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SURGE IN HEATSTROKE CASES 16 succumb to heat fury

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Heatwave continues to take its toll on the population as more than 16 vulnerable people died in the last 24 hours due to heat-related illness, including heatstroke in the Delhi-NCR in the grip of intense weather for the past few days. As per the data available from various hospitals in the city, many are battling with the situation.

In the last 24 hours, one patient each died at Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital while five patients died at other various Government hospitals, including Lok Nayak Hospital (LNJP), according to the Government hospitals officials.

At the Centre-run RML Hospital, the authorities received 22 patients in the last two days. There have been five deaths and 12 to 13 patients are on ventilator support. To give reprieve to such patients, the hospital has set up a first-of-its-kind heatstroke unit.

At the Safdarjung Hospital, there have been a total of 60 heat-stroke cases, including 42 who have been admitted. The hospital has reported six casualties, including a 60-year-old woman and a 50-



People use scarfs to shield themselves from the hot sun in New Delhi on Wednesday

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year-old man who died on Tuesday. According to LNJP Hospital authorities, four patients have died due to suspected heatstroke in the last two days. "There were two deaths on Tuesday due to suspected heat stroke and two casualties on Wednesday. There are 16 heat stroke patients admitted," said a hospital official.

One of the victims, aged around 39, died during treatment on June 15. He was a motor mechanic who

collapsed while working at his shop in Janakpuri. He was brought in with high-grade fever.

It's not only the national Capital but various pockets across the Northwest and Central India are registering some of the highest recorded temperatures in years, causing mortalities. In the adjoining region of Noida, at least 14 people reportedly died in the last 24 hours due to suspected heatstroke, according to the health department. However, post-

mortem reports are awaited to ascertain the exact cause of death, said the officials.

The maximum temperature recorded in the national Capital crossed 45 degrees as Pitampura recorded the highest temperature in the city of 45.1 degrees Celsius, six notches above the normal. Safdarjung, considered as a parameter for the whole of Delhi, recorded 43.6 degrees Celsius as the maximum temperature, 4.8 degrees above the normal.

Monsoon off to a slow start

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The 2024 monsoon season in India is off to a slow start, characterised by delayed progress and uneven rainfall distribution across the country with the India Meteorological Department saying the country will witness below-normal monsoon rainfall in June this year. This is likely to impact agricultural yields and food security, especially the Kharif crop, given that it is largely sown in June and July. While southern and some northeastern regions may see normal to above-normal rains, many areas in northwest and Central India face significant shortages. With at least 52 per cent of India's cultivated area relying on monsoon rains, the implications for agriculture are considerable.

Modi 3.0 bonanza for farmers

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In its first Cabinet meeting after assuming the third consecutive term, the Modi Government 3.0 on Wednesday raised the minimum support price (MSP) for paddy by 5.35 per cent to ₹2,300 per quintal for the 2024-25 kharif marketing season.

The MSP for 'common' grade paddy has been raised ₹117 to ₹2,300 per quintal, while for the 'A' grade variety it has been hiked to ₹2,320 per quintal for the upcoming Kharif season. The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year has been recommended for oilseeds and pulses viz nigerseed (₹983/- per quintal) followed by sesamum (₹632/- per quintal) and tur/arhar (₹550/- per quintal).

The Union Cabinet has increased the MSP for all 14 crops, including paddy, ragi, bajra, jowar, maize and cotton which will have a financial implication of ₹two lakh crore for the Government and entail gain of ₹35,000 crore to farmers over the previous season. Announcing the MSP increase, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the Cabinet has approved the minimum support prices for 14 Kharif (summer) crops based on recommendations from the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The MSP for Jowar has been increased by ₹191



Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw speaks during a Cabinet briefing on Wednesday

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per quintal from ₹3,180 to ₹3,371 per quintal. The MSP for Bajra has been increased to 125 per quintal from ₹2,500 to ₹2,625 per quintal; Ragi by 444 from ₹3,846 to ₹4,290 per quintal and Maize by ₹135 from ₹2,090 to ₹2,225 per quintal.

The MSP for tur/arhar also increased by ₹550 from ₹7,000 to 7,550 per quintal; Moong by 124 from ₹8,558 per quintal to ₹8,682 per quintal; Urad by ₹450 from ₹6,950 to ₹7,400; Groundnut by ₹406 from ₹6,377 to 6,783 per quintal and Sunflower Seed by ₹520 from ₹6,760 to ₹7,280 per quintal.

The hike in paddy support price comes despite the Government sitting on surplus rice stocks, but it is significant ahead of elections in states like Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Delhi.

"The increase in MSP for Kharif crops for marketing

season 2024-25 is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times of the all-India weighted average cost of production, The expected margin to farmers over their cost of production are estimated to be highest in case of bajra (77per cent) followed by tur (59 per cent), maize (54 per cent) and urad (52 per cent). For rest of the crops, margin to farmers over their cost of production is estimated to be at 50 per cent," the Ministry of Agriculture said in a statement. Vaishnaw said the Government had a clear policy decision taken in the 2018 Union Budget that MSP should be at least 1.5 times the cost of production, and this principle was followed in the latest MSP hike. The cost was scientifically calculated by CACP, he added.



Setback for Kejriwal as court rejects bail plea

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The judge hearing Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's bail petition extended his judicial custody till July 3. On Wednesday, he was produced before the court through video conference on expiry of his judicial custody granted earlier. The counsel appearing for Kejriwal opposed the ED's application seeking extension of his judicial custody, saying there were no grounds to justify his continued incarceration.

Opposing the bail application of Kejriwal, the Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday claimed that Kejriwal demanded ₹100 crore bribe from the South Group for his party in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise scam. The ED told the court that if AAP, which has been arrayed as an accused in the case, the person in charge of the party will be held culpable.

The ED told the court that when former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was made an accused in the case, the AAP was not named as an accused. "Kejriwal demanded bribe. He asked for bribe of ₹100 crore. Kejriwal asked for funds for the AAP. Kejriwal demanded kickbacks from South Group. You can't say he is not guilty of offence. If AAP commits a crime, then every person in charge of the party will be deemed to be guilty," the ED told Special Judge Niyay Bindu.

"Now AAP has been made an accused. Kejriwal is responsible for the conduct (of the party)," it added. Kejriwal is the National Convenor of AAP.

India-Canada ties hit new low over Nijjar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/ AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/OTTAWA

Even as Canada's Parliament marked the first anniversary of slain Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar's death by holding a moment of silence in the House of Commons on Tuesday, India reminded the world of the Kanishka bombing in 1985, the most heinous terror-related air disasters in the history of civil aviation. Nijjar was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18 last year. Canadian police have arrested four Indian nationals in connection with the murder. Diplomatic ties remain frosty between the two countries over anti-India activities being carried out from the soil of Canada and alleged



involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Nijjar, a Canadian citizen.

"India stands at the forefront of battle against the menace of terrorism and works closely with all nations to tackle this global threat", India's Consulate General in Vancouver said as it reminded the world of the Kanishka bombing, the most heinous terror-related air disaster in the history of civil aviation.

The Montreal-New Delhi Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182 exploded 45 minutes before it was to have landed at London's Heathrow Airport on June 23, 1985, killing all 329 people on board, most of them Canadians of Indian descent.

The bombing was blamed on Sikh militants in retaliation to 'Operation Bluestar' to flush out militants from the Golden Temple in 1984.

The Consulate General of India has planned a memorial service to mark the anniversary of the bombing. "India stands at the forefront of countering the menace of terrorism and works closely with all nations to tackle this global threat," the Consulate General of India in Vancouver posted a social media message later Tuesday.

