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Torrid summer kills 71, mostly in Bihar

Severe heatwave sweeping Northwest and Central India is increasingly becoming a public health crisis in India with around 71 people succumbing to heatrelated illness especially sunstroke since March 1 till date even as Uttarakhand and Jammu region reported forest fires adding complexity to the ongoing situation on Friday. The reports of deaths and illness cases due to heatwaves continue to surface every day. Tragically, on Friday, as several pockets of Northwest and Central India turned into

the polling personnel. The Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) which is mobilising resources, including drones, to combat the fires has issued an

a baking pan with temperatures soaring as high

as 45 degrees Celsius, it

proved fatal particularly to

extreme forest fire risk warning for the coming week as temperatures soar and the dry conditions persist. Fourteen people, including 10 polling personnel lost their lives to heatwave in the last 24

hours in Bihar alone, while four persons succumbed to sunstroke in Jharkhand. In the eastern State 1,326 people were hospitalised due to the health risks posed by

the intense heatwave. Uttar

Pradesh's authorities also

reported the death of 13 poll

Mirzapur district following fever, high BP. However, Principal of Vindhyavasini Autonomous State Medical College Raj Bahadur Kamal said the exact reason is yet to be ascertained. The deceased include seven Home Guard jawans, three sanitation workers, one clerk posted at the Chief Medical Officer's office, one adhikaari chakbandi (consolidation officer), and

Smoke rises from a forest fire in Uttarkashi district personnel in poll-bound team, according to PTI reports. Meanwhile, the situation in Uttarakhand too Maa is alarming as it has started battling another series of forest fires after a brief lull, affecting over 1,300 hectares and causing significant environmental damage. Since November 2023, there and

have been 1,167 forest fire incidents in the State, claiming six lives and injuring five people, as per the officials

one peon in the Home Guard On Thursday, at least 24 illness data might represent

people died of suspected heatstroke in India's eastern States of Bihar and Odisha, and the heatwave in the region is expected to continue until Saturday, authorities said. Delhi, which recorded a temperature of 45.4 degrees Celsius on Friday afternoon, reported its first heat-related death this week and is also facing an acute water

Experts, however, cautioned that death and heat-related only a fraction of the actual impact, highlighting the severe health consequences of humid heat in Northwest and Central regions.

File Photo: PTI

As the intense heatwave wreaks havoc in Bihar, where temperatures soared to 47.1 degrees Celsius in Buxar, the State Government has shut down schools and educational institutions until June 8 and initiated ex-gratia payments to the families of the deceased.

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Remal aftermath wreaks havoc in **Assam, Manipur**

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About four lakh people have been affected in the northeastern States of Assam and Manipur, which have been hit by heavy rain and thunderstorms triggered by Cyclone Remal in the last few days.'

A total of 1,88,143 people have been affected by floods in Manipur following incessant rainfall in the aftermath of Cyclone Remal, a State Minister said on Thursday. It has also damaged at least 24,265 houses in the last few days, he said.

Central Commission said six rivers in Assam and Manipur, including Brahmaputra, and Barak, are experiencing severe flooding, putting numerous districts in the region at risk.

The

Water

Altogether 18,103 people have been evacuated and 56 relief camps were set up, Manipur Minister for Water Resources and Relief & Management Disaster Awangbou Newmai said. Around 401 hectares of crop

Relief materials have been distributed to Imphal East, Imphal West, Bisnupur, Churanchanpur, Noney, Senapati and Kakching, the Minister said.

have been affected, too, he

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Residents fill water from a tanker amid water crisis at the Vivekanand Camp in

Delhi moves SC for more water from neighbours

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Amid acute shortage of water in the national Capital, the Arvind Kejriwalled AAP Government approached the Supreme Court on Friday, seeking its intervention to direct States, neighbouring States, including Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, to immediately release the additional raw water provided by the Himachal Pradesh to Delhi through the Wazirabad Barrage, to enable urgent mitigation and resolution of the ongoing water and sanitation crisis here.

The plea, filed by Delhi's Water Minister Atishi, has made the Centre, BJPgoverned Haryana and Congress-ruled Himachal Pradesh parties to the petition and said access to water is essential for survival and one of the basic human rights.

The move comes as Delhi grapples with a severe water crisis, which has affected millions of residents. The BJP lambasted the Kejriwal Government, terming it mismanagement and an artificial water crisis created by the Kejriwal Government while Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal made an appeal to the BJP-led Governments in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to provide water relief to Delhi amidst the ongoing heatwave. Highlighting the severe

water demand caused by the relentless heat, Kejriwal called for a united effort, urging political collaboration over conflict while criticising the Delhi government, Delhi BJP president Virendraa Sachdeva said water crisis in Delhi is a result of

mismanagement of Kejriwal. Continued on Page 2



Ex-CM, three 'turncoats' locked in a four-way battle; BSP may play spoilsport in Jalandhar

BY MONIKA MALIK

n Jalandhar, the electoral In Jalanuna, the battleground is intensifying with a high-stakes contest featuring a former Chief Minister and three notable political 'turncoats'. The Congress is pinning its hopes on former Dalit Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, while other major parties have nominated candidates who have switched allegiances, leaving voters in a state of uncertainty. AAP's sitting MP Sushil Kumar Rinku is now the BJP's candidate, SAD's former MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu is running on AAP's ticket, and Congress' former MP Mohinder Singh Kaypee is standing for SAD.

Adding a layer of personal intrigue, the race pits two former Congressmen-cum-relatives, both influential Dalit leaders, against each other. Kaypee's daughter is married to Channi's nephew, highlighting the familial connections that complicate this political rivalry. Each candidate in Jalandhar wields considerable influence, making the race even more intense.

The Jalandhar Lok Sabha constituency has a rich electoral history, marked by fierce competition and significant political shifts. Traditionally a Congress stronghold, the party has won the seat 13 times since independence, dominating the seat since 1999. Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and Janata Dal have secured victories twice each. The constituency underwent a significant change in 2008 when it was re-demarcated as a reserved seat for Scheduled

Castes (SC), adding new dynamics to its electoral profile. Congress' defeat in 2023 bypoll, necessitated following the sudden demise of sitting MP Santokh Chaudhary, marked a significant shift when the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) won by over 58,000 votes, demonstrating a notable change in voter sentiment prompting the grand old party to strategize extensively to reclaim its position, focusing on the Dalit vote bank.

Despite facing strong internal dissent from within, the Congress decided to lay its bet on the former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, party's prominent Dalit leader. Dissidence stems from bypassing other local leaders in favour Channi, causing friction among the party ranks, especially the Chaudhary family, leading to the departure of Santokh Chaudhary's widow Karamjit Kaur Chaudhary to BJP, coupled with suspension of their son and Congress MLA from Phillaur Vikram Chaudhary ffor opening a front against Channi.

The Chaudhary family wields considerable influence in the Dalit politics of the Doaba region, with a political legacy dating back to 1936. Master Gurbanta Singh, a prominent Dalit leader in Punjab, was the patriarch of this influential clan. The familv has maintained close ties with Dera Sachkhand Ballan, a religious institution with substantial sway over the Dalitmajority Jalandhar constituency. This connection makes the direction of the Dera vote a critical factor in the upcoming election. Given these dynamics,

it remains to be seen whether the Chaudhary family might undermine Channi's campaign. Despite these challenges, Channi has, as of now, emerged as a frontrunner on the seat.

Bharativa Janata Party (BJP), contesting polls independently this time, fielded sitting MP Sushil Kumar Rinku, earlier a Congress MLA. and later AAP MP. Rinku's latest switch to the BIP days after AAP announced his renomination, marked his third political allegiance, creating voter disillusionment and internal challenges within the BJP. Rinku's campaign focused on development and infrastructure improvements, targeting the business community and urban voters. However, BJP faces significant resistance in rural areas where farmers, especially in Shahkot, Nakodar, and Phillaur, oppose the BJP

Balancing urban support with efforts to gain rural votes has emerged as a critical challenge for the BJP. Moreover, its reliance on consolidating Hindu votes in urban areas contrasts with its struggle in rural regions. The BJP is focusing on urban areas, leveraging the support of migrant labour and local traders.

Rinku's journey began as a councillor in Jalandhar Municipal Corporation, and he first became an MLA on a Congress ticket in 2017. Despite a defeat in the 2022 assembly elections, Rinku managed to secure the Lok Sabha seat for AAP in 2023 by-elec-

Left in the lurch following Rinku's departure, the ruling AAP poached SAD's former

Previous MPs				
2009	Mohinder Singh Kaypee (Congress)			
2014	Santokh Chaudhary (Congress)			
2019	Santokh Chaudhary (Congress)			
2023 bypolls	Sushil Kumar Rinku (AAP)			

JALANDHAR CONSTITUENCY

MLA and its probable candidate from Jalandhar Pawan Kumar Tinu — a seasoned politician with a history of party switches. Tinu's entry into AAP and subsequent candidacy have been met with skepticism, questioning his loyalty and ability to unify AAP's support base. AAP is targeting urban voters with promises of

improved governance and

accountability. Tinu's campaign

is centered on transparency and

anti-corruption measures,

appealing to younger voters

and the urban middle class.

AAP is also addressing social

justice issues to attract Dalit

ing independently, unlike pre-

vious alliances with BJP till pre-

vious Lok Sabha polls, or BSP

like in 2022 state assembly

polls. A former Congress MP

and state Congress' former

president, Mohinder Singh

Kaypee, now with SAD.

focused his campaign on rural

port from the Dalit communi-

ty, having served as a Minister

and winning this Lok Sabha

seat in 2009. However, his

Kaypee enjoys strong sup-

areas and Dalit communities.

SAD, this time, is contest-

recent switch from Congress to SAD added complexity to his campaign. His challenge will be to overcome his previous defeat and leverage his political experience to gain voter trust.

Adding another dimension to the four-way contest, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has fielded a prominent Dalit activist Balwinder Kumar, who

secured a significant number of

votes in the 2019 elections —

2.13 lakhs. A former journalist

with a national daily and a

practicing lawyer, Kumar owns

two PG degrees — one in

English and the other in jour-

nalism. His focus on Dalit

issues and community sup-

port could be pivotal in the

upcoming election. His past

performance and strong edu-

cational background position

him as a formidable candidate

– poised to disrupt the polit-

In the first election after

becoming a reserved seat,

Congress candidate Mohinder

Singh Kaypee emerged victo-

rious, securing the seat with a

ical dynamics of the main con-

resilience, indicating growing support among voters dissatisfied with the Congress. The 2019 elections saw Congress winning again, but with SAD significantly increasing its vote share by 50,000 votes compared to the previous election. It was the 2023 bypoll that marked a significant shift when AAP defeated Congress by over 58,000 votes, demonstrating a

notable change in voter senti-

victory underscored Congress'

stronghold in the region, espe-

cially among the Dalit com-

munity. Congress retained the

seat in 2014 with Santokh

Chaudhary, but the margin of

victory narrowed to 70,000

votes. SAD showed significant

Voter demographics

Jalandhar's voter demographics play a crucial role in determining the election outcome. The constituency has a substantial Dalit population, nearly 37 percent of the electorate, making their vote pivotal. Of these, nearly five lakh are from the Adidharam, Ravidasia or Ramdasia community, and 2.7 lakh from the Valmiki or Majhbi Sikh community. Each candidate is strategizing to win over these crucial voters, with promises of better representation and devel-

Religious and social institutions, or Deras, also influence the Dalit vote significantly. Dera Sachkhand Ballan and Valmiki Ashram of Baba Pargat Nath in Nakodar are particularly influential, guiding the voting preferences of their followers. Their support could be a deciding factor in the elecmargin of 37,000 votes. This tion.

Urban areas in Jalandhar, with a significant migrant labour population, are crucial for BJP. However, rural areas have shown resistance to BJP, particularly among farmers. A significant section of Dalits in Jalandhar follows Christianity and regularly visits Pentecostal churches, with pastors close to BIP. The consolidation of Hindu votes is critical for BIP's strategy in urban areas, balancing its support base with efforts to mitigate rural oppo-

The Issues

Economic issues, including job opportunities and infrastructure improvements, are central to voter concerns in Jalandhar. Each candidate is promising economic growth and development projects to attract votes. Social justice and equality are significant concerns, especially among the Dalit community, with candidates emphasizing policies and initiatives that address these issues. Besides, Jalandhar's sports goods manufacturing industry, a longstanding employment source, has been in decline since the Covid-19 pandemic; and the voters have demanded solutions from the candidates, yet no action has

been taken. The city's poor road infrastructure is also a major concern for commuters, who have criticized the use of substandard materials in road construction. Numerous accidents and injuries have resulted from hazardous conditions, with countless pits making travel perilous. Worsening traffic congestion is another significant issue, mainly due to nonencroachments, lack of parking lots, haphazard parking, dugup roads, and poor management.

Garbage dumping and mountain-sized landfills are emerging in Jalandhar in a manner reminiscent of Delhi, much to the dismay of residents. Protests have erupted. particularly against the garbage dump near 66 ft road, as the community demands better waste management solutions.

Constituency at a Glance

The constituency comprises of nine assembly segments, of which, five -Phillaur, Shahkot, Jalandhar North, Jalandhar Cantt, and Adampur — are represented by the Congress, while remaining four — Kartarpur, Jalandhar West, Jalandhar Central, and Nakodar — are in AAP's share. However, AAP's Jalandhar West (SC) MLA Sheetal Angural has shifted loyalties towards the BJP.

The constituency, with more than 16 lakh voters, showcases a diverse demolandscape. Constituting 40 percent of the electorate, SC voters exercise significant influence in this region. The constituency is characterized by a balanced mix of rural and urban voters. with 48.7 percent residing in rural areas and 51.3 percent in urban settings. The religious composition reflects the cultural mosaic, with Sikhs comprising 32.75 percent of the electorate, and Hindus at 63.56 percent. Muslims form a smaller but notable portion, accounting for 1.4 percent of the voter base.

Classifieds

tenders.

Past elections

BEDAKHLI NOTICE

We. Sham Sunder Gandhi S/o Late -ans Raj and Saroj Gandhi W/o Sham Sunder Gandhi R/o - No. 2392, Sector 35-C, Chandigarh declare that our son Amit Gandhi is out of our control. We disown him from our movable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk

I, Bhajan Singh S/o Sh. Mehar Chand R/o - No. 146 Guggi Mari, Nanhera, Distt. Ambala declare that my Daughter Babita Rani is out of My Control. So i Disown her from my all Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Kamla W/o Rajinder R/o New Indira Colony, Manimajra Chandigarh my son Satish (Puppy) and daughter in law Neerai are out of my control. So I debar them from my moveable/immoveable property. lybody dealing with them at own risk.

I, Mahender Singh, son of Dharam Singh and Smt. Kusum Bala, wife of Mahender Singh, resident of -ouse No. 392/B2, Officer Colony, Bitna Road, Pinjore Tehsil, Kalka District, Panchkula - aryana, Disinherit our son Yogesh with their Family from our property and our life.

I. Gurmel Singh S/o Rulia Ram R/o Vill. Tigri, Teh. Shahabad (M.). Distt. Kurukshetra. declare that my son Rajbir Singh and his wife Jailalita are out of control and do not even behave well with us So I disinherit them from my all moveable/immoveable

Properties. If anybody deals with them in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

I, Sunita Rani w/o Late Sh. Pawan Kumar R/o – ouse No 140, New Darshani Bagh, manimajra, Chandigarh inform that my son Uday Verma and 2nd son's - arpreet Verma and his wife Ritu Verma W/o – arpreet Verma out of my control. I Disown them from my all moveable and immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Attar Singh S/o Ram Dia R/o - ouse No. 2059, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh inform that my son Aman and his wife Palavi out of my control. I Disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with

them at their own Risk. I, Ranjit Singh S/o Mahender Singh, R/o - ouse No. 1292 A, Sector 41-C, Chandigarh inform that my son Jaspreet Singh and his wife Jaspreet Kaur out of my control. I Disown them from my all moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with

them at their own Risk. We, Suresh Sharma S/o Ramkishan & Suman w/o Suresh R/o Village Jakholi, Rai, Sonipat declare that our daughter's Priya Sharma is out of our control. So we disown her from my all movable/immovable property. Any

I, Amritpal Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O Village Faggu Tehsil Kalanwali Distt Sirsa Declare That My Daughter Satvir Kaur Is Out Of My Control. So I Disowned -er From All My And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With - er On Their Own Risk.

We Shambhunath S/o Sh. Chand Lal and Salochna W/o Sh Shambhunath R/o -ouse No. 1972 Sector -13 Urban Estate Karnal declare that our son Ashok Goyal and his wife Shruti Gupta are out of our control. We disown them from our moveable and immovable property. They will be responsible for their transactions, good-bad, legal-illegal activities.

I, Gurmukh Singh s/o Pyara Singh Outside - athi Gate, Batala, (Gurdaspur). I had disinherited my son Ravinder Singh/his wife Brinder Kaur. My son Ravinder Singh has taken divorce in Canada. Now my son is under my command. So I only withdrew the eviction of my son, so my son will inherit my property. My & my family members have no relation with Brinder Kaur D/o Malkiat Singh and we have nothing to do with Brinder Kaur now.

I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Sheo Lal, R/o Dhani Gaupal, Tehsil Bhuna, Fatehabad that my son Rohit and his wife Sonali are out of my control. Therefore, I evict both of them from my movable and immovable property. I and my family will not be responsible for any dealings with them.

I, Malwinder Singh S/o S Naranjan Singh R/o - .No. 2246, Urban Estate, Phase-2, Distt Patiala declare that my son Navpreet Singh and his wife Sumitpal Kaur are are out of my control. I Evict them from all my movable/ immovable property's Anyone dealing with them shall do so on his/ her own risk, I or my

family will not be responsible. I. Khushi S/o Ronki Ram Vpo Mandheri, tehsil Shahbaad, Distt Kurukshetra, My Daughter Anu Is Out Of My Control. I Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. If Anybody Deals With

- im At Their Own Risk. I, Surinder Kaur w/o Late Balbir Singh R/o Kanta Farm Morthali Tehsil Pehowa Distt. Kurukshetra declare that my son Vikramjeet Singh & his wife Saravjeet Kaur are out of my control. I, disown them from my all moveable and immoveable properties. If anybody deals with them at his own risk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sukhwinder Kaur D/O Naurata Dass R/O Village Joga Tehsil & Distt Mansa Declare That In My Passport No. X3652960 My Father Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Narata Dass. My Father Correct Name Is Naurata

I, Samoth Devi, W/o Sudhii Singh, R/o Kalali Tehsil and District Ch. Dadri, my name spelling Samoth Devi is wrongly recorded in my husband's army record. My name correct spelling is Samot Devi.

It is for general information that I, Daljit Singh Chopra S/o Pritam Dass Chopra R/o Rastgo Jalandhar. Punjab-144201, declare that name of my minor daughter namely Ekdeep Chopra aged 9 years has been wrongly written as Ekdeep Kaur in hei Documents. The actual name of my minor daughter is Ekdeen Chopra respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Pardeep Singh S/o Davinder Singh R/o Village Badial PO Salempur Distt. - oshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Pardeep Singh to Pardeep Singh Kang. Concerned

I, Manpreet Kaur W/o Pardeep Singh Kang R/o Village Badial PO Salempur Distt. oshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Manpreet Kaur to Manpreet Kaur Kang. Concerned

I, Ram Krishan Father of No. 2493041N -av (MACP Nb Sub) Anil Kumar (Retd) R/o Village Dugri Rajputtan, PO Tanda Ram Sahai, Tehsil Mukerian Distt - oshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Ram Krishan to Ram Kishan. My correct date of birth is 24.04.1957. Concerned note.

I, Priya Daughter of No 2476749X Ex – av Narinder Paul (Retd) R/o Vill & PO Nangal Behalan, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt - oshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Priya to Priya Rani .Concerned note.

I, Yogita Daughter of No 2476749X Ex - av Narinder Paul (Retd) R/o Vill & PO Nangal Behalan, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt - oshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Yogita to Yogta Rani. Concerned note.

I, Sneha D/o Sh. Sube Singh R/o. -. No. 1495, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sneha to Sneha

I, Jaya Bansal W/O Vipul Aggarwal R/O - ouse No - 533, Dashmesh colony, Patel Chowk, Near Durga Mata Mandir. Teh/ Distt Pathankot - ave Changed My Name From Jaya Bansal To Jaya Aggarwal.

I, Harjinder Kaur wife of -arbhajan Singh resident of Nayagaon alias Khadar subtehsil Barwala (Panchkula) that my real name is - arjinder Kaur and I am also called Mamta. I am the same woman with both these

Chander R/o #4111. Defense Colony, Near Police Line, District-Jind have changed my name from -imanshu to -imanshu Bargujer for all future purposes

#4111, Defense Colony, Near Police Line, District-Jind have changed my name from Kanika to Kanika Barqujer for all future purposes. I, Zandu S/o Mukesh Kumar R/o Village Ghasauli, Tehsil

I, Kanika W/o - imanshu R/o

Ganaur, Distt. Sonipat, declare that I have changed my name from Zandu to Deva Tyagi, for all future purposes. I, Suman Devi w/o Ramesh Chand Bhardwaj # 264 colony no

2 Khudda Lahora Chandigarh. I

-ave changed my name from Suman Devi TO Suman Bhardwai. I, Ramesh Chand s/o Bhura Ram ,# 264 colony no 2 Khudda Lahora chandigarh. I have changed my name from Ramesh

to Ramesh Chand Bhardwaj. I. Sukhwinder Singh S/o Ishwar Singh R/o Mandebar, Aurangabad(475), Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from

Sukhwinder Singh to Sukhvinder I, Anil Kumar Aadhar (6795 6205 4386) son of Sundar Singh, resident of village Maharana Teh And District Panipat, I state that last month before having faith in Sikhism, I have converted from Sahaidhari to Kesdhari Sikhism. So now my name has become Anil Singh instead of Anil Kumar.

Now in future I should be known

and recognized as Anil Singh. I. Sukhwinder Singh. S/o Kewal Singh holder of Indian Passport No. M1279743, Issued at Jalandhar on 21/08/2014, previously resident of VPO Ajram. oshiarpur Pin 146111, Punjab, India. Currently residing at 4 Kettlewell Cres. Brampton on L6R0T3 do hereby change my name from Sukhwinder Singh to Sukhwinder Singh Judge with

immediate effect. I. Jasvir Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh, holder of Indian Passport No. M1279556, Issued at Jalandhar 21/08/2014, previously resident of VPO Ajram, -oshiarpur Pin 146111, Punjab, India. Currently residing at 4 Kettlewell Cres. Brampton on L6R0T3 do hereby change my name from Jasvir Kaur to Jasvir Kaur Judge with immediate effect.

I, Jorawar Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh, holder of Indian Passport No. W6241440, Issued at Toronto on 11/11/2022, previously resident of VPO Ajram, oshiarpur Pin 146111. Puniab. India. Currently residing at 4 Kettlewell Cres. Brampton on L6R0T3 do hereby change my name from Jorawar Singh to Jorawar Singh Judge with immediate effect.

Sukhwinder Singh, holder of Indian Passport No. P3617886, at Jalandhar 26/09/2016, previously resident of VPO Ajram, -oshiarpur Pin 146111, Puniab, India, Currently residing at 4 Kettlewell Cres Brampton on L6R0T3 do hereby change my name from -arleen Kaur to - arleen Kaur Judge with immediate effect

I, Surinder Kumar S/o Sh. Lachman Dass R/o Plot No.4, Kachwa Road, Ram Nagar Karnal declare that Surinder Kumar and Surender Kumar both name are mine one and same

I, Amar Nath S/o Babu Ram R/o - ouse No. 2133, Sector 21, Panchkula, -arvana, have changed my name to Amar Nath

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Amar Nath Garg R/o – ouse No. 2133, Sector 21, Panchkula, -aryana have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Garg.

I. Neha W/o Rakesh Kumar Garg R/o - ouse No. 2133, Sector 21. Panchkula. - arvana. have changed my name to Neha Garg.

I, Madhu Samita Wife/ Spouse of Service No. . 15777256F Rank -av (DSV) Narendra kumar Sahu R/o VPO Talasara, Distt. Sambalpur, State Odisha, Pin 768228.have changed date of birth of my husband from 25.06.1989 To 28.02.1989.

I, Kiran Kaur D/o Palwinder Singh W/o -arjit Singh R/o Chatiwind Lehal, Chatiwind Lelan, PO Akalgarh Dhupaian, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name after marriage from Kiran Kaur to Kiranjit Kaur.

I, Irfan s/o Sanjay r/o #26/2 Gali no.9, Near Screw Factory, Shiv Colony, Karnal, -aryana have changed my name from Irfan to Irfaan. In future I should be known as Irfaan.

I, Akhilesh Misher s/o Ramanand Mishra R/o 66, Sunder nagar, Mandaur, district Ambala -aryana have changed my name from Akhilesh Misher to Akhilesh Mishra.

I, No.16031346N Name Manoj Rank RFN Unit 16 Raj RIF C/O 56 APO R/O Jandli Khurd Sub Tehil Bhuna Post Office Jandli Khurd Tehsil & Distt Fatehabad, 125111 (-aryana) in my army service record my mother's name wrongly mentioned as Sham Sundari While her correct name is Shyam Sunderi as per her Aadhar Card & Pan Card. Now I am going to make it correct as Shyam Sunderi in my army service record.

I, Aarti D/o Kuldeep Singh and w/o Ajay Kumar r/o Ward No. 4, ITI Colony ,Parbodh Chander Nagar, G.T Road, Opposite Golden Palm, Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Aarti to Aarti Kumari. Concerned note.

I, Lovepreet Singh S/d Sh.Dharambir Singh R/o VPO Barwa Teh. Thanesar Distt Kurukshetra have changed my name from Lovepreet Lovepreet Singh please concerned note please.

I, Dharambir Singh S/o

Sh.Dharambir Singh R/o VPO

Barwa Teh. Thanesar Distt

Kurukshetra have changed my name from Dharmbir Singh to Dharambir Singh please all concerned note please. I, Kanwar Deep Singh S/o Sh. Surinder Paul Sing , -ouse 2617. Sector 37-C. Chandigarh have changed my

I, Anusuya Devi, W/o Sh Naresh Kumar, R/o -ouse No Sector-38, Chandigarh have changed my name from Anusuya Devi to Anu

Sharma

name from Kanwar Deep Singh to

I. Ashneet Kaur W/o Amarjeet Singh, -ouse 3225, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh inform that Ashneet Kaur and Ashneet Puri is the name of one and the same person

I, Suneeta Rani w/o Subhash Chander - ouse No. 559, ward no. 08 Vishwakarma chowk Tehsil gharaunda Distt Karnal declare that I have changed my name from Suneeta Rani to Sunita. Please note

Late Jawala Parshad Sharma R/o #3416/1, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh, have changed my minor son's name from Samarth Shandilya to Samrth Shndilya Concerned Note. I, Sourabh S/O Naresh

I. Krishen S Sharma S/o

Kumar R/O - no. 1152 , Sector-12 -uda Distt Panipat I -ave Changed My Name From Sourabh To Sourabh Surname

I, Eshu Verma W/O Dinesh Kumar R/O – .No-4393/2 Kaziwara Ambala City – ave Changed My Name From Eshu To Eshu Verma After Marriage.

I, Ramesh Kumar S/O Brij Bhushan Dass R/O -. No. 007 Main Road Kanwala, Kanwla Ambala City, Ambala, -aryana -ave Changed My Name From Ramesh Kumar To Ramesh Achint.

I, Sandeep Kaur W/O Balwan Singh R/O -. No- 124 Khera Tigri (270) Kurukshetra -aryana -ave Changed My Name From Sandeep Kaur To Deep Kaur. I, Indu Rani w/o Raj Kumar

r/o Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing. Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Indu to Indu Rani. In future I should be known as Indu Rani.

I Sukhwinder Pal Singh S/O Bishan Singh R/O Mehsampur Khurd Amritsar 143114 I - ave

Changed My Name From

Sukhwinder Singh To Shubhdeep

I, Rajinder Singh S/O Surjit Singh R/O - No.5, City Enclave Tarn Tarn Road, Opp Namdhari Kanda Amritsar - ave Changed My Minor Son's Birangad Singh Name Birangad Is -is Given Name And Singh Is - is Surname

I, Jasvinder Singh S/O

Puran Singh R/O -. No. 2246,

Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar - ave Changed My Name From Jasvinder Singh To Jaswinder Singh I, Gourav Puri S/O Vijay Kumar R/O 5283/11, Gali No.5, Purni Chungi, Abadi Gobindpura,

Chheharta Amritsar Changed My Name From Gourav Puri To Gaurav Puri I, Prithvi Raj Kumar S/O Laxmi Narain R/O – no 46, Rattan Chand Road, Opp Police

Line, Amritsar. I - ave Changed My Name From Prithvi Raj Kumar To Prithvi Raj I Rajat Shah S/O Banarsi Shah R/O 2574 Gali No 2 Karam Pura Navi Abadi Amritsar - ave

Changed My Name To Rajab Ali I, Sannia Josan D/O Bhupinder Singh Josan R/O -. No.577/6, Gali Loharan Chowk Lachmansar Amritsar - ave Chagend My Name From Sannia

Josan To Sannia. I, Seema W/O Satyawan R/O Village Naguran, Tehsil Alewa District Jind (-aryana) have changed my name from Seema Devi to Seema

I, Krishan Lal Sehgal S/o Sh Devi Dass Sehgal Resident of ouse No 697 Behind New Market Subhash Gali Yamuna Nagar Tehsil Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have change my name from Krishan Lal to Krishan Lal Sehgal All Concerned note.

