridkot, attacks opposition



PNS BAGHA PURANA

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday addressed a public gathering in Bagha Purana and appealed to the people of Faridkot Lok Sabha constituency to elect AAP candidate Karamjit Anmol as their representative in the parliament. He said, "Karamjit and I are two honest hardworking people. We came from common backgrounds and earned recognition in the entertainment field. Now my only goal is to serve you people. Give Karamjit a chance to be your voice in the parliament."

Mann launched a scathing attack on Sukhbir Badal and the Akali Dal and said that they used religion for their personal benefits and whenever they were under fire for this they used it as a shield. He said that defeating these political stalit is the love and support of the responsibilities. He said that he him more strength and courage people who made it all possible. People not only rejected enough for their love, support seats of Punjab.

them but they hated them too. He said that Badals are reaping what they sow. Their current situation is the outcome of their poor deeds. Now they are taking out 'pariwar bachao yatra' while being in power they were looting the exchequer of Punjab and built their mahals and hotels in the mountains. He said that every normal person knows that nothing goes with them after death, but it seems people like Badal made some kind of deal with the Yamraj that they will take the money of loot with them to the afterlife.

Mann said that they (corrupt leaders) did not know that the son of Master Mohinder Singh would come and exact the price of every penny they looted from the people of Punjab. Mann said that he is honoured and blessed that the people of Punjab gave him such a big responsibility as only cannot thank the people to fight, he asked for 13 MP

and blessings. He said that today the dynast politicians are miserable because the sons and daughters of common families reached the assembly. He said that give me 13 more arms and voices, strengthen us more so that we can do more

Mann also recounted the works of the AAP government in Punjab, like 300 units of free electricity to everyone, timely and uninterrupted electricity to the farmers, schools of eminence, Aam Aadmi clinics where 1.5 crore people have gotten free treatment so far, canal water to the tail-ends of Punjab, 43,000 government jobs and regularisation of temporary employees etc. Mann said that soon they will fulfill the guarantee of Rs 1000 per month to women too. He said that right now he is fighting with the centre, with the dictatorial BJP, the governor etc. so

Rain, Hail Cause Damage in Himachal Pradesh

PNS SHIMLA

Intermittent rain accompanied by thunderstorms and hail lashed several parts of Himachal Pradesh while the tribal areas received fresh snowfall on Saturday, causing a sharp dip in the mercury.

Sixty roads and three national highways -- Atal Tunnel-Rohtang Pass, Grmphu-Losar and Darchasupply from 103 transformers was disrupted, officials said. Heavy rain, accompanied by hail and a thunderstorm, lashed Shimla and its surrounding areas.

A severe hailstorm also hit Gohar and its surrounding areas in Mandi district, causing extensive damage to stone fruits, tomato, peas, tomato and wheat crops.

The local Met office has issued an orange warning for heavy rain and thunderstorms, accompanied by hail and gusty winds with speeds reaching 40-50 kilometres per hour at isolated places on Monday and a yellow alert for thunderstorms, accompanied by hail and gusty winds at isolated places on Sunday and

It has also predicted rain or snow at many places in the higher hills and rain at several places in the lower and mid hills on Sunday and Monday and rain and snow at a few places in the higher hills on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Intermittent snowfall is continuing in the high-altitude tribal areas and the higher hills of Kullu, it said.

fresh snow while Hansa and Keylong registered 2.5 cm and 2 cm. Manali was wettest place in the state, recording 31 mm rainfall, followed by Chamba at 30 mm, Kothi at 28 mm, Tissa at 21 mm, Jubbarhatti at 17 mm, Rampur at 16.5 mm, Bharmour at 16 mm, Kalpa at 14.2 mm, Salooni at 14 mm, Keylong and Chhaila at 11 mm and Shimla and Dalhousie at 10 mm, the weather office said.

Day temperatures also plummeted at several places. The maximum temperature in Chamba was at 16.3 degrees Celsius and in Keylong at 2.2 degrees, 19.5 and 13.8 notches below normal, respectively.

BJP's OBC Morcha leader, Akali Dal's SC wing leader join AAP

PNS CHANDIGARH

ABJP OBC Morcha leader, an Akali Dal leader and NSUI's Punjab vice-president on Saturday joined the AAP in the presence of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann amid the ongoing Lok Sabha elec-

Kuldeep Singh Shanty, secretary of BJP's other backward classes (OBC) Morcha, and Gurdarshan Lal, general secretary, scheduled castes (SC) wing (Doaba), Shiromani Akali Dal, were welcomed into the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) fold by Mann.

candidate Pawan Kumar Tinu and senior party leader Rajwinder Kaur Thiara were present during their joining ceremony. Mann said people from every section of Punjab are joining the AAP as they are impressed by the work of the AAP government in the last two years. He further said the party will create history by winning all the 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab.

Punjab vice president of the National Student Union of India (NSUI) Rahul Sharma, who also joined the AAP on the occasion, was inducted into the party by Mann in the presence of AAP's Punjab general secretary Jagroop Singh Sekhwan, the party said.

Gurdaspur BJP candidate Dinesh Babbu again faces farmers' ire

Several BJP candidates have faced farmers' protest

PNS CHANDIGARH

Agroup of farmers on Saturday protested against BJP candidate Dinesh when he was campaigning for the Lok Sabha polls. This is the second time that Babbu has faced a protest by farmers. He had also faced the farmers' wrath in Batala on April 21.

On Saturday, the farmers, carrying black flags, posed several questions to Babbu when he was canvassing in Gurdaspur's Sathiali village. One of the protesters slammed the BJP-led central government for not letting protesting farmers to march to Delhi and using "force" against them. The protesters also condemned the govern-ment for not giving farmers a legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP) on all crops. They said they will continue to protest against the BJP candidates.

The BJP candidates and leaders have been facing protests from farmers during poll campaigning. BJP's Faridkot candidate Hans Raj Hans, Amritsar candidate Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Patiala candidate Preneet farmers' anger.

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) has already said that it will oppose the BJP and ask people to "punish" the party in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Farmers owing allegiance to various farm outfits are upset with the BJP-led central government for not accepting their demands including the legal guarantee of MSP and a farm loan waiver.

The SKM (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha are spearheading the 'Delhi Chalo' march by farmers to press the government to accept their demands. The farmers have been camping at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13, when their march was stopped by the security forces.

Fake call centre offering loans busted in Gurugram 3 held

PNS GURUGRAM

 $T^{\text{he police have arrested}}_{\text{three people, including two women, for allegedly duping}}$ people under the pretext of providing easy loans, officials here said on Saturday.

The accused were arrested from Sector 31 on Friday using the Pratibimb app (designed to reveal the geographical locations of mobile numbers linked to cyber fraud cases across the country), police said. The three accused operat-

ed a fake call centre to dupe people under the pretext of providing easy loans. They would ask the victims to transfer money for various charges in different bank accounts, Assistant Commissioner of Police Priyanshu Dewan said.

"During interrogation, the main accused Praveen revealed that he and his associates cheated people by pretending to give loans in the name of Tata Capital," the ACP said. "They also put up posters in distant cities to promote their fraudulent services. When someone contacted them for a loan, they would cheat them by asking the victims to transfer money to different bank accounts as processing charges," he said.
Praveen had hired the two

women to lure the victims and paid them in commission, Dewan said. Police recovered 12 mobile phones, four ATM cards and 1000 loan pamphlets from their possession, he said.

A case was registered and further investigation is underway, he added.

Shareholders Welfare Association of Chandigarh extends support to BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon

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11A BJP government is sure to come back to power at the Centre, so getting elected from the Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat on the BJP ticket will help me expedite resolving all genuine demands in close consultation with the centre. I assure you that if elected to power, I will address the long pending problems with utmost priority,' said Sanjay Tandon, BJP Chandigarh candidate for Lok Sabha elections, while addressing the gathering of office bearers and members of Chandigarh Property Welfare Shareholders Association (CPSWA) organised at Sewa Bharti, Sector 29.

As part of his election campaign, BJP Chandigarh candidate for Lok Sabha election addressed the various public meetings held at Sector 29, 28, 44 and Ramdarbar Chandigarh. At the Sector 29 public meeting, the Association presented a list of demands to Tandon. Some important demands included the opening



hold of properties and allowing registries to be done under GPA(General Power of Attorney).

Harpal Singh Malvai, President, CPSWA and Gaurav Kansal, General Secretary, CPSWA raised the demands with the BJP candidate who promised to get the demands fulfilled on being elected as MP of Chandigarh. During the event the association also announced an extension of

support to Sanjay Tandon. Later in the day, Tandon

Association of Chandigarh at Sector 28, Chandigarh. During the event, BJP's Jatinder Pal Malhotra, Shakti Devshali, Devinder Babla, Arun Gupta, Raj Kishore, Manu Bhasin, Ashok Singhal, Ashu Punchi and Mahesh Budhiraja were

Tandon said, "Opposition is in complete disarray as they don't have any issues to talk about. The major difference between the two governments of BJP and Congress is that the Congress rule was full of scams and the BJP rule was replete addressed a public meeting with socially beneficial

Tandon asserted that this government is a government of poor people and understands the common man's problems. He highlighted the schemes launched for the poor people such as Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Awaz Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Atal pension and Ayushman bharat, etc.

Tandon also addressed the public meeting of RWA members of Sector 44, where he highlighted the development that took place in the city such as UTCA affiliation, solar rooftops, cycle track, Bird Park, air force museum etc. Later in the evening,

Tandon addressed the public meeting in Ramdarbar, where people turnout in large numbers to listen to the BJP Chandigarh candidate. At the event people apprised Tandon about the local issues such as housing boards' problems, Lal Dora issues and demanded to resolve the long pending issue of opening of house registration in Ram Darbar.

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ongress candidate from Chandigarh parliamentary constituency Manish Tewari on Saturday said that unlike the Bharatiya Janata Party, his party believes in mass welfare and

not privileges for a select few. "Public welfare was and will always remain our topmost priority and preference irrespective of what our opponents say about it," Tewari asserted during an interaction with the people while campaigning in

the Union Territory.

Accompanied by several
Congress leaders and workers, including Chandigarh Congress president HS Lucky, Tewari toured various parts of the city and talked to the people about the problems they are

ng. "select and privileged group of Tewari, the sitting MP crony capitalists," while the



Congress believes in mass welfare

not privileges to few: Manish Tewari

The former Union minisis a manifesto designed for the masses of the country with its "five commandments for justice." He said that during the

last ten years the BJP created a

Congress guarantees justice to the youth, farmers, women,

ter claimed that the unemployment in the county at present is the highest in 45 years. He also wondered what happened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise of creating 2 crore jobs every

jobs generated by now," Tewari Instead, he said, the government "failed" to fill 30 lakh

should have been twenty crore

vacancies pending across gov-ernment departments. The politician, who is a lawyer by profession, said his party will give Rs 1 lakh to one woman per family to bring that family out of poverty. The Congress has done it in the past with the Food

Security Act and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), which revolutionised rural employment, he said. Tewari claimed that even after last year's victories in Karnataka and Telangana, the Congress fulfilled all its guarantees, directly benefiting the common people and not just a

TMC Government protecting terrorists, rapists in Bengal: BJP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The BJP on Saturday accused the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in West Bengal of "protecting" terrorists and rapists and claimed the state appears to be on the brink of anarchy.

BJP's national spokesperson Prem Shukla hit out at Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a press conference, a day after the CBI seized weapons, including a police service revolver and foreign-made firearms, during searches at two premises of an associate of now-suspended TMC leader Shajahan Sheikh, a key accused in the Sandeshkhali case.

robbed women of their 'mangalsutra', "rapists" like Sheikh were given protection and the seizure of such arms, including a police weapon, shows that the state police were nursing such criminals, he alleged.

Sheikh, a former TMC strongman, has been accused of running a ring of local thugs who molested women and grabbed

Noting that the state government has moved the Supreme Court against the Kolkata High Court's order to transfer the probe to the CBI, Shukla claimed West Bengal appears to be on the brink of anarchy as the ruling dispensation has sided with those accused of



Banerjee questions raids by

the probe agency and allegedly justified those who attacked the Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials but she offered no word of support to the CBI, he told reporters.

The TMC claims to stand in support of "Ma, Mati, Manush" but has instead provided safe-ty to criminals like Sheikh, he

Does Banerjee now have any moral right to appeal in the apex court after the seizure of weapons, Shukla asked, slamming the opposition INDIA bloc parties for their silence on the Sandeshkhali issue.

At the press conference, another BJP national spokesperson

the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) following the Delhi High Court's critical remarks on the continuation of Arvind Kejriwal as the chief minister despite being in jail. The High Court on Friday

pulled up the city government over the issue of non-supply of books to the children studying in the MCD schools, saying the continuation of Kejriwal even after his arrest puts political interest over national interest. The court said the Delhi government was "interested in appropriation of power".

The court's observations came after the Delhi government's counsel said the matter requires certain approvals from

the alleged money laundering case in connection with the 2021 excise policy.

Poonawalla said mockingly that Kejriwal has travelled a long journey from advocating 'swaraj' (self-rule) to being arrested in a scam involving 'sharab' (liquor) and standing with opposition leaders like Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Lalu Prasad Yadav after once advocating for their

He asked when Kejriwal will resign and stop playing with people's future, as he took a swipe at him over promoting his wife Sunita Kejriwal in politics after speaking against family politics all these years.

Why Congress did not conduct caste census when in power: BJP

NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD

 $B_{\text{Laxman on Saturday}}^{\text{JP Rajya Sabha member } K}$ asked why the Congress did not think of conducting a caste census when it was in power for over five decades and said that it was the Nehru-Gandhi family which was in power for a long and sought to know why the Congress did not think of conducting a caste census then. "Why they (Congress) are making this demand now, it is to provoke (people). We are not against any caste census. But, it needs scientific and thorough study on it,' Laxman, national president of BJP's OBC Morcha, said in a media interaction.

Observing that there is diversity vis-a-vis various communities in the country, he said the Reddys of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are BCs in Karnataka. Similarly, Kammas of AP and Telangana are a backward class in Karnataka, he said. The Reddys and Kammas come under Other Castes (OCs) in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.



Why did the Congress government in Karnataka not publish the census held in the state, he asked. Laxman, former president of Telangana BJP, also asked why the previous BRS government in Telangana did not publish the details of the 'intensive household survey' conducted

Is it an attempt of opposition parties to show the BJP in a bad light? Laxman, a BJP Rajya Sabha member from Uttar Pradesh, accused Congress and other opposition parties of resorting to divisive and appeasement politics in the run-up to the Lok

At a time when the BJP is working with the resolve of making the country a developed nation by 2047 with the slogan of 'sab ka sath, sab ka vikas', "the opposition is talking about caste census, Muslim appeasement and creating animosities and bringing a division," he said.

Laxman also alleged that "Muslim appeasement is not a new thought, but it is in the DNA of Congress from the beginning". Elections to the 17 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana will be held on May 13. The BJP is fighting the parliament elections in Telangana without any

BJP's hypocrisy knows no bounds: Congress

Congress on Saturday said the BJP's "hypocrisy knows no bounds" and alleged that while it called the administrative allocation of 2G spectrum under the UPA a "scam", the Narendra Modi government was now seeking permission from the Supreme Court to "give away spectrum" without an auction. The opposition party's attack came after the Centre on Monday moved the Supreme Court seeking modification of its verdict in the 2G spectrum case which said the State was duty bound to adopt the auction route while transferring or alienating the country's natural resources.

A top source, however, later said the government is not seeking to change the 2012 Supreme Court judgement that backed auction as the preferred mode of allocating telecom spectrum except for narrowly defined sectors such as satellite communication and defence where auction is not feasible.

Attacking the BJP, Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh said the hypocrisy of



Janata Party' knows no "During Dr Manmohan Singh's tenure, they cried to all who would listen that the administrative allocation of 2G spectrum

Now, they are arguing the opposite - they have gone to the Supreme Court for permission to give away spectrum to whoever they want, without an auction," he alleged.