MP's daughter runs car over sleeping man

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Daughter of a Rajya Sabha member was arrested by the Chennai Police on Tuesday morning in connection with the death of a painter who was sleeping on the pavement. On Monday night Beeda Madhuri (33), daughter of Rajya Sabha MP and former Kavali (Nellore) MLA Beeda Masthan Rao, was driving her BMW car accompanied by her friend and ran over Satish who was lying on the pavement. Masthan Rao belongs to YSR Congress. According to police, the deceased was under the influence of alcohol. Maduri arranged for shifting the grievously injured Satish to hospital and drove away. But he succumbed to injuries late Monday night and this gave rise to massive protest by the residents of the locality, most of them belonging to the working class. Maduri on being informed about the death of Satish, surrendered before the traffic investigation wing of Chennai Police and she was charged under Section 304 (A) od the Indian Penal Code , for causing death by negligence. Section 304 (A) carries with of punishment of imprisonment for two years or fine or both and is a



Cops at the accident site in Chennai

cognisable and bailable offence which could be triable by the magistrate of the first class. She was let off on bail.

Though the locals alleged that she was under the influence of alcohol, the police refuted the same and said there was nothing to suggest that the lady had consumed alcohol.

But they were not forthcoming when asked whether her blood sample has been collected and sent for testing.



Two BJP workers killed by TMC in West Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The post poll violence continued in Bengal unabated leaving two BJP workers dead in the past 24 hours, sources said. Gaur Hari Maity of Arjun Nagar in Bhagwanpur village under Bhupatnagar Police Station was beaten to death by alleged TMC goons, his family members said.

"Local TMC men had come looking for Shashanka Maity the son of Gaur Hari but getting the wind of it he fled the home... when they could not find him they abducted his father Gaur Hari and took him to an unknown destination where he was beaten to death," locals said. The area falls under Kanthi Lok Sabha constituency from where BJP candidate Dibyendu Adhikari won in the recently concluded general elections. "The deceased was taken to the hospital where he was declared 'brought dead'," a district level police officer said adding the "police have started investigation.

Two terrorists killed ahead of Modi's Srinagar visit

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In course of the security forces' drive to sanitise Jammu and Kashmir ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Srinagar visit for this year's International Yoga Day function on June 21, two terrorists were gunned down in the Hadipora area of PD Sopore in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Two security personnel, including one Army jawan, also received injuries during the operation. Meanwhile, the Jammu and Kashmir Police have declared Srinagar city as a temporary "red zone", and banned the operation of drones ahead of PM's visit. This will be Modi's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after being sworn in as the Prime Minister for the third time.

Till the time of filing of this report, the identity of the slain terrorists could not be ascertained as the security forces were still conducting searches in the area and were yet to retrieve the bodies of the slain terrorists from the encounter site. Chinara Corps, in a post on X, stated that the operation was



Security forces personnel during an encounter with militants, in Hadipora, Baramulla

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conducted on receipt of specific information about the presence of terrorists in the area. "On specific intelligence input regarding the presence of terrorists, a Joint operation was launched by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir police on Wednesday in the Hadipora area of PD Sopore; two terrorists were eliminated; the operation is still in progress."

Meanwhile, in a significant development, the Jammu and Kashmir police have arrested

one person for harbouring terrorists behind the terror attack on a pilgrim bus in Reasi on June 9.

Addressing a press conference in Reasi SSP Mohita Sharma said, "A breakthrough has been achieved in the case of the terrorist attack on the pilgrim bus which was coming from Shiv Khori on 9th June. In this case, one accomplice of the Reasi terrorists identified as Hakam, 45, has been arrested by the J&K Police at Reasi.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Late Avtar Singh R/o #292, Chandi Mandir, Panchkula (Haryana) declare that my son Rajwinder Singh & his wife Gurwinder Kaur are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future.

I, Surender Pal Dhawan S/o Baldev Raj Dhawan R/o 19/1, Near Bhawna Chowk, Desraj Colony, Panipat declare that my real daughter Mahi Dhawan is out of me and my family control. So I disowned him from my movable and immovable property. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do so at their own risk.

I, Gajender Singh Dahiya s/o Sajjan Singh Dahiya r/o #1494, Sector-12, HUDA Panipat declare that my wife Suman Bala is out of my control. I sever my ties with her. In future, she will be responsible for her own transactions and legal work. There will be no responsibility for me or my family.

I, Sheela W/o Sh. Ram Avtar, R/o House No. 2, Dashmesh Nagar, Nayaagon Distt SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab inform that my son's Ranjeet and his wife Bhoomika and Manoj and his wife Simran out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk. Neither me nor my family members will be responsible for their any activities in the future.

ਮੈਂ, ਜੰਜਪ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਹਵਾਂ ਸਿੰਹ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 1537 ਸੇਕਟਰ 1-4 ਤਹਸੀਲ ਵ. ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਹਿਸਾਰ ਕਾ ਸਪਾਇ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਹੂੰ, ਮੈਂ ਅਪਨੇ ਹਨੁਕ ਸੋ ਬਯਾਨ ਕਰਤਾ ਹਿੰ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਬਡਾ ਪੁਰ ਮਹਿੰਤ ਯਾਦਵ ਕੋ ਮੈਂ ਅਪਨੀ ਚਲ-ਚੱਲ ਸੁਪਤੀ ਸੋ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਤਾ ਹਿੰ ਕਾਕੀ ਯਦ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਰਨੇ ਸੁਨਨੇ ਸੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਿੰ ਆਂਕ ਕੇ ਬਾਂਦ ਫੜਕੇ ਸਾਧੋ ਕਾਕੇ ਲੇਨ ਦੇਨ ਆਦਿ ਕਰਯਾ ਤੇਨੋਂ ਵਹ ਖੁਧੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ। ਮੇਰੀ ਵ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੀ ਕੋਝੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਗੀ।

ਮੈਂ, ਕਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਹ ਪੁਰ ਸ. ਹਾਕਮ ਸਿੰਹ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਜੇਹੜੀਆਂ ਕਰਾਂ, ਤਹਸੀਲ ਵ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਸਿਰਸਾ ਬਯਾਨ ਕਰਤਾ ਹਿੰ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁਰ ਪੁਰੇਲਾ ਜ਼ਿੰ, ਚੁੱਸਕੀ ਪੁਰੀ ਪੁਰਮ ਰਾਜੀ ਰੇਂ ਲੋਕੀ ਪੁਰੀ ਨੂਰਵੀਲ ਕੋਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਰਨੇ ਸੁਨਨੇ ਸੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਿੰ ਆਂਕ ਅਪਨੀ ਸਮਾਜੀਕ ਕਰੇਂ ਹੀਂ। ਇਲਾਵਾ ਮੈਂ ਫੁੜੇ ਅਪਨੀ ਤਮਾਜ ਵਹ-ਅਵਲ ਸੁਪਤੀ ਸੋ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਤਾ ਹਿੰ। ਇਲਾਵਾ ਮੈਂ ਫੁੜੇ ਲੇਨ ਦੇਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਧੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ। ਮੇਰੇ ਵ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੀ ਕੋਝੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਗੀ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sumit Kumar S/o Sh. Narender Kumar, House No. 360, Vikas Nagar, Mouli Jagran Chandigarh inform that in my documents my father name wrongly written as Narendra Kumar instead of Narender Kumar. My Father correct name is Narender Kumar.

I, Amol Bhal Singh, EX No-104172F, Rank-LS, residence of Ward No-06, Academy Road, Tehsil -Anandpur Sahib, District-Rupnagar, State- Punjab Declare That I want to amend my daughter name Ganandeep Singh to Gagandeep Kaur in my Navy records. Due to wrongly mentioned in my navy records

I Gurjeet Kaur, spouse of Hav (OpR) Juhar Singh resident of VPO Dher, Teh Anandpur Sahib, Distt Ropar, State Punjab & PIN 140123 have changed my name from Gurjeet Kaur to Gurjit Kaur vide Affidavit Number IN-PB16630772189706W dated 17 May 2024 before Notary, Anandpur Sahib.