I, Ripu Daman S/o Som Dutt R/o 1076, Sector 19-II, -UDA, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (-aryana) declares in my documents my father's name is written as Som Dutt but in my father's documents his name is written as Som Datt. My father's both names Som Dutt and Som Datt are correct and used for the same one person.

I, Anil Dua S/o Raj Kumar Dua R/o - ouse No. 90, Gobind Nagar, Kaithal, Distt, Kaithal (-aryana) declares that I have changed my minor son's name from Nabhya to Nabhya Dua. In future, he will be known by the name of Nabhya Dua for all purposes.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh. Jai Parkash R/o -. No. 198, Sunder Nagar, Barwala Road, -isar declare that I have changed my name from Rajesh to Rajesh Kumar for all future purpose.

I, Manju Kumari W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o -. No. 198. Sunder Nagar, Barwala Road, -isar declare that I have changed my name from Manju to Manju Kumari for all future purpose.

I. Sushant S/o Sh. Kailash Kumar R/o Ward No. 12, Punjabi Colony, Barwala, Teh. Barwala Distt. - isar, - aryana declare that I have changed my name from Sushant to Sushant Airan for all future purpose.

I, Rajiv Singal S/o Sohan Lal

Singal R/o - . No. 48, Bhamashah

Nagar, -isar, -aryana declare that I have changed my name from Rajeev Singal to Rajiv Singal for all future purpose. I Soreb Kumar S/O Jagdish Rai , R/O Guru Nanak Nagar, Gali

No.4, Gidderbaha Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib – ave Changed My Name From Sourav Kumar To Soreb Kumar

I Pooia Rani W/O Soreb Kumar R/O Guru Nanak Nagar, Gali No.4, Gidderbaha Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib - ave Changed My Name From Pooja Garg To Pooja

We, Mahipal Kundu S/O Sh Om Parkash And Reeta W/O Mahipal Kundu R/O 118-A, -ousing Board Colony, Sector-14, Panchkula, -ave Changed Our Minor Son Name From Naksh

I Sandeep Kumar Sharma Son Of Roop Chand Resident Of Jawalapur Alias Brahman Majra Tehsil Patran District Patiala – ave Changed My Son Name From Taksh Veer To Takshveer Sharma

To Rishabh Kundu.

I Seema Birla W/O Sanjay Birla R/O #2, Diamond Avenue, Jalandhar-2. Garha - ave Changed My Name From Seema Rani To Seema Birla

I Vijender Singh (Army No. 15815194y Rank -avildar) S/O Satbir Singh R/O Village Udeypur P.O. Durjanpur Teh. Uchana Distt. Jind -as Declared That In My Service Record Name Of My Wife Is Wrongly Mentioned As Sunita Devi, But -er Correct & Actual Name Is Sunita, Vide Affidavit Dated 30.05.2024. Attested By Notary Public Narwana

I, Sheetal, D/O Jaikumar R/O Ramgarh Tehsil And District Jind, Declare On My Oath That In 10th And 12th Class Certificate, My Mother's Name as Been Written By Mistake As Pramila Which Is Wrong Whereas My Birth Certificate, My Mother's Name Is Sharmila Which Is Right And Correct.

I, Abhijeet S/O Sh. Ajit Jangra R/O Flat No. 392, 3rd Floor, Omaxe City, Sector 26, Rohtak Declare That Abhijeet, Abhijeet Jangra And Abhijeet Ajit Jangra Is One And The Same Person And In Future Be Known By These Three Names.

I, Surbhi Sehdev W/o Abhishek Jaura R/o. -ouse No.9842/37, Gali Sarwarpura, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have Changed my name from Surbhi Sehdev To Surbhi

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Punjab Braces for Lok Sabha Elections: 328 Candidates, **Multi-Cornered Contest, and High-Stakes Battles**

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{n}}$ Punjab, the scene is ablaze with anticipation as a staggering 328 candidates gear up for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections on Saturday. Beyond the sweltering heat lies a battleground where the fate of the state's major political players and their leaders hangs in the balance, their prestige and future on the line. As the mercury soars, so does the political temperature, with Punjab all set for an unprecedented multicornered contest across all 13 parliamentary constituencies. The state's political landscape is more heated than ever, with intense showdowns anticipated in every corner.

With different factors prevailing in different seats, the contenders from four major parties — Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are locked and loaded for a high-stakes electoral battle, with independent candidates or those from lesser-known parties are poised to give the main players a run for their money in several key areas.

Monika Malik decodes the dynamics of Puniab's 13 constituencies and 52 candidates from the key parties, each one primed and ready to endure the scorching test of democracy in the heated battleground on Saturday.

1. Jalandhar

In Jalandhar, the electoral battleground witnessed a fierce contest between a former Chief Minister and three prominent 'turncoats'. For the reserved seat, the Congress has placed its bet on former 'Dalit' Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, while the other major parties have fielded candidates who have switched allegiances, leaving voters in a quandary. AAP's sitting MP Sushil Kumar Rinku is now the BJP's candidate, SAD's former MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu is running on AAP's ticket, and Congress' former MP Mohinder Singh Kaypee is standing for SAD.

Adding another layer of intrigue, the contest pits two former Congressmen-cum-relatives, both recognized Dalit leaders, against each other.

Kaypee's daughter is married to Channi's nephew, underscoring this seat since her entry into the personal connections that complicate this political rivalry.

Every candidate in Ialandhar wields considerable influence, intensifying the race. The Congress has held this seat since 1999, with Kaypee representing it in 2009 and Santokh Singh Chaudhary winning in 2014 and 2019. The 2023 byelection, held after Chaudhary's demise, saw former Congress MLA Rinku secure the seat for AAP. The segment comprises nine assembly constituencies, of which five were held by Congress, three by AAP, and one by an AAP MLA who has since joined BJP.

Amritsar's ballot battleground is also witnessing an intense showdown among key parties. The BJP has fielded former diplomat Tarunjit Singh Sandhu, while AAP has nominated its Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal. They face off against SAD's Anil Joshi, a former Cabinet Minister; and Congress' sitting MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla. This seat has been a Congress stronghold since 2014, when Capt Amarinder Singh defeated BJP stalwart Arun Jaitley. After Capt Amarinder became the Chief Minister in 2017, Aujla won the bypolls and retained the seat in 2019. The Congress is betting on Aujla for a third consecutive term. AAP and BJP have both put forth strong contenders, with AAP's Dhaliwal and BJP's Sandhu expected to give Aujla a tough fight. SAD is fielding its candidate from the seat for the first time after 1996. AAP's chances are bolstered by its representation in seven of the nine assembly segments, compared to Congress and SAD, which have one MLA each.

In Bathinda, the political temperature is high as key contenders are all set for a closely-contested battle. SAD is betting on three-time MP and party president Sukhbir Singh Badal's wife Harsimrat Kaur Badal. A seasoned politician,

politics in 2009. However, this time she faces formidable opponents. AAP has fielded Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, who made headlines by defeating the fivetime Chief Minister and Harsimrat's father-in-law, Parkash Singh Badal, in his stronghold of Lambi by a margin of 11,396 votes.

BJP, showing confidence in fresh faces, has nominated a first-timer and former IAS officer Parampal Kaur Sidhu, who is the daughter-in-law of SAD leader Sikander Singh Maluka. Despite being new to politics, Parampal Kaur brings administrative experience and a political lineage, with her father-in-law having served as a cabinet minister in the Akali government. The Congress has put forward four-time MLA leet Mohinder Singh Sidhu, hoping his political experience will sway voters. Each candidate represents a blend of legacy, fresh energy, and political acumen, making the Bathinda contest one of the most intriguing in Punjab.

4. Anandpur Sahib

In the battleground of Anandpur Sahib, four contenders, a mix of seasoned politicians and fresh faces, are gearing up for a heated showdown. Congress and SAD have opted for familiarity, fielding former MPs — Vijay Inder Singla (formerly representing Sangrur) and Prem Singh Chandumajra (formerly representing Patiala and Anandpur Sahib). In contrast, the ruling AAP has placed its bets on Malvinder Singh Kang, a charismatic leader and the party's chief spokesperson. Meanwhile, the BJP has entrusted Subhash Sharma, a vocal leader emerging from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, with its candidacy. Sharma, with roots in Amritsar but now a resident of Mohali falling under the Anandpur Sahib constituency, brings years of active involvement in the party's ranks.

In the previous 2019 elections, SAD stalwart Chandumajra faced defeat at

the hands of Manish Tewari, who has now been relocated to Chandigarh, seemingly to mitigate potential anti-incumbency sentiments. However, Chandumajra had clinched victory in 2014, besting Congress stalwart Ambika Soni. Of the nine assembly segments constituting this constituency, AAP holds sway over seven, while SAD and BSP each command one.

In Faridkot, the political landscape has undergone a notable transformation. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has entrusted his faith in his close friend and Punjabi actor Karamjit Anmol for this crucial constituency. This electoral battleground witnesses a unique clash between two artists. Opposing him is BJP's formidable candidate, the world-renowned Sufi singer Hans Raj Hans, also the incumbent MP from Delhi. The Congress, opting for a change, has replaced its sitting MP Mohd Sadique, a renowned Punjabi folk singer, and has instead put forward a firsttimer Amarjit Kaur Sahoke. Meanwhile, SAD has chosen Rajwinder Singh, a newcomer to the electoral fray, to represent their interests in this constituency. Of the nine assembly segments, eight are represented by AAP. The entry of Sarabjit Singh Khalsa, son of Beant Singh, one of the assassins of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, is adding fuel to the already intense electoral competition, promising potential

The electoral scene of Sangrur parliamentary constituency emerges as the state's fiercest battleground, infused with the formidable presence of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. Notably, all nine assembly segments within this constituency are currently represented by AAP MLAs, with four of them holding Cabinet positions, including the Chief Minister himself. In this highstakes showdown, AAP has chosen its young Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer as

has rallied behind its Bholath MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira, a vocal critic of Chief Minister Mann, who alleges 'political vendetta' for speaking out against the government. SAD, opting for former MLA Iqbal Singh Jhunda, has stirred controversy by denying a ticket to party veteran Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa's son Parminder Singh Dhindsa, who refused to campaign for the party. Meanwhile, BJP has placed its bet on former Congress MLA Arvind

Sangrur's electorate exhibits a remarkable openness to various political ideologies, with voting patterns shifting consistently over the years. Despite being a bastion for AAP and Chief Minister Bhagwant Maan, unemployment remains a pressing concern in the region. While Maan himself isn't contesting this time, having been replaced by Cabinet Minister Meet Hayer, AAP faces the challenge of rebounding from setbacks like the by-elections of 2022, where Khalistani ideologue and former IPS officer Simranjeet Singh Mann secured victory. As Mann, SAD (Amritsar) president, vies for reelection, the electoral contest promises to be intriguing once more.

In a surprising turn of events, the incumbent MP and SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal has opted out of the electoral race in what has traditionally been the party's stronghold since 1998. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Sukhbir emerged victorious against Congress candidate Sher Singh Ghubaya, who is once again in the fray. Ghubaya, a former Akali leader and erstwhile ally of Sukhbir Badal, previously clinched victory on SAD ticket in 2014, defeating Congress stalwart Sunil Jakhar. This time around, SAD has pinned its hopes on newcomer Nardev Singh Bobby Mann. Firozpur has historically been a battleground between the Congress and Akali Dal. However, this election marks a notable shift as both the AAP and BJP throw their hats into the ring. Contesting independently without an alliance, the BJP has nominated former Congress Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi, while the AAP, buoyed by its success in eight out of nine assembly seats, has placed its bets on Muktsar MLA Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar.

8. Fatehgarh Sahib

In the electoral arena of Fatehgarh Sahib, the Congress has reposed its faith in the incumbent MP, Dr Amar Singh, who clinched victory in 2019 elections with an impressive tally of 93,898 votes from this constituency. His triumph marked a significant win over SAD's Darbara Singh Guru, a former IAS officer. Challenging him is former MLA and AAP candidate Gurpreet Singh GP, who recently defected from the Congress, with party MLA in all nine assembly segments set to favour him. Also in contention is SAD's Bikramjit Khalsa, a seasoned politician who previously secured electoral success from Khanna on the SAD ticket in 2007. Meanwhile, representing the BJP is Geja Ram Valmiki, the Punjab State Safai Karamchari Commission's chairman and the national head of Valmiki community organization. Recognized for his formidable influence within the Valmiki community, Valmiki enjoys close ties with former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder

In the bustling electoral landscape of the Patiala constituency, the stage is set for a riveting contest as two former MPs and a former Cabinet Minister step into the fray. Four-time MP Preneet Kaur, wife of former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and the incumbent MP, carries the BJP banner, having previously clinched the seat under the Congress banner. Meanwhile, Dr Dharamvir Gandhi, victorious in the 2014 elections, represents the Congress; while the AAP presents its Cabinet Minister Dr Balbir Singh, as their contender, who is one of the nine AAP MLAs in the constituency. Adding further intrigue, SAD throws its weight

behind two-time former MLA NK Sharma for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The significance of the seat can be gauged from the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the Gandhi siblings — Rahul and Priyanka, held massive rallies here.

10. Ludhiana

In Ludhiana, the electoral battleground promises an enthralling showdown. BJP's surprising move to field Ravneet Singh Bittu, the incumbent MP who defected from Congress, adds a twist. Facing off against Bittu is the formidable Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring — turning it into a battle of prestige. AAP enters the fray with the nomination of sitting MLA Ashok Pappi Parashar, while SAD puts forward firmer MLA Ranjit Singh Dhillon. Bittu clinched victory in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections with a significant margin of 76,372 votes on the Ludhiana seat. Of the nine assembly segments, eight are with AAP while one with Akali Dal.

11. Khadoor Sahib

The poll battleground of Khadoor Sahib is ablaze with competition this election season, especially with the entry of NSA detainee Amritpal Singh, injecting an unexpected twist into an already heated race on this panthic seat. The BJP has thrown its weight behind for-mer Akali MLA Manjeet Singh Mianwind, while the Congress has pinned its hopes on former MLA Kulbir Singh Zira, after sitting MP Jasbir Singh 'Dimpa' Gill opted out. AAP, on the other hand, has entrusted its fortunes to Laljit Singh Bhullar, a Cabinet Minister known for his victory over four-time SAD MLA Ajit Singh Kohar in the 2022 Assembly elections. Adding to the intrigue is the entry of Virsa Singh Valtoha, a former legislator nominated by the SAD, who previously held the position of Chief Parliamentary Secretary in the Akali government. The mosttalked-about seat is expected to

throw surprises.

Of the nine assembly seg-

ments, AAP has its MLAs on seven, while the father-son duo of senior Congress leader Rana Gurjit Singh and his independent MLA son Rana Inder Pratap Singh representing the remaining two.

12. Hoshiarpur

The electoral landscape in Hoshiarpur constituency has taken on a new dimension this election cycle, especially with Prime Minister Modi concluding his 2024 election campaigning here. BJP has strategically nominated Anita Som Parkash, the wife of sitting MP and Union Minister Som Parkash, as its candidate to beat anti-incumbency. Notably, in the 2019 elections, Som Parkash secured victory over Congress' Dr Rajkumar Chabbewal by an impressive margin of 48,530 votes. However, Dr Chabbewal is now making a re-entry into the fray, this time under the AAP banner. Adding to the mix, SAD has fielded its seasoned four-time MLA and former Minister Sohan Singh Thandal. The Congress, on the other hand, has placed its faith in the former AAP leader Yamini Gomar, who has previously contested elections in this constituency. Of the nine assembly segments, AAP has five, while Congress bagged three and BJP one.

13. Gurdaspur

Gurdaspur's electoral scene is ablaze with intensity once more. Breaking from tradition, the BJP has chosen a local face, former MLA Dinesh Babbu, over the celebrity status of Sunny Deol. Meanwhile, the Congress stakes its claim with former Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, while SAD fields former Cabinet Minister Daljit Singh Cheema, who is dubbed as an outsider. AAP adds to the fervor with its local MLA Amansher Singh Sherry Kalra, a comparatively young contestant, stepping into the electoral ring. Congress, with six sitting MLAs out of nine assembly constituencies under the segment, has an edge. Remaining two are with AAP and one with

Over 2.14-cr Voters to Cast Ballots in Final Phase of 2024 Elections in Punjab

PNS CHANDIGARH

 $P_{\text{climax of 2024 Lok Sabha}}^{\text{unjab is all prepared for the}}$ elections as more than 2.14 first-timers, prepare to exercise their franchise on Saturday, locking the fate of 328 candidates in the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). The state, with its political landscape buzzing with anticipation, is all set for the culmination of the electoral process, backed by the deployment of more than 2.60 lakh personnelincluding 70,000 police personnel and central security forces. The results of this monumental exercise are scheduled to be announced on June 4.

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer, Sibin C said the state has established 24,451 polling stations, including 5,694 critical ones, ensuring comprehensive

165 'Pink Booths' managed by added. Stations, 99 youth-managed polling stations, and 101 Polling Stations managed by Divyangs (PwDs). "The entire voting process will be under strict surveillance, with CCTV cameras installed at all polling stations and live webcasting enabled for real-time monitoring by election officials and observers," he said.

authorities have prioritized the security and well-being of voters and polling staff. CEO highlighted that the state has deployed a total of 2.60 lakh personnel for election duty, comprising 1,20,114 polling staff, 70,724 security personnel, and

coverage across Punjab's expanse. address medical emergencies, To streamline the voting ASHA workers will be stationed process, various types of polling at polling stations, equipped stations have been set up, includ- with first aid kits and other ing 1076 Model Polling Stations, essential medical supplies, he

of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said: "All necessary security arrangements have been made and a total of 81,079 personnel, including Central Armed Police Forces, Punjab Police, and Home Guard Jawans from Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan have been deployed effectively in all the districts to ensure free, Furthermore, the election fair and peaceful conduct of

elections. Punjab Police Nodal Officer (elections) MF Farooqui said that 55,039 personnel of the Punjab Police have been deployed across the state. "Quick Response Teams would be positioned for rapid intervention in 50,000 supporting staff. To case of disturbances.

ice-cream, mehndi, phulkari to woo voter

 $E_{\text{pulling out all the stops to}}^{\text{lection authorities are}}$ ensure a record-breaking turnout, aiming to cross the 70 percent mark when the voters come out to exercise their franchise in Punjab on Saturday. In a refreshing departure from the norm, voting is being transformed into a vibrant celebration of democracy, replete with exciting incentives and engaging experiences, especially for first-time voters.

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C informed that to ensure comfort of voters and provide relief from the heat wave, the 'Gulab

ing the voting process. "It is a collaborative effort between the Punjab CEO Office and MARKFED...Our commitment is to make the voting process as smooth and comfortable as possible for citizens. And by offering Gulab Sherbat, MARKFED is also promoting the rich tradition of 'Make in Punjab' products through the cooperative movement," he added.

From Ludhiana to Baghapurana to Anandpur Sahib and across Punjab, district election authorities are rolling out innovative initiatives to entice voters to the polling booths. In Ludhiana, restaupolling day, adding a flavorful twist to the electoral process. Meanwhile, the 'Green Booth' promises a green-thumb salute to first-time voters, who will receive certificates of appreciation along with fruit saplings to mark their civic duty in Baghapurana.

Discounts, Markfed's 'Gulab Sherbat', free

But the creativity doesn't stop there. In a bid to capture the imagination of young voters, a 'Youth Booth' has been set up, where the first seven youthful electors will be rewarded with certificates, footballs, and trendy T-shirts. Not to be outdone, the all-women 'Pink Booth' is geared towards empowering women, who will be adorned with traditional Phulkari shawls and certificates as a token of recognition for their participation.

Venturing further into uncharted territory, a unique, airport-themed 'Super Model Polling Booth' is set to transport voters to new heights, complete with boarding passes and a welcoming committee of young women dressed as air hostesses.

And what's an airport without a little indulgence? Voters can treat themselves to free mehndi (henna), tattoos and ice cream, simply by showing their inked fingers as proof of participation. With such enticing incentives and immersive experiences, election authorities are confident of surpassing the 70 percent voter turnout mark, turning election day into a celebration of democracy like never before, despite soaring temperatures.

Stirring Appetite: Ludhiana **Restaurants Offer Food** Discounts to Voters on polling day

To spice up voter turnout, eateries across Ludhiana are offering delectable discounts on meals to voters who show inkmarked fingers on June 1. This gastronomic initiative aimed at whetting the appetite for democratic participation while tan-

Sherbat' will be distributed at rants are offering tempting talizing taste buds. The aroma with traditional Phulkari the scent of delicious cuisine to drum up support for the electoral process. "The initiative would encourage voters to come out on June 1. The District Administration is targeting a voter turnout of 70 percent in the Lok Sabha elections," said ADC Sareen, emphasizing the importance of active participation in the electoral process. The delectable discounts are not the only offering on the menu. Participating establishments have also pledged to assist the administration in raising voter awareness by displaying posters, hoardings, and banners, adding a dash of civic responsibility to the culinary

Vote and Win: Phulkari, Football, or T-shirt in Baghapurana's Unique **Election Drive**

A standout effort by Assistant Returning Officer Harkanwaljit Singh in Baghapurana aimed at creating a festive and motivating atmosphere at the polling booths by offering a series of innovative initiatives to encourage voting. At Thatthi Bhai village, a 'Green Booth' will be established, where voters casting their first vote on June 1 will receive certificates of appreciation. "The booth will be a plastic-free zone with cardboard badges. The setting will feature vibrant rangoli designs and banners promoting a 'Green Punjab', while early morning voters will be greeted by a school band and receive fruit saplings," said ARO Harkanwaljit.

Booth' at Samadh Bhai village will reward the first seven young voters with certificates, footballs, and T-shirts. The booth will be adorned with rangoli and balloons, creating festive environment. Similarly, at Senior Secondary School (Girls) in Bagha Purana, the first 20 new voters at the 'Pink Booth' will be honoured

He informed that a 'Youth

tableau showcasing Punjab's rich cultural heritage will also Anandpur Sahib's Airport-

Themed Polling Booth to Boost Turnout To increase voter turnout in

Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha constituency, the Election Commission has set up a unique, airport-themed 'Super Model Polling Booth' at Amity International School. Designed to give voters the feel of being at an international airport, this booth offers a range of attractions to make voting a memorable experience. As voters approach the polling booth, they are greeted with a grand floral entrance and a red carpet welcome, complete with the beats of traditional Punjabi dhol. The entrance features a sign in Punjabi reading "Ji Aaya Nu" (Welcome), with a message underneath encouraging citizens to "Take Flight for Democracy at Shaheed Bhagat

Singh International Airport. Once inside, voters will find comfortable seating arrangements and refreshment stations offering chilled water and traditional Punjabi "chabeel" (sweetened water). Additionally, there will be a corner where young women demonstrate traditional sewing and embroidery, adding to the cultural ambiance. A help desk will guide voters to the correct room for casting their ballots, issuing "boarding passes" (voter slips) to streamline the process. Young women dressed as air hostesses will welcome voters and assist them through the voting procedure. After voting, voters can take selfies with a model airplane, capturing their participation in this unique electoral experience.

After casting their votes, women and young girls can enjoy free mehndi (henna) and tattoos by simply showing their inked fingers. As they exit, voters can cool off with a free ice cream, again by showing their

Himachal voters to decide fate of 62 candidates in 4 Lok Sabha and 6 Assembly by-polls

PNS SHIMLA

fter an intensive campaign Aspanning two months, the fate of 37 candidates for four Lok Sabha seats and 25 nominees in six Assembly bypolls in Himachal Pradesh would be sealed in voting machines on June 1.

The high-pitched campaign in the hill state, filled with rancour and insinuations, ended with two rallies of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at Badsar and Mandi and a roadshow of Congress leader Privanka Gandhi at Solan on Thursday. Leaders and workers of political parties swarmed across the state for door-to-door canvassing in a last-ditch attempt to woo the voters.

Besides the elections to the four Lok Sabha seats of Hamirpur, Mandi, Kangra and Shimla, bypolls are being held in six Assembly segments -Sujanpur, Dharamshala, Lahaul and Spiti, Barsar, Gagret and Kutlehar.

The six Assembly seats fell

vacant following the disqualification of Congress rebels for defying a party whip to vote in favour of the government during the budget. These legislators voted for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Rajya Sabha polls on February 29, later joined the saffron party and are contesting the bypolls on BJP tickets from their respective Assembly segments. Targeting the rebels, Chief

Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu dubbed them as "bikau" (sold out) and "kale naag" (snakes) and called upon the voters to punish them.

Besides holding big rallies, leaders of political parties also held "nukkar" (corner) meetings, especially in the constituencies where Assembly bypolls are being held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha election.

Due to the Assembly bypolls, local issues dominated the campaigning.

BJP's Lok Sabha candidate from Mandi and Bollywood actor Kangna Ranaut and Congress candidate and state Public Works Minister

Vikramaditya Singh hogged the limelight due to controversial and pungent remarks made against each other.

Sukhu attacked the BJP throughout the campaign for allegedly hatching a conspiracy to topple the democraticaly-elected government in Himachal Pradesh through money power and asserted that the Congress will defeat the saffron party with the power of people.

The BJP made the yet-tobe implemented promises of the Congress government in the state, "Modi teesri bar" (Narendra Modi as the prime minister for a third time) and the construction of a Ram temple in Ayodhya its poll planks. It also dubbed the Congress as "anti-Ram" for refusing the invitation for the consecration ceremony of the

The Congress hit out at the Agniveer scheme for shortterm military recruitment, alleged a threat to democracy and horse-trading by the BJP during its campaign. It also talked about unemployment new lows in "devbhoomi"

and inflation in the country. Apple was another issue that was raised from different perspectives by both the Congress and the BJP.

The prestige of Ranaut and Singh, the heir of the erstwhile Rampur royal family and son of six-time former chief minister Virbhadra Singh, is at stake in Mandi. Stakes are also high for

Union Information and **Broadcasting Minister Anurag** Thakur, who is seeking a fifth term as a member of Parliament from Hamirpur, and former Union minister Anand Sharma, who is the Congress candidate from the Kangra Lok Sabha constituency, while for Sukhu, the six Assembly bypolls are for survival and stability of his 17month-old government.

Congress leaders also slammed the ruling BJP at the Centre for not announcing a financial package for relief and rehabilitation during the worstever monsoon calamity in the state last vear. The campaign witnessed

leaders used indecent language, hit their opponents below the belt and did not shy away from personal attacks. The entry of BJP rebels

Himachal Pradesh as political

Ram Lal Markanda and Rakesh Chowdhary has made the contest triangular in the Lahaul and Spiti and Dharamshala Assembly bypolls respectively, while Rajinder Rana, who defeated Ranjeet Singh Rana of the BJP by 399 votes in the 2022 Assembly election, is contesting the bypoll from Sujanpur on a BJP ticket this time and facing his old rival, Ranjeet Singh Rana, who has since switched to the Congress.

In the Gagret Assembly bypoll, Congress rebel Chetanya Sharma is contesting as the BJP candidate against Rakesh Kalia, who had joined the BJP after he was denied a ticket by the Congress in 2022 and rejoined the Congress subsequently.

A total of 57,11,969 voters 29,13,075 men, 27,98,859 women and 35 third-gender persons - would decide the fate of the 62 candidates.

