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Delhi Fortress against Farmers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI/
CHANDIGARH

A team of Union Ministers held talks in Chandigarh on Monday evening with farmer leaders to dissuade them from their “Delhi Chalo” march. Meanwhile, authorities in Delhi fortified the border points with neighbouring States and imposed a month-long ban on large gatherings. Massive security arrangements were put in place to prevent the protesting farmers from entering the city on Tuesday. The ministers, including Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal and Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda, held the second round of talks with the farmer leaders at the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration in Sector 26. Leaders such as Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher were among those present at the meeting, which commenced at around 6:30 pm. At the time of going to press, the meeting was still in progress. During the meeting, the Centre has already assured them that some of their demands will be met. However, sources indicate that the farmer leaders are unwilling to relent until the debt waiver and legal

guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP) are fulfilled. The demands accepted by the Centre include granting Rs 10 lakh compensation to farmers injured in Lakhimpur Kheri, cancelling FIRs related to the 2020-21 farmers’ agitation, providing compensation and

and paramilitary personnel equipped with anti-riot gear has been implemented. Multiple layers of barricades, concrete blocks, iron nails, and walls of containers have been erected at three border points: Singhu, Tikri, and Ghazipur. Additionally, makeshift jails have been

processions, or rallies, as well as the entry of tractor trolleys carrying people, in the national capital. The Delhi Police has imposed Section 144 for a month in anticipation of widespread tension and “social unrest” due to the farmers’ “Delhi Chalo March”.



Multi-layered barricading in place at Singhu Border ahead of the scheduled ‘Delhi Chalo’ march by the farmers in New Delhi on Monday PTI

jobs for families of farmers killed in the agitation, and improving the quality of seeds across all crops. This also involves revising licences and imposing penalties on companies manufacturing and selling sub-standard seeds. To prevent the farmers from entering the city on Tuesday, massive deployment of police

established at “specific locations” in anticipation of the farmers’ “Delhi Chalo” march. The police are also using drones to maintain strict surveillance at border points, an official stated, emphasising that they are fully prepared to handle any law and order situation. There will be a complete ban on gatherings,

In addition to a legal guarantee for MSP, the farmers are also demanding the implementation of the Swaminathan Commission’s recommendations, pensions for farmers and farm laborers, farm debt waiver, withdrawal of police cases, and “justice” for victims of the Lakhimpur Kheri violence.

Soft diplomacy at work: Modi brings back Naval veterans from Qatar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

In a major diplomatic achievement for the country, eight Indian Navy veterans were released by Qatar, 46 days after their death sentences, handed down last October, were commuted to jail terms of varying duration. They were arrested on alleged charges of espionage. However, neither Qatar nor India made the charges against them public. Seven of them returned home early Monday.

The eight nationals are Captains (retired) Navtej Gill and Saurabh Vasisht, Commanders (retired) Purnendu Tiwari, Amit Nagpal, SK Gupta, BK Verma, and Sugunakar Pakala, and sailor Ragesh. It was learned that Commander Tiwari stayed back in Doha and is likely to return to India soon.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be travelling to Doha in Qatar on Wednesday after his visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra announced here on Monday, adding that the Prime Minister had “personally supervised” developments in the case. “Prime Minister Modi had personally supervised this issue. This (the release) is



proof of his leadership and also reflects the strength of India-Qatar ties,” the Foreign Secretary said. While speaking to reporters, Kwatra added, “The Prime Minister has personally and constantly supervised all the developments in this case and has never shied away from any initiatives that would ensure the return of Indian nationals back home.”

The announcement about Modi’s visit to Qatar came a day after the Gulf nation released eight jailed former Indian naval personnel. “We are gratified by Qatar’s decision to release the Indians,” Kwatra said. The Foreign Secretary mentioned that Modi and Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of Qatar, will hold wide-ranging talks to further expand bilateral ties.

The Indians returned 46 days after their death sentences, handed down last October, were commuted to jail terms of varying duration. Kwatra also expressed gratitude, saying, “We are grateful for their return. We deeply appreciate the decision of Qatar’s government and the Amir to release them. We are happy to have seven of those Indian nationals back. The 8th Indian national has also been released, and we continue to work with the Qatari government to see how quickly his return to India would be possible.”

In December last year, Prime Minister Modi met Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani on the sidelines of the COP28 Summit in Dubai and discussed the well-being of the Indian community in

Qatar. This meeting was in the backdrop of a Qatar commuting death sentence to jail terms to the eight veterans. National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval played a role in the negotiations with the Qatari authorities in securing the release of the Indians, it was learnt. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said here on Monday India appreciates the decision by the Emir of Qatar to enable the release and homecoming of the Indians, who were arrested in August 2022. Union Minister Anurag Thakur welcomed the release of eight Navy veterans and said it strengthened the belief in seriousness and the ability of the Modi Government to protect its citizens at any cost. “This homecoming of our Navy veterans is a moment of happiness and this further strengthens our belief in the seriousness and ability of the Modi government to protect its citizens at any cost,” Thakur said on X. “Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi means the guarantee of life, limb and liberty of the people of India across the globe,” he said, adding that the veterans were detained “under some false charges”. BJP and Congress welcomed the development.

Nitish survives trust vote

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
PATNA/NEWDELHI

The newly formed Nitish Kumar-led NDA Government in Bihar won the trust vote in the State Assembly on Monday, amid a walkout by members of the Mahagathbandhan led by RJD leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav. In the 243-member Bihar Vidhan Sabha, a total of 129 members voted in favour of the motion of confidence. Deputy Speaker Maheshwar Hazari presided over the session as Speaker Awadh Bihari Chaudhary, a member of the RJD, was removed through a resolution. Chaudhary had refused to step down despite his party losing power a fortnight ago. After declaring the motion as passed through a voice vote, Hazari ordered a headcount following a request from Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, which was seconded by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. To facilitate the floor test, Chaudhary was removed with 125 members voting in favour of the no-confidence motion moved against him by the ruling NDA. Only 112 members voted against the motion. Kumar recently abandoned the Mahagathbandhan, of which the RJD was a key constituent, and returned to



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar being greeted by his deputies Vijay Kumar Sinha and Samrat Choudhary after Kumar-led NDA Government in the State won a vote of confidence during the first day of Budget session of the Assembly in Patna PTI

the NDA fold to form the government with the support of the BJP. Earlier, participating in the debate on the motion, the JD(U) chief alleged that the RJD indulged in corrupt practices during the party’s rule in the State, and the new NDA-led government will initiate a probe into it. Kumar also claimed that during RJD’s tenure, several communal riots took place in Bihar. “There was no law and order. The RJD indulged in corrupt practices during its rule (before 2005)... I will get these probed,” he said. Speaking in the Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav said he always considered Kumar to be a

“father figure” and wondered what forced him to ditch the Mahagathbandhan and return to the BJP-led NDA. “I always considered Nitish Kumar as ‘Dashrath’ (a character from the Ramayan). I don’t know what reasons forced him to ditch the Mahagathbandhan,” he said. The NDA, comprising the JD(U), the BJP, former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi’s HAM, and an Independent, has a combined strength of 128. However, it received a shot in the arm with three RJD MLAs — Prahlad Yadav, Chetan Anand, and Neelam Devi — walking over to the ruling side.

Nyay Yatra shifts gears, turns to Western UP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW

In the wake of another Congress-led Opposition INDIA bloc ally, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), all set to partner with the NDA, the Congress has decided to cut short their ongoing Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Uttar Pradesh by skipping the western part of the State, which is the stronghold of the Jayant Chaudhary-led RLD.

The RLD has been a long-time ally of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and may join hands with the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Though there has been a rift within the RLD leaders and their legislators in the UP Assembly, Jayant has already indicated a switch-over after his grandfather, former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, was conferred with the Bharat Ratna by the Narendra Modi Government last week. Denying that the sudden shift of the RLD towards the BJP has prompted the Congress to leave the western UP region, Congress said the change in the itinerary of the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra is only due to the UP Board examinations. Uttar Pradesh Congress spokesperson Anshu Awasthi said the duration of the yatra



in UP is being reduced in view of the State board examinations for Classes 10 and 12. The yatra was earlier scheduled to remain in Uttar Pradesh from February 16 to February 26 before entering Rajasthan. However, it will now end on February 21 and enter Madhya Pradesh by skipping western UP. “Setting an example of sensitivity, Rahul Gandhi ji has prioritised public interest on many occasions. Keeping in mind the UP Board examinations starting from February 22, the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra will remain in Uttar Pradesh from February 16 to February 21,” Awasthi said in a statement issued

here. “Earlier, Rahul Gandhi had cancelled his rallies in Bengal out of concern for the people during the COVID-19 period,” the spokesperson added. Elaborating on the schedule of the yatra in UP, Awasthi said it will enter the state through Varanasi on February 16 and then reach Amethi on February 19 via Bhadohi, Prayagraj, and Pratapgarh. On February 19, Rahul Gandhi will address a public meeting in Gauriganj in the Amethi Lok Sabha constituency, and the yatra will reach Rae Bareilly the next day.

Desertions galore, Ashok Chavan quits Congress

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a second major jolt to the Congress ahead of the February 27 Rajya Sabha polls and in the run up to the Lok Sabha polls in the State, Maharashtra’s former chief minister Ashok Chavan on Monday resigned from the grand old party. Though Chavan said he had not “thought” about joining the ruling BJP or any other party and would decide on his future course of action in the next couple of days, there were no takers for his statement in the State political circles.

Informed sources close to him said that he might join the BJP and he might be given a ticket by the ruling party to contest the biennial Rajya Sabha polls for six seats, scheduled to be held in the State on February 27.

Following Chavan’s resignation, there were speculation within the State political circles that the ruling BJP — which is the single largest Opposition party in Maharashtra Assembly with a strength of 45 MLAs — might use the “services” of the senior party leader to engineer a split in the Congress ahead of and during the Rajya Sabha polls. The news about Chavan



having quit the Congress surfaced after he called on Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar in the morning and submitted his resignation as an MLA. Before long, he took to micro-blogging site “X” and announced that he had quit the Congress. “I have tendered my resignation as Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from 85-Bhokar Assembly Constituency to the Assembly Speaker Rahulji Narvekar,” Chavan wrote on “X”. “Today I have resigned from the post of Member of Congress Working Committee of the Indian National Congress Party, membership of Maharashtra Congress Legislature Party and primary membership of the Indian National Congress,” the former chief minister added.

India emerges as a global wedding destination

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Mann Ki Baat appeal for destination weddings within the country, more than 42 lakh weddings are expected to be solemnised this marriage season between January 15 and July 15, incurring an expenditure of Rs 5.5 lakh crore. According to estimates from a traders’ body, in Delhi alone, more than four lakh marriages are expected in these six months, which would bring business prosperity worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore. A survey conducted by the research wing of the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) found that

during the wedding season, it is estimated that about five lakh weddings will have an expenditure of Rs 3 lakh per wedding, while about 10 lakh weddings will cost around Rs 6 lakh each. CAIT national president BC Bhartia revealed that following the Prime Minister’s appeal, destination weddings within the country have gained popularity across all types of weddings. Furthermore, it is projected that 10 lakh weddings will incur expenses of Rs 10 lakh per wedding, followed by 10 lakh weddings with expenditures of Rs 15 lakhs per wedding. Additionally, 6 lakh weddings are expected to have an expenditure of Rs 25 lakh

each, 60,000 weddings with Rs 50 lakh expenditure per wedding, and 40,000 weddings with expenses exceeding Rs 1 crore. Overall, during this six-month period, about Rs 5.5 lakh crore will circulate through wedding-related purchases in the markets. Last year, around 35 lakh weddings occurred during the wedding season ending on December 14, with expenses estimated at Rs 4.25 lakh crore. The traders’ body said that banquet halls, hotels, open lawns, community centres, public parks, farmhouses, and various other wedding venues are fully booked across the country, including Delhi. Besides purchasing accessories



at each wedding, a wide array of services is also in demand, including tent decorators, flower decorations, crockery, catering services, travel

services, cab services, professional welcome groups, vegetable vendors, photographers, videographers, bands, musicians, DJ services,

horses for wedding processions, carriages, lighting, and numerous other services, all expected to thrive during this time.

Additionally, event management and packaging of wedding goods and gift items have emerged as significant business prospects. Notably, the wedding season also provides employment opportunities for a large number of people working in the service sector. “Traders across the country, including Delhi, are optimistic about the current wedding season, which commenced on January 15 and will extend till July 15. During this period, about 42 lakh weddings are expected to take place nationwide, resulting in a substantial capital influx of about 5.5 lakh crore rupees through wedding-related

purchases and services,” the CAIT survey report said. “Before the wedding season, a significant amount of business is conducted in home repairs and painting. Additionally, jewellery, sarees, lehenga-chuni, furniture, readymade garments, clothing, footwear, wedding and greeting cards, dry fruits, sweets, fruits, worship items, groceries, food grains, decoration items, home decor, electrical utilities, electronics, and various gift items are typically in high demand and expected to generate significant business this year,” CAIT secretary general Praveen Khandelwal said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Tamanna Thakur D/o Dinesh Kumar R/o No # 438/2 Sector 41-A Chandigarh, declare that my 10th and 12th (CBSE Board) in all certificates mentioned my father name as Dinesh Thakur and mother name Sharda Thakur. But correct name is Dinesh Kumar and Sharda Devi. All concerned note.

I, Abu Bakar S/o Liyas resident of New Dalbir Nagar, Usman Masjid Ke Samane, Near Power House Panipat, District Panipat, Haryana, declare that my son Aslam are beyond my control. Therefore, I Disowned my son Aslam from my entire movable and immovable property in future.

I Ankit Minocha S/o Late Sh. Ramesh Kumar Minocha R/o H. No. 445, Ward No. 09, Patan Mohalla, Panipat, i Break all my relation with my brother Nitin Minocha. Any body deals with them deals at own risk and responsibilities.

I, Harveer Singh r/o 334, Mukeempur, Bulandshahar (Uttar Pradesh) PIN-203001 declare that in Army Service record of my son Mukesh Kumar Singh, my name wrongly written as Harbir Singh. My correct name is Harveer Singh Vide Affidavit No Rd0010878660 Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public, Gurdaspur, (Pb).

I, Naimish Menon s/o Ravi Kumar (Kumar Anju Devi) V.P.O Bhalan, Tehsil Nangal (Rupnagar) declare that in some of my documents my father's name is written as Ravi Kumar Menon, mother's name is Anju Menon whereas Ravi Kumar alias Ravi Menon and Anju Devi alias Anju Menon are the names of the same person.

I, Palwinder Singh S/o Achar Singh R/o Village Bhullar declare that I bought a plot from Balwinder Singh S/o Sardul Singh R/o Village Manawala in Ajnala Chogawan road Colony at Chogawan and the Registry which was earlier in his name has been lost somewhere. If anyone finds it, please send it to me. 98721-61144.

I Sudhir Kumar S/o Ramanand R/o House No. 3023, Sector 24-D, Chandigarh inform that my son Kamal Kumar out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deals with him at their own Risk.

I Labh Singh S/o Hernek Singh Village Changli Tehsil Dhuri District Sangrur inform that my daughter-in-law Loverpreet Kaur and Granddaughter Sehjpreet Kaur out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Smt. Rita Devi spouse of No. JC-387482M Rank Sub Name Bhupinder Singh of Unit 10 Corps Sp Regt (AREN), Pin 916910 C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) resident of Plot No. 131, Near Rising Sun Education Centre, Bhawani Nagar, Koyala Nagar, Daheli Sujampur, Kanpur Nagar, COD Kanpur Nagar State Uttar Pradesh have changed my name from Reeta Devi to Rita Devi and DOB from 08.08.1984 to 01.08.1980 vide affidavit dated 08.02.2024 before the court of Bathinda. (Punjab).

I Smt. Jagriti spouse of No. 15487887Y Rank DFR Name Yadvendra Dubey resident of Gram Sonaharia, Post Chochakpur, Distt. Ghazipur State Uttar Pradesh-233224 have changed my name from Jagriti Dubey to Jagriti vide affidavit dated 08.02.2024 before the court of Bathinda. (Punjab). I have changed my name from Jagriti Dubey to Jagriti

I, Kuldip Singh, Ex No-Tj-5067-H, Rank-Sub, Residence Of Vill-Dhyanpura, Po-Kurali, Tehsil-Chamkaur Sahib, District-Rupnagar, State- Punjab Declare That I Change My Daughter Name (Simran To Simranpreet Kaur) And Date Of Birth (14-03-1998 To 12-02-1997) Due To Erroneously Recorded In My Army Record.

I Army No-Jc-821094x, Nb/Sub (Mp) Saroj Kumar Jha, Unit 5 Mtn Pro Unit, C/O Apo Declare That In My Army Record My Mother Name Is Wrongly Recorded As Chandni Devi. Her Correct Name Is Chanamuni Devi.

I, JC 510608L, Subedar (Hony Capt), Gurmeet Singh (Retd) (UIAI No- 742151763159) residence of Midway Colony, Shanti Niketan, Ward No- 04, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab- 152026, Declared That in my Army service record, name of my son is wrongly written as Vikasdeep Singh but his correct name is Vikasdeep Singh. Please correct it.

I, Army No- 3382486V, Hav, Harpal Singh (Retd) (UIAI No- 453913493712) resident of VPO- Pakan, Teh- Fazilka, Distt- Fazilka, Punjab- 152124, Declared That in my Army service record, name of my daughter is wrongly written as Sarabjit Kaur but her correct name is Sharanjeet Kaur. Please correct it.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rita Kumari W/o Dinesh Kumar Jakhar R/o H.No- 27 Defence Colony, Sec-A, Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Rita Kumari to Rita Jakhar.

I, Viren Talwar S/o Sh. Navrattan Talwar R/o Flat No. 84, Block - 6, 4th floor, Mohali Employees Co-operative House Building Ltd. Opp. Army Law College Sector 68 SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name to Virenn Talwaar.

I, Geetu Gupta D/o Sh. Sanjay Gupta W/o Sh. Parul Khanna R/O #2022 Sector 15C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Geetu Khanna.

I, Harsh S/o Bhupinder Kumar R/o H.No. 28, Prem Colony, Near Deepak Mandir, Sonipat have changed my name to Harsh Kumar for all purposes.

I, Gaurav S/o Krishan Lal R/o Village Ghugli, PO Hariana, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab (India) 144208, have chnged my name to Gaurav Singh Saini. All please note.

I Pooja Singla W/o Sh. Ankur Kansal R/O H.No. 257/5, Gandhi Nagar, Jind have changed my name from Pooja Singla to Pooja Kansal for all future purposes.

I, Anil Kumar Sharma S/o Roshan Lal Sharma R/O 1173-C/6, Durga Colony, Opp ESI Hospital, Near Durga mandir, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Anil Kumar Sharma to Anil Sharma. In future I shall be known as Anil Sharma.

I, Gurmit Kaur W/o No. 1053697W ex Sep Surjit Singh S/O Karam Singh R/O 42, Ashok Vihar, Kansepur Road, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Gurmit Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur and changed date of birth from 01.07.1960 to 15.05.1958.

I, Sonia Kamboj W/o Ravinder Kamboj R/O 97, Laxmi Nagar, Near Sarojini Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sonia Kamboj to Sohani Devi.

I, Parmod Kumar Ahuja alias Parmod Kumar S/O Bhim Sain Ahuja R/o 147, Vishnu Nagar, Jagadhri Workshop, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Parmod.

I, Rajinder Kumar Aggarwal S/O Prem Chand R/O 1066, Sector 26, Panchkula have Changed My Name To Rajinder Aggarwal.

I, Harish Dhingra S/o Sh. Sohan Lal R/O H. No. 2007, Sector-14-P, Hisar (Hry) have changed my name from Harish Kumar to Harish Dhingra for all purposes in future.

I, Sangeeta W/o Sh. Harish Dhingra R/O H. No. 2007, Sector-14-P, Hisar (Hry) have changed my name from Sangeeta Rani to Sangeeta for all purposes in future.

I, Ritesh Kumar Nandwani S/O Om Parkesh Nandwani R/O H.No.1003, 10th Floor, S-6, Harmony Homes Eledco Hi Street, Sector-40, Shimla Mulana, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Ritesh, Ritesh Nandwani to Ritesh Kumar Nandwani, for all future purposes.

I, Satbir Singh S/o Ram Kishan R/o H.No.380/16, Near Mayan Ka Gurudwara, Tehsil Camp, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Satbir Singh S/o Ram Kishan to Satbir Verma S/o Ram Kishan Verma, for all future purposes.

I, Simmi Dubey w/o Deep Narayan Tiwari, R/o #3051/1, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh have changed my name after marriage to Simmi Tiwari.

I, Archana W/O Asheesh Kumar Pal R/O 3083 Sector 15-D Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Archana Pal.

