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Centre, Farmers in a Deadlock



Farmers face tear gas used by the police to disperse them during the second day of their 'Delhi Chalo' march, at the Punjab-Haryana Shambhu border near Patiala on Wednesday

On the other hand, farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal in Chandigarh said they are ready for holding talks with the Centre over their demands, including a legal guarantee to minimum support price. Furthermore, the Agriculture Minister urged the farmers' organisations to avoid actions that disrupt daily life. As protesting farmers began a march on the second day which was stopped at the Punjab-Haryana border on Tuesday night, chaos prevailed at the Shambhu border in Punjab after a fresh clash erupted, prompting the Haryana police to use tear gas and water cannons.

There was a similar standoff at the Data Singhwala-Khanauri border in Haryana's Jind district, with the Haryana Police barricades stopping farmers from traveling to Delhi on their tractor-trolleys. A scuffle between Haryana Police and farmers took place at the Khanauri border on Wednesday afternoon when farmers tried to cross barricades. Police resorted to lathicharge and fired tear gas shells, causing injuries to some farmers. With the farmers from several places in Punjab continuing to pour in at the Shambhu border to participate in the "Delhi Chalo" march, a large number of tractor-trolleys could be seen parked along the national highway on the Punjab side.

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

As the stalemate between the protesting farmers and the government continues, efforts are underway to find a solution with the third round of talks between three Union Ministers and farmer leaders scheduled to be held in Chandigarh on Thursday in virtual mode. According to Samyukta Kisan Morcha (a non-political organisation) leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, the meeting will include Union Ministers

Arjun Munda, Piyush Goyal, and Nityanand Rai. Earlier, two meetings between the two sides, involving senior Union Ministers, including Rajnath Singh and Arjun Munda, have remained inconclusive. Sources indicate that the meeting in the national capital is significant against the backdrop of farmers from Punjab marching towards Delhi and the Haryana Police using tear gas shells to stop them at the Shambhu border between the two States. "Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, also a former

Agriculture Minister, discussed various farmer issues with Munda, who is currently in charge of the Agriculture Ministry. Munda is also one of the Ministers who held discussions with farmer groups," the sources added. Earlier, the Agriculture Minister said efforts to engage in constructive dialogue with the farmers' union persist. The Minister also expressed readiness to hold discussions considering all viewpoints and appealed for a conducive environment for dialogue.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the BAPS Hindu Mandir, in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday

Modi Salutes Maa Bharati

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated Abu Dhabi's first Hindu stone temple, describing it as a symbol of the shared heritage of humanity and thanking the UAE for scripting a new golden chapter of human history. Speaking at the inauguration of the temple built by the Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), the Prime Minister profusely thanked the President of UAE Sheikh Mohammad Zayed Al

Nahyan for making the grand temple in Abu Dhabi a reality and said he has not only won the hearts of Indians living in the Gulf nation but also of 140 crore Indians. "I hope that the BAPS Mandir will become a symbol of communal harmony and global unity for the whole world," Modi said, addressing a gathering that included UAE Tolerance Minister Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan and spiritual leaders from all faiths. "We do not see hatred in diversity, we consider diversity as our speciality! In

this temple, we will see a glimpse of diverse faiths at each and every step," the Prime Minister said. He said the UAE, which till now was known for Burj Khalifa, Future Museum, Sheikh Zayed Mosque and other hi-tech buildings, has now added another cultural chapter to its identity. "I am confident that a large number of devotees will come here in the times to come. This will also increase the number of people coming to the UAE and increase the people-to-people connect between the two countries," Modi said.

Lauding the contribution of the UAE President in making the grand temple a reality, he said, "If there is anyone who has the biggest and the most significant role in making this grand temple a reality, then it is none other than my brother His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed." "The Government of UAE has wholeheartedly worked to fulfil the aspirations of crores of Indians. The Government of UAE has not only won the hearts of Indians living in the UAE but also of all 140 crore Indians," he said.

CAPSULE

Kejriwal gets sixth ED summons

New Delhi: The ED has served the sixth summons on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for his questioning in the excise policy linked money laundering case. He has been asked to appear before the agency on February 19. He was earlier called on December 21 and November 2 in 2023 and January 3, January 18 and February 2 this year. The CM has always called these notices "illegal". Acting on a complaint filed by the ED for disobeying its summons in this case, a special court last week had asked Kejriwal to appear before it on February 17.

ED starts probe against Paytm

New Delhi: The ED has initiated a preliminary enquiry against Paytm Payments Bank Ltd, under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), As per the market reports. Additionally, the ED and Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) have also sought inputs from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the reports said. The ED had first sought more information from the RBI, which ordered the Paytm Payments Bank to wind down much of its business by February 29.

Sonia retires from electoral politics

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Virtually indicating her retirement from electoral politics, UPA Chairperson and longest-serving Congress president Sonia Gandhi filed her nominations on Wednesday to enter the Rajya Sabha. Alongside, top BJP leaders including party chief JP Nadda were nominated from Gujarat this time, as his current RS seat in Himachal Pradesh will be vacant. Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and L Murugan, among others, also received the green signal from the BJP for re-election from Odisha and Madhya Pradesh, respectively. With Nadda and Vaishnaw announced as candidates for the council of States, the speculation about their contesting Lok Sabha elections comes to an end. Nadda was expected to shift from Himachal Pradesh, while Vaishnaw from either Rajasthan or Odisha. Nadda currently holds a Rajya Sabha seat from Himachal Pradesh, but the BJP lacks the numbers to win a seat from the Congress-ruled State. Former Maharashtra CM Ashok Chavan, who recently left the Congress to join the BJP, was nominated from Maharashtra to represent the party in the Council of States. The elections for which are scheduled for February 26, with February 15 being the last date for nominations. Alongside Sonia, senior party leaders Ajay Maken and Abhishek Singhvi were also named by the party for the



Congress leader Sonia Gandhi files her nomination papers for the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls at Rajasthan Assembly, in Jaipur on Wednesday. Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Ashok Gehlot are also seen

Rajya Sabha election to be held on February 27. Sonia Gandhi, accompanied by her son Rahul Gandhi, daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot, filed her nomination papers in Jaipur. The 77-year-old former Congress president is set to enter the Upper House for the first time from Rajasthan. Gandhi will fill the seat that will fall vacant in April after former prime minister Manmohan Singh completes his Rajya Sabha tenure. Sonia Gandhi had announced in 2019 that it would be her last Lok Sabha election. She will be the second member of the Gandhi family to enter the Rajya Sabha after former prime minister Indira Gandhi, who was a member of the Upper House from August 1964 to February 1967. The BJP stated that Sonia Gandhi's decision to opt for the Rajya Sabha signifies an acknowledgment

of the party's potential defeat in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "After the Congress' crushing defeat in Amethi, Rae Bareilly was next. Sonia Gandhi's decision to opt for the Rajya Sabha is an admission of looming defeat," BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya said, adding that the Gandhis have now deserted every supposed stronghold, with the former Congress president choosing the Rajya Sabha route instead of contesting the Lok Sabha elections from her family pocket borough Rae Bareilly. The biennial elections to fill 56 seats of the Rajya Sabha will be held on February 27, with the last date for filing nominations being February 15. Congress treasurer Maken has been fielded from Karnataka, and Abhishek Singhvi from Himachal Pradesh, where the party holds government. Maken had unsuccessfully contested the Rajya Sabha election from Haryana last year.

Concerns over fatal tranquilisations

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

A leopard tranquilised by the veterinary specialists of Kerala Forest Department on Tuesday evening was found dead within hours in Kannur district. The leopard which allegedly trespassed into a farm land in rural Kannur got entangled in the steel fence and fell unconscious within minutes. The veterinary team that reached the spot took a shot with their tranquiliser gun so that the big cat would not get up from its slumber. The tranquilised leopard was



being transported to the public garden in Thrissur when the accompanying forest staff found that the leopard was dead. This is the fourth such wild animal that got killed in the

last two months after getting shot by the tranquilisers. Last two months saw a tiger and two leopards succumbing after getting tranquilised by the forest teams.

Wildlife activists like VK Venkatachalam, chairman, Heritage Animal Task Force, had questioned the competency and efficacy of the veterinary specialists as well as the tranquilisers employed in the missions. "We fear that outdated tranquilisers are being used in the operations and thus have put the life of the animals in danger," said Venkatachalam. Meanwhile, a district wide alert has been issued in Wayanad following the sighting of another leopard on Wednesday morning.

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I, Jai Bhagwan S/o Ram Singh # 2561, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh declare that my son Ajay Kumar, his wife Sneha Lata and their son Yugh Chadha are out of my control. I disown them my all moveable/immovableable properties. anybody deal with them at their own risk.

I, Joginder Singh S/o Sh. Sompal R/o H No. 6558-A, Sector 56, Palsora Chandigarh declare that my son Shivam & his wife Kanchan are out of my control. I disown them from my movable immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Jai Kumar S/o Sheo Ram R/o village Sipianwala, Tehsil Chhachhrauli, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declare that in my Aadhar card no. 459614355304 Earlier my name was mentioned as Jai Kumar. Now I have changed my name to Balbir Singh in my Aadhar card, which is correct. I want to change my name in my account to Balbir Singh instead of Jai Kumar. That both the names Jai Kumar and Balbir Singh belong to the same person.

I Srishti Mann, D/o Vijender Mann, R/o House No. 794, Sir Chhotu Ram School, Heritage School, Vikas Nagar, Near NFL, Panipat, declare that my old address is mentioned in my documents, now I have changed my address from House No. 794., Sir Chhotu Ram School Heritage School, Vikas Nagar, Near N.F. L, Panipat, to my new address which is house no. 4030, Block-I, Ansal Sushant City Panipat. Make all relevant notes.

We Surender Kumar S/o Late Santu Ram and Shobha Wati W/o Surender Kumar both R/o 546-C, Small Flats, Dhanas, Chandigarh-160014, solemnly affirm and declares that our daughter Lakshmi Devi alias Heena (Aadhaar No. 783500926435) is beyond our control and we disown her from our all Movable /Immovable Properties and will not be responsible for her.

I Amit Kumar S/o Sh. Bali Ram R/o H.No.15, Dhara Market, Adarsh Nagar, Panipat, declare that my brother Ashish alias Ram Avtar alias Chhotu Ram are beyond the reach of me and our family, and break the relationship, the person who deals with her in future will himself be responsible.

I, Komalpreet Kaur D/o Swaran Singh W/o Roopbeant Singh R/o Ward No.1, Kaunke, Amritsar declare than in my LIC Policy No. 471669243 my name was written as Komal. Komalpreet Kaur and Komal both names are mine. Komalpreet Kaur and Komal is one and the same person.

I Nathu Ram s/o Sant Ram Village Haldari, Saha, Ambala, Haryana declared that my son Mohit Kumar is out of my control so I disowned him from my movable and immovable properties. Please Note.

I, Kashmira S/o Lohiya Jogi, R/o VPO Jyotisar, Tehsil Thanesar District, Kurukshetra, have evicted my grandson Abhishek S/o Meharban from all my movable- immovable properties, as he is out of my control. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

I, No. 192952 Rank Rfn Azad Singh S/o Dharm Singh R/o Village Chidana Teh. Gohana Distt. Sonapat, Haryana declare that my wife name Sanelata and her DOB 01.03.1972 are wrongly mentioned in my service record. But my wife correct & actual name is Snehlata and my wife correct DOB is 03.01.1973.

I, Ram kumar S/o Bhim Singh R/o Lathiawala Johar, Near Sec 23, Bhiwani, declare that in the Birth certificate, school certificates of my granddaughter of class 10th and 12th, her name is mentioned as Kirtika which is wrong. Her correct name is Kirtika Duhan. Which should be corrected in his school certificates.

I, Army Number 4003791M Rank Hav Satish Kumar S/o Ragu Raj R/o Gawalow District Doda, Jammu & Kashmir. I Serving at 5-Dogra C/O 56 APO Chandimandir Cantt. declare that in my army service record my father's name wrongly written as Raghu Raj. Correct name is Raghu Raj

I Sarabjit Kaur Wife of 15148740N Rank Hav Avtar Singh of 196 Fd. Regt. (Arty Regiment) resident of Village Sawara Po Kalwan Tehsil Anandpur Sahib District Rupnagar (Punjab) declare that in my husband Army record written my name Sarbjee Kaur mistakenly. Whereas her correct name is Sarabjit Kaur.

It is for general information that I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Pala Ram R/o Jassa Wala Talab Bhalath Road, Kartarpur, Jalandhar-144801, Punjab, India, declare that the name of my parents have been wrongly written as Pala Ram & Deesho in my Passport No.V0913593. The actual name of my parents are Pala Ram Bagrah & Dishan Kaur Bagrah, which may be amended accordingly.

I Surender Kumar Goel s/o Late Sh. Rameshwar Dass R/o # 16, Geeta Colony, Yamunanagar state that my son Shivit Goel & his wife Palak Jain are out of my control, So, I disown them from my all moveable-immovable property. If anybody deals with them will be responsible himself.

I, Sukhjeet Kaur W/o Late S. Surinder Singh Dhillion alias Surinder Singh R/o #22, Mota Singh Nagar, Tej bagh Colony Patiala Inform that my husband was known by both names Surinder Singh Dhillion and Surinder Singh.

मैं सुरिंद्र सिंह पुत्र राम सरूप निवासी प्यारवाला तहसील, जिला पंचकुला। ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरी पुत्री पारुल मेरे कहने सुनने से बाहर है। मैं अपनी पुत्री पारुल को अपनी तमाम चल अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। इनसे लेन-देन व सम्बन्ध रखने वाला स्वयं जिम्मेदार रहूँगा।

मैं तरसेम सिंह पुत्र मोदू सिंह निवासी गांव अलीका, तहसील रलिया जिला फतेहाबाद हरूपन ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरा पुत्र सुरविंदर सिंह उर्फ काली व उसकी पत्नी किरण पाल को मेरे कहने-सुनने से बाहर है। मैं उन्हें अपनी चल अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। उनसे लेन-देन करे वाला स्वयं जिम्मेदार हूँगा। मेरी व मेरे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

I, Smriti Kamra Gautama wife of Shri Anshuman Gautama resident of House No. 269, Sector 11, Panchkula (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Smriti Kamra to Smriti Kamra Gautama.

I, Surinder Kumar S/o Lal Chand R/o 154-B, Kanwar Avenue, Daburji GT Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Surinder Kumar to Surinder Kumar Sethi.

I Joginder Singh Gahlawat S/o Sh. Dayanand R/o 1543/31, Chhotu Ram Colony, Sonapat, Haryana-131001 has changed my name to Joginder Singh for all purposes.

I, Ankita Dharwal D/o Padam Singh R/o House no. 703X Block Jalvayu tower Sunny Enclave sector 125 khara SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab have changed my name from Ankita Dharwal to Ankita.

I Sudha D/O L. C. Taneja R/O #1235, Gali no-20, Haripur, Sector -4, Panchkula 134112 have changed my name to Sudha Taneja.

I, Jiwan Kumar Bhambri S/o Purshotam Dev R/o Flat No.32, 1st Floor, Green Field Homes, Kishanpura, Dhakuli, Distt.SAS have changed my name from Jiwan Kumar Bhambri to Jeevan Bhambri. In future I will be known as Jeevan Bhambri.

I, Ashwani S/o Roop Chand BalyanR/o 46, Amarpuri Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Ashwani to Ashwani Balyan.

I, Omvati W/o Dhrumveer Singh (mother of Army No. 13627932 N Sep Omendar Singh) R/o Khatta Prahladpur, Distt Baghpatt declare that in my son's Service record my name & DOB wrongly mentioned as Omvati Devi & 01.01.1947. My correct name & DOB is Omvati & 01.01.1951. Vide affidavit No. 90AET85663 on dated 12.02.2024 before Notary, Fatehgarh- Farukhabad.

I, No 14848555W HAV/CLK SD Awari Anil Balasaheb S/O Balasaheb Of (Unit) 517 ASC BN Residence of Shirur , Pune Maharashtra 412210 Have Changed MySon's Name in My Service Documents From Vansh To Vansh Anil Awari Vide Affidavit Dated 13-02-2024 Before Notary Pathankot.

I, Sharda Mother of No 14848555W HAV/CLK SD Awari Anil Balasaheb Of (Unit) 517 ASC BN Residence of Shirur , Pune Maharashtra 412210 Have Changed My Name And DOB From Sharda 01-07-1959 To Sharda Balasaheb Awari 01-01-1962 Vide Affidavit Dated 13-02-2024 Before Notary Pathankot.

I, Balasaheb Father of No 14848555W HAV/CLK SD Awari Anil Balasaheb Of (Unit) 517 ASC BN Residence of Shirur, Pune Maharashtra 412210 Have Changed My Name And DOB From Balasaheb 01-07-1953 To Balasaheb Bhagui Awari 05-11-1952 Vide Affidavit Dated 13-02-2024 Before Notary Pathankot.

I, Jagdeep Singh Syan S/o Shamsher Singh R/o # 1404-A, Sector 37-B, Chandigarh declare that myself Jagdeep Singh Syan and Jagdeep Singh are the names of one and the same person. All concerned please may note.

I, Ritik Kumar S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O 520, Main Chowk, Mithi (103), Bhiwani, Haryana-127028 declare that name of my father is wrongly written as Rajesh in my CBSE Class 10TH Educational Documents. Actual name of my father is Rajesh Kumar.