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हामिल काबिज एक किता मकान हजा बारकबा 62 वर्ग गज वाका रकबा मौजा गढी बाहमणान अंटर दूद नगर निगम अंदर आबादी मयूर विहार, ोनीपत्, जिसे मैंने बरुवे बैयनामा दस्तावेज न. 009, दिनांक 12.09.2017 सब रजिस्टार सोनीपत के तहत खरीद किया हुआ है। जिसका इंतकाल न. 12930 मंजूर शुदा है। अब मेरे उपरोक्त मकान हजा के बैनामा की ओरिजिनल प्रति कहीं पर गुम हो गयी है। मिलने पर उपरोक्त पते पर संपर्क करें।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I. Gurvinder Singh S/o Arjun Singh in respect of property i.e., House No. 1190/1, having property ID no. 8GDCD107. Part of bearing Khewat no. 662. Khatoni no. 731, measuring 120 sq. yards, situated at Pahlwan Colony, Dharampal Colony, Near Kila Trawari Tehsii Nillokheri District Kamal. I have lost Sale Deed No. 452 dated 05.06. 2018 anywhere in Kamal. A DDR also registered at Kamal. I also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit on the said property. If anybody found and any concern with in this property, please contact Advocate Bhugander Kumar, Ph no. 8295949981 # 1591, SECTOR 16-17, HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE Smt. Sonia w/o Sh. Jai PUBLIC NOTICE Smt. Sonia w/o Sh. Jai Deep is owner & in possession of Properly/House measuring 100 Sq. Yards constructed over plot no. 36 min jumla kila no. 18/5 moja sunari kalan, New Vijay Nagar, Rohtak, lost her previous Original Sale beed No. 3067/1 dated 12,06 £017 favouring Sh. Ranbir Singh s/o Sh. Hari Ram Nandal regarding the roperty situated at sunari kalan, New Vijay Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana between in Rohtak city and if any person has found /information /Possession /rowledge for above said documents shall submit/infurnate within 07 days to Sh. M. L. Dhingra dvocate, Office/Shop No.13 Near Ram Panwair Chhottu Ram Chowk Rohtak or Chamber No.148 Sist. Court Complex Rohtak M.No.9416380702. Thereafter any kind of claim will not be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICE is for the information of General Public tha mt. Kamlesh Devi W/o Sh. Ved Parkash R/c PO - Siwara (50), Bhiwani (127032) has pplied for transfer of his Flat/House No 11/GF, Housing Board Colony, Sec-28, Rohtak Chapter of

PUBLIC NOTICE आवश्यक सूचना नगर परिषद गोहाना के प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड के नगर पारषद गाहाना के प्रापटा टक्स रिकाड के अनुसार वर्तमान में PUID नंबर 3FL2Q 7N6वार्ड नंबर 6 पर श्री रामकुमार पुत्र विजय सिंह के नाम पर दर्ज है। अब इस प्रापटी आईडी पर अपना नाम दर्ज करवाने के लिए (1)सतबीर सिंह वर्मा (2) सुभाष चन्द्र (3) राजेन्द्र कुमार (4) मीहन लाल (5)सोहन लाल (6) सतपाल सिंह (7) राजबाला (8) सावित्री देवी गोहाना निवासी वार्ड नंबर गोहना जिला सोनीपत मोबाइल नंबर 813172715 ने इस कार्यालय में आपना अनेन्द्र पत 9813179715 ने इस कार्यालय में अपना आवेदन पत्र 9813179715 ने इस कार्यालय में अपना आवंदन पड़ रख श्री रामहुमार ५० विजय सिंह का मृत्य प्रमाण पत्र व तहसीलदार गोहाना द्वारा तसदीक/सत्यापित वारिसान रिपोर्ट तथा अन्य आवश्यक दस्तावेज सृहित प्रस्तुत किया है अतः आम जन साधारण को इस गोटिस के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि इस प्रोट्स आईडी पर उपरोक्त आवेदक/आवेदको का नाम दर्ज करने पर कोई एतराज/आपित है तो वह इस नोटिस प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर - अन्दर नगरपिषद प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अन्दर - अन्दर नारपरिषद कार्यालय गोहाना में अपना एतराज/आपित मय दस्तावेजी खबुतों सहित प्रस्तुत करे। अन्यथा नोटिस अविथ गुजरने के बाद PUID नंबर 3FL2C7N6 पर उपरोक्त आवेदकों का नाम 1. सतबीर सिंह वर्मा 2 -सुभाष चन्द्र-3.राजेन्द्र कुमार -4.मोहन लाल .5. सोहन लाल .6. सतपाल सिंह , 7.राजबाला .8. सावित्री देवी दर्ज कर दिया जाएगा।जिसके उपरान्त नारपरिषद गोहाना की किसी प्रकार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

कार्यकारी अधिकारी/ सचिव

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO.HBH/EM/PKL/2024/2610 DATE 30/05/2024
Sub- Transfer of MfG, H.No. 305, Housing Board
Colony, Sector-11, Panchkula in the name of Sh.
Kamaljit Singh Sio Late Sh. Gurdas Singh Rio
H.No. 305, Sector-11 Panchkula and Sh. Sukarm
Singh Sio Late Sh. Gurdas Singh Rio H.No. 370,
Sector 15, Panchkula due to death of Late Smt.
Satya Devi Wio Late. Sh. Gurdas Singh living
intestate property and basis of Registered WILL.
It is notified for the information of the general public
and all concerned with the rooperty No. MiG. H.No. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the property No. Mig. H.No. 305. Housing Board Colony, Sector 11 Panchkula, which stands in the name Late Smt. Satya Devi Wo Late. Sh. Gurdas Singh as per record of this office. It has been reported by the applicant (s) that Late Smt. Satya Devi Wo Late. Sh. Gurdas Singh who was the owner of this property died on 14.10.2023 and claimed/ applied for the transfer for the said property in their name on the basis of intestate death of Late Smt. Satya Devi W/o Late. Sh.

23.02.202 If anybody have any objection for the transfer of the said property in favor of the applicant Sh. Kamaljit Singh S/o Late Sh. Gurdas Singh R/o H.No. 305, Sector-11 Panchkula and Sh. Sukam Singh S/o Late Sh. Gurdas Singh R/o H.No. 370 Sector-15, Panchkula they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

LOST NOTICE

The information is that the original title dee

number 199/1 registration dated 03/05/2013 in the name of Bala Devi W/O Ajmer Singh

A complaint number 132280122400347 has

been registered, if anybody found above

lost sale deed contact to Priya Rani Singla W/o Sunder Parsad Singla Vill. Dhand Distt.Kaithal. Mo.98960-06271

LOST NOTICE

The information is that the original title deed number 1509/1 registration dated 20/10/2015 in the name of Taro Devi W/O

Prem Singh son of dhanpat singh Vill. Pab

nawa district kaithal Has been lost some-where in dated 12/07/2023 in dhand. A complaint number 132280122400348 has

been registered, if anybody found above ost sale deed, contact to Priva Rani Singla

W/o Sunder Parsad Singla Vill. Dhand Distt.Kaithal. Mo.98960-06271

LOST NOTICE

The information is that the original title deed number 476/1 registration dated 04/06/2010 in the name of Sushil Kumar son of Tara

chand .vikas son Ramesh Kumar and

Seema wife of pawan kumar Vill. Dhand dis rict kaithal Has been lost somewhere in dated 14/07/2021 in dhand. A complaint number 132280122400352 has been reg-

istered, if anybody found above lost sale

deed contact to Santosh devi W/o Ma-

Dhand Distt.Kaithal

सार्वजनिक सूचना

HOUSING BOARD HARYANA

favour of Smt. Neelam C/o Sh. Surender R/o - Block H.No. 287 Sec. 34 Rohtak (124001)

ny person regarding transfer of this flat has ny objection he/she should file objection with

any objection he/she should file objection with documentary proof in writing, in person, to this office within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within stipulated period, the Permission for transfer of flat will be granted in favour of Smt. Neelam C/o Sh. Surender R/o A-Block H.No. 287 Sec. 34 Rohtak (124001). The basis of documents submitted as per policy

the basis of documents submitted as per policy of the Board. No claim/objection after that sha

Housing Board Harvana, Rohtal

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be entertained in this regard.

नक नोटिस के मार्फत जन-साधारण को सूचित किय प्रार्थी चरनजीत कौर पुत्री श्री राजेंद्र सिंह निवास #41, न्यू राम नगर अम्बाला छावनी से मृतक श्री राजेंद्र सिंह पुत्र स्व0 श्री अर्जुन सिंह के कानूनी वारिस की रिपोर्ट जारी करने के हेतू एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व संलग्न हल्फनामा व रिपोर्ट पार्धद / नंबरदार पटवारी अनुसार मृतक स्व. श्री राजेंद्र सिंह पुत्र श्री अर्जुन सिंह के निम्नलिखित कानुनी वारिस हैं:-1. मनमोहन अर्जुन सिंह के निम्नलिखित कानृती वारिस हैं-1, मनमोहत कोर (पकी), 2, मनजीत सिंह (पुत्र), 3, सूप्यंति सिंह (पुत्र), 4, चरनजीत कोर (पुत्र) हैं। यदि इस बार किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपित हैं तो वह तहसीलदार अस्वाला छावनी के कार्यालय में प्रकाशन के 15 दिन के अंदर-अंदर अपित दर्ज करवा सकता है। यदि प्रार्थों द्वारा दी गई सुचना किसी भी समय गलत पाई जाती है तो ग्रार्थी भारतीय दण्ड सहिता की धारा 177 व अन्य संबंधित कानृत्तों के तहत दण्ड का भागीदार होगा।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Surender S/o Prem Kumar R/o VPO Gorakhpur Dist Fatehabad 125047, Hry, Declare that I have lost Original Sale Deed No 3695, Dt 10/12/2021 Favouring: Surender S/o Prem Kumar, Police Report No132560232400578 on 29/05/2024 I am talking a Loan from Finova Capital Pvt Ltd, Fatehabad. If anybody submit claim contact within 7 days.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for the information of General Public that
Sh. Parveen Kumar S/o Sh. Jainaryan R/o
HNo. 188, Hari Devi Colony, Sec. 4, Rohtak,
has applied for transfer of his Flat/House Nc.
65/FF, Housing Board Colony, Sec. 28,
Rohtak in favour of Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh.
Ran Singh R/o Dhandlan - 7, Jhajjar. Any
person regarding transfer of this flat has any
objection he/she should file objection with
documentary proof in writing, in person, to
this office within 15 days from the date of
publication of this notice. If no objection is
received from any person within stipulated
period, the Permission for transfer of flat will
be granted in favour of Sh. Anil Kumar S/o granted in favour of Sh. Anil Kumar S/c I. Ran Singh R/o Dhandlan - 7, Jhajjar. or basis of documents submitted as per polv of the Board. No claim/objection after tha all be entertained in this req

Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana, Rohtak

IMMEDIATE SALE APPROX. 20 ACRE OF

PLOT AT PRIME **LOCATION IN CENTRE** OF SONEPAT CITY

Industrial land measuring about 20 acres in the heart of Sonepat city is available for sale subject to requisite clearances & compliances. For site inspection visit and submission of quotation, please contact through whatsapp message only to: Mr. N.P. Singh Rana at 9654592900 or email at: npsrana@atlascycles.co.in

Public notice

Dinesh Kumar S/o Late Rajender Parsad S/o ate Mohar Singh, R/o Mohalla Chhawani, ear Primary School, Jhajjar, Tehsil and District Jhajjar, Haryana, currently living in the No.6274, Mohalla Chhipatwara, District Rewari, Haryana. That the deponent is the ermanent resident of above noted address hat the deponent grandfather namely Moha ingh was expired on 31,10,2015 and the ment father was also expired or 20.10.2014. The copies of death certificat e attached herewith. That the deponent i) Rajender Parsad S/o Late Mohar Singh,

) Jagdish Parsad S/o Late Mohar Singh, wan Das S/o late Mohar S That the deponent father namely Rajende larsad has left the following legal heirs after its death are as under:) Maya Devi Wd/o Rajender Parsad,

i) Dheeraj Saini D/o Late Rajender Parsad, ii) Dinesh Kumar S/o Late Rajender Parsad,

ame of the legal heirs of Late Mohar Sing

nder Parsad. (Deponent) Dinesh kum

PUBLIC NOTICE

is is to inform and seek objections, if any, fron neral Public that Piramal Capital & Housing ance Limited, Zirakpur had sanctioned load ainst property to Mrs. Goldy Chandna W/o Mr esh Chandna against the property i.e. Plot No 1, Gate No.2, Darpan City, Kharar, Distt. Mohal

at Sale Deed Regd. No. 11496 dated 14-02-201. registered in the o/o Sub Registrar, Kharar executer by M/s Paradise Builders Pvt. Ltd. Office at House No. 3365, Sector 15-D. Chandigarh in favour of Mrs. Gurmeet Kaur Sandhu W/o Harjeet Singh Sandh R/o House No 4221, Sector -68, SAS Nagar of th above mentioned property was lost. That LIR No 475668/2024 dated 30-05-2024 had been lodged i PSOC City Kharar, Mohali.

person has any claim of any nature in respect of above said lands and any subsequent claim sha of bind our clients or their successors / nominee signees in any manner whatsoeve

RISHI ASSOCIATES Advocates & Legal Consultants
SCO No. 87, 1st Floor, Royal Estate, Lohgarh
Zirakpur, Distt: SAS Nagar, Punjal Ph: 98140-58484 & 99141-38484 न्यायालय श्री जिवेन्द्र सिंह, तहसीलदार एवं सहायक

कलैक्टर प्रथम/द्वितिय श्रेणी, सोनीपत। , न. /TE॥ किस्म मु, तकसीम - मौजा हरसाना कर अनुमान

1- सविता पर्ल केश पुत्र लालचन्द निवासी मकान नं. 2006 सैक्टर 1: सोनीपत । (फरीक अव्वल) 1-हेमचन्द्र 2-कृष्णपाल 3-मुकेश

कुमार पुत्रान मुख्तयार सिंह पुत्र भरतु 4-राजेश कुमार पुत्र कप्तान सिंह पुत्र मुख्तयार सिंह 5-राकेश पुत्र कप्तान सिंह पुत्र मुख्तयार सिंह निवासी गांव हरसाना कलां तहसील व तला सोनीपत । (फरीक दोयम)दरखास्त तकसी खेवट नं. 490//470 खाता नं. 554 कुल तादादी रकव कनाल 14 मरले मौजा हरसाना कर्ला नोटिस बजरिये प्रकाशन

र्व साधारण को सचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त के ानुवान सविता बनाम हेमचन्द्र मौजा हरसाना कला . सील व जिला सोनीपत बाबत तकसीम का केस इस वालय मे विचाराधीन है। फरीक अव्वल ने एव खास्त पेश की जिसमें कहां कि फरीक दोयम क रुस्त पता मालूम ना होने के कारण असालतन तामिल ही को जा सकती। इसलिए फरीक को प्रकाशन व बरिये सूचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त केस की आगा तिथि पेशी 11-06-2024 निश्चित है । उपरोक्त फरीव

Public Notice
It is informed every general and special body that
Krishan Gopal Garg Sio Kewal Krishan Garg Sio
Banwari Lal rio Vedant Nagar Gali no.07 House
no.607 Moga Tehsil & District Moga has applied a
loan from HDFC BANK LIMITED no Property
measuring 6 Marlas 3 Sarsai Situated at Moga Jit
Singh-1, Tehsil & District Moga has applied a
loan from HDFC BANK LIMITED no Property
measuring 6 Marlas 3 Sarsai Situated at Moga Jit
Singh-1, Tehsil & District Moga = 87,792 share of land 4
Kanal 8 Marlas bearing Khasra no. 54/1/23/1/1(4-8)
Khewat no. 2070 Khatauni No. 2669 as Per
Jamabandi for Year 2018-19. That Sale Deed
executed by Navreet Singh Sio Harbans Singh Sio
Daijit Singh in favour of Smt. Asha Rani Wo Ashok
Kumar Sio Jaswant Rai Vide Sale Deed No. 1723
Dated 30-06-2009 & Sale Deed executed by Jasveer
Singh Sio Lai Singh Sio Syajab Singh & Smt. Asha
Rani Wio Ashok Kumar Sio Jaswant Rai in favour of
Smt. Kamlesh Rani Wio Surinder Goyal Sio Mangat
Ram & Naveen Bansal Sio Rajinder Kumar Sio Raj
Kumar Vide Sale Deed No. 2090 Dated 17-06-2010
& Sale Deed executed by Smt. Kamlesh Rani Wio Kunnar Vibe Sale Deed No. 2000 Dated 17-00-20/ & Sale Deed executed by Smt. Kamlesh Rani W Surinder Goyal S/o Mangat Ram & Naveen Bans S/o Rajinder Kumar S/o Raj Kumar in favour Smt.Gurmali Kaur W/o Surjit Singh S/o Surjan Sin Vide Sale Deed No. 6425 Dated 22-12-2010 are lo Vide Sale Deed No. 942-0 bated 2-12-20 if are fifther is any loan is pending on above said properly which is taken from any gotv. or semi gov department or any other person that he can mee Harish Kumar Bansal Advocate, Legal Advisco HDFC BANK LIMITED. Moga in 14 days. His mobilino is 098149-74803, 95920-07935. That no

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information to General Public that
Original previous two sale deeds bearing wasika
no. 3430 dated 17/11/2009 in the name of 5h. Anil
Gupta S/o Kishan Gupta & wasika no. 4403 dated
11/12/2008 in the name of 5h. Ravi Kumar S/o 5h.
Darshan Lal, Property/Plot No. 101, measuring
335.67 sq. Yds., comprised in Khasra no. 33/122,
Khata No. 835/1227, as per jamabandi for the year
2017-2018, istuated at village Rahoun, Hadbast no.
224, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, has/have been lost
and lost information report bearing serial no.
476060/2024 dated 31/05/2024 afready lodged,
Now, Rajinder Kaur W/o Inderpal Singh intends to
create equitable mortgage on property in favor of
SBI, R.A.C.P.C., Civil Lines, Ludhiana by deposit of
sale deed executed in their favor without depositing PUBLIC NOTICE SBI, R.A.C.P.C., Civil Lines, Ludhiana by deposit of sale deed executed in their favor without depositing the previous sale deed detailed above. If anybody has any claim, charge, lein, over the said property by virtue of said lost previous original sale deed or anybody has the objection to the same helshe may contact the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, falling which the bank will not entertain any objection there after and will proceed accordingly empaneled Advocate Sm. Vibha Tayal, Advocate (for and on Behaff of SBI R.A.C.P.C., Civil Lines, Ludhiana), Ph. No. 9888282856, Chamber No. 2029, District Courts, C.P.C., Civil Lines, Ludhiana), Ph. 18282856, Chamber No. 2029, District Cou

LOST AND FOUND

Satish Chandra Garella s/o Late Shri Sewa Ram Garella lost original copy of Perpetual Sub-Lease in his name, made on 15th December 1980 for Plot no 41 (size 235.90 sq vds.) in Chandigarh. If anyone finds it please return to S C Garella C/o Advocate N.P. Sinha, Estates office, Seat No.15, Sector 17C, Chandigarh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Vikas Saini S/o Ram Singh R/o Villago Chhapra Tehsil Ladwa District, inform that have lost/misplace our 2 Sale Deed (Sale Deed No 192/1 Dated 08.05.2017 And Sale Deed No 2133/1 Dated 31.10.2014) of our Deed No 2133/1 Dated 31.10.2014) or our property somewhere at Railway Road Kurukshetra. We have tried our best to find out, but in vain. Whose missing report is lod ged through application No. 132320772400564. Anybody finds it, please ontact, return us at above address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kuldeep Kumar S/o Late Sh. Jagdis Chander R/o H.No. 59/26, Jawahar Nagar Sonipat declares that my father Late Sh. Jagdish Chander died on 19/01/2019. After the death of my father, we are his following heirs: . Rajbala Widow 2. Geeta Rani Daughter 3. Pradeep Kumar 4. Kuldeep Kumar Sons of Late Sh. Jagdish Chander. If any other heir of

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 FICICI Bank

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand

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

notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from

Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
Ritu/ Pawan Kumar/ LBKNL00004263315/ LBKNL00005332076/ LBKNL00004263302	House No. 608, Khewat No.1302, Khatouni No.1626, Khasra No.455/2, Rakba 3, Kanal 19, Marle of 5/79, Total Bakdar 5, House at Aggarsain Colony, Gharounda, Karnal, Haryana- 132001/ May 28, 2024	February 14, 2024 Rs.26,67,710/-	Karnal

the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: June 01, 2024 Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited Place: Karnal

OICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, MC International, The Mall Mall Road Amritsar- 143001

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Earnest	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Sekhon Automobile (Loan No. 214305000775), Jagpreet Singh, Palwinder Kaur	Residential Property As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Land Measuring 01 Kanal 01 Marlas I.e 21/44 Share Of Land Measuring 02 Kanal 04 Marla In Khasra No-236 Wakia Rakba Village Wadala Kala Tehsil Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar Punjab (Admeasuring an area 5717.26 sq ft)	Rs. 1,40,42,405/- as on 18-05-2024	Rs. 20,80, 000/- Rs. 2,08, 000/-	June 10, 2024 from 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	June 28, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency agency C1 India Private limited (https://www.bankeauctions.com). The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till June 27, 2024 before 05:00 PM failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as personal till.

as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, MC International, The Mall, Mall Road Amritsar- 143001 on or before June 27, 2024 before 05:00 PM and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before June 27, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The Mall, Mall Road Amritsar- 143001 on or before June 27, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Amritsar.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9780139915/7304914763.

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: June 01, 2024 **Authorized Officer**

my father is found apart from the above, then I Place: Amritsar & Faridkot myself will be responsible for him. HISAR SPINNING MILLS LIMITED

HISAR SPINNING MILLS LIMITED 9th Km. Stone, Hisar-Bhiwani Road, V.P.O. Dabra, Hisar - 125005 CIN- L17112HR1992PLC031621, PAN- AAACH3754M Statement of Audited Financial Results

for the Quarter and Year Ended 31st March, 2024 (Rs. in Lakhs, except equity share data)

Sr. No.	Particulars	3 Months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended in the Previous year		accounting year ended	Α.
		31.03.2024		31.03.2023		31.03.2023	
-		(Tefer note3)	(Unaudited)	(Tefer note 3)	(Audited)	(Audited)	
1.	Income					1272 X X X X	
	Revenue from operations	1033.84	1041.72	1065.31	4198.16	4669.15	
	Other Income	1.01	1.35	-1.61	6.20	10.87	
	Total Income	1034.85	1043.07	1063.70	4204.36	4680.02	
2.	Expenses Cost of materials consumed	644.03	587.61	637.37	2531.15	2486.31	
	Changes in inventories of finished goods	-83.24	15.81	30.74	-149.69	31.66	
	and work-in-progress	-03.24	10.01	30.74	-147.07	31.00	
	Employee benefits expense	85.06	82.76	76.59	333.84	301.36	
	Finance costs	3.78	6.89	7.02	23.67	30.99	- 3
	Depreciation expenses	41.90	42.23	61.18	168.74	249.18	1
	Consumption of store and spare parts	30.04	35.11	41.58	167.63	203.29	3
	Packing material consumed	8.09	7.34	8.59	31.59	39.02	
	Power and fuel expenses	166.90	159.42	157.36	656.33	645.75	
	Contract labour charges	16.68	16.27	15.00	64.49	58.19	
	Freight and cartage outward	6.31	3.73	1,79	19.33	121,44	
	Other expenses	20.07	14.25	13.54	76.55	89.22	1
	Total Expenses	939.62	971.42	1050.76		4256.41	-
3.	Profit before exceptional items and tax	95.23	71.65	12.94	280.73	423.61	
٠.	Exceptional items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4.	Profit before tax	95.23	71.65	12.94	280.73	423.61	
5.	Tax expense :	10100	3.00	17000			
	- Current Tax	26.45	20.87	8.10	81.22	109.11	
	- Adjustment of tax relating to earlier periods	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.58	0.00	1 1
	- Deferred Tax	-1.40	-1.38	-3.48	-4.98	-16.63	
	Total tax expense	25.05	19.49	4.62	78.82	92.48	_ !
6.	Profit for the period (A)	70.18	52.16	8.32	201.91	331.13	B.
	Other comprehensive income	13					
	items that will not be reclassified to						
	profit or loss						
	Remeasurements of the defined benefit Plans	1.37	0.23	0.30	0.61	2.51	
	Income tax relating to items that will not	-0.34	-0.06	-0.07	-0.15	-0.63	1
	be reclassified to profit or loss	ee.a.	1000100	1935			
7.	Total Other Comprehensive Income/(-)	1.03	0.17	0.23	0.46	1.88	1
	Expense (B)		377	1.000			
8.	Total Comprehensive Income for	71.21	52.33	8.55	202.37	333.01	
	the period (A+B)	Carrier of	W. C. C. C. C.	2101000			C.
9.	Paid-up equity share capital	373.50	373.50	373.50	373.50	373.50	3
	(Face value of Rs. 10 Par share)				22.22.22	10300-021	. 3
10.	Other Equity				1852.87	1650.50	
11.	Earnings per equity share (Rs.)	0.023	59792	0.000	7500	2022	
	Basic and diluted (not annualized)	1.88	1.40	0.22	5.41	8.87	1 1

For Hisar Spinning Mills Limited (Anurag Gupta) Managing Director DIN: 00192888

HISAR SPINNING MILLS LIMITED 9th K.M. Store, Hisar Bhiwani Raod, V.P.O. Dabra, Hisar-125005 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Rs. In lakhs)

31.03.2023 **Particulars** 31.03.2024 ASSETS Non-Current Assets: 544.17 706.64 Property, plant and equipmer Financial Assets: 107.15 Other Financial Assets Deferred Tax Assets (Net Other Non-Current Assets 826.86 811.65 otal-Non-Current Assets Current Assets: 1102.96 1042.09 ancial Assets: 274.74 171.72 Trade receivables Cash and cash equivalents Bank balances other than (ii) above Other Financial Assets 0.00 28.03 38.48 Current Tax Assets (Net) 2.13 Current Tax Assers (Net)
Other Current Assers
Non-current assers classified as held for sale
Sub-total-Current Assers
TOTAL - ASSETS
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES 269.42 281.09 1859.45 2686.31 Equity : Equity Share capital Other Equity Sub-total-Equity 373.50 1852.87 1650.50 2226.37 2024.00 Non-Current Liabilities: 203.17 185.75 1.41 9.43 196.59 Borrowings Other Financial Liabilities Other Non-Current Liabilities Sub-total-Non-Current Liabilities 0.15 203.32 Current Liabilities: Financial Liabilities

105.55

2.54

54.84

67.92 19.74

256.62 459.94 2686.31

108.62

90.31

105.99

65.03

22.11 3.39 395.45 592.04 2616.04

Dated: 30.05.2024

(Rs. In lakhs) **Particulars** For the For the Audited Cash flow from operating activities 280.73 Profit before tax Adjustments for Depreciation expens

9th K.M. Store, Hisar Bhiwani Raod, V.P.O. Dabra, Hisar-125005

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2024

year ended year ended 31.03.2024 31.03.2023 Audited 423.61 249,18 belt Loss (*) gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment Government grant relating to EPCG Scheme Government grant relating to property, plant and equipment Provision for interest written back -0.21 -86.77 -0.03 -1.16 -1.69 nterest income Finance costs 30.99 613.92 Operating profit before working capital changes Changes in working capital: Adjustments for decrease/(-) increase in operating assets:--60.87 141.77 -10.33 0.00 11.67 Other financial assets (non-current -78.48 32.74 Other assets (current) -102.70Other assets (non-current Adjustments for increase/(-) decrease in operating liabilities: -155.65 -138.92 4.63 -1.41 -2.37 3.25 304.91 -1.16 -36.89 -7.44 238.52 Other financial liabilities (current) Other financial liabilities (non-current)
Other Liabilities (current)
Provisions (current)
Cash generated from operations income taxes paid (net of refund) -107.03 131.49 Net cash flows from/(-) used in operating activities CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES 227.83 Purchase of property, plant and equipment (including capital Work-in-progress) -6.27
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment 1.30
Bank balances not considered as cash and cash equivalents; -34.64 3.90 pledged with banks towards margin against bank guarantees) -) Increase/ decrease in fixed deposits with SIDBI (pledged with SIDBI as -75.00 0.00 ollateral security against term loan from SIDBI) 2.01 2.28 Net cash flows from/(-) used in investing activitie CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds form borrowings (non-current) Repayment of borrowings (non-current) 105.85 -93.08 0.00 -22.42 0.00 -76.83 -96.16 Proceeds from borrowings (current) (net Net cash flows from/(-)used in financing activities -76.16 102.58 26.42 Net tash flows from (1908ed in financing activities)
Net Increase/(-) decrease in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year
Components of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year
Balances with Banks

-in current accounts/debit balance in cash credit account 22.86 3.51

The Statement of Cash flows has been prepared in accordance with Indirect Method' as set out in India Accounting Standard (Ind AS)-7 "Statement of Cash Flows", as notified under Section 133 of the Companie

-63-5600-24	455 150	(Rs. In lakhs
Particulars	For the year ended 31.03.2024	For the year ended 31.03.2023
Opening balance of borrowings	= 5500000 ttpice7	
Borrowings (non-current) - Term loans (including current maturities)	294.37	367.79
Borrowings (current)	0.00	96.16
Cash flows		
Proceeds from borrowings (non-current) - Term loans	105.85	0.00
Repayment of borrowings (non-current)	103.83	0.00
- Term loans	93.08	76.83
Increase/(-) decrease in borrowings (current)	0.00	-96.16
Effective rate of interest adjustment	1.58	3.41
Closing balance of borrowings		
Borrowings (non-current) - Term Loans (including current maturities)	308.72	294.37
Borrowings (current)	0.00	0.00

1. The Financial Results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principal as laid down in the applicable Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder, and requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

2. The Financial Results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors a their respective meeting held on 30th May, 2024. The Statutory Auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion on the audit report on these financial results.

The figures for the quarters ended 31st March, 2024 and 31st March, 2023 are the balancing figures.

between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the published year to date figures up to the third quarter of the relevant financial years. The published year to date figures up to the third quarter of the relevant financial year-reveal mancial years. The points he year to date rigures up to the intro quarrer of the relevant financial years were subject to Limited Review.

4. The Company is primarily in the business of manufacturing and sale of cotton yarn blended (textile product). The Board of Directors of the Company, which has been identified as being the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM), evaluates the Company's performance and allocate resources based on the analysis of the various performance indicator of the Company as a whole. Therefore, there is only one reportable

segment for the Company.