I, Heirithabam Moizing Shah Alam Khan Father of Mirha R/o #334-C, Raipur Khurd, Chandigarh have changed my Daughter name from Mirha to Moichingmayum Mirha vide Affidavit Dated 09-02-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Saroj Spouse of Ashok Kumar Bishnoi R/O #3312, Sector 31-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Saroj to Saroj Bishnoi and my date of birth is 22.10.1995 vide Affidavit Dated 10-02-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Surinder Singh S/O Purshotam Singh R/O H.No-353, Sec-9, Urban Estate, Ambala City have changed my name from Surinder Singh Dhamija to Surinder Singh.

I, Harvinder Kaur W/o Surinder Singh R/O H.No-353, Sec-9, Urban Estate, Ambala City have changed my name from Harvinder Kaur Dhamija to Harvinder Kaur.

I, Sukhvinder Singh S/o Gurjeet Singh R/O H.No- 416 Lohsimli Road Near Patti Acharjan, Uttam Singh Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Sukhvinder Singh to Sukhvinder Singh. All concerned Please note.

I, Pritam Dass S/o Vasdev Kalra R/o H.No.386, Sector-11, Huda, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Pritam Dass to Pritam Kalra. in future I should be known as Pritam Kalra.

I, Mukhtiar Kaur Mother of No. 14938656L Rank NK Name Jaspal Singh R/O V&PO Duggan, Teh. Sangrur, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab-148001 have changed my date of birth in army record from 01-07-1965 to 01-01-1961 vide affidavit dated 12-02-2024 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Sukhdeep Kaur Wife of No. 14938656L Rank NK Name Jaspal Singh R/O V&PO Duggan, Teh. Sangrur, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab-148001 have changed my date of birth in army record from 02-02-1987 to 01-01-1987 vide affidavit dated 12-02-2024 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Ritika Verma W/o Sahil Bagga R/O H.No.1, Palm City, Una Road, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Ritika Verma to Ritika Bagga. After my marriage. Concerned note.

I, Uдай Ram S/o Mahavir Singh R/O Village Surja Khera Postoffice Narwana, District Jind, have changed my minor son's name from Krish alias Ayush to Ayush.

I, Aparna Mistri w/o No.2501943A Rank NK Prabir Biswas r/o VPO Fultala Tehsil Barasat Distt North 24 Parganas (West Bengal) have changed my name from Aparna Mistri to Aparna Biswas (Mistri) due to wrong name recorded in my husband's Army service record.

I, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Avtar Singh r/o Vill Dhariawal Kalan, PO Passnawal, Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Sukhwinder Singh Dhalival to Sukhwinder Singh. Concerned note.

I, Gurmeet Singh Dhanerwal S/o Ronak Ram R/o Jawahar Nagar, Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh.

I, Baljit Kaur Dhanerwal R/O Gurmeet Singh R/O Jawahar Nagar, Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Baljit Kaur.

I, Malkit Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/O Damkora Tehsil Tohana Distt Fatehabad, have change my name Malkit Singh to Malkheet Singh.

I, Garima Devi D/o Suresh Kumar R/o Near Post Office Adampur Distt. Hisar, have change my name Garima Devi to Garima.

I, Krishma W/o Mahesh Kumar R/o H.No.337/2, Ward No.11, Railway Road, Banga (Rural) Nawashahr have changed my minor son's name from Saksham to Saksham Bhargav

I, Rehana W/o Salim R/O House No. 2337, Ram Darbar, Phase-II, Chandigarh inform that in my son Hussain Birth Certificate my name wrongly recorded Ruby. My correct Name is Rehana.

I, Firoz Khan Ansari S/O Shabbir Ahmed R/O #428, Amarpuri Colony, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar Have Changed My Name Ifroz Khan To Firoz Khan Ansari.

I, Sarbjit Singh S/O Jagir Singh R/O Village Gagagr Bhana, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, I Have Changed My Name Sarabjit Singh To Sarbjit Singh

I, Gurdeep Singh S/O Balbir Singh R/O Village Ibban Kalan, Distt. Amritsar, I Have Changed My Name To Gurdeep As Given Name And Singh As Surname.

I Harshdeep Singh S/O Jasbir Singh R/O #237a, Sector 51-A, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Harshdeep Singh To Harshdeep Singh Saini.

I, Hitherto Known As Rupinder Singh Joga Singh S/O Joga Singh R/O Village & Po Bhatnura Lubana Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab 144201, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rupinder Singh. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I Lal Giri @ Shri Mahant Lal Giri S/O Sh. Indar Giri R/O Shri Shanaleswar Mahadev Shiv Mandir Dera Nalas Kalan, Rajpura, Distt Patiala, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Shri Mahant Lal Giri.

I, Rajan Singh S/O Sh. Manmohan Singh Residents Of B9/1265a Vishnu Nagar Jagadhri Workshop Yamuna Nagar Have Changed My Name From Rajan To Rajan Singh.

I Sudesh Kumari W/O Pawan Kumar Sahota, Ro House Number 30 Ground Floor, Block - B, Sector 20 Ansal Town, Ambala Road, Jagadhri. That I Have Changed My Name From Sudesh Kumari To Sudesh Kumari Sahota.

I, Rajan Singh S/o Sh. Jarnail Singh Resident Village - Dharam Kot, Tehsil - Bilaspur, District - Yamunanagar have changed my name from Rajan Singh to Sukhjinder Singh. All concerned Please note.

I, Sukhjinder Singh S/o Sh Jarnail Singh Resident Village - Dharam Kot, Tehsil - Bilaspur, District - Yamunanagar have changed my name from Sukhjinder Singh to Sukhjinder. All concerned Please note.

I, Ajaypal Singh S/o Dilbag Singh R/O Village Bhail Dhaiwala, PO Fatehabad, Tehsil Khadur Sahib, District TamTaran, Punjab, India have changed my name from Ajaypal Singh to Singh is my surname and Ajaypal is my given name.

I Nirbaih Singh S/o Balbir Singh R/o VPO Bhullar, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur declare that I have changed my name from Nirbaih Singh to Nirbhay Singh. Concerned note.

I, Lakhvir S/o Ram Lal R/o Village Gurka, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Lakhbir Kumar.

I, Suman W/o Army No. 15151655W Hav (OPR) Praveen Kumar, Vill. Rasoi, P.O. Nathupur, Teh: Rai, Distt. Sonipat, Haryana-131029, in my husband service records my name by default recorded Suman Sharma. I declare that my correct name is Suman for all future purposes.

I, Suman W/o Army No. 15151655W Hav (OPR) Praveen Kumar, Vill. Rasoi, P.O. Nathupur, Teh: Rai, Distt. Sonipat, Haryana-131029, my date of birth in my husband service record has been recorded 8.2.1988 by fault. I declare that my correct DOB is 5.2.1988 for all future purposes.

I, Malkiyat Singh S/o Sawarn Singh R/O 129/14, Fouji Plot, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, declare my Given name is Malkiyat and Surname is Singh.

I, Jagdish Chand S/O Risal Singh R/O Village Uplani, Tehsil Assandh, Distt. Karnal declare that my name in my Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Voter Card and Family ID is Jagdish Chand and in my 10th class school certificate my name is Jagdish Chander. Jagdish Chand and Jagdish Chander both are my names.

I, Praveen Kumar S/O Sh. Ishwer R/O Village Khokhri Tehsil & Distt. Jind Have Changed My Name From Praveen Kumar To Parveen Kumar.

I, Sujata Appaso More Spouse Of No.15676631a Hav More Appaso Uddhavarao, Resident Of Village- Targaon, Post- Targaon, Tehsil- Koregaon, District- Satara, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 415107, Have Changed My Name From Sujata To Sujata Appaso More Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb8343509984904w Dated 06 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Meena Spouse Of No.14681889F Nk/Tech (Comm) Naveen Ghanti Resident Of Village- Near Sayi Mandir, Shri Ram Nagar Bailhongal, Post- Bailhongal, Tehsil- Bailhongal, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin- 591102, Have Changed My Name From Meena To Meena Ghanti Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb850516939157773w Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Kanti Devi Spouse Of Mr Manoj Kumar Resident Of Village- Sakruli, Post- Marhapur, Tehsil- Bangamau, District- Unnao, State- Up, Pin- 209868, Have Changed My Name From Kanti Devi To Kanti Yadav Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb83674507948157w Dated 07 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, NO.JC- 706984L Sub Magar Ravasaheb Resident Of Village- Kokatnur, Post- Kokatnur, Tehsil- Athani, District- Belgavi, State- Karnataka, Pin- 591230, Have Changed My Daughter Name From Raksha To Raksha Magar Vide Affidavit No-Pb84166194429756w Dated 08 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, NO.14681889F Nk/Tech (Comm) Naveen Ghanti Resident Of Village- Near Sayi Mandir, Shri Ram Nagar Bailhongal, Post- Bailhongal, Tehsil- Bailhongal, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin- 591102, Have Changed My Daughter Name From Arohi To Arohi Naveen Ghanti Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85049624526639w Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Vaishali Mother Of No.14681889F Nk/Tech (Comm) Naveen Ghanti Resident Of Village- Near Sayi Mandir, Shri Ram Nagar Bailhongal, Post- Bailhongal, Tehsil- Bailhongal, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin- 591102, Have Changed My Name From Vaishali To Indu Ghanti Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85052725617890w Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Jonnada Lavanya Spouse Of Mr Jonnada Kiran Kumar Resident Of Village- M P East, Post- Nellimarla, Tehsil- Nellimarla, District- Vizianagaram, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 535217, Have Changed My Name From Jonnada Lavanya To Pathivada Lavanya Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85043741607294w Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Sanjeev Kohli alias Sanjay Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/o 1930/13, Gali Deva Singh, Chowk Lachhmanas, Amritsar Punjab have changed my name from Sanjeev Kohli alias Sanjay Kumar to Sanjeev Kohli.

I, Ajaypal Singh S/o Dilbag Singh R/O Village Bhail Dhaiwala, PO Fatehabad, Tehsil Khadur Sahib, District TamTaran, Punjab, India have changed my name from Ajaypal Singh to Singh is my surname and Ajaypal is my given name.

I, NO.JC- 706984L Sub Magar Ravasaheb Resident Of Village- Kokatnur, Post- Kokatnur, Tehsil- Athani, District- Belgavi, State- Karnataka, Pin- 591230, Have Changed My Son Name From Adarsha Ravasab To Adarsha Magar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb84167185474561w Dated 08 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, NO.14662424m Hav Chandan Kumar Resident Of Village- Mathihani, Post- Mathihani, Tehsil & District- Begusarai, State- Bihar, Pin- 851129, Have Changed My Father Name & Dob From Vidya Sagar Sah To Vidhasagar Sah And Date Of Birth From 01 July 1949 To 06 Feb 1945 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb80999442065012w Dated 30 Jan 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.Jc-543613w Nb/Sub Manoj Kumar Kharkwal Resident Of Village- Suie Khais Kande, Post- Galchaura, Tehsil- Lohaghat, District- Champawat, State- Uttarakhand, Pin- 262524, Have Changed My Name From Manoj Kumar Kharkwal To Manoj Kumar Kharkwal Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb84865790665242w Dated 10 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Vimala Shahi Spouse Of No.4196225I Hav Devendra Singh Shahi Resident Of Village- Lalpur Nayak, Tehsil- Haldwani, District- Nainital, State- Uttarakhand, Pin- 263139, Have Changed My Name From Vimala Shahi To Vimla Shahi Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb84456352497828w Dated 09 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, NO.15412602a Hav Satyapati Pandey Resident Of Village- Retwa Chandrabhanpur, Post- Kalan Katwali, Tehsil- Lalgaon, District- Azamgarh, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin- 276202, Have Changed My Daughter Name From Sherya Pandey To Shreya Pandey Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb83675431191522w Dated 08 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Digar Singh Father Of No.4195984y L/ Hav Pushkar Singh Resident Of Isai Farm, Phoolchaur, P-8 Anandpur Haldwani, Phoolchaur, District- Nainital, State- Uttarakhand, Pin- 263139, Have Changed My Name From Digar Singh To Digar Singh Karki Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85053538277603w Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Narayani Devi Mother Of No.4195984y L/ Hav Pushkar Singh Resident Of Isai Farm, Phoolchaur, P-8 Anandpur Haldwani, Phoolchaur, District- Nainital, State- Uttarakhand, Pin- 263139, Have Changed My Name From Narayani Devi To Naraini Devi Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85054259268987w Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Kaushaliya Devi (Existing Name) W/O No. Jc201641h Ex Nb Sub Sarup Singh Ahlawat Resident Of H No. A-64, Preet Vihar, Kanheli Road, Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name In My Husband's Army Record From Kaushaliya Devi (Existing Name) To Kaushlya Devi (Proposed New Name) My Correct/Actual Dob Is 15.01.1960 Instead Of 01.07.1958. In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Kaushlya Devi (Dob: 15.01.1960) Vide Affidavit Dated Feb 2024 Before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak)

I Sunitha Hooda (Existing Name) W/O No. 710028t Ex Sgt Chand Singh Hooda Resident Of Vpo Ghusukani Tehsil Rohtak, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name Spelling From Sunitha Hooda (Existing Name) To Sunita Hooda (Proposed New Name) My Correct/Actual Dob Is 02.10.1968 . In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Sunitha Hooda (Dob: 02.10.1968) Vide Affidavit Dated Feb 2024 Before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak)

I Premi Devi Kalsi W/O Ramesh Chand Kalsi Puro Barsar Tehsil Barsar Distt. Hamirpur (H.P.) Have Declared That In My Passport No. K1430971 Name Of My Husband Is Entered As Ramesh Chand Instead Of Ramesh Chand Kalsi. All Concerned Please Note It.

I Velvizhi Perumal Is Spouse Of Army No. Jc-312547n Sub/Hony Lt Perumal C Presently Serving In Unit Of 22 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Residing At Door No. 4/16, Rajarajan Street. Ponni Nagar Village Karumbakkam P.O. Porur Distt. Tiruvalur Tamil Nadu Pin-600116 Have Change My Name In All Documents From M Velvizhi To Velvizhi Perumal Vide Affidavit Dated 12 February 2024 Before At Notray Ferozeapur.

I, Santosh Devi Mother Of Aman Kumar Residing At Village Milk Khas, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, Pin 135102 Have Changed My Name From Santosh To Santosh Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 12 February 2024 Before At Notray Ferozeapur.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF

Shri Vikash

Judicial Magistrate

1st Class, Gurugram

INDIABULLS CONSUMER

FINANCE LTD

VS.

AASIEMUL QADRI

REGINALD

CIS NO-32838/2018

CNR NO. HRGR03-052861-2018

NEXT DATE:-17-02-2024

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:

AASIEMUL QADRI REGINALD

son of Reginald Dsiva Flat No. W-303, Bldg no. 5, Veena Dyansty Bldg, Evershine City last stop Vyasai East, Maharashtra 401208

In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 17-02-2024 at 10:00 a.m. For details login to https://highcourthcdg.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Gurugram

Judicial Magistrate

1st Class, Gurugram

Dated, this day of 15-01-2024

Election Notice

ਦਫਤਰ ਉੱਪ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਯਾਤੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਕਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ

ਦੇ ਨੇਮ/ਨੇਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਇਤਕਸ਼

ਦੀ ਮੁਕਤ ਸਹਿਯਾਤੀ ਮੈਂਬਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਕਰ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟਿਡ ਸੋਨ-ਇੰਟੀ ਇਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ਼ ਮੈਂਟਰਿੰਗ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਕਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਭੇਡ ਆਦ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰਾਟ ਤੇ ਨਿਰਾਖਰ ਮੁਤਮ ਤੇ ਆਖਰ ਚਾਰ ਵੰਨਾਂ ਨਵੇਂ ਜੇਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਯਾਤੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਮੈਂਟਰ ਆਦਿ ਆਦਿ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ/ਕਰ-1/ਸ.ਰ/ਮਲੋਟ/162 ਮਿਤੀ 30.01.2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਹਿਤ ਨਿਲਮਤਸਰਾਖੀ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਲਈ ਭੇਜੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਜੇਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਸ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਅਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ਼ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਜੇਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਤੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਕਸ਼ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਇਤਕਸ਼ ਨਿਲਮਤਸਰਾਖੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ, ਦਫਤਰ ਉੱਪ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਯਾਤੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਕਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਨਵੀਂ ਅਲਾਮ ਮੰਡੀ ਸਾਹਨਵੇਂ ਕਰਨੇਲ ਲਿਨਿਅਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਕਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਮਿਤੀ 28.02.2024 ਤੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਲਈ 11:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਦਾਖਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਦਾਖਲ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਇਤਕਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਵੀ ਨਿਲਮਤਸਰਾਖੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 29.02.2024 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11 ਵਜੇ ਵੀਜ਼ੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਇਤਕਸ਼ ਦਾਖਲ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਤਕਸ਼ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜ਼ੁਰਮਤੀ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਅਧੀਨ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਜਾਣੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨੋਟਿਸ਼ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਫ ਦੀ ਸੂਝਵਾਣੀ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਅੱਤ ਮੌਕੇ ਤੇ ਹਾਕਮ ਆਦਿ ਤੋਂ ਰੋਕਥਾਮ। ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਜੇਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਮਿਤੀ 01.03.2024 ਨੂੰ ਨਿਲਮਤਸਰਾਖੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11 ਚੁਪਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸਥਾਨ- ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਕਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ

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COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF Rajan Walia

Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ambala

1. Vinod Jain S/o Late Sh. Lachhman Dass R/o H.No. 6282/3334, Nishat Cinema Compound, Nishat Road, Ambala Cantt.Pettitioner

Vs.

1. Neeta Jain W/o Late Sh. Kulbhushan Jain R/o The Aranya, Sector 119, Tower 5, Flat No. 002, Noida, U.P. - 201307

2. Asha Jain W/o Sh. Mukesh Jain R/o H.No. 87, Vaishali (Near Maya Muni Ram Hospital), Delhi 110088

3. Vinita Gupta W/o Sh. Ramesh Gupta R/o H. No. 49, Gujrat Vihar, Vikas Marg, Delhi- 110092

4. General Public.Respondents

CNR NO. HRAM01-007753-2023

NEXT DATE:- 27-03-2024

Petition u/s 276 of The Indian Succession Act for grant of Probate.

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:

General Public (Respondent No. 4)

In above titled case, the defendant(s) /respondent no. 4-General Public could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent no. 4 should appear in person or through counsel on 27-03-2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourthcdg.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ambala

Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ambala

Dated, this day of 12-02-2024

Tensions rise as farmers' march faces barricades: Pb stands firm, Hry seals borders

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

As tensions escalate over the farmers' planned march to Delhi on February 13 (Tuesday), the situation near the Haryana-Punjab border continues to remain tense. With the Haryana Government sealing all borders adjoining Punjab, farmers in Punjab are determined to push forward, echoing the sentiments of the past protests. And in this fight, the Punjab Government is backing the farmers.

In a show of solidarity, the Punjab Government has stood firmly with the farmers, recognizing their demands and concerns. In fact, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led Punjab Government is going a step further to facilitate a dialogue between the farmers and the Centre to find a viable solution.

The Government's alignment with the farmers can be attributed to the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, as well as the looming panchayat elections in the state. With political stakes high, the Government is keen on resolving the issue through dialogue rather than allowing the situation to escalate into protests, which could adversely affect Punjab's industries and economy.

Additionally, the opposition parties in the state, such as the Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), have also thrown their weight behind the farmers, further strengthening their cause.

Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) have given a Dilli Chalo call for February 13 seeking minimum support price (MSP) on all crops, punishment for the culprits in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, quashing of all FIRs lodged during the farmers' stir and Rs 10,000 per month pension for farmers aged over 60, among other things.

Despite the border sealing by the BJP-led Haryana Government, farmers in Punjab are steadily making their way towards the national capital as per their plans. On the other hand, the Punjab Government is actively working to facilitate a meeting between the farmers' representatives and the Central

Ministers in Chandigarh — the aim is to address the farmers' grievances through peaceful dialogue, avoiding any potential confrontations or disruptions. After a "successful" meeting between the two sides on February 8 in Chandigarh, which was also attended by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, another round of meeting is underway at the same venue on Monday evening. Union Food Minister Piyush Goyal and Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda, at the time of filing this report, were holding a crucial meeting with farmer representatives in Chandigarh.

Amidst escalating tensions, there appears to be a glimmer of hope for resolution with reliable sources indicating that the Centre is prepared to offer a solution to the ongoing issue.

It has been learnt that the Centre is considering the formation of a committee on farmers' main demand, Minimum Support Price (MSP), comprising representatives from farmer organizations and experts from the field — aimed at addressing the farmers' demands and pave way for constructive dialogue.

During the previous meeting held on February 8, three Central Ministers reportedly informed farmer leaders about their readiness to propose a solution. However, they expressed disappointment as the farmer organizations failed to nominate any leaders for the proposed committee. Mann has reiterated his commitment to support the farmers and ensure their voices are heard at the national level. "Our government stands shoulder to shoulder with the farmers in their fight for justice and fair treatment. We are working tirelessly to facilitate meaningful discussions between the farmers and the central government," Mann had stated.