I, Jagdeep Pal S/O Sh. Vijay Kumar, R/O H.No. 3390, Sector 45-D, Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name From Jagdeep Pal Khetarpal To Jagdeep Pal.

Vijay Gupta s/o Laxmi Narayan Gupta flat no 3168, pink Rose enclave sector 49-D, Chandigarh. Have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Gupta.

I, Jaskaran Singh Sohi S/o Narinder Singh, R/O 318/5 Anand Gali, Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Jaskaran Sohi to Jaskaran Singh Sohi.

I, Ritu Kaushik W/o Vineet Kaushik R/o H.No. 6/8, Gita Colony, Near Sector 17, Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Ritu Sharma.

I, Manish Goyal S/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar R/O H.No- 360, Sec-7 Ambala City have changed my minor daughter's name from Aashi Goyal to Aashi.

I, Vishal Aggarwal S/o No JC -768408K Sub M.Tech ANWJ Manoj Kumar R/O H.No- 2580, B-12 Shivpuri , PO Geeta Nagri Ambala City have changed my name from Vishal to Vishal Aggarwal in my father service records.

Manprit Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh R/O H.No 1351-P,sector 10 Ambala city have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur.

I, Sumati Bhardwaj W/o Ravi Kant R/O H.No- 1760-B-12 Geeta Nagri Ambala City, Haryana have changed my name from Sumati Bhardwaj to Chanchal Rani Sharma.

I, Roshan Lal S/o Sh. Jodha Ram R/O H.No- 156, DWS Colony Jalbera Road, Ambala City have changed my name from Roshan Lal Kumar to Roshan Lal.

I, Shamim S/o Ishak, 15 Jalalpur 2, Jalalpur (38) Panipat have changed my name to Shaameem.

I, Jayti Modi W/o Sh. Sumit Mittal R/O Village Jasania (9), Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Jayti Modi to Jayti Mittal, in future my name is to be called as Jayti Mittal.

I, Narinder Kaur W/O Hav. Sukhdev Singh No. 4479665F R/O VPO Bhikhiwind Distt. TarnTaran hereby inform that in Army service record of my husband my DOB has wrongly been recorded as 15.10.1984 while my actual and correct DOB is 10.12.1983. Concerned note.

I, Naveen Kumar s/o Sham Lal r/o Vill Sarai PO Chore Sidhwan Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Naveen Kumar to Naveen Sharma. Concerned

I, Dheer Singh s/o Hajara Singh r/o Vill Kotla Sharf (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Dhir Singh. Concerned note.

I, Suman Kumari W/o Narinder Kumar R/O 112/781, Gali Jawahar, Katra Parja, I/s Hathi Gate, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Suman Kumari to Suman.

I, Usha W/o Sh. Chandan Singh R/o village Mirzapur Kath Tehsil Nariangarh District Ambala. That I have changed my name Usha to Usha Rani.

I, Upkar Singh S/o Sh Ajit Singh R/O House No 32/1, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Upkar Singh to Upkar Singh Saini and now known as Upkar Singh Saini, in family, fiends, and in all records and dealing.

I, Rohit s/o Rajan Samson r/o Village Fajupur PO Dhariwal (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Rohit Samson s/o Rajan Samson. Concerned note.

I Rameshwar Dass s/o Sh. Bir Singh r/o H.No.1514P Sector-3 Urban Estate, Tehsil Thanesar , District Kurukshetra declare that i have changed my name Rameshwar Das to Rameshwar Dass for all future purposes.

I, Kirana Bala W/o Shammii Verma R/o House No 988/4, Nanakpuri Colony, Khurana Road, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal declares that I have changed my name from Kirana Bala to Kiran Bala. In future, I will be known by the name of Kiran Bala. All concerned please note.

I, No.17008393P Rank SEP name Bhosale Bipin Babasaheb R/O VPO Malangawa, Tehsil Kavathemahankal, Distt. Sangli, State-MH-416419 declare that in my Army record my son's name mentioned as Nirbhay Bipin Bhosale. But his correct name is Nirbhay Bipin Bhosale. Now I want to make it correct as Nirbhay Bipin Bhosale vide affidavit dated 05.02.2024 before Hisar Court.

I, Smt Deepo Devi W/O 6303186K Ex Sep Late Milkhi Ram Resident Of Village Gurdaspur Bhaian, Post Office Jhakholari, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Dipo Rani To Deepo Devi Vide Affidavit No In-Pb85760717498785W Dated 14 Feb 2024 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Sahil Daughter Of Bhirmlal Nana Tukaram R/O Nana Bhamble Plot No.70 Aarti Nagar Pisadevi Road Vaishali Dhaba Aurangabad (Mh). Pin Code-431001. Declare That My Father Service Records My Name Sahil Is Wrong. But My Name Sahil Nana Bhamble Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85304322009726W Dated 12-02-2024. Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

I, Kanwaljeet Kaur W/o Gurpal Singh, Village Mohammadpura (Ludhiana), Punjab, have changed my name to Kanwaljit Kaur.

I, Karamjeet Kaur W/o Rajiv Verma, H No. 281/2 Ward No 17, Hans Nagar Cheeka Tehsil Guhla (Kaithal), have changed my name to Karmjit Kaur Verma.

I, Kusham Lata W/o Ajay Rana Village Gohran (Kaithal) have changed my name to Kusum.

I, Manju Kanwar W/O No.15160914p, Hav (Gnr) Mool Singh R/O Unit 91 Fd Regt (Asal Uttar) C/O 56 APO Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 12.05.1985 To 13.02.1987

I, Yajya Kumari Suvvada D/O Parasu Ramulu W/O Laxman R/O H.No.3, Street No.1, Anil Kumar Naidu Kale Ghanpur Near Miri Piri Gurdwara Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Jaya Naidu

I, Samita Kapoor D/O Radhey Mohan Kapoor W/O Rohit Khanna R/O H.No.415/12, Gali Katra Parja I/S Katra Parja Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Samita Kapoor To Samita Khanna

I, Rekha Kapoor W/O Sh. Raman Arora R/O H No. 81, A-Block, Lane No.13, Guru Amardass Avenue, Ajnala Road, Amritsar. I Have Changed My Name After Marriage From Rekha Kapoor To Rekha Arora

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I, Hitherto Known As Anchal Wife Of Raj Kumar Residing At Ward No.7, Vpo Makhu District Ferozpur-142044 Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Neeru Arora.

I Ajay Kumar Son Of Jai Parkash Resident Of Ward No.3, Mata Rani Mandir, Ajnala Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Ayaj Kumar To Ajay Kumar

I, Sukhraj Singh Mann Son Of Mukhtar Singh R/O Vpo Bagga Kalan, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Sukhraj Singh

I Manjit Kaur Mann Wife Of Sukhraj Singh R/O Vpo Bagga Kalan, Tehsil Ajnala Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Manjit Kaur

I, Meera Bhatia W/O Sunil Munjal R/O 19, Race Course Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Meera Bhatia To Meera Munjal

I, Manju Kanwar W/O No.15160914p, Hav (Gnr) Mool Singh R/O Unit 91 Fd Regt (Asal Uttar) C/O 56 APO Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 12.05.1985 To 13.02.1987

I, Yajya Kumari Suvvada D/O Parasu Ramulu W/O Laxman R/O H.No.3, Street No.1, Anil Kumar Naidu Kale Ghanpur Near Miri Piri Gurdwara Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Jaya Naidu

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Dilli Chalo: Farmers to hold third round of talks with Centre today in Chd

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Amidst escalating tensions and ongoing protests at the Punjab-Haryana borders, the third round of talks between the farmers' representatives and the Central Government will take place on Thursday evening in Chandigarh. Farmer leader maintained that the meeting will decide their next course of action, and till then they will stay put at inter-state borders.

The meeting, aimed at resolving the impasse over the ongoing farmers' protest seeking legal guarantee on minimum support price (MSP) of their produce among other things, will see the participation of key stakeholders from both sides. Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda will lead the Centre's delegation, accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues — Piyush Goyal and Nityanand Rai. On the farmers' side, prominent leaders including Sarwan Singh Pandher, Jagjeet Singh Dallewal, others will represent the interests of the farming community.

The meeting holds significant promise in either defusing the ongoing crisis or further deepening the chasm between the two sides.

Ahead of the meeting, Pandher addressed the media, shedding light on the events leading up to the crucial dialogue. "We received a message late last night indicating a willingness from both sides to engage in meaningful conversation... We are prepared to listen if the government is sincere about resolving the impasse," he said, addressing the media at Rajpura.

However, Pandher expressed grave concern over recent escalations at the Punjab-Haryana borders. "Despite our peaceful protests, there have been instances of provocation by security forces, including the use of drones to drop tear gas shells on unarmed civilians," he lamented, adding that such aggressive tactics by the authorities only serve to exacerbate tensions.

Echoing Pandher's sentiments, another prominent farmer leader Jagjeet Singh Dallewal highlighted the challenges faced by protesters. "During our discussions via video conference, we received a formal invitation from the government for tomorrow's

meeting in Chandigarh... We remain committed to engaging in constructive dialogue to address the concerns of the farming community."

Amidst the anticipation surrounding the meeting, reports emerged of further confrontations at the Punjab-Haryana borders. Pandher divulged distressing developments, stating, "Today, we informed the Additional Director General of Police about the unwarranted use of tear gas shells despite our peaceful presence... While the Haryana Police may have withdrawn, paramilitary forces continue to engage in aggressive tactics at the behest of the central government."

The farmers, resolute in their stance, reiterated their commitment to peaceful protests and dialogue. "We demand that the Central Government intervene and instruct paramilitary forces to refrain from using excessive force against peaceful protesters," Pandher asserted.

Farmers from Punjab and other states have decided to continue their protests at the inter-state borders with Haryana until a satisfactory resolution is reached through talks with the Central Government, scheduled for Thursday evening. Despite facing resistance from security forces and adverse weather conditions, the farmers remain steadfast in their resolve to press for their demands. With the 'Dilli Chalo' agitation entering its crucial phase, farmers are mobilizing support and garnering widespread public sympathy for their cause.

Situation at Borders Remain Tense for the Second Day

The Punjab-Haryana borders have become the epicenter of the farmers' protests, with thousands of farmers converging at key border points to press for their demands. The atmosphere at the borders remains charged, with sporadic clashes erupting between farmers and security personnel.

Security forces have used tear gas shells and water cannons to disperse protesting farmers, who have responded with defiance and resilience — resulting in injuries on both sides, further exacerbating the already volatile situation. The farmers managed to remove some barricades, demonstrating their resolve to push forward

with their protest.

The 'Dilli Chalo' agitation, led by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, aimed at pressurizing the Centre into addressing key issues such as MSP for crops and loan waivers.

A day after nearly 60 farmers and over a dozen of cops were injured, the tension escalated at Shambhu and Khanauri borders as the farmers continued their push towards Delhi, facing resistance from law enforcement authorities. At the Shambhu barrier, where a handful of farmers gathered as onlookers, the situation quickly intensified as Haryana police fired tear gas shells, sparking confrontations with the agitating farmers.

Reports indicate that over a dozen tear gas shells were fired within the half-hour's time, as agitating farmers and their convoys positioned themselves around 400 meters away from the barrier. Many farmers claimed that the firing from Haryana continued late into the night, although these reports are yet to be officially verified.

The number of protesting farmers swelled on Wednesday, with as many as 200 more tractor-trolleys joining the demonstration, elongating the convoy parked alongside the highway stretch. Makeshift hospitals have been established at the site, with the Punjab Government alerting nearby hospitals and health centers to be prepared for potential medical emergencies.

Notably, over 500 women protesters have also joined the protesting farmers at Shambhu, citing opposition to what they perceive as the Central Government's "dictatorial" attitude. These women, arriving in a cavalcade of tractors, expressed solidarity with their male counterparts and vow to support the cause until their demands are met.

Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher outlined the farmers' peaceful approach, emphasizing their democratic right to protest. He refuted claims of intending to incite lawlessness, asserting that their aim was solely to have their grievances heard and addressed through legislation.

Amidst ongoing clashes and attempts by farmers to breach the barricades, tear gas shells and smoke bombs continue to be deployed by Haryana authorities. Despite these mea-

asures, farmers persist in their advancement towards the Shambhu barrier, facing increased resistance from law enforcement.

In a surprising turn, amidst the tense atmosphere, farmers are seen celebrating Basant Panchami, flying kites at the protest site.

Despite the heavy-handed tactics employed by the authorities, the farmers show no signs of backing down, vowing to continue their agitation until their demands are met. The border areas have been transformed into makeshift camps, with farmers braving harsh weather conditions to make their voices heard.

Rail Traffic in Punjab, Haryana to be Disrupted Today

In a show of solidarity with fellow farmers protesting at the Shambhu and Khanauri borders in Punjab, the BKU Ugrahan and BKU Dakaunda (Dhaner faction) have declared a 'rail roko' in Punjab on Thursday from 12 noon to 4 pm. The decision is expected to significantly disrupt rail traffic across the region, affecting several key railway lines.

Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan, the general secretary of BKU Ugrahan, emphasized that the protest aimed at condemning the repression by the Haryana Government against the farmers who were en route to Delhi as part of the Dilli Chalo protest.

Initially, the rail roko will take place at 10 locations, including Rajpura, Sunam (near Shambhu and Khanauri borders), Jethuke village in Bathinda, Moga, Mansa, Malaut, Valla railway crossing in Amritsar, Barnala, Sangrur, and Budhlada. However, union leaders have hinted at the possibility of adding more locations by evening.

Kokrikalan highlighted that the disruption will impact crucial railway lines such as the Amritsar-Jalandhar-Delhi line, the Mansa-Bathinda-Delhi line, and the Ludhiana-Ferozepur line, among others. The decision to proceed with the rail roko remains firm, even in the event of potential resolutions during talks between farmers and ministers in Chandigarh.

While the rail roko adds to the woes of general commuters already facing inconveniences due to barricades erected by the Haryana government, further

disruptions are anticipated in the coming days. The SKM and CTUs have announced a 'Grameen Bharat Bandh' on February 16, including a four-hour 'chakka jam' on state and national highways from 12 noon to 4 pm, with public buses remaining off the roads from 6 am to 4 pm.

Moreover, SKM Punjab has also declared toll plazas toll-free for three hours from 11 am to 1 pm on February 15, as a mark of protest against the police actions in Haryana. This gesture aimed at alleviating the burden on the general public amidst escalating tensions between farmers and authorities.

Internet Services Suspended in Punjab's select areas

In response to the ongoing farmers' protest, internet services will remain hit in certain areas of Punjab until February 16. The decision to suspend the internet services in some areas in Punjab was taken by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) even as the Punjab Government maintained that no such orders have been issued by it.

The move, directed by the MHA, aimed to maintain public safety and prevent potential disruptions during the protest.

A senior Punjab government official maintained that the directive was issued on January 12 by the MHA, based on intelligence inputs. The order encompasses specific areas falling under the jurisdiction of select police stations in Patiala, Sangrur, and Fatehgarh Sahib districts, close to Haryana.

"The temporary suspension of internet services commenced at 6 pm on February 12 and will remain in effect until 11:59 pm on February 16," said the official.

Areas affected by the internet shutdown include parts of Patiala district under police stations Shutrana, Samana, Ghanour, Devigarh, and Balbhera; Sangrur district areas under Khanauri, Moonak, Lehra, Sunam, and Chajli police stations; and Fatehgarh Sahib district areas under Fatehgarh Sahib station.

These measures have been implemented under Section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, in conjunction with Sub-rule 1 of Rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules 2017.

Punjab Govt to bear all expenses of 'injured' Farmers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a show of solidarity with the protesting farmers, the Punjab Government on Wednesday announced to bear all treatment expenses for individuals injured during the ongoing farmers' protest. The announcement comes amidst escalating tensions at the Shambhu and Khanauri borders, where clashes between farmers and law enforcement have left several individuals wounded.

The state Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh announced the Government's decision during his extensive tour of government health facilities near Haryana border to assess the well-being of farmers, journalists, and police personnel who sustained injuries during Tuesday's police action by the Haryana Government to prevent farmers from entering the State.

During his tour, Dr Balbir visited various medical institutions including Dr BR Ambedkar State Institute for Medical Sciences (AIMS) in Mohali, CHC Banur, Civil Hospital Rajpura, and Rajindra Hospital Patiala. He emphasized that hospitals, along the border, have been placed on high alert, with round-the-clock emergency services available. Additionally, he assured that there is an ample supply of doctors and instructed medical staff to remain on standby.

The Minister revealed that the Civil Hospital Rajpura, being closest to the Shambhu

border, has already admitted around 40 injured individuals, two of whom are in critical condition with head injuries. Dr Balbir reiterated the Punjab Government's commitment to provide free medical aid to all those injured during the protests.

Condemning the actions of the Haryana government, Dr Balbir denounced the use of force against peaceful protesters, labeling it as unconstitutional and illegal. He urged the BJP-led Haryana government to allow farmers to continue their journey to Delhi to express their grievances peacefully.

Meanwhile, during his visit to AIMS Mohali, the Health Minister inspected the emergency care services and directed officials to further enhance their capabilities to ensure that patients receive comprehensive care without the need for referrals to other medical facilities, like Chandigarh's PGIMER or Government Medical College-32.

Punjab objects to drones deployed by Haryana in Punjab territory

Punjab Government on Wednesday lodged a strong objection to the use of drones flying into its territory, alleging that they were employed to launch smoke and tear-gas shells at protesting farmers within Punjab's territory. The objection was raised by Patiala Deputy Commissioner Showkat Ahmed Parray to his counterpart in Ambala, urging them not to fly drones inside Punjab.