I, Krishan legally father of No. 15077977N Rank Hav Name Anil Kumar Unit 10 CSR(A) C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Ward No. 13, 16 DPN Ramgarh, Distt. Hanumangarh State Rajasthan Pin code 335504 have changed my name from Krishna Kumar to Krishan and DOB from 01.07.1965 to 01.05.1968

I, Aili Rani K legally mother of No. 15323903W Rank Hav Name Sugumaran K Unit 4 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of # 204C/2, Govindharajapuram, Kongarampattu, Kannamangalam, Tiruvannamalai, State Tamil Nadu Pin Code 632311 have changed my DOB from 01.07.1958 to 22.06.1958

I, Motapalkula Rajamouli legally father of No. 16118026P Rank L/Hav Name Motapalkula Neelakanth Unit 4 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of # 6-55/88, Rangapet, Beernandi, Khanapur, Adilabad State Andhra Pradesh-504203 have changed my name from Motapawalkula Rajamouli to Motapalkula Rajamouli and DOB from 01.06.1960 to 10.08.1964

I, Raju Mashih S/O Kamal Mashih. R/O Vpo Pandori Mahantan, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Declare That My Given Name As Raju And My Surname As Mashih.

I, Balwinder Kumar S/o Chhinda. R/O Vpo Pandori Mahantan Tehsil /Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Declare That My Given Name As Balwinder And My Surname As Kumar.

I, Jatinder Masih S/O Dalbir Masih. R/O Vpo Khojpur, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Declare That My Given Name As Jatinder And My Surname As Masih.

I, Service No. JC- 769454L, Rank Sub Maj. Name: Netpral Singh S/o Bhagmal Singh of Unit- 978 LT AD MSL Regt (SP) WKSP, C/O 56 APO declare that in my army record my wife's name is wrongly entered as Sunita Devi (D.O.B 11-11-1980) instead of Sunita Nagar (D.O.B 11-11-1980) vide Affidavit dated 18-06-2024 before Harmanjeet Bedi Notary Pathankot (PB)

I, Ram Kumar S/o Shama Singh R/o # 1962, Sec-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar declare that in Re allotment letter my father's name written as Samey Singh and Aadhar Card, Family ID my Father's name written as Shama Singh. Samey Singh & Shama Singh both are one & same person.

It is for general information that I Sanchit Garg S/o Ajay Kumar R/o House No. 17/B24, Ward No. 17, Dhuri, District Sangrur, Punjab-148024 declares that the name of my father has been wrongly written as Ajay Garg in Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is Ajay Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

CHANGE OF NAME

ਮੈਂ, ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੁਖਾਲਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਭਾਦਰਵਾ, ਨੌਸ਼ੇਰਾ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਧੌਲਾ (ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾਮੁਕਤਸਰ) ਨੂੰ ਅੱਗੇ ਤੋਂ ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੁੰਦਿਰ ਹਰਿਦਿੱਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਾਮ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ।

I, No.6505918X SEP Panhalkar Santosh Pandurang S/o Pandurang Balu Panhalkar R/o 359 ASC BT C/o 56 APO, Chandimandir Cantt.Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my wife name from Manisha Shivaji Mali to Manisha Santosh Panhalkar.

I, Deepak Son of Shri Om Prakash resident of H.No. 08, Desraj Colony Panipat-132103, state that I have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Kumar.

I, Madhu W/o Pushpender Ahlawat R/o 716/22. Jhang Colony, Rohtak has changed my name from Madhu to Madhu Ahlawat.

I, Muskan D/o Pushpender Ahlawat R/o 716/22. Jhang Colony, Rohtak has changed my name from Muskan to Muskan Ahlawat.

I, Amit Kumar S/o Jugal Kishore R/o 403, Kuldeep Nagar, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Amit to Amit Kumar.

I, Anju Ghai W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o 227, Nanak Nagar, Farakpur, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Anju Ghai to Anju Bala.

I, Mohd Sharif S/o Mohd Saphi R/o Largyab Pachathang Nubra Leh Ladakh declare that my date of birth is wrongly recorded as 08-11-2004 my correct date of birth is 10-08-2005

I, Mohd Saphi S/o Mohd Ali R/o Largyab Pachathang Nubra Leh Ladakh declare that my son's name Mohd Yaseen date of birth is wrongly recorded as 15-04-2007 my son's correct date of birth is 28-02-2009 in my record.

I, Bhavya D/o Shri Navneet Batra, #2348, Sector 23-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Bhavya to Bhavya Batra.

I, Anju Rani W/o Sh. Jai Bhagwan R/o G-6/2, Sector-3, Eldeco Estate, Panipat declare that Anju Rani and Anju Benival both are my names. I will be known by the name of Anju Rani in future. To be known, note all the related.

I, Heena D/o Narender Arora & w/o Shivank R/o E-5/31, Second Floor, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name from Heena Arora to Heena for all future purposes.

I, Surinder/ Surinder Nath Sikri S/o Vijay Nath Sikri R/O No. 238/8, Bank Colony, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Surinder/ Surinder Nath Sikri to Surinder Sikri.

I, Rishab S/o Rajnish Sharma R/o H.No. 1209 Urban Estate, Sector 7, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Rishab to Rishab Sharma.

It is for general information that I, Arjun S/O Guran Ditalam R/O 1165 Urban Estate, Sector-13 Thanesar Kurukshetra Kurukshetra Haryana-136118, declare that name of mine and my son has been wrongly written as Arjun Kumar and Madhav in my minor son Madhav Arora aged 17 Years in his 10th Class educational documents. The actual name of mine and my son are Arjun and Madhav Arora respectively which may be amended accordingly.

I, Army No. 14643591N Hav Ashok Kumar Resident of Village Koron, Post office Kumarhatti, Tehsil-District Solan Himachal Pradesh declare that I have Changed the name of my Son from Krish Thakur to Krish. all concerned please may note.

I, Gurnam Singh S/O Bhag Singh R/O Village Umedpur Tehsil Siwan District Kaitthal (Haryana) have changed my name from Gurnam to Gurnam Singh

I, Yuvraj Singh S/O Gurnam Singh R/O Village Umedpur Tehsil Siwan District Kaitthal (Haryana) have changed my name from Yuvraj to Yuvraj Singh

I, Dawarki Devi mother of 739464-T Ex Sgt Naresh Kumar presently Resident of Village - Dhamoli Bichali, P.O Pathreri, Distt - Ambala (Haryana) 134202 have changed my Name from Dawarki Devi to Dwarki Devi vide Affidavit dated 19.06.2024 at Ambala Cantt.

I, Chandragiri Kameswari W/o No.JC312991K SUB Sidhar Chandra Giri R/o 164 Br Coy, 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt.Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Kameswari to Chandragiri Kameswari and my DOB from 26 Sep 1985 to 01 Jan 1985

I, Akshit son of Rajesh Kumar Hav (No. 3201392X) presently residing at Vill. Kharindwa, PO-Kharindwa, Teh. Shahabad, Distt. Kurushetra (Haryana) 136135 have changed my name from Akshit Kumar to Akshit vide affidavitv No. 1028

I, Sudha W/o Ashok Kumar Babbar R/o 268, D-Block, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Sudha to Sudha Babbar.

I, Subhash Kumar s/o Arjun Singh r/o Ward No. 30, Narkatari Road, Didar Nagar Kurukshetra state that in the birth certificate and DMC of my son Sudhir Gagat, my name wrongly written Subhash Gagat. According to my documents, my correct name is Subhash Kumar. It should be corrected accordingly.