The Code on Social Security 2020 has been notified in the office Gazette on 29th September, 2020. The effective date

from which the changes are applicable is yet to be notified and the rules are yet to be from and the rules are yet to be from a which the changes are applicable is yet to be notified and the rules are yet to be from a find the rules are the changes will be assessed and accounted in the period in which said Code becomes effective and the rules from By Order of the Board of Directors Place: Chandigarh

For Hisar Spinning Mills Limited (Anurag Gupta) Managing Director (DIN: 00192888)

agar, that the parent / chain / link title deed vid fer Deed as Doc. No. 2450 Dated 09-01

Maninder Panjeta S/o Sh. Ramesh Chand ssuing the following publication as the property. e. House, measuring 19.50 Marlas i.e. 591.5 Sq. Yards, comprising in Khewat / Khatoni No. 627/806, Khasra No. 108 (17-12) being 11/198 hare i.e. 19.50 Marlas, situated at Mouja Alahar H.B. No. 1. Tehsil Radaur, District - Yamun 2023, SRO office RADAUR in the name of Sh. Ramesh Chand S/o Sh. Kali Ram was lost/ misplaced while traveling from House to Tehsil Campus Radaur, District Yamuna Nagar. If any erson found the above said title deed, may return the same by way of Registered post, to address given below or inform undersigned by accress given below or inform undersigned by telephone. In case any persons / Financial institution having any claim / Interest in respect thereof by way of sale, exchanges, gift, mortgage or any objection, please be inform the same in writing to the undersigned in the below mentioned address within 07 Days from the date of publication, with relevant documents in support of their claim / objection. If I have not received any jection within the stipulated days, beyond tha

objection within the supulated days, beyond that no claim is entertained or binding on my client. Advocate Atul Kumar Pandey, Chamber No. 371, Block-C, 3rd Floor, Lawyers Chambers Building, District Courts Jagadhri, Yamunanagar (Hr) M. 99952-02114 Dated 31.05.2024 Place: - Yamuna Nagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the general public that the persons have applied for transfer of Flat/ share/ transfer of Lease deed right as under: Flat, Cat & Name of Applicant/ On the Allottee/Owner Transferee basis Sh. Rajesh Kumar S/o Smt. Sima Gill W/o Sh. 1637, A. Agreemen to sell Sh. Rameshwar Kumar | Arvinder Pal Singh Gill 1st Floor Agreemen Sh. Sonu Yadav S/o Smt. Shama Devi W/o 1312, B. Sh. Babu Lal Yadav Sh. Rajinder Kumar to sell

Note:- Submit Objection, if any, in writing within 30 days of this publication of this notice before the undersigned along with documentary evidence. Secretary, Pushpac First (I) Sector 49-B, Chandigarh

STATE BANK OF INDIA SCO 99-103 (Second Floor) Pragati Bhavan, Sector 8C, Chandigard email: agmracpc.zocha@sbi.co.in, sbi.04486@sbi.co.in

Sh. Bharat Bhushan Unit No. 312A, 3rd Floor, Tower No. 01A in SBP Homes Gardenia, Vill Chajju Majra, Tehsil Kharar, Mohali. They have been informed by way of DDR LAR No. 2024/014185 Date 17.05.2024 that the original Allotment letter No./ Sale Deed/Certificate No. INPB99063713923462V dated 13.05.2023 registered on 23.07.2019 at Tehsil Kharar, Mohali the said property document has been lost. Sh. Bharat Bhushan availed loan facility from State Bank of India, RACPC, Chandigarh Branch Code (04486). The DDR has already been filed with the police in respect of the above. In case any party has any claim towards the said relevant property(ies), the same should be lodged with the intending party and also with the above stated branch of State Bank of India, within 15 days from publication of this notice.

Authorized Office

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No- 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction

of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general

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

Date of Demand Notice/ Amount In Demand Notice (Rs.)
February 22, 2024 Rs.76,74,424.00/-Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number Nambardar Trading Co/ Jaswinder Singh/ Naresh Gill/ Plot/ Shop No.12, Size-1700 Sa. Ft Situated in New Grain Market, Shahabad Gurjinder Kaur/ 073105002328 Markanda, District Kurukshetra, Haryana./ Rs.1,34,415.00/-

May 29, 2024

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

Date: June 01, 2024

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ICICI Bank Limited STATE BANK OF INDIA Branch Rohtak Road, Jind-4601, Distt. Jind

{Rule-8(1)}

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) and 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2022, issued Demand Notice(s) Dated 07/08/2023 calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being Rs. 1170686/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy thousand six hundred eighty six only) including interest applied up to 07/08/2023 + Other Chargers w.e.f. 07/08/2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrower(s) guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Creative/Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on this 29 day of May of the year 2024.

The owners/guarantor/occupiers of the property are directed to hand over the vacant possession within 30 days of these Notice(s) to avoid use of force or other measures with the assistance of District. Magistrate under section 14 of the Act. The owners/occupiers may please note that after 30 days from the date this Notice, property will be auctioned

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with property (ies) will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for a amount of Rs. 1170686/ (Rupees Eleven lakh Seventy thousand six hundred eighty six only) including interest applied up to 07/08/2023+other charges w.e.f. 07/08/2023, (less recovery if any).

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

	Name of Borrower / Guarantor & Loan A/c No.	Description of the immovable mortgage	Date of demand notice	Amount as per demand notice	Date of possession notice
1.	M/S RADHE RADHE CEMENT	Equitable Mortgage of land &	07.08.2023	Rs. 1170686/-	29.05.2024
STO	RE JIND Porp Late Sh. Virender	building comprised in H no. 112	27/31	as on	
Kum	nar Sharma s/o Dharam Pal	measuring area 100 sq yds. situ	ated in Khem	29.05.2024	
Lega	al Heir: 1. Smt. Parveen Rani w/o	Nagar, Bhiwani Road, Jind, Har	ryana-126102,	purchased vide sale	deed no. 5253
Vire	nder Kumar Sharma H.No. 298,	dated 20/03/2007, in the name of	of Smt. Usha ra	ani W/o Late Sh. Dha	aram Pal.
Khei	m Nagar, Bhiwani Road, Jind 1261	02 (2). Mr. Rajat Sharma s/o Vi	render Kumar	Sharma H.No. 298,	Khem Nagar,
Bhiv	vani Road, Jind 126102 (3). Mr. Sa	jat Sharma s/o Virender Kumar	Sharma H.No.	298, Khem Nagar, B	hiwani Road.
	126102 (4). Smt. Usha Rani w/o D				

Date: 29/05/2024 Place: Jind

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK onb Branch Office: - Jawaddi, Ludhiana

Rule-8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ssued Demand Notices U/S 13(2) dated mentioned as below calling upon the borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice(s) being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices The borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgager(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken (Physical/Symbolic) Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section

13(4) of the Said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on these dates

The borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property(ies) will be subject to the charge of the **Punjab National Bank**, Ludhiana for an aggregate amount of as mentioned below + future interest thereon and costs, etc. The borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagers attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section

13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. Name of the Description of Date of Date of the Mortgage
Property/ies

Date of Dat Borrower/Guarantor Amount Outstanding

Borrower(s): Sh.Parvesh	All that part and	03.02.2023	28.05.2024
Sharma and Sh. Surinder Pal Sharma both are R/o House no. 161-A, Near Bus Stand, Ashok Nagar (Peeru Banda)	parcel of Immovable bearing plot MC no.	property (Go B-17-477/3 B Yards out of la 1, Khasra no.	odown/House 3/2C (portion) nd comprised 410-411-412-

mentioned against below accounts.

Distt, Ludhiana.

ed in the revenue estate of Village Peeru Banda, Abadi Ashok Nagar Tehsil & 31.01.2023 and further interest and other charges w.e.f. 01.02.2023 (less recoveries if any from the date of NPA) until payment in full DATE: 31.05.2024

hatano, 2624/3021, Khasra no, 410-411-412as per jamabandi for the year 1981-82, PLACE. LUDHIANA

(Rupees Ten lakh Thirty six thousand nine hundred fifty and paise

State Bank of India

(Authorized Officer)

thirty one only) as on 03.02.2023 with interes charged upto

Symbolic possession

Rs.10,36,950.31

AUTHORISED OFFICER

मगण जहाँ भी रहते है निश्चित तिथि पेशी 11-06-024 तक असालतन या वकालतन नोटिस प्रकाशन कें यमानुसार आगामी कार्यवाही अमल में लाई जावेगी

Financial Columbia
Borrowings
Trade payables
(A)Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises
and small enterprises
(B)Total outstanding dues creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises Other Financial Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Sub-total-Current Liabilities

TOTAL - EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

t हस्ताक्षर व मोहर अदालत में जारी हुआ । सहायक कलैक्टर प्रथम/दितिय श्रेणी सोनीपत

Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICE

- I. Shaveta Malhotra W/o Amit Malhotra R/o H.No. B17/125 Mohalla Batala Gobindgarh (Gurdaspur) Pb, India, declare that i have known by both names Shaveta Malhotra, Shaveta Nanda and Shaveta Handa one and the same person.
- I, Ved Parkash S/o Shri Barkha Ram, R/o Village Bhurewala, Tehsil Naraingarh, District Ambala, declare that my name is written as Ved Parkash in my Aadhar Card whereas my name is Veda in my Voter Card. That Ved Parkash and Veda both names belongs to the same
- I. Sudesh Kumar Bansal S/o Ram Parshad R/o 907/12-B, Tagore Nagar-A, Civil Lines. Ludhiana, also known as Sudesh Bansal and Sudesh Kumar, these all three names are mine, one & the same person.

CHANGE OF NAME

- I, No. 2715446L, Rank NK (Clk) Nishan Singh, presently residing at Vill. Qila Desa Singh, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Puniab, declare that in my army record my son name recorded as Anmol, Instead of Anmol Singh Please change my army record as above. Concerned noted.
- I. Deshrai Father Of Ramkhelavan Resident Of 141, Rajapur, Mahuwa Gaon, Mahua Gaon, Sardhuwa, Chitrakoot, Pradesh-210207 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 18-01-1947 To 01-01-1939, Vide Affidavit Pb21517619318914w, Dated 31-05-2024 Distt. Court, Place -
- I, Sunita Devi Wife Of Ramkhelavan Resident Of 141. Rajapur, Mahuwa Gaon, Mahua Gaon, Sardhuwa, Chitrakoot, Pradesh-210207 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 18-01-1984 To 09-08-1987, Vide Affidavit Pb21518341824052w, Dated 31-05-2024 Distt. Court, Place -Amritsar
- I, Kamalpreet Kaur Wife Of Jagtar Singh Resident Of Village Bhupal Kalan, Bhupal Matti Mansa. Puniab 151504 Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 30-05-1985 To 01-01-1987, Vide Pb21516698107058w Dated 31-05-2024 Distt. Court, Place -Amritsar
- I, Shiwanti Kumari Wife Of Mahadev Prasad Ray Resident Of Village Lateimundi P/O Lahunipara, Distt. Sundargarh, State Odisha, Pin 770040, Have Changed My Name Shiwanti Ray To Shiwanti Kumari, Affidavit No. Pb21407933495635w, Dated 31-05-2024 Distt. Court, Place -
- I. Sumitra Devi Mother Of Pradeep Kumar Gupta Resident Of Village Jitpur Colliery, P/O Jitpur, P/S Jorapokhar, Distt. Dhanbad, State Jharkhand, Pin 828309, Have Changed My Name From Sumintra Devi To Sumitra Devi And Changed Of My Date Of Birth From 01- 07-1956 To 04-10-1956 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb21408904290623w, Dated 31-05-2024 Distt. Court, Place -Amritsar
- I, Dipanjali Sutradhar Wife Of Jadav Ch Ray Resident Of Village Salbari, P/O Boitmari, Ps-Abhayapuri, Distt. Bongaigaon, State - Assam, Pin-783389, Have Changed My Name From Dipaniali Sutradhar Ray To Dipanjali Sutradhar, Vide Affidavit In-Pb97907858263843w. Dated 31-05-2024 Distt. Court, Place - Amritsar.
- I. Sapna W/o Raiesh Kumar #1287/2, Sector 30B, Chandigarh have changed my name to
- I, Gunjan Bansal w/o Vinod Kumar Bansal R/o H N 1317 Word no 10 Ladha Wali Gali Ellenebad Distt. Sirsa. Have change my name form Gunjan Bansal to Girja. Please Concern
- I, Sunita Devi W/o Kamal Parshad. Village Gohlani, Tehsil (Rupnagar) Nangal, changed my name Ravinder Kaur after marriage.
- I Ritu Bala D/o Mohan Singh Rana, H-No 23 Adda Market Nangal. Tehsil Nangal, (Rupnagar) have changed my name Ritu Rana.
- I, Poonam Rani W/o Sh. Jagtar Singh R/o Village Megha Majra, Tehsil Pehowa, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Poonam Devi to Poonam Rani. In future I should be known as Poonam Rani.
- I. Sourabh S/o Sh.Jaipal Singh resident of ward no 16 Nahna Nagar katlupuriya Rohtak road Gohana Tehsil Gohana Distt Sonipat declare that have changed my name Sourabh to sourabh Lohchab for all future
- I, Army No. JC313790X Rank: SUB Name: Khadar Basha Pattan, Unit: 1 AER C/o 56 APO, resident of Village Rajupalem, Post Rajupalem, Taluk Giddalur, Distt. Prakasam, Sate Andhra Pradesh. Pin- 523369, have changed my Son's name from Pimtiyaz to Pattan Imtiyaz.

- Rank: SUB Name: Khadar Basha Pattan. Unit: 1 AER C/o 56 APO. resident of Village Rajupalem, Post Rajupalem, Taluk Giddalur, Distt. Prakasam, Sate Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 523369, have changed my Son's name from P Irfan to Pattan Irfan..
- I, Pattan Rashida is legally Wife of Army No. JC313790X Rank: SUB Name: Khadar Basha Pattan, Unit: 1 AER C/o 56 APO resident of Village Rajupalem Post Raiupalem Taluk Giddalur Distt. Prakasam. Sate Andhra Pradesh Pin- 523369, have changed my name from P Rashida to Pattan Rashida.
- I. Gurvinder Singh S/o Kamaljeet Singh Maniyani Vpo Harigarh Bhorakh Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Given Name Gurvinder Singl Surname Maniyani.
- I, Satnam Singh S/o Karnail Singh V/o Talheri, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Have Changed My Name Satnam Surname Singh. I. Kulwinder Kaur W/o
- Satnam Singh V/o Telheri, Pehowa. Kurukshetra, Have Changed My Name Kulwiner Surname Kaur.
- I, Army No 1452282H Ex NK (TS) Rajinder Singh S/o Ram Singh Resident of Ward No 12 Near Shahid Ganj Public School Talwandi Bhai Tehsil and Distt Ferozepur, Punjab. I want to change the name of my wife From Amariit Kaur to Amarieet Kaur and her date of birth as 03 Aug 1964 in my Army service records, Vide Affidavit No. PB20933061583816W dated 30 May 2024.
- I. Kanakala Manasa Is Spouse Of No-2607041w Hav Kalla Harikrishna Presently Resident 8-57-156. Gollaveedhi, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam, Chittivalasa, Andhra Pradesh, Pin-531162 Have Changed My Name From Kanakala Manasa To Kalla Manasa Vide Affidavit No-In-Pb21571590211795w Dated 31-May-2024 Before District Court Gurdaspur Punjab
- I, Asha Devi is mother of Ved Prakash R/o Kera Talla, Rudraprayag, Chandrapuri Uttarakhand have change my name from Asha Devi to Ghungara Devi
- I, Ritika W/o Kulbhushan R/o H.No.ND-198 D Mohalla Fatehpura, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Ritika To Ritika Bansal
- I, Kulbhushan S/o Om Parkash R/o H.No.ND-198 D Mohalla Fatehpura, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Kulbhushan To Kulbhushan Bansal
- I, hitherto known as Manoj S/o Sarabjit Singh R/o Village Nangal Fateh Khan, Po. Patara. Jalandhar, Punjab-144101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manoj Singh.
- I hitherto known Lakhwinder Singh Sandhu S/o Amarjit Singh R/o Village Mishriwala, Po. Dhindsa, Firozpur, Punjab-142052, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Lakhwinder Singh.
- I hitherto Known as Meenal Chhabra D/o Mohinder Singh Chawla R/o H.No. WN-116, Basti Danishmanda, Po. Basti Guzan, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Meenal.
- I. hitherto Known as Sanieev Kumar Puri S/o Krishan Lal R/o H.No.606, Karol Bagh, Opp. G.N.D.U Campus, Jalandhar-144007, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sanieev Puri.
- I, No.14648123X Hav DVR (MT) Sunil Kumar Ojha resident of Village- Banarihula, Post- Chaita Tehsil- Pakri Dayal, District- East Champaran, State- Bihar, Pin-845414, have changed my Son name from Subham Kumar to Shubham Kumar Ojha Vide PB21529297375433W dated 31 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- Rani spouse No.2811924F NK Gawali Milind resident of Village-Apdhup, Post-Apdhup, Tehsil- Parner, District-Ahmednagar, State-Maharashtra, Pin-414301, have changed my name from Rani to Rani Milind Gawali Vide affidavit No.IN PB21516069673022W dated 31 May 2024 before notary public
- I. No.14648123X Hav DVR (MT) Sunil Kumar Ojha resident of Village- Banarjhula, Post- Chaita, Tehsil- Pakri Dayal, District- East Champaran, State- Bihar, Pin-845414, have changed my Son name from Shivam to Shivam Kumar Ojha Vide affidavit No.IN-PB21528535947346W dated 31 May 2024 before notary public
- I, No. JC-779567F NB/Sub Hariom Kumar resident of Village-Heerapur Kalan, Post- Karanwas, Dibai, Bulandshahar, State- UP, Pin-202393, have changed my Daughter name from Himani Kumari to Himani Vide affidavit No.IN-PB20665411522020W dated 29 May 2024 before notary

- I, No.14662554P NK Neera Kumar resident of House No.64/264/12F/1 Nai Abadi Tal Firoz Khan, Post- Partappura, Tehsil-Agra, District-Agra, State-UP, Pin-282001, have changed my Daughter name from Miss Siddhi Choudhary to Siddhi Choudhary Vide affidavit No.IN-PB21530533013704W dated 31 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, No. JC-779567F NB/Sub Hariom Kumar resident of Village- Heerapur Kalan, Post-Karanwas, Tehsil- Dibai, District-Bulandshahar, State- UP, Pin-202393, have changed my Son name from Himansu Rajput to Himanshu Rajput Vide affidavit No.IN-PB20664331209808W dated 29 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Ashabai spouse of No.JC-461186Y Sub Kharad Bhausaheb Maruti resident of Village-Devtakali, Devtakali, Tehsil- Shevgaon, District- Ahmednagar, State-Maharashtra, Pin-414502, have changed my name from Ashabai to Ashabai Bhausaheb Kharad affidavit No.IN-PB21519917552030W dated 31 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Gutte Devoobai wife of Gutte Pralhad resident of Village-Mahalingi, Nanded. Maharashtra, Pin-431742, have changed my name from Devoobai to Gutte Devoobai and my son name from Gutte Pravin to Pravin Vide affidavit No.IN-PB20864228309695W dated 29 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, No.15183460Y NK (GD) Kendre Narsing Balaji resident of Tiruka, Tehsil- Jalkot Ekurka, Khurd, District- Latur, State-Maharashtra, Pin-413532, have changed my Son name from Govardhan Narsingh Kendre to Govardhan Narsing Kendre Vide affidavit PB20865058702252W dated 29 May 2024 before notary public
- I, Gutte Devoobai wife of Gutte Pralhad resident of Village-Mahalingi, Nanded Maharashtra, Pin-431742, have changed my name from Devoobai to Gutte Devoobai and my son name from Gutte Praful to Gutte Praful Pralhad Vide affidavit PB20864580965754W dated 29 May 2024 before notary public
- I. Dharma Devi is Mother of Army no- 15348826W Rank-L/Hay Name - Pawan Kumar Address VPO - Kakroli Sardara Distt- Charkhi Dadri, Tehsil-Badhra, State-Haryana, Pincode 127308 have changed My Name from Dharma Devi to Dharma and Also Change my Date of Birth from 23/07/1944 to 01/01/1953.Vide Affidavit No:RD 0021735349.Dated:30-05-24
- I, Prethve Singh is Father of Army No- 15348826W Rank-L/Hay Name - Pawan Kumar Permanent Address VPO Kakroli Sardara, Distt- Charkhi Dadri, Tehsil-Badhra, State-Haryana, Pincode - 127308 have changed My Name from Prethve Singh to Pirthi and Also Change my Date of Birth from 17/04/1942 to 01/01/1945.Vide Affidavit No:RD 0021735350.Dated:30-
- I, Kaushil Devi is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 15342814L, Rank- Hav Name-Mohar Lal Mahto Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Dhipa Toli, Mahilong, Ranchi, Jharkhand-835103 changed My Name from Kaushil Devi to Koshil Devi Vide Affidavit No:RD 0021735348.Dated:30-05-24
- I, Jayaprada Pradhan is legally Wedded Spouse of JC No-344953F, Rank- NB/SUB Name-Subrata Pradhan Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village-Jhadabandha, Post-Nimabahali, Balimi Dhenkanal, State:Odisha, Pin-759121 have changed My Name from Jayaprada Pradhan to Jaya Prada. Vide Affidavit No:RD ,Dated-31/05/24
- I, Army No 15344934H Rank- Hav Name- Subodh Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Vill-Dhanushi, Post- Ghataro, Teh-Hajipur, Dist - Vaishali, State-Bihar- 844119 declare that I have changed my Daughter name From Shrishti Kumari to Sristi Kumari. Vide Affidavit No-RD 0021735311, Dated- 31-05-24
- I, Avneesh Pal is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 18002193Y. Rank- Hav Name-Anil Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Villge-Indera Nagar Mohammadabad, Post -Mohammadabad, Teh-Sadar, Distt-Farrukhabad, State-Uttar Pradesh, Pin 206451 have changed My Name from Avneesh Pal to Avneesh Kumari Affidavit No:RD 0021735351, Dated-31/05/24

- I, Swati Yadav is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No-14846011H, Rank- Hav Yadav Anil Subhash, Presently Residing At Unit: HQ Coy, 603 ASC BN (AM) Pin-905603, C/o 56 APO declare that i have changed My Name from Swati Yaday to Swati Anil Yadav. Vide Affidavit No-RD 0021735310, Dated- 31-05-24
- I, Kavita W/O Army No. 15187489Y Rank NK Rajesh Kumar of 327 MED Regt. C/O 56 APO declared that in service record of my husband my Name erroneously recorded as Kavita instead of Kavita Devi . My correct name is Kavita Devi vide Affidavit dated 31-05-2024 before Notary Govt Of India Pathankot (PB) Sat Pal
- I, Sunita Senapati W/O Army No. 14447549H Rank Hav Achyutananda Senapati of 327 MED Regt. C/O 56 APO declared that in service record of my husband my Date of Birth erroneously recorded as 29-06-1985 instead of 28-06-1987. Mv correct DOB is 28-06-1987 vide Affidavit dated 17-05-2024 before Notary Govt Of India Angul (Odisha) Somantha Ruot
- I, Harsh S/o Sh.Balbir Singh H.No.3456,Sec 38/D Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name from Harsh to Harsh Dhaka.
- I Ranjit Singh Hehar S/O Sher Singh R/O Vill. Khosa P.O. Dangian Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Ranjit Singh.

I Daljit Kaur W/O Nirmal

Singh R/O Mahla Kalan Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Daljeet Kaur. I Manpreet Kaur Kammo W/O Rupinderdeep Singh R/O

Dosanih Distt. Moga Have

Changed My Name To Manpreet

- I Munish Arora S/O Inderjeet R/O H.No.B-18/829 Kartar Enclave Disposal Road Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Munish
- I Gurdip Singh S/O Avtar Singh R/O Lakha Road Vpo. (Ludhiana) Hathur Changed My Name To Gurdip
- I Baljinder Kaur W/O Gurdip Singh Matharu R/O Vpo. Hathur (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Baljinder Kaur Matharu.
- I Aiit Singh Alias Jit Singh Saggu S/O Nand Singh R/O H.No. 352/45, New Atam Nagar, (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Ajit Singh.
- S/o Gurtej Singh R/o Vill: Khane Ki Dhab Teh-Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my name to Gurwinder Sinah. I Simrajit Kaur W/o Satnam

I, Gurwinder Singh Aulakh

- Singh Vill-Alkara, Teh-Tapa, Distt, Barnala have changed my name I, Tejinder Kaur W/o Hira
- Singh R/o Vill: Behak Fattu Po. Gujjaran Teh-7ira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Tajinder Kaur. I. Rakwinder Singh S/O
- Shiv Dayal R/O Behmana Teh Samana District Patiala Have Changed My Name From Rakhwinder Singh To Rakwinder I, Manjit Singh S/O Sukhdev
- Singh, R/O Vill. Sampurangarh, Patiala (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Manjeet Singh.
- I. A Atila Am Legal Spouse Of Bendangtoshi Resident Of Vill-Chungtia, PO-Mokokchung, Distt-Mokokchung, Nagaland, PIN-798601 Have Changed My Name From A Atila to Benjongtila Vide Affidavit Dated 29/05/2024 Before Magistrate Jalandhar.
- I, Bendangtoshi Resident Vill-Chungtia, Mokokchung, Distt-Mokokchung, State-Nagaland, PIN-798601 Have Changed My Son Name From B Meren Jamir To Noktimeren B Jamir Vide Affidavit 29/05/2024 Magistrate Jalandhar.
- I, Harvinder Singh Sangar S/o Jagiri Lal R/o Vill: Manan Po. Sandhu Chatha (Kapurthala) have changed my name from Harvinder Singh Sangar to Sangar Harvinder Singh

- I, Jagir Singh S/o Kesar Singh R/o VPO Daheru, Tehsil (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jangir
- I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/o Inderjit Singh R/o H.No. 19 South City Phase-1 Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name from Sarbjeet Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur.
- I Jagsir Singh & Jagseer Singh S/o Resham Singh R/o Vpo Jhoke Harihar District Ferozepur I am Known by Both names as Above One and is Same Person.
- I Sukhveer Singh Brar S/o Hardev Singh R/o Vpo Shakoor District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name to Sukhveer Singh.
- I, Kanwal Deepak Singh S/o Jasbir Singh R/o Vill-Chak Mobain Hardo Dhandi (Lalchian) Teh-Guruharsahai Ferozepur have changed my name to Kanwal Deepak Sodhi.
- I Kulwinder Singh S/O Sardara Singh R/O #430. Guru Harkrishan Public School, Ward No.7, Kurali, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Have Changed My Name From Kulwinder Singh Budhal To Kulwinder Singh.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

ारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मैं नीरज पु श्री सूरजमान निवासी मकान नंबर, 208 पटेर सार हरियाणा का रहने वाला हूं वह अपने हत्य ायां करता हूं मेरे पिता सूरजमान पुत्र श्री सावन दास व रहांत दिनांक 23-04-2014 हो पुका है और मेरी माता र

. १इ है कि प्रशनी पॉपर्टी आईडी नंबर P01701310555 नर्ड पॉपटी आईडी नंबर 1D8TFQQ9 जिसका पर मकान नंबर 208 नर्जिक गवर्नमेंट सीनियर सेकेंडर स्कून पटेल नगर हिसार है वह दूसरी प्रॉपटी आईडी नंब P01701311438 नर्ड प्रॉपटी आईडी नंबर 1DRHHQHG पता दुकान नंबर वाका पटेल नगर हिसार है अतः उन देहात के बाद उक्त जायदाद के वारिसान स्वीटी प्र ज्ञान व पत्नी विनोद कुमार, मनोज कुमार व नीरु मार पुत्र श्री सुरजमान है और नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड व ाने नाम तब्दील करवाना चाहते हैं अतः किसी को भ अपन नाम तब्दाल करवाना चाहत ह अतः ।कसा का : कोई आपत्ति हो तो ३० दिन के अंदर नगर निगम हिस तके नाम पर तब्दील कर दी जाएगी जिसमें नगर निर सार की कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

Public Notice

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It is informed every general and special body that
Smt. Manpreet Kaur Wo Mandeep Singh Slo
Jaswant Singh Rlo Simrian Walia, Dhani Mariba,
Walia Tehsil & District Fazilika has applied Purchase
of House loan from HDFC BANK LIMITED.
Ownership of the house is Smt. Varsa Rani Wo
Narinder Kumar Slo Bhagwan Dass Rlo Kaur Patti,
Langiana New Tehsil Baghapurana District Moga.
Property measuring 6 Marlas 3 Sarsai situated at
Baghapurana -1 Tehsil Baghapurana District Moga.
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Property measuring 6 Marlas 9 Marlas bearing
Khasra no. 1335 (6-19) Khewat no. 1541 Khatauni
no. 2195 as per copy of jamabandi for the year 20182019. That Sale deed executed by Smt. Maninder
Kaur Dlo Satwant Kaur Wo Mejar Singh in favour of
Smt. Reena Gupta Wio Ram Pal Slo Mangal Ram
vide sale deed no. 4247 dated 28-03-2011 is lost. If
there is any loan is pending on above said property vice sale deed no. 4247 dated 26-03-2011 is often there is any loban is pending on above said proper which is taken from any govt. or semi go department or any other person that he can me Harish Kumar Bansal Advocate, Legal Advis. HDFC BANKLUMITED. Moga in 14 days. His mob no is 098149-74803, 95920-07935. That is overlined to the control of the cont

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ed No.7119 dated 10.09.2004 executed b used No.7119 dated 10.09.2004 executed No. Lakha Singh son of Nihal Singh in favor Renu Singla wife of Rakesh Kumar in original of are missing/lost from the property owner, it is informed by the party, the same has not been used for other purposes by the property owner and the same has been lost. If anybody has any bjection regarding the mortgaging of the sam hay respond within Fourteen days, to t ay respond within Fourteen days, to the idersigned. After the expiry of the stipulated

सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन- साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि पंकज कुमार सुदन निवासी म.न. 179/सी बार्ड न. 21 पुराना सिविल अस्पताल रोड़, अम्बाला शहर से मृतक स्व. महिन्द्र प्रताप सुदन के कानूनी बारिस की रिपोट जारी करने हेतू एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्योलल् में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थों के प्रार्थना पत्र व सल्गन हरूपनामां व रिपोट नगर पापर्द व सिवच नगर निगम अम्बाला अनुसार मृतक महिन्द्र प्रताप सुदन निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस हैं:-1. नरेश कुमारी शर्मा- विषया 2. पंकज कुमार सुदन-पुत्र 3. केविंग नेपूर्व ने, शेलजा नृत्री 5. पुनम पुन्यानी पुत्री । इस बारे किसी को कोई आपनि है, तो वह तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिक्शन के 30 दिन के अंदर-2 आपनि दर्ज करवा सकता है। यदि पूर्व द्वारा दी गई सुचना किसी भी समय गलत पाई जाती है तो प्रार्थी भारतीय दंड सहिता की धृरा 177 व अन्य संबंधित कानूनों के तहत दंडका भागी होगा ब्रुकेक्टर, अंबाब्दर, अंबाव्दर, अंबाव संबंधित कानुनों के तहत दंड का भागी होगा। बस्तीवदर, अंबता शर सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस पायरपत मार्टिस का मार्पत जान सावारप का सुधार किया जाता है कि मृदित सूद निवासी म.न. 152 मांडल टाऊन, अम्बाला शहर से मृतक स्व. रमेश चन्द्र के कानूनी वारिस की रिपोर्ट जारी करने हेतू एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त इका है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलंग्न हल्फनामों व रिपोर्ट नगर् पायर्ट व सचिव नगर निगम अम्बाला अनुसार मृतक रमेश चन्द्र निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस है:-1. आशा सूद् - पत्नी 2. मुदित सूद-पुत्र ्वाद इस बारे किसी को कोई आपुत्ति है, तो वह सीलदार, अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिकशन यदि प्राथी द्वारा दी गई सूचना किसी भी समय गलत पाई जाती है तो प्रार्थी भारतीय दंड सहिता की घारा 177 व जाता हुता आया नारणा न उठ अन्य संबंधित कानूनों के तहत दंड का भागी होगा। तस्सीलदर, अंबाला शहर

सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन- साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्रेम लता निवासी म.न. 167 /168 पालिका विहार अम्बाला शहर से मृतक स्व सुभाष चन्द मनोचा के कानूनी वारिस की रिपोट जारी करने हेतू एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलग्न हल्फनामों व रिपोर्ट नगर पायर्द व लता - पत्नी 2. मोनिका गोयल -पुत्री । यदि इस बारे किसी को कोई आपत्ति है, तो वह तहसीलदार , अंबाला कर्ता का काइ आधार है, ता वह तहसालाई , अवाला तहर के कार्यालय में पब्लिकेशन के 30 दिन के अंदर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज करला सकता है। यदि प्रार्थी द्वारा दी गई नुचना किसी भी समय गलत पाई जाती है तो प्रार्थी रितीय दंड संहिता की धारा 177 व अन्य संबंधित

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNITED TEXTILES LIMITED Regd. Off:- 7th K.M. Stone, Barwala Road. Hisar CIN: L17115HR1993PLC032092 STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31MARCH, 2024

	Particulars	Que	irter Ended			Year Ended
		31.03.2023	31.12.2023	31.03.2023	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
		Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited
	Revenue from operations	283.58	443.92	350.64	1332.51	1652.88
1	Other Income	2.18	0.50	(5.41)	4.01	5.85
Ш	Total Revenue (I+II)	285.76	444.42	345.23	1336.52	1658.73
IV.	Expenses					
	(a) Cost of materials consumed	240.20	227.62	254.52	914.36	953.50
	(b) Purchases of stock-in-trade	6.16	1.19	22.10	7.35	67.52
	(c) Changes in inventories of finished goods work-in-progress and stock-in-trade	(65.77)	86.98	(17.54)	(74.52)	(37.33)
	(d) Employee benefits expense	18.32	15.24	16.22	62.31	59.80
	(e) Finance costs	11.39	11.73	(5.76)	64.10	40.44
	(f) Depreciation and amortization expenses	35.83	35.13	24.80	125.92	112.13
	(g) Other expenses	42.07	64.99	49.71	234.60	458.57
	Total expenses (IV)	288.20	442.88	344.05	1334.12	1654.63
٧	Profit(Loss)before exceptional Items and tax (III-IV)	(2.44)	1.54	1.18	2.40	4.10
٧I	Exceptional items				-3-	*
	Profit(Loss)after exceptional Items but before tax (V-VI)	(2.44)	1.54	1.18	2.40	4.10
VIII	Tax expense:	(0.70)		(2.20)		
	(I) Current Tax	(0.73)	1.00	(3.39)	1.00	1.07
	(II) Deferred tax	0.30	1.33	3.72	1.88	1.07
	Total tax expense	(0.43)	1.33	0.33	1.88	1.07
IX	Profit/ (Loss) for the period From continuing operations (VII-VIII)	(2.01)	0.21	0.85	0.52	3.03
X	Other comprehensive income (OCI):					
	A. Items that will not be					
	reclassified to profit or loss					
	(i) Re-measurement gain (losses)	1.35		2.00	1.35	2.00
	On defined benefit plans	1.35		2.00	1.33	2.00
	Income tax effect on above	(0.34)		(0.50)	(0.34)	(0.50)
	(ii) Equity instrument through	(0.34)	7.1	(0.30)	(0.34)	(0.30)
	Other Comprehensive Income (Gain on Fair Valuation of Long					
	Term Investment)					
	Income tax effect on above	- 4	(4)		14	
	Total Other Comprehensive	1.01	•	1.50	1.01	1.50
	Income (X)					10.000
ΧI	Total Comprehensive Income					
500	(Comprising Profit/(Loss) and					
	Other comprehensive income	0.000		127/25/4	560000	88 5865
	For the period) (IX-X)	(1.00)	0.21	2.35	1.53	4.53
	(Comprising Profit (Loss) and	40000		12/2/5	14030-200	1-07
	OCI for the year)		7200000	*****		
	Paid-up equity share capital (Rs. 10 Par share)	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
	Reserve/Other Equity			-	747.41	745.88
ΧIV	Earnings per equity share	(0.04)	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.10
	(1) Basic	(0.04)	(0.02)	0.03	0.02	0.10
Note	(2) Diluted	(0.04)	(0.02)	0.03	0.02	0.10

The aforesaid results were placed before and reviewed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 29th May, 2024 and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on the same date. The Statutor auditors have carried out limited review of these financial results.

There are no separate reportable segments as per the Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS-108) on segment reporting.

. The Figures have been regrouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary to facilitate compariso

For United Textiles Limite Vivek Aggarwa (Whole Time Director Place : Hisar Date : 29th May, 2024

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

PICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No- 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005

of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of

powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
	Baljinder Singh/ Inderjeet Kaur/ LBCHD00005692560/ LBPAT00006016180	Plot No. 38, Measuring 0 Kanal 4-96/100 Marla Out of Which Land Measuring 0 Kanal 4-30/100 Marla Being 1/172 Share of Land Measuring 37 Kanal 0 Marla Comprised in Khewat Khatoni No. 929/1235, Khasra No. 78//11(2-13), 1/2(5-7), 2(6-0), 11(5-0), 26(2-0), 79//5(8-0), 6(8-0), and Land Measuring 0 Kanal 0-2/3 Marla Being 1/240 Share of Land Measuring 8 Kanal 0 Marla Comprised in Khewat Khatoni No. 930/1236, Khasra No. 78//10(8-0), Jamabandi Year 2018-2019, Hadbasat No. 103, Situated at Khushawant Enclave, Bassi Pathana, Tehsil Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab-140412/ May 29, 2024	January 12, 2024 Rs. 23,58,657/-	Fatehgarh Sahib

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

Date: June 01, 2024

undersigned. After the expiry of the stipulated period of Fourteen days, no claim whatsoever shall be entertained. The detail of the property is as under: Detail of property. Property measuring 2 Kanal 15½ Marla i.e. 11/1/302 Share of land measuring 32 Kanal 11 Marla, comprised in Khasra No 227/12 min(07-01), 230 min (7-0), 240 min (6-19), 241/2 (17-14), Khewat No. 563/509, Khatuni No. 2511 as per jamabandi for the year 2021-22, Situated within the revenue limits of Patti Gill, Bathinda Tehsil & District Bathinda standing in the name of Swaran Kanta

Varsha Makkar W/o Sh. Puneet Makkar R/o H.No. 280, Amar Hospital, Subhash Nagar, Hisar declare that my documents and valuable securities (Sale Deed) 5226 Dt. 26.7.2021 has lost in Bank Colony, Hisar on 9.5.2024 and not found after

Bank of India Launches 666 Days - Fixed Deposit with High Return

Giriraj Weekly and Directorate of I&PR.

Chandigarh: Bank of India, one of the leading public sector banks in India, has launched its "666 Days - Fixed Deposit" which offers very attractive returns on deposits as high as 7.95% p.a. for Super Senior Citizens for 666 Days for deposit amount of less than Rs.2.00 Crs. Customers & general public can take advantage of this unique investment opportunity by opening "666 Days Fixed Deposit" which offers one of the highest return on Fixed Deposits, reinforcing the bank's commitment to deliver superior financial products. On this "666 Days - Fixed Deposit", Senior Citizen will get 7.80% p.a. & other will get 7.30% p.a. The revised interest rates are applicable for domestic, NRO and NRE Rupee Term deposits which is made effective from 01.06.2024. Loan against Fixed Deposit and Premature Withdrawal facility is available. Customers can visit any Bank of India branch or use the BOI Omni Neo App / internet banking to open 666 Days

BBMB Organizes Extensive Activities Under

Chandigarh: Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB)

successfully organized a series of activities as part of

SwachhtaPakhwada from 16th May to 31st May 2024. The

initiative aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene across all

BBMB project stations, offices, residential complexes and rest

houses through mass awareness campaigns and cleanliness

drives. These efforts extended to various markets and religious

places, ensuring widespread community engagement. Key

activities included enlightening lectures, seminars, and

competitions designed to promote the essence of cleanliness.

Additionally, a Nukkad Natak was organized in Nangal

featuring BBMB employees, nursing staff from BBMB

Hospital and school students who collectively spread awareness

Himachal I&PR department bids farewell to

Shimla: Geeta Thakur, Information Officer posted at

Directorate of Information and Public Relations retired today

from Government service. A function was organised at the

Directorate to bid farewell to her which was presided over by

Director, Information and Public Relations, Rajiv Kumar. He

honoured Geeta Thakur for working with utmost dedication

and devotion during her long service period spanning more than

39 years. He wished her good health and joyful retired life

ahead, Joint Director Mahesh Pathania also praised Geeta

Thakur's significant contributions to the department. She began

her career as a Clerk in 1984 and rose through the ranks to

become an Information Officer. She served as an Assistant

Public Relations Officer (APRO) in the District Public

Relations Office, Shimla besides working in the Office of

Information Officer Geeta Thakur

Swachhta Pakhwada

about the importance of cleanliness.

Chandigarh Design School announces Summer **Bootcamps for Students and Professionals**

Chandigarh: Chandigarh Design School has come up with a 2week Summer Camp and a 4-week UIUX Bootcamp for the students, professionals and entrepreneurs. The bootcamp starts from 3 June. These bootcamps are useful for freshers wanting a look into the field, as well as professionals wanting a refresher. In these Bootcamps, the focus would be to understand the complete international acceptable practice, process and techniques of brainstorming, ideation, and design. Also the focus would be on the pitfalls that stop India from becoming an Innovation (Innovation Nation)! The bootcamps would be mentored by India's Industrial Design Technology Expert for Worldskills, Vineet Raj Kapoor along with other Experts.

Novel Bunch in Association with Chandigarh Club, Organises Voter Awareness Program Chandigarh: Novel Bunch and Chandigarh Club Ltd. Jointly

organised a Voter awareness program at Chandigarh Club Prominent people representing different strata of society came together on one platform and spoke about the need to exercise this very important responsibility bestowed upon the citizens of India. The event 'Your Voice Your Vote' was organised by an organisation called Novel Bunch in association with Chandigarh Club. Initiating the dialogue, well known advocate and PIL activist Ajay Jagga said that even one vote could make a huge difference in the life of a nation. Speakers like Vivek Attray, prominent motivational speaker and author, Dr. H. K. Bali renowned cardiologist, Harsimram Oberoi, film actress, Dr. Roma Uppal, retired professor, Aprajita Sharma, pageant founder and catwalk mentor, Manraj, student and first time voter and Col. Ashish Bedi, army veteran, spoke eloquently about the importance of voting.

Trident Stallions announced their team for PCA Sher-E-Punjab T20

Semi-finalists of Season-1 are well poised for Season-2 IPL star Nehal Wadhera will take over the captaincy, Ramandeep Singh will support him, Baltej and Gurnoor Brar are

Chandigarh: Stallions, Team owned by Trident Group announced players list for muchanticipated Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cup that is back with its 2nd season and set to captivate cricket fans from June 10th to

also among the star players of the team.

Trident



tournament promises thrilling action. In a grand unveiling, the Trident Stallion cricket team, owned by the illustrious Shri Rajinder Gupta Padma Shree, announced its formidable lineup boasting a blend of seasoned veterans and promising young talent for the Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cup 2024. Trident Stallions, who made it to the semi-finals of Season-1, is optimistic to lift the trophy this time under the captaincy of IPL star Nehal Wadhera

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

High and dry

The Delhi Govt is out to fine people wasting water. But is it doing enough at its own end?

ummers in Delhi are particularly harsh due to the combination of extremely high temperatures, hovering around 50 degrees Celsius, and frequent heatwaves that exacerbate the already intense heat. Compounding these problems is the deficiency in civic services, which leaves the residents high and dry. The city's urban heat island effect, where concrete retains and radiates heat, makes the environment significantly hotter. The rural areas in the hinterland, particularly those towards the west, bear the brunt of hot westerlies coming in from the Rajasthan desert. During this season, water shortage becomes a critical issue as demand peaks while supply dwindles, making it difficult for the residents to stay hydrated. Additionally, the high demand for electricity to run air conditioners, coolers and fans often overwhelms the power grid, resulting in frequent power cuts, thus increasing health risks. Summer also brings poor air quality due to dust storms and increased vehicular emissions which, when combined with the



heat, can lead to respiratory problems and other health issues. There are several reasons for Delhi's woes. Though nothing much can be done about the fire raining from the skies, the management of resources such as electricity and water can be done in a better manner. Every year, the Delhi Government blames Haryana for not releasing its share of water, but no one wants to find a long-term solution. Besides, many parts of Delhi, especially East Delhi, lack sufficient green spaces, which are essential for providing shade and cooling the environment. It is a sad commentary on Delhi Government that more than 22 per cent water bodies of Delhi have been stolen.

Earlier records suggest that Delhi had over 1,000 water bodies which served as buffers and provided water and coolness. To address this issue, the Delhi Government has announced a fine of Rs 2,000 on those found guilty of wasting water. So, in a way, the city Government is putting the onus for water scarcity only on its people. Home to over 20 million people, Delhi is experiencing unprecedented water shortages. The rising temperatures have led to increased water consumption, putting immense pressure on the already strained water supply system. Residents are facing erratic water supplies, with many neighbourhoods receiving water only a few hours each day. The fine targets a range of activities considered wasteful, including washing cars with hosepipes, watering gardens excessively and leaving taps open. While the intention is commendable, several factors question its practicality and effectiveness. How will the Government find the culprits and who will define water wastage? Besides, the Government is being harsh on people who are already braving the heat despite electricity and water scarcity. Instead, the Government could have issued a warning for wasting water and arranged for water tankers in areas badly hit by water scarcity. For now, only the weather gods can save the Capital.



Children of a school offer prayers during a "havan" for relief from the heatwave, in Jamm

India and Bangladesh: A tale of two books



Two recently published books provide in-depth examinations of pivotal South Asian political landscapes

have just finished a book pertaining to election-related data in India and another to Bangladesh and its ties with this country. Chambers Book on Indian Election: Facts (Hachette, India) authored by Kingshuk Chatterjee and Surbek Biswas, an academic and a senior journalist respectively, goes beyond statistics. Figures are integrated into a narrative that encompasses the country's political and electoral journey since the time of the British Raj and the elections held during it. Post-Independence, it dwells on the functioning of institutions like the Parliament, State legislatures and the judiciary, placing figures in context of an unfolding account of electoral battles, their results and the underlying political currents running throughout the country. It is a heaven-sent for not only scribes but political party functionaries, activists, poll-forecasters, to name a few, who scramble for data with the advent of elections, and, of course, scholars and researchers, hunting for information at all times for doctoral theses or other projects.

Interspersed with the narrative are interesting pieces of not generally remembered information, such as Gian Singh Rarewala being the first non-Congress chief minister of any state in India. He became chief minister of Patiala and East Punjab States Union (PEPSU) at the head of a United Front Government on April 22, 1952. It is a book worth keeping on the

Transformation, Emergence of Bangladesh and Evolution of India-Bangladesh (Knowledge World and Indian Council of World Affairs), is by a distinguished former officer of the Indian Foreign Service, Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty. It traverses a long time-span from the pre-historic period to the present. While providing an illuminating account of the historical circumstances shaping Bangladesh's emergence and cultural, religious, social and political ethos, the narrative contains several ivoidable errors. For example Chakravarty says that Siraj-U-Doula (the last independent nawab of Bengal) was tortured and brutally killed in prison by ical administration and engi-



"The Hindu College in Calcutta came up in 1817 CE and the Serampore College in 1819 CE. The Serampore missionaries also introduced Bengali periodicals and newspapers like 'Deek Darshan' and 'Samachar Darpan', which were vehicles for campaigning against 'Sati'. The Bengali 'Bhadralok' class was created with such activities.'

The emergence of the Bhadralok was a much more complex phenomenon. In Elite Conflict in a Plural Society: Twentieth Century Bengal, J.H. Broomfield has described the Bhadralok as "A socially privileged and consciously superior group, economically dependent on landed rents and professional and clerical employment." The factors contributing most to their rise were the Permanent Settlement (1793), which created a class of zamindars and rentiers, the spread of English education, the expansion of British administration which created opportunities for Indians in the bureaucracy and the establishment of a juridical system, networks of med-



ITS STUMBLES

NOTWITHSTANDING, THE BOOK PROVIDES MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION AND INSIGHTS INTO THE **EMERGENCE OF BANGLADESH AND** THE EVOLUTION OF INDIA-BANGLADESH **RELATIONS WITH** THEIR STORMY AND SUNNY INTERLUDES

neering services, which led to the rise of the professions. All this deserves mention because Muslim Bhadralok, emerging in the wake of their Hindu predecessors, played an important role in Bangladesh's liberation struggle and its post-independence politics. While the two leading political parties, Awami League (AL) and Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), are led by Sheikh Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia, both Bhadramahilas (women Bhadralok), the leaders of the organisational layers below

them are mainly Muslim

Bhadralok.

Its stumbles notwithstanding, the book provides much useful information and insights into the emergence of Bangladesh and the evolution of India-Bangladesh relations with their stormy and sunny interludes. It also provides an exhaustive account of Bangladesh's increasingly contentious internal politics. The book's narrative ends before elections to the country's National Parliament on January 7, 2024, which were boycotted by the BNP and which the AL won securing 224 out of the 300 seats in con-

Sneikn Hasina, nowever, nas to grapple with the adverse economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine War and the increasing spread

of fundamentalist Islam in Bangladesh. The first has led to discontent against her Government. The second, which threatens the secularism embedded in Bangladesh's constitution, led to the rise of terrorist outfits resorting to violent acts, the most outrageous of which was the attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery, a restaurant in a posh Dhaka neighbourhood, in which 20 persons, including an Indian, were killed, on July 1, 2016. Sheikh Hasina has squelched the terrorist outfits but has to deal with kid gloves organisations like Hefazat-e-Islam

preaching fundamentalist

Īslam.

Her ascent to power for the second time as prime minister in 2009, initiated a continuing friendly chapter in India-Bangladesh relations. Nevertheless, pressures on both countries are many and neither can take things for granted. Chakravarty's narrative is enriched by his ringside view of events both as India's Deputy High Commissioner (1999-2002) and High Commissioner (2007-09) to Bangladesh. His book needs to be read, over and over again, by all those interested in India-Bangladesh ties which, in turn, nave an important bearing or South Asian geo-politics.
(The author is Consulting

Editor, The Pioneer. The views expressed are personal)

THE EDITOR

Economic growth raises sustainability concerns



As Indians embrace a culture of 'wants' over 'needs,' there's a growing urgency to address the unsustainable patterns of consumption

ver time, India has shown remarkable progress in GDP growth rates. It currently ranks fifth surpassing the United Kingdom in 2022 and with its promising performance, is expected to overtake Japan by 2025.

Amidst the celebration of becoming the fourth largest economy, a worrisome aspect is the rising consumption level of the huge population and its alarming impact on sustainability. Consumption is the driving force behind prospering economic growth. It has a multiplier effect as investors respond to positive consumption by increasing production and hiring more workers, who in turn, spend more, further boosting economic activity.

Consumerism is dominating the world and India is no exception indeed. The estimates of average Monthly per capita consumer expenditure (MPCE) according to the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey, 2022-23 reveal a 33.5 per cent increase by urban households since 2011-12, reaching ?3,510, while rural India's MPCE increased by 40.42 includes pollution, deforesta-



per cent to ?2,008. India's consumption story reminds us of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, a psychological theory proposed by Abraham Maslow (1943), wherein there is a transition from psychological needs comprising necessities to security to esteem and self-actualisation needs. A noteworthy phenomenon of this shift from 'needs to wants' is the unlimited nature of the latter and the subsequent and alarming wastage of resources.

High consumption can have alarming repercussions on sustainability and long-term economic and social welfare. Foremost, it leads to resource depletion, which may be nonrenewable and therefore irreversible, causing scarcity, higher costs and potential financial instability. Environmental degradation is another externality of excessive consumption which

tion, biodiversity loss and waste production. According to the Central Pollution Control Board, 2020-21 Annual Report, the total quantity of Solid waste generated in the country is 160038.9 tonnes per day (TPD), out of which 79956.3 TPD (50 per cent) of waste is treated and 29427.2 (18.4 per cent) TPD is landfilled. 50655.4 TPD which is 31.7 per cent of the total waste generated remains ironically unaccounted for. Besides, high consumption also leads to increasing use of fossil fuels and products with large carbon footprints, signifi-cantly contributing to climate change.

Given large income disparities in India, even the benefits of high consumption are not evenly distributed. While some people and regions may experience significant economic growth, others may be left behind, exacerbating further economic inequality.

While at one end consumption is essential for economic growth, at the same time it is threatening long-term sustainability. To ensure that high consumption contributes to sustainable economic growth, we need to encourage consumption patterns that are environmentally friendly and socially responsible. This can be achieved through rampant education, incentives and regulations.

We need to radically work towards investing in renewable resources to reduce the environmental impact of high consumption. Government needs to implement policies and regulations that encourage sustainable practices and mitigate the negative impacts of high consumption. This includes environmental regulations, carbon pricing and incentives for green technologies. We also need to develop diverse economic activities that do not solely rely on high consump-

tion levels By sensibly managing consumption and prioritizing sustainability, it is possible to achieve economic growth that benefits society while preserving the environment for future generations.

(The author is assistant professor at Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi; views are personal)

TRAGIC BUS ACCIDENT IN JAMMU

Madam — Apropos the news story "21 killed, 47 injured as bus falls into gorge in Jammu," published on May 30, this is my response. Reading about the tragic bus accident in Jammu, where 21 lives were lost and 47 people were injured, is truly heartbreaking. The accident occurred when a bus carrying pilgrims skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge, highlighting once again the perils of road travel in treacherous terrains. The grief expressed by Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha resonates with the deep sorrow felt

The details are chilling: a failed negotiation of a blind curve, an oncoming speeding car and a catastrophic fall of 150 feet into the gorge. The prompt response by the rescue teams and the efforts to provide immediate medical assistance to the injured are commendable, yet the loss remains profound. This incident underscores the urgent need for enhanced road safety measures and stricter regulations to prevent such heartbreaking occurrences in the future. My thoughts and prayers go out to the affected families. **Arjun Desai** | Chandigarh

RBI DIVIDEND BOOSTS GDP

Madam — Apropos the news story "Record RBI dividend at 0.6 per cent of GDP may not be sustained Fitch," published on May 28, this is my response. The above alluring cum enticing and burning news from the stable of RBI that the same has declared record-high supernormal dividend growth by the central bank is simply a win-win situation for both duo viz. Apex Bank of India and the Government of India. Furthermore, the same news by the US (United States) credit rating agency cum giant Fitch Ratings Inc. will give a nitro boost to the economic growth GDP (gross domestic product) of our country. Furthermore, the above-mentioned spectacular news is a source of pride for the RBI, a bourse

country Government and its citizens.

Delhi's water crisis worsens



water in several areas as Delhi grapples with a severe shortage," published on May 30, this is my response. The water crisis in Delhi has reached alarming levels, with residents in areas like Chanakyapuri struggling to secure necessities. Despite Government measures to curb water use, such as banning potable water

for car washing, the situation remains dire. The sight of people scrambling with empty buckets and climbing atop water tankers underscores

the desperation. Deepak Srivastava and Janki, long-term residents, express frustration over the lack of consistent water supply, blaming political parties for neglecting basic needs in favour of electoral gains. The severe heatwave exacerbates the issue, with temperatures nearing 50 degrees Celsius. The Delhi Government's emergency actions, including inspections at car service centres, offer some hope, but the fundamental problem persists. Videos of the crisis shared on social media highlight the stark reality: in 2024, in India's capital, access to water will remain a daily battle for many. This calls for urgent, sustainable solutions from both local and national authorities

Vihaan Verma | Jaipur

Additionally, the above awesome cum uber-cool news has become a burning topic among both the masses and classes. Moreover, from now on, after enjoying the windfall dividend of the central bank, the Government of India will keep a close tab on RBI stock. Additionally, after giving oh-so-uber cum oh-so-uber supernormal dividend growth, the RBI will again work day and night to deliver more and more windfall dividends to the Government of India. Additionally, the above news has received a red-carpet welcome from both print media and electronic media.

Harminder | *Lucknow*

PRAGGNANANDHAA'S TRIUMPH Madam — Apropos the news story "Norway chess: Praggnanandhaa claims maiden classical win over Carlsen, takes sole lead," published on May 30, this is my response. Reading about Indian

Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa's remarkable victory over world number one Magnus Carlsen in the Classical format is truly thrilling.

This win is particularly significant because it marks the first time Praggnanandhaa has defeated Carlsen in this format, after several previous encounters in faster game versions. At just 18 years old, his achievement underscores his incredible talent and positions him as a leading contender in the Norway chess tournament, ahead of seasoned players like Fabiano Caruana and reigning world champion Ding

Praggnanandhaa's strategic play, especially using the less-favoured Sicilian Kann opening, demonstrates his deep understanding and innovative approach to the game. Meanwhile, the women's section also showcases the prowess of Praggnanandhaa's sister, R Vaishali, who leads her group. This family of chess prodigies is making significant waves in the chess world, promising an exciting future for Indian chess.

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WITNESSING THE **DIVINE PRESENCE**

There are multiple instances where the Supreme manifests itself



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

was watching 'pran pratistha' of Lord Rama's Deity in the new temple constructed at the birthplace of the Lord. As the ceremony progressed, I began to notice subtle changes in the Lord's expression; He was coming alive. I was amazed, but I couldn't fail to notice the change as it happened. My experience was corroborated by the sculptor, who made this idol. He admitted that what he had sculpted was a lot different, meaning that the expression he had given was quite sober. By the way, pran pratistha is a transformative act of bringing the idol to life. This manifestation is nothing amazing. God appears even in person. The following five true life stories will exemplify this. The first one chosen is when Lord Krishna appeared as Draupadi was being attempted to be disrobed in the royal court of Dhrtarashtra. Draupadi in desperation prayed for help by chanting — "Krishna, Krishna, Krishna". The Lord appeared and provided endless sarees to save Draupadi from humiliation.

The second incident chosen is when Surdasa falls into a ditch, him being blind. He attempted to get out but failed. He called for help, but no one came. The place was deserted. His worshipable Lord knew that His true devotee needed help. He came and saw Surdasa sitting down and singing bhajan completely oblivious of the sorry situation he was in. Lord asked him, "Why are you not trying to get out?" Surdasa replied, "I did and failed. I realised that only you could help me." The Lord gave Surdasa His hand and helped him to come out. There is a famous bhajan when Surdasa implores the Lord not to leave him.



The third incident happened a few years back. A close relative of mine was sitting in a temple near her home deeply engrossed in thought. A babaji appeared in front of her. He spoke to her, "You are greatly troubled by the behaviour of your in-laws. Don't worry. You will suffer a certain disease, he named it, due to the stress caused by it. But it will be cured; will not make you suffer much. Before this relative could react, this person had gone away. That disease did trouble her but came under control soon. This relative is a sincere devotee of God.

The fourth example is related to a friend of mine. He is a staunch devotee of God. Over the last five decades, he has made enormous spiritual progress. He is in his late nineties and still going strong. His wife passed away recently after a brief illness. He tried to prevent it by chanting a mantra. He also hoped that she would get an excellent birth next time. As he was overdoing it, God arranged for an aged lady to come to his house. She informed him that his wife would pass away on the fifteenth day. He was shocked. By the time he gathered his wits, she was gone. Was she God Himself or a person chosen by God? The last example is of an American. He had become very rich, but he was neither peaceful nor happy. Intrigued, he had to find the reason. Was material wealth not the solution to all our problems and he had plenty of it? He started visiting various churches but got no satisfactory answer. Disappointed, he decided to come to India - the spiritual capital of the world. Same result here also with bogus gurus trying to manipulate him. Highly frustrated, he was sitting down on a bench on the bank of the Ganges in Haridwar. He was in deep thought when someone tapped him on his shoulder. He opened his eyes and saw a saintly person standing in front of him. He said, "Don't be so sad. Take shelter of God. And the best way is to fol-(The writer is a spiritual guide; views are personal)

Recycle nutrients to mitigate fertiliser crisis



Many elements crucial for life on Earth are depleting rapidly due to disrupted biogeochemical cycles caused by human activities

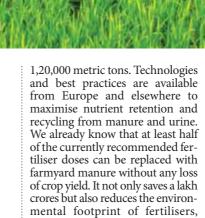
other essential elements that sustain life on Earth are also crossing the planetary boundaries of sustainability, as their natural 'biogeochemical' cycles are broken by human activities. For about ten thousand years before the 'green' revolution, farmers grew crops without fertilisers by combining legume-based crop rotations and livestock farming. Legume crops and some soil microbes fixed atmospheric nitrogen, while livestock manure and urine enriched the soil with nutrients such as compounds of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), sulfur (S), carbon (C) and even micronutrients. But modern cropping in India shifted away from legume-based crop rotations and relies heavily on NPK fertilisers rather than manures, costing the Indian govt over Rs. 2 lakh crores per year in subsidy. As livestock farming moved away from

crops and intensified as peri-urban dairies, manure and urine mostly find their way to our ground and surface water bodies. The release of untreated dairy or domestic and other wastes has reduced the Sahibi River in New Delhi to a wastewater drain (Nazafgarh drain), which along with the Shahdara drain heavily pollutes the river Yamuna, apart from releasing noxious gases into the air.