Confirming the same, Parray said that he has written to Ambala Deputy Commissioner asking them not to fly drones inside Punjab's territory. "Following this, Haryana police ceased the deployment of tear gas via drones across the Punjab border," he said.

The letter to Ambala officials explicitly requested refraining from sending drones to release tear gas projectiles within Punjab's territory. Farmers have also alleged that while they were within Punjab's borders, Haryana police utilized drones to bombard them with tear gas.

Tensions have escalated between the Punjab and Haryana administrations over the containment of farmers gathered at the Shambhu border to march towards Delhi. Punjab Government has accused Haryana of violating its borders by sending drones, resulting in the bombardment of gas bombs on their territory.

Traditionally, tear gas was dispersed using police machinery. But this time, Haryana police have resorted to larger-sized drones to tackle the farmers. In areas where police machinery couldn't reach, drones are now being used to release tear gas projectiles. Haryana police are employing drones not only for surveillance but also for dispersing tear gas among the farmers. Consequently, on February 13, farmers were unable to approach the main barricades even by late evening due to tear gas being deployed via drones.

AAP led Govt in Pb wants farmers to create chaos in Delhi, alleges Anil Vij

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Expressing surprise at the approach of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led Punjab Government on the farmers' Dilli Chalo march, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij on Wednesday alleged that when the farmers marched from Amritsar, the Punjab government did not make any effort to stop them anywhere on the way. "This means

they want farmers to create chaos in Delhi. Do they want farmers to go to Delhi and dance again at the Red Fort?" he asked.

While interacting with the media persons, Vij said that the Punjab Government issued a notice saying, 'Do not send drones to our border,' as if India-Pakistan has happened. If someone attacks our police and escapes to Punjab, can't we go after them and catch them?"

At the Shambhu border

where farmers gathered, Vij said that the farmers say they will go to Delhi. Still, they did not talk when all the ministers and officials came to Chandigarh, so their objective is something else, he added. Regarding the stone-pelting incident between farmers and police on Tuesday, the Home Minister stated that Two DSPs and 24 police personnel from Haryana were injured, and a senior journalist from a news channel was also injured.

Discharge duties with honesty and sincerity, Hry CM asks newly recruited Govt officials

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday urged the youth to fulfill their duties with honesty and dedication without coming under any pressure.

Interacting with recently selected youth for government jobs through online samvad here, he said, "Our goal is to ensure that by the year 2030, every youth in the state is skilled and financially prosperous. Achieving this goal will enable Haryana to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations by 2030."

Khattar said, "We have set an example of transparency in jobs by starting 'Mission Merit' which has become a topic of discussion in other states as well." Citing an example of transparent recruitment, he said that the employment of 35 youth from Risalia khera, a village in Sirsa district, itself speaks of the intention and policy of the government.

The chief minister said that during the current government's 9-year tenure, more than 1.20 lakh youth have been provided government jobs based on merit without any favouritism or corruption. Even children from poor families are



becoming HCS officers, a dream they couldn't even imagine before, he added.

He said, "Our target this year is to provide 60,000 jobs, out of which this recruitment for more than 10,000 Group-C

positions, for which you have been successful, is a part. Apart from this, recently 1149 youth have been recruited in the police, and recruitment processes are underway for more than 41,000 positions. Moreover, several initiatives have been started to provide employment in the private sector as well, benefiting around 32 lakh people across the state."

Khattar stated that through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam, about 18,000 youths have been provided jobs on a contract basis. Through this corporation, assistance is also being provided to get jobs abroad. Applications were

invited for more than 13,000 jobs in 7 countries recently, and the selection process is underway.

He said that currently, the number of youth looking for jobs abroad is quite high. However, these youths often fall into the trap of fraudulent agents promising jobs abroad. Therefore, a "Foreign Cooperation Department" has been established to provide education and employment opportunities abroad. Free passports are being made for youths seeking job opportunities abroad through colleges. So far, passports for more than 28,000 youths have been made.

Poll promises to be fulfilled in phased manner, focus on green initiatives in Himachal: Guv

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh government is committed to fulfilling all poll promises in a phased manner and lack of funds would not come in the way of development, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said on Wednesday in his ceremonial address to the state legislature.

In his speech on the opening day of the budget session, the governor highlighted the efforts made by the Congress government in facing the challenges posed by the "worst ever natural disaster" during the Monsoon and also focused on green energy initiatives pursued by the current dispensation.

He said that the state government increased the relief under the special package by 5 to 20 times more than the norms of the Union Government and the relief for completely damaged houses was increased from Rs 1.30 lakh to Rs 7 lakh.



the first green energy state of the country by 2026, and diesel and petrol vehicles are being replaced with electric vehicles, the governor said.

The government implemented Rajiv Gandhi Self-Employment Scheme, 2023 aimed at providing self-employment by launching an e-taxi scheme under which a 50 per cent subsidy was given for purchasing electrical vehicles. Besides, solar energy is also being encouraged.

Scheme to employees covered under NPS and 1.15 lakh of them have opted for OPS and their General Provident Fund (GPF) numbers have been generated.

Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi Yojana has been implemented and 2.43 lakh women including those eligible from Lahaul-Spiti district and eligible women pensioners in the categories of elderly, widows, abandoned and disabled women would be given Rs 1500 per month in the first phase.

The government has adopted the election manifesto of the Congress party as a policy document and all promises made to the people of the state will be fulfilled in a phased manner and lack of funds will not affect development works, the governor said.

However, Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur said the governor's address was "disappointing" and only mentioned one or two of the 10 guarantees promised by the Congress leaders on the eve of assembly polls. The governor's ceremonial address to the Assembly is prepared by the elected government of the state and reflects its view.

The government is developing Kangra district as a tourism capital by spending Rs 3,000 crore. Besides strengthening tourism infrastructure, new tourism activities like modern golf courses, zoos, tourist areas, wellness tourism and ecotourism are also being developed.

Aashray Yojana for comprehensive care of orphans and 4,121 have been declared as Children of the State and Rs 7.65 crore had been spent on them.

Himachal Road Transport Corporation launched Pratham Darshan Seva to strengthen transport services to religious places and 12,535 contract carriage permits for taxis, maxi cabs and buses were issued during the last one year.

On other important decisions, the governor said that the Rs 500 crore Him Ganga Scheme has been started to improve the milk-based economy of farmers and Digital Media Policy, 2024 has been notified for effective and cost-effective dissemination of news regarding developmental policies.

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh PUBLIC NOTICE Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh. Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3279-1 (First Floor) of MIG (L)/LIG (U) Category, in Sector 40-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Transfer Deed in the name of S. SURINDER SINGH S/O S. MEHAR SINGH & SMT. AMANDEEP KAUR W/O S. SURINDER SINGH from the name of allottee/transferee S. HARKISHAN SINGH S/O S. WAZIR SINGH.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Rude awakening

AAP mocks Congress by offering the biggest party in INDIA bloc just a single seat in Delhi

In a move which has sparked both intrigue and speculation, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) recently surprised everyone by offering the Congress just one Lok Sabha seat in Delhi, asserting that it does not deserve more. This statement has reignited discussions about the dynamics of political alliances in the run-up to the general elections. The proposal of AAP, led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, signals a strategic manoeuvre aimed at showing Congress its place in Delhi while simultaneously asserting AAP's dominance in the NCR. By offering just one seat to the Congress, AAP appears to be positioning itself as the primary challenger to the BJP in the Capital. There is no denying that at the State and corporation levels, the AAP is a force to reckon with. However, the same cannot be said about its hold on the masses when it comes to parliamentary elections. In 2019, it contested on all seats in Delhi and won none. Its latest move is likely to benefit the BJP, which secured all seats in the Capital. It will indeed be happy with the AAP's deal breaking offer to the Congress. But it is not just about Delhi Lok Sabha seats, it has far-reaching consequences for the INDIA bloc and the Opposition's call for unity. With Nitish Kumar walking out, the INDIA bloc faces an existential crisis. At the heart of this move lies the question: Can the INDIA bloc work cohesively to challenge the BJP's dominance at the national level? While the idea of a united Opposition has gained traction, the differences in ideology and leadership have often hindered its effectiveness.



The AAP's offer to the Congress underscores the compulsions of electoral politics and how delicate seat-sharing is. Forging alliances in a fragmented political

milieu is not an easy task. While both parties share the common goal of unseating the BJP, they also harbour deep-seated rivalries and ideological differences. Moreover, the success of the INDIA bloc hinges not only on the cooperation of political parties but also on their ability to mobilise voters and galvanise public support. With the Lok Sabha elections looming on the horizon, the Opposition parties must work tirelessly to bridge their differences, articulate a coherent vision for governance and present a credible alternative to the incumbent Government. In this regard, the preparedness of the Opposition to go to the hustings leaves much to be desired. While the BJP has enjoyed considerable electoral success in recent years, securing victories in key State elections and consolidating its hold on power, the Opposition parties have struggled to mount a cohesive and effective challenge. The upcoming election presents the Opposition with a crucial opportunity to demonstrate unity, resolve and ability to govern. It is imperative that they capitalise on this moment to present a compelling vision for the future of India, one that resonates with the aspirations and concerns of the electorate. Whether the Opposition can present a united front remains to be seen, but one thing is certain: If they take hasty decisions before elections, they will have enough time to repent at leisure.

PICTALK



Devotees offer prayers to Goddess Saraswati on the occasion of 'Saraswati Puja' festival, in Bengaluru

PTI

Gender disparity in Indian science

Despite strides towards gender equality, female scientists continue to face challenges and barriers in India's scientific landscape

Science has been dominated by the male gender since its origin. Even the image of a scientist is always depicted in the male gender in media. The disparity is even evident in the way our media covers the achievements of male and female scientists. In spite of this public shaming, many notable female scientists have made their mark in the history of science from 1900 BCE to the present day.

While many male scientists made it to the history of Indian science, very few female scientists can be observed on the long list, and that, too, is due to the initiatives by the government in recent times. The premier scientific organisation CSIR, which leads 38 national institutions, had to wait more than 75 years after independence to get a female Director General till Dr N Kalaiselvi took charge in 2022. Unfortunately, ICAR, which heads 113 research institutions, hasn't found a female Director General to date. Similar is the case with IITs, which found its first female director in 2023, and that too only in the new overseas



campus IIT Zanzibar, through Prof. Preeti Aghalayam.

According to recent statistics, India has a total of 56,747 female researchers, which is 16.6 per cent of the total researchers in the country. This is very low compared to advanced countries. The government of India has implemented women-specific schemes to provide opportunities to women scientists like the Women Scientists Scheme-A (WOS-A), Consolidation of University Research through Innovation and Excellence in Women Universities (CURIE) programme and the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI). Even after providing various schemes for promoting women in science, very few stick to the scientific profession in the long run. It is very unfortunate that even after having schemes

and rules to protect women in the workforce, many instances of female research scholars being exploited sexually and mentally go unnoticed. Most of the successful women scientists we see today are those who have come out of this glass ceiling.

In order to promote science and bring down the gender gap, we need to connect with these unfortunate groups and develop policy guidelines to support them. It is at this juncture we need to appreciate the effort of National Science Academies (INSA, IASc and NASI) in coming out with SWATI, or Science For Women: A Technology & Innovation Portal. The Portal is a complete interactive database and the first of its kind in India, which is developed, hosted and maintained by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi, under the leadership of leading women scientist of the country, Dr. Subhra Chakraborty, Director, NIPGR, New Delhi. The portal is open to the public, and every female researcher can join through the link <https://bit.ly/JoinSWATI>. Irrespective of their position

or status, every Indian woman in science can update their details in their portal. The various Sections in the portal include Icons - Awardees & Directors, Secretaries Academy Presidents; Faculty; Research fellows- Postdocs, JRFs, SRFs, Technical Staff; Students-PhD Scholars, Research Interns, Graduates, Postgraduates, Undergraduates; WIS Entrepreneurs, Startups, Business & Science Administrators; STEM background professionals in alternate careers like science journalism. It can facilitate connections between women in different stages of their careers, provide mentorship opportunities, and offer resources for professional development. By highlighting the accomplishments of women in science, it can help challenge gender biases and stereotypes. The database will act as a repository for future researchers and inspire young females to take up challenging roles in science.

(The writer is an adjunct faculty at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, views are personal)



BIJU DHARMAPALAN

Irrespective of their position

The UCC as a reform for women's rights

The UCC is often seen as an imposition of Hindu law on Muslims. The core issue lies in the disparities within personal laws, particularly concerning women's rights



PRAFULL GORADIA

The Uniform Civil Code (UCC), in the news again now after the Uttarakhand government passed a bill in the assembly for enacting a law, must be looked at as a reform of women's laws. Regrettably, everyone commenting on it appears to treat it as a Hindu-Muslim issue. A few experts have gone so far as to imply that the UCC is an attempt to impose Hindu law on Muslims, who have long adhered only to the Sharia law. Muslim scholars in India often brag that Prophet Mohammad thought of the welfare of women before Hindu rishis and Christian popes. He gave women property rights, which the adherents of other religions did not until much later.

This claim isn't wrong; Hindu women obtained the right to inherit property as late as 1955 when the Hindu Code Bill was passed. That doesn't mean polygamy should persist into the 21st century. Muslim apologists often argue by asking how many Muslims have more than one wife. That is not as relevant as the man having the legal right to marry and divorce as many times as he wishes. It is this threat rather than the existing reality. Even if this threat does not materialise into reality more than once in a thousand marriages, its existence is like a Damocles' sword on the heads of innumerable wives, all their married lives. The fear under which many wives spend most of their lives is tantamount to cruelty, and a punishment to innocent women who have committed no crime. In contrast, a Pakistani woman is at peace until her husband actually asks for a divorce, which has to be sanctioned by the district magistrate; no divorce is valid without magisterial approval. A Hindu friend of a Muslim would possibly sympathise with the protest against a uniform civil code provided he had witnessed any Islamic bigwigs reform or modernise Muslim laws in India. But there has been no attempt to do so. The clerics have preferred taqlid (orthodoxy) to ijthad (reinterpretation). Life must be



a paradise for men, even if women have to suffer fear like in hell. The Prophet had been a genius in psychology; he attracted the man in what has been a man's world for centuries. It is this genius that has assured the continuous spread of Islam. It is only during the last few decades that the faith has started facing resistance. Until then, Islam brought wonders to its men, even if its womenfolk have had to survive in an atmosphere of tension and fear. It is not only that divorcing a wife has been an easy matter for a husband. For the wife seeking a similar separation, she has the difficult option of khula, which is long, bothersome and expensive. On the other hand, the man's privilege was expensive. By merely pronouncing the word 'talaq' (divorce) three times over less than three months, he could literally throw his wife out of the gate, with all her children. And the women were mostly untrained for any special vocation. What could they do to feed themselves and their children? Owing to the system of meher, which is payment by the man at the time of nikah,

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there was no need for the husband to pay any alimony. Shah Bano was a victim of this flaw. A minimum age of 18 for the girl before nikah has been proposed in the bill recently passed by the Uttarakhand assembly. Otherwise, the criterion has been puberty, which could be 8, 9 or 10 years. How very young an age to marry off a girl! The question of education or vocational career did not arise. On top of this was the Damocles' sword hanging on the girl's head. What wrong had the womanhood of Islam done to deserve such a potential fate? One cannot also forget nikah halala, which is more unfortunate than any of the other humiliations. If after divorce, the same spouse decides to remarry, there is an extraordinary procedure. The woman has to first marry another man and this marriage has to be consummated. Thereafter, they must divorce. Only after that, the woman can remarry her first husband. The word 'halala' stands for making something halal or legitimate. Divorce is mostly at the husband's initiative, as we have seen above, and yet,

for reunification, it is the wife who has to suffer the humiliating punishment of sleeping with an alien man. What could have been the justification while drafting the Sharia? When it comes to distributing property or any other assets, boys and girls were treated as separate categories. Girls jointly got half of what the boys got. It is altogether a tale told by a senior cleric who had a punch of venom against the female gender. Why? Only the early history of Islam can tell us about the sociological circumstances that prevailed, which justified such discrimination against the womenfolk. A man once came to Prophet Mohammad to seek his advice as to whether he should marry a woman of status and great beauty. The Prophet explicitly forbade him, saying: "Marry only those women who are loving and prolific, for I wish you to outnumber all other peoples through them" (Kitab Al-Nikah; No. 2045). (The writer is a well-known columnist, an author and a former member of the Rajya Sabha. The views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAKE DEFEAT IN YOUR STRIDE

Sir — Winning and losing is part of the game but the way one loses is something that matters. How our U19 cricket team lost the finals to Australia after playing so wonderfully and formidably throughout the tournament, is something that needs to be studied and analysed seriously so that such debacles do not happen in future. The U19 team has very talented and energetic players like Uday Saharan, Adarsh Singh, Sachin Dhas, Musheer Khan, Saumy Kumar Pandey, Raj Limbani Naman Tiwari and many others who have a very bright future. Still, despite having such a strong team to lose the finals is a matter of concern. It is high time the players understand that the game of cricket is also a game to be played with the mind. The more brilliantly the brain works and the more the patience shown the team can taste success. It is high time that the BCCI focus on mind games and imparts mental training for the players with mental techniques so that mind-boosting can result in desired success.