In its judgement delivered on February 2, 2012, the apex court had quashed 2G spectrum licences given to various firms during the tenure of A Raja as the telecom minister in January 2008.

On Monday, Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre, mentioned an interim application before a bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala.

While seeking urgent listing of the application, the top law officer told the bench that the plea seeks modification of the 2012 verdict as the Centre wanted to grant 2G spectrum licences in some cases.

NCB, ATS bust three drug manufacturing labs in Rajasthan, Gujarat

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the Narcotics Control Board(NCB) and Gujarat Police ATS Saturday busted three "clandestine" drug manufacturing labs in Rajasthan and Gujarat leading to the seizure of 300 kgs of narcotics and arrest of seven persons. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Deputy Director General (Operations) Gyaneshwar Singh in a state-ment said the labs were unearthed after about three months of "intensive" technical and ground surveillance that was mounted by the two agencies to identify the people involved in the network as well as the locations of the A total of 149 kgs of

mephedrone or 'meow meow' (both in powder and liquid form), 50 kg ephedrine, and 200 litres of acetone was recovered from the three labs located in Bhinmal of Jalore district and Osian in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan and Gandhinagar in Gujarat, the officer said. Seven people have been arrested till now in



were also raiding a similar lab in Amreli district of Gujarat and more recoveries are expected, Singh said.

The kingpin of this network has been identified and will be arrested soon. Efforts are being made to track and identify the source of precursor chemicals as well as the distribution network, national as ages," he said.

Mephedrone, also known as 4-methylmethcathinone, 4-MMC and 4-methylephedrone, is a synthetic stimulant and is also identified by its slang names --drone, M-CAT, white magic, meow

Congress attacks Modi over snatching quotas remarks

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■ slammed as "false propaganda" Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'snatching quotas' remarks and alleged that it was the BJP that was against reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs. Congress general secretary

Jairam Ramesh said the reality is that since 1950, reservation in education and employment has been possible when there have been Congress prime ministers and Congress governments at the helm. In a video statement, Ramesh

said, "The prime minister is repeatedly indulging in the false propaganda that the Congress is against the reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs and wants to snatch it away. This is absolutely false. "The reality is that the provi-



sions in the Constitution for reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were made because of B R Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and other Congress leaders. So, this was the contribution of the Congress," Ramesh said.

He said in 1994 when P V Narasimha Rao was the prime minister, for the first time, 27 per cent reservation for OBCs was given in employment in central government and in 2006 when Manmohan Singh was the prime minister, 27 per cent reservation was made in higher education institutions

'So, the reality is that since 1950, reservation in education and OBCs, has been possible when there have been Congress prime ministers and Congress governments," he said.

A few months ago, when the women's reservation bill was being debated, the Congress demanded that OBC women should also be given that reservation but the central government did not accept it and the PM did not say anything about it, Ramesh said. "A new law came into being in which there is no provision for OBC women. So the reality is that the BJP is against the reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs. It has been due to the guarantee of the Congress that the reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs in education and employment is still available," the Congress

Adults with adverse childhood experiences more likely to feel depressed PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Adults with four or more adverse childhood experiences are four times more and low life satisfaction, three times more likely to experience anxiety and are 30 times more likely at attempt suicide than people with no adverse childhood experiences, according to a study that explored the role of modifiable community- and societal-level factors in youth mental health

and well-being. The study led by Hasina Samji, a professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences collected data from January to March 2022 during the fifth wave of the pandemic, a time that included the highest number of daily COVID-19 case counts.

Students were asked to note their number of positive and adverse experiences (up to age 18), the degree to which they experienced depression



and anxiety symptoms, and to rank their mental wellbeing and life satisfaction.

According to Samji, having more positive childhood experiences was associated with lower levels of depression and anxiety, and better life satisfaction and mental health. Conversely, people with a higher number of adverse childhood experiences had more symptoms of depression and anxiety, and poorer life satisfaction and mental health.

'We can't prevent adversity for all young people," says Samji. 'We know adversity leads to so many poor outcomes across a whole host of domains, whether it's infectious diseases, or substance use, or obesity, or cardiac disease. When

been exposed to four or more adverse childhood experiences, versus fewer or zero adverse experiences - they are at higher risk for almost Adverse childhood experiences include verbal, physical and sexual abuse, emotional and physical neglect, domestic violence, caregiver mental illness, incarceration, substance use and divorce. Additional adverse experiences are also found at the societal-level (food-insecurity, homelessness); at the community-level (feeling unsafe at school or in the community); and at the family-level (caregiver separation or divorce). As a health-care system, we're

often very reactive," Samji says. "Young people tell us that we wait for them to be in crisis before we provide the sup-port that they need. I really wanted to go upstream and think about what kind of individual level supports, but also

Mental illness, Samji explains, is not randomly distributed in the populations, but follows a socio-economic gradient. The systemic changes to provide extra support to families, by institutions, (justice, health, schools), to increase positive childhood experiences and reduce adverse experiences. 'We have to change the paradigm," Samji says. "When people think about mental health, they only think of mental illness, but mental health is so much more.

ports we can provide earlier."

"Just like physical health, there is the illness aspect, but we know we can do more to support our physical health: We can work out, we can eat well. Similarly for mental health. Mental illness is not a done deal. You can delay it; you can prevent it in certain cases. There is, of course, a genetic component, just like there is in physical illness."

importance of tripling global

renewable energy capacity and

doubling energy efficiency to

mitigate climate change effec-

tively and limit the average

temperature rise to 1.5 degrees

This highlights the urgency for

G7 nations and the global

community as a whole to

accelerate efforts in transi-

tioning towards renewable

energy sources and enhancing

energy efficiency measures.

A tripling of renewable capac-

ity would require the G7 to reach 2.7 TW by 2030, leaving

Antibiotics rampant use during pandemic worsened AMR: WHO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The indiscriminate use of 1 antibiotics during the Covid-19 pandemic majorly given as a precautionary measure has exacerbated the silent spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), according to a recent report by the World Health Organization (WHO). The report indicates that approximately 75 percent of patients received antibiotics as a precautionary measure, despite only 8 percent of hospitalized Covid patients requiring antibiotics to combat bacterial co-infections.

AMR represents a significant global public health concern and was directly responsible for approximately 1.27 million deaths in 2019, with an additional 4.95 million deaths attributed to its contribution. Antibiotic usage surged during the pandemic, with an 83 percent increase in the Eastern Mediterranean and African Regions and a 33 percent rise



in the Western Pacific Region between 2020 and 2022, according to the WHO. "The highest rate of antibiot-

ic use was seen among patients with severe or critical Covid-19, with a global average of 81 per cent. In mild or moderate cases, there was a considerable variation across regions, with the highest use in the African Region (79 per cent)," the WHO report said. The findings are based on data

from 450,000 patients admitted to hospitals for Covid in 65 countries between January 2020 and March 2023, as recorded in the WHO Global Clinical Platform for Covid-

Often dubbed the "Silent Pandemic", AMR necessitates immediate and efficacious intervention rather than being relegated to a future scenario. In the absence of preventive measures, projections indi-

cate that by 2050, AMR could potentially supersede all other causes of mortality world-

Globally, estimates indicate that the direct fatalities linked to AMR surpassed 1.2 million in 2019, with a foreseen escalation to approximately 10 million deaths annually by 2050 if inadequate measures are implemented to curb AMR

"When a patient requires antibiotics, the benefits often outweigh the risks associated with side effects or antibiotic resistance. However, when they are unnecessary, they offer no benefit while posing risks, and their use contributes to the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance," said Dr Silvia Bertagnolio, WHO Unit Head for Surveillance, Evidence, and Laboratory Strengthening Division for AMR.

"These data call for improvements in the rational use of antibiotics to minimise unnecessary negative consequences for patients and populations.' The report will be presented

in a WHO scientific poster at the ongoing ESCMID Global Congress, in Barcelona, Spain being held from April 27-30. Sangeeta Sharma, Professor Department of Neuro psychopharmacology, Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences (IHBAS), Delhi called the report a wakeup call. "Antibiotics work against bacteria only, not viruses like the common cold or flu as many believe. By not demanding antibiotics at the OTC or when visiting doctors, a patient can play a pivotal role in advocating for responsible antibiotic use and help combat one of the most pressing global challenges i.e. AMR." The WHO data underscores the urgent need for more prudent and targeted use of antibiotics to curb the spread of AMR and preserve the effectiveness of these crucial medications

G7 nations set their sights on doubling renewable energy capacity by 2030

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The G7 economies comprising the world's richest countries have set their sights on doubling renewable energy capacity by 2030, an analysis conducted by the global energy think-tank Ember has said. However, this falls short of the more ambitious target agreed upon at the UN climate conference in Dubai the previous year, which aimed to triple global renewable energy capacity by the same deadline. At the UN's COP28 climate change conference in December, leaders from around the world, including all G7 members, forged a historic agreement to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030. However, Ember's analysis suggests that the G7 nations need to realign their targets to meet this commitment. Katye Altieri, an electricity

analyst at Ember, emphasized The International Energy



the need for the G7 to update their targets in light of the COP28 agreement. She stated, "Last year, the G7 agreed targets for solar and offshore wind. Given the COP28 agreement, these goals are now outdated and need to be aligned with a tripling of global renewables." Altieri also pointed out that the rapid acceleration of solar energy installations demonstrates that the goal of tripling renewable energy capacity is increasingly attainable.

a 0.7 TW gap between current targets and a tripling-aligned goal. Italy, this year's host of the G7, along with Germany and the UK, are leading the way with 2030 targets that are more than doubling of the 2022 capacity.

However, France and Japan are lagging behind their G7 partners with targets well below a

Hamas reviewing Israeli proposal for cease-fire in Gaza

amas said on Saturday it was reviewing a new Israeli proposal for a cease-fire in Gaza, as Egypt intensified efforts to broker a deal to end the months-long war and stave off a possible Israeli ground offensive into the southern Gaza city of Rafah. Senior Hamas official Khalil al Hayya said the Palestinian militant group was evaluating Israel's proposal, and "upon

submit its response." He gave no details of Israel's offer but said it was in response to a proposal from Hamas two weeks ago. Negotiations earli-

completion of its study, it will

er this month centered on a sixweek cease-fire proposal and the release of 40 civilian and sick hostages in exchange for freeing hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

Hamas' statement came hours after a high-level Egyptian delegation wrapped up a visit to Israel where it discussed a "new vision" for a prolonged cease-fire in Gaza, according to an Egyptian official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to freely discuss the develop-

It was not immediately clear whether Israel's latest response to Hamas on a cease-fire was directly related to Friday's visit to Tel Aviv by Egyptian medi-

The discussions between Egyptian and Israeli officials focused on the first stage of a multi-phase plan that would include a limited exchange of hostages held by Hamas for Palestinian prisoners, and the return of a significant number of displaced Palestinians to their homes in northern Gaza 'with minimum restrictions,'

the Egyptian official said. The mediators are working on a compromise that will answer most of both parties' main demands, which could pave the way to continued negotiations with the goal of a larger deal to end the war, the official said. As the war drags on and casu-

alties mount, there has been growing international pressure for Hamas and Israel to reach an agreement on a cease-fire and avert a possible Israeli attack on Rafah, where more than half of Gaza's 2.3 million people have sought refuge after fleeing fighting elsewhere in the territory.

Israel has been insisting for months it plans a ground offensive into Rafah, on the border with Egypt, where it says many remaining Hamas militants are holed up, despite calls for restraint from the international community including Israel's staunchest ally, the United

Egypt has cautioned an offen-

sive into Rafah could have "catastrophic consequences" on the humanitarian situation in Gaza, as well as on regional peace and security. The Israeli military has massed

dozens of tanks and armoured vehicles in southern Israel close to Rafah and hit targets in the city in near-daily airstrikes. Early Saturday, an Israeli airstrike hit a house in Rafah's Tel Sultan neighbourhood, killing six people, including four children, according to

The strike killed a man, his wife and their three sons, aged 12, 10 and 8, according to records of the Abu Yousef al-Najjar hospital's morgue. A neigh-

officials at a local hospital.

bour's four-month-old girl was also killed, the records showed. Hamas said Friday it is open to any "ideas or suggestions" that take into consideration the needs of the Palestinian people such as an end to Israel's attacks on Gaza, the return of displaced people to their homes and an Israeli withdrawal.

The Palestinian group has said it will not back down from its demands for a permanent cease-fire and full withdrawal of Israeli troops, both of which Israel has rejected.

Israel says it will continue military operations until Hamas is defeated and that it will retain a security presence in Gaza

Hamas sparked the war with its attack into southern Israel on October 7, in which militants killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took some 250 people as hostages. Israel says the militants are still holding around 100 hostages and the remains of more than 30 others.

Since then, 34,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's air and ground offensive, according to the Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza, around twothirds of them children and women.

Israel has reported at least 260 of its soldiers killed since the start of ground operations in

China launches submarine built for Pak

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD/BEIJING

Thina has launched the first Cof the eight Hangor-class submarines to be built for its allweather ally Pakistan to provide it with state-of-the-art warships, adding a new dimension to their growing bilateral military cooperation. The launch ceremony, held at Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group's (WSIG) Shuangliu Base on Friday, was attended by Pakistan Navy chief Admiral Naveed Ashraf, Geo News reported. The development comes as part of the agreement between Islamabad and Beijing under which the latter had agreed to provide the former with eight state-of-the-art advanced submarines. Out of the total eight vessels, four are to be built by WSIG, while the remaining four

are being built at KS&EW (Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works) under the Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreement. The submarines, having advanced stealth features, are to be fitted with stateof-the-art weapons and sensors to operate under a multi-threat environment and can engage targets at stand-off ranges.

Speaking at the occasion Admiral Ashraf emphasised the importance of maritime security under the prevailing geo-strategic environment and the Navy's resolve to ensure region-

scored that the Hangor-class S/M Project will "add a new dimension to the all-weather Pak-China friendship and shows strong military cooperation

Friday's launch ceremony comes after Pakistan commenced the manufacturing of the 6th Hangor-class submarine by KS&EW in February earlier this year. Pakistan enjoys close military ties with China with their bilateral relations provisioning various arms imports by Islamabad from Beijing.

Student anti-war protesters dig in as faculties condemn police intervention

Students protesting the Israel-Hamas war at universities across US, some of whom have clashed with police in riot gear, dug in Saturday and vowed to keep their demonstrations going, while several school faculties condemned university presidents who have called in law enforcement to remove protesters

As Columbia University continues negotiations with those at a pro-Palestinian encampment on the New York school's campus, the university's senate passed a resolution Friday that created a task force to examine the administration's leadership, which last week called in police in an attempt to clear the protest, resulting in scuffles and more than 100

Though the university has repeatedly set and then pushed back deadlines for the removal of the encampment, the school sent an email to students Friday night saying that bringing back police "at this time" would be

 $B^{\text{allistic missiles fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels}}$

caused "minor damage" to a

Panama-flagged oil tanker trav-

elling through the Red Sea on

assaults launched by the

Houthis in recent days after a

relative lull in their months-

long campaign over Israel's

war on Hamas in the Gaza

The rebels fired three missiles in the attack, one of which

damaged the Panama-flagged,

Seychelles-registered

Friday, authorities said.

counterproductive, adding that they hope the negotiations show "concrete signs of progress

As the death toll mounts in the war in Gaza, protesters nationwide are demanding that schools cut financial ties to Israel and divest from companies they say are enabling the conflict. Some Jewish students say the protests have veered into antisemitism and made them

without the power to remove their presidents.

But the tensions pile pressure on school officials, who are already scrambling to resolve the protests as May graduation ceremonies near.