The nutrient cycles have thus become cascades causing nutrient pollution, but the good news is that some pollutants are nutrients in the wrong place and can be brought back. Unfortunately, less than 30 per cent of the fertiliser nutrients supplied as fertilizers are harvested as crop yield and the remaining add to the growing pollution. In water bodies, the accumulation of these nutrients supports unwanted algal growth causing eutrophication and death of fish and other useful aquatic and marine species. This destroys the ecosystem and the livelihoods of people who depend on fishing, tourism and other ecosystem services. In our coastal areas, algal eutrophication progressively causes green tides, brown and eventually red tides and even the accumulation of poisonous species. The reversal of these trends can rebuild water economies and support the livelihoods of millions.

Nitrogenous compounds from fertilisers, manures, urine and sewage also cause air pollution as ammonia or nitrous oxide. Ammonia contributes heavily to particulate matter pollution (PM2.5 and PM5) by combining with NOx gases (nitrogen diox ide and nitric oxide) emitted from fuel or residue burning for power, transport industry, or waste disposal. Over a million deaths per year are attributed to PM2.5 alone in Îndia, while some attribute up to 7 per cent of all deaths to PM2.5, as India has the largest number of the world's most polluted cities in terms of PM2.5. These figures call for drastic measures to control air pollution in general and PM2.5 in particular, but it needs not only curbing pollution from fuel burning but also restoring the nutrient cycles in agriculture and waste manage-

While a fraction of livestock manure is recyper cent of nutrients lost from 15-20 litres of cattle urine per animal per day totalling



manures and agriculture itself.

Similarly, over 55,000 metric tonnes of nutrients equivalent to 40 per cent of our fertiliser consumption are lost daily from over 150 billion litres of wastewater produced per day in India. This is because of our abysmally low wastewater treatment capacity of about 27 per cent. Most sewage treatment plants (STPs) exist only in the cities and only a few of them work. Fortunately, some metropolitan cities like Delhi and Hyderabad are rapidly expanding their STP capacity to become 100 per cent wastewater treatment capable in a year or two and some other big cities in India are following suit. However, they vary in their efficiency of nutrient removal, which must be addressed immediately to ensure that the purpose of treatment is fully realised and that the treatment plants become resource plants by selling the recovered nutrients.

There is a growing emphasis worldwide on preventing the wastage of nutrients and recycling them. The most notable among them is Target 7 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity at its 15th Conference of Parties in 2022: It seeks to "Reduce pollution risks and the negative impact of pollution from all sources by 2030, to

In Europe, where extensive recycling

of livestock manure and urine is already in practice, the new buzzword is the so-called RENURE (recovery of nitrogen from manure) policy of the European Commission (2024). As such proposals are debated to ensure that they contribute to overall sustainability objectives in the European context, it is important to note the policy attention that the recovery and recycling of nutrients has garnered. In the meantime, a Swedish fertiliser company, Ragn-Sells, has patented a process to recover nutrients from wastewater and convert them into industrygrade fertilisers and spun off a company easymining.se to launch it in Europe within a year. If India can set up such units attached to our STPs, they can hugely reduce the

generate green jobs.
Delhi alone produces about 3330
Million Litres per Day (MLD) of wastewater, far over the installed and operational treatment capacities of the city's 38 STPs (CPCB, 2021). The Delhi Government has set its target to achieve 100 per cent wastewater treatment by 2025 and increase the reuse of treated wastewater from 12.5 per cent to 60 per cent with the proposed utilisation of 197 MGD, 112 MGD and 10 MGD treated sewage for drinking purposes, irrigation and rejuvenation of water bodies respectively (CPCB, 2021). We conducted some studies on the wastewater nutrients and their recovery/recycling potential in several STPs of the national capital, aided by the University's memorandum of understanding with the

economic and environmental costs

of earlier fertiliser technologies,

Delhi Jal Board. They were funded by the UN nitrogenous nutrients. Except for the Akshardham STP, which operated at the higher end of the range, most of the other STPs we studied were closer to the lower end of the range, indicating the huge scope to improve nutrient recovery. A similar study will be undertaken in Hyderabad soon, in association with agricultural scientists who will also test the crop performance and estimate the amount of commercial fertiliser that can be saved by recycling nutrients recovered from wastewater.

Such efforts will hugely improve the quality of treated water for various uses and also relieve the water crisis looming over India's metropolitan cities. In Delhi, the nutrient-depleted water is also critical to expediting the rejuvenation of the water bodies of Delhi, as the quality of treated water currently used is not good enough to revive the heavily eutrophicated water bodies.

As for the recycling of nutrients removed from wastewater, currently, there are huge piles of nutrientrich sludge in the backyard of every working STP. They need to be developed and marketed as alternatives to fertiliser by building necessary market linkages and supply chains as needed.

This is already happening to some extent in Hyderabad but needs to be scaled up further to clear the inventory. An important task is to find ways to pre-process the sludge to minimise the heavy metals, plastics and other undesirables we found coexisting with nutrients in the sludge in Delhi. Overall, on a national scale, if we recover and recycle the 84 per cent of nutrients lost in wastewater for agriculture, up to forty per cent of our national fertiliser consumption can be saved. In economic terms, these savings are equivalent to the entire R&D budget of the Government of India.

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Haryana is driving towards progress and prosperity

Haryana is emerging as a beacon of economic prosperity and social development, embodying the vision of 'Viksit Haryana for Viksit Bharat'

courage and strength. Modi, who has savoured Haryana's spirit, has led with vigour for ten years. Seeing Rafale jets soar in Ambala skies today is a proud moment for all of us, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently said at the major rallies in Ambala and Sonipat, highlighting the opposition's deceitful intentions and reaffirming the BJP's dedication to Haryana's development. In his second mega rally in Sonipat, Modi shed light on the Congress party's past mis-deeds and their desperate

attempts to regain power. In another incident earlier this month, Haryana stood on the cusp of an emotional milestone. In a display of unprecedented support and



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enthusiasm, former Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar, led a mega rally at Ganaur, Sonipat, endorsing Lok Sabha candidate Mohan Lal Badoli. The event, attended by over 15,000 fervent supporters, marked a significant moment in Haryana's political landscape. Manohar, renowned for his progressive policies and transformative governance, was warmly received by the crowd, the staunch resolve of

ed admiration and trust he commands among the populace. His rally served as a testament to the enduring popularity of Manohar's leadership and the impactful strides taken by the 'double engine Government' in the State.

The Modi-Manohar effect has been instrumental in spearheading numerous initiatives aimed at propelling Haryana towards economic prosperity and social development. Under their stewardship, Haryana has emerged as a magnet for investments and a hub of opportunities, embodying the vision of Viksit Haryana for Viksit Bharat'. The rally, infused with patriotic fervour and untiring support, emphasised

underscoring the deep-root- Haryana's electorate to chart a path towards progress and prosperity. As the political landscape evolves, Manohar's rally stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of visionary leadership and the collective determination to realise a brighter future for Haryana and the nation at large. From bolstering transparen-

cy in Government job recruitments to empowering the youth through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam, the State has witnessed a paradigm shift under the astute leadership of Manohar Lal Khattar. The establishment of all-women police stations, initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and a surge in infrastructure projects underscore the Government's untiring commitment to holistic

development. Haryana's rise of medical universities and as an investment destination is nothing short of spectacular, with exports soaring and MSMEs mushrooming across the State. In the textile and apparel sector, Haryana's prowess shines through, with a significant contribution to India's exports. With over 35 per cent of carpets and 20 per cent of garments manufactured in the State, Haryana is strategic alignment with national initiatives like the PM Gati Shakti Yojana and the establishment of industrial parks exemplify Haryana's proactive approach towards economic prosperity. The State's healthcare infrastructure has received a significant boost, with the establishment efited over 20 lakh farmers in the PM Vishwakarma Yojana

skill development centres catering to the evolving needs of the populace.

The number of medical colleges has surged from 6 in 2014 to 15 and the number of MBBS seats has increased from 700 to 2185. Moreover, the number of PG seats in medical colleges has grown from 289 to 1006.

The State has further cementing its position as a enhanced nutritional outtextile powerhouse. The comes for children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers through the POSHAN Abhiyan.

In agriculture, schemes like PM-KISAN and PM Fasal Bima Yojana have provided a safety net for farmers, ensuring their livelihood security. Today, PM-KISAN has ben-

the State with assistance of over Rs. 5,000 crore. Haryana plays a pivotal role in India's journey towards becoming a global nutrition hub. There are ambitious plans that include promoting the State's coarse grains like jowar and millet on the international stage, the implementation of the world's largest warehouse project and the creation of specialised clusters over the next 5 years. Also, there are plans for a revolutionary drone initiative in farming, empowering mothers and sisters with drone pilot training to harness the latest technology in agriculture. Cultural preservation and

promotion have been integral to Haryana's development narrative, with initiatives like fostering artisanal traditions and 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' fostering cultural exchange. The State's rich heritage is being showcased through initiatives like the Anubhav Kendra Jyotisar and the development of archaeological sites like Rakhi Garhi. The 'double engine Government' has proven instrumental in leveraging resources for comprehensive growth, be it in agriculture, infrastructure, or education. Prime Minister Modi emphasised, The dawn of a new era, led by visionary leadership and fueled by the aspirations of its people, promises a brighter tomorrow for the State and the nation at large.

(The writer is a Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; views are personal)

Trump first ex-prez convicted of felony 16 killed, 35 wounded in

set out to prove that Trump had

falsified records when he repaid

his former lawyer Michael

Cohen for a hush-money pay-

They said he had recorded the

reimbursements as legal expens-

es to circumvent campaign

finance laws. Todd Blanche,

Trump's lead lawyer, told Justice

Juan Merchan that the court

should not allow the verdict.

arguing that Cohen committed

The Trump team's motion to

acquit, however, was denied by

The Biden Harris campaign wel-

comed the jury's verdict. "In New

York today, we saw that no one

is above the law," said Biden-Harris 2024 Communications

takenly believed he would never

face consequences for breaking

the law for his gain. But today's

verdict does not change the fact

that the American people face a

There is still only one way to

keep Donald Trump out of the

Oval Office: at the ballot box.

Convicted felon or not, Trump

will be the Republican nominee

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Hasen - one of the country's

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HUSH MONEY TRIAL



AP WASHINGTON

Donald Trump has been found guilty of all 34 charges of falsifying business records by a grand jury in New York, an unprecedented and historic verdict that makes him the first former president in American history to be convicted of a felony. as he makes a bid to return to the White House in November.

In a landmark verdict, a panel of 12 Manhattan jurors on Thursday said they unanimously agreed that Trump, 77, falsified business records to conceal a USD 130,000 hush money payment to adult film star Stormy Daniels to influence the 2016 presidential election.

It will ultimately be up to vot

ers on November 5 to decide the significance of the guilty verdict delivered by 12 ordinary New Yorkers, which, on a legal basis, does not prevent him from being elected president again. Over a six-week trial, the court heard from 22 witnesses, including Daniels, whose alleged sexual encounter with the former

As the verdicts were read, Trump remained silent and still. But the former president spoke to reporters outside the courtroom, calling the trial a "rigged, disgraceful trial" and saying that the real verdict" will be rendered on

president was at the centre of the

Election Day Prosecutors had argued that, by approving a scheme to disguise the money as legal expenses,

Trump broke election law. Trump's sentencing is scheduled for July 11, four days before the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he will be formally nominated as the party's presidential candidate against incumbent Joe Biden, an 81year-old Democrat, in the elec-

For now, Trump has been released without having to pay 'This was a disgrace. This was a

rigged trial by a conflicted judge who was corrupt. It's a rigged trial, a disgrace. They wouldn't give us a venue change. We were at 5 per cent or 6 per cent in this district, in this area. This was a rigged, disgraceful trial," said Trump shortly after the verdict was read. "The real verdict is going to be November 5th by the people. And they know what happened here, and everybody knows what happened here. You have a Soros-backed DA, and the whole thing, we didn't do a thing wrong. I'm a very innocent man, and it's okay, I'm fighting for our country. I'm fighting for our Constitution. Our whole country is being rigged right now," Trump said

Trump alleged that this was done by the Biden administration to wound or hurt a political opponent.

No former president or presumptive party nominee in the US has ever faced a felony con-

viction. During the trial, the prosecution office. **Republicans rally** behind Trump to his defence after felony verdict

Republicans rallied behind former US president Donald Trump who on Thursday was convicted of a felony as a grand jury in New York found him guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records.

This made him the first for-mer president to be convicted of a felony.

The jury found that the 77presumptive vear-old Republican presidential candidate, falsified the records in a scheme to influence his 2016 presidential election through hush money payments to a porn actor who had said she had sex with Trump.

Cutting across internal party divisions, the Republicans rallied around Trump as the jurors unanimously reached a verdict in the hush money criminal case. "This will backfire," said Indian-American Vivek Ramaswamy, who over the past few months has emerged as a close aide

and confidant of Trump. The prosecutor is a politician who promised to nail Trump. The judge's daughter is a Democrat operative who literally *raised dollars from the trial* while her father presided over it. The jury instructions said they didn't have to agree on the crime to convict," he said. "Dems could have saved a lot of time by announcing the verdict first, and then having the trial," said former Indian-American Governor Bobby Jindal from Louisiana. "Pretty neat trick that the same Dem DA who makes violent felonies disappear conjured up these felonies," he said. House Speaker Mike Johnson described it as a shameful day in American history.

"Democrats cheered as they convicted the leader of the opposing party on ridiculous charges, predicated on the testimony of a disbarred, convicted felon," he said.

"This was a purely political exercise, not a legal one. The weaponisation of our justice system has been a hallmark of the Biden administration, and the decision today is further evidence that Democrats will stop at nothing to silence dissent and crush their political opponents," Johnson said.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise said extremist Democrats have undermined democracy by weaponising the courts to operate like a banana republic that targets their political opponents.

'Today's verdict is a defeat for Americans who believe in the critical legal tenet that justice is blind. It was clear from the start that Biden teamed up with heavily biased DA Alvin Bragg to go after his political opponent regardless of wrongdoing while hardened criminals are set free in New York to commit more violent crimes against innocent citizens," he said.He alleged that this is nothing more than an attempt to interfere with the 2024 election. "The radical Democrats behind this abuse of our justice system will not prevail. The voters will settle this on November 5th," he said.Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said the verdict represents the culmination of a legal process that has been bent to the political will of the actors involved: a leftist prosecutor, a partisan judge and a jury reflective of one of the most liberal enclaves in America — all in an effort to 'get' Donald Trump.

joint US-British airstrikes

Joint British-US airstrikes targeting Yemen's Houthi rebels killed at least 16 people and wounded 35 others, the rebels said Friday, the highest publicly acknowledged death toll by the rebels from the multiple rounds of strikes carried out over their attacks on shipping. Three US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe a then-ongoing attack, described the strikes Thursday as hitting a wide range of underground facilities, missile launchers, command and control sites, a Houthi vessel and other facilities.

They called it a response to a recent surge in attacks by the Iran-backed militia group on ships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden over the Israel-Hamas

The U.S. F/A-18 fighter jets involved in the strikes launched from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier in the Red Sea, officials said. Other US warships in the region also participated.

But the Houthis focused Friday morning on just one of the strikes, which they said struck a building housing Hodeida Radio and civilian homes in the port city on the Red Sea. Their Al Masirah satellite news channel aired images of one bloodied man being carried down stairs and others in the hospital, receiving aid.

The Houthis described all those killed and hurt in Hodeida as civilians, something The Associated Press could not immediately confirm. The rebel force that's held Yemen's capital, Sanaa, since 2014 includes fighters who often are not in uniform.

Other strikes hit outside of Sanaa near its airport and communication equipment in Taiz, the broadcaster said. Little other information was released on those sites — likely signaling that Houthi military sites had been struck.

"We confirm this brutal aggression against Yemen as punishment for its position in support of Gaza, in support of Israel to continue its crimes of genocide against the wounded, besieged and steadfast Gaza Strip," Houthi spokesman Mohammed Abdulsalam wrote on the social media platform X. In the United Kingdom, the country's Defense Ministry said Royal Air Force Typhoon FGR4s conducted strikes on both Hodeida and further south in Ghulayfiqah. It described its targets as "buildings identified as housing drone ground control facilities

and providing storage for very long range drones, as well as surface-to-air weapons."

The strikes were taken in self-defense in the face of an ongoing threat that the Houthis pose," British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said. "There's an ongoing threat that the Houthis

pose."
The Houthis have stepped up attacks on shipping in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, demanding that Israel end the war in Gaza, which has killed more than 36,000 Palestinians there. The war began after Hamas-led militants attacked Israel on October 7, killing about 1,200 people and taking around 250 hostage.

The Houthis have launched more than 50 attacks on shipping, killed three sailors, seized one vessel and sunk another since November, according to Maritime Administration. This week, they attacked a ship carrying grain to Iran, the rebels' main benefactor. On Wednesday, another US MQ-9 Reaper drone apparently crashed in Yemen, with the Houthis claiming they fired a surfaceto-air missile at it. The US Air Force didn't report any aircraft missing, leading to suspicion that the drone may have been piloted by the CIA.

Cop dies in ambush shooting that killed two others in US

Minneapolis (AP): A Minneapolis police officer who was killed Thursday had responded to a shooting call and was providing medical attention to a man when he was ambushed in a shooting that killed two other people including the suspected gunman, authorities said.

Minneapolis Officer Jamal Mitchell was trying to help an injured man when the man shot him, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Superintendent Drew Evans said.

The Minneapolis Police Department said the public was not in danger but encouraged people to stay away from the scene at a Minneapolis apartment complex in the south Minneapolis neighborhood of Whittier.

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association said a second officer was injured

were holding a late evening news conference to address the shooting. News footage showed a large police presence at both the apartment complex and the hospital. Melvin Carter, the mayor of neighboring St. Paul, said the city was sending police and other first responders to Minneapolis to provide support, including having officers help with security at the NBA playoff game between the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Dallas Mavericks. Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had responded to "an active shooting situation," said Ashlee Sherrill, a spokeswoman for the local field division.ATF agents were "there to help expedite the firearms investigation piece of it," she said.

while they were responding to the call. Police

S Africa heading for 'coalition country' As partial election results have ANC falling under 50%

AP JOHANNESBURG

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m closer}$ to the reality of a for the first time Friday as partial election results put the ruling African Nation Congress well short of a majority. With more than half of votes

counted across the country's nine provinces, the ANC had received just under 42% of the national vote, according to the early results as counting continued. That represented a huge drop from the 57.5% it received in the last national election in 2019, although the final results from Wednesday's election have not yet been declared

The commission that runs the election said those would be announced by Sunday, although they could come

The count from more than 12,000 of the 23,000 polling

stations raised the strong pos- 50% would be a momentous ing up to be the tipping point sibility that the ANC would change for Africa's most need a coalition partner to advanced economy. form a government and reelect The ANC's support has steadient Cyril Ramanhosa for a second and final term. The frenzied negotiations were likely set to start behind closed

The ANC was still leading the count and had the most votes by some way, as expected, with the main opposition Democratic Alliance on around 24%. The ANC is widely expected to still be the biggest party and to have the most seats in Parliament.

The ANC has had a clear majority for all 30 years of South Africa's democracy since the party swept to power in a 1994 election which officially ended the apartheid system of white minority rule, leading Nelson Mandela to become the country's first Black president. It has been the dominant political force and its slipping below

nearly 70% of the vote 20 years ago as South Africa grapples with deep socioeconomc problems, including widepread poverty and now one of the worst unemployment rates in the world at 32%. Poverty and unemployment disproportionately affect South Africa's Black majority that make up 80% of the population and were the core of the ANC's support over the years.

While the inequalities of apartheid were always going to be hard to solve, the ANC has also been blamed by many for failures in basic government services, numerous government corruption scandals and most recently an electricity crisis that led to rolling blackouts across the country of 62 million. This election is shapwhen more South Africans choose another party. A projection from a govern-

on vote returns, was estimating on Friday that the ANC would end up with just over 40%, a drop of around 17% percentage points, which would be a stunning result in the context of South Africa. The ANC has said little on its possible coalition partners despite the issue dominating South Africa's political analysis for months ahead of the election. The various parties

– South Africa has at least four that could be considered major parties — may now "be faced with a reality that they have to work together" to deal with the country's major challenges, said Joleen Steyn-Kotze, a senior research specialist on democracy at South Africa's Human Sciences Research

Top US, Chinese defense officials seek to restore communications as tensions rise in Indo-Pacific end talks are being held as Austin, who is due to address In his talks with Austin, Dong

Chinese counterpart for more petition for influence between talks, according to Pentagon countries seek to repair lines of communications between their militaries that could be critical as tensions continue to rise between the two in the Indo-Pacific region.

The meeting behind closed doors with Chinese Defense Minister Dong Jun was the first in person for the top defense officials since contacts between the American and Chinese militaries broke down in 2022 after then-U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, infuriating

Beijing. It took place on the sidelines of the Shangri-La defense forum, Asia's premier security conference, which features defense officials, government leaders and diplomats from around the world. The week-

ne United States and China in the Indo-Pacific region.

Beijing in recent years has been rapidly expanding its navy and is becoming growingly assertive in pressing its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, which has led to an increasing number of direct conflicts with other countries in the region, most ntably the Philippines and Vietnam. The US, meanwhile, has been ramping up military exercises in the region with its allies to underscore its "free and open Indo-Pacific" concept, meant to emphasize freedom of navigation through the contested waters, including the Taiwan Strait. China also claims the democratic selfgoverning island of Taiwan and has said it will not rule out using force to take it.

wars rage in Gaza and the conference on Saturday, Use Defense Secretary Lloyd Ukraine, and at a time of reiterated the American position to Dong during their medium-range missiles in the spokesperson Ryder.

The secretary made clear that the United States will continue to fly, sail, and operate — safely and responsibly wherever international law allows," Ryder said. "He underscored the importance of respect for high seas freedom of navigation guaranteed under international law, especially in the South China Sea. Since territorial hostilities with China surged last year in the South China Sea, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s administration has taken steps to forge new security alliances with a number of Asian and Western countries and allowed a US military presence in more Philippine bases under a 2014 defense accused the US of inflaming Philippines for the first time Philippines was provocative toward China by pressing its own South China Sea claims, Chinese Defense Ministry spokesperson Wu Qian told reporters after the meeting.Marcos opens this year's conference, hosted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, with a

keynote address Friday. This week, Marcos already expressed concerns over a new law issued by China giving its coast guard license to seize foreign ships "that illegally enter China's territorial waters" and to detain foreign crews for up to 60 days. The same law also made new reference to 2021 legislation that says China's coast guard can fire upon foreign ships if nec-

Indian-American seventh-grader wins Spelling Bee title

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Bruhat Soma, a 12-year-old Indian-American seventhgrade student from Florida, has won the Scripps National Spelling Bee after he spelt 29 words correctly in the tiebreaker, maintaining the dominance of the children from the small ethnic community in the prestigious competition.

Bruhat emerged victorious in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday, earning more than USD 50,000 in cash and other prizes. This year's contest came down

to a tiebreaker in which Bruhat spelt 29 words correctly in 90 seconds, beating Faizan Zaki, who managed to correctly spell 20 words in the lightning round.

His championship word was "abseil", which is defined as "descent in mountaineering by means of a rope looped over a projection above?

Organisers calling for a spelloff to determine a winner following 14 rounds over three days at the national championships. Bruhat went first in the tiebreaker, and after he got through 30 words, it appeared he would be impossible to beat. Faizan's pace was more uneven at the outset. He attempted 25 words but flubbed four of them.

"Bruhat Soma rules the word! The Champion of the 2024 Scripps National Spelling Bee! The boy with the unbelievable memory doesn't miss a word all week and takes home the Scripps Cup!" the organisers

"Bruhat Soma correctly spelt 29 out of 30 words attempted to earn the coveted champion title and beat the standing spell-off record set by Harini Logan in 2022. Logan spelt 22 out of 26 words correctly during the competition's first-ever spell-off," the organisers said. "As the competition progressed, it was clear that Faizan and Bruhat - our final two spellers - showed up tonight ready to take down the dictionary," said Corrie Loeffler, executive director of the Bee.



Together, they were a powerful match. Bee officials activated the spell-off in the competition's closing minutes, giving

tunity to show even more of what they can do," Loeffler said. The two final spellers each had 90 seconds to spell as many words as they could from a predetermined list of words while other speller was sequestered.

He spelt every word thrown his way correctly over the 90-second duration: brouette, adelantado, hyporcheme, bisellium, mycteric, endecha, sericin, nyctalopia, ascham, wenzel, cebell, heautophany, kwazoku, panetiere, sagaie, nachschlage, exorhason, giclee, ashwagand ha, puszta, asarotum, scintillante, myrabalanus, sciniph, voussoir, caizinha, ramoneur, aposiopesis and abseil. The 31th word was posology, but time is called before he can finish spelling it. He only spelt

porphyrio incorrectly.
While competing, his forehead was marked with a vermilion tika, a Hindu symbol of power and purity. His parents said that Bruhat memorised about 80 per cent of the sacred Hindu texts, the Bhagavad Gita.

"My heart was pumping so fast when I realised I won," Bruhat said. "I had a good Feling I would win because I did pretty good, but yeah, you never know. I still couldn't absorb the moment yet."

Adam Symson, president and CEO of The E W Scripps Company, presented Bruhat with the championship trophy. "At just 12 years old, Bruhat impressed with his display of impressed with his display of knowledge and composure," Symson said. Bruhat's father Srinivas Soma is

originally from Nalgonda in Telangana.

This was Bruhat's third time participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. He tied for 74th in 2023 and tied for 163rd in 2022.Zaki of Allen, Texas, received USD 25,000. Shrey Parikh of Rancho Cucamonga, California, tied for third place in the competition received USD 12,500.Ananya Prassanna of Apex, North Carolina, tied for third place in the competition and received USD 12,500.Coached by 16rear-old former speller Sam Evans, Bruhat previously competed in 2022 (tied for 163rd place) and 2023 (tied for 74th

'Kim Jong Un supervised drills simulating preemptive attacks on South Korea'

Seoul (AP): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised drills involving the firing of nuclear-capable multiple rocket launchers to show the country's ability to carry out a preemptive attack on rival South Korea, state media reported Friday.

North Korea has simulated nuclear strikes on South Korea numerous times, but the latest drills came after animosities on the Korean Peninsula rose over North Korea's recent failed spy satellite launch.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency reported that the rocket firing drills were meant to demonstrate North Korea's resolve not to hesitate in launching a preemptive strike on South Korea if threatened. It cited Kim as saying that the drills "will serve as an occasion in clearly showing what consequences our rivals will face if they provoke

ing from a distance as at least 18 projectiles were launched. KCNA suggested the drills came as response to a South Korean aerial exercise performed hours before North Korea's failed attempt to place its second spy satellite into orbit on Monday night.The launch attempt drew strong condemnation from South Korea, the U.S. and others because the U.N. bans any satellite launches by North Korea, viewing them as covers for testing missile technologies North Korea reacted angrily, arguing that it has the sovereign right to launch satellites. Also this week, North Korea

us." Photos showed Kim watch-

flew hundreds of huge balloons into South Korea carrying manure and other trash, and allegedly jammed GPS navigation signals in the South. There were no reports of any substantial damage.

Biden eases ban on Ukraine using US arms for strikes in Russia

President Joe Biden has given Ukraine the go-ahead to use American weaponry to strike inside Russia for the limited purpose of defending Kharkiv, according to three US officials familiar with the mat-

The officials, who requested anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter, underscored that the US policy calling on Ukraine not to use American-provided ATACMS or longrange missiles and other munitions to strike offensively inside Russia has not changed.

Biden's directive allows for US-supplied weapons to be used for "counterfire purposes in the Kharkiv region so Ukraine can hit back against Russian forces that are attacking them or preparing to attack them", one official said.

The move comes as Ukrainian officials have stepped up calls on the US administration to allow their forces to defend themselves against attacks originating from Russian territory. Kharkiv, Ukraine's secondlargest city, is just 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the Russian border.

Biden's decision was first reported by Politico. Ukrainian officials, most

notably Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, have been increasingly vocal in arguing that the restriction was putting Ukrainian forces in an untenable situation as Russia intensified attacks around the northeast Kharkiv

The advances came with Russia exploiting a lengthy delay in replenishment of US military aid and as Western Europe's inadequate military production has slowed crucial deliveries to the battlefield for Ukraine. During Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to Kyiv two weeks ago, Zelenskyy made his case for using American weapons to strike back at positions in Russia that were launching attacks into north and northeast Ukraine. Blinken was convinced and brought that message back to Washington, but it was ultimately Biden's decision to make, according to three US officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal administration delib-

Since the start of the Russian invasion in February 2022, Biden has been steadfast in his opposition to Ukraine's offensive use of American-made weaponry, concerned that the adjusted, too, and I'm confiaction could be seen as

provocative and lead to Moscow widening the war. Blinken said in Moldova on

Wednesday that US policy on Ukraine deploys how American weapons is constantly evolving, hinting that Washington may alter its unwritten prohibition on Ukraine's use of them for attacks on Russian territory. On Thursday, Blinken joined NATO foreign ministers for a meeting in Prague, where during a tour of a Czech military base he saw armored vehicles

that are being sent to Kyiv. Although US officials insist there is no formal arms ban, they have long made clear that they believe the use of American weapons to attack targets inside Russia could provoke an escalatory response from Moscow, something that Russian President Vladimir Putin has promised.