M Pradyu | Kamru

IMPACT OF CONSUMERISM

Sir — The simplicity of yesteryears has yielded place to gross consumerism due to "liberalisation" and "globalisation" which have brought a drastic change in the lifestyle of the society. Individuals, who were careerists and earned high degrees have got flooded with new money. Almost the whole erstwhile middle class has been promoted to the status of rich. Costly cars, high-end villas, air travel, foreign tours -- all norms of luxury have been easily accessible to the "successful" lot. In contrast, life has become a hell for those who have missed the bus of "liberalisation". Despite a lack of resources, they will have to splurge money on luxurious items on the demand of disgruntled family members. Right from newspapers to TV to hoardings — it is a call for enjoying luxuries all the way. Vested interests redefine luxuries as "necessities," ensnaring even the financially limited. Consumerism, boundless and insatiable,

Monkey fever needs attention



Monkey fever or Kyasanur forest disease (KFD) was first reported nearly 67 years ago in Karnataka from the forest of Kyasanur in Shivamogga district in a diseased monkey. Predominantly affecting the tribals of three districts of the state, especially between December and June, KFD has killed two in the region since it was freshly been diagnosed in

January, and more than 100 are reportedly infected. Man is infested with the KFD virus by the bite of infected ticks and deceased or sick monkeys that act as reservoir hosts. Luckily, there is no evidence of human transmission. High fever and chills with rigours are typical symptoms of KFD that tend to be deadly once bleeding sets in. In the thick forests of Uttara Kannada and Shivamogga in Karnataka, due to the intense humidity prevailing for most of the year, workers are often found going about their work bare-chested, or with scarce clothes covering their lower limbs, and this can easily invite tick bites or contact with the infected monkeys. Authorities must educate KFD-vulnerable individuals on insect repellents and protective clothing. Address public concerns about vaccine shortages, as tribals reportedly flee due to vaccine unavailability, fearing for their lives.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

close to Paris and having a population of about 2,000, voted, with 54 per cent of them voting in favour of the new anti-tech measures. Now villagers in Seine-Porte will no longer be able to publicly scroll on their smartphones as part of the mobile crackdown.

The new rules ban everyone within the village limits from walking and scrolling at the same time, as well as browsing while eating in restaurants, cafes, and shops and sitting on benches in local parks. Also applicable to parents waiting outside of schools. If not today then tomorrow the whole world will have to be saved from the addiction to smartphones. Because due to this people are becoming sick mentally. The era of interaction and conversation between people is coming to an end. Anyone you see sitting in a bus, train or park is either watching a video with full sound or making a video for social media.

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Embracing the shelter of God's grace offers profound benefits



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God has to help in this. Why? The odds are heavily stacked against us. Why? Sample these. Our entire being will oppose it, even if we, souls, wish to do so using our free will. First of all, we must develop a deep desire to pursue this ultimate goal for a human being, which brings everything desirable in our lives. Briefly, we qualify for opulence, victory, wealth and morality, as indicated by Sanjay of the Mahabharata fame in the Bhagavad-Geeta verse # 18.78. This is nothing compared to what we qualify for, which is, "We will cross all impediments by God's 'kripa' (grace)." (18.58) Can you imagine being able to successfully negotiate all kinds of troubles we all face throughout our lives? God even promises help in getting what one does not have and provides security of what one has if we make progress. (9.22) We get the elusive peace also. (18.62) To top it all, we will get liberated in a few births of practising God-consciousness. (6.45) Taking shelter from God is that wonderful.

What are our hindrances in achieving this noble goal? Beginning with the mind, 'kama' (lust) is seated on it. (3.40) This is not all, this faculty of ours shows us fearful dreams if we try to control them. Our intelligence is no better. It is also a seat of lust. (3.40) To make things worse it is mostly material, whereas it should ideally be spiritual. Surely, our consciousness is almost entirely material. Senses, which are also seats of lust, keep on troubling us with thoughts of a sense of enjoyment. Our 'ahankar' (ego) never tries to tell us that it is I who is all-important; who else? All these tendencies are from time immemorial, deeply embedded in our psyche. Finally, shelter-taking is a 'tapastya' (austerity), not easily acceptable to us.



So, are we lost? No, we are not. God is too kind to leave us helpless. We just have to get started. We should be determined that we are going ahead, period. I will practice even though I don't see much benefit. We must take inspiration from great people, who also struggled at the beginning of their spiritual journey. Once God is convinced that we are sincere, He steps in. This is the inflexion point; we are on our way. God begins to provide hints of His involvement. These hints though subtle, cannot be missed. In creation, nothing happens by chance or coincidence. Every occurrence is destined. The mind will not be so obstinate. Because God, sitting in our hearts, will give us intelligence to control the mind. (15.15)

With the mind and intelligence under some control, the senses will begin to behave better too. Habits will gradually become simple and steeped in goodness. Groundwork will be getting prepared for serious shelter-taking under God's supervision. Troubles will come and mysteriously disappear. We might feel that suddenly we have become great. We didn't in the real sense but did because we have come under God's protection. We will be inclined to do simple spiritual processes like spending time in God's presence, i.e. in front of a photo of God or a Deity in a temple. We will be inclined to sing a bhajan or chant a mantra. These are most important because God can only reward us if we become deserving. Just like there are pious acts, there are spiritual acts also. Fortunately for us, God will somehow manage to make us do them. I will cite a simple example. I teach my two granddaughters. Through constant encouragement, I have brought them to a stage where they are no longer afraid of studying. What is the conclusion? Let me refer to a popular saying, which is: "What man has done; man can do." This is very inspiring. Now consider: "What a devotee has done; a devotee can do." A non-devotee is extremely limited being one in eight billion. And a devotee? He will be helped by the unlimited God if we get started in shelter-taking. I have already started and gathering speed.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher, views are personal)

Balancing welfare and fiscal responsibility



UTTAM GUPTA

The Centre should go for a complete overhaul of its food subsidy programme. It should exclude from the beneficiaries' list those who are better off



Seen in the backdrop of 250 million persons coming out of poverty during the last nine-and-a-half years of incumbent government (as per a recent report released by Niti Aayog), Prime Minister Narendra Modi has faced flak from the opposition parties for his decision to continue with supply of free ration under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme for five years (it was announced by Modi during a poll rally in Chhattisgarh late last year). They question the logic of supplying free food even to those who have crossed the poverty line. Modi has taken strong exception to it.

While replying to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address in the just concluded budget session of the Parliament, he opined that one can't rule out the possibility of such persons slipping back into poverty and leaving them in the lurch by denying access to food (albeit free) in such a scenario could have devastating consequences for their ability to meet both ends meet. Hence, he asserted, there was a dire need for retaining them in the beneficiaries' list. The argument suffers from infirmities.

At the outset, let us look at some facts. Prior to April 2020, the Union government was giving food mainly wheat/rice/coarse cereals at a heavily subsidized price of Rs 2/3/1 per kg to around 820 million beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). There were two types of beneficiaries.

As part of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), the poorest of the poor households (HH) got 35 kg of food grains per HH each month or 7 kg per person per month taking 5 members per HH. There being 24 million AAY HHs, persons getting 7 kg a month were 120 million (24x5). The rest 700 million people got five kg a month. In addition to this, from April 2020 - December 2022, each of the 820 million beneficiaries got 5 kg per month for free under the PMGKAY to mitigate the hardship inflicted by the Corona - pandemic. From January 2023, even as the additional 5 kg for free under the PMGKAY has been withdrawn, all 820 million persons are



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getting their eligible quota (120 million AAY beneficiaries: 7 kg a month; 700 million non-AAY beneficiaries: 5 kg per beneficiary a month) under NFSA for free. This will continue till 2028.

The 820 million beneficiaries include 250 million who have come out of poverty. The Prime Minister doesn't want to exclude them. He bases it on the premise that 'something could go wrong in the future' pushing them into poverty and therefore, need continued support. This will be tantamount to extending the benefit perpetually as a day will never come when the government would think otherwise.

Analyzing the factors contributing to 250 million persons coming out of poverty, the Niti Aayog has opined that the supply of subsidized/free food under the NFSA was a major factor. In other words, the former is largely predicated on continuing with the latter. And, the moment the supply of free food is withdrawn, these persons will automatically slip into poverty. Is this what Modi was alluding to in the Parliament?

Another scenario could be: that a certain number say 'X' have genuinely come out of poverty; that their income is now adequate to enable them to buy their food needs at market-determined higher prices; hence they no longer need free supplies under NFSA. In such cases, the government must not retain them in the beneficiaries list merely on the presumption that 'something could go wrong'. There are millions of undeserving beneficiaries under the NFSA. This was recognized way back in 2015 by the Shanta Kumar Committee which had recommended that the people eligible for subsidized food under NFSA shouldn't be more than 40 per cent of the population against the extant coverage of 59 per cent. The excess of 19 per cent

comes to around 270 million. But, the government hasn't done anything to exclude them.

Sadly, a large number of poor do not have access to free food. The present list of beneficiaries is based on the 2011 Census even as the 2021 Census hasn't been done yet. If one were to go by the Supreme Court directive to take into account the population during 2021 instead of the present coverage, the government would have to give free food to 100 million more persons.

Doing a back-of-the-envelope calculation, giving free food to a million persons increases food subsidy by Rs 200 crore per annum. Adding 100 million to the beneficiaries list will entail an additional subsidy burden of Rs 20,000 crore annually. A rational move would be to exclude the undeserving beneficiaries to make way for those who are waiting in the queue so that subsidy is kept in check. But, in view of the stance taken by Modi, this is highly unlikely.

There is also a lingering question of what the beneficiaries should pay. The NFSA legislation enacted in 2013 required them to pay Rs 2/3/1 per kg for wheat/rice/coarse cereals. It froze these rates for three years. Since 2016, there has been no legal bar on increasing the price. Yet, not only the price hasn't been increased, but Modi - the government has reduced it to zero. Are these mammoth persons (read: 820 million) so poor that they can't pay even a fraction of the cost of making it available (in the case of wheat at Rs 2 per kg, it was 1/15th)?

There are concerns over the manner of administering the food subsidy scheme. Under the existing mechanism, the Union government directs the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other state agencies to procure food from the farmers at MSP and organize its free distribution to the beneficiaries

through a network of fair price shops (FPSs) spread all over the country.

When over 60 million tons of food grains (quantity distributed through the FPSs) are available in the supply chain with zero price tag (prior to January 2023 also the price was ridiculously low at Rs 2/3/1 per kg) it is an open invitation to dubious operators to siphon off and sell in the open market raking in a moolah. The PDS scam in West Bengal involving diversion including smuggling to neighbouring countries of subsidized or free food grains meant for NFSA beneficiaries worth tens of thousands crore currently under investigation by the central agencies provides a classic example.

This mechanism also enables the government to use state agencies to extend price support to farmers. Under an 'open-ended' procurement system, it buys from farmers unlimited quantities - far in excess of the requirement under NFSA - at MSP. This leads to burgeoning stocks with the agencies, high carrying costs, ballooning food subsidy bills and hassles of defending our subsidies at the WTO.

The Centre should go for a complete overhaul of its food subsidy program under NFSA. It should exclude from the beneficiaries list those who are better off. It can update the list at regular intervals to adjust for their changing income status (this should take care of Modi's concern in relevant cases). To address other major problems of misuse, storage, high cost and so on, it should disband the existing system of purchase, handling and distribution by the state agencies; instead, transfer the subsidy to the beneficiary's account using the DBT (direct benefit transfer) mechanism.

(The writer is a policy analyst, views are personal)

Interim Budget: Propelling green initiatives for climate action

India's commitment to sustainability extends beyond energy and transportation to encompass holistic environmental management

In the serene village of Gauripur, whispers of change floated in the air. Priya arrived with news that the sun was set to become the villagers' steadfast companion. The Interim Budget 2024 promised to solarise rooftops, bringing free electricity to every home. The village, once accustomed to dimly lit evenings, now stood at the threshold of a solar symphony that would illuminate lives and usher in a sustainable dawn.



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In a groundbreaking move towards a net-zero carbon economy by 2070, Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled key initiatives during the Interim Budget 2024, outlining a comprehensive strategy to combat climate change. The

budget emphasises solar energy adoption, offshore wind potential, and other sustainable practices, marking a significant milestone in India's journey towards a greener future. One of the flagship announcements involves the solarisation of rooftops for ten million households, aiming to provide up to 300 units of free electricity each month. The Finance Minister highlighted that this initiative

would not only empower households but also contribute to significant savings, estimated at Rs 18,000 annually, by selling surplus solar electricity to distribution companies. The Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) suggests that this effort could support the installation of 20-25 gigawatts of rooftop solar capacity. With India standing fourth globally in renewable energy installed capacity, this move is poised to leverage the country's extensive coastline of about 7,600 km, especially off the coasts of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, where an estimated 70 gigawatts of offshore wind potential has been identified. Similarly, to address emissions from the transport sector, the

Government announced a phased blending of compressed biogas (CBG) in compressed natural gas (CNG) for transportation and natural gas (PNG) for domestic purposes. In this respect, a new scheme for bio-manufacturing and bio-foundry aims to promote eco-friendly alternatives. The government further aims to strengthen the electric vehicle ecosystem by supporting manufacturing and charging infrastructure, thereby encouraging the adoption of e-buses in public transport networks. This strategic move aligns with India's commitment to achieving 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based sources by 2030. The budget therefore

places a strong focus on electric mobility, with plans to expand and strengthen the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem. The large-scale rollout of e-buses, supported by payment security mechanisms, is set to decarbonise the mobility sector and position India as a potential hub for EV manufacturing. The announcement of a significant INR 1 lakh crore corpus is expected to attract private investment in clean energy innovation and research. Moreover, introducing the Blue Economy 2.0 scheme, the budget focuses on climate-resilient activities and sustainable development in coastal areas. Prioritising restoration, adaptation measures, and expanding coastal aquaculture and mariculture

through an integrated approach, this initiative underscores India's commitment to holistic environmental management. Finally, while controversial, the budget also allocates resources to set up a coal gasification and liquefaction capacity of 100 million metric tons by 2030. This move aims to reduce imports of natural gas, methanol, and ammonia, providing India with energy security amid global shifts towards cleaner energy sources. In this respect, while applauding the budget's green initiatives, experts urge an increase in allocation to the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MOEFCC) to reflect the expanding mandate for environmental and

climate change initiatives. Advocacy for Green Budgeting as the third pillar of issue-based budgeting processes is emphasised to ensure the alignment of financial allocations with environmental goals. Moody's Investors Service has also praised the interim budget for its fiscal restraint and commitment to fiscal consolidation goals. The rooftop solar scheme, offshore wind energy projects, and emphasis on electric mobility position India as a key player in sustainable development. The global recognition of India's achievements in renewable energy capacity, as highlighted by the International Renewable Energy Agency's statistics,

reinforces the country's commitment to a cleaner, greener future. In conclusion, India's Interim Budget 2024 emerges as a landmark in the nation's quest for a net-zero economy. With a holistic approach encompassing solar energy, offshore wind potential, sustainable transportation, and environmental conservation, the budget lays the foundation for a resilient and environmentally responsible future. The initiatives outlined are not only crucial for mitigating climate change but also position India as a leader in the global transition towards sustainable development. (The writer is the founder of Earthhood views are personal)

Subianto claims victory in Indonesia presidential polls

AP ■ JAKARTA (INDONESIA)

Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto, an ex-general linked to past human rights atrocities, claimed victory in Indonesia's presidential election on Wednesday based on unofficial tallies. The 72-year-old candidate, who was once banned by the United States from entering for two decades due to his human rights record, told thousands of supporters in a sports stadium in the capital, Jakarta, that the victory, according to an early, unofficial "quick count," was "the victory of all Indonesians."

There was no declaration by electoral officials and the two former provincial governors who also contested the election in the world's third-largest democracy have not conceded defeat.

Subianto was an army general during the brutal period of the Suharto dictatorship that ended just over 25 years ago. He served as a special forces commander in a unit linked to torture and disappearances, allegations that he vehemently denies.

According to the unofficial tallies conducted by Indonesian polling agencies, Subianto had between 57 per cent and 59 per cent of votes, with more than 80 per cent of the vote counted in polling places sampled.

The quick counts are based on the actual vote count at a sample of polling stations across Indonesia. The laborious official count may not be finished for up to a month, but quick counts have provided an accurate picture of the results of all four presidential elections held in Indonesia since it began direct voting in 2004.

"We are grateful for the quick count results," he said in the speech, broadcast on national television. "We should not be arrogant, we should not be proud, we should not be euphoric, we still have to be humble, this victory must be a victory for all Indonesian people." To avoid a runoff against his rivals, Anies Baswedan and Ganjar Pranowo, Subianto



Indonesian presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto casts his ballot at a polling station during the election in Bojong Koneang, Indonesia on Wednesday. AP/PTI

needs more than 50 per cent of all votes cast and at least 20 per cent in each of the country's provinces.

Subianto has presented himself as an heir to immensely popular sitting President Joko Widodo, whose son he chose as his running mate.

Widodo's successor will inherit an economy with impressive growth and ambitious infrastructure projects, including the ongoing transfer of the nation's capital from congested Jakarta to the frontier island of Borneo at a staggering cost exceeding USD 30 billion. The election also has high stakes for the United States and China, since Indonesia has a huge domestic market, natural resources like nickel and palm oil, and diplomatic influence with its Southeast Asian neighbours.

Widodo's rise from a riverside slum to the presidency has shown the vibrancy of Indonesia's democracy in a region rife with authoritarian regimes. But with a leading candidate linked to a former dictator, and Widodo's son on the ballot, some observers fear that democracy is eroding.