I, Mool Shankar S/O Mahaveer Saran Goyal R/O H.no. 133, Model Town ,Ambala City I Have Changed My Name Mool Shankar Goyal

I, Sarvjeet Chhabra S/O Joginder Singh R/O H.No. 395, Ward No 7, Krishna Colony, Ladwa Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name From Sarvjeet Chhabra To Sarvjeet Singh

I, Harsh Bala W/O Sanjay Kumar Mehta R/O H.no. 254/5 Sector-C, Defence Colony, Ambala Cantt I Have Changed My Name Harsh Mehta

I, Jasvinder Bajwa S/O Gurmit Bajwa R/O H.no. 122, New Colony Pooja Vihar, Ambala I Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Bhavjas To Bhavjas Kaur

I, Sanjay Kumar S/O Hardit Singh Mehta R/O H.no. 254/5, Sector-C, Defence Colony, Ambala Cantt. I Have Changed My Name Sanjay Kumar Mehta

I, Tushar S/O Surinder Mohan R/O H.No.-1080, Sector-8, Ambala, Ambala City, Haryana-134003 Have Changed My Name To Tushar Monga.

I, Mool Chand S/O Nathu Ram R/O H.No.-1861/3, Khattwara, Ambala City, Haryana-134003 Have Changed My Name To Mool Chand Sharma.

I, Sumandeep Kaur W/O Yash Pal Singh Brar R/O H.No-186/4, Hari Nagar Ambaal City Have Changed My Name From Sumandeep Kaur To Sumandeep Kaur Brar.

I, Sushma Kaur W/O Mahinder Singh R/O H.No 34 Khaira Ambala Have Changed My Name From Sushma Rani To Sushma Kaur. All Concerned Please Note

I, Kamlesh Devi W/O Jai Singh R/O Village Malwa Po Baroula Tehsil & Distt Ambala Have Changed My Name From Shakuntla Devi To Kamlesh Devi After Marriage. In Future I Will Be Known As Kamlesh Devi.

I, Monika Gupta W/O Atul Gupta R/O House No-167, Mirpur colony, Near Mandir, Teh/Distt Pathankot Have Changed My Name After Marriage Monika To Monika Gupta That Monika Gupta And Monika One And Same Person.

I, Smt. Kuljit Kaur W/o No. 15468136H Late Sow Harjit Singh R/o Vill. Hargarh PO Nainowal Jattan Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my date of birth from 06-05-1979 to 20-12-1976.

I, Harpreet Singh S/O Madan Singh R/O Vill Tanda Po Purana shalla Distt Gurdaspur Declare that I have changed my name Harpreet Singh to Singh Harpreet. In future Singh is My Surname and Harpreet is My given name. Concerned note.

I, Jyoti Kumar s/o Tula Ram R/o Kunda Lalowal Po Jangal, Tehsil Dinanagar, distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Jyoti Kumar to Jyoti Pal. All Concerned note.

I, Savitri Yadavad dependent of Yadavud Sudhakar of Unit 25 Mech Inf (Recce & Sp) (Wh)Bn C/o 56 APO PIN-911725 s/o Annapra r/o Village Katageri Tehsil Athani Distt Belgaum (Karnataka) PIN-591304 have changed my name from Savitri Yadavad to Savitri Sudhakar Yadavad due to mistakenly entered in Army record.

I, Kuldip Singh S/o Sucha Singh R/o Vill. Jahangir, Amritsar, Punjab-143406 have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh.

I, Savita Devi W/o Salinderpal R/o Ladwa Road, Near Jawala mata mandir, Bazidpur, Thanesar, Kurukshetra have changed my name from Savita to Savita Devi.

I, Kamlesh Devi W/o Mahinder R/o Village Samani, Thanesar, Kurukshetra have changed my name from Kamlesh to Kamlesh Devi.

I, Sirshiti Garg W/o Krishi Tayal R/o H.No.1506, Maa Durga Enclave, Chandni Bagh Police Station, Sector-24, Huda, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Sirshiti Garg to Srishiti. In future I should be known as Srishiti.

I, Arshad S/o Shakur R/o H.No.456, gali no.6, ward-18, jattal road, Sondhapur Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Arshad to Arsad in future I should be known as Arsad.

I, Kailashwanti w/o Mohan Lal R/o Village Baras, Sub Tehsil Nissing, District Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Kailash Rani to Kailashwanti. In future I should me be known as Kailashwanti.

I, Vijay Kumar s/o Sukh Dayal r/o #50, Bala Ji Colony, Kaithal Road, Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Vijay Kumar to Vijay Wadhwa. In future I should be known as Vijay Wadhwa.

I, Sheesh Ram S/o Rishi Ram # 2680A, Sector- 27C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Shish Ram.

I, Naresh S/o Anand Singh # 1224, Deep Complex, Hallu Majra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Naresh Kumar.

I, Raj Kumar alias Madan Lal S/o Fateh Singh, R/o Khatar Tehsil Uchana District Jind, declare that in my documents my name is Raj Kumar and in the documents of my son Sandeep, my name is Madan Lal. Raj Kumar alias Madan Lal, both the names belong to the same person.

I, Saanvi D/O Vivek Sood R/O H.No- 856 Sector-10 Panchkula, Have Changed My Name From Saanvi To Saanvi Sood.

I, Asha W/O Rajesh Kumar R/O #23/4, Mohalla No.4 Jalandhar Cantt, Jalandhar Declare That Asha And Suman Both Names Are One And Same Person I.E. My Names. I Known With Both Names.

I, Parmod Kumar S/O Madan Lal R/O #111mall Godam Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab-150206have Changed My Name To Parmod Saluja. All Concern Note It

I, Lavina Goyal W/O Deepak Goyal R/O. Ward No. 10, Aggarsain Colony, Samana, Teh. Samana, Distt. Patiala, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Lavina Bansal To Lavina Goyal.

I, Pooja Aggarwal W/O Neeraj Aggarwal R/O #677, St No.10 Gulabgarh Road, Opp Paradise Public School, Dera Bassi Tehsil Dera Bassi Distt Mohali Have Changed My Name From Ritu Mittal To Pooja Aggarwal

I, Rashim W/O Pardeep Singla R/O H.No- 1003a Sector-4 Panchkula, Have Changed My Name From Rashim To Rashim Singla.

I, Sarabjeet Kaur W/O Charanjit Singh R/O Village Bahadurpur, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran, I Have Changed My Name Sarabjeet Kaur To Sarabjeet Kaur.

I, Gugal S/O Tang Raj R/O H.No- 263 Village Nada Sahib Sector- 31 Panchkula, Have Changed My Name From Gugal To Gokul Nath.

I, Veena Rani W/O Mohinder Kumar Gupta R/O H.No 488 Sector 16 Karnal, Have Changed My Name From Veena Gupta To Veena Rani. In Future Know Me With Said Name.

I, Sonia W/O Malkit Lal R/O Vpo Ladhra, Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name Sonia To Sonia Devi And My Minor Son Name From Jassi To Jassi Kumar. All Concerned Note.

I, No. 15345181n Rank Hav, Jagira Ram S/O Kishan Chand Presently Working At Unit 57, Engr. Regt. C/O 56 APO, K-Area, Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. Sas Nagar (Punjab) Declare That The Name Of My Son's Mentioned Incorrect Name As Rajvir In My Army Service Record, His Correct Name is Rajbir. Concern Please Note

I, Army No. 1622617Y Rank Nayak, 7 RAJ RIFLE Sandeep S/O Rampal R/O Village Baroda Teh. Uchana Distt. Jind I have declared that my army services record wrongly mentioned my mother name Krishana Devi, her actual and correct name Krishana vide affidavit dated 19.06.2024 attested by notary Jind.

I, Gurwant Kaur Kahlon W/O Guriqbal Singh R/O H.No.60, Whit Enclave, Near Oxford School Majitha Bypass Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Gurwant Kaur Kahlon To Gurwant Kaur

I, Raswinder Kaur W/O Rashpal Singh R/O Village Achint Kot Po Hoshiar Nagar Tehsil And District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Raswinder Kaur To Raminder Kaur

I, Ashok Kumar S/O Parshotam Lal. R/O Street No.22 Dogar Basti Distt Faridkot. Have Changed My Name Ashok Kakkar To Ashok Kumar. All Concerned Pls Note It.

I, Satiya Rani W/O Ashok Kumar R/O Street No.22 Dogar Basti Distt Faridkot. Have Changed My Name Satarya Rani Kakkar To Satiya Rani. All Concerned Pls Note It.