That position, Blinken noted, was a "hallmark" of the Biden administration's stance on Ukraine to "adapt and adjust" as needed.

'As the conditions have changed, as the battlefield has changed, as what Russia does has changed in terms of how it's pursuing its aggression, escalation, we've adapted and dent we'll continue to do that.

Blinken said at a news conference in Moldova.

"We're always listening, we're always learning, and we're always making determinations about what's necessary to make sure that Ukraine can effectively continue to defend itself, and we'll continue to do that," he

Calls for a change in policy have been mounting.
Earlier this week, French

President Emmanuel Macron and NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said that Western countries should not object if Ukraine needs to strike inside Russia to defend itself. Stoltenberg reaffirmed that position on Thursday. "I believe that time has come to (re)consider some of these restrictions to enable the Ukrainians to really defend themselves," he said. "We need to remember what it is. This is a war of aggression launched by choice by Moscow against Ukraine.

The right to self-defence, he said, "includes also striking legitimate military targets outside Ukraine". Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky said at a NATO-related event on Thursday in Prague that Ukraine needs resources to counter Russia's relentless

Berlin lets Ukraine use German weapons against targets in Russia

Kyiv (AP): The German government said Friday that A Russian onslaught this month Ukraine can use German-supplied weapons against Russian attacks from positions just over their joint border, in a significant policy change that came a day after US President Joe Biden gave Kyiv a green light to strike back with American weapons at Russian military assets targeting the country's second-largest city.

A German government statement noted that, in recent weeks, Russia has prepared, coordinated and carried out attacks on Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region in particular from areas just over the border in Russia.

'Together we are convinced that Ukraine has the right under international law to defend itself against these attacks," the statement said. "For this, it can also use the weapons delivered for that purpose in accordance with its international legal commitments, including the ones delivered by us," it added, without elaborating on what Berlin called confidential agreements

in the northeastern Kharkiv region, including a Russian aerial bomb attack on a large construction supplies store that killed 18 people on May 25, has forced the evacuation of thousands of people and has stretched Ukraine's depleted forces in what is proving to be a critical period in the war, which is now in its third year. That appears to have prompted the change in policy among Western leaders.

The Kremlin's bigger and better-equipped army is exploiting Ukrainian shortages in troops and ammunition after a lengthy delay in US military aid. Western Europe's inadequate military production has also slowed crucial deliveries of military aid to Ukraine. Biden's decision allows for US-sup-plied weapons to be used for "counterfire purposes in the Kharkiv region so Ukraine can hit back against Russian forces that are attacking them or preparing to attack them," one Washington official told The Associated Press

But the officials, who request-ed anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter, stressed that the US policy calling on Ukraine not to use American-provided ATACMS or longrange missiles and other munitions to strike offensively inside Russia has not changed.

The German announcement came hours after Russian ballistic missiles slammed into an apartment block in Kharkiv and killed at least four people in a nighttime attack. Russia launched five S-300/S-

400 ballistic missiles at Kharkiv overnight, Ukraine's air force said. One of them struck a residential building close to midnight and was followed by another missile 25 minutes later that hit first responders, according to regional Governor Oleh Syniehubov. At least 25 people were injured, he said. Ukrainian officials have previously accused Russia of targeting rescue workers by hitting residential buildings with two consecutive missiles — the first one to draw emergency crews to the scene and the second one to wound or kill them.

Orban pushes back on NATO proposals to further assist Ukraine

Budapest (AP): Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on Friday pushed back against some NATO proposals that would allow Ukraine to use Western weapons to strike targets within Russia, saying that such plans have Europe "inching closer to destruction."

The nationalist leader has long opposed Western countries supplying Ukraine with military aid, and threatened to derail European Union financial support to Kyiv and the passing of sanctions against Moscow.

He has also maintained close ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin despite his fullscale invasion of Ukraine, while ramping up energy deals with Moscow at a time when most EU countries have sought to limit the use of Russian fossil

During a Friday interview on state radio, Orban said that French President Emmanuel Macron's stance that he wouldn't rule out sending troops to Ukraine, as well as a NATO proposal that would allow Kyiv to strike military bases inside Russia with sophisticated longrange weapons provided by Western partners, risked escalating the war in Ukraine into a global conflict. "War is a monster that is constantly hungry, it must be fed, Macron's stance that he would-

stantly hungry, it must be fed, and it must be fed with money. And I see that the Americans and the Democratic government of the United States, and the leaders of the European Union, are ready to feed it," he

Orbán is campaigning for the European Parliament election, which will be held in Hungary on June 9. He has cast the election as an existential struggle between war and peace, and focused his campaign on fear that Western support for Ukraine could cause an escalation of Russia's war.

He has portrayed his party as unique in calling for an immediate end to the fighting in Ukraine. But critics say his proposals amount to capitulation to Moscow, which would allow Russia to retain territories it has occupied in Ukraine and embolden it further.

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and killed at least four people in a night-time attack, Ukrainian officials said Friday, a day after US President Joe Biden gave Kyiv a green light to strike back with American weapons at Russian military assets targeting the country's second-largest city. Russia launched five S-300/S-

400 ballistic missiles at Kharkiv overnight, Ukraine's air force said. One of them struck a residential building close to midnight and was followed by another missile 25 minutes later that hit first responders, according to regional Gov. Oleh regional Gov. Öleh Syniehubov. At least 25 people were injured, he said.

Ukrainian officials have previously accused Russia of targeting rescue workers by hitting residential buildings with two consecutive missiles — the first one to draw emergency crews to the scene and the second one to wound or kill them. The tactic is called a "double tap" in military jargon. Russia used the same method in Syria's civil war.

store that killed 18 people on May 25, has forced the evacuation of thousands of people and has stretched Ukraine's depleted forces in what is proving to be a critical period in the war, which is now in its

third year. Apart from Kharkiv, Moscow's troops are pressing in the Donetsk region further south and are assembling a force for an expected attack in the Sumy region further north, according to Ukrainian officials, The Kremlin's bigger and bet-

ter-equipped army is exploiting Ukrainian shortages in troops and ammunition after a lengthy delay in U.S. military aid. Western Europe's inadequate military production has slowed crucial deliveries of military aid to Ukraine. Biden's decision allows for

U.S.-supplied weapons to be used for "counterfire purposes in the Kharkiv region so Ukraine can hit back against Russian forces that are attacking them or preparing to to nuclear conflict.

official told The Associated

But the officials, who requested anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter, stressed that the U.S. policy calling on Ukraine not to use American provided ATACMS or longrange missiles and other munitions to strike offensively inside Russia has not changed That restriction has frustrated Ukrainian officials as the military is unable to order hits on Russian troops massing across the border — Kharkiv city is only 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Russia — or Russian bases used to launch missile attacks. The question of whether to allow Ukraine to hit targets on Russian soil Western-supplied weaponry has been a delicate issue since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion on Feb. 24, 2022. Western leaders have hesitated to take the step because it runs the risk of provoking Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has repeatedly warned that the West's direct involvement could put the world on a path



From left; Icelandic Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Finnish President Alexander Stubb and Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Stā, re pose for a family photo on the occasion of a Nordic summit, in Stockholm,

Firefighters put out a fire an apartment building damaged in the Russian missile attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Friday

Paks Defence Minister asks Imran to keep mum

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Friday asked Imran Khan to keep his "mouth shut" if he wants to ease the political tension in the country, days after a controversy arose over a social media post by the former prime minister. A post attributed to Khan, the incarcerated founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, on May 26 on X said: "Every Pakistani should study the Hamood ur Rahman Commission Report and get to know who was the true traitor, General Yahya Khan or Sheikh Mujibur Rahman."

The post also had a video attached that showed black and white clippings from the

The Hamood ur Rahman Commission Report was a report by the official commission of inquiry into the reasons for Pakistan's defeat in the 1971 war that led to the creation of Bangladesh out of what was then East Pakistan. Khan's May 26 post garnered a lot of traction over the days with hundreds of RTs (retweets) and thousands of 'Likes' and was shared by multiple handles of the party and its followers. On Friday, Defence Minister Asif commented: "I think the founder of PTI wants to increase ten-

Asif also asked Khan to keep his "mouth shut" if he wanted political tension in the country to lessen. Asif told Geo News that the former prime minister, who remains incarcerated at the Adiala jail since August 2023, is trying again to create a situation like that on May 9. Last year, after Khan was arrested, hundreds and thousands of his followers and party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Jinnah House (Lahore Corps Commander House), Mianwali Airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad.

The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi too was attacked by the mob for the first time on May 9.

The minister said attempts are being made to retract the tweet related to the former Bangladesh president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "Barrister Gauhar (Khan) clarified that the social media team did not seek permission before tweeting," said the minister, adding that this was the first time that the party had to retract a post on their social media account. The tweets were, however, neither retracted nor deleted. Asif said he has a different stand on the history of the Bangladeshi politicians and the tragedy of East Pakistan and added, "By exaggerating the tragedy of East Pakistan today, you want to increase the tension." Geo News said that the minister further alleged that whether it was in politics or sports, the former premier had stung everyone who had done good to him and, com-

menting on Khan's relationship dynamics with the former military men when he was in power, claimed: "General (Qamar Javed) Bajwa's father, General Faiz (Hamid) was his uncle, now (he is) dumping all the debris at them." Two days ago, PTI's Barrister Gohar Khan said that Khan's post had nothing to do with him as the former prime minister did not see the text of the posts that were uploaded to his account, Geo News said. Gohar also defended the tweet and said it was taken out of context as he said: "The context and comparison that we drew with 1971 was in a political context and not otherwise

 nothing about the army." Meanwhile, a Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) cybercrime team on Thursday decided to initiate action against Khan over his controversial tweet on social media and reached Adiala jail where Khan has been incarcerated since last year.

next week to plan bilateral growth, **launch CPEC phase** PTI ■ ISLAMABAD/ BEIJING

Pak PM to visit China

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will embark on a five-day visit to China on Tuesday during which he will hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and "jointly draw a blueprint" to strengthen bilateral ties further, as the all-weather allies seek to upgrade cooperation under the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Sharif will be in China from June 4 to 8 on the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan's Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said at her weekly briefing in Islamabad on Friday.

The visit aims to increase cooperation under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, as the two sides look forward to launching the project's second phase. The CPEC was launched a decade ago, and several energy and infrastructure projects had already been completed. During his visit to China, Prime Minister Sharif will hold talks with President Xi and "jointly draw a blueprint" for the growth of China-Pakistan relations, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said in

Beijing.
This will be Sharif's first visit to China after he took over as prime minister for the second term after his Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) partyled coalition government came to power in March. During his visit, Sharif will also hold indepth exchanges with Premier Li Qiang and other officials on China-Pakistan relations and issues of mutual interest, Mao

told a media briefing. "China and Pakistan are allweather strategic cooperative partners and iron-clad friends. Our friendship stood the test of time and remains rock solid steady as Mount Tai," she said. Mt Taishan, also known as Mt Tai, is a famous mountain in China's Shandong province. In addition to Beijing, Sharif, 72, will visit Guangdong and Shaanxi

Mao said the two countries had close high-level exchanges in recent years and steadily advanced practical cooperation conducted fruitful and "highquality cooperation" of CPEC. The two sides also have maintained sound communication and coordination in international and regional affairs, she

provinces.

India firmly opposes the CPEC, which will link Xinjiang in China and the Gwadar port in Pakistan, because it passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The CPEC, which connects Gwadar Port in Pakistan's Balochistan with China's Xinjiang province, is the flagship project of China's ambitious multi-billion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The BRI is seen as an attempt by China to further its influence abroad with infrastructure projects funded by Chinese investments across the world. "China stands ready to work with Pakistan through this visit to make greater progress in our allweather strategic cooperative partnership and take new steps to build an even closer China-Pakistan community with a

shared future in the new era,

Mao said.

Ex-Iranian parl speaker Ali Larijani registers as presidential candidate AP DUBAI reached a 2015 nuclear deal already been seen meeting with Russia in its war on Ukraine

former speaker of Iran's Aparliament registered on Friday as a possible candidate in the Islamic Republic's June 28 presidential election to replace the late Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a helicopter crash earlier this month with seven others.

Ali Larijani is the first highprofile candidate to register for the contest. He and other serious contenders against Raisi had been barred from running in the 2021 election.

Larijani, 66, is viewed as a conservative within Iran's narrow political scene. However, he has increasingly allied himself with former President Hassan Rouhani, whose administration

with a group of world powers. Larijani had positioned himself as a pragmatic candidate in the 2021 vote in which hard-liner Raisi, a protégé of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, was elected.

Larijani had posted online and made comments in recent days all but confirming he would be a candidate. The Larijani family has long been powerful in Iran's Shiite theocracy.

"Solving the issue of sanctions for an economic opening will be among the priorities of diplomacy" for Iran, Larijani told journalists.

All candidates must be approved by Iran's 12-member Guardian Council, a panel of clerics and jurists ultimately

overseen by Khamenei. That panel has never accepted a woman or anyone calling for radical change within the coun-

president, try's governance. Who will run — and potential-

ly be accepted — remains in question. The country's acting Mohammad Mokhber, a previously behindthe-scenes bureaucrat, could be a front runner because he has

Khamenei. Also discussed as possible aspirants are former hard-line President Mohammad Ahmadinejad and former reformist President Mohammad Khatami, but whether they would be allowed to run is another question.

The five-day registration period will close on Tuesday. The Guardian Council is then expected to issue its final list of candidates within 10 days. That will allow for a shortened twoweek campaign before the vote in late June.

The new president will take office while the country is enriching uranium at nearly weapons-grade levels and is hampering international inspections. Iran has armed

and launched a drone and missile attack on Israel during the war in Gaza. It also has continued arming proxy groups in the Middle East such as Yemen's Houthi rebels and Lebanon's Hezbollah militia. Meanwhile, Iran's economy has

faced years of hardship over its collapsing rial currency. Widespread protests have swept the country, most recently over the death of Mahsa Amini, who died in police custody in September 2022 after being detained for allegedly violating Iran's mandatory headscarf law. A UN panel said the Iranian government is responsible for the "physical violence" that led to Amini's death. (A

Over ₹10 lakh crore bad loans recovered in 10 years, says FM

 $F^{\mathrm{inance\ minister\ Nirmala}}_{\mathrm{Sitharaman\ on\ Friday\ said}}$ the Modi government has turned around the banking sector through various improved and governance which has led to banks recovering more than Rs 10 lakh crore from bad loans between 2014 and 2023. She said the Enforcement Directorate has investigated around 1,105 bank fraud cases, which resulted in the attachment of Rs 64,920 crore worth of proceeds of crime. As of December 2023, assets amounting to Rs 15,183 crore have been restituted to the Public Sector Banks (PSBs). "Recently, India's banking

sector achieved a significant milestone by recording its highest-ever net profit, crossing Rs 3 lakh crore. The banking sector turned around @narendramodi's strong and decisive leadership. Our government atoned for the UPA's sins in the banking through comprehensive and long-term reforms," Sitharaman said in a

She said there has been no leniency in recovering bad loans, especially from large defaulters, under the Modi government and the process



UPA's

tenure

mismanaging the sector she

said the 'seeds' of the NPA

crisis were sown during the

@INCIndia-led UPA era through 'Phone Banking'

when loans were given to

undeserving businesses under

pressure from UPA leaders

"Under the UPA, obtaining

loans from banks often

depended on powerful connections rather than a

solid business proposition.

Banks were forced to neglect

proper due diligence and risk

sanctioning these loans," she

Sitharaman said the Modi

before

assessment

and party functionaries.

situation before 2014 when @INCIndia led government turned the banking sector into a cesspool of bad loans, vested interests, corruption mismanagement.

"It's a pity that opposition leaders are still unable to distinguish between writeoffs and waivers. After the 'write-offs' as per RBI's guidelines, banks actively pursue the recovery of bad loans. And, there has been no 'waiver ' of loans for any industrialist. Between 2014 and 2023, banks recovered more than Rs 10 lakh crore from bad loans.

This is in stark contrast to the Slamming the Congress-led

government implemented a comprehensive 4R's strategy Recognising transparently, Resolution and

Recapitalising PSBs, and Reforms after coming to power in 2014. "Our reforms addressed credit discipline, recognition and resolution of stress, responsible lending and improved governance. We replaced political interference in banks with professional integrity and independence," she said

The minister said the Modi government will continue to take decisive measures to strengthen and stabilise our banking system, ensuring banks support India's growth path to Viksit Bharat by 2047. Alliance, The UPA dominated dynastic parties, used banks for their own 'Parivar Kalyan' (family welfare). In contrast, our government has leveraged banks for 'Jan Kalyan' (public

welfare)," she said Efforts to expand banking in India faltered for decades due to Congress's limited actions beyond bank nationalisation, which benefitted mainly the educated and elite. Before 2014, banking access was largely restricted to cities, she

"We remain committed to further driving financial inclusion and empowering the unde Sitharaman said. underprivileged,

5G adoption on a roll in India, yet tariff upside may be minimal: Ind-Ra

PTI NEW DELHI

India's 5G subscriber count **⊥**is seen rising several notches to 20-25 per cent of the overall base in one year, but though telcos are in a "better position" to execute tariff increase, actual visibility on a "meaningful" increase remains uncertain, Ind-Ra

According to India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), this is because globally too 5G has not yielded any major tariff premium over 4G rates.

The use cases of 5G in India are still limited to applications such as video streaming and multi-person video calls.

The Fitch Group company, in its telecom outlook FY25 has maintained a neutral outlook on the sector for the current fiscal. It expects the subscriber base to reach 20-25 per cent over the next one year from about 17 per cent currently, in line with global experience.

Average Revenue Per User (ARPU), it said, may continue to exhibit organic growth albeit the growth rates, per se, have tapered somewhat. Ind-Ra believes Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel have an opportunity to capture a higher proportion of premium subscribers of Vodafone Idea, who are keen experience

Accordingly, it has predicted another round of market share shifts. The agency said the current fiscal would be an inflection

year for telecom companies in etc) since the last tariff hikes terms of investments peaking seen in late 2021. out (5G capex, spectrum renewal) and the tariff

remaining

According to its assessment, the investments have likely reached their peak in FY24, given that the execution of industry-wide 5G capex of around USD20 billion was almost in the last leg by end-FY24.

environment

subdued.

here From on, investments will whittle down from their peak highs although spends will continue given the ensuing spectrum auctions (scheduled to begin next week) and ongoing refiberisation initiatives.

"Visibility on meaningful tariff hikes remains uncertain, since globally also 5G has not yielded any major tariff premium over 4G tariffs," Priyanka Bansal, Associate Director of Ind-Ra said.

That said, currently, telcos are in a much better position to execute tariff hikes, given the improvement in service offerings (higher data quantum, higher speed, other auxiliary offerings, 5G speed

Overall, Ind-Ra expects the margin structure of telcos to improve in FY25, owing to revenue growth supported by operating leverage.

return However, (ROCE) and free cash flow will see a sharp improvement only in FY26, when capex subsidies and potential tariff hikes help improve revenues, it said.

The growth rate of APRU, in the last few quarters, has been organic, but those growth rates too have moderated from the previous levels. "Reliance Jio Infocomm and

Bharti Airtel may continue to acquire market share from Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL), especially in the high-ARPU (average revenue per user) customer base," it said.
The outlook for telecom

equipment manufacturers is neutral for FY25, given the demand drivers (domestic and exports) and supportive regulatory environment (Productionlinked Incentives).

Sebi slaps ₹2.5 crore fine on TIL, former officials over fictitious transactions

PTI NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi has imposed a penalty of Rs 2.5 crore on TIL Ltd and three former officials for indulging in fictitious purchase and sales leading to over-statement of sales and revenue for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

The fine needs to be paid within 45 days, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in its order.

Individually, the regulator has levied a fine of Rs 1 crore each on TIL and Sumit Mazumder, who was the chairman and managing director at the time of the violation. He is also one of the promoters of the company.

Besides, a penalty of Rs 25 lakh each has been imposed on then CEO Ramesh Aggarwal and former CFO Shibaditya Ghosh.

In its order, Sebi noted that the modus operandi followed by TIL was that it had issued fictitious invoices in the past financial years, which were subsequently cancelled in the next financial years by the issuance of credit notes and re-invoiced on the same day without proper documents to increase the sales turnover or trade receivables so as to maintain the credit facilities availed from the banks.

This had resulted in the overstatement of sales or trade receivables in the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21, it added.

India's GDP expands 7.8 per cent in Q4, 8.2 per cent in FY24

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m ndia's}$ economy growth slowed to a four-quarter low of 7.8 per cent in the January-March period, but pushed the annual growth rate for FY24 to 8.2 per cent, mainly on account of good showing by manufacturing, official data showed on Friday.

The growth propelled the Indian economy to USD 3.5 trillion and set the stage for achieving the USD 5-trillion target in the next few years. In the previous 2022-23 fiscal year, the economy grew 7 per

China has registered an economic growth of 5.3 per cent in the first three months

The economic expansion was recorded at 7.8 per cent during the January-March 2024, while it was 8.6 per cent in October-December 2023 and 8.1 per cent in July-September 2023.

The growth was 8.2 per cent in April-June 2023, as per data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

The GDP grew 6.2 per cent in the January-March quarter of 2022-23. The NSO, in its second

advance estimate released in February, had projected the GDP growth for 2022-23 at 7.7 per cent.

According to the NSO data, real GDP, or GDP at constant prices, is estimated to attain a level of Rs 173.82 lakh crore in 2023-24, against the first

revised estimates (FRE) of GDP for 2022-23 of Rs 160.71 lakh crore.

'The growth rate in real GDP during 2023-24 is estimated at 8.2 per cent as compared to 7.0 per cent in 2022-23," it

Nominal GDP or GDP at current prices is estimated to attain a level of Rs 295.36 lakh crore in 2023-24, against Rs 269.50 lakh crore in 2022-23. showing a growth rate of 9.6 per cent, it added.

quarter of 2023-24 is estimated at Rs 47.24 lakh crore, against Rs 43.84 lakh crore a year earlier, showing a growth rate of 7.8 per cent. Nominal GDP, or GDP at 2023-24, quarter of estimated at Rs 78.28 lakh crore, against Rs 71.23 lakh crore in the year-ago period, showing a growth rate of 9.9 per cent.

The real GVA (gross value added) is estimated at Rs 158.74 lakh crore in 2023-24, against the FRE for 2022-23 of 148.05 lakh crore, registering a growth rate of 7.2 per cent as compared to 6.7 pe

cent in 2022-23. The GVA growth in the manufacturing sector accelerated to 8.9 per cent in the March quarter against 0.9 er cent a year ago. GVA growth in mining was

4.3 per cent in the fourth quarter compared to 2.9 per cent in the same quarter of the previous fiscal.

years before taking call on India's rating upgrade PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $S^{\ensuremath{\&P}}$ Global Ratings on Friday said it will watch the fiscal numbers for the next 1-2 years, besides pro-growth policies of the new government, before deciding on India's sovereign rating upgrade. S&P, which earlier this week upgraded

India's outlook to positive while retaining the sovereign rating at BBB-, expects the new government to continue with The real GDP in the March pro-growth policies, infrastructure investment and commitment consolidation

> will be closely observing whether the government's consolidation path will carry on... We will be observing for the next 1-2 years to see how this fiscal numbers will come to pass and if so, this will lead to a rating upgrade," S&P Global Ratings Analyst YeeFarn Phua said in a

webinar. BBB- is the lowest investment grade rating.
As per the consolidation

roadmap, the fiscal deficit, which is the difference between government's expenditure and revenue, will come down to 4.5 per cent of GDP by March 2026, from an estimated 5.1 per cent at the end of March 2025. Phua said once the impact of

infrastructure investment is realised and bottlenecks are removed,



S&P to watch Government policies for next two

'Within the next 2 years we India's long-term growth potential could be 8 per cent. He said India has enjoyed a growth rate despite being governed by different parties and coalitions since the economic liberalisation in

reflects national "This consensus on key economic policies. We do believe that post election this pro-growth policy will continue and political commitment of fiscal consolidation will carry on as well for coming years. No matter who the incoming government is, the progrowth policies, sustained infrastructure investments, the drive to reduce fiscal deficit — these things have produced very good outcomes and we believe that this will continue in the coming years no matter who is in charge," he said.

Results of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections will be announced on June 4.

general government (Centre states) deficit to reduce to 6.8 per cent of GDP by 2028, from 7.9 per cent currently. S&P Director (Asia Pacific Sovereign Ratings) Andrew Wood said India's fiscal performance remains relatively weak compared to some emerging market peers.

Fiscal deficit of BBB rated sovereigns — Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam — would be below 4 per cent this year, compared to 7.9 per cent in

case of India. However, in deciding India's sovereign rating, S&P also took into account change in net general government debt, as well as dynamics like health economy, associated prospects,

attractiveness of the debt that the government is selling and ability to finance deficits. "We see that India's growth

performance has been very strong over recent years and we expect it to be very strong in the near future. The quality of expenditure programme of India has improved remarkably over the past few years and that gives us more confidence that growth is going to be sustained at a higher rate in the future," Wood said.

While S&P sees India's fiscal deficit as high, it also anticipates more room for improvement going forward and that would be reflected in the rating, Wood

With regard to growth prospects, Phua said S&P expects India to grow at 6.8 per cent this fiscal but in next 2-3 years it is expecting around 7 per cent growth. "We expect India's medium term growth potential to be

around 7 per cent or so.... Once the infrastructure investments are in and connectivity improves, for India to grow at 8 per cent over the longer term is something that is quite possible," he said.

The above average growth has given India better economic assessment compared to peers of similar income levels, Phua said, adding S&P believes growth prospect remains strong and India's growth is sustainable at 7 per cent.



Stock markets snap five days losing streak on value buying

Sfive-day losing run on Friday with benchmark Sensex closing higher by 75 points on valuebuying and investors turning their focus on exit polls to be released after the close of the last phase of elections on June 1. The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 75.71 points or 0.10 per cent to settle at 73,961.31. During the session, it hit a high of 74,478.89 points and a low of 73,765.15 points

Halting its five-day losing streak, the 50-share NSE Nifty rose by 42.05 or 0.19 per cent to end at 22,530.70. Nifty and Sensex tanked more than 2 per cent in the five days to Thursday amid high volatility ahead of the results of the Lok Sabha polls. "The pre-election trading strategy has come to an end, and all eyes will be on the release of the

exit poll for further action. Regional diversions, marginalresistance at current range are prompting investors to adopt a cautious stance," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

From the Sensex pack, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank, Power Grid, IndusInd Bank, Larsen & Toubro, ICICI Bank were among the gainers. Nestle India, Tata Consultancy Services Maruti Suzuki India, Infosys, Axis Bank, Hindustan Unilever were the laggards.

The BSE midcap gauge ended flat, while smallcap index gained 0.76 per cent.

Among the indices, utilities climbed 2.10 per cent, Realty 2.02 per cent, Power 1.80 per cent, Services 1.60 per cent, metal rose 1.28 per cent, Telecommunication 1.18 per

Raj comics brings super commando Dhruva, Doga to life

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Raj Comics, the venerated publishing house that has long been synonymous with Indian comic superheroes, announces the launch of the live-action short film series, "The Alliance: Metamorphosis Project Chapter 1 released today.

This ambitious reintroduces beloved characters such as Super Commando Dhruva and reigniting enchantment of Indian comics for a new generation. The inaugural installment of the film will be available on the 'Raj Comics By Sanjay Gupta' YouTube channel, bringing the excitement directly to fans' screens.

In the 1990s, Raj Comics captured the imaginations of millions with its diverse roster of superheroes, featuring the indomitable Nagraj,

Adopting global standard, risk based regulation to help India improve quality of goods for exports: GTRI Orders (CROs) with a view to

Steps such as adoption of international standards, using risk-based regulations, and modern infrastructure development will help further improve quality of goods manufactured and exported from India, economic think tank GTRI said on Friday.

The Global Trade Research (GTRI) also Initiative recommended support to small and medium enterprises, avoiding quality control orders becoming nontariff barriers, regulatory impact assessment, developing globally acceptable standards and inking mutual recognition

pacts with trading partners to strengthen India's quality These suggestions come at a time when India is on the fast track to issue Quality Control (QCOs) Orders and

curb imports of sub-standard goods from countries like China, boost domestic manufacturing and push exports of high-quality goods from the country. Founder GTRI

Srivastava said that to fully capitalize on these initiatives, crucial comprehensively strengthen India's quality infrastructure as this will ensure that small firms are not overburdened, quality imports are not unfairly penalized, and adequate field infrastructure, such as testing labs, are in According to the GTRI

report, since introduction of the BIS Act in October 2017, over 140 QCOs have been issued for more than 550 products, compared to just 14 QCOs covering 106 products till 2014.