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, gave protestors who have barricaded

Ambrey described the tanker as

spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya

Saree later claimed the attack

early Saturday in a prerecord-

rebels. He described the tanker

Another vessel, the Antiqua-

Barbados-flagged, Liberia-

operated Maisha, was also

nearby at the time of the

as being "directly hit."

statement aired by the

Ballistic missile fired by Yemen's Houthi

Andromeda Star, the US mili- assault, the US said. The attack

tary's Central Command said. occurred off Mocha, Yemen,

The private security firm near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait,

linked trade." The vessel was The Houthis have launched

travelling from Primorsk, more than 50 attacks on ship-

Russia, to Vadinar, India, ping, seized one vessel and sank

"engaged in Russia- the Gulf of Aden.

rebels damages oil tanker in Red Sea

themselves inside a building since Monday until 5 pm Friday to leave and "not be immediatelv arrested." The deadline came and went. Only some of the protesters left, others doubled down. After protesters rebuffed police earlier in the week, the

of the semester. In Colorado, police swept through an encampment Friday at Denver's Auraria Campus,

campus was closed for the rest

to continue their protest.

After meetings Thursday and Friday, student negotiators said the university had not met their primary demand for divestment, although there was progress on a push for more transparent financial disclo-

"We will not rest until Columbia

which connects the Red Sea to

according to the US Maritime

Houthi attacks have dropped in

recent weeks as the rebels have

been targeted by a US-led

airstrike campaign in Yemen.

Shipping through the Red Sea

and Gulf of Aden has declined

because of the threat. American

officials have speculated that

Administration.

divests," said Jonathan Ben-Menachem, a fourth-year doctoral student.

In the letter sent to Columbia students Friday night, the university's leadership said "we support the conversations that are ongoing with student leaders of the encampment."

Columbia's president, Minouche Shafik, faced significant criticism from faculty Friday, but retained the support of trustees. senting and suspending student protest groups and hiring private investigators.

'The faculty have completely lost confidence in President Shafik's ability to lead this organization," said Ege Yumusak, a philosophy lecturer who is part of a faculty team protecting the

the rebels may be running out

of weapons as a result of the

US-led campaign against them

and after firing drones and mis-

siles steadily in the last months.

However, since Wednesday,

there have been at least two

other attacks claimed by the

MV Yorktown, a US-flagged,

owned and operated vessel

with 18 US and four Greek

crew members. Another target

The Houthis have said they will

continue their attacks until

Israel ends its war in Gaza

which has killed more than

34,000 Palestinians there.

ed the MSC Darwin.

British troops may be asked to deliver Gaza aid: UK officials decline comment

AP LONDON

 $B_{\text{tasked with delivering aid}}^{\text{ritish troops may be}}$ to Gaza from an offshore pier now under construction by the US military, the BBC Saturday. reported government officials declined to comment on the

report. According to the BBC, the British government is considering deploying troops to drive the trucks that will sources.

The report comes after a senior US military official said on Thursday that there would be no American "boots on the ground" and another nation would provide the personnel to drive the delivery trucks to the shore. The official, who spoke to reporters on condition of and our international allies anonymity to discuss and partners," Defense anonymity to discuss details not yet made public, declined to identify the third

party.
Britain is already providing logistical support for construction of the pier, including a Royal Navy ship that will house hundreds of US soldiers and sailors working on the project.

In addition, British military

Gaza shoreline with the US to aid in construction of the

It is critical we establish more routes for vital humanitarian aid to reach the people of Gaza, and the UK continues to take a leading role in the delivery of support in coordination with the US Secretary Grant Shapps said in a statement. Development of the port and

pier in Gaza comes as Israel faces widespread international criticism over the slow trickle of aid into the Palestinian territory, where the United Nations says at least a quarter of the population sits on the brink of star-

hostages and the remains of more than 30 others. Since then, more than 34,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's air and ground offensive, according to the Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza, around two-thirds of them children and women.

afraid to set foot on campus. which hosts three universities A report by the university senplanners have been embed The decisions to call in law ded at US Central Command The Israel-Hamas conflict and colleges, arresting around ate's executive committee, which in Florida and in Cyprus, al peace and stability. The Navy chief also underenforcement, leading to hunrepresents faculty, found Shafik carry aid from the pier along began with a Hamas-led student 40 protesters on trespassing dreds of arrests nationwide, have prompted school faculty a floating causeway to the shore. No decision where aid will be screened and her administration took attack into southern Israel on Students representing the October 7, in which militants killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took "many actions and decisions before shipment to Gaza, for has been made and the prothat have harmed Columbia University." Those included call-Columbia encampment, which several weeks, the UK members at universities in posal hasn't yet reached Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, California, Georgia and Texas to inspired the wave of protests Ministry of Defense said on initiate or pass votes of no confidence in their leadership. They across the country, said Friday ing in police and allowing stusome 250 people as hostages. the BBC reported, citing unidentified government The UK Hydrographic Office that they reached an impasse dents to be arrested without Israel says the militants are still holding around 100 are largely symbolic rebukes, consulting faculty, misreprewith administrators and intend has also shared analysis of the between two countries".

Russia targets Ukrainian energy sector again

Russia launched a barrage of missiles against Ukraine overnight, in attacks that appeared to target the country's infrastructure. Meanwhile, Russia said its air defence systems had intercepted more than 60 Ukrainian drones over the southern Krasnodar region.

Saturday that Russia had launched 34 missiles against Ukraine overnight, of which 21 had been shot down by Ukrainian air defences.

In a post on Telegram, Minister of Energy Herman Halushchenko said energy facilities in Dnipropetrovsk in the south of the country and

Ivano-Frankivsk and Lviv in the west had been attacked and that an engineer was injured. Private energy operator DTEK said four of its thermal power plants were damaged and that there were "casualties," without going into detail.

Earlier this month Russia

destroyed one of Ukraine's largest power plants and damsile and drone attack as it renewed its push to target Ukraine's energy facilities. Ukraine has appealed to its Western allies for more air defense systems to ward off such attacks. At a meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact

Group on Friday, US Defense

Secretary Lloyd Austin

vide Ukraine with additional munitions and gear for its air defense launchers. Further east, a psychiatric hospital was damaged and

announced the U.S. will pro-

one person was wounded after Russia launched a missile attack overnight on Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv. Photos from the scene showed a huge crater on the grounds ing shelter in corridors. Regional governor Oleh Syniehubov said a 53-year-old woman was hurt.

In Russia, the Defence Ministry said Russian air defense systems had intercepted 66 drones over the country's southern Krasnodar region. Two more drones were

annexed Crimean Peninsula. The governor of the Krasnodar region, Veniamin Kondratyev, said that Ukrainian forces targeted an oil refinery and infrastructure facilities but that there were no casualties or serious damage. The regional department of the Emergency Situations Ministry reported that a fire refinery in Slavyansk-on-Kuban during the attack. Ukrainian officials normally

shot down over the Moscow

decline to comment on attacks on Russian soil, but the Ukrainian Energy Ministry said Saturday that two oil refineries in the Krasnodar region had been hit by drones.

Imran prefers jail than striking deal with govt

Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan has ruled out an agreement with those who have "enslaved" the country, saying he is ready to serve for nine more years in prison but will never strike a

deal with them In a message released on Friday for the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party's 28th Foundation Day, Khan said that the "worst dictatorship" was imposed on the country which was becoming the basis for the "destruction" of the economy, government rule, democracy and judiciary' He called on every individual

to play their role in stopping

this descent towards the coun-

"It is my message for the nation that I will give any sacrifice required for actual freedom but will never compromise on my or my nation's freedom."

Khan said he was kept behind bars for the past nine months due to "fake [and] concocted cases". "I will remain in jail if I have to for nine more years, or more, but I will never strike a deal with those who have enslaved my nation."

Since his removal from power in a no-confidence motion in April 2022, the 71-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician has been convicted in at least four cases. Khan has been lodged at Adiala Jail at

Rawalpindi after conviction in multiple cases.

Since falling out with the powerful military, Khan's party has been facing a crackdown. The party faced pressure in the form of arrests and dese-rtions in the wake of the May 9 viol-ence that broke out after Khan's arrest last year.

Khan's message came shortly after PTI leader Shehryar Afridi claimed that the party would have talks but not with the Bilwal Bhutto-Zardai-led Pakistan Peoples Party or the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz after their recent overtures.

We will talk with the Army chief, the DG I[SI] and the army because the need of the hour is to [prioritise] the country's security," Afridi said. Terming the two parties a "reiected lot". Afridi reiterated that the party would talk with the army chief for Pakistan's freedom and future because the country "needs" Khan.

He said the two parties only had one option to abandon their mandate and then the PTI would decide whether to move forward with them or not. Afridi claimed that it was

Khan's wish "since the first day for us to engage [with the military leadership] but there was no response forthcoming". He said if any "response" had come then it would have been brought before the public. Earlier this week, PTI leader

Barrister Gohar Ali Khan had claimed that Khan was being pressured to accept a "deal". Rejecting speculation about secret talks with the establishment, Barrister Gohar had made it clear that the party was neither interested in nor holding talks with anyone.

Independent candidates backed by Khan's PTI won more than 90 seats in the National Assembly in the February 8 general election. However, the PMN-L led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and the PPP formed a post-poll alliance and sidelined the jailed former prime minister's party from forming a federal government which assumed power last

Nawaz Sharif set to retake helm of PML-N amidst internal strife

Dakistan's three-time former **F** prime minister Nawaz Sharif is all set to retake the helm of the ruling PML-N next month to guide the party amid internal strife, seven years after he relinquished the post after being disqualified by the apex court. Nawaz, 74, will be elected president of the ruling party on May 11 in a meeting of the party leadership, a senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader told

In 2017, the Supreme Court of Pakistan disqualified Nawaz

for his alleged corruption in cases related to the Panama Papers revelations about his illegal wealth stashed abroad. He relinquished his position within the party following his disqualification, which also led to his departure from the prime minister's office.

as premier and party president

PML-N Punjab president Rana Sanaullah told a press conference that a decision to make Nawaz the president of the party again was taken at a party meeting on Friday. "A resolution was passed at the

party meeting today to make the elder Sharif PML-N presi-

meted out to him (Nawaz) in 2017 by the Supreme Court, Sanaullah, a former interior minister, said. The party will request Nawaz on his return from China to accept the president's office of the party. Nawaz is currently on a five-

dent to undo the injustice

day private visit to China. "Nawaz Sharif was removed from the party president's office through a conspiracy. Now Nawaz has been acquitted in all (corruption) cases, he should again take up the party's reins," Sanaullah said and added the party would be re-organised under his (Nawaz's) leadership.

Long lines form and frustration grows as uba runs short of cash

AP HAVANA

lejandro Fonseca stood in Aline for several hours outside a bank in Havana hoping to withdraw Cuban pesos from an ATM, but when it was almost his turn, the cash ran out. He angrily hopped on his electric tricycle and travelled several kilometers to another branch where he finally managed to withdraw some money after wasting the entire morn-

"It shouldn't be so difficult to get the money you earn by working," the 23-year-old told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Fonseca is one of an increasing number of frustrated Cubans who have to grapple with yet another hurdle while navigating the island's already complicated monetary system — a shortage of cash. Long queues outside banks and ATM's in the capital, Havana, and beyond start forming early in the day as

people seek cash for routine

transactions like buying food

and other essentials. Experts say there are several reasons behind the shortage, all somehow related to Cuba's deep economic crisis, one of the worst in decades.

Omar Everleny Pérez, a Cuban economist and university professor, says the main culprits are the government's growing fiscal deficit, the nonexistence of banknotes with a denomination greater than 1,000 Cuban pesos (about USD 3 in the parallel market), stubbornly high inflation and the non-return of cash to banks. There is money, yes, but not in the banks," said Pérez, adding that most of the cash is being held not by salaried workers, but by entrepreneurs

and owners of small- and

medium-size business who are more likely to collect cash from commercial transactions but are reluctant to return the money to the banks. This, Pérez says, is either

because they don't trust the local banks or simply because they need the Cuban pesos to convert into foreign currency. Most entrepreneurs and small business owners in Cuba have to import almost everything they sell or pay in foreign currency for the supplies needed to run their businesses. As a consequence, many end up hoarding Cuban pesos to later change into foreign currency on the informal market. Converting those Cuban pesos to other currencies poses yet another challenge, as there are several, highly fluctuating exchange rates in the island. For example, the official rate used by government industries and agencies is 24 pesos to the US dollar, while for individuals, the rate is 120 pesos to the dollar. However, the dollar can fetch up to 350 Cuban pesos on the informal market. Pérez notes that in 2018, 50

comment.

per cent of the cash in circulation was in the hands of the Cuban population and the

other half in Cuban banks. But in 2022, the latest year for which information is available, 70 per cent of cash was in the wallets of individuals. Cuban monetary authorities

did not immediately respond to AP's emailed request for

The shortage of cash comes as Cubans grapple with a complex monetary system in which several currencies circulate, including a virtual currency, MLC, created in 2019. Then, in 2023 the government announced several measures aimed at promoting a "cashless society," making the use of

credit cards mandatory to pay for some transactions including purchases of food, fuel and other basic goods but many businesses simply refuse to accept them. Making things worse is stub-

bornly high inflation, meanng more and more physical bills are needed to buy products. According to official figures, inflation stood at 77 per cent in 2021, then dropped to 31 per cent in 2023. But for the average Cuban, the official figures barely reflect the reality of their lives, since market inflation can reach up to three

digits on the informal market.

For example, a carton of eggs, which sold for 300 Cuban pesos in 2019, these days sells for about 3,100 pesos. All while the monthly salary

for Cuban state workers ranges between 5,000 and 7,000 Cuban pesos (between USD 14 and USD 20 in the parallel market). To live in an economy that,

in addition to having several currencies, has several exchange rates and a three digit inflation is quite complicated," said Pavel Vidal, a Cuba expert and professor at Colombia's Javeriana

University of Cali.

Centre allows 99,500 tons of onion exports to six neighbouring nations

The Centre on Saturday said it has allowed exports of 99,500 tonnes of onions, mainly sourced from Maharashtra, to six neighbouring countries despite the ban on

The Centre has also allowed exports of 2,000 tonnes of white onion cultivated, especially, for export markets in the Middle East and some European countries.

On December 8, 2023, the government banned export of

In an official statement, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution said the government has "allowed export of 99,150 tonnes of onion to six neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, UAE, Bhutan, Bahrain, Mauritius and Sri

The export prohibition has been imposed to ensure adequate domestic availability against the backdrop of estimated lower Kharif and Rabi crops in 2023-24 compared to the previous year. The ban was imposed amid an increase in demand in the



international market, it added. The National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL), the agency for the export of onion to these countries, sourced the domestic onions to be exported through e-platform

NCEL has supplied to the agency or agencies nominated by the government of the destination country at the negotiated rate on a 100 per cent advance payment basis. The offer rate of NCEL to the buyers takes into account the prevailing prices in the destination market and also

international and domestic

supplied as per requisition made by the destination country

"As the largest producer of onion in the country, Maharashtra is the major supplier of onions sourced by NCEL for export," the statement said.

The quota allocated for export to the six countries is being allowed the export of 2,000

export markets in the Middle East and some European

"Being purely export-oriented, the production cost of the white onion is higher than other onions due to higher seed cost, adoption of good agricultural practice (ĞAP) and compliance to strict maximum residue limits (MRL) requirements," the statement said.

The procurement target for onion buffer out of Rabi crop 2024 under the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) of the Department of Consumer Affairs has been fixed at 5 lakh tonnes this year.

The Central agencies, like NCCF and NAFED are tying up local agencies like FPOs/FPCs/PACs to support the procurement, storage and farmers registration to begin the procurement of any storeworthy onion.

A high-level team of the Department of Consumer Affairs, NCCF and NAFED Nashik Ahmednagar districts of Maharashtra from April 11-13, 2024, to create awareness

FPOs/FPCs and PACs about the procurement of 5 lakh tonnes of onion for buffer stock.

To reduce the storage loss of onions, the department has decided to enhance the quantum of stocks to be irradiated and cold stored from 1,200 tonnes last year to over 5,000 tonnes this year, with technical support from BARC, Mumbai.

The pilot of onion irradiation and cold storage taken up last year has been found to have resulted in the reduction of storage loss to less than 10 per cent, the statement said.