I, Harjit Kaur W/O Gagandeep Singh R/O H.No.199, Gagan Enclave, Near Ryan International School, Bye Pass, G.T Road, Amritar Have Changed My Name From Harjit Kaur To Harjeet Kaur

I, No.14932494p Hav Ram Chandra Yadav S/O Shyam Sunder Yadav R/O Hasanpur, Bhikhapur, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh-222022 Now At 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 APO Have Changed My Son's Name From Krishan Kumar To Krishna Kumar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb26314158314440w Dt.18.06.2024 Beforre Notary Public Amritsar

I, Maninderjeet Singh S/O Manjit Singh R/O Village Bhumbli, Tehsil & District Gurdaspur, Punjab Have Changed My Given Name Maninderjeet Singh To Surname Is Singh And Given Name Is Maninderjeet.

I, Navdeep Singh S/O Randhir Singh R/O. Village Reshiana, Distt.Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name Navdeep Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname

I, Ajay Kumar S/O Vijay Kumar R/O 3041a, Chowk Chira Gate Hakima, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Ajay Kumar To Ajay Mehra

I, Hemanth Kumar Budagala Resident Of Smq 83, Airforce Station Amritsar Cantt, Amritsar-143001 Have Changed My Son Name From Budagala Likhit To Likhit Budagala Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb27107741337372w Dated 19-06-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Hemanth Kumar Budagala Resident Of Smq 83, Airforce Station Amritsar Cantt, Amritsar-143001 Have Changed My Son Name From Budagala Mohith Krishna To Mohith Krishna Budagala Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb27108134530475w Dated 19-06-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Budagala Vanajasri Spouse Of Hemanth Kumar Budagala Resident Of Smq 83, Airforce Station Amritsar Cantt, Amritsar-143001 Have Changed My Name From Budagala Vanajasri To Vanajasri Budagala Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb27108278510686w Dated 19-06-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Radhamany G, Presently Residing At Palavilla Veedu, Edayam, Arackal, Valakom, District Kollam, Kerala-691532 Is Mother Of No. Jc-390878f Nb/Sub Remjith R Posted In 15 Idsr, C/O 56 APO, Have Changed My Name From Radhamany G To Radhamani S Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb27108611686576w Dated 19-06-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Radhamany G, Presently Residing At Palavilla Veedu, Edayam, Arackal, Valakom, District Kollam, Kerala-691532 Is Mother Of No. Jc-390878f Nb/Sub Remjith R Posted In 15 Idsr, C/O 56 APO, Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 01 Jul 1955 To 17 Feb 1954 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb27108757100855w Dated 19-06-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Savitri w/o Raj Kumar Neek Madan Lal r/o Khatar tehsil Uchana district Jind, declare that I have changed my name from Savetari to Savitri.

I, Maninder Kaur W/o Harmandeep Singh Boparai, House No. 69, Opposite Pingalwara, Heaven City, Manawala, Amritsar, Punjab,143413 have changed my name from Maninder Kaur to Maninder Kaur Boparai.

I, Kamla W/o Sh. Hanuman R/o Vill. Chaudhris, Tehsil and Distt. Hisar declare that in my son Ashish School record my name is Kamlesh, which is wrong. My correct name is Kamla for all future purposes.

I, Pardeep Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Mahender Singh R/o Village Sarsana, Teh. and Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar Sharma to Pardeep Kumar Sharma for all future purpose.

I, Harbhajan Singh S/O Banta Singh R/O H.NO. 107, Bhatmajra, Sarswati Khera, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Haryana Chhanged Name Harbhajan Singh to Bhajan Singh.

I, Harleen Kaur D/O Manjit Singh R/O Village Gobind Nagar, Dera Fateh Singh, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Haryana Changed Given Name Harleen Surname Kaur.

I, Manpreet Singh S/O Raghubir Singh Village Dharangarh, Jind have changed my address to Manpreet Singh S/O Raghubir Singh Village Talhedi, Kurukshetra.

I, Saurav S/o Sh. Yogender Yogi R/o Village Mujadpur Tehsil Hansi Distt. Hisar declared that, have changed my name Saurav to Saurav Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Army No. 15354951W Ex Hav Rajender Singh s/o Ram Kumar resident of VPO Gharauthi, Tehsil Rohtak, District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my son name in my Army Record from Suraj Kumar (existing name) to Suraj (Proposed new name) as per my son Matric Certificate, Aadhaar Card/Pan Card. In future my son shall may be known/written and called as Suraj for all work purposes, Vide Affidavit dated June 2024 before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak)

I, Parmila (existing name) widow daughter of No. JC129524Y. Ex Sub Satbir Singh son of Mange Ram resident of VPO Chamariyan, Tehsil & District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my name in my father Army records from PARMILA (existing name) to Parmila Devi (Proposed new name) my correct DOB 01.01.1975 instead of 01.07.1972 as per my Aadhaar Card/Pan Card. In future I shall be known/Written and called as Parmila Devi (DOB : 01.01.1975) for all work purposes, Vide Affidavit dated JUNE 2024 before Ist Class Magistrate Rohtak

I, Vikas Kansal S/o Sh. Duli Chand R/O No. 210/3 Ward No. 34 Janta Colony Rohtak declare That I have changed my minor son name from Udit Rai Jain to Udit Rai Kansal In future I will be called by the name of Udit Rai Kansal for all purposes

I, hitherto known as Sushama Rani W/o Sudhir Kumar (daughter of Lekh Raj) R/o E/996, Dawra Street, 152123 Pb, have changed name and shall hereafter be known as Rashi Chhabra.

I, hitherto known as Manpreet Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh Sidhu R/o VPO. Jandwala Kharta, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name and shall hereafter be known as Manpreet Kaur sidhu

I, Pawan Sood S/o Roshan Lal Sood R/o Kashiya Niwas Ground Floor Kufthadar, Shimla, have changed my name Pawan Sud to Pawan Sood.

I, Parneet Kaur D/o Paramjit Singh R/o H.No. 137-C/2, Model Town, Patiala (Punjab) declare that both name's Paramjit Singh & Paramjeet Singh are of my father and of one and same person.

I, Usha Kaushik w/o Sh. Vishnu Datt Kaushik R/o H.No. 141, Sector-13, Sonipat, Haryana. My name has been written as Usha Rani Kaushik in my passport No. N6608995 whereas my correct name is Usha Kaushik. I want to change my name in my passport as Usha Kaushik instead of Usha Rani Kaushik.

I, Mahalakshmi C is Spouse of No. 7782374N, HAV (MP), Jagannathan S., residing Village: Thimmampet Post Office Thimmampet, Tehsil Vaniyambudi Distt Tirupattur State Tamil Nadu Pin Code- 635801 have Change my name from Mahalakshmi to Mahalakshmi C Vide Affidavit dated 19 June 2024 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Amardeep Kaur Lamba wife of Sumesh Sachdeva Resident of House No. 376, Mohalla Pir Baksh, Zira District Ferozepur have Changed my name to Amardeep Kaur After Marriage

I, Sumesh Kumar Son of Lachhman Dass Sachdeva House No. 376, Mohalla Pir

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A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.
Subject:- Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 158 (Ground Floor) of Category-HIG-II in Sector 45-A Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Kedar Nath from the name of allottee/transferee Sh. Shashi Kant Sharma S/o Sh. Keshav Raj Sharma. Now, Sh. Shashi Kant Sharma S/o Sh. Keshav Raj Sharma has sold the above said dwelling unit to Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Kedar Nath vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on **06.06.2024**. Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Kedar Nath has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer UT Chandigarh.
Subject:- Mutation/ Transfer of the 60% share of the transferee in respect of Dwelling Unit No. **3425, of MIG-II (INDEPENDENT)** Category in Sector **40-D, U.T,** Chandigarh on the basis of Transfer Deed in the name of **Smt. Trishla Goel W/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel** (having 40% share) from the name of allottee/transferee **(i) Sh. Gaurav Kumar Goel S/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel (ii) Smt. Charu Goel W/o Sh. Deepender Pratap Singh D/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel, (iii) Ms. Ruchi Goel D/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel, (all having 20% share each).**