Farmers Gathering at Borders

In a significant development, hundreds of tractor-trolleys, coordinated by the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM), have started gathering in Fatehgarh Sahib district since morning, while many more are expected to join in by the late evening. Farmers from various villages across Punjab have converged here, demon-

Farmers' Demands

- Guarantee MSP for all crops, aligning with Dr Swaminathan Commission's recommendations
- Implement a comprehensive debt waiver for farmers and labourers
- Reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act of 2013 nationwide, mandating farmer consent and fair compensation
- Ensure justice for victims of the Lakhimpur Kheri massacre, holding perpetrators accountable
- Exit the World Trade Organization and halt free trade agreements to protect local agriculture
- Introduce pension schemes for farmers and agricultural labourers
- Compensate families of deceased farmers from the Delhi agitation and offer employment to one family member
- Revoke the Electricity Amendment Bill 2020
- Guarantee 200 days of employment per year with a minimum daily wage of Rs 700 under MGNREGA, integrating it with farming
- Enforce strict penalties on companies producing counterfeit agricultural inputs and enhance seed quality
- Establish a national commission for spices to support chili, turmeric, and other spice farmers
- Safeguard indigenous people's rights over water, forests, and land, preventing exploitation by corporations

strating their unity and resolve to press forward with their demands. The extensive line of

of a crucial meeting in Chandigarh, scheduled before their planned march to Delhi,

Dilli Chalo

tractors is strategically parked near Hansali Gurudwara Sahib, about 50 km from the Shambhu Barrier. The atmosphere at the gathering is one of camaraderie and determination. Farmers have set up langar (community kitchen) facilities to ensure that everyone is well-fed and cared for during their journey. Villagers from nearby areas have also extended their support by providing food, water, and other essentials to the protesting farmers.

Apart from Shambhu border at Fatehgarh Sahib, farmers are gathering at Khanauri border in Sangrur, Dabwali border in Bathinda, and Ratia border in Budhinda.

As they await the outcome

farmers are actively engaged in preparing langar to serve all those currently stationed at Fatehgarh Sahib and those en route. Women from nearby villages are lending a hand in preparing rotis and cutting vegetables, fostering a sense of unity and solidarity among the protesters.

Challenges at Haryana Border

On the other side of the border, the Haryana Government has implemented stringent security measures to prevent the entry of farmers into Delhi. The area near the Shambhu Barrier is heavily fortified, with multiple layers of barricades, including stone boulders, concrete slabs, large

containers, nails strips, barbed wire, along with tear gas shells and water cannons.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar defended the border sealing, citing concerns over law and order and potential disruptions to public life. "Our priority is to maintain peace and stability in the region. We have taken necessary measures to secure our borders and ensure the safety of our citizens," Khattar stated. Over the past five days, the Haryana Government has been diligently preparing for potential unrest, setting up barriers and implementing stringent security measures to thwart the entry of farmers into the state.

Police officials have described the elaborate arrangements as a 12-layer barricading system, consisting of various obstacles such as stone boulders, concrete slabs, containers, iron nails embedded in concrete, and barbed wires. Additionally, heavy vehicles are strategically parked on the Haryana side, along with the deployment of tear gas, water cannons, and hundreds of personnel. Notably, trenches have been dug up in the kuchha portion near a bridge over the Ghaggar river, while iron bricks have been scattered to impede access.

Haryana Police are closely monitoring the situation, with preparations for any eventuality. Police authorities have emphasized their readiness for any potential confrontation, with all officers donning full-body protective gear. The deployment includes a significant presence of the Haryana Police force and paramilitary troops at the barrier, underscoring the state's commitment to maintaining law and order amidst the escalating tensions. Surveillance cameras have been installed, and police personnel are equipped with tear gas protection and helmets. The police force is also reviewing footage from the past protests to anticipate potential scenarios and prevent any breaches of the barricades. "We are fully prepared to handle any situation that may arise. Our priority is to uphold the law and protect the interests of the state," remarked a senior police officer stationed at the Shambhu Barrier.

As the standoff continues,

114 companies of police force deployed to maintain law & order in Harana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Ahead of the 'Dilli Chalo' call given by farmers' bodies, Haryana police on Monday said that they have deployed 114 companies equipped with riot control vehicles on the Haryana-Punjab border and other sensitive locations to maintain law and order in the State. Police forces include 64 companies of paramilitary forces and 50 of Haryana police. Besides this, the state police force is also closely monitoring all the CCTV cameras and other surveillance equipment including drones being used to identify unscrupulous elements at sensitive locations, said police official spokesperson. "Big issues can be resolved through dialogue and this issue will also be resolved."

Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij said while replying to questions by reporters on the march by farmers' to press the Centre to accept their demands, including the enactment of a law to guarantee a minimum support price (MSP) for crops. He said farmers are 'andattas' and they feed the 140 crore people of the country. The Narendra Modi government focuses on the poor, the youth, women and farmers, Vij said. To another question on the barricading at different points on the Haryana-Punjab

border, Vij said, "We will do what is necessary to ensure the safety of our state's people and maintain peace."

Manisha Chaudhary, AIG, (Administration) and Spokesperson of the Haryana Police said that they have implemented extensive measures to maintain law and order in the state and ensure the safety of the general public. Tractor-trolleys in large numbers have set out from different parts of Punjab to join the march, while authorities have fortified the state's border at many places using concrete blocks, iron nails and barbed wire to scuttle it. She emphasized the commitment to public safety, stating that Haryana Police is fully capable of addressing any disturbances or untoward incidents. People are urged to disregard misleading content on social media platforms, as the police are actively monitoring such elements and will take strict legal action against those spreading rumors.

The spokesperson also appealed to the public to report any suspicious activities to the Haryana Police helpline number, dial-112, to facilitate appropriate legal action. Cooperation with Haryana Police in maintaining peace is encouraged, and citizens are advised not to engage in any actions that may disrupt law and order. Section 144 has been imposed

in many districts, and individuals are reminded to comply with the law. Additionally, it is advised to stay updated through Haryana Police's social media channels for traffic and other important updates, she added.

Traffic advisory for Chandigarh-Delhi commuters issued

Haryana Police said that in light of the call issued by farmer organizations for a march to Delhi on Tuesday, passengers traveling from Chandigarh to Delhi should consider the route via Panchkula, Barwala, Saha, Shahbad, Kurukshetra or via Panchkula, Barwala, Yamunanagar (NH-344), Ladwa, Indri to reach Delhi via Karnal. Similarly, for those traveling from Delhi to Chandigarh, the route via Karnal, Indri, Ladwa, Yamunanagar (NH-344), Panchkula or via Kurukshetra, Shahbad, Saha, Barwala, Panchkula could be taken. Haryana Police also appealed to the people to consider using the rail route as a precautionary measure to travel to Punjab.

The Chandigarh Police on Monday also issued a traffic advisory in the wake of farmers' proposed march to Delhi, advising the people to avoid some roads for travelling, particularly yh borders of the Union Territory with that of Mohali.

Despite the formidable barricades and obstacles erected by the Haryana government, farmers remain resolute and confident in their ability to overcome them, drawing inspiration from their past successes.

Recalling the events of November 26, 2020, when farmers defiantly broke through barriers during protests against contentious agricultural laws, they remain undeterred in their determination to march towards Delhi's borders once again. This unwavering resolve

underscored the farmers' commitment to their cause and their readiness to face any challenges posed by the authorities in their journey to Delhi, determined to make their voices heard and demand justice for themselves and their fellow farmers.

A farmer from Sangrur, expressing his determination, said: "We have faced hardships before, and we are prepared to face them again. Our fight for our rights will not be deterred by barricades or security forces. We will continue our march until our demands are met."

Rajya Chayan Aayog to implement corruption free selection process: HP CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday said that the newly constituted Himachal Pradesh Rajya Chayan Aayog (HPRCA) would implement stringent measures to ensure transparency in its functioning and conduct of recruitment examinations for Group-C posts.

Stressing that the State Government has adopted zero tolerance for corruption and was all set to adopt the selection process by eradicating

corrupt practices besides upholding merit, he said that the Aayog would set an example to be followed by other states.

The State Cabinet recently gave its nod to notify Rules of Business and Procedure in respect of HPRCA.

In a statement, Sukhu said that the examination papers would be set by an automated process, reducing manual interference to maintain complete transparency.

The eligible candidates will have to fill out online job applications with a one-time

registration facility, he said, adding that registered users could also easily access the job notification/advertisement through HPRCA's dashboard as well.

After scrutinizing the application, e-admit cards would be generated against their user IDs, to be downloaded by the candidates and they would be only allowed to enter the examination centres after proper verification of e-admit cards through barcode scanning or biometric verification.

Sukhu said that Rajya



Chayan Aayog may decide

from time to time to conduct the written objective type screening test through online mode, under CCTV Camera surveillance to maintain transparency.

Apart from this, an online link will be provided for practicing various examination patterns to familiarize and facilitate the candidates.

The Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission was disbanded due to the corrupt practices, selling jobs, stated the Chief Minister, adding that the previous government had played with the

future of youth and concrete evidence was found during the vigilance inquiry, indicating malpractices in the functioning of the

Commission. The present State Government was committed to safeguard the interests of the State's youth and ensure transparency in governance, he added.

Government to bring new comprehensive sports policy

The Chief Minister also announced plans for a new comprehensive sports policy aimed at nurturing talent and

providing enhanced support to the athletes in the State. In a statement, he said that the state government was dedicated to raise the stature of sports in the state.

"To provide adequate resources and facilities to the sportspersons of the State is imperative, and our government is determined to enable budding athletes to sharpen their skills and excel in their respective disciplines to achieve this goal, a new Sports Policy is in the pipeline," he said.

Sukhu said one of the pivotal aspects of the proposed

sports policy revolves around substantially increasing the prize money awarded to athletes who bring glory to Himachal on the International stage.

This move will not only incentivise excellence but also recognize and reward the relentless efforts of athletes who represent the state on a global platform, he said.

The envisaged Sports Policy is a proactive approach towards nurturing talent, fostering sporting excellence, and positioning Himachal as a hub for athletic prowess, he added.

Pb Governor Purohit to undertake visit to border areas even after resignation

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Over a week after submitting his resignation, Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit continued to be active in his role, with his resignation yet to be accepted. On



there has been no official decision regarding the acceptance of his resignation, leaving uncertainty lingering over his future tenure. Thus, he continued with his role as Punjab Governor and UT Administrator.

Recently, Purohit held a meeting with officials in UT, Chandigarh, where he addressed ongoing issues and sought accountability for shortcomings. Following the prolonged delay in the acceptance of his resignation, Purohit has resumed his active engagement, signaling his commitment to his duties.

Now, during his visit to Punjab's border districts, Purohit is set to tour Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, and Fazilka. The agenda for his tour encompasses reviewing the progress made since his previous visits and addressing any emerging challenges.

Purohit will convene meetings with the central agencies and also the State Government officials to foster better coordination and tackle issues such as border security, infrastructure development, and curbing

drug trafficking.

Notably, Purohit's border visits have often sparked controversy, particularly due to his candid discussions on sensitive topics like law and order, drug abuse, and illegal activities.

In addition to governmental meetings, Purohit plans to interact with Village Defence Committees (VDCs), vital in combating social evils in border regions. These engagements aim to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of ground-level challenges and inform policymaking processes.

Key stakeholders, including Punjab's Chief Secretary Anurag Verma, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav, and representatives from security forces like the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Army, are expected to participate in the visit.

Going into background, the Chandigarh Air Force Show marked the beginning of a heated dispute between Purohit and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. Their initial clash occurred during the Air Force Day celebrations in October 2022, where President

Murmu was also in attendance. Purohit expressed his displeasure at Mann's absence from the event, citing it as his constitutional duty to attend. This incident fueled tensions between the two, setting the stage for further discord.

The dispute escalated during a special session of the Punjab Legislative Assembly convened on June 19-20, 2023. The State Government had sent four bills for the Governor's approval, including amendments to Sikh Gurudwara laws, police reforms, university regulations, and affiliated college services. However, Purohit deemed the session and the bills unconstitutional based on expert advice, triggering a legal battle between the state government and the Governor.

Subsequently, the Punjab Government approached the Supreme Court seeking validation for the special session. After hearing arguments from both sides, the Apex Court ruled in favor of the State Government, upholding the legality of the session and the bills passed therein. Despite this legal setback, tensions

between Purohit and Mann continued to simmer, exacerbated by their divergent views on governance and constitutional authority.

Purohit's scrutiny extended beyond legislative matters to pressing social issues plaguing Punjab's border districts. During his visits to these areas, Purohit raised concerns about drug trafficking and questioned the efficacy of the government's policies in combating the menace. His comments drew attention to the pervasive nature of the problem, even in border villages where drug peddling was rampant.

Moreover, Purohit's refusal to use the State Government's helicopter for his official travels further strained his relationship with Mann.

Amidst mounting tensions, Purohit issued a stern warning to Mann, reminding him of his constitutional obligations and the repercussions of disregarding the Governor's communications. Purohit's letter, dated August 15, 2023, served as a stark reminder of the institutional boundaries and the need for mutual respect in governance.

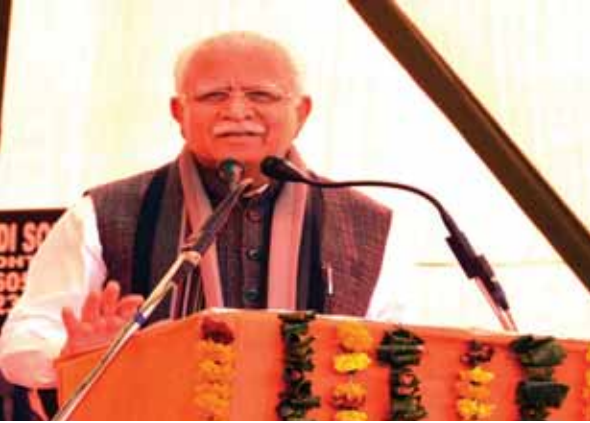
Safeguarding rights of poor is Govt's topmost priority: Hry CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Stating that the State has identified poor families through the Pariwar Pahchan Patra (PPP), an umbrella scheme of the government, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday said that safeguarding the rights of the poor is paramount for the state government. "Dedicated efforts are being made to ensure the reach of every welfare scheme at the doorsteps of every beneficiary. The state government is working towards strengthening the infrastructural development and character building," Khattar added while speaking at a program in Rohtak district.

Khattar said that the government has transformed the old systems in the state and powers have been delegated to various departments to carry out public welfare works in a timely manner, and a transparent system.

He said that he has donated his ancestral home to create an e-library for the society and has also donated one acre of land out of his three-acre share. The government has established 1000 e-libraries in the



state, and more e-libraries are being set up in every village to facilitate the youth. The state government's policy of providing jobs based on merit has instilled confidence in the youth for education, he said.

Khattar said that before 2014, there were various illegal practices going on under the names of CLU (Change of Land Use) and licenses in Haryana.

Now, the rights to all these have been handed over to the respective departments. He welcomed former minister Krishan Murti Hooda, former Deputy Speaker of Vidhan

Sabha; Azaad Mohammad, former Kabaddi captain Deepak Hooda, Boxer Sweetie Boora and supporters who joined the BJP. In another development, Khattar on Monday granted administrative sanction for the special repair and improvement of 13 ODR roads in Bhiwani District. This project will cost over Rs. 9.39 crore. Roads serving rural areas of production and providing them with outlet to market centres, tehsil headquarters, block development headquarters, railway stations etc. are known as Other District Roads (ODRs), a statement said.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The **Executive Engineer HPPWD Arki Distt. Solan H.P** on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system in 2 cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department

Sr. no	Name of Work	Estimated cost	EMD	Cost of tender	Eligible class of contract	Time
1	Annual Maintenance of Jabal Manlog Kalan Ukhoor Panjaji Jainagar road km. 0/0 to 24/750(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mix seal surfacing in km. 3/0 to 4/0 and 9/0 to 11/0	36,08,090/-	72,200/-	1500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
2	Annual Maintenance of Basheel Jakhriun road km. 0/0 to 5/0(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mix seal surfacing in km. 3/0 to 4/0 and 9/0 to 11/0	49,28,634/-	98,600/-	2000/-	Class ABC	2 Months
3	Annual Maintenance of Shalaghat Arki Kunihar Barotiwala road km. 0/0 to 26/0(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mix seal surfacing in km. 17/500 to 19/0 & 22/0 to 26/0	95,47,748/-	1,91,000/-	2000/-	Class ABC	2 Months
4	Annual Maintenance of Shimla Kunihar Ramshear Nalagarh road km. 22/0 to 60/500(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mix seal surfacing in km. 47/0 to 51/0	46,93,016/-	93,900/-	2000/-	Class ABC	2 Month
5	Annual Maintenance of Shalaghat Arki Kunihar Barotiwala road km. 0/0 to 26/0(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mi x seal surfacing in km. 7/0 TO 9/0, 10/0 TO 11/0 & 17/0 TO 17/500	54,61,735/-	1,09,300/-	2000/-	Class ABC	2 Months
6	Annual Maintenance of Shalaghat to Soria road km. 0/0 to 9/0(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mix seal surfacing in km. 0/0 to 4/0	46,47,125/-	93,000/-	2000/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
7	Annual Maintenance of Arki Dhundan Bhjararighat road km. 0/0 to 18/640(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mix seal surfacing in km. 6/0 to 8/0 and 9/0 to 10/0	30,61,134/-	61,300/-	1500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
8	Annual Maintenance of Navgaon Beri road km. 0/0 to 4/465(SH:- Providing renewal 25mm thick mix seal surfacing in km.0/0 to 1/0	12,71,956/-	25,500/-	500/-	Class ABCD	2 Months
9	Construction of PWD Rest House Building at Syri, Tehsil Kandaghat Distt. Solan H. P(SH:- Providing and supplying furniture and catolary articles in Rest House	12,03,764/-	24,100/-	500/-	Class D C	1 Months

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:-** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptenders.gov.in>

Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <http://hptenders.gov.in> Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

Key Dates

1	Date of Online Publication	14.02.2024 10.00 HRS
2	Documents Download Start and End date	17.02.2024 10.30 HRS upto 23.02.2024 18 HRS
3	Bid Submission Start and End Date	17.02.2024 10.30 HRS upto 23.02.2024 18 HRS
4	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of tender Documents	26.02.2024. up to 10.30HRS
5	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid	26.02.2024 11.00 HRS

The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover:

i) Cover 1 shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information"

ii) Cover 2 shall contain BOQ/Financial Bid where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **Submission of Original Documents:** The bidders are required to submit(a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid documents and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) and other Technical Documents in **o/o the Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Arki Divn. HP** as specified in Key dates at Sr.NO.4 on Tender Opening Date,failing which the bids will be declared non responsive.


6. **BID OPENING DETAILS** The bids shall be opened on **26.02.2024 at 11.00 HRS** in the office of **Executive Engineer,HPPWD,Arki divn./Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, HPPWD, Solan HP** by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **120 days** after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Executive Engineer
HPPWD Division Arki
Distt. Solan H.P
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

RO NO. 5772/2023-2024 Dated. 12-02-2024



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

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


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

Sr. Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1. Anu Vohra/ Bhushan Vohra/ LBYGR00005678035	Property Id No. 277C263U17 Situated At Mauja Sasoli, Musoma Ishwar Nagar, Block B Tilak Nagar, Yamunanagar Within Limits of M.C. Tehsil Jagadhari District Yamunanagar Haryana/ February 09, 2024	September 05, 2023 Rs. 30,12,707/-	Yamuna-nagar/ Kuhl

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

Date: February 13, 2024
Place: Yamunanagar

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



Bank of Baroda
बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा

BRANCH: ROSARB Ludhiana, Add: BXX-3369, 3rd Floor, Sandhu Tower II, Gurdev Nagar, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana.

Rule-8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property/ies)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **Bank of Baroda, ROSARB Ludhiana** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices dated mentioned as below calling upon the borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice(s) being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices.

The borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub **Section (4) of Section (13)** of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on these dates mentioned against below accounts.

The parties concerned in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property (ies) will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda, ROSARB Ludhiana Branch**, for an aggregate amount of as mentioned below + future interest thereon and costs, etc.

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

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor /Owner of Property	Description of the Mortgage Property/ies	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Nature of Possession Amount Outstanding
(Borrower):- M/s. Arun International, Shop No.7, First Floor, City Place, Chauri Sadak, Ludhiana. through its proprietor Sh. Arun Kumar Jain and guarantor Smt. Roopam Jain W/o Sh. Arun Kumar Jain	Commercial Property bearing MC No.B-9-350/350/A, Shop No.7, First Floor, City Place, Chauri Sadak, Ludhiana, belonging to Smt. Roopam Jain W/o Sh. Arun Jain admeasuring 153 sq. feet vide Title Deed Vaska No.7152 dated 05.08.2013 and bounded as under:- East: Passage 9'-0", West: Shop No.22, 9'-0", North: Shop No.6 (17'-0"), South: Shop No. 8 (17'-0")	10.02.2020	09.02.2024	Physical Possession Rs. 22,56,261.70/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One and Paisea Seventy) as on 31.05.2019 and interest thereon.