In March, the Union Agriculture Ministry released the data for onion production. As per the data, onion production in 2023-24 (First Advance Estimates) expected to be around 254.73 lakh tonnes compared to around 302.08 lakh tonnes last

This is due to a decrease of 34.31 lakh tonne output in Maharashtra, 9.95 lakh tonne in Karnataka, 3.54 lakh tonne in Andhra Pradesh and 3.12 lakh tonne in Rajasthan, the



WTO body asked to delay ruling on ICT import duties dispute till July 26

India and Chinese Taipei have asked the WTO's dispute settlement body not to adopt any ruling against New Delhi's import duties on certain information and technology products till July 26 as both sides are engaged in resolving the matter, an official said.

The issue came up during a meeting of the dispute settlement body (DSB) in Geneva on April 26.

In the meeting, the two countries asked DSB to delay consideration of a dispute panel's reports until July 26, 2024 in order to help facilitate resolution of the disputes, the Geneva-based official said, adding that the body agreed to

Earlier also, DSB had agreed to three previous requests from India and Chinese Taipei to delay consideration of the

As per rules of the WTO, the panel's ruling will have to be DSB adopted by implementation within 60 days of the release of the order. However, countries mutually request DSB for delay in adoption of the ruling.

In its report, a dispute panel of WTO on April 17, 2023 said import duties imposed by India on certain information and technology products violate global trading norms. The ruling followed a case filed by the EU, Japan and Taiwan against these duties in WTO. In May 2019, Chinese Taipei had filed a case against India in

electronic goods, including telephones for cellular networks; machines for reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data; and parts of telephone sets. India has stated that these ICT products are part_of WTO's Technology Information Products (ITA-2) agreement,

and New Delhi is not part of this pact. India is a part of ITA-1, signed in 1997, which did not have any obligation to eliminate customs duties on these products. Besides formulating norms for

global exports and imports, the Geneva-based 164-member multilateral body adjudicates trade disputes among the member countries According to WTO rules, a

member country can file a case in WTO if they feel that a particular trade measure is against the norms of WTO. Bilateral consultation is the first step to resolving a dispute. If both sides are not able to resolve the matter through consultation, either of them

can approach the establishment of a dispute settlement panel. The panel's ruling or report can be challenged at WTO's

appellate body. Interestingly, the appellate body is not functioning because of differences among member countries to appoint its members. Several disputes are already pending with this body. The US has been blocking the appointment of

Pumps maker KSB

Ltd March qtr profit

Pumps and valves maker KSB Ltd has reported a 7.75 per

cent growth in net profit to Rs

43.1 crore for the quarter ended

It had clocked a net profit of Rs

40 crore in the year-ago period, the company said in a statement on Saturday.

The company follows January

to December as financial year.

During the quarter under review, the company's expenses rose to Rs 483.3 crore

from Rs 432.4 crore a year ago.

Sales revenues rose to Rs 544.2

This quarter we have

registered a steady growth in

sales revenue, which is 11.2 per

crore from Rs 489.6 crore.

grows 8 per cent

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March 31, 2024.

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Indiabulls Real ₹1,038 crore in FY24

 $I_{(IBREL)\,has\,posted\,widening}^{ndiabulls\,\,Real\,\,Estate\,\,Ltd}$ of consolidated net loss at Rs 1,038.65 crore for the last fiscal İts net loss stood at Rs 608.38

crore in 2022-23. Total income also fell to Rs

468.75 crore during 2023-24 from Rs 648.47 crore in the preceding year, according to a egulatory filing on Friday. IBREL's ness loss in March

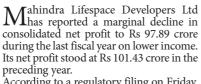
quarter FY24 narrowed to Rs 302 crore from Rs 375.99 crore



in the year-ago period. Total income fell to Rs 39.54 crore in the quarter from Rs 132.91 crore in the year-ago

period. Mumbai-based IBREL is one of the leading real estate developers in the country.

Mahindra Lifespace FY24 profit Estate loss widens to falls marginally to ₹98 crore



According to a regulatory filing on Friday, the company's total income fell to Rs 279.12 crore last fiscal from Rs 659.56

Mahindra Lifespace is the real estate and infrastructure development business of Mahindra Group

During the fourth quarter of last fiscal, the company's consolidated net profit surged to Rs 71.15 crore from just Rs 55 lakh in the year-ago period.

Total income declined to Rs 54.60 crore in



the quarter as against Rs 270.26 crore in

the year-ago period.
Amit Sinha, Managing Director & CEO, Mahindra Lifespace Developers, said, "We closed FY24 with our highest ever annual sales driven by successful launches throughout the year.

Additionally, he said the company closed

in its business development. On operational front, Mahindra Lifespace achieved its highest ever pre-sales of Rs 2,328 crore (saleable area - 2.47 million

2023-24 fiscal year with over Rs 4,400 crore of GDV (gross development value)

square feet, RERA carpet area 1.84 million square feet) in residential business during the last fiscal year. The company also achieved land leasing of 119.4 acres in the industrial business for Rs 370 crore. Established in 1994, Mahindra Lifespace's

development footprint spans 37.33 million square feet of completed, ongoing and forthcoming residential projects across seven Indian cities. It also has over 5,000 acre of ongoing and forthcoming projects under development / management at its integrated developments / industrial



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growth in 04

 $P^{\rm rivate\ sector\ lender\ ICICI}_{\rm Bank\ on\ Saturday\ said\ its}$ March 2024 quarter consolidated net grew 18.5 per cent to Rs 11,672 crore.

It had reported a net profit of Rs 9,853 crore in the year-ago period. On a standalone basis, the

second largest private sector lender showed a 17.4 per cent growth in its profit after tax at Rs 10,708 crore for the reporting quarter against Rs 9,122 crore in the year-ago period. The core net interest income

increased 8.1 per cent to Rs 19,093 crore on a 16.8 per cent growth in loans and a marginal compression in net interest margin to 4.40 per cent. The non-interest income,

excluding the performance of the treasury, came at Rs 5,930 crore, 15.7 per cent higher than the year-ago period. The provisions more than

halved to Rs 718 crore for the reporting quarter, as per the exchange filing by the lender.

Delhi-NCR drops 25 per cent annually in January-March

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The office space leasing in Delhi-NCR fell 25 per cent annually to 18.1 lakh square feet in January-March this year on lower demand from corporates, according to real estate consultant Vestian.

The office space absorption stood at 24 lakh square feet in the year-ago period.

The leasing of office space in Delhi-NCR dropped 40 per cent from 30 lakh square feet in the October-December quarter. The real estate consultant on Saturday released the data for office leasing across the top seven major cities.

Office absorption increased 13 per cent to 134 lakh sq ft in January-March 2024 from 118.5 lakh square feet in the year-ago period.

However, the absorption declined by 31 per cent during the first quarter of this year after peaking in the fourth quarter of

Vestian CEO Shrinivas Rao said, "2024 started on a positive note, as major office markets of India witnessed sustained absorption activities".

"Return to office mandates are likely to renew demand for office spaces across the country and may drive the next wave of growth amid global headwinds," Rao added.

Southern cities (Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad) accounted for 61 per cent of the Pan-India absorption in Q1

Their combined share increased from 54 per cent a year earlier. Moreover, the IT-ITeS sector dominated absorption with 47 per cent share, followed by the BFSI sector with 11 per cent

Flexible spaces garnered interest from large conglomerates post-pandemic, accounting for per cent of the pan-India absorption in Q1 2024.

In Bengaluru, office leasing declined to 26.2 lakh square feet in January-March this year from 33 lakh square feet in the year-

ago period. In Chennai, the leasing of office demand doubled to 33.5 lakh square feet from 16 lakh square

Office leasing in Hyderabad rose to 22.7 lakh square feet from 15 lakh square feet.

In Mumbai, the office space absorption doubled to 24.9 lakh square feet from 12 lakh square Kolkata saw a decline in leasing to 1.6 lakh square feet from 3.5

lakh square feet. The office leasing in Pune declined to 7.1 lakh square feet during January-March 2024 from 15 lakh square feet in the year-ago period.

Vestian: Office space leasing in JPMorgan's Dimon hopes for soft landing for US economy but says stagflation possible scenario

PMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon says he's hopeful the Federal Reserve can bring down inflation without causing a recession but wouldn't rule out more troubling possibilities, such as stagflation.

In an interview with The Associated Press at a Chase branch opening in The Bronx, Dimon said he remained "cautious" about the US economy and said inflation may be stickier for longer and that "stagflation is on the list of possible things" that could happen to the US economy. "You should be worried about (the possibility of stagflation),"

Dimon said. Dimon did emphasise that he's still "hopeful" for the US economy to experience a soft landing, where growth slows but the economy avoids a recession even if inflation remains a little high, but he's not certain that is the most

likely outcome. "I'm just a little more dubious than others that a (soft landing) is a given," he said. The Fed rapidly raised interest rates in 2022 and 2023 after inflation reached the highest

level in four decades. Fed

officials have indicated they

expect to begin lowering rates

at some point, but the timeline

has been pushed back as

inflation remains well above

the central bank's target rate of

2 per cent. Dimon spoke to the AP on a range of issues, including the independence of the Federal Reserve, the health of the US consumer, the need for banks to open branches and the pressing geopolitical issues of

the day. Inflation has been stubbornly elevated so far this year, and a report on Thursday showing growth slowed in the first three months of this year fanned fears of "stagflation", which occurs when the economy is weak, or in recession, yet prices keep moving higher.

It's a particularly miserable combination of economic circumstances, with high unemployment occurring with rising costs. along Typically, a sluggish economy brings down inflation.

Stagflation last occurred in the 1970s, when conditions were far worse than today. In 1975, elected. The steps could

for example, inflation topped 10 per cent while the unemployment rate peaked at

Inflation is now 3.5 per cent

9 per cent.

months.

and unemployment just 3.8 per cent, near a half-century low. If stagflation did occur, Dimon said he believes it would not be as bad as it was in the 1970s. Fears of stagflation eased on Friday after a government report showed consumer spending stayed strong in March. suggesting economy will keep expanding at a solid pace in the coming

Dimon also emphasised the need for the Federal Reserve to remain independent, following a report by The Wall Street Journal this week that said advisors for former President Trump were considering ways to curb the independence of the Fed should again be

chairman removable by the president or requiring the president to be consulted on any changes to interest rates. "I don't know what these people are thinking, or how they think they are going to go about this," Dimon said, saying

that any changes would likely

require legislation.

Chase was opening its 17th "community center" branch on These are larger Friday. branches that are designed for low-to-moderate income areas. They are designed with multipurpose areas that do workshops and financial literacy work for communities in need.

Glennys Arias, 43, lives in the Bronx and works as an Uber driver. She's been banking with Chase for six months and said she typically comes to use the ATM, for check cashing, and to check on her credit. She said the branch has met

her needs and she hadn't heard about the expansion upcoming classes or events. "I didn't know about any of that, but I'd come for that," she said of the programming.

In off-the-cuff remarks, Dimon noted the steady stream of customers. "I love the fact that so many people are walking in here. So many people are nervous

about how they'll be treated

when they walk into a bank

cent higher than that of the corresponding Q1 2023 quarter. Our recent venture into the light water application of nuclear plant segment highlights our ongoing expansion efforts," Prashant Kumar, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, KSB said. The company has received a

letter of award for a project worth Rs 63 crore under PM-Kusum scheme Maharashtra Development Agency for installation of 2,500 solar water pumping systems. Part of Germany-based KSB

Group, KSB Ltd is a leading manufacturer of pumps and

Energy

BUSINESS BRIEF

NTPC TRIUMPHS AT SCOPE BUSINESS QUIZ BONANZA 2024 NTPC proudly announces its resounding victory at the prestigious SCOPE Business Quiz Bonanza (SBQB) held recently at SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi as part of the Public Sector Day celebrations. The NTPC team comprising of K M Prashanth, GM (CC) and Anshuman Srivastava, DGM (CP) emerged as the winner in the grand finale, surpassing stiff competition from other esteemed public sector units. The prizes were distributed by Amarendu Prakash, CMD (SAIL) Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE, Shri Uttam Lal, Director (HR), NHPC and others senior dignitaries from SCOPE. Shri D K Patel, Director (HR), NTPC congratulated the team members for their excellent performance. More than 100 teams from various Maharatna, Navaratna and Miniratna PSUs participated in the quiz from across the country. After an initial screening round, followed by two semi- final rounds, the grand finale had four teams - one team from NTPC and three teams from SAIL. After four rounds of guizzing, NTPC team emerged as the winner

Sai Swami Metals & Alloys SME IPO to open on April 30

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Ctainless steel products maker Sai Swami Metals & Alloys Ltd will hit the capital market on April 30 to raise around Rs 15 crore from public investors.

The initial public offering of the company will open for subscription on the SME platform of BSE on Tuesday and will close on May 3, the company said in a statement on

which manufactures stainless steel cookware and appliances under brand DOLPHIN, has fixed the price at Rs 60 per equity share.

The IPO comprises a fresh issue of 25 lakh equity shares of Rs 10 each. The company has fixed the retail individual investors' quota for the IPO at 50 per cent of the net offer and the rest 50 per cent for other investors.

The proceeds of the public issue will be utilised to fund the company's The Ahmedabad-based company, expansion plans including purchase



machineries, investment in subsidiary company, meeting working capital requirements and for general corporate purposes," the statement said.

The company plans to utilise Rs 6 crore towards working capital requirements, Rs 4 crore for investing in a subsidiary, Rs 2 crore for purchasing machineries and Rs 2 crore towards general corporate

Shares of the company will be listed on BSE SME platform.

manager, while Bigshare Services is the registrar of the issue. Sai Swami Metals & Alloys is involved in the trading and

Swastika Investmart Ltd is the lead

marketing of a comprehensive array of stainless steel products. For nine months ended December 2023, the company reported a net

profit of Rs 1.79 crore and revenue of Rs 33.33 crore. In 2022-23 fiscal year, the company logged a net profit of Rs 3.83 lakh and a revenue of Rs 6.27

JYOTHI SHOOTS HAT-TRICK OF GOLD AT ARCHERY WORLD CUP

Asian Games champion Jyothi Surekha Vennam spearheaded India's dominance with a rare hattrick of gold as compound archers lapped up five medals at the ongoing Archery World Cup Stage 1 here on Saturday. The world No. 3 Jyothi fought past tournament top seed Andrea Becerra of Mexico in a tight shoot-off finish 146-146 (9*-9) to become the second Indian after Deepika Kumari to secure triple gold medals in

a World Cup.
Three-time Olympian and former world No. 1 Deepika had achieved the incredible feat at Paris World Cup Stage 3 in June 2021.

For Jyothi, it also matched her feat at the last year's Hangzhou Asian Games where the 27year-old Vijayawada archer returned with three gold medals, winning individual, women's team and mixed team

Youngster Priyansh capped India's spectacular outing in the compound section, by bagging his maiden World Cup medal in the form of a silver in the men's individual section.

In his second Cup appearance, the 21-year-old found himself up against a formidable

champion Nico Wiener, who flawless delivered performance, scoring a perfect 150 out of a maximum 150. The 27-year-old Austrian shot all 10s from 15 arrows to edge

In the morning session, India underlined their supremacy in the non-Olympic compound category to make a clean sweep of team events, winning men's team, women's team and mixed team events with Jyothi

out the spirited Indian by three

featuring in two of them. Jyothi, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur dropped just four points to trounce Italy 236-225 in the women's compound team event to open their account with a gold medal.

The men's team of Abhishek Verma, Priyansh and Prathamesh Fuge then went one step better as they missed just two points en route to defeating Netherlands' Mike Schloesser, Sil Pater and Stef Willems 238-231.

The mixed team completed the sweep when the second-seeded Ivothi and Verma warded off a late resurgence from their Estonian rivals -- Lisell Jaatma and Robin Jaatma -- to win 158-157 in a thrilling finish. The top seeded women's compound team dropped just



four points from 24 arrows to down sixth seeded Italy in the first match of the day.