(TRANSFER DEED)

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. **3425, of MIG-II (INDEPENDENT)** Category in Sector **40-D, U.T,** Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **(i) Sh. Gaurav Kumar Goel S/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel (ii) Smt. Charu Goel W/o Sh. Deepender Pratap Singh D/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel, (iii) Ms. Ruchi Goel D/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel, (all having 20% share each).** It has been reported by **Smt. Trishla Goel W/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar Goel (having 40% share),** has applied for transfer of ownership right 60% share in respect of said Dwelling unit on the basis of Transfer Deed in his name which was Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on **18.03.2024.**

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

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8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9, CHANDIGARH



PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for Permission for the Sale/Purchase of BOOTH in their names under Regulation of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Purchaser SH/ SMT/ MS	Name of the Seller SH/ SMT/ MS	Booth No.	Sector
1.	Sh. Neeraj Sharda S/o Late Sh. Anand Prakash Sharda & Sh. Rajiv Sharda S/o Late Sh. Anand Prakash Sharda	Smt. Raj Kumari W/o Sh. Uttam Chand	37	Modern Housing Complex, Manimajra Chandigarh

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said dwelling Units, he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Purchaser No. SH/ SMT/ MS	Name of the Seller SH/ SMT/ MS	Booth No.	Category	Sector
1.	Ms. Kudrat Sandhu D/o Sh. Mahipinder Singh Sandhu	Smt. Bhupinder Kaur (2/3 rd Share) W/o Late S. Surjit Singh for self & as General Power Attorney holder of S. Gurdaman Singh (1/6 th Share), S. Japjit Singh (1/6 th Share both S/o Late S. Surjit Singh	23	-	Sub-Sector Shopping, Sec - 48A, Chandigarh

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said dwelling Units, he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any.

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LOST NOTICE
I, Inderjit Singh son of Shri Balveer Singh, resident of House No. 16, Inderpura Tehsil & District Rupnagar, hereby declare that I have the original copy of a registry deed vasika No. 69 dated 07-04-2011 attested by Sub Registrar Rupnagar, which is I have lost the date 20-05-2024. In this regard I have registered a police report (DDR No. 476068/2024) dated 31-05-2024.

Notice
I Deepak Kumar R/o H.No.91/1, Block No.3, Village Kadikad, Distt. Panipat, declare that my Transfer Deed Vasika no.2681 dated 30.01.2018, Has been Lost on dated 25.02.2024 in Samalkha Panipat. If anyone finds it, please contact the following said address.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE SANJAM GARG, HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.

Subject: Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 50% share in respect of House No. 374, Sector 32-A, Chandigarh (RPL-17632) in the name of Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Khullar S/o Sh. Bharat Inder Khullar on the basis of Registered Will dated 08.12.1994 executed by Late Sh. Mahabir Khullar.

It is notified for the information of general public & all concerned that as per record of this office, the ownership of the property known as House No. 374, Sector 32-A, Chandigarh bearing file No. RPL-17632 the extent of 100% share stands in the name of Late Sh. Mahabir Khullar.

It has been intimated by Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Khullar S/o Sh. Bharat Inder Khullar S/o Late Sh. Mahabir Khullar that Sh. Mahabir Khullar who was the owner to the extent of 100% share of the property/ house has executed Registered Will dated 08.12.1994. It has further been intimated that Sh. Mahabir Khullar who died on 21.03.2002 as per the registered will of Late Sh. Mahabir Khullar that Late Smt. Usha Rani (Daughter in law of Late Sh. Mahabir Khullar) had a limited life time interest only. After her death the said property shall be owned by two grandsons of owner and ultimate beneficiaries of Will namely Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Khullar and Sh. Amandeep Khullar, both sons of Late Smt. Usha Rani W/o Sh. Bharat Inder Khullar. Late Smt. Usha Rani W/o Sh. Bharat Inder Khullar expired on 28.09.2019 has left behind the following legal heirs:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Legal Heirs	Relation with deceased
1	Bharat Inder Khullar	Son
2	Sanjeev Kumar Khullar	Grandson
3	Amandeep Khullar	Grandson

Now, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Khullar S/o Sh. Bharat Inder Khullar has applied to this office for the transfer of ownership rights of 50% share of the above said Plot/ House in his name on the basis of Registered Will dated 08.12.1994 executed by Late Sh. Mahabir Khullar.

If anybody has any information about any legal heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated in writing to the Estate Officer, Sector 17, Chandigarh immediately.

If anybody have any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of the above named applicants then he/ she/ may furnish the same in writing alongwith supporting documents in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this property shall be mutated accordingly & no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

SANYAM GARG, HCS,
Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh.

LOST AND FOUND
Mr. Varun Bindal S/o Sh. Prem Chand Bindal Having R/o F-196, Prashant Vihar, Rohini, Sector-14, Prashant Vihar, North West Delhi, Delhi 110085, Proprietor of M/S BINDAL INDUSTRIES Reg. Address at F-196, Prashant vihar delhi Allottee of Industrial plot bearing no 523 Industrial model township kharkhoda sonipat have lost our Original regular Letter of allotment having no HSIIDC.RLA2021.JUL03030 dated 2-7-2021 In name of BINDAL INDUSTRIES If someone found please return to above-mentioned address.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Valbhav S/o Tarsem Miglani R/o H.No. 431/29, Chakraborti Mohalla, Kurukshetra, declare that I have lost/misplace my one Sale Deed No. 1086 Dated 08.05.2019 (as executed by Santosh Kumari in favour of Raj Rani) of my property somewhere at Railway Road Kurukshetra. We have tried our best to find out, but it vain. Whose missing report is lodged through Application No. 132320772400619. Anybody finds it, please contact us.

Executive Engineer (Civil & Electrical) Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ldh.

The GADVASU has invited tenders for Civil work (1. Const. of Shed For Gymnasium in Residential Complex, COVSC, Rampura Phul 2. Barbed wire fencing along fodder area 1 and backside of KVK at RRTC, Booh, Tarn Taran 3. Construction of Sheep, Goat and Pig Slaughter House at Ldh. 4. Establishment of BSL-2 Plus Diagnostic and Surveillance Facility for emerging and reemerging diseases at the college of ABT, Ldh. 5. Const. of Proposed ADR & Tissue Bank, MSVH at Ldh. 6. Const. of Canteen and Mess at G+8 (Girls Hostel), Ldh. 7. Const. of New Skill Development Centre at Ldh. and Electrical work for (B. Dispensary, Heifer Shed and Maternity pens, Calf Shed and Milking Shed at RRTC Booh, Tarn Taran.)

Last date of Submission of tenders: **09.07.2024 up to 5.00 p.m.**
Date of Opening of tenders: (a) Technical Bid **11.07.2024 at 11.00 a.m.**
(b) Financial Bid: Will be opened after the evaluation of Technical Bid.
For more details please visit the University website www.gadvasu.in

NA/12/23483/2023/34708 Dated CHD :- 6/19/2024

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH(DRT 3) Ground Floor, SCO No.33-34-35, Sector-17-A, Chandigarh - 160017

Case No. OA/377/2022
Summons Under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 Exh No.: 14906
INDIAN BANK (ALLAHABAD BANK) Vs GURJANT SINGH

To,
(1) **GURJANT SINGH S/O SH. KARTAR SINGH R/O H. NO 28-D, 7144/1, SARGODHA COLONY, PAKHOWAL ROAD, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB.**
(2) **SH. RESHAM SINGH S/O KARTAR SINGH R/O H NO 28-D 7144/1 SARGODHA COLONY, PAKHOWAL ROAD LUDHIANA, PUNJAB**
ALTERNATE ADDRESS OF BOTH DEFENDANTS: 1. VPO GHALL KHURD, TEHSILAND DISTT. FEROZEPUR, PUNJAB.
2. VILLAGE WARHA-BHAI, TEHSIL AND DISTT. FEROZEPUR

Summons
WHEREAS, **OA/377/2022** was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on **25/01/2024**
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of **Rs. 79,92,244/-** (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).
In accordance with sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, You, the defendants are directed as Under:-
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the Service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application,
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **17/09/2024 at 10:30A.M** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this Date: **31/01/2024.**
Signature of the Officer Authorised to Issue Summons
Note: strike out whichever is not applicable.