DATE: 12.02.2024

PLACE. LUDHIANA

AUTHORISED OFFICER

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Naveen Sharma s/o Shashi Bhushan Sharma, 165/9 near Canal Rest House Road, Yamunanagar. declare that sale deed no. 1453 dated 23/8/1965, in the name of Shashi Bhushan or Brijesh Kumar son of Sham Krishna, which has been lost somewhere. Whose FIR has been lodged with the police, whose number is 132400502400485. If anyone finds these documents from anywhere then they should contact me at the above address.

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शपथकर्ता

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सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहताक को कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिक के रिकार्ड में नं प्रोपर्टी आंशों नंबर 11A1THJ25 सुप्री प्रोपर्टी आंशों नंबर 257C457U40 पाई नगरला राजेन्द्रन Colony (Bhishani Road, रोहताक श्री/श्रीमती Toti Ram S/O UDHMI RAM के नाम से दर्ज है। अब नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इस आंशों नंबर में प्राचीन लिस्का नाम श्री/श्रीमती 1) सरोज 2) अमय 3) विजय 4) सोनू 5) काजल के द्वारा कसौली/वाराणसी के आधार पर अपने नाम स्वतंत्र करने में कंडे भी आगरे हो तो 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपने आपत्ति दर्ज करायें, अन्यथा गोपटी डेक्स में उसके नाम स्वतंत्र कर दी जायेगी। लिस्के लिस्ट नाम निगम, रोहताक कोर उपररखी नहीं होगा। लिस्के MCR/ZTO/2024/3445 दिनांक 07/02/2024 जिलाय करायन अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहताक

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहताक को कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिक के रिकार्ड में नं प्रोपर्टी आंशों नंबर 11A1THJ25 सुप्री प्रोपर्टी आंशों नंबर 192C48UJ215 कंडे नगरला 101/19 अमल नगर रोहताक श्री/श्रीमती नमन रिकार्ड में निर्मला देवी, सुप्री रिकार्ड में निर्मला देवी के नाम से दर्ज है। अब नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इस आंशों नंबर में प्राचीन लिस्का नाम श्री/श्रीमती खलील कुमार आलुवा x/o लाल चन्द अलुवा के द्वारा कसौली/वाराणसी के आधार पर अपने नाम स्वतंत्र करने में कंडे भी आगरे हो तो 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपने आपत्ति दर्ज करायें, अन्यथा गोपटी डेक्स में उसके नाम स्वतंत्र कर दी जायेगी। लिस्के लिस्ट नाम निगम, रोहताक कोर उपररखी नहीं होगा। लिस्का देवी की मृत्यु 04/08/2015 को हो चुकी है। दिनांक MCR/ZTO/2024/3466 दिनांक 12/02/2024 जिलाय करायन अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहताक



Piramal Finance

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Branch Office: Plot No. 2, 1st Floor, Shayam Nagar, Adjacent to Hotel Debuture, Namaste Chowk, Karnal, Haryana- 132001
Contact Person: 1. Ashish Handa - 9041042572, 2. Ramesh Kumar - 9991613002, 3. Vishal Ketele - 9584966653
E-Auction Sale Notice- Subsequent Sale

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of under the **Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/ Branch/ Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address_final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (07-02-2024)
Loan Code No.: 14100001975, Karnal (Branch), Satish Kumar (Borrower), Ashok Kumar (Co Borrower 1) Raj Bala (Co Borrower 2)	Dt: 27-03-2019 Rs. 7,11,363/- (Rs. Seven lakh Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Only)	All The Piece and Parcel of The Property Having an Extent:- Khawat No.509, Killa No. 27/1, Murabba No.54, Abadi Multani Colony Near Gulha Road, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Kurukshetra- 136128	Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rs. Five lakh Only)	Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs. 6,58,785/- (Rs. Six lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 29-02-2024, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 02:00 P.M. (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 28-02-2024, BEFORE 04:00 P.M.

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STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

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Date : February 13, 2024
Place : Haryana

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
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Branch Office: SCO 16-17, 2nd Floor,Firoze Gandhi Market,Opp. Ludhiana Stock Exchange, Ludhiana- 141001
Contact Person: 1. Ashish Handa- 9041042572, 2. Ramesh Kumar- 9991613002, 3. Vishal Ketele- 9584966653
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Loan Code/ Branch/ Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address_final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (07-02-2024)
Loan Code No.: 17800005369, Patiala (Branch), Aarif Mahmood (Borrower), Shaheeda Parveen (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 26-07-2019, Rs. 20,45,104/- (Rs. Twenty Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Four Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Ari Majra Near Gausahala Sanour Patiala Patiala Punjab 147001 Boundaries As:- North: Plot 56 South: Plot 56' East: House 29' West: Street 29'	Rs. 16,03,800/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Three Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	Rs. 1,60,380/- (Rs. One Lakh Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Only)	Rs. 19,31,515/- (Rs. Nineteen Lakh Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Only)
Loan Code No.: 17800001805, Patiala (Branch), Meena Kumari (Borrower),	Dt: 08-11-2017, Rs. 16,82,226/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- House At Haripora Opp Hargobind Nagar, N House At Haripora Opp Hargobind Nagar, N Sangrur Sangrur Punjab- 148001	Rs. 11,70,000/- (Rs. Eleven Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,17,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Seventeen Thousand Only)	Rs. 15,13,579/- (Rs. Fifteen Lakh Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION:29-02-2024, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M. (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 28-02-2024, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

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Date : February 13, 2024
Place : Punjab

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Loan Code/ Branch/ Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address_final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (07-02-2024)
Loan Code No.: 191000041225, Chandigarh - Madhya Margh (Branch), Ashok Kumar Kohli (Borrower), Seema Kohli (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 22-02-2018, Rs. 25,56,494/- (Rs. Twenty Five Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- H No 4154, Gf, New H No 755/255 Ward No 13, Sector 6 Mohalla Kamgaha, Kharar, Rupnagar- 140301, Punjab. Boundaries As :- North: House of Surmukhsingh South: House of Ram Lal East: House of Sukhdev raj West: Street	Rs. 23,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty Three Lakh Only)	Rs. 2,30,000/- (Rs. Two Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	Rs. 22,59,967/- (Rs. Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Only)
Loan Code No.: 13500009236, Chandigarh Metro (Borrower), Gurpreet Singh (Borrower), Prince Singh (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 20-05-2019, Rs. 17,02,885/- (Rs. Seventeen Lakh Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Property No- B011/00369, Kh No.37/1/2, 2, 3, Ward No. 9, Back Side Kang Market, Bhari Road, Khramano, District Fathegarh Sahib Patiala Punjab 140407 Boundaries As:- North: H/o Deepak Gupta -45'-0"(00370) South : H/o Mathru- 45'-0"(00368) East: Rasta-15' WIDE 30'-0" West: P/o Jagroop-30'-0"	Rs. 8,01,900/- (Rs. Eight Lakh One Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	Rs. 80,190/- (Rs. Eighty Thousand One Hundred Ninety Only)	Rs. 16,17,739/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Nine Only)
Loan Code No.: 13500005527, Chandigarh Metro (Branch), Mitthu Ram (Borrower), Akash Garg (Co Borrower 1) Veena Rani (Co Borrower 2) Nishant Garg (Guarantor 1)	Dt: 23-04-2019, Rs. 1,36,25,885/- (Rs. One Crore Thirty Six Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- H No 106-107 Golden City Patran Road, Dirba, Sangrur, Sangrur- 148035 Boundaries As:- North: Road South: Open Plot East: H/o Sunil Garg West: Property of Madan Lal	Rs. 94,60,800/- (Rs. Ninety Four Lakh Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	Rs. 9,46,080/- (Rs. Nine Lakh Forty Six Thousand Eighty Only)	Rs. 1,29,33,657/- (Rs. One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Only)
Loan Code No.: 13500006271, Chandigarh Metro (Branch), Paddy Power (Borrower), Daksh Dabra (Co Borrower 1) Ashish Dehra (Co Borrower 2) Ashok Kumar Dabra (Guarantor 1) Shaifali S (Guarantor 2) Babita Rani (Guarantor 3)	Dt: 26-07-2019, Rs. 81,45,855/- (Rs. Eighty One Lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Plot/ Showroom No 75, Commercial Area of Kharsa No 27/9/1 (2-16), Khawat No 348 Khawat No 589, 528 Sq Yards VillNeelpur, Teh Rajpura Patiala Punjab- 140401	Rs. 40,66,200/- (Rs. Forty Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Two Hundred Only)	Rs. 4,06,620/- (Rs. Forty Lakh Six Thousand Twenty Only)	Rs. 69,59,035/- (Rs. Sixty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Thirty Five Only)
Loan Code No.: 191000042341, Chandigarh - Madhya Margh (Branch), Ravi Chaudhary (Borrower), Rampal Singh (Co Borrower 1) Mahendri (Co Borrower 2)	Dt: 25-01-2019, Rs. 17,11,580/- (Rs. Seventeen Lakh Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Flat No.- 525 (G.F.) Gulmohar City, H.B. No. 184 Badali Road Kharar Rupnagar Punjab 140301 Boundaries As:- North: Street 60'-0" Wide (21'-0") South: Other Owner (21'-0")east: Flat No. 524 (45'-0") West: Flat No. 526 (45'-0")	Rs. 14,00,000/- (Rs. Fourteen Lakh Only)	Rs. 1,40,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Forty Thousand Only)	Rs. 16,15,477/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Only)

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Date : February 13, 2024
Place : Chandigarh

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Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station won internal project cricket competition

The SJVN internal project cricket competition was held from 9 February to 11 February at NJHPS Jhakri. Which was inaugurated by Chief Guest Executive Director/Project Head Mr. Manoj Kumar ji and on this occasion all the teams were sworn in with the spirit of sports, the song was heard.

Cancer Centers of America Ludhiana observed the World Cancer Day and Launched “Mission HOPE Punjab”for creating a cancer free Punjab.

Ludhiana: Cancer Centers of America (CCA) is a comprehensive oncology platform created to make quality world class cancer care accessible and affordable, celebrated the World Cancer Day and launched Mission HOPE Punjabfor creating a cancer free Punjab. The event was organized in the presence of Dr.Amit Dhiman,Sr.Consultant–MedicalOncology, Dr. Gurvinder Singh-Consultant Medical Oncologist,Dr. Jasprender Kaur-Consultant Radiation Oncology and Mr. Kaushik Haldhar, Facility Director at Cancer Centers of America, Ludhiana.

Indian Overseas Bank celebrates 88th Foundation Day

Walkathon , health check up camp and blood donation camp organized on Foundation Day. Indian Overseas Bank is the leading bank among public sector banks. The bank was established on 10 February 1937 by Shri MCTM Chidambaram Chettiar with three branches at Karaikudi , Chennai and Rangoon (overseas branch).

Half Day Semibar organized by ICSI- Jalandhar Chapter

Jalandhar Chapter of NIRC of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India had organized a half day seminar for the members and students on the topics “ INTERIM BUDGET 2024 & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ” on Saturday, 10th February 2024 at Hotel AGI Inn, Jalandhar at 4 pm. CS Atul Sud, Chairman, Jalandhar Chapter gave the welcome address for the programme.

Rishikul Vidyapeeth Sonepat conducted Maya Sharma Scholarship Test 2024.

To motivate students to showcase their knowledge,reasoning skill,critical thinking & accuracy Rishikul Vidyapeeth,Sonepat conducted Maya Sharma Scholarship Test on Sunday,11 February 2024.Around 600 Rishikulians & Non-Rishikulians from classes V to IX & XI appeared in this test.

BBMB Bestowed with "Best Hydro Power Developer" Award

Chandigarh: Bhakra Beas Management Board has been honored with the "Best Hydro Power Developer" award for the year 2023-24. The accolade was presented at the IPPAI Power Awards ceremony, held on February 10, 2024, recognizing BBMB's outstanding contribution to green power generation and its pivotal role in advancing the nation's journey towards a sustainable future.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed to all the general public that the property ID No. 1026183326/01, 268/19, 10262235/01, 5007, 102619893303 is in the name of Smt. Ramruti Devi W/o Sh. Ramraj Jai, registered in Gharadma Municipality, Smt. Ramruti Devi died on 10.01.2022. After his death his legal heirs - 1. Ramraj Jai (husband), 2. Sunita Jai (daughter), 3. Saroj Bala (daughter), 4. Anita Jai (daughter), 5. Kavita Jai (daughter), 6. Kamlesh Jai (daughter), 7. Rajesh Kumar Jai (son), 8. Anil Kumar Jai (son) and 9. Vikas Jai (son) have applied to the Municipal Office Gharadma to transfer the said property to them. After his heirs if anyone other than the above mentioned heirs has any objection, then within 30 days of the publication of this notice, they should lodge the objection in the Municipal Office, Gharadma. Otherwise the property will be transferred to the name of the above mentioned heirs.
Legal Heirs

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for information to general public that I, Manju devi w/o Ram Bahadur declared that my sale deed no. 9980 dated 18.11.2004 has been lost at Bathinda on date 09.02.2023. A Sr no. 424695/2024 also registered on dated 15.01.2024 at Police station, this deed not to be used for any purpose. I have submitted now I mortgaging above property jama small finance bank. If anyone has any objection then please submit their objection within 7 days to Advocate Raminder Singh Makhar chamber no. 1912 complex Distt Courts Bathinda 931601635.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I Deepak Arora S/o Atar Chand arora r/o #615, sec-20-A, Chandigarh declare that my wasika no. 6410 dated 18.07.2012 has been lost on dated 22.01.2024 at derabassi, A GD. No. 016 on dated 10.02.2024 also registered at police station Derabassi. Anybody found please contact on above address

LOST AND FOUND
Notice is hereby given that I, Iqbal Bahadur Singh S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh Baweja R/o S-13, Second Floor, Rajouri Garden, Rajouri Market, West Delhi, Delhi 110027 & I am the member of The Panchsheel Cooperative House Building Society Limited having their office at 110, Exchange Colony, Zakrapur, Distt. SAS Nagar, Punjab 140603 holding my membership no 578. I am the owner of Plot No. 54 Sector D in The Panchsheel Cooperative House Building Society Ltd, Ajitgarh Zakrapur-Rajpura Road, Distt. SAS Nagar, Punjab. I have misplaced the original Share Certificate, original payment receipts of Rs. 3000/- (Rs. 7225) is a 3/4th Allotment cum Possession Slip of my above said plot and this documents are not traceable now. I have submitted a DDR No. LR No. 434140/2024 dated 12-02-2024 regarding above said lost documents. I have applied for duplicate Receipts, Share certificate & Allotment cum Possession Slip. If anyone has any objection to the said documents, please contact me, he/she may contact the secretary of the said society within 15 days of publishing of this notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Sh. Sanyam Garg, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, Subject:- Transfer of Ownership rights to the extent of 25% share in respect of House No. 1045, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh (RP-7225) in the name of Smt. Amrit Kaur Basra D/o Lt. Sh. Thakur Singh, on the basis of Court order/deed dated 30.01.2018 passed by Hon'ble Court of Sh. Gurkaran Singh, PCS, Civil Judge, Jr. Div. Chandigarh and informed the names of all the legal heirs of deceased as under:- (1) Kulwant Singh-Son, (2) Jaswant Kaur Bajwa-Daughter, (3) Sheetal alias Jaswant Kaur-Daughter, (4) Amrit Kaur Basra-Daughter. If anyone has any information about any other legal heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above the same may be intimated to the Estate Office, U.T., Chandigarh. If anyone has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of above named applicant they may furnish in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage. Sh. Sanyam Garg, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Office, U.T., Chandigarh

LOST / FOUND
I, Kulter Singh S/o Isher Singh R/o House No. 3250, Sector-71, Mohali, District SAS Nagar, Punjab declare that I am 64, Edgebury, Chislehurst, BR7, UK (I am a R/O England) and I have come to my native place Punjab On Date: 11-11-2023. On date 03-02-2024, I have lost my documents, original registry Manmit Singh (S/o Kulter Singh, S/o Isher Singh, r/o of 64, Edgebury, Chislehurst, BR7, UK, England, has one Flat No. 1-11, area situated at Palm Heights, 9th Floor, Sector-125, Sunny Enclave, Tehsil Khara, Mohali Punjab, Rakha 0-0/23 Marla - covered area 2520 sqft, Fatehauapur, Vasika No. 2377, dated 03-05-2014 in Sector -70 market Mohali, Punjab. I have not used the registry of the said place for any loan and have not given these documents to anyone. That if the original registry is found from anywhere, I will not misuse it in future.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
E-TENDER NOTICE/OFFLINE TENDER NOTICE
Website:- www.smbatata.com Email: batatacsm@rediffmail.com
Department:- The Batala Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd., Batala invite Short terms e-tender/offline tender notice from reputed firms/contractor as details given below :-

S.No.	Item	E-Money/ Other Terms & Conditions
Group (A) On Line E-Tender	Purchase of fresh Loose Baggasse for new Boiler of new sugar plant.	As per NIT uploaded on the Punjab Govt. website
Group (B) Off Line Tender	Sealed tenders are invited from original manufacturers, Authorised distributors/ Stockist/ dealers and reputed firms & contractors approved by the NFCSF or Sugarfed, Punjab (where ever applicable) Part-A Supply of Mill Machinery Spares/ Electrical Material, Spares and chemical of DM Plant/ Process chemicals for new sugar plant and other Store Material. Part-B Various type of Technical contract jobs for manufacturing Deptt & Engineering Deptt. And other various type of Contract jobs.	As per NIT uploaded on the Mill website

Closing Date & Time : 20.02.2024 up to 11:00 AM (For Group A)
Closing Date & Time : 20.02.2024 up to 11:30 AM (For Group B)
Opening Date & Time : 20.02.2024 up to 12:00 Noon (For Group A)
Opening Date & Time : 20.02.2024 up to 02:00 PM (For Group B)
Negotiation Date & Time : 20.02.2024 up to 01:30 PM (For Group A)
Negotiation Date & Time : 20.02.2024 up to 03:00 PM (For Group B)
For detail log into : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note :- For any enquiry/help regarding above tenders. Please contact on 0172-2791226 and for other enquiry contact on 9876723762, 8630928466, 8284844005, 7973179057 Corrigendum if any to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. The undersigned reserve the right to reject/postpone any/all tenders without assigning any reason.
P.I. C.E. C.C. CCDO CAO GENERAL MANAGER

Save Energy for the benefit of self and nation
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.
(A State Government Undertaking)
Short Terms Tender Notice (E-Tendering Mode Only)
Online Tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned and on behalf of managing Director, HPSEBL, Shimla-4 from A-Class registered Contractor for the following work as prescribed from (Tender Document) the dates of Sale receipt and opening of tender is as detail given below. the bid document is available online and bid shall be submitted online on website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>.
Tender No. EDMP/DB-Tender-2023-24/48
Name of Work Providing LT extension to leftout houses from various S/Str. in Electrical Section Jawala under ESD Nankhar.
Estimated Cost ₹262947/-
Earnest Money ₹2629/-
Cost of Tender Documents inclusive GST (Non-refundable) ₹590/-
Key Dates:-
1. Date of publication 13.02.2024
2. Start date and time of bid submission 13.02.2024 at 05.00 PM
3. End date and time of bid submission 20.02.2024 at 11.30 AM
4. Date and time of opening of techno comm. bid 20.02.2024 at 03.30 PM
5. Completion Period 2 Months
Terms & conditions can be seen in HPSEBL website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>
Er. Kuku Sharma, Sr. Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPSEBL, Rampur Bushahr. Email:- xen.rampur233019@gmail.com, Tel:- 01782-233019.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE SH. SANYAM GARG, HCS ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH
Subject:- Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 1375, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh (RPD 14059) to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late KAPTAN SINGH RANA.
It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./ Smt. KAPTAN SINGH RANA is the owner / lessee of RESIDENTIAL SITE NO. 1375, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share. It has been informed by PARMAR SHOBHA that Sh./ Smt. KAPTAN SINGH RANA expired on 11-12-1980 and he/ she/ they has/ have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/ lessee:-
Sr. No. Name of legal heir Relation with deceased
1. Kuldeep Singh Rana Son
2. Parmar Shobha Daughter
Now, PARMAR SHOBHA has / have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1375, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50.00% Share held by Late KAPTAN SINGH RANA in his/ her/ their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above. The same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/ she/ they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/ Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.
Sanyam Garg, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Office, U.T., Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Rita W/o Jaram in respect of property i.e. Plot no. 264, property id no. 3NCGVW17, measuring 209 sq. Mtrs (249.66 sq. yards), situated at Sector-1, Part-1, HSPV/ Urban Area HUDA Narnaul District Mahendragarh. I have lost Conveyance deed no. 574 dated 30.02.2012. Adjunct letter memo no. 1483 dated 11.05.2000 anywhere in Narnaul. A DOR also registered at Narnaul. I also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit on the said property. If anybody found or any concern with in this property, please contact Advocate Bhupander Kumar, Ph. no. 8229549861, SECTOR 16-17, HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION

Lost & Found
I, Poonam w/o Virender R/o H.No. DM -183, Ward no.13, Samalkha, Panipat declare that my House Original Sale Deed No. 2959 Dated 07.02.2024 has been lost anywhere. Final pls contact at India Selter Finance Corporation Ltd. Sec-14, Sonipat and Sidharth (Advocate) Contact - 8295315597, 9416168455

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice It is informed to General Public that Sunita Kumar W/o Sudarshan Kumar Rathee R/o 211 Sector-14 Rohtak is owner of House 211 Situated in Sector-14 HUDA Rohtak and in Chain of title original Conveyance Deed no. 3132 dated 04-06-2010 Registered at office of sub registrar Rohtak has been lost. A Police Report has also been registered in this respect with application no. 123270612400192 with Haryana Police. If anybody found above mentioned title Deed be informed to undersigned. If any body has any Objection than files replies along with the proof of ownership within 14 days before the undersigned. After lapsation of Stipulated period no claim shall be accepted regarding the above said property. Sh. Vipul Kapoor, Advocate Chamber no. 246 Distt. Court Rohtak. Mobile 9896205220. Vipul Kapoor, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE SH. RAJIV TEWARI ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER-III, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH
Sub:- Regarding transfer of ownership to the extent of 8.33% share in respect of Chakki Site No. 43, Sector 28, Chandigarh, on the basis of Court Decree dated 28.11.1996 and further on the basis of Intestate Death of Smt. Sarbati Devi.
It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office property known as 8.33% share in respect of Chakki Site No. 43, Sector 26, Chandigarh is being noted on record in the name of Sh. Sham Lal. Further, the legal heirs of late Sh. Sham Lal were before the Hon'ble Court, wherein the Court Decree dated 28.11.1996 has been passed by the Hon'ble Court of Dr. Bharat Bhushan Parson, in Appeal No. 250 of 14.08.1993, wherein it was ordered to transfer the property in the name of the legal heirs and to correct the ownership record with respect to 33.33% share held by Sh. Sham Lal. Further, Smt. Sunita Singla has reported that Smt. Sarbati Devi has expired on 12.07.1979, who has left behind Un-Regd. Will dated 01.10.1978, supported with a copy of 8.33% of the basis of aforesaid Court Decree dated 28.11.1996. Smt. Sarbati Devi left behind following legal heirs:-
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STRIVE FOR ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT

Spirituality offers us a methodology to deepen our awareness of the inner being



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All of us dream of a world without poverty, that is equitable, that respects the dignity of all living beings, and the sacredness of the natural world. There is no doubt that it is an achievable dream, but we all must collectively pave a new way to make it into reality. Over the past two millennia, man has made great strides in almost every field of development as a result of which, today we have achieved a standard of living and scientific development unimaginable even half a century ago. But, if development concerns the betterment of the human being and his relationship with other humans and beings, then one would find that we have come down the wrong path in our quest for material fulfilment. Right? When we discuss development, we usually talk of economic development to meet material needs, measured perhaps through growth in the GNP or GDP. So, is this all that there is to development?