QCOs and CROs are Compulsory Registration regulatory measures used



globally to ensure that products meet specific safety, performance standards before they are marketed and sold. By enforcing strict adherence to quality criteria, they help mitigate risks associated with substandard products, enhance consumer trust, and facilitate international trade aligning domestic with products global expectations. "Issuance of over 140 QCOs

covering over 550 products in the past 7 years have created challenges for the firms and the government agencies alike. This calls for an urgent need to upgrade India's quality infrastructure and a matter of fact study to understand how the QCOs have performed on ground and if there is need for any course correction," Srivastava said. To further improve quality systems in India, "India

should adopt and align its standards with international ones to enhance export competitiveness and seek international accreditation for BIS certifications to avoid additional costs manufacturers," the report

It added that regulations should focus on essential health, safety, environmental parameters and use a risk-based approach to balance enforcement with

Additionally, support for SMEs should include gradual implementation of QCOs and CROs, financial assistance, technical guidance, and phased implementation to help small firms comply, it It also said that developing

comprehensive infrastructure is essential for expertise, conformity assessment systems, and market surveillance. Standards and regulations should not act as non-tariff

barriers, and regulatory impact assessments should be conducted to regulations are effective and not burdensome. Creating high- quality, globally acceptable standards for products like Ayurveda and highworking towards acceptance of certifications will further improve quality systems,' Srivastava said.

suggested the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to adopt international standards wherever possible, such as those for electrical safety and toys as this will reduce transaction costs for companies and enhance export competitiveness.

"BIS and other

Indian standards bodies should systematically align standards Indian international ones participating in organizations like ISO (International Organization Standardization) International

Electrotechnical Commission), (International Telecommunication Union), Codex Alimentarius, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPCC),"

report suggested.

POWERGRID acquires Khavda IV-E2 Power **Transmission Limited**



Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power has recently acquired a Project Special Purpose Vehicle (ŜPV) viz K̄havda IV-E2 Power Transmission Limited on May 31 for the Transmission System Project for Evacuation of Power from Potential Renewable Energy

Zone in Khavda Area of Gujarat under Phase-IV (7GW) Part E2" after competing with various private sector players and emerging as successful bidder in Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process.



NISHANT DEV BOOKS

PTI BANGKOK

rishant Dev (71kg) became the first Indian male pugilist to secure a Paris Games quota when he reached the semifinals of the Boxing Olympic qualifiers here on Friday.

The world championships bronze medalist, who had narrowly missed on an Olympic berth in the previous qualifiers, earned the quota after defeating Vasile Cebotari of Moldova 5-0 in the quarterfinal which was a battle of the southpaws

It is India's fourth quota place with women boxers Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Preet Pawar (54kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) having already secured their passage to Paris.

The 71kg weight class had five quotas on offer.

Dev. who has been dominant all tournament, was off to a flyer, landing sharp, accurate punches. The Indian was more composed and used his punches judiciously

In the second round, Cebotari landed a couple of blows and Dev looked a bit out of breath but the Indian continued to hit accurate shots.

In the last three minutes, both boxers looked spent but Dev continued to land punches at will. Cebotari earned a point deduction for his punch to Dev when the Indian was down on the canvas. Earlier, India's quest for booking a quota in the women's 60kg ended with Ankushita Boro 2-3 defeat against Agnes Alexiusson of Sweden in the quarterfinals. The 23-year-old Boro fought hard but her Swedish

opponent, a former European

effectively. It was enough to convinced one judge. Down 1-4, Boro made a

to pip the Indian.

blistering start, using the combination of left jab and right cross. The Indian was electric and the 28-year Alexiusson was unable to keep up. The two entered the third round on equal footing and Boro was able to make early gains but Alexiusson ended the bout stronger taking the split decision win.

Games bronze medallist, dug

into her reservoir of experience

Boro, a former youth world

champion, was slow off the

blocks, but managed to adapt

toward the end of the first

round, using straight jabs

Later in the day, Arundhati Choudhary (66kg) and Amit Panghal (51kg) will be in

Ministry approves Neeraj Chopra's two months training stint in Europe with coach, physio

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Sports Ministry on Thursday approved approved reigning Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra's plan to train in Europe for 60 days along with coach Klaus Bartonietz and physio Ishaan Marwaha as preparation for the upcoming Paris Games.

The ministry's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) also agreed to Asian Games gold medallist Vinesh Phogat's proposal to include strength and conditioning coach Wayne Patrick Lombard for the international training camp in Hungary from June 10 to 21.

Chopra, who created history by becoming the first Indian to win a track and field medal at the Olympics in Tokyo three years ago, will be training at different venues in Europe May 29 to July 28.

The financial assistance under (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) will be covering the airfare, accommodation,

medical insurance, local transport expenses apart from out-of-pocket allowance as per Sports Authority of India (ŠAI) norms.

Vinesh, who will be competing in 50kg division in Paris, had requested for assistance towards Lombard's airfare, visa fees, board and lodging and

local transport in Hungary. She will also be competing in the United World Wrestling 2nd Ranking Series - Polyák Imre & Varga János Memorial from June 6 to 9 in Budapest. The MOC also cleared the TOPS wrestler's proposal for support to compete in Grand Prix of Spain from July 5 to 7 in Madrid. Her support team will include physiotherapist Ashwini Jeevan Patil, sparring partner Arvind and coach Woller Akos.

LONG JUMPER, SHOOTERS, SHUTTLERS' **PROPOSAL** APPROVED: Long jumper

Shaili Singh's proposal to extend her training camp in Europe to June 23 was also approved by the MOC. Shaili same period. Maheshwari's personal coach Riccardo Fillipelli will be

will be training in Lisbon, Paris, Athens and Geneva along with coach Bobby George.
The MOC also cleared the

request from shotgun shooters Kumari and Rajeshwari Maheshwari Chauhan to take their personal coaches to the training camp in Italy in June. Rajeshwari's personal coach Kostelecky accompany the trap shooter to Italy from June 1 to 14. She will be competing in the ISSF World Cup, Lonato during the

training her from May 31 to June 11. Maheshwari, who became the first Indian skeet shooter to win a quota for Paris Olympics, will also be in the Lonato World Cup from

June 12 to 19. The MOC also okayed a request from 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games Badminton bronze medallist HS Prannoy for financial assistance to engage trainer Rohan George Mathews on a full-time basis from June 20 to July 22 in Hyderabad apart from availing the services of a centre that provides recovery products including Hyperbaric Oxygen

therapy and Red Light therapy. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy involves exposing the body to 100 percent oxygen at a pressure that is greater than normal. Among other things, it hastens wound healing. Red light therapy is a therapeutic technique that uses low level wavelengths of

red light to help treat various skin conditions. Meiraba and Maisnam Upadhyay's

Anupama proposal for support to compete in international tournaments has secured the approval.

Recurve archer Atanu Das's request for monetary support towards two-month training at Army Sports Institute, Pune, from June 1 to August 5 along with coach Mim Gurung was also cleared.

The request of sailor Vishnu Sarvanan to engage physio Sarath Lal for 40 days during his training camp in Marseille and Para powerlifter Ashok's request to secure a wheelchair also got a green signal from the MOC.

AP MADRID

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti may not have such a tough decision to make after all when it comes to picking a goalkeeper for the Champions League final.

Much of the pre-game talk has centered around whether Ancelotti will go with Andriy Lunin - who has played for most of the season and led the team to the final - or Thibaut Courtois, the veteran who has recently returned from a long-term knee injury.

Now Lunin is reportedly sick with the flu and said in a post on social media late Thursday that he won't "be able to prepare" for the final against Borussia Dortmund.

'I am very sad to say that I won't be able to prepare for the most important game of the season and the most important game of my life with my team," Lunin wrote on Instagram. "Many thanks for the messages of support and encouragement!'

Coach Ancelotti said on Monday that Lunin was running a fever and was unable to practice with his teammates. Lunin stayed in the Spanish capital while Madrid's team flew to London on

With Lunin ill, Courtois could be set to start Champions League final for Real Madrid



the team on Saturday, hours before the game at Wembley Stadium.

Neither the player nor the club have publicly ruled out the possibility of him

Friday. The club said that he would join playing, but his illness could provide an opportunity for Courtois to end his season on a remarkable high after being sidelined for most of the

Courtois ruptured a left-knee ligament in August, just two days before the start of the season. The 32-year-old Belgian then damaged the meniscus in his right knee in March, when he was close to making a comeback. He was sidelined until the beginning of this month, when he started in a 3-0 win over Cadiz, a victory that secured Madrid's 36th Spanish league title.

Courtois has proven experience in finals. He won the 2022 Champions League with Madrid, the FA Cup with Chelsea, the Europa League with Atletico Madrid, and two Copa del Rey titles (one for Madrid, one for Atletico), among other titles. Lunin was back starting when Madrid

beat Bayern Munich in the Champions League semifinals. He previously saved two penalties in the decisive shootout win over Manchester City in the quarterfinals.

PTI ■ STAVANGER (NORWAY)

Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali continued her dream run to defeat veteran GM Pia Cramling of Sweden, while her brother Praggnanandhaa went down fighting against Hikaru Nakamura of USA in the fourth round of the Norway

Vaishali stretched her lead to 2.5 points following her second win under classical time control. The Indian now has 8.5 points

in her kitty and is followed by women's world champion Wenjun Ju of China and Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine.

Muzychuk defeated Koneru Humpy for her first win in the tournament while Wenjun got through her compatriot Tingjie Lei in the Armageddon. With six rounds still remaining

in the six-player double roundrobin tournament, Lei stands fourth on five points, two points clear of Humpy and Cramling.

In the men's section, world number one Magnus Carlsen grinded down arch-rival Fabiano Caruana of United States on a day that witnessed all decisive games under classical time control

Vaishali outwits Cramling, Praggnanandhaa loses to Nakamura

In the other game of the day, Firouzja Alireza of France put across reigning world China.

The USD 1,61,000 prize money tournament has many more critical games to come but at the end of fourth round Nakamura has nosed ahead on seven points, enjoying a half point lead over Alireza. Carlsen is third with six points

to his credit while Praggnanandhaa slipped to fourth position on 5.5 points. Caruana is a close fifth at this stage with five points while Liren is a distant last on just 2.5 points thus far. Vaishali won thanks to her

perseverance out of a drawn rook and pawns endgame. Playing the black side of a Grunfeld defense, the Chennai-based GM had little trouble equalising and the players arrived at a heavy piece endgame in almost no time. Cramling had to solve her pawn structure problem a bit and this is where Vaishali



thought she had a chance. The game was still within the boundaries of a draw when Cramling blundered and found herself staring at a lost rook and pawns endgame. The

game lasted 54 moves.

Humpy lost to Muzychuk in what was a similar story. The

rook and pawns endgame

should have been a draw but a

blunder by Humpy towards the

end sealed the fate of the game in Muzychuk's favour. This was Muzychuk's first victory in Classical chess in almost seven months.

section, In the men's Nakamura capitalised on some unforced errors from Praggnanandhaa. The Nimzo Indian defense by the Indian resulted in a dynamic balance but Praggnanandhaa got too

optimistic in the resulting middle game and sacrificed a

not enough and Nakamura converted his extra material into a full point after

Carlsen defeated Caruana out of a Queen and pawns endgame. Outplaying his opponent from a balanced position has long been a hallmark of Carlsen and this day was no different as he won thanks to a blunder by Caruana in the final part of the

RESULTS ROUND 4: Men: Hikaru Nakamura (USA,

7) beat R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 5.5) 3-0; Fabiano Caruana (USA, 5) lost to Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 6) 0-3; Firouzja Alireza (Fra, 6.5) beat Ding Liren (Chn, 2.5) 3-0. Women: Pia Cramling (Swe, 3) lost to R Vaishali (Ind, 8.5); Tingjie Lei (Chn, 5) lost to Wenjun Ju (Chn, 6); Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 6) beat Koneru Humpy (Ind, 3).

India parts ways with IBA, joins World Boxing

PTI NEW DELHI

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) on Friday partand joined the breakaway World Boxing in a bid to counter the threat to the sport's Olympic future. The move comes months after the International Olympic Committee reiterated its threat to leave boxing out of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics if national federations continued to align themselves with InternationalBoxingAssociation (IBA)

"It is absolutely vital to the sustainability of boxing that it retains its Olympics status, so we are delighted to join World Boxing, BFI president Ajay Singh said in a press release. Singh said he looks forward to working closely with the WB Executive Board to "shape the future development of the sport and deliver a brighter future for

World Boxing, whose president is former IBA presidential candidate Boris van der Vorst, was launched in April 2023 and

boxers across the world."



aims to ensure that boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic movement.

The membership application was approved by the BFI's General Assembly and will be ratified by World Boxing's Executive Board.

"India is a very important country in international boxing and we look forward to welcoming the BFI into the growing World Boxing family. This is a very exciting development which will significantly increase our presence in Asia and I look forward to working closely with the BFI in delivering our common goals," Van der Vorst said. On May 7, WB held its first formal meeting with the IOC which signalled the start of a formal collaboration between the two organisations aimed at establishing a pathway for boxing to remain in the Olympic Games.

Committee (IOC) had de-recognised the IBA in 2019 over longstanding financial, sports integrity, and governance issues. Boxing at the 2024 Paris Olympics is set to be overseen by

The International Olympic

the IOC. It will be the second successive time, after the Tokyo Olympics, that the IBA will have no involvement in bouts at the mega-event.

Peyton leads unseeded players pulling off upsets on a long day at French Open

nood thing the French tennis Gederation installed artificial lights on every court at Roland Garros in 2021, because they sure did come in handy Thursday, allowing match after match to stretch deep into the night, including one particular result that stood out: unseeded American Peyton Stearns' elimination of No. 10 Daria Kasatkina.

All of the waiting around all day to get on court did not disrupt Stearns one bit, and the 22-year-old from Cincinnati, who won an NCAA singles title at the University of Texas, used 17 forehand winners through the cold, damp and slow conditions to defeat Kasatkina 7-5, 6-2 in a match that didn't start until after 9 p.M. And didn't finish until after 10:30 p.M.

"You just kind of don't know what to expect," the 62nd-ranked Stearns said about waiting to get on court as showers created a start-stop-start

grounds. "You have to accept that." How did she prepare to finally get started?

"I had a single expresso before I went out there," she said with a smile. "So it was like morning for

Kasatkina had a harder time with the situation.

"Mentally, it's tough to face the day when it's a long wait," said Kasatkina, a 2022 semifinalist at the French Open. "You have to be calm, but at the same time, you have to be ready to jump on the court. And you don't know when.'

The last of the long day's 55 matches didn't wrap up until just about 1 a.M., when 17-year-old Russian Mirra Andreeva finally got through a 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 win against No. 19 seed Victoria Azarenka, a two-time Australian Open champion who is

Andreeva next faces Stearns, with the winner reaching the fourth round in Paris for the first time. Other seeded women sent home scheduling fiasco all around the included No. 9 Jelena Ostapenko,

the 2017 champion in Paris, who lost to Denmark's Clara Tauson 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3; No. 11 Danielle Collins, defeated by Serbian qualifier Olga Danilovic 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-4; No. 18 Marta Kostyuk, who was beaten 7-5, 6-4 by Donna Vekic; and No. 23 Anna Kalinskaya, eliminated 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 by oft-injured 2019 U.S. Open champion Bianca Andreescu.

Men's seeds who bowed out included No. 25 Frances Tiafoe and No. 31 Mariano Navone. A frosty handshake came when Tiafoe and Denis Shapovalov - who are friends - met at the net after Shapovalov's 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 win. That's because Tiafoe sent a tennis ball off the side of Shapovalov's head with one on-the-run shot.

"I wasn't happy with it. But it's tennis, so you can do what you want," said Shapovalov, who joined Felix Auger-Aliassime to give Canada two men in the third round at Roland Garros for the first time in the Open era, which began in 1968. "Look, I'm sure we'll be fine in



a couple days. Obviously, (in the) heat of the moment, it's not fun. But we'll get through it."

are among the players who originally were supposed to complete their second-rounders Auger-Aliassime and Shapovalov Wednesday. Because they didn't get

done until Thursday, on account of the weather, they need to get back on court Friday for the third round, losing the usual day off at a Grand Slam.

There were victories for several top men Thursday: No. 1 Novak Djokovic, who seeks his fourth French Open championship and 25th from all Grand Slam tournaments, No. 4 Alexander Zverev, No. 8 Hubert Hurkacz and two-time runner-up Casper Ruud. No. 5 Daniil Medvedev and No. 15 Ben Shelton both advanced when their opponents stopped because of injury.

Women moving on included No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka, No. 4 Elena Rybakina, No. 14 Madison Keys and No. 15 Elina Svitolina.

This is the fourth tournament for Stearns since she began working with Tom Hill, who used to coach two-time Grand Slam semifinalist Maria Sakkari. Last week, Stearns

claimed her first career WTA title,

in an event on clay at Rabat,

Morocco, celebrating by posing for

"I was like, Look, just stay. Please," Stearns said with a laugh. "We've got to keep this going." Nothing too onerous about getting to stay in France while watching your kid win tennis matches, right? Ah, but Stearns said she put Denise

round, too.

photos while doing a handstand.

That skills is from her days in

gymnastics, a sport her mother,

Denise, used to do. Mom - who

Stearns said good-naturedly offered

some critiques of her form in the

pictures - came to Paris with plans

to watch just daughter's first-round

match, then fly home to Ohio. But a

win that day prompted a new flight

booking. Now after the win against

Kasatkina, Stearns said her mother

is sticking around for the third

to work. "She's running me through my warmups and cool downs. And before my matches, we have a ritual where she'll fill up my three water bottles and add electrolytes. Keeping her busy," Stearns said.

"She jokes, You're not paying me.

ROHIT SHARMA HOPES FOR QUICK ACCLIMATISATION OF NY PITCH AHEAD OF T20 WC

arvelling at the newly-constructed Nassau County International Cricket Stadium here, India Rohit Sharma underlined the need for his team to get acclimatised to the pitch and conditions quickly ahead of their T20 World Cup opener against Ireland on June

However, Rohit and company will get a chance to check the nature of the pitch and overall conditions when they face Bangladesh in a warm-up match here on Saturday. It's also India's lone training game ahead of the ICC marquee event.

The warm-up match is important from India's perspective because their matches will start at 10.30 AM local time and the players need to get used to day-time matches after playing under lights in the IPL for the last two months.

"We're looking to understand conditions more (before the importantly tournament proper) as we haven't been here before," Rohit told ICC.

The Mumbaikar emphasised the need for his side to get into a "rhythm" before the real action starts, and he wanted to use this side game as a

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 $F_{\text{Rovman}}^{\text{ifties by Nicholas Pooran and }}_{\text{Rovman Powell helped West}}$

Indies outpunch a nine-man

Australia by 35 runs in their warm-up match ahead of the T20 World Cup

As it happened in their first training

match against Namibia, the Aussies

fielded only nine players against the

Windies. Selector George Bailey and

head coach Andrew McDonald filled

the remaining two spots while

Batting first, West Indies rode on fifties by Pooran (75, 25b, 5x4, 8x6), skipper Powell (52, 25b, 4x4, 4x6) and 15 feet 18 balls have

an unbeaten 47 off 18 balls by

Sherfane Rutherford (4x4, 4x6) to

In reply, Josh Inglis (55, 30b, 3x4, 4x6)

led Australia's reply and there were a

raise 257 for 4 in 20 overs.



springboard.
"(We will) try and make the most of the conditions, get used to what it's going to be like on June 5 when we play our first game," he added.

The challenge for the Indians will be to adapt to the drop-in turf here, something they don't come across very often in international cricket.

"It's just about getting into that Moving beyond the match

rhythm of getting the feel of the ground, pitch and stuff like that," he said.

Rohit was part of the first batch of India cricketers to arrive here on May 26, along with Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel.

doesn't have an official status.

It will be an opportunity to

check everyone's rhythm after

most of the core team

members enjoyed a two-week

There will be two areas where

skipper Rohit Sharma and

outgoing head coach Rahul

Dravid need to take a judicious

call. Even if Jaiswal is in good

nick, how to fit him in the side

will be an issue as it would

mean keeping a power-hitter like Shivam Dube out of the

It is a foregone conclusion that

Jaiswal might have to sit out as

it would not only allow Virat

Kohli and Rohit Sharma to

open but could also open the

door for Dube at the back end

"Shivam Dube is a six-hitting

machine. He can be the 'x-

factor' in the T20 World Cup.

But if Shivam has to be in the

XI, then you can't play Yashasvi. Rohit has to take that

of the tournament.

break.

playing XI.

to take in the beauty of the venue. "It looks beautiful. It's quite an open ground. When we come here and play our first game, I just can't wait to feel atmosphere in the stadium," he said.

routines, Rohit also found time

"It's a decent capacity as well. Hopefully it's gonna be a good

Rohit hoped that fans will

throng the venue for their matches.

"People in New York will be very interested in coming and watching the World Cup, as it is happening for the first time

"I'm pretty sure all the fans across various teams are quite excited and looking forward to this tournament. And also as players (we) can't wait to get

WORRY FOR BANGLADESH: Skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto too appreciated the excellent construction here, but he would not have forgotten Bangladesh's shocking series defeat against the USA a few days back days back.

The United States, largely constituted by expat players, scored a stunning 2-1 win over Bangladesh in a three-match T20I series at home last week, signalling that they are no

mere pushovers. Hence, Shanto might be hoping for a quick turnaround against formidable India, even though it's a warm-up match at this scenic stadium.

"To be very honest I wasn't expecting anything like this but we all followed on social media how the wicket looks like, how the ground would be, and we are very excited as to what is going to happen here," said Shanto.

The 25-year-old top-order batter then gushed over the

"It's unbelievable. I think it's crazy. I mean we all saw on the internet there was nothing (three months ago). Now, it looks like a proper stadium and feels great," he said.

The Eastern grandstand (in particular), I didn't expect it to

109 for seven in 20 overs, and Namibia were 93 for six in 16.5 overs when the skies opened up in Tarouba. But they were three runs ahead in the DLS calculations at that stage.

At Dallas, the match between the Netherlands and Canada was abandoned without a ball being

BRIEF SCORES

West Indies: 257/4 in 20 overs (Nicholas Pooran 75, Rovman Powell 52; Sherfane Rutherford 47 not out; Adam Zampa 2/62) beat Australia: 222/7 in 20 overs (Josh Inglis 55, Nathan Ellis 39; Gudakesh Motie 2/31) by 35 runs.

Papua New Guinea: 109/7 in 20 overs (See Bau 29; David Wiese 2/8, Ruben Trumplemann 2/15) lost to Namibia: 93/6 in 16.5 overs (Jan Frylinck 36, JP Kotze 30; Alei Nao 2/9, Assad Vala 2/14) by 3 runs (DLS)

India eye redemption as big ticket cricket

touches base in America

There will be the usual favourites, the mavericks, the chokers and also the unpredictable minnows — the script is familiar for a World Cup but the scale would be unprecedented when the T20 showpiece, featuring a record 20 teams, spearheads cricket's audacious charge into the American market starting here on Saturday.

While India would be eager to shed the baggage of near-misses, Australia would like to add another chapter to their tale of domination. For the likes of Pakistan and West Indies, the primary target would be to keep in check their tendency to implode at the

most inopportune time. Defending champions England and South Africa too will be a force to reckon with, especially the latter. Given the presence of match-winners like Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Quinton de Kock and Kagiso Rabada, the Proteas seem primed to get rid of the chokers' tag.

It will be a ground-breaking event not just because of the sheer size of the draw but also for the fact that it officially marks cricket's big-ticket entry into the USA, which will host 16 of the 55 matches to be played across 29 days.

The remaining 39 games will be held in the West Indies, including the Super 8 stage, the semifinals and the final on June 29.

Besides the obvious favourites on paper, the likes of Afghanistan can also never be counted out to upset the apple cart at the most unexpected

There are plots within plots that will unfold in the course of next one month. And perhaps one of the most intriguing would be the one involving India, a team that looks so

destined for an ICC trophy but has somehow managed to fall short after the 2013 Champions Trophy triumph. Rohit Sharma's reputation as captain will definitely be on the line this time. Considering the unparalleled resources and depth that the sport's powerhouse has, most experts find it difficult to pinpoint India's trophy drought at the word stage over the past

Rohit's predecessor Virat Kohli ended his tenure as the most successful Test captain but a global trophy eluded him.

decade.

Now Rohit is carrying that baggage of not winning a world title with India finishing world title with India finishing runner-up in two ICC events over the past 12 months, including the juggernautending loss to Australia in the ODI World Cup final at home. Their outdated approach in the previous two T20 World Cups cost them dearly but they are unlikely to repeat those unlikely to repeat those mistakes in the Americas.

The recently-concluded IPL showed how the batters are pushing boundaries and India's high-profile line-up needs to follow that risky path.

India may not have the same batting firepower as compared to some of the rival teams but as pitches in the Caribbean are expected to be spin-friendly, they surely have all bases covered.

Rohit and Co. Are scheduled to play three games at the makeshift facility here including the blockbuster clash against Pakistan on June 9. Drop-in pitches will be used at

the brand new facility with all teams entering unfamiliar territory. India, however, will have the

advantage of playing a warmup game against Bangladesh at the same venue on June 1 before they take on Ireland in their opening league game on



Lamichhane to miss **T20 World Cup after** US denies visa to Nepalese leg spinner

AP KATHMANDU

Nepal's ace leg-spinner Sandeep Lamichhane was ruled out of the Twenty20 World Cup on Friday after his US visa application was rejected for a second time. The Nepalese government and

its cricket authorities took up Lamichhane's case after his visa was first rejected last week. The Cricket Association of Nepal said in a statement that

"despite taking necessary initiatives ... The US Embassy has expressed its inability to give travel permission (visa) to national player Lamichhane to play the World Cup? The cricket

Nepalese association suspended Lamichhane after he was arrested in 2022 over an accusation of the rape of an 18year-old woman. He was found guilty in January this year but was acquitted on appeal because of "lack of evidence" and the cricket association allowed him to resume playing cricket.

Nepal, placed in Group D, opens its T20 World Cup campaign against Netherlands on June 7 in Dallas before taking on Sri Lanka at Lauderhill, Florida on

39 (22b, 4x4, 2x6) by Ellis and numerous 20s as Australia finished at 222 for seven. Earlier, Australia had Tim David, Josh

Hazlewood, Adam Zampa, Nathan Ellis and Ashton Agar as bowlers, and all went for plenty.

All-rounder Mitchell Marsh,

recuperating from an injury, refrained from bowling, though he later batted. West Indies innings was built around fine partnerships between Pooran and Johnson Charles (40), who milked 90 runs for the second wicket and a 63 for the unbroken fifth wicket between Rutherford and Shimron Hetmyer

The absence of skipper Pat Cummins, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Cameron Green and Travis Head was felt as they are yet to ioin the squad.

They are spending a few extra days at

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Arshdeep

✓ashasvi Jaiswal will aim to

Y add his bit to the

combination conundrum with

a handy contribution while

Mohammed Siraj need to put

their best foot forward during India's only T20 World Cup

warm-up game against Bangladesh ahead of their

tournament opener on June 5. With all 15 cricketers being

regular playing XI members of their respective IPL franchises,

the team is certainly not short

on game time but an assortment of 15 high- calibre

players and finding that perfect combination will be key to

ending India's 13-year global

In the warm-up game, it is

expected that save for Virat

Kohli, who is expected to

touch down some time before

the practice game, all other 14

players will be given a go as it

trophy drought.

Singh

and



home after a taxing campaign in the recently concluded IPL. runs under the DLS method.

NAMIBIA BEAT PNG: Namibia Batting first, PNG were restricted to

Pooran, Powell make fifties as WI hammer nine-man Australia by 35 runs

defeated Papua New Guinea by three

Warm up game opportunity to check Indian players' rhythm victory, feels that Hardik Pandya's four overs will be very important. Besides, he feels that Arshdeep should be the second frontline pacer on the newly-laid drop-in track. Talking about the length to be bowled on the tracks in the US during an early morning start,

he felt variations will be important, which make Arshdeep a better bet compared to Siraj.

"As per my understanding, there should be a bit of slowness in the wicket. So, the ideal length will be somewhere around just short of good length. There will not be a lot the bowlers with variations, slower ones, leg and off cutters...," RP replied to a PTI query during a promotional event in Delhi.

These deliveries will be utilised a bit more by Arshdeep, so the success rate

will be automatically higher for him and that's what I understand the wickets in the US," he explained. Against Bangladesh on a

slowish track, it would also be a challenge for the middle-order Al Hasan and Mahedi Hasan

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Mitchell Marsh will not bowl in T20 WC opener against Oman: Coach McDonald

Australia skipper Mitchell Marsh will not bowl in their T20 World Cup opener against Oman on June 6 and will play only as a batter as he continues his recovery from a hamstring injury sustained during the IPL, said head coach Andrew McDonald on Friday. Marsh played both the World Cup warm-up games against Namibia and co-hosts West Indies in Trinidad, scoring 18

and 4 respectively. But the pace-bowling all-rounder did not field for the full bowling innings in either games, with Matthew Wade

warm-up games) was about ticking off where his body was McDonald cricket.Com.Au.

'He fielded more overs tonight (in the warm-up against West Indies), he was able to move more freely, so he's building a little bit of confidence there. It looks as though he's all set for the first game," he added.

Marsh played just four matches for Delhi Capitals in the recently concluded IPL following a right hamstring niggle and he flew back to Australia in the last week of April to continue his recuperation.

The second part is just when the bowling comes back taking over captaincy duties in his absence. "For Mitch, (the game," said McDonald. online... It won't be the first



call and I prefer both pacebowling all-rounders in the XI If Shivam plays, he can take on the opposition wrist spinners in the latter half," Suresh Raina, one of India's premier T20 batters of his time, said on Friday when asked about a possible combination. The second teething problem

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for India would be to find Jasprit Bumrah's opening pacebowling partner. Arshdeep Singh and Mohammed Siraj have blown hot and cold in the IPL and their form has left a lot to be desired.

RP Singh, one of the heroes of India's inaugural edition

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