Indonesians voted on Wednesday in an election that took just six hours. The logistics of the vote across the tropical nation's 17,000 islands inhabit-

ed by 270 million people were daunting: Ballot boxes and ballots were transported by boats, motorcycles, horses and on foot in some of the more far-flung locations.

Aside from the presidency, some 20,000 national, provincial and district parliamentary posts were contested by tens of thousands of candidates in one of the world's largest elections, which authorities said concluded with no major problems. About 10,000 aspirants from 18 political parties eyed the national parliament's 580 seats alone.

Voters interviewed by The Associated Press expressed hope their next leader would help them achieve greater prosperity in a country where nearly a tenth of the population still lives in poverty. "I hope Indonesia can progress better and that I did not vote for the wrong person," said Indra Nurohim, a 17-year-old high school student and first-time voter. "I hope we will have a better government."

Subianto, the oldest presidential candidate at 72, lost in two previous runs to Widodo but was the front-runner in independent surveys. His running mate, Widodo's eldest son, Gibran Rakabuming Raka, was allowed to run when the Constitutional Court made an exception to the minimum age requirement of 40.

Indian-American couple, twin sons found dead at their US home

New York (PTI): An Indian-origin family, including their 4-year-old twin boys, has been found dead at their home in California with the police investigating the case as a murder-suicide, the second such incident in less than two months that has shocked the community in the US.

The victims, hailing from Kerala, have been identified by the friends as Anand Sujith Henry, his wife Alice Priyanka, and their 4-year-old twin boys, NBC Bay Area reported.

However, the victims' identities have not yet been released, police said. The incident took place in San Mateo on Monday, police were quoted as saying by the report.

On Monday, Police said a 911 call spurred a welfare check at the location after someone reported they hadn't heard from the residents for some time. They arrived and checked the exits of the home and found no signs of forced entry.

"Unfortunately, we located four deceased people inside the home. One adult male. One adult female and two children," said Jerami Surratt, public information officer with the San Mateo Police Department.

The case is being investigated as a murder-suicide, police said on Tuesday.

According to court records, the husband filed for divorce in December 2016 but apparently did not go through with it.

The two young children were found inside a bedroom, police said.

"The children did not have any gunshot wounds. Unfortunately, they were found deceased, so that will be part of the autopsy, to figure out the cause of (the children's) death," Surratt said at a Tuesday afternoon press conference.

Sources with direct knowledge of the investigation said police believe the boys were smothered, strangled, or given a lethal overdose because there was no sign of trauma on their bodies.

'NATO is sacred commitment'

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

NATO is a "sacred commitment" for the US, President Joe Biden has said as he slammed his predecessor Donald Trump for his recent remarks encouraging Russia to attack certain nations of the 74-year-old military alliance by calling the comments "dangerous" and "un-American."

Biden said the remarks by Trump, his likely challenger in the November 5 Presidential polls, underscored the urgency of passing a USD 95 billion foreign aid package for US allies.

The bill just passed the Senate, but it faces political headwinds in the House.

At the White House on Tuesday, Biden said a failure to pass the package - which includes USD 60bn for Ukraine - would be "playing into Putin's hands."

"When America gives its word, it means something. When we make a commitment, we keep it. And NATO is a sacred commitment. Donald Trump looks at this as



if it's a burden," Biden said.

"When he looks at NATO, he doesn't see the alliance that protects America and the world. He sees a protection racket. He doesn't understand that NATO is built on the fundamental principles of freedom, security, and national sovereignty," he added.

Speaking at a rally in South Carolina during the weekend, Trump said he would ask NATO allies to increase their defence spending or else encourage Russian President Vladimir Putin to invade those nations. "You didn't pay? You're delinquent? No, I would not

protect you. In fact, I would encourage them to do whatever the hell they want. You gotta pay. You gotta pay your bills," Trump said.

Trump, who is the frontrunner for the Republican Party's nomination, has called for NATO members to devote two per cent of their gross domestic product to defence.

In response, Biden said, "Because, for Trump, principles never matter. Everything is transactional. He doesn't understand that the sacred commitment we've given works for us as well. In fact, I would remind Trump and all those who would walk away from NATO, that Article 5 has only been invoked once, just once in our NATO history, and it was done to stand with America after we were attacked on 9/11."

"We should never forget it. You know, our adversaries have long sought to create cracks in the alliance," he added. Under Article 5 of NATO's mutual defence clause, all allies commit to help any member who comes under attack.

The article has only ever been invoked once - by the US following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Biden said, "The greatest hope of all those who wish America harm is for NATO to fall apart. And you can be sure that they all cheered when they heard Donald Trump and heard what he said. I know this. I will not walk away. I can't imagine any other president walking away. For as long as I'm president, if Putin attacks a NATO ally, the United States will defend every inch of NATO territory."

The US president also described those remarks as shameful and "un-American."

"The former president (Trump) has sent a dangerous and shockingly frankly un-American signal to the world. Just a few days ago, Trump gave an invitation to Putin to invade some of our allies, NATO allies. He said if an ally didn't spend enough money on defence, he would encourage Russia to, quote, do whatever the hell they want end of quote," Biden said.

NATO chief hails record defence spending while warning that Trump's remarks undermine security

AP ■ BRUSSELS

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Wednesday that its European members and Canada have ramped up defence spending to record levels, as he warned that former US President Donald Trump was undermining their security by calling into question the US commitment to its allies.

Stoltenberg said US partners in NATO have spent USD 600 billion more on their military budgets since 2014 when Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula in Ukraine prompted them all to reverse the spending cuts they had made after the Cold War ended.

"Last year we saw an unprecedented rise of 11 per cent across European allies and Canada," Stoltenberg told reporters on the eve of a meeting of the organisation's defence ministers in Brussels.

In 2014, NATO leaders committed to move toward spending 2 per cent of their gross domestic product on defence within a decade. It has mostly been slow going,

but Russia's invasion of Ukraine two years ago focused minds. The 2 per cent figure is now considered a minimum requirement. "This year, I expect 18 allies to spend 2 per cent of the GDP on defence. That is another record number and a six-fold increase from 2014 when only three allies met the target," Stoltenberg said.

On Saturday, Trump, the front-runner in the US for the Republican Party's nomination this year, said he once warned that he would allow Russia to do whatever it wants to NATO members that are "delinquent" in devoting 2 per cent of GDP to defence. President Joe Biden branded Trump's remarks "dangerous" and "un-American," seizing on the former president's comments as they fuel doubt among US partners about its future dependability on the global stage. Stoltenberg said those comments call into question the credibility of NATO's collective security commitment - Article 5 of the organisation's founding treaty, which says that an attack on any member country will be met

with a response from all of them.

"The whole idea of NATO is that an attack on one ally will trigger a response from the whole alliance and as long as we stand behind that message together, we prevent any military attack on any ally," Stoltenberg said.

"Any suggestion that we are not standing up for each other, that we are not going to protect each other, that does undermine the security of all of us," he said.

Trump's comments have not only sent a wave of unease through Europe but are also likely to be a major topic of conversation at the annual Munich Security Conference, starting later this week in the Bavarian city.

Both US Vice President Kamala Harris and Secretary of State Antony Blinken will be present at the event that American officials hoped would concentrate more on immediate security concerns in Ukraine and Gaza, as well as challenges posed by China and the importance of multilateralism in collective defense.

Hundreds of rescuers deployed in search for 9 missing at landslide-hit Turkish gold mine

AP ■ ANKARA

Hundreds of rescuers pressed ahead with efforts to search for at least nine workers trapped at a gold mine in eastern Turkey that was engulfed by a massive landslide.

The landslide struck the Cöpler mine in the town of Ilic in Turkey's mountainous Erzincan province on Tuesday. Footage seemingly shot by a worker showed a huge mass of earth rushing down a gully, overrunning everything in its path. The landslide involved a mound of soil extracted from the mine, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said.

Some 800 search and rescue personnel, including police and military teams, mine rescuers and volunteers, were deployed to find the mine workers, Yerlikaya said early Wednesday.

Other workers at the mine have also joined the efforts to rescue their colleagues, while



A general view of the Cöpler gold mine near Ilic village, eastern Turkey on Tuesday.

families of the missing waited at an area close to the mine for news of their loved ones, Haberturk television reported.

An investigation into the disaster has been launched.

Experts, meanwhile, have warned that the landslide

may carry environmental risks. Geologist Suleyman Pampal said the soil that formed the landslide had been processed for gold and may contain dangerous substances such as cyanide that is used to extract gold. He also warned of a threat to the nearby

Euphrates River. The Environment Ministry said in a statement that a stream leading to the Euphrates was closed to prevent water pollution. Erzincan Gov. Hamza Aydoglu also said there was no leakage into the waterway.

The mine was closed down in 2020 following a cyanide leak into the river, which stretches through Turkey, Syria and Iraq. It reopened two years later after the company was fined and a cleanup operation was completed.

Turkiye has a poor mine safety record. In 2022, an explosion at the Amasra coal mine on the Black Sea coast killed 41 workers. The country's worst mining disaster took place in 2014 at a coal mine in Soma, western Turkey, where 301 people were killed.

In the wake of those incidents, engineers warned that safety risks were frequently ignored and inspections not adequately carried out.

Staff said in a statement. Experts say North Korea is ramping up pressure on its rivals in an election year in South Korea and the United States with a long-term focus of forcing Washington to accept the idea of the North as a nuclear power and extract security and economic concessions from a position of strength.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has also been issuing belligerent statements toward South Korea, including a declaration that he would abandon the North's long-term objective of reconciliation with its war-divided rival and threatening to annihilate the South with nukes if provoked.

There's concern in the South that Kim may up the ante with a direct military provocation, possibly around the disputed western sea boundary between the Koreas that has been the site of deadly naval skirmishes in past years.

Cruise missiles, which are designed to be highly maneuverable in flight like small airplanes, are among a growing number of weapons North Korea is developing to overwhelm missile defenses, supplementing the country's vast number of ballistic missiles designed to be fired from land and sea.

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South Korea says, North has fired cruise missiles

AP ■ SEOUL

North Korea on Wednesday fired multiple cruise missiles into the sea in its fifth test of such weapons since January, South Korea's military said, extending a streak in weapons demonstrations that's elevating tensions in the region.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the South Korean and U.S. militaries were analyzing the launches that were detected in waters northeast of the eastern coastal city of Wonsan.

The South Korean military didn't immediately provide the exact numbers of missiles fired or how far they flew. It wasn't immediately clear either whether the missiles were fired from land or from sea assets.

"Our military has increased surveillance and vigilance and is working closely with our US partners and is closely monitoring signs for further activity from North Korea," the Joint Chiefs of

Staff said in a statement. Experts say North Korea is ramping up pressure on its rivals in an election year in South Korea and the United States with a long-term focus of forcing Washington to accept the idea of the North as a nuclear power and extract security and economic concessions from a position of strength.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has also been issuing belligerent statements toward South Korea, including a declaration that he would abandon the North's long-term objective of reconciliation with its war-divided rival and threatening to annihilate the South with nukes if provoked. There's concern in the South that Kim may up the ante with a direct military provocation, possibly around the disputed western sea boundary between the Koreas that has been the site of deadly naval skirmishes in past years.

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'North Korean hackers breached personal emails of presidential staffer'

Seoul (AP):

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's office said Wednesday that presumed North Korean hackers breached the personal emails of one of his staff members ahead of Yoon's trip to Europe in November.

Yoon's office said the cyberattack only affected the personal account of the unidentified employee, who violated security protocols by partially using commercial email services to handle official duties. Officials did not specify what type of information was stolen from the staff member's personal emails but stressed that the office's overall security system was not affected.

"We detected the case in advance of (Yoon's) visit and took necessary measures," Yoon's office said in a statement to reporters. The office said it has been monitoring and defending against "constant" hacking attempts presumed to be related to North Korea but "it's not that the presidential office's security system got hacked."

Airstrike wipes out entire Palestinian family

AP ■ RAFAH (GAZA STRIP)

Ibrahim Hasouna trudged over the rubble of the destroyed house, pointing out where family moments had taken place - where his mother and sister-in-law used to sleep, where he played with his five-year-old nieces, where he helped his one-year-old nephew take his first steps.

His entire family was now dead - his parents, his two brothers, and the wife and three children of one of those brothers. The house was reduced to rubble on top of them in the barrage of airstrikes that Israeli warplanes inflicted across Rafah before dawn on Monday as cover for troops rescuing two hostages elsewhere in the town on the southern Gaza border.

At least 74 Palestinians were killed in the bombardment, which flattened large swaths of buildings and tents sheltering families who had

fled to Rafah from across Gaza.

Among the dead were 27 children and 22 women, according to the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, whose researchers compiled the list from Rafah hospitals. The Israeli offensive has taken a heavy toll on women and children, with more than 12,300 Palestinian children and young teens killed in the conflict, the Gaza Health Ministry said on Monday.

The 30-year-old Ibrahim, his parents and his brothers arrived in Rafah a month earlier, the latest of their multiple moves to escape fighting after fleeing their homes in northern Gaza. They rented a small, one-story house on the east side of Rafah.

"I was close to them," Ibrahim said of his older brother Karam's children. In the house, he would play cards or hide-and-seek with them to distract them from the war, he

said. The twin girls, Suzan and Sedra, often asked if they would go to kindergarten and if their teacher from kindergarten back home was alive or dead, he said.

The strikes came at a moment of joy. The families had just obtained three chickens - the first they would have to eat since the war started more than four months ago. "The children were thrilled," Ibrahim said. The family was sick of canned food, which was the main thing they were able to get under an Israeli siege that has allowed only a trickle of humanitarian aid into Gaza.

They planned to eat the chicken on Sunday night. But during the day, Ibrahim went to visit a friend on the other side of Rafah, who convinced him to stay the night. Ibrahim called home, and they decided to put off the treasured meal so he wouldn't miss it. Ibrahim's mother, Suzan, put the chickens in the neighbour's fridge.



Neighbors inspect the rubble of the Hasouna family house, which was struck by an Israeli airstrike during an operation to rescue two hostages in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday. AP/PTI

US Defense Secy Austin discharged from hospital

Washington (AP): US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin was released from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on Tuesday, ending his second stay since surgery to treat prostate cancer, and he has resumed his full duties, the Pentagon said.

Austin (70) has had ongoing health issues since undergoing surgery in December. He was taken back to Walter Reed on Sunday for a bladder issue and admitted to intensive care for a second time. He underwent a non-surgical procedure under general anaesthesia on Monday.

Austin's doctors said on Tuesday that his bladder issue was related to the surgery.

"The bladder issue was not related to his cancer diagnosis and will have no effect on his excellent cancer prognosis," Dr John Maddox, trauma medical director, and Dr Gregory

Chesnut, director of the Center for Prostate Disease Research at the Murtha Cancer Center, said in a statement.

On their advice, Austin will work from home before returning to the Pentagon later this week. His home has "full access to the unclassified and classified communications systems necessary to perform his duties", the Pentagon said in a statement.

Austin is expected to host a virtual meeting on Wednesday of about 50 countries who meet monthly to coordinate military aid for Ukraine.

He had been scheduled to travel to Brussels on Tuesday for that Ukraine meeting, followed by a quarterly meeting with NATO defence ministers on Thursday. The US ambassador to NATO, Julie Smith, will represent Austin in Brussels instead.

Shenbaz Sharif likely to become next Pak PM

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD/LAHORE

Shehbaz Sharif, the younger brother of former premier Nawaz Sharif, is expected to become Pakistan's next prime minister as a post-poll alliance of leading political parties led by them struck a deal to form a coalition government after last week's elections produced a split mandate. The surprise move means the party of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan will not be in power, despite independent candidates backed by his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) winning the maximum number of seats in Parliament in the February 8 elections marred by allegations of rigging.



their party to vote for the PML-N," he said. PML-N Information Secretary Marriyum Aurangzeb has said that party supremo Nawaz Sharif has nominated the party president and his younger brother Shehbaz Sharif for the post of the country's prime minister.

She added that PML-N Senior Vice President Maryam Nawaz, considered the political heir of Nawaz Sharif, was nominated for the post of the chief minister of Punjab province.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Pakistan Peoples Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said he was withdrawing his bid to become the prime minister and his party would support the PML-N candidate for the top post. "Nawaz Sharif has thanked the political parties which provided support to the PML-N (in forming the upcoming government) and expressed hope that through such decisions Pakistan will come out of crises," she said.

Shehbaz, who was prime minister after the Imran Khan-led government was ousted in April 2022, said the other parties that joined hands with the

PML-N enjoyed "almost 2/3 majority" of the Parliament after the elections. He also said that the new government would pull the country out of trouble.

Hours after Nawaz Sharif nominated Shehbaz for the post of prime minister, his daughter Maryam Nawaz on Wednesday sought to rebuff the impression that her father has quit active politics.

"In the next 5 years, Nawaz will not only participate in active politics but also oversee the PML-N-led governments in Punjab and at the Centre," Maryam, also the PML-N senior vice president, said in a post on X.

According to the Election Commission of Pakistan's tally, the total number of general seats won by the six parties — the PML-N, PPP, MQM-P, PML-Q, IPP (Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party) and Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) which announced their plans to form a coalition led by Shehbaz — comes to 152.

This clearly shows that these parties will easily achieve the minimum required number of 169 to form the government at the Centre after the addition of 60 women and 10 minority seats in their tally.