Does economics measure everything? The answer to this is NO, because if we are aiming at all-round development, then it must include not only material progress but social and cultural dimensions as well. It's a fact that cannot be denied that the ideal of development as a continuing process of growth, creation, improvement and positive change has yielded to a reality more frequently marked by destruction, degradation and negativity. In his quest for improving his lot, man first turned to religion, which not only provided an anchor for his life but also answered some of the questions about his existence in this world and his place vis a vis the universal scheme of things. However, with time, religion itself got corrupted by ritualism and the greed for power, thereby making men disillusioned, who then turned to politics, to make their lives better. They sought succour and salvation from political ideologies but to no avail, resulting in their pinning hopes on science. With the aid of



science, much development happened in several fields. Today as we stand on the threshold of both hope and fear of losing everything, we realise that materialistic progress is a transient solution and hence the effort to establish lasting peace and prosperity for all has to come from an imperishable source. The seed of lasting peace and happiness lies in human values and wisdom, which are both eternal and universal. The need of the hour is that we have to look at our development from a broader perspective than the one we have been adopting so far. Our narrow concept of development can find its roots in a narrow concept of the self that neglects the larger reality of the soul and overlooks the essential unity of the human family. Hence we need to move from an overly materialistic approach to one that includes the broader and deeper realities of human life and experience i.e. the inner world of our thoughts and values and the innate spirituality on which our worth and dignity are based.

Spirituality offers us a methodology to deepen our awareness of our inner being. From this awareness may follow steps to develop or change the self in ways that are conducive to the kind of world we want. Values and spirituality are at the heart of not just who we are but also of the political, social, economic and environmental issues we are facing. Remember! A development that sustains all people depends at least as much on spiritual empowerment as on material progress and prosperity. So let us inject values into our society by effective education in self-awareness, and spiritual principles and realize our dream of a world that is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

(The writer is a spiritual educator and a popular columnist; views are personal)

Delink disinvestment from the Budget

There is a need for a paradigm shift in the approach to disinvestment; the Government must detach it from budgetary constraints and tackle legacy issues



In a briefing following the presentation of the interim Budget for the financial year (FY) 2024-25 by the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1, 2024, Finance Secretary TV Somanathan stated that the "government no longer views disinvestment - fancy nomenclature for sale of Union government shareholding in central public sector undertakings (CPSUs) - from the perspective of balancing the budget". The statement is out of sync with Sitharaman setting a target of Rs 50,000 crore as proceeds from disinvestment for the FY 2024-25 though it wasn't mentioned in her speech.

If, the government's intent was not to view it as an exercise in balancing the budget - as stated by the finance secretary - then, it made no sense to fix a target. Yet, setting a target for boosting non-tax revenue receipts means that it hasn't shed its age-old stance of linking this exercise with the budget. To plan for garnering resources from the sale of government shares in CPSUs is inherently flawed. This is because unlike tax revenue, which can be projected with a degree of certainty based on the existing tax rate and a reasonable assessment of the growth in nominal GDP, the same cannot be said about proceeds from disinvestment. In this case, a lot depends on the market scenario and, in particular, the perception of investors about the company in which share-sale is contemplated.

In cases where the strategic sale (it reduces the government's holding in the CPSU to below 50 per cent or privatization) is mooted, the Government faces a bigger challenge as apart from a favourable market, it needs bidders with deep pockets. The lengthy and cumbersome process of approval and bureaucratic red tape further undermines the chances of its kicking the ball rolling just around the time when the strategic investors are ready to put in their bets.

The Niti Aayog identifies companies for disinvestment which are then considered by the Core Group of Secretaries on Divestment (CGD), a long-drawn process by itself, which takes it to the Alternative Mechanism (AM) - a group of ministers, including finance, road transport & highways, administrative reforms, etc., - for approval. After AM's approval, the Department of Investment and Public



THE MAJORITY OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR SEVERAL DECADES HAS INGRAINED IN THE BUREAUCRAT A FEELING OF EXERCISING COMMAND OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PSU

Asset Management (DIPAM) moves a proposal for in-principal approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). It is therefore not surprising that the Modi - government has missed its disinvestment targets ever since it started the process in 2015-16 with a particular focus on 'strategic' sales. Only during two years viz. 2017-18 and 2018-19, it achieved the target. That was primarily because, in those years, it had conducted two big-ticket sales of its shares from one CPSU to another. During 2017-18, the government sold 51.11 per cent of its shareholding in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) yielding Rs 37,000 crore. In the following year, it undertook the sale of its 52.63 per cent stake in the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) yielding Rs 13,000 crore. But, those sales can't be termed as strategic as the purchaser being another CPSU namely ONGC/PFC, the Government continues to have effective ownership over the divested entity viz. HPCL/REC.

For the current FY, while presenting the budget on February 1, 2023, Sitharaman had set a target of Rs 51,000 crore for proceeds of disinvestment. This has since been revised downwards to Rs 30,000 crore. Against this, as of February 1, 2024, the government has raised only about Rs 12,500 crore, and it is unlikely that even the revised divestment target will be met.

At a fundamental level, disinvestment of the government's shareholding in a PSU is in effect sale of its assets. Therefore, receipts arising therefrom can only be treated as 'capital receipts' (CRs). While preparing the budget, it won't be logical to plan for receipts from this source in the same manner as it is done for revenue receipts (RRs) which are receipts generated from

the day-to-day business activities e.g. dividends on shares held by the government. The government should change the track. It should unequivocally fall in line with what the finance secretary has indicated. It should pursue share sales 'independent' of the budget exercise. The government's tax revenue is buoyant (for three years in a row since 2021-22, these have exceeded the BE) and it is getting higher dividends from CPSUs as also higher dividends from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and state-run banks. These positive trends should be good enough for managing fiscal deficits. Hence, its budget need not have to depend on proceeds from disinvestment.

The FM has referred to the approach to share sales outlined in her Budget speech for 2021-22. Under it, CPSUs are divided into two broad categories i.e. strategic and non-strategic. The strategic group covers atomic energy, space and defense; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals; and banking, insurance and financial services. The non-strategic category includes all other sectors such as industrial and consumer goods, hotel and tourist services, trading, and marketing.

While, the government wants to sell CPSUs in the strategic sector with the caveat that at least one (and a maximum of four) will be retained in the public sector, it will privatize 'all' undertakings in non-strategic sectors. All loss-making undertakings in the latter category will be closed. However, it needs to unshackle the process from a host of legacy issues.

Foremost, the majority ownership and control by the Government for several decades has ingrained in the bureaucrat a feeling of exercising command over the management of the PSU. Although things have improved under the Modi - dispensation (courtesy of its focus on a

'policy-driven state', and increase in 'transparency'), the basic ingredients remain intact. This mindset has to go. Second, even after strategic sales, the government wants to remain in the driver's seat. This is amply reflected in a statement in Sitharaman's budget speech for FY 2019-20. She had stated the intent was to change the existing policy from "directly" holding 51 per cent or above in a CPSU, to one whereby its total holding, "direct" plus "indirect", is maintained at 51 per cent. This stance remains intact. Third, it remains inclined to use CPSUs for achieving other unrelated objectives. For instance, it uses fertilizer PSUs to ensure adequate availability of this politically sensitive agri-input in every nook and corner of the country. This has come in the way of taking up the strategic sale of nine CPSUs in the fertilizer sector (it falls in the non-strategic category) recommended for sale by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) and Niti Aayog. Despite, the deregulation of petrol and diesel prices way back in 2010/2014, the government continues to regulate their prices. For this purpose, it rides piggyback on oil PSUs which control over 90 percent of the total sales. For this reason, the strategic sale of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) hasn't happened nearly four years after it was initially mooted in 2019-20. Fourth, the government wants to use CPSUs to build infrastructure and invest in green transition to meet climate mitigation goals. While the argument is tenable, this doesn't undermine a case for vigorously pursuing strategic sales to maximize asset value besides involving the private sector in achieving climate goals. Modi should remove all legacy obstacles and de-bureaucratize the process of share sale.

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Advancing the maxim of 'One Earth, One Health'

Modi's vision of 'One Earth, One Health' rooted in ancient Indian philosophy, reflects India's enduring commitment to universal health

India raising the slogan of 'One Earth One Health' in itself tells how India wants to develop health infrastructure. This philosophy includes holistic health protection and care for all beings - humans, animals and even plants. Apart from this, making medical treatment affordable has also been a top priority of the Government of India. This may surprise many people, but the fact is - only two welfare health schemes - 'Ayushman Bharat' and 'Jan Aushadhi Yojana' have provided more than Rs 1 lakh crore to patients mainly coming from the poor and middle class. Have saved. Ayushman Bharat has not only increased the demand for new hospitals but is also increasing the opportunity to open new hospitals and med-



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ical colleges. But also creating a new and complete health ecosystem with technology at the centre of operations. These revived efforts for healthcare services have given a big push to the highly potential healthcare sector, which promises to be worth Rs 10 lakh crore in the coming years, if there is proper coordination between the private sector and medical academia. Of course, It would have been even better here if

proper coordination with the state governments had taken care of the primary health centres also. Which perhaps the present ministry has failed to do. Whereas at smaller village health centers the testing facility could be linked to the district hospital. The focus on technology in healthcare is a huge opportunity for healthcare entrepreneurs, investors and professionals. The allocation of Rs 89,155 crore in the Union Budget 2023-24 has also given new impetus to the sector. There is a clear difference in focus between pre- and post-Covid situations. Springing into action, India focuses not just on treatment but also on wellness. Putting aside the absence of an integrated long-term approach to

health for several decades after independence, it is now better to pursue a whole-of-government approach under PM Modi, rather than confining the subject of health to the health ministry alone. Points towards the future. Keeping in mind the problems of common people, the government has given top priority to affordable treatment. More than 10,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras provide affordable medicines to the needy. The PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission is not only giving birth to new hospitals but also creating a new and complete health ecosystem. There has been a revolution of sorts in the medical education sector in the last 10 years. More than 260 new medical

colleges have been opened, doubling the medical seats in undergraduate and postgraduate medical courses as compared to 2014. However there is a need to change the policy decisions regarding the establishment of medical colleges, and more work needs to be done on how to make India's doors easier for Indian medical students studying abroad. However, in the latest budget, a lot of emphasis has also been given to the nursing sector. 157 nursing colleges around the medical colleges, a major step towards medical human resources. Technologies like 5G are creating new opportunities for startups. Drones are revolutionizing drug delivery and testing services. The medical device sector has seen a growth of 12-14% due to ini-

tiatives like Bulk Drug Park, and Medical Device Park, over Rs 30 thousand crore on PLI schemes. Apart from this, starting courses like biomedical engineering, industry-academia and government collaboration in IITs also has a lot to offer for the sector. However, instead of increasing the infrastructure of primary health centres, we added more to patient care OPD in institutions like AIIMS, while AIIMS remained identified as a research institute and their old contribution to the research sector. The government's efforts on preventive health care and awareness such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan for cleanliness, Ujjwala Yojana for smoking-related diseases, Jal Jeevan

Mission to tackle waterborne diseases, National Nutrition Mission to address anaemia and malnutrition, obesity Focus on grains - Shri Anna, PM Matru Vandana Yojana, Mission Indradhanush, Yoga, Fit India Movement and increasing focus on naturopathy, alternative medicine system including Ayurveda have saved people from diseases. All these measures of the government are the beginning of a new era for the people and also a vision of India regarding health in front of the world. Which can be understood in an earlier address of the Prime Minister. In which the Prime Minister warmly welcomed health ministers from across the world and representatives from West Asia, SAARC, ASEAN and

African regions. Quoting an Indian scripture which translates to 'Let everyone be happy, let everyone be free from diseases, let good things happen to everyone, and let no one suffer from sorrow', the Prime Minister expressed his vision of an inclusive country. Highlighted and mentioned that India's vision of health was universal even when there were no global pandemics thousands of years ago. He underlined that One Earth One Health follows the same beliefs and is an example of the same idea in action. "Our vision is not limited to humans only. But also a beautiful earth for every living being. That is the Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

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Israeli forces rescue 2 hostages in Gaza raid that killed 67

AP ■ RAFAH

Israeli forces rescued two hostages early Monday, storming a heavily guarded apartment in the Gaza Strip and extracting the captives under fire in a dramatic raid that was a small but symbolically significant success for Israel. The operation killed at least 67 Palestinians, including women and children, according to Palestinian health officials in the beleaguered territory.

To assist the rescue forces, heavy airstrikes pounded the area near the apartment in Rafah, a city on the southern edge of the Gaza Strip where 1.4 million Palestinians have fled to escape fighting elsewhere in the Israel-Hamas war.

The raid was celebrated in Israel as a victory in the slug-gish battle to free the hostages, with more than 100 captives still held by Hamas and other Gaza militants, and briefly lifted the spirits of a nation still



Hostages Fernando Simon Marman, right, and Luis Har, second from left, hug relatives after being rescued from captivity in the Gaza Strip, at the Sheba Medical Center in Ramat Gan, Israel, Monday. AP/PTI

reeling from Hamas' cross-border raid last year.

But in Gaza, where civilians have borne a staggering toll since the war erupted on October 7, the operation

unleashed another wartime tragedy, with many Palestinians killed or wounded.

More than 12,300 Palestinian minors — children and young teens — have been

killed in Israel's war against Hamas, the Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said Monday.

That means minors make up about 43 per cent of the total number of 28,176 Palestinians killed so far. About 8,400 women were also among those killed.

The ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians, provided the breakdown of minors and women at the request of The Associated Press. Israel claims to have killed thousands of Hamas fighters.

The plight of the hostages has profoundly shaken Israelis and the government has made freeing the dozens of remaining captives a top aim of its war, along with destroying Hamas' military and governing capabilities.

But as the fighting drags on, now in its fifth month, their freedom remains elusive and rifts have emerged in Israel over the best approach to end their ordeal.

'It's critical to receive EU aid soon'

AP ■ BRUSSELS

The head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees said Monday that it's vital that it receives new European Union funding within weeks because Israel appears to be readying a ground assault on Rafah, where many civilians have taken refuge.

The aid agency UNRWA is reeling from allegations that 12 of its 13,000 Gaza staff participated in the October 7 Hamas attacks in southern Israel. UNRWA immediately fired the staff, but more than a dozen countries suspended funding worth about USD 440 million, almost half of UNRWA's budget for 2024.

Asked how important it is that UNRWA receive an 82 million euro (USD 88 million) EU payment by the end of the month, UNRWA

Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said, "It's absolutely critical." He has previously warned that the agency might be forced to close by the end of the month.

Two UN investigations into Israel's allegations are underway, but the European Commission -- the third biggest donor to UNRWA after the United States and Germany -- has demanded a separate audit and wants to appoint experts to carry it out.

The audit would focus "on the control systems needed to prevent the possible involvement of (UNRWA) staff in terrorist activities," the EU's executive branch said. It also is insisting on "a review of all UNRWA staff" to confirm they had no role in the attacks.

Of the UN agency's 13,000 Gaza staff members, more than 3,000 continue working there.

Screening them all within weeks would be impossible, and time is of the essence.

The agency has been the main supplier of food, water and shelter during the war in Gaza, where around 85 per cent of the population has been displaced.

Part of the audit would involve a new "pillar assessment" of UNRWA. The commission routinely carries out these checks of agencies that it funds to ensure that they're complying with EU standards. But even the EU's crisis management commissioner, Janez Lenarcic, conceded on Monday that such an assessment of UNRWA "has been concluded very recently."

The agency was also included in an audit the commission launched in October, which found that no funds were reaching Hamas.

Dutch court orders Netherlands to stop export of F-35 parts to Israel

The Hague (AP): An appeals court ordered the Dutch government on Monday to halt the export of F-35 fighter jet parts to Israel, citing a clear risk of violations of international law.

A trio of human rights organisations brought a civil suit against the Netherlands in December, arguing authorities needed to reevaluate the export license in light of Israeli military action in the Gaza Strip.

"It is undeniable that there is a clear risk that the exported F-35 parts are used in serious violations of international humanitarian law," Judge Bas Boele said in reading out the ruling, eliciting cheers from several people in the courtroom. The exports must cease within seven days. The decision came as Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte travelled to Israel to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss the conflict. Rutte was also expected to separately meet with Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh.

"We are extremely grateful that there is justice and that the court was willing to speak out on justice," lead lawyer Liesbeth Zegveld told reporters after the hearing. Oxfam Novib, Pax Nederland and The Rights Forum filed the case in December. They argued the continued transfer of the aircraft parts makes the Netherlands complicit in possible war crimes being committed by Israel in its war with Hamas.

In January, a lower court sided with the government, allowing the Dutch to continue sending US-owned parts stored at a warehouse in the town of Woensdrecht to Israel.

The Netherlands is home to one of three F-35 European regional warehouses. Other countries are also considering restricting weapons sales to Israel. AP

Finland elects new president

AP ■ HELSINKI

Finland has a new president after former Prime Minister Alexander Stubb narrowly won a runoff vote Sunday for the key post in this Nordic country. Stubb, who takes over in March, will steer Finland's foreign and security policy, including integrating the NATO newcomer into the alliance's core structures.

The final tally shows Stubb, of the centre-right National Coalition Party, had 51.6 per cent of the votes, while independent candidate and former Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto from the green left got 48.4 per cent of the votes. The two were the contenders in the second round of the election. Haavisto had served as Finland's top diplomat from 2019-2023.

Stubb is taking over from the hugely popular President Sauli Niinistö, whose second six-year term expires next month and who wasn't eligible for reelection. A runoff was



required after none of the original nine candidates got a majority of the votes in the first round on January 28. In tradition with consensus-driven Finnish politics and no below-the-belt attacks during the campaign, Stubb visited Haavisto's election party event late Sunday after the result was clear.

"You're one of the nicest people I have ever met," Stubb told his opponent at the party event, according to Finnish

broadcaster YLE. The presidency is a key political post in this northern European country of 5.6 million people. Unlike in most European countries, the president of Finland holds executive power in formulating foreign and security policy together with the government. But he is also expected to remain above the fray of day-to-day politics and stay out of domestic political disputes while acting as a moral leader of the nation.