In the first three ends of six arrows each, Jyothi, Aditi and Parneet missed the perfect 10 only twice to take a handsome 178-171 lead over Marcella Tonioli, Irene Franchini and Elisa Roner.

In the fourth end, the Indians dropped two points but it did not matter much as they nailed the gold with an 11-point margin.

The men's team, who qualified as the fourth seed, put up a near flawless show to defeat their Dutch opponents.

They began with a perfect round of 60 and dropped just two points in the next two ends, before sealing the win with another perfect 60 in the final set of six arrows.

In the compound mixed team event, Jyothi and Abhishek took a three-point lead, starting off with a perfect round of 40.

The three-point drop in the first end proved decisive for Estonian archers who went on to shoot three perfect rounds of 40 each but the Indians held their nerves to seal the issue. Leading 119-117, the Indian duo needed a minimum score of 39 points out of a maximum 40 in the final end. They did

third gold.

Ivothi then returned in the afternoon session to become the individual champion as

well. The Indian struggled to get a perfect round in the first three ends as Andrea raced to an 88-

87 lead.

Jyothi finally managed a perfect round in the fourth end when she drilled in three 10s with two X (closer to the centre), while Andrea also matched the Indian to retain

her one-point lead. In the fifth round, Andrea faltered under pressure to drop two points, while Jyothi scored a 29 to level it 146-all to force a shoot-off.

Both shot nine-all in the shootoff but Jyothi's arrow was closer to the inner-ring to seal her third gold. Medal rounds in the recurve section will be played on

Sunday and India are eyeing two gold from the Olympic discipline.

The Indian men's team will take on Olympic champions South Korea in the gold medal

Deepika is in fray for an individual medal and will play her semifinal against South Korean rival in the women's recurve section.



Senthilkumar in Batch Open squash semis

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

National champion Velavan Senthilkumar stormed into the semifinals of the Batch Open squash tournament, defeating Jakub Solnicky of the Czech Republic in Paris.

Top seed Senthilkumar, ranked 58 in the world, beat fifth-seeded Czech 11-5, 11-6, 11-2 in 37 minutes in the quarterfinals of the USD 12,000 PSA Challenger Tour event on Friday night. He will face Hong Kong's

Andes Ling in the semifinals. Elsewhere, fourth seeded Indian Akanksha Salunkhe lost to fifth seed Alina Bushma of Ukraine 7-11, 7-11, 8-11 in 29 minutes in the quarterfinals of the Expression St James Open, a USD 20,000 PSA Challenger Tour event in Springfield, US.

Arne Slot step closer to Liverpool job

AP ■ LIVERPOOL (ENGLAND)

Arne Slot took a big step closer to becoming Liverpool's manager after the Premier League club reportedly agreed to pay Feyenoord about 11 million euros (USD 11.7 million) in compensation.

British and Dutch media reported that the clubs reached a verbal agreement on the compensation package, clearing the way for the 45year-old Slot to succeed Jurgen Klopp after this season.

While British media pegged the compensation around 11 million million euros, Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf said Dutch the figure could surpass 13 million euros. Slot has two years left on his contract with the Rotterdam club.

Klopp is leaving Liverpool after more than eight years in which he has won a full set of trophies including the Premier League and Champions

Neither club has commented. With the compensation package agreed, Liverpool can



now negotiate contract terms

On Friday, Klopp described the Anfield post as the "best job in the world." He said he liked Slot's style of soccer but has not been involved in the search process.

"If he's the solution I'm more than happy," Klopp said. "It's not up to me to judge these things, but it all sounds really good to me."

Slot delivered the Dutch

league title last season and the Dutch Cup this year at

Madrid take step closer to La Liga title

Real Madrid moved another step closer to a 36th Spanish league title after beating Real Sociedad 1-0 and extending its lead in the standings to 14 points. Carlo Ancelotti's men need just five points

from their last five games to ensure the title will return to the Santiago Bernabeu

"We are very close to winning La Liga," the coach acknowledged after a hard-fought

On a rainy night in San Sebastian, Madrid put out a second-string team to rest Jude Bellingham, Vinicius Junior and other The new faces struggled for large parts of

the game, with Sociedad having much of the play and plenty of scoring chances. But one of Madrid's new faces proved the difference between the sides.

Arda Güler, the young Turkish attacker, made his first start in the league, and when the Sociedad defense failed to clear Dani



Carvajal's low cross, Güler drifted in at the back post to slot the ball home with 29 minutes gone. Ancelloti paid tribute to the 19-year-old

Güler, calling him "a very important player for our future. "Güler has extraordinary quality, he has great talent. Little by little he will take

center stage. Takakura Kubo equalized three minutes later for Sociedad only to see his goal

disallowed after a video review. Ancelotti introduced

Rudiger and Eduardo Camavinga in a busy second half as Madrid held on to extend its unbeaten run in La Liga to 27

Another satisfying note for the championelect was the return of Eder Militão. The Brazilian defender made his first start since tearing his cruciate ligament eight months ago, and played the entire game. "I am very happy, after eight months out," Militao said. "Very happy to return and play 90 minutes and feel like a player again.



Indian women beat Canada 4-1 in Uber Cup

PTI ■ CHENGDU (CHINA)

Ashmita Chaliha produced an inspired show to stun higher-ranked Michelle Li as the Indian women's team notched up a clinical 4-1 win over Canada to make a positive start in the Uber Cup tournament here on Saturday. The left-handed Chaliha,

ranked 53rd, showed great mental resolve and tenacity as she outwitted world no. 25 Li, a gold and silver medallist at the 2022 and

24-22 in a 42-minute opening singles clash. Chaliha, who was part of

India's maiden Asia Team Championships win in February, took over the leadership role in the absence of the top guns including P V Sindhu and delivered against Li, who is on a comeback trail after undergoing surgery for a meniscus tear on her right knee last August.

Young women's doubles pair of Priya Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra, who had claimed the senior national championships title last December, then beat Catherine Choi and Jeslyn Chow 21-12 21-10 to put India 2-0 ahead.

Isharani Baruah defeated Wen Yu Zhang 21-13 21-12 to help India take an unassailable 3-0

In the second women's doubles, Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker went down 19-21 15-21 to Canada's Jackie Commonwealth Games, 26-24 Dent and Crystal before Kharb beat Eliana Zhang 21-15 21-11 in the fifth and final match to complete the comfortable win.

Bigger clashes lie ahead for the young Indian side as it will face Singapore and China on and Tuesday

respectively in Group A.

In Thomas Cup, India will begin their title defence against Thailand later in the day.



Uzbekistan knocks out Saudi Arabia in Under-23 Asian Cup soccer Association

AP ■ DOHA

Defending champion Saudi Arabia lost to Uzbekistan 2-0 in the Under-23 Asian Cup quarterfinals and also saw its chance of a second successive appearance at the Olympics

Only the top three teams from the 16-team competition qualify automatically for men's Olympic soccer in Paris. Fourth place earns a playoff against Guinea in May.

In a reverse of the 2022 final, Uzbekistan was a comfortable winner. Khusain Norchaev scored on halftime and the Saudis' task became much harder after 70 minutes when

Ayman Yahya received a second yellow card. Umarali Rakhmonaliev headed home to secure the win for the 2018 champion. The Central Asian team will

take on Indonesia in Monday's semifinal. Iraq defeated Vietnam 1-0 to

earn a last-four clash with Ali Jasim scored in the second

half from the penalty spot after goalkeeper Quan Van Chuan fouled Mohammad Nihad in the area.

Vietnam's Nguyen Manh Hung was red-carded for stamping on Jasim in stoppage Earlier Friday, the Korea

apologized to fans for failing to qualify for the Olympics for the first time since 1984. The team lost to Indonesia on Thursday after a shootout "The coaching staff and players all did their best to try

to qualify for our 10th consecutive Olympic Games, but unfortunately, we didn't accomplish our goal," the statement said. "We fully understand that the responsibility lies with us at the KFA, as we are in charge of developing and couperting developing and supporting national teams. We'd like to offer our sincere apology to all football fans for our failure to

PTI ■ BENGALURU

World champion Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal at Tokyo Olympics has brought a 'sense of belief' that Indian athletes do not think of themselves 'any lesser than top global athletes, says top shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor. Toor, a two-time Asian Games gold medallist, says that the change in mindset after Chopra's feat has made the Indian athletes believe they will participate in the Paris Olympics with the aim to win

and not just participate. "Ever since Neeraj Chopra's gold at the Tokyo Olympic Games, it's brought a sense of self belief where each one of us are not just going to the games to participate but we are going there to win a medal," Toor said on Saturday during a any lesser than top athletes, says Toor

panel discussion on the eve of the TCS World 10K Bengaluru. He said, "I think that's the shift in mindset today. We don't think of ourselves any lesser than top global athletes we compete with. Look at the results in World Championships, we had Neeraj and Kishore Jena finish on the podium. We also had DP Manu enter the final in the same event.

Also attending the discussion were 27-time IBSF world champion Pankaj Advani, ace shooter Tejas Krishna Prasad,



Indian athletes do not think of themselves

international athlete and Arjuna awardee Ashwini Nachappa. On the inclusion of squash at the 2028 Olympics, Joshna said that it has served as a huge motivation. "I think it is very exciting that squash will be in the Olympics, to be

honest it should have been there many years ago. "It is definitely a motivator for me to really look after my body, choose my tournaments wisely, and train smarter to be able to compete with the young a lot. It is going to be quite an uphill task, but it is there in my mind," she said.

Cheema, Esha, Divyansh and Elavenil win on final day of Delhi trials

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Arjun Singh Cheema, Esha Singh, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Elavenil Valarivan won their events on the concluding day of the on the concluding day of the Olympic Selection Trials (OST) 1 and 2 in rifle/pistol here on Saturday.

Cheema won the day's first final (men's 10m air pistol in OST T2), followed by Esha in women's 10m air pistol in women's 10m air pistol in

in women's 10m air pistol in OST T2. Divyansh claimed the men's

10m air rifle and Elavenil

clinched the women's 10m

None of the 37 shooters who

air rifle final in a cliff-

have qualified for the OSTs are sure of their Paris Olympic tickets with the final two trials scheduled in Bhopal next month. Cheema won his final with a

score of 244.6. Ravinder continued his good showing in the trials, coming in second spot with 242.4, while Varun Tomar was third.

Qualification Sarabjot Singh was fourth while Naveen was the lowest

In the women's air pistol, Esha extended her excellent

ranked finalist.

run by winning the OST T2 final in convincing fashion. She was a whole point ahead of second-placed Rhythm Sangwan, after the first series of five-single shots. She kept getting stronger as the match progressed to finish with a final tally of 244.9, 3.1 ahead of Rhythm. Palak came in third to pick up the final podium place as Surbhi Rao and Manu Bhaker finished fourth and fifth respectively.

INCONSISTENT CSK FACE BRUISED SRH IN IPL

marting from back-to-back loss-Ses, defending champion Chennai Super Kings will be desperate to return to winning ways when they face a formidable but bruised Sunrisers Hyderabad in their IPL match here on Sunday.

CSK had a good start to the season under new skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad but they have been toppled by the Lucknow Super Giants twice in the last two games. It was an unfamiliar sight for the Yellow Brigade fans to see the Chepauk fortress being breached as LSG knocked down a target of 210 with ease, thanks to Marcus Stoinis' stunning hundred.

With four wins and as many losses in eight games, CSK are currently at fifth spot, tied with eight points with Delhi Capitals and Gujarat Titans and will be keen to find their mojo back as things can quickly go south as the race to playoffs get

Come Sunday, CSK will be up

Hyderabad, who have twice broken the record of the highest IPL total this season but are coming into the game following a failure of their ultra-aggressive batting approach against RCB.

CSK's batting has hovered around skipper Gaikwad, who pulled off only his second IPL century the other day, and the in-form Shivam Dube, who once again impressed with yet another fifty.

While Ravindra Jadeja too chipped in with the bat, the inconsistent form of top-order is a problem. Both Rachin Ravindra and Daryl Mitchell's lack of runs is a concern and it has forced CSK to shuffle their batting order.

Considering their bowling, the hosts had to toil hard against LSG, given the unexpectedly huge amount of dew at Chepauk that took their spinners out of the game and the visitors made full advantage of it during their 213-run chase. While the CSK pacers managed to

capture the four LSG wickets to fell, did not help them either. A high-Come Sunday, CSK will be up against third-ranked Sunrisers ball, whereas the constant misfields flying SRH, on the other hand, were brought to the ground by RCB runs on Thursday.

when they suffered only their third defeat of the season at home by 35

However, it is unlikely to deter the SRH batters who would fancy their chances against an inconsistent

CSK. Against RCB, SRH's top and middle-order failed collectively while chasing, forcing head coach Daniel Vettori to admit that the idea of going all out with the bat in the second innings might not be the right thing to do.

There is unlikely to be any shuffling in the visiting batting order, but Aiden Markram might need to step up, having been dismissed in singles figures in the last two contests.

In bowling, senior seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar is the only one who could be at the receiving end, having managed to claim just a wicket in the last three fixtures. With the likes of Umran Malik, Fazalhaq Farooqi and Akash Singh

waiting in the wings, SRH may think of giving a chance to the Jammu pacer, who has the ability to bowl above 150 kmph.

Given that SRH won four of their last five games this season while defending, they would love to bat first but both teams will also keep an eye on the unpredictable dew

Chennai Super Kings: MS Dhoni (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Devon Conway, Ruturaj Gaikwad (c), Rahane, Moeen Ali, Ajinkya Dube, Shivam Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Mitchell Santner, Tushar Deshpande, Matheesha Pathirana, Simarjeet Singh, Maheesh Solanki, Prashant Theekshana, Rasheed. Shaik Nishant Sindhu, Ajay Mandal, Mukesh Choudhary, Rachin Ravindra, Shardul Thakur, Daryl Mitchell, Sameer Rizvi, Mustafizur Rahman and Avinash Rao Aravelly Sunrisers Hyderabad: Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head, Klaasen (wk), Aiden Markram, Abdul Samad, Nitish Reddy, Shahbaz Ahmed, Pat Cummins (c), Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jaydev Unadkat, T Natarajan, Mayank Markande, Umran Malik, Anmolpreet Singh, Glenn Phillips, Rahul Tripathi, Washington Sundar, Upendra Yadav, Subramanyan, Singh, Sanvir Vijayakanth Viyaskanth, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Marco Jansen, Akash Maharaj Singh and Mayank Agarwal.

batting around 5-7 in the IPL,

GT eye improvement against refreshed RCB | My aim was to take game deep, pick

In need of a total reboot, Gujarat Titans will be wary of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's newfound firepower in the middle-order when the two teams clash in the Indian Premier League here on Sunday. The Titans are now seventh on the table with eight points from nine matches, and they require a victory to float above the growing pile, constituted by Chennai Super Kings and Delhi Capitals who are also on eight points.

To begin with, the Gujarat side needs their pacers to step up. Their pace bowling unit has underwhelming throughout this IPL.

Mohit Sharma (10 wickets, economy: 10.35), Umesh Yadav (7 wickets, 10.55), Sandeep Warrier (5 wickets, 10.85) have leaked runs in plenty while backup quicks such as Spencer Johnson and Azmatullah Omarzai too have inspired much confidence.

Their spinners - Rashid Khan (8 wickets), R Sai Kishore and Noor Ahmad (6 wickets each) have been steady without being spectacular.

The troika's task will be even



their middle-order consisting of Rajat Patidar and Cameron Green.

They can take consolation from the fact that dew will not be a significant factor in a day game, but tackling Patidar, in particular, and Green need much more than help from conditions.

After a modest beginning to the season, Patidar has shown The right-hander, whose

have found a flicker of hope in He made forceful fifties while tackling Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy (KKR) and Mayank Markande (SRH) in the last two matches while batting through the middle

> While his 23-ball 52 carried RCB nearly home against Kolkata, Patidar's 20-ball 50 came in a winning cause against Hyderabad.

smidgens of his batting skills, strength is his excellent eyecoordination rather than

innovation, will be eager to make a similar impact against the GT spinners. Green too was impressive during his 20-

run mark. It has also helped RCB reduce their dependency on Dinesh Karthik and Mahipal Lomror down the order for a late thrust, besides freeing opener Virat Kohli and Faf du Plessis of the burden of scoring in

ball 37 against the Sunrisers that took RCB past the 200-

The GT batters would also like to take a cue from their RCB counterparts.