"Now our war is against the

country's challenges. The first challenge is the economy. We have to stabilise it which is a tall task. Nations move forward when their leadership unites and decides to end conflicts and take the nation forward to eliminate problems," he said.

The PML-N reportedly enjoys the backing of the powerful Pakistan Army.

Reacting to the latest political developments, the PTI said that the best option for the PML-N is to "accept [its] defeat gracefully" and let their party founder Khan "fix and heal the country".

Khan, a 71-year-old cricketer-turned-politician, is currently in jail and has been barred from running in the election due to his conviction in corruption cases.

Earlier, top PPP leader and former Pakistan President Zardari, speaking alongside Shehbaz, said that a coalition government would be set up.

"We have decided to form a coalition government and pull the country out of the economic crisis," he said and added that the new government would also try to reconcile with everyone including Khan's PTI. He promised to deliver the country out of these troubles and lead on to the road to prosperity.

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NOTICE

The Board of Directors in their meeting held on 13th February, 2024 has approved 2nd interim dividend @ Rs.2/- per share for the financial year 2023-24.

In this connection, Notice is hereby given that **Friday, the 23rd February, 2024** has been fixed as **'Record Date'** for payment of interim dividend for the financial year 2023-24.

Interim Dividend will be paid to those shareholders whose names appear:

- as beneficial owners as at the end of the business hours on 23.02.2024 as per the beneficial owners position to be downloaded by NSDL and CDSL in respect of the shares held in the electronic form and
- as members in the Register of Members of the Company, after giving effect to transmission/transposition if any, in physical form lodged with the Company on or before 23.02.2024.

Dividend income is taxable in the hands of the shareholders w.e.f. 01.04.2020 and accordingly, the Company will deduct tax at source (TDS) as per provisions under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Information about the record date is also available on the website of the Company i.e. www.nalcoindia.com and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.

For National Aluminium Company Limited
Sd/-
(N. K. Mohanty)
GGM & Company Secretary

Place : Bhubaneswar
Date : 13.02.2024

43 Indians among 186 deported by Maldives

Male (PTI): The Maldives has deported 186 foreigners, including 43 Indians, after accusing them of committing crimes like visa violations and drug offences, according to a media report. The highest number of people deported was from Bangladesh. At least 83 Bangladeshis were deported followed by 43 Indians, 25 Sri Lankans and 8 Nepalis. The date of their deportation is not yet known, Male-based news outlet Adhaddu reported. The deportations come as efforts are underway in the Maldives to shut down businesses operated illegally. Homeland Security Minister Ali Husan said that the ministry was working together with the Economic Ministry to take action against illegal businesses.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY MARINE DEPARTMENT
No. MD/ACCIS/MK/R-18/2023-161 Date: 07.02.2024
e-Tender Call Notice (e-TCN)

Name of the work: Hiring of 01 No. 60 Ton Bollard pull Tug along with manning crew for Marine Operation at SPMs and Inside Harbour at Paradip for a period of 07 (seven) years. Estimated cost put to tender: Rs.86,35,39,812/-

With reference to above e-tender, revised tender document has been published in the e-procurement website with extension. Last date & time of submission of bids through on-line bidding is 16.00 Hours on Dt. 20.03.2024. Technical Bids shall be opened at 16.00 hours on Dt.21/03/2024. For details, please log on to the Website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>
Sd/- Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/66/PR/2023-2024 dt. 14.02.2024

उपसा UPsIDA
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ई-निविदा सूचना

एवंद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि बरेली जिले में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्र परसाखेड़ा में विद्युत विकास एवं अनुसंधान कार्य हेतु संरक्षणी विभागों/संवर्जित उपकरणों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/प्रभिकरणों/प्रभिकरण/नगर निगमों में वजीरुद्दीन विद्युत लाइसेन्सी एवं अनुसंधान उपकरणों/कर्मों से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है जो निम्नक 15.02.2024 को अंतिम 04.00 बजे से दिनांक 06.03.2024 को अंतिम 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है।

1. निविदा को दिनांक 07.03.2024 को अंतिम 4.30 बजे धोखा जाओ। निविदाकर्ता को इस सूचना को ध्यान से पढ़ना चाहिए। 11.03.2024 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक कार्यालय में डाक में जा सकती है। ई-निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदा सम्बन्धी विवरण निम्नवत है:-

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कर का हाराज (लाख में)
1	Upgradation of Street Light & High Mast at Industrial Area Parsakhera Distt. Bareilly.	62.14

नोट:- 1. निविदाकर्ता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर सहित चर अंकित करे। जीएसटीडीसी अंकन से देय होगा। 2. विद्युत कार्य हेतु निविदाकर्ताओं को निविदा अपलोड करते समय "विद्युत सूचना विभाग" उत्प्रो शासन, लखनऊ में श्रेणी 'क' अनुमोदित लाइसेंस अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा।

निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी प्राप्तकरणी की website: www.onlineupsida.com पर स्थित ई-लिंक एवं सूचीएलसी की website: <http://e Tender.up.nic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2023
(Rs. in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated			Year ended 31.03.2023 Audited
		Quarter Ended		Year ended	Quarter Ended		Year ended	
		31.12.2023 Unaudited	30.09.2023 Unaudited	31.12.2022 Audited	31.12.2023 Unaudited	30.09.2023 Unaudited	31.12.2022 Audited	
1	Total Revenue from operations	3,621.14	3,073.50	3,622.36	10,178.03	9,700.19	13,305.86	4,092.83
2	Net Profit/(Loss) before exceptional items and tax	8.92	57.75	451.73	151.07	131.35	30.53	174.30
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	9.42	53.86	446.91	148.02	105.97	7.69	174.80
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	9.42	53.86	446.91	148.02	105.97	(390.08)	106.79
5	Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	9.42	53.86	446.91	148.02	105.97	(446.66)	106.79
6	Equity Share Capital	2,856.61	2,646.10	1,920.81	2,856.61	1,920.81	1,919.61	2,857.61
7	Other Equity (Reserves excluding revaluation reserve)	-	-	-	2,589.13	2,036.51	-	-
8	Earning per share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)							
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	0.03	0.20	2.33	0.52	0.55	(2.33)	0.37
	(b) Diluted (in Rs.)	0.03	0.16	2.33	0.41	0.55	(2.33)	0.29

NOTES:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.okplay.in).
- The above standalone and consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Wednesday, 14th February, 2024.

Place : New Delhi
Date : 14th February, 2024

for OK Play India Limited
Sd/-
Rajan Handa
Managing Director
(DIN 00194590)

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e/sealed tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work/Item	Period/Tentative Qty
1.	For Verka Chandigarh Dairy Manual Tender for :- Job Contract of Contractor/Halwai for manufacturing and cutting of sweets.	Annual/ 50 MT per annum
2.	For Verka Mohali Dairy Hiring of :- • Mahindra Pick up or equivalent (Capacity 2 ton). • Cold Store for the storage of white Butter.	01 No. Annual
3.	For Verka Bathinda Dairy Disposal of unserviceable material on time auction basis.	-
4.	For Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy • Supply of fresh cut fire wood. • Colour Measurement Timometer for Ghee. Labour Contract for Providing :- a) Un-skilled, Semi-skilled, Skilled, High skilled workers and eligible personnel for different posts through outsourcing. b) Suitable/eligible security personnel through outsourcing.	900 MT Two years
5.	For Verka Amritsar Dairy Allotment of Verka Milk Booth through draw system at Civil Hospital Majitha and Primary Health Center, Naushera Pannuan.	02 No's
6.	For Verka Jalandhar Dairy a) Disposal of unserviceable scrap material and machinery on time basis. b) Hiring of insulated Vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products.	Annual
7.	For Verka Sangrur Dairy a) Allotment of Verka Milk booths at different locations in distt. Sangrur/Barnala/Malerkotla on Rent Basis. b) Supply of :- • Man Power. • Security Personnels. • Kjeldahl Apparatus(Protein Analyzer)	Three years/ 08 No's Two years
8.	For Verka Faridkot Dairy Hiring of :- • Insulated road milk tanker for transportation of milk from MCC's to various Milk Plants in Punjab. • Pick up or its equivalent vehicle for lifting the milk from MPCSD/DF to MCC at Route 62 (MCC Aulakh).	05 No's 01 No.
9.	For Verka Mega Dairy, Bassi Pathana Loading/Unloading of Verka Milk & Milk Products, Corrugated Boxes, SMP bags etc.	Annual
10.	For Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Khanna. Pest/ Rodent control service.	Annual

NOTE:

- For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in.
- Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only.

Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

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ANNEXURE I
(Regulation 52(8), read with Regulation 52(4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015
Extract of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2023
(All amounts in INR lakhs, unless otherwise stated.)

S.No	Particulars	Quarter ended			Nine months ended			Year ended 31.03.2023 Audited
		31.12.2023		31.12.2022	31.12.2023		31.12.2022	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations	2,549.56	2,451.92	2,444.67	7,375.88	7,770.15	10,417.47	
2	Loss before tax, exceptional items	(3,104.08)	(3,251.01)	(3,486.13)	(9,743.21)	(10,905.66)	(13,883.90)	
3	Loss before tax & after exceptional items	(3,104.08)	(3,251.01)	(3,486.13)	(9,743.21)	(10,905.66)	(13,883.90)	
4	Loss after tax, exceptional items	(2,311.61)	(2,420.50)	(1,847.71)	(7,239.31)	(8,227.38)	(10,446.85)	
5	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period/year (net of tax)	(2,311.61)	(2,420.50)	(1,846.49)	(7,238.72)	(8,223.73)	(10,446.07)	
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	2,054.75	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(1,164.05)	1,147.37	8,297.00	(1,164.05)	8,297.00	6,074.67	
8	Net Worth	890.70	3,202.12	10,351.75	890.70	10,351.75	8,129.42	
9	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	117,450.00	117,450.00	117,960.00	117,450.00	117,960.00	117,720.00	
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11	Debt Equity Ratio	131.86	36.68	11.40	131.86	11.40	14.48	
12	Earnings per equity share							
	(i) Basic (in INR)	(11.25)	(11.78)	(8.99)	(35.23)	(40.04)	(50.84)	
	(ii) Diluted (in INR)	(11.25)	(11.78)	(8.99)	(35.23)	(40.04)	(50.84)	
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.27	0.26	0.18	0.27	0.18	0.21	
15	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.31	0.28	0.23	0.28	0.20	0.23	

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of annual financial results filed with the Stock exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the annual financial results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and the listed entity (www.logixgroup.in).
- For the items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock exchange (BSE India) and can be accessed on the URL (www.bseindia.com) and website (www.logixgroup.in).
- The company was unable to redeem the debentures on the redemption date 04-11-2023, due to adverse market conditions in the real estate industry. Talks are in progress with the debenture trustee and debenture holders/lenders in order to mutually agree on an extension of the redemption date and also in talks with the lenders and potential third-party buyers to purchase the secured assets of the company to fund the redemption of the debentures.

Place: Noida
Date: February 13, 2024

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Shakti Nath
Director
DIN: 00017090

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2023
(Fig. in Lacs unless otherwise stated)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated			Year ended 31.03.2023 Audited
		Quarter Ended		Year ended	Quarter Ended		Year ended	
		31.12.2023 Unaudited	30.09.2023 Unaudited	31.12.2022 Audited	31.12.2023 Unaudited	30.09.2023 Unaudited	31.12.2022 Audited	
1	Total Income	1758.05	1559.38	983.40	3925.58	5776.62	4495.10	3548.64
2	Net Profit before exceptional items and tax	1172.86	1040.97	378.33	921.48	4781.84	3757.84	2679.10
3	Net Profit after exceptional items before tax	1172.86	1040.97	378.33	921.48	4781.84	3757.84	2679.10
4	Net Profit after tax	914.63	835.18	310.93	777.50	3215.51	3211.97	2052.49
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Net of Tax)	915.11	835.64	311.93	779.38	5887.64	4904.34	2799.39
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	2090.75	-	-	110358.31
8	Earnings Per Share (Face Value Rs. 5/- per share)							
	-Basic (Rs.)	7.84	7.16	2.67	6.67	27.66	27.61	17.67
	-Diluted (Rs.)	7.84	7.16	2.67	6.67	27.66	27.61	17.67

Notes: The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter ended 31st December, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Ltd.) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and company's website www.istindia.com.

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(S.C. Jain)
Director
DIN: 00092079

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Dated : 13.02.2024

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Statement of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31 December 2023
(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		Standalone Previous Year Ended 31-03-2023 Audited
		31-12-2023		31-12-2022		
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
1	Total Income from Operations (Net)	3,267.06	3,287.94	9,752.14	14,192.36	17,778.83
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	198.55	198.77	739.21	365.19	781.20
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	182.37	198.77	723.03	365.19	797.21
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	104.06	153.93	498.19	300.56	612.41
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	104.06	153.93	498.19	300.56	612.41
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	1,274.58	1,274.58	1,274.58	1,273.95	1,273.95
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	4,388.01
8	Securities Premium Account	240.00	240.00	240.00	240	

Finance Minister to review economy at FSDC meeting

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to review the state of the economy amid global challenges at a meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) on February 21.

The 28th meeting of the high-level panel to be held here will be attended by all financial sector regulators, including RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, sources said.

This would be the first meeting of the FSDC after the passage of the Rs 47.6 lakh crore Budget for 2024-25, focussing on capital expenditure with an outlay of Rs 11.11 lakh crore.

In the meeting, the Finance Minister will review the current global and domestic economic situation and financial stability issues. Sitharaman is likely to stress key priorities highlighted in



the interim Budget, the way forward for various future policies and measures that the government has proposed to take in many sectors, sources said.

Besides, the council may also review the progress of measures approved earlier for further development of the financial sector, and to achieve inclusive economic growth

with macroeconomic stability. The FSDC meeting will also review activities undertaken by the FSDC sub-committee chaired by the RBI governor and the action taken by

members on the past decisions of FSDC. Besides RBI governor, Securities and Exchange Board of India chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) chairman Debasish Panda, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) chairman Ravi Mital and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority's newly appointed chairman Deepak Mohanty will attend the meeting.

According to sources, the FSDC meeting will also be attended by Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Finance Secretary T V Somanathan, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth, Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra, Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi and other top officials of the finance ministry.

Stock markets extend gains on fag end buying; SBI, Reliance shine

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty reversed losses and closed higher for the second straight day on Wednesday following buying in energy, metal and utility stocks in the last hour of trade amid positive domestic inflation data.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 267.64 points or 0.37 per cent to close at 71,822.83 points, extending gains for the second day. The index opened lower and fell further to a low of 70,809.84 points during intra-day trades.

Positive inflation data helped the index recover losses and hit a high of 71,938.59 points. The broader NSE Nifty also gained 96.80 points or 0.45 per cent to end the day at 21,840.05 points.

"Nifty opened gap-down tracking the weak US markets however strong recovery in the select heavyweights not only pared losses but also helped the index to close around the day's high," Ajit Mishra, SVP — Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd said.

State Bank of India was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 4.24 per cent, followed by Tata Steel, Axis Bank, Maruti, NTPC, PowerGrid, ITC and Nestle India.

Reliance Industries jumped 1.15 per cent to end at Rs 2,962.60 apiece on BSE, taking its market valuation to a record of Rs 20 lakh crore.

Shares of SBI closed at Rs 743.35 apiece.

In contrast, Tech Mahindra, Sun Pharma, TCS, Infosys and HDFC Bank were among the laggards.

The wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation eased to a three-month low of 0.27 per cent in January, mainly due to moderation of food prices, including vegetables. The WPI inflation was in the negative zone from April to October 2023, when it was (-) 0.26 per cent.

In January, food inflation declined to 6.85 per cent, from 9.38 per cent in December 2023.

Within food articles, inflation



Road Ministry plans to double defect liability period under EPC contracts to ten years

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The road ministry is planning to double the defect liability period under engineering-procurement-construction (EPC) contracts to 10 years to improve the quality of construction, a senior government official said.

Under the EPC model, the responsibility for maintenance of national highways lies with the government after the defect liability period (5 years) is over, during which the contractor is responsible for maintenance.

The government funds the entire infrastructure project under the EPC model, while the private sector partner only provides engineering and construction assistance.

"We are doing a consultation with experts and stakeholders on increasing the defect liability period under EPC contracts to



10 years as the ministry is keen on improving the quality of construction," the official said on the condition of anonymity.

The official noted that increasing the defect liability period for contractors will force them to make good quality roads, which will last for a longer duration and need less maintenance by the Centre as in the case of roads built under hybrid annuity mode (HAM) and built-operate-transfer (BOT) mode. BOT pro-

jects provide the risk of financing, building and operating highway projects with a concession period of 20-30 years.

National Highways Authority of India and National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) are mainly responsible for the construction of national highways and expressways in India. Maintenance of national highways is financed by the Central Road Infrastructure Fund.

Gold tumbles ₹750; silver nosedives ₹1,400

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices tumbled Rs 750 to Rs 62,350 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday amid weak global cues, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had ended at Rs 63,100 per 10 grams.

Silver also nosedived Rs 1,400 to Rs 74,000 per kg, while it had closed at Rs 75,400 per kg in the previous close.

"Spot gold prices (24 carats) in the Delhi markets are trading at Rs 62,350 per 10 grams, down by Rs 750 taking bearish cues from overseas markets," Saumil Gandhi, senior analyst of commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the international markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at USD 1,995 per ounce, down by USD 26 from the previous



close.