2 including 5-year-old, injured after woman opens fire at Texas church

PTI ■ HOUSTON

A 5-year-old child and a woman were injured and a woman was killed after she opened fire inside a church here in the US state of Texas, police said. The violence erupted at pastor Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston on Sunday where a 2 p.m. Spanish service was set to begin. Two off-duty law enforcement officers — a Houston police officer and an agent with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission — engaged and struck the woman who entered the massive church with the boy who was later hurt in the shootout.

The woman, roughly 30-35 years old, was wearing a trench coat and a backpack and was armed with a long rifle, Houston Police Chief Troy Finner said. Lakewood Church — a building with a

16,000-person capacity that was previously an arena for the NBA's Houston Rockets — has grown tremendously over the past 25 years since Joel Osteen took over after his father died in 1999 and introduced an upbeat style of Christian televangelism that has captured a following of millions. "Unfortunately a 5-year-old kid was hit and is in critical condition at our local hospital," Finner said. It was unclear what the child's relationship to the shooter was, he said. A 57-year-old man — who authorities believe was not connected to the incident — was shot in the leg and is seeking treatment at a hospital, Finner said.

"I want to commend those officers. She had a long gun and it could have been a lot worse," Finner said. An investigation will take place into the shooting and both law enforcement officers will

be placed on administrative leave while the probe is ongoing. The woman had also threatened she "had a bomb", but authorities searched her vehicle and a backpack she was wearing and found no explosives, Finner said.

"She was also spraying some type of substance on the ground," the chief added.

The woman's identity has not yet been revealed. Speaking during the news conference, Osteen, the pastor, said the shooting took place "in between services", noting the timing of the incident likely helped prevent further injuries and damage.

"I can only imagine if it would have happened during the 11 o'clock service," he said. "So, you know, if there's anything good of it ... (it's) that she didn't get in there and do a whole lot worse

damage," Osteen said of the shooter.

Houston Mayor John Whitmire lamented that the violence took place while people were preparing to practise their faith and others looked forward to the Super Bowl encounter between the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. "We find ourselves gathered here to respond to this tragedy," he said.

In a statement Sunday afternoon, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said: "Our hearts are with those impacted by today's tragic shooting and the entire Lakewood Church community in Houston. Places of worship are sacred."

The governor added he has been in contact with local and state officials to "help this community and help bring swift justice to the criminal who committed this heinous act".

US Defence Secy Austin hospitalised

Washington (AP): US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin was hospitalised again on Sunday to address a bladder issue as he continues to recover from prostate cancer and has transferred authorities to his deputy, the Pentagon said. Austin was diagnosed with prostate cancer in December and continues to deal with complications from his treatment.

At about 2:20 pm Sunday, he was transported by his security detail to Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre "to be seen for symptoms suggesting an emergent bladder issue", Pentagon Press Secretary Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder said in a statement.

While Austin initially intended to retain the "functions and duties of his office" at about 5 pm Sunday he transferred those authorities to Deputy Secretary of Defence Kathleen Hicks. As of Sunday evening, he remained hospitalised.

A statement from Walter Reed medical officials late Sunday said Austin was admitted into the critical care unit for supportive care and close monitoring. Dr. John Maddox, the trauma medical director, and Dr. Gregory Chesnut, director of the Centre for Prostate Disease Research of the Murtha Cancer Centre, said while it was unclear at this time how long Austin will remain hospitalised, "the current bladder issue is not expected to change his anticipated full recovery."

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was notified, as well as the White House and Congress. Austin was scheduled to depart Tuesday for Brussels to hold a meeting of the Ukraine contact group, which he established in 2022 to coordinate military support for Kyiv after Russia's invasion.

After that, Austin was scheduled to attend a regular meeting of NATO defence ministers.

It was not immediately clear if this hospitalisation would change those plans. Austin was diagnosed with prostate cancer in December and underwent a procedure called a prostatectomy to treat it on December 22.

Yemen's Houthi rebels fire missiles at Iran ship

AP ■ DUBAI

Yemen's Houthi rebels fired two missiles at a ship bound for a port in Iran on Monday, causing minor damage but no injuries to its crew, authorities said. The attack on the Marshall Islands-flagged, Greek-operated bulk carrier Star Iris shows just how widely the Houthis now target ships travelling through the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait connecting the two waterways. The Star Iris had been heading from Brazil to Bandar Khomeini in Iran, the main backer and armer of the Houthis in Yemen's years-long war.

The Houthis sought to describe the Star Iris as an "American" vessel without offering evidence, and said they targeted the ship with multiple missiles.

The Houthi's military "will not hesitate to carry out more operations in retaliation to the Zionist crimes against our brothers in the Gaza Strip, as



well as in response to the ongoing American-British aggression against our dear country", Houthi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree said in a statement after the attack. The British military's United Kingdom Trade Operations centre, which oversees Mideast waters, reported the attack, saying it happened while the Star Iris was travelling south through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait that separates East Africa from the Arabian Peninsula. The ship's captain "reports his vessel was attacked by two missiles and reports

minor damage", the UKTMO said. "Vessel and crew are safe. Vessel proceeding to next port of call."

The attack on the Star Iris follows days in which no Houthi attacks on ships were reported. It's unclear what caused the pause, though the US and British militaries have conducted multiple rounds of airstrikes targeting the Houthi's missile arsenals and launch sites in territory they hold.

Since November, the rebels have repeatedly targeted ships in the Red Sea over Israel's offensive in Gaza.

UK may send asylum-seekers to Rwanda

AP ■ LONDON

The British government's plan to send some asylum-seekers on a one-way trip to Rwanda is "fundamentally incompatible" with the UK's human rights obligations, a parliamentary rights watchdog said Monday, as the contentious bill returned for debate in the House of Lords. Parliament's unelected upper chamber is scrutinizing a bill designed to overcome the UK Supreme Court's ruling that the Rwanda plan is illegal. The court said in November that the East African nation is not a safe country for migrants.

The Safety of Rwanda Bill pronounces the country safe, makes it harder for migrants to challenge deportation and allows the British government to ignore injunctions from the European Court of Human Rights that seek to block removals. Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights, which has members from both government and opposition parties, said in a report that the bill "openly invites the possibility of the UK breaching inter-

national law" and allows British officials "to act in a manner that is incompatible with human rights standards."

Scottish National Party lawmaker Joanna Cherry, who chairs the committee, said the bill "risks untold damage to the UK's reputation as a proponent of human rights". "This bill is designed to remove vital safeguards against persecution and human rights abuses, including the fundamental right to access a court," she said. "Hostility to human rights is at its heart and no amendments can salvage it."

The Home Office said the Rwanda plan is a "bold and innovative" solution to a "major global challenge". "Rwanda is clearly a safe country that cares deeply about supporting refugees," it said in a statement. "It hosts more than 135,000 asylum seekers and stands ready to relocate people and help them rebuild their lives."

Under the policy, asylum-seekers who reach the UK in small boats across the English Channel would have their claims processed in Rwanda, and stay there permanently. The plan is key to Prime

Minister Rishi Sunak's pledge to "stop the boats" bringing unauthorised migrants to the UK. Sunak argues that deporting unauthorised asylum-seekers will deter people from making risky journeys and break the business model of people-smuggling gangs. Human rights groups call the plan inhumane and unworkable, and no one has yet been sent to Rwanda.

In response to the Supreme Court ruling, Britain and Rwanda signed a treaty pledging to strengthen protections for migrants. Sunak's Conservative government argues the treaty allows it to pass a law declaring Rwanda a safe destination. The bill was approved by the House of Commons last month, though only after 60 members of Sunak's governing Conservatives rebelled in an effort to make the legislation tougher.

It is now being scrutinised by the Lords, many of whom want to defeat or water down the bill. Unlike the Commons, the governing Conservatives do not hold a majority of seats in the Lords.

Serbs protest decision to abolish Serbian dinar

Mitrovica: Thousands of minority Serbs in Kosovo on Monday protested a ban of the use of the Serbian currency in areas where they live, an issue that has been the cause of the latest crisis in relations between Serbia and Kosovo.

Tensions escalated after the government of Kosovo, a former Serbian province, banned banks and other financial institutions in the Serb-populated areas from using the dinar in local transactions, starting February 1, and imposed the euro. The dinar was widely used in ethnic Serbian-dominated areas, especially in Kosovo's north, to pay pensions and salaries to staff in Serbian-run institutions, including schools and hospitals. The ban has angered both Kosovo Serbs and Serbia.

The leaders of Serbia and Kosovo sparred over the issue at a meeting last week at the United Nations Security Council. AP

Children in Abu Dhabi giving final shape to gifts for attendees of first Hindu temple inauguration

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Over 100 Indian school children here are busy painting "tiny treasure" stones which will be gifted as mementos to the guests attending the inauguration of the first stone Hindu temple here in the UAE's capital on Wednesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Bocharanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi, the first traditional Hindu stone temple in the UAE.

The children have been offering "stone seva" at the temple site every Sunday for three months and are now giving the final touch to the gifts called "tiny treasures".

For 12-year-old Tithi Patel, stone seva is a weekend activity which she enjoys with her



friend. "We collected leftover stones and small rocks at the temple site. We then washed and polished them followed by a layer of primer and then paint. Each rock has a motivational quote on one side and any part of the temple painted on the other side," she told PTI.

Reva Karia, 8, who spent this

Sunday packing the stones in gift boxes, said they have named the gift "tiny treasure" because children are making them with their tiny hands.

"The stone will make the guests remember their first visit to the grand temple. For me, this has been an experience of teamwork, a weekly outing with friends and a creative

activity. I come with my parents here and they also offer their seva at parts of the temple," she said. Aarnav Thakkar, 11, said the designs being painted on the stones are reflections of affirmation and represent peace, love and harmony.

"They are later varnished so they can last for many years as the temple," he said.

Thakkar said they will continue to do this activity for a few months so that when the temple is opened to the public, the visitors in the initial months can get the gift.

The BAPS Hindu Mandir, located in Abu Mureikhab, near Al Rahba off the Dubai-Abu Dhabi Sheikh Zayed Highway, has come up on around 27 acres of land in Abu Dhabi and the work for the structure has been going on since 2019.

Iraq says, US troop drawdown talks depend on peace

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Iraqi government met again with the US government on Sunday on how to draw down American troops, who have been deployed there for years combating the Islamic State. The two governments had held their first, long-awaited meeting January 27, but those meetings had been put on pause after Iran-backed militants struck a base in Jordan the very next day with a drone that killed three US service members.

In the weeks since, the US has launched multiple retaliatory strikes in Iraq and Syria including a strike last week that killed a high-ranking commander of the powerful Kataib Hezbollah militia who the US said is responsible for "directly planning and participating in attacks" on American troops in the region. Both Iraq and the

US had agreed last August to enter into talks to transition US forces from their long-standing role in assisting Iraq in combatting IS. There are approximately 2,500 troops in the country, and their departure will take into account the security situation on the ground, and the capabilities of the Iraqi armed forces, the Iraq government said in a statement on Sunday posted to X, formerly Twitter.

The resumed meetings will continue to chart a path to a new bilateral relationship "as long as nothing disturbs the peace of the talks", Iraq said in its statement.

Iraq has long struggled to balance its ties with the US and Iran, both allies of the Iraqi government but regional arch-enemies. Since the Israel-Hamas war broke out in the wake of Hamas' October 7 attacks, Iran-aligned groups have struck at US facilities in

Iraq, Syria and Jordan 170 times, prompting retaliatory airstrikes by the US, which blames Kataib Hezbollah for a string of those attacks.

The Iraqi government has angrily condemned US airstrikes against Kataib Hezbollah, which is part of the Popular Mobilization Forces.

The Popular Mobilization Forces, or PMF, are state-sanctioned, mainly Shiite militias, which have grown into a powerful political faction estimated to have the most seats in the Iraqi parliament.

But the deaths of three US service members at Tower 22 in Jordan was a red line for the US and in the days following the deadly strike, Iran disavowed any knowledge or connection to the attack, and Kataib Hezbollah said it would cease launching attacks in order to not embarrass the Iraqi government.

PML-N, PPP discuss power-sharing formula to form government in Pak

AP ■ ISLAMABAD/LAHORE

The top leaders of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and the Pakistan Peoples Party have discussed a new power-sharing formula for dividing the five-year tenure between them, as efforts to form a coalition government gathered pace on Monday following a split verdict in the elections.

Despite independent candidates backed by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party winning the most seats in Parliament, questions loom over what the next government of Pakistan will look like. None of the three major parties, the PML-N, the PPP, or the PTI have won the necessary seats to secure a majority in the 266-member National Assembly and, therefore, will be unable to form government on their own, leaving it unclear who will be picked as the cash-strapped country's next prime minister.

The leaders of PML-N and the PPP discussed the idea of appointing a prime minister for half the term during their first meeting held on Sunday following the February 8 elections as part of their efforts to form a coalition government in the Centre and provinces, according to a source privy to the development. "It has been proposed that a PML-N candidate will serve as prime minister for three years and PPP's leader for two years," the source said, adding that it was not yet decided who will get the first term. The meeting was attended by PPP-Parliamentarian President Asif Ali Zardari, PPP Chairman Bilawal-Bhutto Zardari, and former prime minister Shehbaz Sharif from the PML-N.

The same power-sharing formula was chalked out by PML-N and National Party (NP) in Balochistan in 2013 when two chief ministers from the two parties held office for half of the five-year term.

PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif is still in the race for the prime ministerial slot despite his party not securing a simple majority in the Feb 8 general

elections in Pakistan, some PML-N leaders said on Monday.

"We are having discussion with the PPP over power-sharing formula in the upcoming coalition government in the Centre and Nawaz Sharif cannot be ruled out as the prime ministerial candidate," PML-N Senator Irfan Siddique told a private news channel.

He said Nawaz Sharif, 74, is the candidate for the prime minister slot from the PML-N. In the Sunday meeting at the Bilawal House in Lahore, the two sides agreed in principle to cooperate for the country's political stability following the general election, the sources said. They confirmed that so far several open and behind-the-doors meetings have been held between the leaders of PML-N and PPP and other parties since the powerful Pakistan Army has also indicated that they will back a unity government to pull the country out of the challenges it faced. "The main hurdle is who will lead the government as both parties are pushing forward their candidates but after a lot of discussion, some sort of middle ground may emerge," according to a leader of the PML-N. A PPP leader said the party was not withdrawing from its demand that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

should be the prime minister because he was endorsed for the post by the PPP's Central Executive Committee (CEC) even before the elections. The Election Commission of Pakistan has announced that independent candidates, a majority of them supported by the PTI secured 101 seats, followed by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) with 75 seats, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) getting 54 seats, and Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) bagging 17 seats. Other parties got 17 seats while the result of one constituency was withheld. Though the PTI initially claimed to form the government but its chances looked grim from the beginning as at least 169 seats, in the house of 336, were needed to form the government. A total of 266 seats are directly contested while 60 women-reserved seats and 10 minority seats are allocated based on proportional representation to the winning parties. As PTI was not allowed to contest as a single party with a common symbol, it was not qualified to get the reserved seats.

The PTI hence decided to sit on the opposition benches, leaving the field open for PML-N and PPP as well as others to form a coalition, party leader Barrister

Gohar Ali Khan said, adding that the PTI would form a strong opposition.

"We don't feel comfortable with both (PML-N and PPP) of them. There will be no talks with anyone to make a government or to make a government together with them. It is better to sit in the opposition than to make a government [with them], but we think we have the majority," Gohar Khan told Dawn News on Sunday.

Rejected ballots exceed victory margin in 24 constituencies

Islamabad (PTI): The number of rejected ballots was greater than the margin of victory in at least 24 National Assembly constituencies, according to an interesting statistical nugget from Pakistan's recent general elections. The difference potentially opens doors for legal battles as several losing candidates have flooded the courts with petitions to review the results.

According to a report in the Dawn newspaper, 22 constituencies with a greater number of rejected votes than the margin of victory fell in Punjab, with one each in

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh province. The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) won the electoral race in 13 of these constituencies, five were claimed by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), four by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)-backed independents and two by other independents. Going by their numerical strength, both the PML-N and the PPP are in a position to form a coalition government in the Centre. However, PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif announced that all parties except PTI should join hands in the upcoming

coalition set-up. According to the results announced by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) till Sunday, of the total 265 National Assembly seats, PTI-backed Independents bagged 93 seats, followed by PML-N at 73, PPP at 54, MQM at 17 and others at 19.

The highest number of rejected votes was in the NA-59 (Talagang-cum-Chakwal) area of Punjab where Sardar Ghulam Abbas of PML-N secured 141,680 votes against

his closest rival PTI-backed Muhammad Ruman Ahmad, who got 129,716 votes.

The margin of victory was 11,964 while the number of ballot papers rejected was 24,547. It was followed by NA-213 Umerkot (17,571 ballots). The lowest number of ballots excluded are reported from NA-236 Karachi East-II (51 ballots). In total, around two million ballot papers have been excluded from the count from the 265 National Assembly constituencies.



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Letter No.: 221/NvIda/48 Date: 12-02-2024

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1. Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD AT GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE ALMORA, DISTRICT-ALMORA.
2. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 55.92 Lakh (Without GST)
3. Period of Completion:- 02 Month
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5. Online Bid submission: End date:- 19-02-2024 (17.00 hrs)
6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening:- 20-02-2024 (16.30 hrs)
7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid:- Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ranikhet.
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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT (REVISED) FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
(₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Current Quarter ended (31.12.2023) (Unaudited)	Corresponding Quarter ended (31.12.2022) (Unaudited)	Nine Months ended (31.12.2023) (Unaudited)	Corresponding Nine Months ended (31.12.2022) (Unaudited)	Previous Year ended (31.03.2023) (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	3015.38	1786.93	3036.97	1805.87	1618.02
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	2981.78	1771.32	2984.36	1742.19	1536.16
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	2981.78	1771.32	2984.36	1742.19	1536.16
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	2981.78	1771.32	2984.36	1742.19	1536.36
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	516.69	32.05	1449.87	36.04	123.27
6.	Equity Share Capital	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	4103.36
8.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - Basic & Diluted (in ₹)	8.61	0.53	24.16	0.60	2.05

Notes: 1. The above unaudited financial results have been revised as per directions of BSE notified to the company vide their e-mail dated 29.01.2024. 2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results (Revised) filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 & Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended. 3. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity. <https://www.bseindia.com/stock-share-price/key-corp-ltd/keycorp/507948/financials-results-special/>. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the board of directors of the company at its meeting held on 12.02.2024. The Statutory Auditor of the company have carried out a limited review of accounts of the company for the third quarter ended 31st December, 2023.

By Order of the Board
(G.D. Maheshwari)
Whole Time Director
DIN 00235209

Place: Kanpur
Date: 12.02.2024

IMF team likely to visit Pak for bailout package

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

A delegation of the IMF may visit cash-strapped Pakistan once a new federal government is formed, negotiations for which are ongoing between major political parties after the general elections threw a hung Parliament, a media report said on Monday.

The International Monetary Fund's review mission might visit Islamabad by the end of this month or early next month, provided the government formation at federal and provincial levels was complete, according to the Ministry of Finance's assessment, Geo News reported.

The visit assumes significance as it is crucial for the completion of the USD 3 billion Standby Arrangement (SBA), which is going to expire on April 12. The mission will finalise the salient features of the anticipated medium-term bailout package to avert a default on repayment of foreign debts, the report said. In its recent staff report, the IMF talked about rephasing access for the second review, to March 15, 2024, to provide sufficient time to complete the programme's structural agenda. However, in the wake of controversy over the poll results, the mission's possible delay for the completion of the last tranche worth USD 1.2 billion under SBA could lead to fears of default, the report said. Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves hovered around USD 8.04 billion during the week ending February 2, after witnessing a decline in reserves by USD 173 million due to external debt repayments. A Finance Division official said the IMF would only come to begin the second review talks once a new government was sworn in at the national level, according to the report.

The official added the last and third tranche of USD 1.2 billion was conditional upon the newly elected government assuming office. The new agreement will also be finalised with the new government, he said.