Sai Sudharsan and skipper Shubman Gill have scored upwards of 300 runs in this IPL, making three combined fifties, but the GT middle-order has not really been able to do a follow-up act.

The likes of David Miller (138

runs), Shahrukh Khan (30), Vijay Shankar (73) and Rahul Tewatia (153) have had fleeting moments but failed to carry on.

The home side will require a heftier contribution from them against the RCB bowlers, who were on the money against SRH while defending 207.

Their frontline pacers Mohammed Siraj (4-0-20-0) and Yash Dayal (3-0-18-1) were exceptional against a heavy-duty batting line-up, keeping it guessing with clever variations even on a smooth HCA Stadium surface.

Leg-spinner Karn Sharma and part-time pacer Green picked up four wickets equally among them to support their lead bowlers.

So, in a day-game they might be hoping for an even more improved show against a vacillating batting unit of GT.

bowlers to target: PBKS Shashank "Before this, in the pre-camp

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Shashank Singh said his ability to pick the bowlers and take the game deep helped him produce the blistering unbeat-en 68 off 28 balls, which played a big role in Punjab Kings' record-breaking eight-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL.

When Shashank entered the field, PBKS needed 84 runs in 7.3 overs to overhaul KKR's daunting 261 for six. Jonny Bairstow, the eventual centurion, was then batting at the other end on 93 off 39

However, Shashank did not bat an eyelid while knocking off 68 runs (2x4, 8x6) in that period as Bairstow added just 15 off nine balls during their third wicket alliance, which saw Punjab raising the bar for the highest run chase in T20s.

ESTATE OFFICE, UT., CHANDIGARH BEFORE SH. SANYAM GARG.

HCS ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER,
U.T., CHANDIGARH.
Subject: Transfer of Ownership in
respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.
3477, SECTOR 35-D, Chandigarh
(RPD 13814) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late SH. GURPARMIT SINGH. is notified for the information of general public

and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt. SH. GURPARMIT SINGH is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3477, SECTOR 35-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 00.00 % Share.

has been informed by GURBACHAN KAUR that h./Smt. SH. GURPARMIT SINGH expired on 8/12/2023 and he/she/they has/have also timated the following legal heirs of the deceased

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

and in the domestic matches, so I have been planning on I was batting to make sure I how to take my innings could take the game as deep as possible. "I knew I'd be deep," said Shashank on JioCinema. **PUBLIC NOTICE** It is notified for the general public that the person has applied for transfer or Flat/ share/ transfer of Lease deed right as under:

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Bench, in C.P. (IB) No. 56/Chd/Pb/2022 filed by State Bank of India under Section 95(1) of IBC, against the personal guarantors for the personal guarantee extended to the lenders of the corporate debtor i.e. M/s Agro Dutch Industries Limited, has ordered the commencement of the insolvency resolution process of Sh. Gurpree Singh Bhinder vide its order dated 23.04.2024 U/s I00 of IBC. The creditors of Sh Gurpreet Singh Bhinder are here by invited to submit (register) their claims with proof on or before 19.05.2024 to the Resolution Professional at the address as mentioned at Row 8 or through email at ip.rajivkhurana@gmail.com he creditors may submit (register) details of their claims through electronic means

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Zaheer picks Pant as sole wicketkeeper for T20



PTI NEW DELHI

ormer India pace spearhead Former india pace of the Zaheer Khan has picked Rishabh Pant as the sole wicketkeeper in his team for the T20 World Cup while handing out international debut to left-arm seamer Yash Daval to add a new dimension to the attack.

One of Zaheer's most interesting selections was the 26-year-old Dayal, who represents Uttar Pradesh in domestic cricket and Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Indian Premier League. He has taken into account Mohammed Shami's injury layoff while picking his squad. "When I talk about Yash Dayal, it's a floating spot when the 15 are announced because

Mohammed Shami will not be

available for the tournament.

need someone to bowl up, you have Yash Dayal. If you want a back-end bowler and if Siraj's form is spotty, he can be used there as well," Zaheer told Jio Cinema.

Zaheer also selected Delhi Capitals' captain Pant as the only wicket-keeper in his squad, overlooking others such as Sanju Samson, KL Rahul and Ishan Kishan. "Rishabh Pant is my only

wicket-keeper. I have given more importance to bringing four pace bowlers. You don't want to sacrifice a fast bowler for another wicketkeeper. You have options like KL Rahul, Sanju Samson, and many want to see Dinesh Karthik.

"At this point, we can consider Mahendra Singh Dhoni as well because of his strike rate! I

players like Samson, KL Rahul, and maybe even Jitesh Sharma.

"If you're building a team for a month-long tournament, your travelling reserve can be your wicketkeeper."

Zaheer named 16 players in his squad, with the caveat that only one player between Gujarat Titans' captain captain Shubman Gill and Rajasthan opener Yashasvi Royals' Jaiswal will be selected as Sharma's opening Rohit partner.

The toughest decision the selectors will have to make will be choosing one opener out of two terrific options. Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal, I think only one of them will make it because the think-tank will want flexibility in the

"A player can't be limited to just one role, they might need to move around the batting

Zaheer Khan's India squad for T20 World Cup: Sharma, Rohit Batters:

Gill/Yashasvi Shubman Virat Iaiswal, Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rinku Singh

All-Rounders: Shivam Dube, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Iadeia

Wicket-Keeper: Rishabh Pant Bowlers: Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, Yash Dayal, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal.

न्यायालय तहसीलदार-कम-सब रजिस्ट्रार, जीन्द मनके श्री खजांची लाल पुत्र श्री सीताराम साकिन पुरानी अनाज मण्डी जीन्द्र स्थित दुकान सकबा 180 वर्ग गज में से 1/2 भाग (90 वर्ग गज्) के मात्कित व काबिज थे। उन्होंने 1/2 भाग (90 वर्ग गर्ज) के भारतक व कोबिज थे। उन्होंन इस दुकार/जायवाद को कारीयत प्रलेख नम्बर 73 मिर्त 20-07-2001 सब र्राजस्ट्रार साहिब जीन्द अनुसार अपने पुत्र सुरेश कुमार व अनिल कुमार के नाम करवा दी थी। श्री खजाची लाल की मृत्यु दिनांक 03-02-2011 को हो चुकी है। अनिल कुमार पुत्र स्वरु श्री खजांची लाल 45 वर्ग गज का GPA डींड नम्बर 21356 मिर्त 19-07-2002 सब रजिस्ट्रार 6 नॉर्थ वेस्ट दिल्ली अनुसार व 45 वर्गगज का वसीयत प्रलेख नम्बर 73 मिति 20-07-2001 सब र्राजस्ट्रार साहिब जीन्द्र अनुसार कुल रकबा 90 वर्गगज का मालिक व काबिज है तथा श्री सुरेश कुमार पुत्र स्व॰ श्री खजांची लाल 45 वर्ग गज के वसीका बयनामा नम्बर खर्जाची लाल 45 वर्ग गज के क्सीका बयनामा नम्बर 3797 मिति 30-12-1999 अनुसार व 45 वर्गणज के क्सीयत प्रलेख नम्बर 73 मिति 20-07-2001 सब उंजस्ट्रार साहिब जीन्द अनुसार कुल रक्का 90 वर्गणज के मालिक व काबिज थे। सुरेश कुमार पुत्र स्व० श्री खजांची लाल की मृत्यु दनांक 01-02-2022 को हो चुकी है उनकी मृत्यु उपरांत 1. सुनीता रानी (पत्नी), 2 मिनाक्षी गोयल 3. स्वाति (पुत्रियान) 4. शुभम गर्ग (पुत्र) उनके कुल वार वारिस है। इस दुकान / वारायदार के कुल रक्वा 180 वर्गणज में से 1/2 भाग (90 वर्गणज) का मालिक अनिल कुमार पुत्र स्व० श्री खजांची लाल व 1/2 भाग (90 वर्गणज) के मालिक व काबिज 1. सुनीता रानी (पत्नी), 2. दिनाक्षी गोयल 3. स्वाति (पुत्रियान) 4. शुभम गर्ग (पुत्र) स्व० श्री सुरेश कुमार है। इस बारे में यदि किसी दिगर को एतराज/आपति है तो इस नोटिस के प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर एतराज /आपति कार्यालव के कार्य दिवस में दर्ज कृत्वाएं। 30 दिन के पश्चात कोई के कार्य दिवस में दर्ज करवाएं। 30 दिन के पश्चात कोई आपत्ति/एतराज मान्य नहीं होगा। यह नोटिस आज दिनांक 26-04-2024 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर व न्यायात्मय की मोहर

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positive changes worldwide.

Mr. Anupam Dasgupta,

'Don't be afraid to commit mistakes' is Chef Massimo Bottura's mantra, that is how his iconic dish came to life, writes Gyaneshwar Dayal

the pioneer

I DROPPED THE LEMON TRAT'



Environment Programme (UNEP) and organization 'Food for Soul,' Bottura people wait to eat at his

Francescana for at least three months. Some say you need to be prepared because the restaurant is fully booked for four months. Osteria Francescana was ranked the #1 restaurant in the world in 2018. The menu includes dishes like Modena's borlenghi, polenta with eel and saba, Aula on tempura, and Tortellini in cream of Parmigiano Reggiano. The chef brought his restaurant to Delhi for Rs 55,555 + taxes per

Under Chef Bottura's guidance, Osteria
Francescana has captivated global palates with
its innovative approach to Italian cuisine. He is known for reinventing the Italian dishes. The restaurant has consistently secured its position among the world's best, offering a sensory journey unlike any other. Iconic dishes such as 'Oops! I Dropped the Lemon Tart, 'The Crunchy Part of the Lasagne,' and

'Psychedelic Cod Not Flame Grilled' will grace the special menus offered during the

Bottura is a philosopher in his own right. He is passionate about making mistakes. That's right that is how his worldfamous iconic dish 'Oops! I dropped the lemon tarts and came to life. Chef Bottura's culinary philosophy, is deeply rooted in embracing mistakes and turning them into culinary masterpieces Bottura shared a story in his interactive session in Leela, about the creation of a dish that symbolises embracing imperfections. It originated when Francescana's sous chef Taka Kondo accidentally dropped a lemon tart. Feeling distraught, Kondo's perfectionist tendencies clashed with his mistake. Bottura intervened, reframing the mishap as a metaphor for the fusion of sweet and savoury, breaking boundaries. Bottura emphasised the

importance of leaving room for poetry in daily life, allowing for imagination and creativity to flourish. "If you don't make mistakes, don't dream big, you end up no where, won't learn a damn thing," he quips This ethos of embracing imperfection and transforming it into something extraordinary resonates throughout his culinary creations. Chef Bottura hosted an interactive session, engaging in a conversation with Vir Sanghvi, India's foremost food expert, offering insights into his culinary journey and philosophy. During the conversation, they had a difference of opinions but agreed on two things. Italians like Indians are mama's boys and two both love their food. Sanghvi remarked, "Massimo Bottura transcends the role of a chef; he serves as a global inspiration, leveraging his influence to bring about

General Manager of The Leela Palace New Delhi, expressed his enthusiasm for this unique culinary collaboration. He stated, "It is our privilege to host Chef Massimo once more at The Leela Palace New Delhi. We eagerly anticipate the epicurean delight that Chef Massimo will curate for the pop-up dinners."
Speaking with anticipation
about his return to India, Chef
Massimo Bottura expressed
his excitament, eaving his excitement, saying, "Namaste, India! I am delighted to return to your beautiful country. In New Delhi, we are working with Culinary Culture and The Leela Palace. I love India - the food and the people - and can't wait to be back and give you all a big Italian hug!' Indeed, chef Massimo Bottura is just not a chef he is a philosopher and a package you could talk to and take lessons for your kitchen and life. Chef is all for dreaming big and how creativity and dreaming big means a lot in life. His mantra: Dream big, it costs nothing and don't be afraid to make mistakes if you don't mistakes you will never learn anything new. Just a trivia here, any guesses what Massimo Bottura was most excited about in the evening, It was his breakfast with the underprivileged children he had invited for breakfast the next morning. So the world waits for Masimo Bottura's dinner and he for a simple breakfast with children of lesser God who give him all the inspiration he needs for his next masterpiece



Standing Alone, and How



MKT impressed with its high-quality ingredients, wellinformed and wellattired servers. excellent preparations, and comfortable interiors. It not only stands out among standalone restaurants but also outshines many star hotels with its overall offerings, says **PAWAN SONI**



modern Indian cuisine, complemented by a diverse Asian selection, came at the expense of the Mexican live Our culinary journey began with a

tender coconut and poached lobster soup. While the lobster soup expectations, the vegetarian tender coconut soup exceeded them. It offered a delightful tanginess, coupled with glass noodles, snow peas, broccoli, and chili-fried garlic. The sashimi platter, featuring salmon, tuna, yellowtail,

scallops, and prawns, was remarkably fresh, accompanied by freshly grated wasabi. However, the standout dish of the day was the salmon belly. Though the three skewers at ₹1335 may seem pricey, this cut is a rarity in the city. Grilled on a robatayaki

with a mildly sweet miso marinade, the salmon belly was incredibly tender and flavorful, justifying its price for the exceptional preparation. Once you have experienced this, you will never look back at the dry salmon tikka available at many other restaurants.

server-recommended starter, the Kimball mushroom, was a delightful mix of enoki, shimeji, king oyster, and shiitake mushrooms tossed in Kimball sauce. This carb-free dish not only excelled in healthfulness but

also in taste. While our appetizers were satisfying, we also sampled two dishes from their Indian menu — *Quinoa* mutton seekh and



Champaran mutton for the mains. The mutton seekh was tender and flavourful, served with smoked lehsun chutney and khameeri roti, a refreshing departure from the ubiquitous

mint chutney. The Champaran mutton was a pleasant surprise, as this rustic Bihari preparation with onions, mustard oil, and whole garlic showcased one of the best qualities of mutton. The

chef revealed that they prepare a small batch very day traditional handi, ensuring authenticity quality. Ôur meal concluded with homemade ice

cream, which was delightful and could was have been enhanced further with the addition of mango chunks. Overall, MKT impressed with its high-

quality ingredients, well-informed and servers, well-attired excellent comfortable preparations, and interiors. It not only stands out among standalone restaurants but also outshines many star hotels with its overall offerings.