**No. 13-I/HPU/Const. (Div. II) -2019-**
HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY
NAAC Accredited "A" Grade University
Maintenance Division No.-II

TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer on behalf of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor invites the tender for the works:- Addition and alteration in office chamber of Pro-Vice-Chancellor by dismantling the existing wooden and brick wall partition and by providing pergo laminated flooring P.V.C. ceiling, teak wood lining, PVC flooring along with provision of Granite Stone, wall tiles in pantry area including painting and polishing in basement floor of V.C. office and Auditorium building in HP University, Shimla-5 and Safety and Security measures by providing angle iron frame work and IRC fabric panel in front of side rooms balconies and windows of first floor of Shahid Bhagat Singh Hostel in H.P.U. Shimla-5, which are scheduled to be sold out on dated **04.07.2024 upto 1.00 P.M.** and open on **05.07.2024 at 11:30 A.M** for more details please may visit H.P University website i.e. www.hpuniv.ac.in.

Executive Engineer
(Maint.) Division No. II

**CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD**
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9, CHANDIGARH



Subject: - Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U. No. 367-1 of Category LIG in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in the name of (1) Sh. Raj Bala Wangnoo D/o Late Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat, W/o Sh. Dilip Kumar Wangnoo, (2) Sh. Rajesh Kumar S/o Late Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat (3) Mrs. Sushma Kher D/o Sh. Kashi Nath W/o Sh. Lalit Mohan Kher on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat S/o Sh. Sudershan Bhat.

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat S/o Sh. Sudershan Bhat owner of Dwelling Unit No. 367-1 of Category LIG in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh expired on **01.02.2020** at ZIRAKPUR (PB) as informed by their legal heirs (1) Sh. Raj Bala Wangnoo D/o Late Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat W/o Sh. Dilip Kumar Wangnoo (2) Sh. Rajesh Kumar S/o Late Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat (3) Mrs. Sushma Kher D/o Sh. Kashi Nath W/o Sh. Lalit Mohan Kher have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 367-1 of Category LIG in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in their name on the basis of intestate demise of Sh. Kashi Nath Bhat S/o Sh. Sudershan Bhat. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of (1) Sh. Raj Bala Wangnoo (Daughter) (2) Sh. Rajesh Kumar (Son) (3) Mrs. Sushma Kher (Daughter) he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

SECRETARY
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH
WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

**Consulate General of India, Milan**
Pza Paolo Ferrari, 08-20121 Milan-Italy
Tel.(3902) 8057691, Fax: (3902) 72002226
Email: cons.milan@mea.gov.in

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
A CHI DI COMPETENZA

The Following persons have applied for the solemnization of their marriage in this Consulate. Anybody objecting to the same may contact the Consulate within one month from the date indicated above.

SCHEDULE (D)

Particulars of Bridegroom : Name-Amanpreet Singh, Father's name-Kulwinder Singh, Mother's name- Kuldesh Kaur, Date and place of birth-11.06.1995, Nauli, Jalandhar. Address in India-Via/No.150 Ishwar, PS Adampur, Distt. Jalandhar, Pb, India.

Address in Italy-Via Verzelletti Arturo No.5,Cremona, CR, Italy., Civil condition at the time of marriage-Unmarried.

Particulars of Bride : Name-Arandeep Kaur, Father's name-Gurmit Singh, Mother's name- Balwinder Kaur, Date and place of birth-12.12.1996, Zahura, Hoshiarpur. Address in India-VPO Zahura, T. Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India.

Address in Italy-Via Verzelletti Arturo No.5,Cremona, CR, Italy., Civil condition at the time of marriage-Unmarried.

Pushpender Singh, Assistant Consulate Officer,
Consulate General of India, Milan

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF
Ms. Kulwinder Kaur Judicial Magistrate First Class-4, Jalandhar
JAIN TRADING COMPANY
Vs.

TECHNO AUTO COMPONENTS PVT LTD.
NACT/21493/22
CNR No.: **PBJL03-026244-2022**
Next Date: **02-09-2024**
PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:- 2. HEMANT MAHAJAN DIRECTOR M/S TECHNO AUTO COMPONENTS (I) PVT. LTD. PLOT NO.21 AND SECTOR 27/C MATHURA ROAD, FARIDABAD 121003 HARYANA
3. VINEET KUMAR JINDAL DIRECTOR M/S TECHNO AUTO COMPONENTS (I) PVT. LTD. PLOT NO.21 AND SECTOR 27/C MATHURA ROAD, FARIDABAD 121003 HARYANA
In above tiled Case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on **02-09-2024 at 10:00 a.m.**
For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar
Judicial Magistrate
First Class-4, Jalandhar
Dated, this day of 09-06-2024

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Vs.

TECHNO AUTO COMPONENTS PVT LTD.
NACT/21501/22
CNR No.: **PBJL03-026242-2022**
Next Date: **02-09-2024**
PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:- 2. HEMANT MAHAJAN DIRECTOR M/S TECHNO AUTO COMPONENTS (I) PVT. LTD. PLOT NO.21 AND SECTOR 27/C MATHURA ROAD, FARIDABAD 121003 HARYANA
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JAIN TRADING COMPANY
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NACT/21489/22
CNR No.: **PBJL03-026241-2022**
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Judicial Magistrate
First Class-4, Jalandhar
Dated, this day of 09-06-2024

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - VII
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
1st Floor SCO 33-34-35 Sector-17 A, Chandigarh (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961
RC/170/2023 24-04-2024
ICICI BANK LIMITED
Versus
JITENDER

To
(CD 1) JITENDER
S/O SH. RAM PHAL, R/O HOUSE NO. 82/21B, KACHHA-CHAMARIA, ROHTAK, HARYANA
(CD 2) BIJENDER
R/O HOUSE NO. 82/21B, KACHHA CHAMARIA, ROHTAK HARYANA
(CD 3) BIJENDER
S/O SH. RAM PHAL, R/O HOUSE NO. 82/21B, KACHHA CHAMARIA, ROHTAK HARYANA.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) in OA/161/2018 an amount of Rs 30,39,128.10/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousands One Hundred Twenty Eight And Paise Ten Only), along with pendente lite and future interest @ 9 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 22/01/2018 till realization and costs of Rs 33,005/- (Rupees Thirty Three Thousands Five Only) has become due against you (jointly and severally/ Fully/ Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 27/09/2024 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 24/04/2024

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

BEFORE SH. RAJIV TEWARI, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER-II, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.
Subject:- Transfer of 2/3rd Share in favour of Booth No. 47, Sector 16-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Court Decree dated 23.08.1994 and 03.10.2022.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office the property known as Booth No. 47, Sector 16-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 100% Share, stands in the name of Sh. Krishan Kohli (33.33%) and Sh. Gian Chand Kohli (66.67%).
It has been reported by Smt. Usha Kohli, Sh. Rohit Kohli, Smt. Bindya Uppal, Smt. Kitty Kohli, Smt. Anu Khanna that they are entitled for 66.67% Share on the basis of Court Decree/Family Settlement dated 23.08.1994 and 03.10.2022. As per Court Decree dated 23.08.1994, 1/3rd share is to be transferred in favour of legal heirs of Sh. Raj Mohan Kohli i.e. Smt. Usha Kohli, Smt. Anu Kohli, Smt. Bindya Kohli, Sh. Rohit Kohli and Smt. Kitty Kohli. Further as per Court decree dated 03.10.2022, 1/3rd share is to be transferred in the name of legal heirs of Sh. Raj Mohan Kohli i.e. Smt. Usha Kohli, Smt. Anu Kohli, Smt. Bindya Kohli, Sh. Rohit Kohli and Kitty Kohli and 16.66% Share relinquished by Sh. Krishan Lal in favour of Sh. Rohit Kohli. Now, The detail of Beneficiaries of Court Decree is given below:-