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31.12.2023
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Three Months Quarter Ended 31.12.2023 Unaudited	Three Months Quarter Ended 30.09.2023 Unaudited	Three Months Quarter Ended 31.12.2022 Unaudited	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2023 Unaudited	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2022 Unaudited	Year Ended 31.03.2023 Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	-2.07	-1.41	-2.02	-8.85	-10.43	-11.92
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	-2.07	-1.41	-2.02	-8.85	-10.43	-11.92
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	-1.53	2.02	-1.68	-6.55	-8.97	-10.10
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	8.36	13.43	-9.09	27.07	-3.47	5.36
6	Equity Share capital	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	522.44	514.09	486.55	522.44	486.55	495.37
8	Earning per Share (face Value of Rs.10/- each) (not annualised)						
1.	Basic	-0.07	0.06	-0.06	-0.24	-0.3	-0.34
2.	Diluted	-0.07	0.06	-0.06	-0.24	-0.3	-0.34

NOTE :
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com. The same is also available on the Company's website www.jindalleasfin.in
2. The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 12.02.2024.
For Jindal Leasefin Limited
Sd/-
(SURENDER KUMAR JINDAL)
Managing Director

Date : 12.02.2024
Place : New Delhi


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Extract of Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended on December 31, 2023
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	31.16	32.07	223.81
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3.59	(9.36)	45.08
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3.59	(9.36)	45.08
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3.59	(9.36)	33.36
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	3.59	(9.36)	33.36
6	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet	77.58	77.58	77.58
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)			
1. Basic :	0.01	(0.03)	0.11	
2. Diluted :	0.01	(0.03)	0.11	

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 31.12.2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange www.mseil.in and www.bsindia.com and the Company's website www.superiorfinlease.com
For Superior Finlease Limited
Sd/-
(RAJNEESH KUMAR)
Director
DIN: 02463693

Place : New Delhi
Date : February 12, 2024



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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(Amount in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	QUARTER ENDED						NINE MONTHS ENDED				YEAR ENDED	
		STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED			STANDALONE		CONSOLIDATED		STANDALONE	CONSOLIDATED
		31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	30-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	30-Sep-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
		Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations (Net)	70.55	41.38	63.12	722.30	140.57	498.59	197.88	152.96	1,699.39	246.16	271.58	532.36
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	(205.53)	(410.01)	2,503.27	694.85	716.39	687.02	3,091.09	1,390.35	1,966.35	2,741.97	1,126.38	3,140.96
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(205.53)	(410.01)	2,503.27	694.85	716.39	687.02	3,091.09	1,390.35	1,966.35	2,741.97	1,126.38	3,140.96
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	(371.92)	(289.04)	2,293.40	558.71	834.67	317.60	2,504.85	1,094.35	1,237.07	2,443.54	796.64	2,765.51
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	(151.11)	(343.00)	2,485.68	962.64	938.03	662.90	2,889.62	728.44	1,828.99	1,492.44	137.69	1,931.71
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,499.55	2,504.05	2,499.55	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,499.55	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,499.55
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)												
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.49)	(1.15)	9.16	2.24	3.33	1.27	10.00	4.37	4.94	9.76	3.18	11.06
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	(1.49)	(1.15)	9.16	2.24	3.33	1.27	10.00	4.37	4.95	9.76	3.18	11.06

NOTES:
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2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on February 12, 2024. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the aforesaid results.
3. Previous quarter/ year end figures have been rearranged and / or regrouped, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with those of the current quarter/ year end.

Place : New Delhi
Date : 12th February, 2024

By order of the Board
Sd/-
(Alok Kumar Modi)
Managing Director

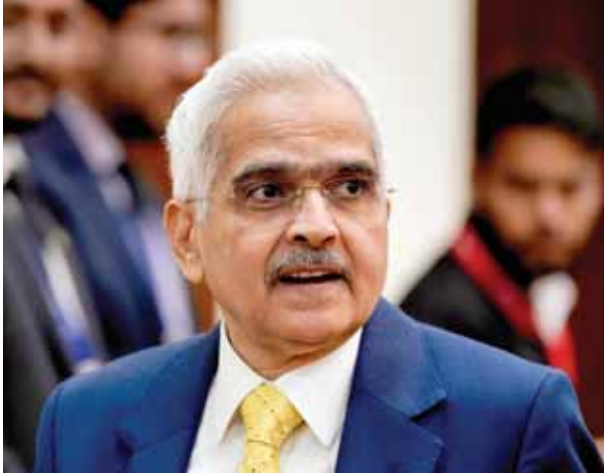
RBI rules out review of action against Paytm Payments Bank

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday ruled out any review of the central bank's action against Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL), saying the decision was taken after a comprehensive assessment of the functioning of the lender. In a major action against Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL), RBI, on January 31, directed it to stop accepting deposits or top-ups in any customer accounts, wallets, FASTags and other instruments after February 29. "At the moment let me say very clearly there is no review of this (PPBL) decision. If you are expecting a review of the decision, let me very clearly say there is (going to be) no

review of the decision," Das said at a press conference after the 606th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India. The meeting was addressed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The governor said any decision against entities regulated by the RBI is taken after a comprehensive assessment. While emphasising that RBI is supportive of the fintech sector, Das said it is also committed to protect the interest of customers as well as ensure financial stability. The central bank is expected to soon issue a set of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) on the Paytm matter this week. While announcing the action against PPBL, the RBI had said

the direction follows persistent non-compliances and continued material supervisory concerns. Earlier on March 11, 2022, the RBI had barred PPBL from onboarding new customers with immediate effect. In its latest action, RBI has asked the Paytm Payments Bank not to take deposits/credit transactions/top-ups in any customer accounts, prepaid instruments, wallets, FASTags, and NCMC cards, among others after February 29, 2024. However, the central bank has allowed credit of interest, cashbacks, or refunds even beyond February 29. Further, withdrawal or utilisation of balances by PPBL customers from their bank accounts, current accounts, prepaid instruments, FASTags, and National Common Mobility Cards are permitted without



any restrictions, up to their available balance. RBI also directed termination of the 'nodal accounts' of One97 Communications Ltd.

One97 Communications, which owns Paytm brand, holds a 49 per cent stake in Paytm Payments Bank Limited but classifies it as an associate of the company and not as a subsidiary. Gold remains flat; silver jumps Rs 400 New Delhi, Feb 12 (PTT) Gold prices remained steady at Rs 63,150 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, according to HDFC Securities. However, silver jumped Rs 400 to Rs 75,400 per kg from its previous close of Rs 75,000 per kg. Meanwhile, the next tranche of Sovereign Gold Bond scheme opened for subscription at a price of Rs 6,263 per gram. The issue is open until February 16. The Government of India, in consultation with the Reserve

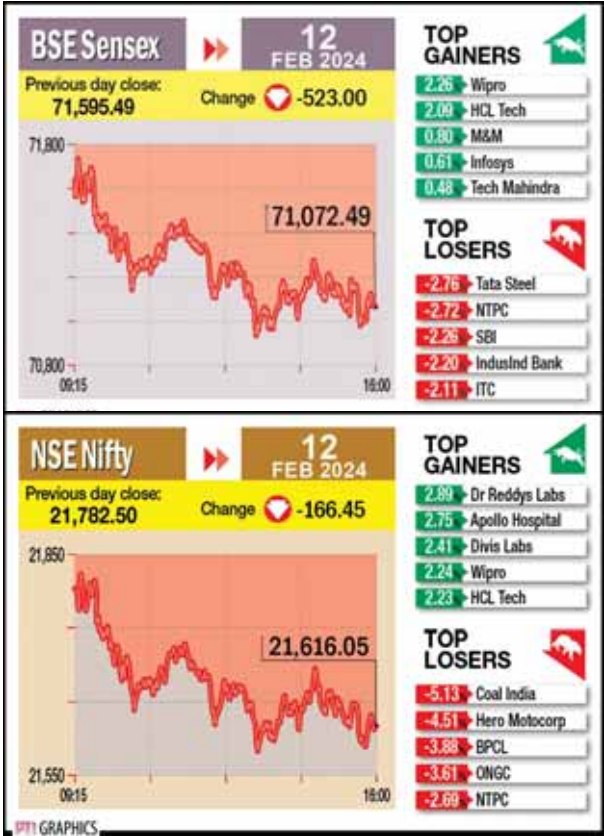
Bank, has decided to offer a discount of Rs 50 per gram less than the nominal value to those investors applying online and making the payment against the application through digital mode. "Spot gold prices (24 carats) in the Delhi markets are trading flat at Rs 63,150 per 10 grams, unchanged from the previous close," Saumil Gandhi, senior analyst of commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the international markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at USD 2,022 per ounce, down by USD 2 from the previous close. Also, silver was trading marginally higher at USD 22.80 per ounce. Traders avoided directional bets before the outcome of the US consumer inflation data, to be released on Tuesday, which

can provide more insights about the US Federal Reserve monetary policy path, Gandhi added. Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst, LKP Securities said that the spotlight also turned to the fourth tranche of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB), which garnered investor attention. With stable returns fixed at 2.5 per cent, investors were drawn to park their funds in gold, especially amidst prevailing uncertainties in the global and Indian markets. "However, the price of Rs 62,130 per 10 gram may seem unattractive to some investors, particularly considering the delayed hints of US rate cuts, which could potentially support a rise in the dollar and limit the upside for gold prices in the short term," Trivedi said.

Sensex tanks 523 points on profit taking in banking, metal shares

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark Sensex plunged by 523 points on Monday due to profit taking in metal and banking shares amid mixed trends in global markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex settled 523 points or 0.73 per cent lower at 71,072.49 as 22 of its components closed in the red and eight in the green. The barometer opened higher and touched a high of 71,756.58 in early trade. However, profit taking in Reliance Industries, metal giants and banking shares dragged the index to a low of 70,922.57 during intra-day trade. The broader NSE Nifty also closed 166.45 points or 0.76 per cent lower at 21,616.05 with 34 of its constituents ending in the red. Metal, banking and select oil shares succumbed to selling while pharma and IT shares bucked the trend. "An uptick in exchange margin requirements caused a decrease in positions, primarily in mid and small caps. Aside from the pharma and IT sectors, selling was widespread, with notable struggles seen in PSU banks," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. In the Sensex pack, Tata Steel fell the most by 2.76 per cent, followed by NTPC (2.72 per cent) and SBI (2.26 per cent). Private banks IndusInd, Kotak Bank, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank also declined. In contrast, Wipro, HCL Tech, Mahindra & Mahindra and Nestle were among the nine



Sensex stocks that defied the trend. BSE smallcap index fell 3.16 per cent while midcap lost 2.62 per cent and largecap closed 0.90 per cent lower. Among the sectoral indices, utilities saw a steepest fall of 3.60 per cent, followed by realty which declined by 3.01 per cent and power that went down by 2.90 per cent. Industrials fell 2.92 per cent and energy slid 2.80 per cent, while metal declined by 2.73

per cent and oil & gas by 2.56 per cent. Capital goods, commodities, bankex and financial services were other laggards. "The premium valuation gap between mid to large caps has notched to its all-time high. Despite a robust economic forecast, corporate earnings are expected to slow due to moderated operating margins. It is going to be a challenge for the broad market to sustain the

premium valuation," Nair added. In the broader market, NHPC dropped 15.81 per cent after it reported a 19 per cent decline in profit for the December quarter. Another power PSU SJVN dropped 20 per cent to hit the lower circuit on BSE. Leading forging manufacturer Bharat Forge tanked 14.04 per cent following the announcement of its quarterly results. "Nifty declined further after a consolidation breakdown on the hourly chart, indicating an increase in pessimism. The daily chart shows the index forming a lower top, signaling diminishing bullish sentiment," Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst, LKP Securities said. In Asia, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 closed 0.9 per cent higher and China's Shanghai Composite went up 1.28 per cent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.83 per cent. European markets were trading on a mixed note with CAC 40 of France and DAX of Germany rising, while London's FTSE 100 trading with losses. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.50 per cent to USD 81.78 a barrel on Monday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) purchased shares worth Rs 141.95 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. On Friday, Sensex climbed 167.06 points or 0.23 per cent to settle at 71,595.49 points while the Nifty gained 64.55 points or 0.30 per cent to close at 21,782.50 points.

India vegetable oil imports fall 28 per cent in January

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The country's vegetable oil imports declined by 28 per cent to 12 lakh tonnes in January from a year-ago period, industry body SEA said on Monday. Vegetable oil imports stood at 16.61 lakh tonnes in January 2023. India is a leading vegetable oil buyer in the world. In the first quarter (November-January) of the current oil year, total imports dropped 23 per cent to 36.73 lakh tonnes as against 47.73 lakh tonnes in the same quarter of previous year. According to the Solvent Extractors Association of India



(SEA), about 7,82,983 tonnes of palm oil and 4,08,938 tonnes of soft oil were imported in January this year out of total vegetables oil. As on February 1, total edible oils stock stood at 26.49 lakh

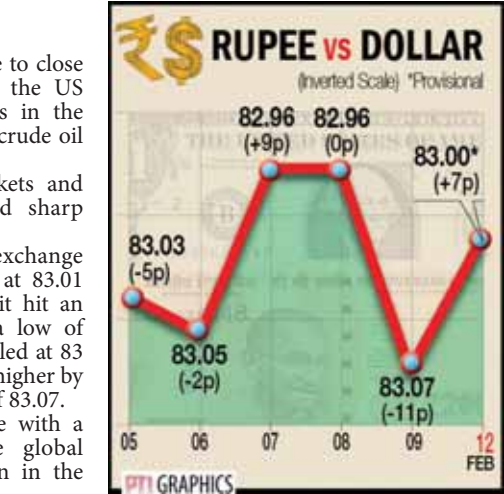
tonnes, down 7.64 per cent from that of the year-ago period, it said in a statement. SEA said prices of edible oils, which are currently low, may go up this year on lower production, global economic

issues and supply constraints. The availability of palm oil for edible oil requirements has come down as the two main producers, Malaysia and Indonesia, are diverting it for the production of bio-diesel. This could result in an increase in prices this year, it said. Global palm oil output was seasonally low in January-March 2024, leading to a reduction of stocks both in producing as well as importing countries, it added. India imports palm oil mainly from Indonesia and Malaysia and a small quantity of crude soft oil, including soyabean, from Argentina. Sunflower oil is imported from Ukraine and Russia.

Rupee rises 7 paise to close at 83 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee appreciated 7 paise to close at 83 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, on softness in the American currency and easing crude oil prices. However, weak domestic markets and foreign fund outflows capped sharp gains, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.01 against the greenback. The unit hit an intra-day high of 82.98 and a low of 83.02. The local unit finally settled at 83 (provisional) against the dollar, higher by 7 paise from its previous close of 83.07. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight positive bias, positive global equities and a slight correction in the greenback. "However, any bounce back in crude oil prices amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and selling pressure



from foreign investors may weigh on the rupee at higher levels," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Sharekhan

by BNP Paribas. Traders may take cues from India's CPI and IIP data. "Headline inflation is expected to ease to 5.09 per cent from 5.69 per cent. Investors may remain vigilant ahead of US inflation data on Tuesday," Choudhary said, adding the USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in range of Rs 82.80-83.20. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.04 per cent higher at 104.15. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.51 per cent to USD 81.77 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex declined 523 points, or 0.73 per cent, to 71,072.49. The Nifty fell 166.45 points, or 0.76 per cent, to 21,616.05. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Friday as they bought shares worth Rs 141.95 crore, according to exchange data.



Tata Motors ties up with LeadIT for greener future

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Motors on Monday said it has tied up with the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT), a global alliance launched by governments of Sweden and India at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019. As a member of LeadIT, the auto major will be able to harness the power of global best practices, influence policy-making, and together with other members strengthen climate action plans, thereby accelerating transition towards net-zero emissions. "Our pledge to attain net-zero emissions across our Passenger Vehicles (PV) business by 2040, and our Commercial Vehicles (CV) business by 2045, is a testament to our commitment to a greener

future," Tata Motors Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer SJR Kutty said in a statement. Joining forces with LeadIT propels the automaker closer to these ambitious goals, facilitating a journey towards sustainable transformation, he added. Sweden's Minister for Climate and the Environment and Co-Chair of LeadIT, Romina Pourmokhtari said the membership signals an important commitment to net-zero from a leading global manufacturer in the supply chain. "Demand signals are crucial for the transformation of our industry. Fostering dialogues and strengthening partnerships in areas where transition challenges need to be addressed is core to achieving reduced climate emissions," she added.

SpiceJet plans to lay off 1,000 people

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Crisis-hit SpiceJet plans to hand out pink slips to at least 1,000 employees in the coming days as the airline works to significantly reduce costs and streamline operations of its depleted aircraft fleet, officials said on Monday. Faced with financial woes, legal battles and other headwinds, the no-frills carrier might ask more staff to leave as there is excess manpower now compared to the number of planes in service. A final decision on the quantum of layoffs is expected this week, one of the officials in the know said. When contacted, a SpiceJet spokesperson said the airline has initiated several measures, including manpower rationalisation, for achieving profitable growth but did not

provide any numbers. The airline has around 9,000 employees and is now looking at reducing the strength by 10-15 per cent, the official said, adding that layoffs are necessary to reduce the overall costs and annual savings could be up to Rs 100 crore. A reduction of 15 per cent would mean around 1,350 people will lose their jobs. The second official in the know said that layoffs are expected across departments and the final list is being prepared. People from the management and consultancy are working on chalking out the contours of letting staff leave, and all the departments have been asked to give their inputs, the official added. There was no official comment from SpiceJet on the proposed job cuts. The second official explained that the airline has stopped



operations on certain RCS (Regional Connectivity Scheme) routes and at those stations, there is excess manpower, especially staff with lower salaries. Relocating such people will be a challenge, the official noted. Currently, SpiceJet has a fleet of

little over 30 aircraft apart from 10 planes that are on wet lease. "As part of our turnaround and cost-cutting strategy, following the recent fund infusion, SpiceJet has initiated several measures, including manpower rationalisation, aimed at achieving profitable

growth and positioning ourselves to capitalise on the opportunities in the Indian aviation industry. "Through this initiative alone, we anticipate an annual saving of up to Rs 100 crore," the airline spokesperson said in a statement. During a meeting with the airline's senior officials last month, SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh emphasised the importance of judicious spending and that he will personally oversee all major expenditures. The carrier will prioritise fleet upgrades, enhance on-time performance and cost-cutting measures will be implemented to streamline operations, according to an internal note last month. SpiceJet, which has undergone multiple ownership changes since inception and is currently helmed by Ajay Singh, is in the

process of raising funds from various investors. On January 26, the carrier announced that it has received Rs 744 crore as the first tranche of the total Rs 2,250 crore proposed to be raised through the issuance of securities on a preferential basis. There were reports that there has been a delay in raising the requisite funds. The airline has also availed funds worth around Rs 1,000 crore under the government's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) and Singh has committed to infuse Rs 500 crore. In recent times, SpiceJet also witnessed lessors taking legal recourse to take back their leased aircraft due to non-payment of dues. India is one of the world's fastest growing civil aviation markets and the domestic air traffic is on an upward trajectory. However, SpiceJet has been struggling for sometime now. In 2023, the carrier flew 83.90 lakh passengers and had a domestic market share of 5.5 per cent.

Inflation falls to three months low in January

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retail inflation declined to a three-month low of 5.1 per cent in January, mainly due to subdued prices of vegetables, fruits and other food items, according to government data released on Monday. The fall indicates that retail inflation is inching towards the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 4 per cent. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation was on the rise for two straight months after touching a trough of 4.9 per cent in October 2023. In December, it stood at 5.69 per

cent. In January, inflation in the food basket eased to 8.3 per cent from 9.53 per cent in the preceding month. It was at 6 per cent in January 2023, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). Food inflation was lower in rural areas at 7.91 per cent compared to 9.02 per cent in the urban centres of the country. The latest data showed that inflation in 'oils and fats', 'pulses and products', 'spices, fruits, and vegetables segments was lower in January 2024 compared to December 2023.

However, inflation was marginally higher in the 'fuel and light', 'clothing and footwear', 'cereals and products', 'meat and fish', and eggs segments on a month-on-month basis. As per the data, inflation was more than the national average of 5.1 per cent in Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh. The lowest retail inflation in January this year was in Delhi at 2.56 per cent. Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist at rating agency Icra, said while

rabi sowing has caught up with last year's level, reservoir storage remains well below the year-ago levels in most regions, continuing to imbue caution in terms of the outlook for the rabi harvest. "We project the CPI inflation to ease below 5 per cent in February-March 2024, and average at 5.3 per cent in FY2024. "Thereafter, we estimate the CPI inflation at 4.6 per cent in FY2025, broadly in line with that of the MPC (Monetary Policy Committee), based on the assumption of a normal monsoon," she said.

Role of nursing highlighted

PNS ■ KATTANKULATHUR

Speakers at a national Conference on Friday said that nurses were at the forefront of healthcare delivery, while stressing on the importance of knowledge transfer in the profession. SRM College of Nursing, SRMIST, hosted the 8th National Nursing Conference on Friday. More than 570 participants including faculty of nursing institutions, staff nurses, Ph.D scholars apart from graduate and post graduate students of nursing from 34 institutions all over India took part in the day-



long conference. While delivering the Chief Guest address, Professor T Samuel Ravikumar, Trauma & Disaster Management Consultant, and former Trauma Centre Coordinator and Head, Emergency Nursing, CMC, Vellore, said nurses were at the forefront of healthcare delivery.



Sangram to face Saeed

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Making his comeback after six years, former Commonwealth Heavyweight champion Sangram Singh will face Pakistan's Muhammad Saeed in what will be the headline event of the International Pro Wrestling Championship on February 24 in Dubai. The event carrying a prize purse of Rs 3-crore will have a lineup of five matches, including the one featuring Sangram and Saeed. "This sport of wrestling exemplifies gentlemanly conduct, and I aim to inspire the youth through this event keeping in mind the ideology of FIT India," said the 38-year-old who won the Commonwealth Heavyweight Championship in 2015 and

2016. "Competing against Muhammad Saeed, who is an elite athlete in his own right will be the perfect way to emphasize that age is no barrier and I look forward to a great fight to complete my anticipated comeback facilitated by World Professional Wrestling Hub." The other match ups feature Ilias Bekbulatov (Russia), 2017 European Wrestling Champion vs Damon Kemp (USA); Andrea Carolina (Columbia), Olympian, vs Vescan Cynthia (France), Olympian; Bader Ali (UAE), Silver medalist, Arab Championship vs Mbo Isomi Aron (Congo), Gold Medalist, Games of La Francophonie; Mimi Hristova (Bulgaria), Olympian vs Skiba Monika (Poland).