FACT SHEET MKT, Lower Ground Floor, The Chanakya Mall Yashwant Place Community Centre, New Delhi Phone: 83769 86799 | Cuisine: Global Rating: Food: 4.5/5 | Drinks: 4.25/5 | Service: 4.5/5 | Ambience: 4.25/5 | Overall: 4.5/5

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A culinary journey through Kashmir

CHEF RAHUL WALI, through his expertise and dedication brings forth a unique culinary experience that celebrates the distinct identity of Kashmiri Pandit cuisine. **DIVYA BHATIA** had the chance to taste his lip-smacking delicacies

Rashmir is known for its scenic beauty but what people often mis on a trip to Kashmir is it Kashmiri Pandit cuisine which is a rich in flavors, heritage and geographical diversity of the Kashmir Valley. Renowned for its exquisite blend of aromatic spices and traditional cooking techniques, Kashmiri Pandit cuisine is a true reflection of the region's history and culinary prowess. Staple ingredients such as rice, yogurt, and vegetables form the foundation of many dishes, which are often infused with an array of spices like fennel, cardamom, and saffron, lending a unique and complex flavor profile. Signature dishes such as Rogan Josh, Yakhni, and Dum Aloo are cherished for their rich textures and vibrant taste Moreover, the cuisine also features a variety of delectable vegetarian options, including Nadru Yakhni (lotus stem in yogurt gravy) and Haaq Saag (collard greens cooked with spices). With its emphasis on fresh ingredients and intricate preparation methods, Kashmiri Pandit cuisine continues to captivate palates worldwide, showcasing the rich culinary heritage of the Kashmiri Pandit community. Recently, I had the opportunity to indulge in Koshur Wuribal, a culinary extravaganza celebrating the exquisite flavors of Kashmiri Pandit cuisine, at The

Roseate House. Often

overshadowed by the

Kashmiri Pandit cuisine

boasts a distinct identity,

tracing its origins back to

326 BCE, long before the

arrival of Wazwan in the

16th century. Contrary to

Kashmiri Pandit cuisine

are very few chefs who

stands apart with its unique

flavors and traditions. There

common perception,

renowned Wazwan,



understand traditional Kashmiri Pandit cooking, but Chef Rahul Wali stands as a beacon of tradition in this culinary landscape where authenticity is often diluted by modern interpretations. With a deep understanding of Kashmiri Pandit cuisine, Chef Rahul introduced us to age-old recipes and forgotten

culinary practices. offering a rare opportunity to savor the true essence of Kashmiri Pandits' gastronomy. Chef Rahul Wali talked about his

journey and passion. Excerpts: Could you share your

journey as a Chef? was born in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, and spent my formative years in Mumbai and Pune. My culinary journey began after Hotel Management from

renowned brands in India and abroad. eventually pursuing an advanced

completing my Bachelor's in Pune. I garnered extensive experience across various Graduate Degree in Gastronomy from Le Cordon Bleu, Adelaide Australia. In recent years, I've been dedicated to reviving and promoting Kashmiri Pandit cuisine through pop-ups, festivals,



and collaborations with hotels and restaurants.

What inspired you to focus on promoting Kashmiri Pandit cuisine?

The inspiration stems from a dual purpose - preserving our culinary heritage and introducing the richness of Kashmiri Pandit cuisine to a broader audience. This cuisine, dating back to centuries, holds a distinct place in culinary history, characterized by unique flavors and techniques. Unfortunately, it has remained relatively obscure compared to the more widely known Kashmiri cuisine. I aim to change that by bringing it to the forefront and showcasing its diversity and depth.

How would you differentiate Kashmiri Pandit cuisine from other regional cuisines? Kashmiri Pandit cuisine is

distinctive in several aspects. Firstly, it predates the more commonly known Kashmiri cuisine, tracing its roots back to ancient times. Secondly, unlike many other Indian cuisines, it refrains from using onion, garlic, or tomatoes in its preparation. The focus is on a handful of traditional

spices, meticulously blended

Additionally, the cooking method involves patience and slow cooking, preserving the authenticity of the dishes.

to create nuanced flavors.

What challenges do you face in promoting Kashmiri Pandit cuisine outside its native region?

While the reception has been overwhelmingly positive, there are challenges, particularly in sourcing authentic ingredients. Additionally, there's a misconception that Kashmiri cuisine is solely suited for colder climates, which isn't entirely accurate. Educating people about the versatility and richness of our cuisine is an ongoing effort, requiring collaboration and support from various stakeholders.

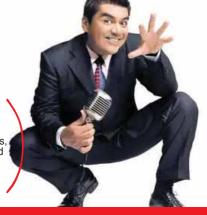
How do you ensure an authentic culinary experience for guests during food festivals and

pop-ups? Authenticity is paramount, although it's essential to acknowledge that complete replication may not always be feasible, especially in diverse culinary landscapes. However, I strive to maintain the essence and integrity of Kashmiri Pandit cuisine while adapting to local ingredients and preferences. Each dish is crafted with care and respect for tradition, ensuring that guests experience the true flavors of Kashmir.

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"I've spent days in cinemas answering questions from the travelling abroad, and all they do is thank





CHRONICLE OF BIHAR, BEYOND ELECTIONS

In his travels across cities and hamlets of Bihar, DEEPAK KUMAR JHA discovers that the local populace loves to have extensive discourses on politics and engage in conversations where the rhetoric of caste is quite pronounced and audible

till considered as some of the most backward districts of Bihar — Madhepura, Purnea, Saharsa, Supaul -- the *Dehati* (rural) thatched structures until a few years ago have all metamorphosed into brick and mortar dwellings amidst lush green mango orchards, banana plants, and corns in the backyard. However, the basic problems of health and education are galore. In every election for the past five decades, people of this region have been promised 'upliftment' by various political parties and leaders in the fray but ultimately the cast die is casteridden, preventing their holistic development.

Migration, which started in large numbers almost three decades ago when Bihar was in the stranglehold of 'Jungle Raj,' continues unabated even under the much hyped 'Susahsan Raj'. "Sitting chief minister Nitish Kumar rode over former CM Lalu Yadav's Raj and people overwhelmingly voted for him going beyond caste and religion, but things are different now. The JDU leader seems to have run out of ideas after a good two terms. His last alliance with Tejaswi Yadav's RJD kindled some hope on the employment front. But such people-oriented development seems to have taken a backseat while caste and religion-ridden politics is back if you look at the pattern of ticket distribution," says Pushpendra Kumar, former professor and chairperson of the Patna Centre of the prestigious Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) who is now working full time as a researcher of Bihar's society and polity. Partly, Bijli, Sadak and Paani (BSP) are visibly translating into votes but what remains invisible, not only in the Dehati areas but even in towns and cities, are negligible secondary, higher education facilities topped by the lack of healthcare facilities.

Amidst these deficiencies the irony is that a plethora of coaching institutes of engineering, medical, and Government jobs across prominent towns and cities like Patna, Muzzaffarpur and Bhagalpur have come up and there is a mushrooming of private medical clinics and diagnostics centres in the principle districts of Darbhanga, Madhubani, Purnea, Katihar, Gaya and

Ara-Chapra. Come election time, there is 'Chah (not Chai) Par Charcha' across cities or hamlets where people love to have extensive discourses over Modi, Nitish, Rahul, Teiashwi or even Obama and Biden. Nonetheless, the rhetoric of caste is loud and audible in the

conversation of the locals, sitting on machans (bamboo cane cots), a fact that still dominates the entry and exit of these villages.

The women folk have to volunteer to supply the motley crowd with tea doses. "Din bhar mein kum se kum 50 cup chai banta hai. Inko koyi kaam nahi, din bhar sirf rajneeti ki baat kartey hain. Unka bhi time katatahai," (More than 50 cups of tea are made for them every day. They have no other work so they spend their idle time talking about politics) observes Neelam Devi, a villager of Satarwar in the Saharsa district of Bihar. The elderly male folks gather as early as 5 am and hang around till 8 am and then come back by 3 pm, remain until dusk at their machans, finding some time to revive the agriculturists in them. Evening chats are conducted within the precincts of temples every 100 yards with the smoke of incense sticks — one for spiritual rites and the other from mosquito repellants — emanating, providing a mixed essence in the clean atmosphere, resplendent with the aroma of cattle and cow dung heaps. And during the wedding season and Janeu rituals (thread ceremony), almost every household performs functions and celebrations in its neighbourhood as everybody looks forward to welcoming either an election contestant or any of his/her representatives preferably the dominant caste of that

village or town. This reporter, who was covering the Lok Sabha 2024 elections in the Supaul area, got the divine opportunity to feast on chaste *dehati* flavours sitting on a gamcha (cotton scarf) rolled over the raw mud field. The serve was obviously puri, salads, papad, aloo-parwal, tomato chutney, dal-bhaat (cooked rice) which has now been replaced by Pulao alongside new *Shaheri* add-ons like paneer based subji and mixed-veg. Sweet delicacies, what they call Sukha Mitha (gulab jamun) and Gila Meetha (rasgulla), Boondiya (besan cooked sweet), and lot of curd, is a must to

earn the tag of best *Bhoj*. However, elderly people regret the fact that in recent times the city culture is dominating as huge decibels DJs loaded on tractors is a must during celebrations.

Further down to a visit to another village Bara in Saharsa, the author halted and then became part of the discussion over a patient, identified as Nepali Jha, being transported from Sadar Hospital to Patna in a serious condition. The patient was transported to Patna in an ambulance accompanied by at least a dozen villagers who, en route, were simultaneously making attempts to establish 'contacts' so that the patient could be admitted at Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS) in the State's Capital city. Despite their efforts the IGIMS turned down the patient and he was somehow accommodated at Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH). All this while, the villagers accompanying the patient kept insisting with the hospital attendants that the patient be taken to IGIMS, but in vain. When this journalist witnessed their

attempts turning futile and one of them claimed to even approach a sitting MP in Bihar, this reporter of *The Pioneer* volunteered to help using bureaucratic contacts in the administration for admission of the patient at IGIMS. The 'mission' was successful and the IGIMS agreed but by that time the patient had to be put on a ventilator back at PMCH and moving him in that critical condition was not feasible. In this grim milieu tea was offered and unfortunately the news about the

patient's demise simply vanished from media attention. Although the villagers profusely thanked this reporter, they were equally troubled about their local leaders and MPs who were not of any help in their moment of crisis and used foul language to curse their apathy.
"The need for better medical facilities

is a must. While several elderly people have moved out of the villages to bigger cities to stay with their children, those who are fond of villages are left in the lurch. Several people have died due to lack of even basic medical facilities in backward areas like in Madhepura, Purnea, Madhepura, and here," said Gyan Mishra, a local villager. While the people in the districts of

eastern Bihar struggled for a decade to get a sanction for an AIIMS at Saharsa, considered to be most backward, they are now annoyed with both the Central and State Governments as the project has been moved to neighbouring Darbhanga, considered to be prosperous. The Darbhanga AIIMS was

inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last year but soon the project got mired in controversy over the tug of war between the neighbouring districts. The matter is now before the Supreme Court. Last year a group of 20 parliamentarians led by Madhepura MP Dinesh Yadav, cutting across party lines launched an intensive campaign for the construction of an AIIMS in

Saharsa, and even met Union Health



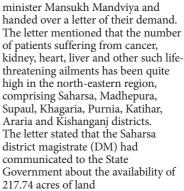












for the construction of an AIIMS, but the State Government announced the allocation of land for the AIIMS in Darbhanga. MPs from Siwan, Nalanda, Karakat, Gaya, Valmikinagar, Gopalganj and Jehanabad had also

signed the letter despite knowing that the people from their regions will not be visiting Saharsa for their treatment. But, when we talk about Bihar, it would be incomplete without the world famed and internationally acclaimed Madhubani paintings which have received several Padma awards. Another delight for the people of Bihar is the folklores of various languages, including charting numbers of Bhojpuri. Most of the popular artists who dominate all rituals including the mega festival of Chhath, is Sharda Sinha, who too has been bestowed with a Padma award.

Most common regional languages spoken in Bihar include Angika, Bhojpuri, Magadhi, Maithili, Magadhi Prakrit, Hindi as well as Urdu amongst other dialects. Currently, Bhojpuri singers have carved a niche for themselves on both social and political platforms and some of them have even become Parliamentarians or are in the current fray to be one. Therefore the raw, rustic lyrics of traditional songs have now been tuned discreetly among the youth on occasions as several of them are tagged as 'fuhar'. They have been duly banned by the State

Government. In one's travels across Mithilanchal, one is struck by the public emotion when people get talking about Madhubani

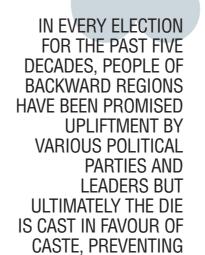
paintings, paan (beetle), makhana, maach (fish) and litti-chokha. Seema Roy, Mithila Painting artist said earlier the paintings were done by women with vegetable dyes on the walls. "Now it is done on paper. The paintings normally depict village scenes, human and animal forms, gods and goddesses," Seema said. "Through your platform let me share the most significant tradition of Bihar, particularly Mithila, as you have already been apprised by its arts and crafts. An unnecessary fish-mutton

issue has been derived in the ensuing political campaign by top leaders and we heard the new age media platforms, including social, discuss a lot on this subject. Let me be very clear, oe it any day of

the week, any festival like Durga Puja (we do not call it Navratra in Bihar), Saraswati Puja, Mahashivratri, or Sawan or any given Hindu auspicious day, we essentially cook and relish on (maach) fish. Mithilanchal is famous as we say pugpug (every step) is fond of paan, makahana, maach, pokhar (pond)," opines a delighted Birender Thakur, a retired school teacher and villager in Bavangaon in Supaul. He also narrated a poem in the local language which had all the auspicious occasions where it mentioned the serving of nonvegetarian food, particularly fish. His companion, Nand Kishore Jha, who was part of the discourse, was quick to add that in Bihar nonvegetarian dishes only mean fish and mutton and not chicken or eggs. Although now eggs and chicken delicacies have made their way in the bylanes, chowks, and bazaars the elderly people do not appreciate the inavsion. Bihar is also famous for its stone pottery, white metal statuettes, bamboo artifacts, wooden toys and leather goods. Several villages around Vaishali are into making of toys. Sikki Work is done by weaving a humble blade of grass into a beautiful basket and mats while Lac bangles are also made in Muzaffarpur. Bihar's rich traditional and culture legacy must not be

drowned by the political din around.

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classes, because even today, voting in rural areas is inspired by several biased undercurrents. Only when the Panchayati system becomes solid and selfreliant will India's democracy be strengthened. The process of reforms can start from the village itself. Women

have become sarpanches but

funds to the development of villages but the benefits instead are spent on things remote from a village or its voters. To this date, the Panchayati system is entirely self-sufficient and those whose dreams could not be realised. In the present circumstances, the Government should make Panchayati Raj selfreliant for which education is the most significant step ahead. Awareness is only possible with education because that alone can make citizens and voters

politically aware. (Views expressed are personal. Author is President of the Indian Research Scholars Association and can be contacted at sagarvikash829@gmail.com)



ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION

FEDERALISM AT RIŚK OR UNITY FORTIFIED?

PRIYOTOSH SHARMA and CHANDRIMA DUTTA address this question posed by sceptics on whether the consolidation of electoral cycles could lead to a domination of the political narrative by parties and candidates vying for power and potentially undermine the essence of democracy by overshadowing the voices and choices of individual citizens

n India's democratic landscape, elections have long stood as pillars supporting our diverse linguistic tapestry and regional pride for over seven decades now. Stating Amartya, individuals can hold singular affiliations while valuing their multifaceted identities. But a pressing question arises: If one Nation, one Election were to happen, would national unity overshadow regional loyalties? Sceptics have raised concerns that the consolidation of electoral cycles as a question of national importance could lead to a domination of the political narrative by parties and candidates vying for power. The emphasis may shift away from citizen engagement and democratic participation towards partisan interests and power struggles. This could potentially undermine the essence of democracy by overshadowing the voices and choices of individual citizens. It's noteworthy that the proposal of One Nation and One Election is

not a recent development. As far back as September 1982, the

Election Commission of India recommended simultaneous elections to both the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies. Additionally, the Law Commission of India's Draft Report on Simultaneous Elections in August 2018 further explored this idea. Given this historical context, one might wonder why the ruling party suddenly embraced this proposal in their manifesto ahead of the 2024 general election. The sudden appropriation of the One Nation and One Election proposal by the ruling party likely reflects a strategic move to prioritise electoral reform and streamline governance processes. However, such a significant shift in policy approach raises questions about the underlying motivations and potential implications. India's governance model hinges where elections serve as the bedrock of our political system. Campaigning, a pivotal aspect of elections, comes with substantial costs. A case in point is the staggering expenditure seen between February and May 2019, where Google and Facebook collectively reported political online advertising spending amounting to ₹58.67 crore. Notably, while Google declared 12,276 advertisements worth ₹29.3 crore, Facebook's India Ad

amidst this financial discourse, we often overlook the ripple effects of reducing the frequency of elections. Such a move could inadvertently disrupt sectors that thrive on heightened electoral hospitality, and transportation. In light of this, it becomes imperative to carefully consider the implications of "One Nation, One Election" on federalism, regional dynamics, and political stability. For instance, the recent issue in Manipur over regional disparities highlights the potential risks and challenges associated with synchronising elections across different levels of government. As such, thorough deliberation and stakeholder engagement are essential in the electoral reform process to ensure that any changes uphold democratic principles and

respective states. The ongoing debates outside of parliament surrounding One Nation and One Election are fueled by contrasting perspectives. Proponents argue that bolster national unity by aligning electoral cycles and directing political discourse towards pressing national issues. At least for a brief period of time this narrative of one nation, one election, would appeal to the imagination of the public, as it would come on a platter of "national interest". However, sceptics raise concerns that this unity could merely be a facade concealing broader political agendas.