Comex spot gold fell below USD 2,000 per ounce for the first time since December after hotter-than-anticipated US Consumer Price Index (CPI) data, which dashed optimism that the Federal Reserve might soon abandon its monetary policy easing, Gandhi added.

Also, silver was trading lower at USD 21.97 per ounce, while it had closed at USD 22.82 per ounce.

CAIT demands deferment of IT Act clause related to MSMEs



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Representatives of traders' body CAIT on Wednesday met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and demanded that implementation of a clause in Income Tax Act related to MSMEs payment rule be deferred by a year to April 2025.

In a release, Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) said a delegation led by its Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal conveyed the traders' concerns

to the finance minister and suggested a solution during the meeting.

In its memorandum, CAIT welcomed the government's decision, highlighting the significance of ensuring timely payments to the MSME sector within 45 days to maintain uninterrupted cash flow for traders.

However, given the "lack of clarity" surrounding the applicability of the law to traders and other related provisions, CAIT called for suspension of implementation

of Section 43 (b)h of the Income Tax Act until sufficient clarification and information dissemination are achieved nationwide.

"CAIT further appealed to the government to postpone the implementation of this law from April 1, 2024, to April 1, 2025, to provide traders with a one-year deferral period," the release said.

The clause in the Income Tax Act added through the Finance Act 2023 is aimed at addressing the issue of working capital scarcity in the MSME industry and promote prompt payments to micro and small businesses.

This clause is applicable when an enterprise is buying goods or taking services from an enterprise registered under the MSME Act, 2006.

CAIT has reiterated the importance of addressing the financial challenges faced by the MSME sector.

It emphasised the need to clarify ambiguous provisions and enhance awareness among traders through collaborative efforts involving the Income Tax Department, Ministry of MSMEs, and trade organizations.

Wholesale inflation eases to three months low in Jan; food prices cool

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation eased to a three-month low of 0.27 per cent in January, 2024 (over January, 2023)," the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

The previous low level of WPI inflation was recorded in October 2023, when it was (-) 0.26 per cent.

In January, food inflation declined to 6.85 per cent, from 9.38 per cent in December 2023.

"The annual rate of inflation

based on the All India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number is 0.27 per cent (provisional) for the month of January, 2024 (over January, 2023)," the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

The previous low level of WPI inflation was recorded in October 2023, when it was (-) 0.26 per cent.

In January, food inflation declined to 6.85 per cent, from 9.38 per cent in December 2023.

Within food articles, inflation



in vegetables eased to 19.71 per cent from 26.3 per cent in December. Inflation in potatoes was in the negative zone. The prices of fruits, eggs, milk,

fish, and milk have eased. In the fuel and power segment, inflation was (-) 0.51 per cent in January, as against (-) 2.41 per cent in December 2023.

In manufactured products, inflation was (-) 1.13 per cent, as against (-) 0.71 per cent in the previous month.

The Reserve Bank in its bi-monthly monetary policy earlier month held interest rates steady with a view to bring down Consumer Price Index (CPI) or retail inflation at 4 per cent. Retail inflation still rules over 5 per cent.

As per government data, the month-over-month change in WPI index for January, 2024 stood at (-) 0.33 per cent, as compared to December, 2023.

The index for primary particles declined by 1.04 per cent to 181 in January, 2024 from 182.9 for December.

Prices of minerals (0.93 per cent) increased in January, this year over December 2023.

Prestige Estates Q3 profit rises to ₹165 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Realty firm Prestige Estates Projects Ltd has reported a marginal increase in its net profit to Rs 164.7 crore for the quarter ended December.

Its net profit stood at Rs 161.7 crore in the year-ago period.

Total income, however, declined to Rs 1,970.5 crore in the third quarter of this fiscal year from Rs 2,347.5 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year, according to a regulatory filing on

Wednesday.

On the performance during the third quarter and first nine months of this fiscal, Irfan Razaq, Chairman and Managing Director, Prestige Group said, "We have crossed many milestones during the current period. The record sales, collections and successful launches affirm the customers' confidence and trust in our brand and our team's dedication, hard work and commitment."

Building on the momentum of

delivering 12.23 million square feet during the first nine months of this fiscal, he said the company has already completed over 12 million square feet in the current quarter.

"With this feat, our total completions have crossed an impressive milestone of 300 projects spanning 188 million square feet. The past nine months we achieved a sales performance totalling over Rs 16,300 crore, an impressive 81 per cent increase," Razaq said.



Travel portal ixigo parent firm files draft papers for IPO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Le Travenues Technology Ltd, which operates travel booking platform ixigo, on Wednesday filed preliminary papers with Sebi to raise funds through an initial public offering.

The Gurugram-based company's Initial Public Offering (IPO) will be a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 120 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of 6.66 crore equity shares by existing shareholders, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP).

SAIF Partners India IV Ltd, Peak XV Partners Investments V (formerly known as SCI Investments V), Micromax Informatics Ltd, Placid Holdings, Catalyst Trusteeship Ltd, Madison India Capital HC, Alok Bajpai and Rajnish Kumar will be selling shares through the OFS.

Proceeds worth Rs 45 crore

from the fresh issue will be used to fund the company's working capital requirements and Rs 26 crore will be utilised for investments in technology as well as data science, including on cloud and server hosting, technology on artificial intelligence and customer engagement.

Additionally, funds will be used to support inorganic growth through acquisitions, and for general corporate purposes.

Also, the company plans to raise up to Rs 24 crore in a pre-IPO round. If such placement is undertaken, the fresh issue size will be reduced.

Axis Capital, DAM Capital Advisors and JM Financial are the book running lead managers to the public issue.

Le Travenues Technology was launched in 2007 by Alok Bajpai and Rajnish Kumar. The company helps travellers plan, book and manage their trips across rail, air, buses and hotels.

BUSINESS BRIEF



SRM MEDICAL COLLEGE INKS MOU ON PARKINSON'S RESEARCH

CHENNAI: SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre (SRM MCH & RC) Kattankulathur recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Parkinson's Research Alliance of India (PRAI), Kondapur, Telangana to work together and pave the way for collaborative research in Neuro Movement Disorders, especially Parkinson's disease.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Dr P Sathyanarayanan, Pro Chancellor (Academics), SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) during the 2nd International Neurology Symposium. The MoU will facilitate collaborative research and training, student training, faculty exchange, in addition to sharing of instrumentation, national and international conferences and continued medical education programmes.

Rupee rises 5 paise to close at 83.03 against US dollar

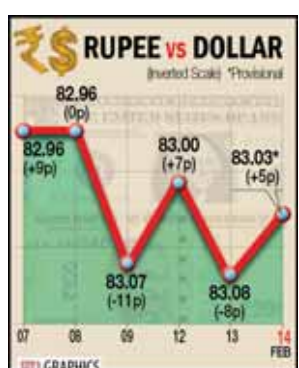
PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee appreciated 5 paise to close at 83.03 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, tracking positive domestic equities.

Forex traders said strength of the American currency in the overseas market and elevated crude oil prices weighed on the local unit and restricted a sharp uptick. At the interbank foreign exchange, the local unit opened at 83.11 against the greenback. It hit an intra-day high of 83.02 and a low of 83.12.

It finally settled at 83.03 (provisional) against the dollar, higher by 5 paise from its previous close of 83.08.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on strong US dollar and risk



PV wholesales clock record 3,93,074 units in January

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Passenger Vehicles (PV) sales in India kicked off on a strong note in 2024 with wholesales rising 14 per cent year-on-year to 3,93,074 units last month, the best-ever figure for January driven by robust demand for utility vehicles, industry body SIAM said on Wednesday.

As per the data issued by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), dispatches of passenger vehicles from manufacturers to dealers stood at 3,46,080 units in January 2023.

Two-wheeler wholesales rose 26 per cent to 14,95,183 units last month as compared with 11,84,376 units in January last year.

"Passenger vehicle sales have remained resilient led by

positive consumer sentiments, while the two-wheeler segment witnessed good growth in January as well as the rural market continues to recover," Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) President Vinod Aggarwal said.

Though the commercial vehicle sector did not grow in January 2024, it is likely to see good offtake in the next two months of this financial year, he added.

Three-wheeler wholesales witnessed a growth of 9 per cent at 53,537 units as against 48,903 units in January 2023.

"Passenger vehicles and three-wheelers continue to post their highest-ever sales till date, in FY 24, for the period April to January," SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said.

INDIA SEEK QUICK MIDDLE ORDER SOLUTIONS AGAINST FEARLESS ENGLAND



Tom Hartley's confidence has grown manifold from the time he stepped on the Indian shores. His probing line and lengths have persistently questioned the Indian batters and with the bat, his aggressive approach has matched the team's philosophy.

It remains to be seen if sharing spin bowling workload is taking more out of Joe Root than it should, but England will have no other option but to lean on the seniormost batter for wickets given Jack Leach is ruled out of the series with a knee injury. He will also be expected to get back to his consistent ways with the bat. Ollie Pope played an innings of a lifetime at Hyderabad to set up England's win but twin failures in the second Test put focus on him as well as Jonny Bairstow. On the cusp of his 100th Test, Ben Stokes would like to look

back at the fine 128 here he made at the SCA stadium in the drawn Test of the 2016 tour. His leadership has been inspiring thus far in the series and one can expect more bold calls from him over the course of the next five days.

TEAMS (FROM):

INDIA: Rohit Sharma (c), Jasprit Bumrah (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (wk), KS Bharat (wk), R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Akash Deep, Devdutt Padikkal.
ENGLAND: Ben Stokes (c), Rehan Ahmed, James Anderson, Gus Atkinson, Jonny Bairstow (wk), Shoaib Bashir, Dan Lawrence, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ben Foakes (wk), Tom Hartley, Ollie Pope, Ollie Robinson, Joe Root, Mark Wood.

PTI ■ RAJKOT

India will need to be ruthless and tactful in equal measure while dealing with an unpredictable England when the third chapter of a riveting Test series begins here on Thursday.

After England shocked India in the series opener at Hyderabad, the hosts came back strong in Vizag to get on level footing, leaving the five-match series perfectly poised. The brilliance of Yashasvi Jaiswal (321 runs) and Jasprit Bumrah (15) allowed India to make a comeback in the series but concerns remain over a misfiring middle-order, which will now be relying on the young talent to deliver the goods.

Skipper Rohit Sharma's form with the bat before the eight-day break only added to the growing concern surrounding the Indian batting, which will be without K L Rahul in this game and Virat Kohli for the entirety of the series.

Over the last one year or so, Rohit's aggressive approach with the bat has not yielded him big scores and the current situation demands the Indian skipper to perhaps contemplate changing gears.

Rahul's unavailability for the third Test has put forth the possibility of Mumbai batter Sarfaraz Khan getting his long awaited debut in the longest format. The domestic run machine could be teaming up with one-Test old Rajat Patidar to occupy two of the most coveted batting spots in the middle order.

India's glaring inexperience in the middle-order would have been well noted by the English camp, whose robust research on opponents and aggressive play has time and again delivered results.

Wicketkeeper KS Bharat's persistent failures with the bat has raised the possibility of India turning to Uttar Pradesh's 23-year-old Dhruv Jurel, who is known for his aggressive batting.

With an average of 46.47 in 15 First-Class matches, Jurel has given a fine account of himself. With the pitch here at Rajkot not expected to be a rank turner, a debut here would only help Jurel ease into the world of top flight cricket.

With local hero Cheteshwar Pujara no more in the plans of the selectors, there will be a high anticipation from the local hero Ravindra Jadeja to get back into the ring and deliver for India, whose spinners were outmatched by England in the first two Tests. Numbers tell only one side of the story and India's think tank will not be overly concerned with how their spinners have averaged collectively (38.39) compared to England's (33.90).

Unlike in the past where spinners would rule the roost and fast bowling reduced to mere formalities, this series has witnessed a stunning turnaround which has, fortunately for India, coincided with Bumrah being at his absolute best.

Bumrah's brilliance in the first two Tests has stood tall and to some extent saved the blushes for the celebrated spinners who have not thrived in the absence of rank

turners. With the pitch at Rajkot being traditionally friendly to the batters, India will have to pick one among chinaman Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel, with the latter winning the vote purely on his batting credentials.

Sitting on 499 wickets, India's premier spinner R Ashwin will be expected to enter the elite 500-club over the course of the game.

England too are expecting the pitch to be batting friendly at least in the initial phase of the game, prompting one change to their playing eleven. They have brought in a second pacer in Mark Wood in place of spinner Shoaib Bashir.

"Taking a bit of knowledge from the last Test we played here a long time ago (in 2016). It was a pretty flat wicket and looking at it today I think it looks good," said skipper Ben Stokes on the eve of the game.

"Bringing in an extra seamer is the option we have gone with because we think that is going to give us the best chance of winning this week." Back from their Abu Dhabi base where the players spent time away from the game, the relaxed mood in the England camp is easily perceptible.

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1	104157572	LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY	1. SUNITA JASVANT 2. JASVANT JAGDISH	27.01.2024	4,29,338.29/-	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF GAIR MUMKIN VACANT BARA HAVING AREA 223 SQ. YDS. I.E. 07 MARLA 03 SARSAI BEING 7/36 SHARE OUT OF 01 KANAL 18 MARLA COMPRISED IN KHEWAT NO. 73, KHATONI NO.118, KHASRA NO. 529(0-19), 530(0-19), SITUATED AT VILLAGE: SADARPUR (DERA BHARATPUR), TEHSIL: GHARAUNDA, DISTRICT: KARNAL, HARYANA-132114, WHICH IS BOUNDED AS UNDER:- EAST: VACANT BARA OF ROHTAS S/O SHRI JEET SINGH WEST: HOUSE OF BACHAN SINGH, NORTH: GALI SOUTH: VACANT PLOT OF VEDPAL

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Place : KARNAL

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Loan Account Number	Customer Name	Branch Name
87038663	AVTAR SINGH	MANDI DABWALI RURAL

Auction will be conducted online through <https://gold.auctiontiger.net> on 22nd February 2024 from 12:00 pm to 3:00pm. By way of this publication the concerned borrower are hereby given final notice and last opportunity to pay the facility recalled amount, with all interest and charges before the schedule auction date failing which the jewellery will be auctioned. Please note that, if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to time limit the bank will re auction the pledged gold ornaments within next 7 days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to his legal heirs.
Date: 15/02/2024 Place: MANDI DABWALI RURAL

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I Monika W/O Navkaran R/O H.No.10/147 Street No.1, Lane No.2, Nayyar Cottage, Anmol Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Monika Ohri.

I Amit Ohri S/O Rakesh Kumar Ohri R/O Street No.1, Tanda Road Anmol Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Nitish To Nitish Ohri.

I Rajvir Singh S/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Village Dhaliwal P.O. Kotta Naudh Singh District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Singh Rajvir.

I Esha Kakkar W/O Amit Ohri R/O Street No.1, Tanda Road Anmol Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Isha.

I Navkaran S/O Ramesh Kumar R/O H.No.10/147 St.No.1, Lane No.2, Nayyar Cottage, Anmol Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Aadhitya To Aadhitya Nayyar.

I Gurpreet Singh S/O Shiv Ram Singh R/O Village Gill P.O. Ahiyapur District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Singh Gurpreet.

I Komalpreet Kaur W/O Rajbir Singh R/O Village Devi Daspura Amritsar Amritsar-143115, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Komalpreet Kaur To Komal Preet Kaur.

I Sarvjit W/O Balkar Singh R/O 14-B, Friends Avenue Ajnala Road Amritsar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Sarbjit Kaur Sidhu To Sarvjit.

I Rosy (Lately Rosy Bala) W/O Parveen Kumar R/O 5623, Circular Road Jandiala Guru Amritsar Punjab 143115, India Have Changed My Name From Rosy Bala To Rosy.

I Reshma Umesh Gavade Wife Of Name Umesh Gavade Resident Of #382, Sai Gali Tq-Joida (Supa) Ram Nagar Uttar Kannada Karnataka-581453, Have Changed My Name From Reshma To Reshma Umesh Gavade Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB85860094021507W, Dated 14-02-2024, Before (Notary Public).

I Suman Raj Wife Of Name Raushan Raj Resident Of Podar Tile Factory Danapur Patna Bihar-801503, Have Changed My Name From Suman Kumari To Suman Raj Vide Affidavit IN-PB85858750277757W Dated 14-02-2024 Before (Notary Public).

I Sanjeev Kumar Dohriya S/O Pritam Singh R/O H.No.-6314 Mohalla Garje Ka Near Mori Gate Gurdwara Jagraon Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sanjeev Kumar.

I Tushar S/O Sandeep Kumar R/O Plot No.3 St.No.3 G.M.T Colony, New Vishal Colony Basti Jodhpur Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Tushar Bagga.

I Sangeeta W/O Sandeep Kumar R/O Plot No.3 St.No.3 G.M.T Colony, New Vishal Colony Basti Jodhpur Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sangeeta Rani.

I Priyanka Batta W/O Jaswinder Singh Handa R/O Vpo. Daulatpura Niwan, Distt. Moga, Have Changed My Name To Priyanka Handa After Marriage.

I Jaswinder Singh S/O Gurmeet Singh R/O Nazdik Nihnga Di Chhauni Sri Muktsar Sahib Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Singh Dhaliwal.

I Rupinder Kaur Sandhu W/O Ajay Kumar R/O Dharamkot Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Rupinder Kaur.

I Simranjit Kaur Sidhu D/O Satwant Singh R/O Village Chhotian Kalan Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Simranjit Kaur.

I Harjit Singh Sivia S/O Gulzar Singh R/O Vill. Kesar Singh Wala Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Harjit Singh.