WOODS STARTS A NEW YEAR WITH NEW LOOK

AP ■ LOS ANGELES

Tiger Woods is starting a new year with a new look.

Just not a different color. Woods makes his 2024 debut this week in the Genesis Invitational at Riviera, a signature event on the PGA Tour in which he is the tournament host. The first order of business is unveiling what he referred to in December as the next "chapter." Woods and Nike ended 27 years together at the end of last year. He wore the swoosh on his shirt for the final time at the PNC Championship that he played with his son, Charlie, who was wearing clothes from a different apparel company. Woods has scheduled a press conference Monday at 4 p.m. PST outside the gates of Riviera to discuss what he will be wearing in the limited tournaments he plays. All signs point to TaylorMade. Woods already plays their golf clubs, and TaylorMade Lifestyle Ventures has filed four trademark applications with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for "Sunday Red" or "SDR." Woods announced on Jan. 8 that his relationship with Nike, which produced so many big moments on the golf course and in commercials, had officially ended. His agent at Excel Sports Management, Mark Steinberg,



said he expected "an exciting announcement" at Riviera. Woods has been teasing the announcement on social media recently. He posted a closeup of his face a week ago Monday that said, "The vision remains the same." On Friday, he posted a darkened picture of him wearing a red shirt that said, "A new day rises." Woods has worn some variation of red on Sunday his entire career because his Thai-born mother, Kultida, told him it was his power color. She also gives him a new head cover of a Tiger each season with words in Thai that say, "Love from Mom." Key to that is getting to Sunday. Woods played all four rounds of the unofficial Hero World Challenge in December, his first competition in nearly eight months while he recovered from ankle surgery after the Masters.

Woods made the cut in the rain-delayed Masters but withdrew on Sunday morning before completing the third round because of his injuries. He also made the cut at the Genesis Invitational last year, tying for 45th. The Genesis Invitational not only carries a \$20 million purse, because it is a player-hosted signature event the winner will get \$4 million. But unlike the other signature events, the Genesis Invitational will have a 36-hole cut to the top 50 and ties, and any player within 10 shots of the lead. Whatever the new look, it won't be visible as it once was. Woods already was coming off four back surgeries, the last one who fuse his lower spine, when he had a car crash in Los Angeles in the days after the 2021 Genesis Invitational. He didn't play the rest of the year.

But amid concerns he might never play again, Woods recov-

ered to play in the 2022 Masters and made it to Sunday. He has

never missed the cut at Augusta National as a pro.

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I Manigam Jayalakshmi Is Married To Army No. Jc441475m, Sub, Appalaswamy Manigam, Presently At Door No.2-70, Chompapuram Village, Karajada Post, Meliaputti Mandalam, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh State, Pin: 532221 Have Changed My Name From M. Jayalakshmi To Manigam Jayalakshmi Vide Affidavit Dated 24 January 2024 Before At Notray Udayapuram Palasa Srikakulam District (Ap) India

I Manigam Kaavya Is Daughter To Army No. Jc441475m, Sub, Appalaswamy Manigam, Presently At Door No.2-70, Chompapuram Village, Karajada Post, Meliaputti Mandalam, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh State, 532221 Have Changed My Name From M. Kaavya To Manigam Kaavya Vide Affidavit Dated 24 January 2024 Before At Notray Udayapuram Palasa Srikakulam District (Ap) India

I Kanta Rani W/o Sant Lal Kalra, House no D-91, Kalandri Gate Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Kanta Rani to Kanta Devi.

I, Malika Kachari Is legally Wife Of Basanta Kumar Kachari Of R/O Village- Sildubipara Pt-II, Po- Dhanubhanga, Tehsil-Rangjuli, Distt- Goalpara, State- Assam, Pin-783130, Have Changed My Name From Malika Kachari To Mallika Kachari Vide Affidavit No In Pb 8527997333642w Dated 12/02/2024 Before District Court Gurdaspur Punjab.

I, Manisha Spouse Of No Gs-183666k Rank Gde-I Mt Dvr Name Mukesh Singh Resident Of Village Nangal Farida, P.O Taragarh, Tehsil And Distt Pathankot (Punjab) Have Been Changed My Name From Manisha To Manisha Devi Vide Affidavit No In- Pb85097302872999w Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot.

I, No 14479554f Ex Hav Amrik Singh Resident Of Village Gobindsar Post Office Bhoa, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed The Name Of My Wife From Mandeep Kaur To Joginder Kaur Vide Affidavit No In-Pb85135597763515w Dated 12-02-2024 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Asha Rani Alias Priya W/o Pawan Kumar R/o VPO. Chitti, Distt. Jalandhar (144028) Punjab have changed my name to Priya Chahal (Surname as Chahal)

I, Manish Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar R/o H.No. W/L-400, Bhavria Mohalla, Basti Guzan, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Manish Kumar To Munish Kumar.

I, Sukhwinder Sonia W/o Charanjit Singh R/o H.No. 797, Basti Mithu, Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Sukhwinder Sonia To Sukhwinder Kaur.

I, Joginder Paul S/o Jog Dhiyan R/o H.No. W.J-178, Dabbi Pura, Basti Guzan, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Joginder Paul To Joginder Pal.

I, Shalini Batra W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o H.No. EC-34, Qazi Mohalla, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Shalini Batra To Shalini Arora, After Marriage.

I, Jaswinder Kaur W/o Piara Singh R/o VPO. Kahma, Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur to Kaur Jaswinder (Surname as Kaur)

I, Piara Singh S/o Wattan Singh R/o VPO. Kahma, Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Piara Singh to Singh Piara (Surname as Singh)

I, Ravinder Pal Singh s/o Raghubir Singh r/o H.No. 1248, Subhana Road, Garha, Jalandhar have changed my minor daughter name from Krishika to Krishika Krishika.

I Smt Asha Rani Widow D/O No JC-55274 Late Sub Maj (Hony Capt) Satpal Sharma Village Bassi Wazid P.O. Hariana Tehsil & Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Asha Devi To Asha Rani And Date Of Birth 16/05/1957.

I Rithu Bala D/O Narinder Kumar R/O House No.305 New Jagatpura Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Ridhima To Ridhima Bala.

I Neetu W/O Ravi Kumar R/O Onkar Nagar Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Neetu To Neetu Devi. Devi Is My Surname.

I Pranavi D/O Vishal Dheer R/O Hoshiarpur Road, Vishwakarma Nagar, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Pranavi To Pranavi Dheer.

I Rohit Kumar S/O Kuldeep Singh R/O Vpo. Sarhal Mundi, Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Rohit Kumar To Rohit Guru.

I Pawan Kumar S/O Bhagat Ram Bhatti R/O H.No.11/324 Gali Chajji Mishar Chowk Farid Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Pawan Kumar To Pawan Bhatti.

I Aditya S/O Pawan Bhatti R/O H.No.11/324 Gali Chajji Mishar Chowk Farid Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Aditya To Aditya Bhatti.

I Paramjit Kaur Toor W/O Harjinder Singh R/O Vpo. Rajiana Tehsil Bagha Purana Distt. Moga Punjab Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur.

I Pooja Rani W/O Sanpreet Kumar Bajaj R/O Kabir Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Pooja Rani Bajaj.

I Sanpreet Kumar S/O Baldev Raj R/O Kabir Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Sanpreet Kumar Bajaj.

I Parmjit Kaur W/O Baljit Singh Rai R/O Vpo. Bambiha Bhai Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur Rai.

I Namanpreet D/O Ajmer Singh R/O Vpo. Karyal Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Namanpreet Kaur.

I Ranjeet W/O Ajmer Singh R/O Vpo. Karyal Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Ranjeet Kaur.

I Ajmer S/O Gurmukh Singh R/O Vpo. Karyal Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Ajmer Singh.

I Manjinder Kaur Dhanoa W/O Gurddeep Singh R/O Vpo. Talwandi Kalan Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Manjinder Kaur.

I Manjit Kaur W/O Parminder Singh R/O Near Ara Duneke Moga (Pb)-142001 Have Changed My Name To Manjeet Kaur.

I Jasvir Kaur Sidhu W/O Baljit Singh R/O Vpo. Kot Sadar Khan Moga (Pb)-142042 Have Changed My Name To Jasvir Kaur.

I Satkar Singh Wander S/O Manjeet Singh R/O Vpo. Sadiq Distt. Faridkot Punjab-151212 Have Changed My Name To Satkar Singh.

I Komal Kaur D/o Sukhwinder Kumar R/o Vill. Boparai Khurd Teh Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name from Komal to Komal Kaur.

I, Kamaljit Kaur W/o Nirbhai Singh R/o Village Khukhrana (Moga) have changed my name from Kamaljeet Kaur to Kamaljit Kaur.

I Surjit Kaur Deol W/o Joginder Singh R/o Lohatbaddi (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Surjit Kaur.

I Alka W/o Rajesh Jaiswal R/o Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Alka Jaiswal.

I Kanwaljit Singh S/O Dhanwant Singh R/O Village Pandori Takhat Mall Tehsil & District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Kanwaljeet Singh.

I Aignas W/O Sadak Masih R/O 180 Gali No 6 Guru Tegh Bhadr Nagar Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Agnes.

I Sunita Kumari W/o Sunil Kumar Gulati M/O Sumedh Gulati R/o W.No. 1, Nagpal Nagri Gali No 6 Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my name to Sunita Gulati.

I Daljeet Kaur alias Baljit Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/O Vill Farid Khara Teh Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) declare that both names are one and the same person.

I Gaganpreet Singh Ghariai S/o Chand Singh Vill Rajoana Khurd (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gaganpreet Singh.

I Mohinder Kaur W/o Amarjit Singh Gill Vill Johlan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Mohinder Kaur Gill.

I Amarjit Singh S/o Chhanga Singh Vill Johlan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amarjit Singh Gill.

I, Harmit Kaur W/o Harmander Singh R/o Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Harmeeet Kaur.

I, Rajveer Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh Tiwana R/o Kothe Kehar Singh, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Rajveer Kaur Tiwana after marriage.

I Balraj Singh Alias Baz Singh S/o Thana Singh, Village Narang Singh Wala Po Valttha, Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur have changed my name to Balraj Singh.

I, Rakesh Kumar Alias Rakesh Ahuja S/o Parlad Bhagat Ahuja R/o H.no-360/20, Bank Colony, Khanna (Ludhiana) changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Ahuja.

I, Pankaj Kumar S/o Subhash Chand R/o # 766, Milk Road W/no-13 Krishna Colony, Naraingarh Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt Ambala changed my name from Pankaj to Pankaj Kumar.

I, Kulvinder Singh S/o Kharak Singh R/o Village Chatowal PO Rajpur Tehsil Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) PB changed my name to Kulvinder Singh.

I Kuldeep Singh Bains Son of Rajpal Singh Resident of House No. 82 Opp. Kothi No.04 Sangla Wala Chowk Guru Gobind Singh School Wali Gali Village Naurang Ke Sial District Ferozepur have Changed my name to Kuldeep Singh.

I Sarabjit Kaur wife of Kuldeep Singh Resident of House No. 82 Opp. Kothi No.04 Sangla Wala Chowk Guru Gobind Singh School Wali Gali Village Naurang Ke Sial District Ferozepur have Changed my name to Sarbjete Kaur.

I Sukhjeet Singh S/O Joginder Singh R/O Village-Rukne Wala Kalan,P o-Makhu,Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur Have Changed my Name From Sukhjeet Singh to Sukhjitt Singh.

I Gurnam Singh S/O Mansa Singh R/O Village-Mohkam Wala alias Araian Wala,P o-Makhu,Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur Have Changed my Name From Gurnam Singh to Gurnam Singh Sidhu.

I Amrik sngh S/o Kundan Singh VPO Mahmud Wala Teh Zira Distt Ferozepur have changed my name Amrik Sngh to Amrik Singh.

I Flak Rani Wife Of Raj Kumar Resident Of Lakhewali Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name From Flak Rani To Riya Rani. I Shall Thereafter Be Known By Name As Riya Rani

I Kuljit Kaur W/O Amardeep Singh R/O Charjan di Gali, Purana Sahar, Kotkapura (Faridkot) Have changed my name to Kuljeet Kaur.

I Jasvir Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh R/O Village Panjgrain Kalan District Faridkot have changed my name to Jasveer Kaur.

I Harpreet Singh S/o Hira Singh R/O Village Panjgrain Kalan District Faridkot Have changed my name to Harpreet Singh Kheeva.

I Gurbinder Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh Khiva R/o Village Panjgrain Kalan District Faridkot have changed my name to Gurbinder Kaur Khiva.

I Beant Singh Ladhroia S/o Karam Singh R/o VPO. Dhillwan Kalan (Faridkot) have changed my name to Beant Singh.

I Jaspreet Kaur Insan W/o Dharmveer Singh R/o VPO. Panjgrain Kalan (Faridkot) have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur.

I Saloni W/o Deepak Kumar R/o Jaitu Chungli, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sonali.

I, Hardeep Singh Gossal S/o Rajinder Singh R/o H.No.2, St.No.1, W.No.4, Azad Nagar, Godown Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Hardeep Singh Gosal.

I, Rajwinder Singh S/o Karamjit Singh R/o VPO Kalal Majra, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Rajwinder Singh.

I, Manjeet Kaur W/o Kuljit Singh R/O Village Maksudra (Ludhiana) declare that my name be read as given name Manjeet and Surname Kaur.

I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Lakhvir Singh R/o Village Gandhuan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Paramjeet Kaur.

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India chase glory at BATC

PTI ■ SHAH ALAM (MALAYSIA)

Thomas Cup champions India will look to recreate magic when they chase the elusive crown at the Badminton Asia Team Championships, which will mark the return of double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu from injury. The Indian men's team, which lifted the Thomas Cup in 2022 and secured a first-ever silver medal at last year's Asian Games, will look to go all the way in the continental event this week after finishing with bronze medals in the 2016 and 2018 editions. It won't be a walk in the park for the Indian men's team, who will face formidable China and Hong Kong in its group A league matches. However, India, led by HS Prannoy, Lakshya Sen and inform doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and

Chirag Shetty, will back themselves to finish in the top two and make it to the knockout stage. The women's team, led by Sindhu, got the rub of green as China is the only other team in Group 'W' and India are thus already assured of a knockout berth. It will be an uphill task for the women's team, which will depend on Sindhu and the two doubles pairs — Commonwealth Games bronze medallists Treesa Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand and Gawahati Masters 2023 champions Ashwini Ponnappa-Tanisha Crasto to provide them the push. For Sindhu, the event assumes extra significance as she will look to test her match fitness and regain confidence after being missing action since October last year. The 28-year-old has suffered a knee injury at the French Open



and took some time to regain her fitness and then shifted her base to Bengaluru to train under mentor Prakash Padukone at PPBA. The continental competition will also be important for the players as it offers valuable qualification points in the race to the 2024 Paris Olympics. Focus will also be on the young and second string Indian players such as Thailand Open super 300 semifinalist Ashmita Chaliya, 16-year-old senior national champion Anmol Kharb and Badminton Asia Junior Championships medallist Tanvi Sharma, who would be eager to punch above

their weight on the grand stage. India will begin its campaign on Wednesday with the men's team taking on Hong Kong and Sindhu and Co. Facing China at the Setia City Convention Centre here. While Hong Kong boasts of two solid men's singles players in World No. 18 and World No. 22 Ng Ka Long Angus, they lack a decent doubles pair and India is expected to get across their opponents. The same can't be said about their women's counterparts. China won't have the presence of Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei in their ranks but the likes of World No. 8 Han Yue, World No. 9 Wang Zhi Yi and World No. 15 Zhang Yi Man could prove a handful for Chaliha and Kharb. China will also be without their top doubles pair but World No. 4 Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning will be tough opponents.

Marathon world record holder Kelvin dies in car crash

AP ■ NAIROBI (KENYA)

Marathon world record-holder Kelvin Kiptum, who was set to be a superstar of long-distance running and was a top contender for gold at the Olympics in Paris this year, was killed along with his coach in a car crash in Kenya. Their vehicle was the only one involved in the crash late Sunday and Kiptum was driving when it veered off a road and into a ditch before hitting a tree, police said. Kiptum was 24 and one of the most exciting prospects to emerge in road running in years, having broken the world record in only his third appearance in an elite marathon. His record, set at last year's Chicago Marathon, was ratified by international track federation World Athletics just last week. His death reverberated through Kenya, where runners are the biggest sports stars. Kenyans have also gotten used to tragic tales involving their top athletes after a number have died in road crashes, other accidents and domestic violence cases. "He was only 24," Kenyan President William Ruto said in a statement offering his condolences. "Kiptum was our future." Kiptum and his Rwandan coach, Gervais Hakizimana, were killed in the crash at around 11 p.m., police said. It happened near the town of Kapsabet in western Kenya, in the heart of the high-altitude region that's renowned as a training base for the best distance runners from Kenya and across the world. Kiptum was born and raised in the area. A third person, a 24-year-old woman, was also in the car and was taken to a hospital with serious injuries, police said.



Kiptum and Hakizimana died at the scene. Athletes and family members, including Kiptum's father, gathered at the hospital mortuary where the bodies of Kiptum and his coach were taken. One of the athletes, former women's steeplechase world champion Milcah Chemos, struggled to speak while breaking down in tears. "I have no words to explain the loss of Kelvin," she said. Kenneth Kimaiyo, a friend of Kiptum, said he arrived at the crash scene soon after it happened and Kiptum had been thrown out of the car. Photos showed the silver car with a badly mangled roof and one of the doors flung open. Kiptum was the first man to run the marathon in under 2 hours, 1 minute in an official race when he set the world record of 2:00.35 in Chicago in October, beating the mark of fellow Kenyan and marathon great Eliud Kipchoge. Kiptum and Kipchoge were expected to provide an enticing all-Kenyan battle for marathon gold in Paris and Kiptum was due to start his season at the Rotterdam Marathon in April, which would have been his first event since breaking the world record. World Athletics President

Sebastian Coe was one of the first to offer his condolences in a statement on X, formerly Twitter. "We are shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the devastating loss of Kelvin Kiptum and his coach, Gervais Hakizimana," Coe wrote. "On behalf of all World Athletics we send our deepest condolences to their families, friends, teammates and the Kenyan nation." "It was only earlier this week in Chicago, the place where Kelvin set his extraordinary marathon World Record, that I was able to officially ratify his historic time. An incredible athlete leaving an incredible legacy, we will miss him dearly," Coe wrote. David Rudisha, Kenya's two-time Olympic champion in the 800 meters, wrote on X that Kiptum's death was "a huge loss." Kiptum had immediate success by running the fastest time ever by a marathon debutant at the 2022 Valencia Marathon. The following year, he won the London and Chicago races, two of the most prestigious marathons in the world. He set a new course record at the London Marathon last April and then became the fastest marathoner in the world months later. While young and new to the circuit, he had already run three of the seven fastest marathon times ever recorded and was seen as a rare talent. But he was also the latest Kenyan star to die in devastating circumstances. David Lelei, an All-Africa Games silver medalist, died in a car crash in 2010. Marathon runner Francis Kiplagat was among five people who were killed in a crash in 2018. Nicholas Bett, who won gold in the 400 meter hurdles at the 2015 world championships, also died in a car crash in 2018.



Davis Cup stars felicitated at inauguration of Bengaluru Open 2024

PTI ■ BENGALURU

The Indian Davis Cup team, which defeated Pakistan resoundingly on their own turf recently, was felicitated during the inauguration ceremony of the Bengaluru Open 2024 at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) Stadium here on Monday. The main draw of the tournament was inaugurated by Manjunath Prasad, additional chief secretary in the Karnataka government's department of youth empowerment and sport. "It's a proud moment for the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association to have Davis Cup stars participating at the DafaNews Bengaluru Open 2024. Their achievement in Pakistan was historic and inspiring," said R Ashoka, President Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association. "We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for their remarkable victory in this historic match

and we look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future." The Indian team thrashed Pakistan 4-0 to secure their place in the Davis Cup World Group I earlier this month. The members of the winning team — Ramkumar Ramanathan, Sriram Balaji, Saketh Myneni and Nikki K Poonacha — were present at the felicitation ceremony as they will also feature in the ongoing tournament. "We welcome all of you to the sixth edition of Bengaluru Open 2024 and wish you all the best. It will be an exciting week for the fans as top players will be in action, competing for the coveted title," said Prasad. The ATP Challenger Tour 100 event, organised by KSLTA, will be played from February 12-18 with the likes of star Indian player Sumit Nagal, who broke into the ATP Top-100 ranking, former World No. 25 Vasek Pospisil of Canada and others vying for honours.