Another significant issue that may raise eyebrows among the opposition is the prospect of diminished accountability if

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This could spark doubts regarding the government's responsiveness to pressing concerns, such as notably fluctuations in oil prices, sharp fluctuations in food prices and hikes in gas cylinder costs paralysis party from power through electoral process at least in state legislative

In navigating India's vibrant democratic landscape, it's crucial to recognize the unique context and complexities inherent to our nation. While other countries like Belgium or Japan may offer valuable insights, it's imperative not to blindly emulate their electoral models. Instead, decisions regarding electoral reforms must stem from a grassroots consensus, voting behaviour tailored to India's diverse socio-political fabric. The

daily wage earners exhibit scant enthusiasm for engaging with political rhetoric; rather, their electoral participation hinges largely upon aligning themselves with the party that they could rendering the manipulation of their sentiments a feasible endeavour. Nevertheless, this one election holds the potential to wield considerable influence, particularly in terms of cost saving, especially where the prospect of bifurcating public sentiment during concurrent elections remains plausible.

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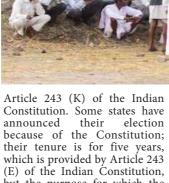
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Panchayati systems are considered to be the fundamental pillar of local administration because it provides rural people with direct participation in the country's democratic process. of local provision government has been in India since ancient times. In Indian democracy, since Independence, Panchayati systems were given their due importance for which different models were adopted. Mahatma Gandhi's ideology regarding the Panchayati Raj system was that the village panchayats should be made solid and self-sufficient so that they conduct all administrative activities at the village level. This is why the makers of the Indian Constitution had added separate provisions for this.

India is the largest democratic country in the world, with about 90 crore voters registered, according to the Election Commission's 2019 list. 'Rural According to the 'Rural Connection Network,' there are

2,39,000 Gram Panchayats all over the country, which are a State subject mentioned in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. The responsibility for their management, financial system, election, arrangement of the structure rests on the State Government. The governance system of India works at three levels in which the third level is local selfgovernment (the Panchayati system). Article 40 of the Indian Constitution contains provisions related to it, which was not an enforceable procedure. The states were not in favour of giving constitutional status to the panchayat systems, saying it violated the federal system. This is why Rajiv Gandhi's 64th Amendment (1989) and VP Singh's constitutional effort (June 1, 1990) failed. Constitutional status was

accorded to Panchayats in 1992 and 1993 by the 73rd Constitutional Amendment, which then Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao worked tirelessly The responsibility of conducting their elections rests with the State Election Commission, provided by



Constitution. Some states have announced their election because of the Constitution; their tenure is for five years, which is provided by Article 243 (E) of the Indian Constitution, but the purpose for which the concept of Panchayati systems was implemented is today helpless in achieving its original objective.

Voters and elected officials engage in conversations, yet the conversation does not begin communication throughout an election is frequently devoid of substance.

Additionally, there are no discussions going on between the candidate and the voter. Prominent political party leaders attend these polls in order to tally their victories. The news certainly delighted the voters when Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose too had to raise local issues like loans. Commission, housing commissions, what issues do you have with the water and roads, he had asked earlier. In

on the state of primary schools along with other local issues. Because of lack of knowledge or education, the candidates' intentions and professional experiences are also not scrutinised during these elections. While the Panchayati system has helped local bodies, only a portion of the projects are intended to serve the villagers. Under such circumstances, every voter ought to select the candidate who best reflects the desires of the people, not the these elections, health and education are burning issues. 'sole' candidate who offers casteism, religion, regionalism, and self-interest. This process The headman often remains indifferent, even as voters focus

can only proceed if there is evidence of improvement at the local level. Voters ought to cast their ballots voluntarily and with diligence in order to support local institutions' credibility and enabling the competent leader's directives to be carried out over a period of five years, both of which encourage advancement. Today, the Panchayati Raj system exists in almost the whole country, but in reality, selfreliance today is far from what was envisioned at the time of its implementation. A provision for reservations was made in the Panchayati system under Article 243A. However, women have been unable to take full advantage of it, so have the lower

they do not run the administration; their husbands step in. A person belonging to the SC/ST category becomes a







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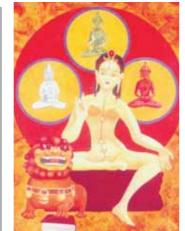




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week is set to highlight your professional talents. Your focused dedication and innovative thinking will significantly boost your career prospects. With a clear and expansive mindset, you're poised to achieve notable success. However, your commitment to work may cause some oversight in personal relationships, possibly leading to feelings of neglect among your loved ones. Stay alert as challenges may arise; individuals driven by envy could attempt to undermine your efforts through underhanded tactics or by claiming your achievements as their own. Towards the week's end, a significant business trip awaits. You'll be tasked with conveying key strategies or ideas, a responsibility that will likely culminate in personal recognition and success. This journey not only promises professional gains but also offers a moment of triumph that acknowledges your contributions.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week, you display a laid-back and relaxed demeanor. Your unique approach to life stems from doing what feels right for you, showing great confidence in your individual path, irrespective of others' opinions. While you cherish your freedom, any form of limitation tends to disrupt your peace. This can sometimes lead to a somewhat negligent attitude, especially in your professional life. Such carelessness could invite criticism from higher-ups and potentially hinder career advancements or recognition you might otherwise receive. The key focus for you this week should be on dedication and attention to detail. Success and respect come through persistence and a disciplined approach. By adopting a more considerate attitude, you set yourself up for success, gaining admiration and compliance from those around you.

Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour Mint Lucky day Monday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

The start of the week might find you feeling a bit overwhelmed and uncertain, making it tough to handle significant choices. This sense of mental turmoil could lead to stress. To alleviate this, you often turn to creative expressions like art and reading, particularly enjoying stories steeped in rich traditions and ancient narratives. Relationships hold significant value for you, as your sense of balance often hinges on interpersonal connections. Your instincts and insight receive careful attention, fostering a balanced perspective. As the week progresses, you might find solace in quiet reflection, often seeking solitude to harness your inner wisdom. Personal growth and insights become central themes. Toward the week's end, expect a surge of new beginnings-be it in your professional life or

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Bronze Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week may present challenges, with rising tensions either at home or at your workplace. You may encounter disagreements and unexpected confrontations that could leave you feeling shocked. Remember the principle of kindness without expectation of return. It's a good time to reassess any joint ventures or collaborations. Midweek, you might experience a dip in your vitality and selfassurance. Prioritize your well-being and maintain a structured routine. Seeking medical advice could prove beneficial during this time. As the week progresses, conditions will stabilize. Supportive influences will begin to emerge, bringing solace across various aspects of your life, from financial to personal. A renewed sense of optimism will emerge, and engaging in calming, reflective activities may provide you with the tranquility you seek.

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Beige Lucky day Mondav



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

The week begins on a challenging note, as you might face rejection in a personal relationship or miss a professional opportunity. Feelings of isolation and disappointment may surface, and if you're in a committed relationship, circumstances could require you to spend time apart from your loved ones due to work commitments. As the week progresses, prospects look brighter; you may receive an enticing job proposal or notice an increase in your financial status through your career. A significant responsibility or project could be entrusted to you, requiring your dedication to see it through to completion. Over the weekend, your emotions might intensify, leading you to grapple with strong desires or impulses. Stay grounded by focusing on your aspirations, using meditation and inner wisdom as tools to maintain clarity and direction.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, you'll experience an unparalleled peak in your life, enjoying fulfillment across all facets—emotional, physical, and financial. A sense of deep satisfaction will wash over you as all your desires find their way to fulfillment. It's a time for gratitude, recognizing the blessings that surround you. Health and vitality are yours; a calm tranquility permeates your surroundings, allowing you to rise above the mundane concerns that usually preoccupy your mind. The days ahead promise joy unbounded and profound peace. Achievements in your financial endeavors and harmony in your home life mark this period. Past challenges will fade, leaving room for affection and mutual support within your family circle. Recognize the immense strength found in love. Cherish those close to your heart, acknowledging their significance in your life.

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Aquamarine Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Reflecting on your past experiences and future ambitions can provide valuable insight, helping to pave a smoother path forward by transforming challenges into opportunities. Instead of avoiding difficulties, consider embracing a new direction that promises enhanced joy and fulfillment. You may face periods of emotional lows or physical imbalances. Rather than suppressing these feelings, acknowledge and harness their influence constructively. Let go of past attachments and focus on the present to resolve emotional turmoil. As the week concludes, a significant decision related to either personal journeys or family concerns will likely crystallize. This period is also an opportune time for rejuvenation, promoting both mental and physical wellbeing. Embrace this chance to foster inner peace and holistic

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Lime



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, your determination and mental strength are key to achieving your objectives. It's an ideal time to channel your efforts and savor the rewards. With a clear vision and resolve, you're well-positioned to turn your aspirations into reality and reach your highest ambitions. This period also marks a significant phase for personal growth and beginnings. Midweek, you may find yourself reflecting on the past, with childhood memories and connections drawing you back. You might feel compelled to reconnect with old friends or revisit places from your past, enjoying the warmth of familiar bonds. The week brings small tokens of affection and moments of heartfelt exchanges. As the week closes, you'll find fulfillment in dedicating time to reflective or calming practices, enhancing your inner neace and focus

Lucky number 9 | **Lucky colour** Burgundy **Lucky day** Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week, embrace a grand approach to life. Your inner strength and resolve are at their peak, making you a pillar of support for many around you. Your advice is highly sought after due to your resilience and compassionate nature. Sometimes, your firm approach is necessary to manage situations and steer them in the right direction. As the week progresses, you might find yourself feeling more confrontational than usual, leading to spirited discussions rather than physical altercations. Your stoic and intrepid demeanor may yield mixed outcomes. Your sharp insight cuts through surface appearances, allowing you to understand the core of any matter. This balanced perspective could prove advantageous, particularly in enhancing your financial standing.

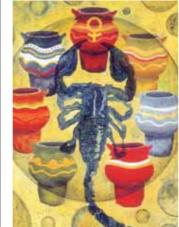
Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour Rose Pink Lucky day Thursday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You often feel overwhelmed by fear and allow external influences to dominate your decisions, leading to a sense of confinement and overshadowing your thoughts with negativity. This can sometimes distort your creativity, causing it to work against you. However, it's important to recognize that you are ir control of your own actions, not merely at the mercy of circumstances. You might find yourself engaging in conversations that could escalate into disputes. Embracing forgiveness could significantly alter your interactions Harnessing your inherent dynamism constructively could lead to remarkable achievements. As the week progresses, you'll experience a resurgence of energy and initiative, presenting an ideal opportunity to pursue ambitions that previously seemed intimidating. This is your moment to channel this renewed vigor for maximum advantage.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Navy Lucky day Sunday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, you emerge as a vibrant force, radiating a brilliant energy. As the week kicks off, you'll find your wishes unexpectedly coming to fruition, surrounded by a glow of positivity and warmth. Achievements are met with This marks the conclusion of one phase, giving way to a tranquil interlude—perfect for savoring the moment and recharging. During this prosperous period, consider the relevance of longstanding beliefs and traditions. They may no longer serve their purpose, suggesting it's time to forge new paths for advancement, whether in your personal habits or lifestyle choices. As the week wraps up, adopt a stance of fairness. In facing challenges, maintain a cool, balanced perspective to navigate issues effectively

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Violet Lucky day Wednesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week marks a period of deep personal fulfillment and communal connection for you. Your focus on spiritual growth is evident as you engage in collective rituals that uplift and inspire. Reflecting on your past efforts brings a profound sense significant projects, like a home renovation. Family gatherings will enhance your joy, adding layers of celebration, accomplishments, and well-earned recognition to your life. Relationships, especially close partnerships, will experience enhanced harmony and mutual understanding. This period also favors securing new assets, whether they are investments in real estate or personal property. The combination of material success and spiritual depth creates a uniquely enriching atmosphere. You receive abundant blessings and support from your elders, making this a truly auspicious time to embrace growth and happiness

ucky number 10 | Lucky colour Amber

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Dicking up threads from the previous issue, let us now look at the relevance of the accessories in her ten hands. First, the conch-shell in one hand. When blown, it resonates a sound note comparable to "O?" - the primal-sound. It was supposedly excited when following causal stress, the first motion happened at the Primordial-Source. That very sound note, in turn, excited the creation chain, which following a course of progressive evolution eventually manifested into a world of name and form. She thereby personifies that very primal kinetic energy, which not simply remains the source and effective cause for all creations in the world but also sustains and recycles the existential order. The conch-shell, thus, naturally symbolises the source energy, up above in the cosmos. The majestic Lotus flower in all colours made of numerous petals signifies enormity and diversity of creation, which is symptomatic of her noble creative intent. In the Indian tradition, Lotus flower is associated with almost all deities identified with one or the other strength potential

involved one way or the other in the creation process. It, therefore, finds presence with Durga, Saraswati, and Lakshmi, the Goddesses respectively personified with physical power, wisdom, and creative aspiration, vital to our dynamic existence. Such an enticing Lotus flower grows in mud underneath water body. Yet its beauty and lustre remain unspoilt, regaling everybody. For, not even a trace of mud or water droplet can stay on flower leaves. The obvious implication is that it remains detached from that very earth matter out of which it's form presence is made. The association of Lotus flower with

the Mother is also a pointer to the fact that though being all powerful, yet, She does not carry any sense of ego. In fact, despite all oddities and hazards coming Her way, She continues to exhibit tenderness, sense of love, generosity and doting nature, as reflected by the majestic flower. Even the killing of the demons is not done out of any sense of revenge or prejudice. Her intent is just to ensure the survival and welfare of Her wellmeaning dependants. For, they are the

Mother calls for full alert against evil forces Mother supposedly carrying different



ones, who, understand and following the laws of nature, wilfully service the existential order laid down by the divine forces. Also, the killing of demon also means that mother takes away their ego and sense of evil.

Evidently, lotus flower corresponds to productive face of the source energy, which following a long-drawn course of progressive evolution brought into place the manifest world with all its enormity and diversity.

weapons provided by the devatas in her remaining 8 arms is evidently aimed at combating the onslaught of demonic forces. The question now is: Why has She been assigned with weapons in 8 hands as against accessories reflecting creative potential in only two? This is simply suggestive of the fact that forces, contrary to our productive aspirations, are far more active and no less potent than our creative initiatives. The evil forces are in evidence all around, making us vulnerable to their onslaught from all possible directions. And their killing potential would be felt much faster and relatively cover a wider range than our productive initiatives. We, therefore, need to be fully on guard and in a combative mode against the evil forces to service the overall needs of our existential order. To drive home this point, the simile of Demon is used to exemplify and forewarn us about impending danger from all around. About the demons, it is said that they are inherently conjurors. They can hoodwink us by making varied illusionary presences and charge us

from all possible directions unannounced, to their asking. Here, weird forms, in which demons are usually depicted, deserve further elaboration. We are all aware that that no such form-existence is in evidence anywhere on earth. It is so characterised just to exemplify in clear terms the danger inherent in the evil forces existing both within and beyond us. The evil forces dwelling within us are no less potent than those from beyond. It needs to be appreciated here that human minds, which is driven by a sense of relative perception, can move either way - if rightfully used may prove rewarding and fulfilling, but when used negatively could prove self-defeating. For, besides carrying humane sense, it also has in store animalistic tendencies. If by chance the animalistic influence becomes stronger, it may prove a greater danger than a carnivorous animal, which is why some of the demons are shown with animal heads.

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