I Balkarn Singh & Balkarn Singh S/O Hardial Singh R/O Vill. Korewala Khurd Distt. Moga Am Known By Above Both Names.

I Harmail Singh Tiwana S/O Karnail Singh R/O Vpo. Roomi Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Amandeep Singh Tiwana To Amandeep Singh.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/O Ravinderbir Singh R/O Near Maharaja Ranjit Singh Public School, Tarn Taran-143401, have changed my name from Amandip Kaur to Amandeep Kaur.

I Nisha Gupta W/O Sushil Aggarwal R/O H.No. B 22/117 Mohabbat Nagar Kapurthala have changed my name after marriage from Nisha Gupta to Kirti Aggarwal.

I Seema Devi W/o Sh Raj Kumar Village Sahib Da Pind Po-Umarpur Tehsil Mukerian Hoshiarpur have changed my minor daughter name from Harman to Harman Kaur.

I, Sahijpal Singh S/O Harpinder Singh R/O H.No. 592 Bhagwanpura Road Vpo. Sarava Bodla Teh-Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my name from Sahijpal Singh Bhullar to Sahijpal Singh.

I Gurjant Singh S/O Darshan Singh R/O Vill Kot Majlas Patti Bath Po Kastwial Teh-Batala Distt Gurdaspur Punjab have changed my name from Gurjant Singh to Gurjant is my given name and Singh is my surname.

I Prabhjeet Kaur Sekhon W/O Kuljit Singh Khun Khun R/O Vill. Bhaini Baringan (Ludhiana) have chengd my name to Prabhjeet Kaur Khun Khun.

I, Baldev Singh Hayer S/O Manjit Singh R/O Chak Bhai Ka (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Baldev Singh.

I, Kamaljit Singh W/o Rachpal Singh R/O Vill: Boparai Kalan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kamaljit Kaur.

I, Bhajana Singh S/o Jion Singh R/o Village Phaladur, Tehsil Ahmedgarh (Malerkotla) have changed my name to Bhajan Singh.

I, Sharif Mohammed S/o Kutab Din R/o H.No.436, St.No.10, Krishna Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sharif Mohammad.

I, Isha Tangri W/o Vikas Tangri R/O H.No.184, W.No.24, Mata Rani Mohalla, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Isha Makkar.

I, Amandeep S/o Dharam Pal R/O Vill: Pali Jhikki (SBS Nagar) have changed my name to Amandeep Singh.

I, Rupinder Singh S/o Sukhpal Singh Gill R/O Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Gidderbaha Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, have changed my name from Rupinder Singh to Rupinder Singh Gill.

I Sukhwinder Kaur Alias Balwinder Kaur W/O Mandeep Singh R/o Village Kalyan Malka District Bathinda is known by two names as above.

I Malkit Singh S/o Naranjan Singh R/o Patti Ghania, Golewala District Faridkot have changed my name to Malkit Singh Maan.

I Palwinder Kaur W/o Swaran Singh R/o House No. 619, Ward No. 05, Ellenabad District Sirsa, Haryana-125102 have changed my name to Pinder Kaur.

I Kuldeep Kaur W/o Harmeet Singh R/o Ward No. 11, Victoria Public School, Tibba Basti, Patran, District Patiala, Punjab-147105 have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur.

I, Sudesh W/o Sanjeev R/o Narwana Tehsil, Narwana District Jind I declare that I have changed my name from Sudesh to Sudesh Rani.

I Daksh Anand S/o Rajinder Kumar R/o # 537, loharan mohalla Jagadhri, Distt yamunanagar have changed my name from Daksh to Daksh Anand.

I, G Meena Spouse Of No.14832523K Hav/Mt G Mahesh Kumar Resident Of Village- Venkatachalam Colony, Post- R S Road Nandyal, Tehsil-Nandyal, District- Kurnool, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 518501. Have Changed My Name From G Meena To Meena Veeramasa Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85769424116363W Dated 14 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Pushpendra Kumar Singh Resident Of Village-Baburdipur, Post- Pakharpur, Tehsil- Maholi, District- Sitapur, State- Up, Pin- 261151, Have Changed My Mother Name From Ram Shri To Ram Suti Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85862710726734W Dated 14 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Sunil Kumar Resident Of Village- Dadaman, Post- Balana, Tehsil- Sihunta, District- Chamba, State- Hp, Pin- 176207, Have Changed My Mother Name From Veena Devi To Beena Devi Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85921394574477W Dated 14 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Pushpendra Kumar Singh Resident Of Village- Baburdipur, Post- Pakharpur, Tehsil- Maholi, District- Sitapur, State- Up, Pin- 261151, Have Changed My Father Name From Khushiram Singh To Khushiram Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85865282979012W Dated 14 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Susar Pundlik Bhikam Resident Of Village- Jalgaon Sapkal, Post- Jalgaon Sapkal, Tehsil- Bhokardan, District- Jaina, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 431112, Have Changed My Mother Name From Prayagbai To Prayagbai Bhikam Susar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb8536661180773W Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Rinki Gupta Spouse Of No.Jc-7759341 Nb/Sub Mintu Paul Resident Of Village- Shaktigar, Garshyamnagar, Post- Shyamnagar, Tehsil- Barrackpore, District- 24 Pgs (North), State- West Bengal, Pin- 743127, Have Changed My Name From Rinki Gupta To Rinki Paul Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85804957288809W Dated 14 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Susar Pundlik Bhikam Resident Of Village- Jalgaon Sapkal, Post- Jalgaon Sapkal, Tehsil- Bhokardan, District- Jaina, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 431112, Have Changed My Father Name From Susar Bhikan To Bhikan Khandu Susar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb85336593092603W Dated 12 Feb 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I Roop S/O Surinder Kumar R/O Vill. Saha Majri Distt. Ambala That I Have Changed My Name From Roop To Roop Kumar. Concerned Note

I Sushil Kumar S/O Sh. Samunder Singh R/O H No. 1367/31, Gali No. - 2, Shastri Colony, Gohana Road - Sonipat, Teh. & District - Sonipat (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sushil Kumar To Sushil Lathwal Vide Affidavit Dated 13 Feb 2024 Before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In Future I Should Be Known As Sushil Lathwal

I Parkash Chand Pabla S/O Data Ram R/O # 9 Pine Homes Dhakoli Zirakpur Have Changed My Name From Parkash Chand Pabla To Parkash Chand Pabla.

I Anil Kumar Kaistha S/O Dev Raj Kaistha R/O Hno. 57, Air Force Enclave Dhakauli, Zirakpur, Mohali Have Changed My Name From Anil Kumar Kaistha To Anil Kaistha.

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India fancy chances against Australia in men FIH Pro League

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR
Their confidence boosted after back-to-back wins, India will fancy their chances against formidable Australia in their third match of the men's FIH Pro League hockey here on Thursday. India outplayed Spain 4-1 before registering a thrilling 4-2 shootout win — after 2-2 scoreline in regulation time — over defending champions and world number one the Netherlands to begin their season with a bang. Historically, the head-to-head record between the two teams is heavily skewed in favour of Australia but the Indians have done better in recent times, especially in the last season of the FIH Pro League. India had beaten Australia 5-4 and 4-3 in shootout (after 2-2 in regulation time) in the two-legged tie in Rourkela last season, and the Harmanpreet Singh-led home side would look to continue their rare winning run against their mighty opponents. Australia are also coming into Thursday match at the Kalinga Stadium after two wins — 4-3 against Spain and 5-0 against Ireland — and they would be hoping to make amends of their two-match defeat to the Indians in the previous edition of FIH Pro League. Reflecting on the performance



of his players so far, Indian team chief coach Craig Fulton said, "It's been a good performance so far from the team, but there's a lot to improve."
"Playing back-to-back matches against top teams is always tough, but we got a good break to recover and now the focus is on the last two games of the Bhubaneswar leg." Fulton knows how strong is the Australian team but he said his players are ready for the match on Thursday.
"It is surely going to be a tough match. They (Australia) are coming off solid back-to-back wins.
"For us, there were a few learnings from the first two games, and our focus will be to improve and better our performance. We are up for the challenge and look to keep the momentum going."
The good news for India is that captain Harmanpreet Singh has been among goals with three strikes so far, and he would be looking for more. In the Indian goal, veteran PR Sreejesh turned was going strong as he turned out to be the saviour in India's 4-2 shootout win over the Netherlands. India will then take on Ireland in their last match of the Bhubaneswar leg on Friday before moving to Rourkela for the return fixtures.



Haokip last minute goal gives Namdhari FC full points

PTI ■ LUDHIANA
Debutants Namdhari FC registered their third win in the I-League season when they edged past NEROCA FC 3-2 here on Wednesday. The winners led 2-1 at half time in the match played at Namdhari Stadium. Both Namdhari FC and NEROCA FC are struggling in the ongoing league and languishing at 11th and 12th positions, respectively. While this win gave Namdhari a sense of relief, it didn't make their position any more comfortable in the league table. After the win over NEROCA, the home side are still in the 11th position, though their points tally has gone up to 12 from 13 matches. NEROCA FC are currently staring at relegation, having collected only seven points from 12 matches. The last time Namdhari won a match was on December 17 last year, a 2-1 victory over TRAU FC. Against Namdhari, however, NEROCA FC came close to snatching a point till a last-minute goal by substitute Peter Seiminthang Haokip (90+3') did the good turn for the hosts. The other two goalscorers for Namdhari were Akashdeep Singh (35') and Harmanpreet Singh (43'). For NEROCA, Sajal Bag (24') and Mohammed Sarif Khan (84') were the scorers.



Sakshi, Bajrang threaten fresh protest

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Olympic medal-winning grapplers Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia on Wednesday alleged that national federation chief Sanjay Singh used devious means to get the suspension on WFI lifted by United World Wrestling (UWW) and threatened to restart their agitation against the body. The UWW on Tuesday lifted the provisional suspension on India but directed the national federation to provide written guarantees that there would be no discriminatory action against the protesting trio of Punia, Malik and Vinesh Phogat. The suspension was imposed by UWW in August last year after the WFI failed to hold elections in time. Punia, Malik and Phogat have been protesting for more than a year, demanding the arrest of former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for allegedly sexually harassing women grapplers. "We came to know yesterday that Sanjay Singh had done some setting with UWW to get the suspension lifted. Brij Bhushan and Sanjay Singh have left no stone unturned to show that they are above the law," said Sakshi in a video

posted on 'X'. Sports Minister Anurag Thakur, when asked about the latest developments on the sidelines of the Chess Olympiad Torch hand-off ceremony here, said, "We will let you know what we will do." Sakshi stressed that if the BJP MP's loyalists are allowed to run the affairs of the WFI, the protesting wrestlers will be left with no choice but to restart the agitation. "Our protest has only been suspended. I might have retired from wrestling but I will not tolerate Brij Bhushan or his people running the federation and harassing women," she asserted. "In the next 2-4 days, we will contact the people associated with our agitation and chalk out the future course of action. I urge the government (to ensure) that Brij Bhushan or his group are barred forever from (running) the federation and some good people are entrusted the task to do the job. Otherwise, we will have to restart the path of protest," warned Sakshi. Punia echoed the sentiment in his video message on the same platform. "Just 2-3 days back, Brij Bhushan's son became the president of the UP wrestling body despite him saying

Lewis says it feels surreal to enter his last season at Mercedes with car launch

AP ■ SILVERSTONE (ENGLAND)
Seven-time Formula 1 Champion Lewis Hamilton said Wednesday it feels "surreal" to be entering his last season with Mercedes before joining Ferrari for 2025. Speaking as Mercedes unveiled its 2024 car at Silverstone, home of the British Grand Prix, Hamilton said it has been a privilege to work with the team. Hamilton has driven for Mercedes since 2013, winning six of his seven titles with the team, but is leaving at the end of the season to join Ferrari. The move has shaken up F1 and surprised Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff. "It has obviously been emotional," Hamilton said. "It's very surreal to be here,



given I came here in 2013, so 11 years with the team, starting my 12th, and it is such a privilege to work with a group of people where you see the work they're doing over the winter."
Mercedes was due to do a brief "shakedown" run at Silverstone on Wednesday before heading to Bahrain for three days of pre-season testing next week. The focus will be on "getting the team back to where we

once were," Hamilton said. "I think we've had this difficult couple of years, which I think has been really grounding for us. It's helped us regroup." Wolff said the 2024 Mercedes car, the W15, represents "a complete relaunch" of the design. The livery brings back a flash of Mercedes' traditional silver on the nose after last year's mostly-black look. "It's very different, not only on the aerodynamic surfaces, but mainly underneath," Wolff said. "There are so many mechanical changes that we have done which we hope are going to translate into more performance, more predictability, a car that the drivers can really push, and we should be seeing next week in Bahrain."

Ramkumar shocks top seed Luka to enter quarterfinals

PTI ■ BENGALURU
Indian Davis Cupper Ramkumar Ramanathan made a remarkable comeback to shock seeded Luka Nardi to enter the singles quarterfinals of the Bengaluru Open here on Wednesday. Ramkumar, a wildcard entrant, prevailed over the Italian 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 in little over two hours in their pre-quarterfinal match at the KSLTA Stadium. The match began on an ominous note for the Indian star as Nardi broke his serve in the very first game of the opening set. From that point onwards, Ramkumar was not able to offer any kind of fight to his higher-ranked opponent, who used a heavy first serve and precise ground shots to choke his opponent. While Nardi landed a whopping 86 percent of his first serve inside the box, Ramanathan barely managed to cross the 50 percent mark. But Ramkumar seemed a totally transformed player in the second set as he engaged Nardi more effectively in rallies, exploring the deeper areas of the court to keep the Italian pinned on the baseline. After the first four games went by the serve, Ramkumar earned a crucial break in the fifth game to go 3-2 up and



he consolidated the position with a hold to make it 4-2. The salient feature of Ramkumar's transformed game was the improvement in his first and second services, as he found more zip in them in this set. Nardi struggled to return Ramkumar's serves that often breached the 200 kmph barrier.

It was evident in the 10th game when Ramkumar served out the second set, as two big serves down the T helped the Indian go level at a set apiece. Frustration gradually seemed to have crept into Nardi's game as he began to make unforced errors regularly. After matching Ramkumar till the fourth game, Nardi crumbled against sustained pressure in the fifth game. Trailing 30-40, Nardi slammed an overhead smash well over the baseline to hand Ramkumar a vital break as he went up 3-2. Ramkumar firmed up his position with a hold in the sixth game and he had the simple job of retaining his serve in the 10th game to pocket the match. He began it with a thundering ace down the middle, his ninth of the match, and moments later a lovely forehand approach volley positioned him at 40-0. Ramkumar kept Nardi in the baseline with a deep forehand and the latter smashed a forehand wide of the sideline as the Indian let out a loud roar. However, it was curtains for fourth seeded Frenchman Benjamin Bonzi who lost 3-6, 4-6 to Maks Kasnikowski of Poland. Results (Singles): Ramkumar Ramanathan beat 1-Luka Nardi 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, Roca Batalla beat Tristan Boyer 7-5, 6-3, Maks Kasnikowski beat 4-Benjamin Bonzi 6-3, 6-4.

India stun China 3-2 in BATC women competition

PTI ■ SHAH ALAM (MALAYSIA)
Two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu made a winning return from a lengthy injury lay-off as India stunned formidable China 3-2 in the women's competition of the Badminton Asia Team Championships here on Wednesday. With just two teams in Group W, India were assured of a knock-out round berth even before their opening match but the team made its mark in style with the shock win over the top-seeded Chinese side. 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, registered a dominating 4-1 win over Hong Kong to qualify for the knock-out round from Group A. Hong Kong had lost to China 0-5 on Tuesday. India will take on top seeds China on Thursday to decide the group winner in the men's section. Sindhu, who was missing in action since October last year due to a knee injury sustained at the French Open, led the way as she beat higher-ranked Han Yue 21-17 21-15 in 40 minutes to give India 1-0 lead in the women's tie.



The 28-year-old, who won a silver in the 2016 Olympics followed by a bronze in the Tokyo Games, is currently ranked 11th while Yue is world number eight. The pair of Tanisha Castro and Ashwini Ponappa then lost to Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning 19-21 16-21, followed by Ashmita Chaliha's 13-21 15-21 loss to world number nine Wang Zhi Yi, as India trailed 1-2 after three matches. India were on level terms when Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand beat the Chinese duo of Li Yi Jing and Luo Xu Min 10-21 21-18 21-17 in one hour and nine minutes in the

women's doubles. In the deciding match against the second-string Chinese outfit, Anmol Kharb punched way above her weight as the 472nd-ranked Indian emerged 22-20 14-21 21-18 winner over world number 149 Wu Luo Yu in a gruelling one hour and 17 minute contest to give India a memorable win. Meanwhile, in the men's competition, HS Prannoy lost the first singles against Ng Ka Long Angus 18-21 14-21 but that turned out to be the only blip for India who won the next four matches. World number one men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were ruthless in their 33-minute-long 21-16 21-11 win over Lui Chun Wai and Yeung Shing Choi before Lakshya Sen easily beat Chan Yin Chak 21-14 21-9 to give India the lead. With momentum on their side, India quickly wrapped up the tie with the pair of M R Arjun and Dhruv Kapila making it 3-1 with a 21-12 21-7 win over Chow Hin Long and Hung Kuei Chun, before Kidambi Srikanth beat Jason Gunawan 21-14 21-18 to complete the rout. The top two teams from each of the four groups will make it to the knock-out round.