S.No.	Name of Beneficiaries	Share
1.	Kitty Sakhuja	10%
2.	Bindya Uppal	10%
3.	Anu Khanna	10%
4.	Usha Kohli	10%
5.	Rohit Kohli	26.67%

Now, Smt. Usha Kohli & others has applied for the transfer of property to the extent of 66.67% Share in their favour on the basis of Court Decree dated 23.08.1994 and 03.10.2022.
If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of the above named applicants they may furnish in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Rajiv Tewari,
Assistant Estate Officer-III,
Exercising the

NOTICE

[1943] S/o Shri Kewal Kumar Jolly, R/o H.N.O.
M, Mohali, Sahi S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab and declare
Bala, wife of Mr. Mukesh Sijal and Madhuri
case number 970, Sector-17, Panchkula along
[Preeti] Jolly, Aryam Jolly, Ishan Jolly and
nor will I or my family have any taluk or
and Madhuri in any way in the future. 2. That
fe of Shri Amarjeet Sachdeva or Gaurav
resident of D-43 Mittal Paradise, Shivalki City,
the narrator - Nitish Jolly and my family Preeti
anta have no relation of any kind with nor do I
of Sachdeva, Kanta Sachdeva and Gaurav
relation in future.

Not so neat

The Supreme Court demands a comprehensive investigation into administrative negligence surrounding the NEET fiasco

The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), serving as a critical gateway for students aspiring to enter undergraduate medical and dental programs in India, is at the centre of controversy. The Supreme Court of India has raised concerns about potential negligence in the administration of the exam, calling for an exhaustive investigation. Since the results were announced on June 4, the NEET exam has faced intense scrutiny due to various issues, including errors in the question paper, improper allocation of grace marks and allegations of paper leaks and fraud. In response, students and parents have called for a re-test, leading to numerous petitions being filed in courts. Despite National Testing Agency (NTA) officials denying any paper leaks, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan acknowledged that “some irregularities” had been detected at certain exam centers. NEET was introduced to standardize medical admissions across India, aiming to create a uniform criterion for entry into medical courses. However, since its



inception, the exam has faced a multitude of challenges, including allegations of fraud, question paper leaks and complaints of unequal access, which have sparked widespread debate and protests. In a pivotal decision, the Supreme Court of India has brought attention to serious concerns regarding the administration of the NEET exam, highlighting potential negligence and calling for a thorough investigation. Over the years, NEET has been marred by several instances of question paper leaks and cheating, which not only undermine the fairness of the examination but also cast a shadow over the credibility of the authorities responsible for conducting it. Such issues have been a recurrent problem, eroding trust in the system and fueling public discontent.

Additionally, there have been persistent concerns about accessibility and equity. It has been alleged that NEET inherently favors well-to-do students from urban areas who have better access to high-quality coaching and educational resources, thereby disadvantaging those from rural or economically weaker backgrounds. This perceived inequity has led to protests from various States and communities who feel marginalized by the current system. The Supreme Court’s call for an investigation into possible negligence underscores the gravity of administrative lapses within the NEET examination process. There are allegations of corruption involving insiders within examination boards or associated entities who might be leaking papers or enabling cheating in exchange for bribes. Such internal corruption severely compromises the examination’s integrity. Some States have expressed opposition to NEET, citing disadvantages for their students due to regional and linguistic differences. This opposition could reflect broader political dynamics, where certain political interests align against the centralization of medical entrance examinations. Indeed, a probe is crucial for restoring faith in the NEET process and ensuring that all aspiring medical students have a fair opportunity.

PICTALK



Devotees gather to take a holy dip in the Ganga river on the occasion of Ganga Dussehra, in Haridwar

PTI

Attain happiness by living in the moment

Embracing small moments and choosing to smile can transform not just our day, but the lives of those around us, making the world a happier place

I have often wondered if happiness is a choice or an effort. As I have aged, I realise that it is a choice for which one needs to make an effort. I understand that happiness derived out of immersing oneself in the moment is also meditative. A few years back, I was standing in the airport security queue with a grumpy face. It was an early morning flight for which I had to wake up in the dead of the night. I was also stressed as I had to make a presentation to my Board of Directors in a few hours. In short I had no reasons to be happy. In this self-made gloom surrounding me, my eyes fell on an old gentleman, standing patiently in front of me. His cheerful disposition even at that early hour, despite the struggle to navigate the slow moving long queue and the broad smile on his face as he walked jauntily for the mandatory check, was enough to light up the faces of everyone around him. He smiled at the security personnel, asked his name, introduced himself and still laughing, picked up his cabin baggage and moved on with



a spring in his steps. The usually taciturn security staff kept looking at the retreating back — with a smile on his face! We had a laughter club in my condominium complex. These sexagenarians to octogenarians burst into laughter at the drop of a hat, oblivious to the smirks of the other walkers. The laughter is forced, but the young at heart are immersed in the act. They have chosen to work for happiness, unmindful of the worry of the moment. Children do not need a reason to be happy — they do not even have to fake it. Each moment is a miracle for them. It would not be wrong to say that they live in the moment. The purity and

the sheer joy of their happiness is a sight to behold. I was a young boy of 9. My brother was 8. We were having annual sports in our school. The winter days were gloriously sunny. It was a pleasure to sit on the boundary wall to watch the young athletes. It was an equally satisfying act to clap for the winning heroes. We lost sense of time, so absorbed were we in the pleasure of the moment. This led my worried and irate father to march to the school and drag us back home. The lasting memory is that of our sitting on the boundary wall lost in the joy that it afforded us and not the subsequent thrashing. As we grew into adulthood, with accompanying respon-

sibilities of the daily grind, lines of frown started appearing on our foreheads. We forgot to even smile. We also forgot to make friends. We thought that the professionals that we spent time with could at best be acquaintances. We could not have been farther from truth. Friends are forever a source of joy.

Now that we are in the winter of our lives, we realise that there is so much to be happy about. The act of waking up in the morning, or going about our routine with our hands and feet and many other such acts that we considered mundane in our younger days, are now sources of happiness. Everyone loves to spend time with a smiling person, avoiding a grumpy face. The world would be happier if all of us chose to be the lighted candle of Ralph Waldo Emerson, “When a happy person comes into the room, it is as if another candle has been lit.”

(The writer conducts workshops on creative writing for young adults and corporate executives. Views are personal)



SANJAY CHANDRA

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In less than a week of assuming office as the Prime Minister for the largest democracy in the world, Mr Modi, is back where he excels. He was in Italy this week, meeting the leaders from the powerful group of nations also known as the G7. On the sidelines were several bilateral meetings with leaders of African, Arab nations, besides several clear messages to the primarily American and European groups leaders. This was PM Modi’s first trip abroad, after assuming office for a third time (a remarkable feat in itself), where nearly 670 million voters, patiently waited in queues, under an extremely harsh summer sun, over a period of nearly two months, to choose the leader of the largest democracy. PM Modi and his party, despite, setting really ambitious expectations, could not manage a majority by itself and is now dependent on a bunch of pre poll alliance political parties, to lead the National Democratic Alliance Government. This assumes significance at a time when several parts of Europe, not to mention US are going their own set of democratic churns. The US goes to poll end of the year and voices on either side of the aisle

, are getting harsher and louder. Similarly the elections to the European Parliament, has thrown a resurgence of far right parties, which is likely to have an impact on the geopolitical dynamics for a long time. What Mr Modi may be comforted by, is the fact that he may not need to look around for carefully worded diplomatic Statements, while explaining the State of Indian democracy to the western nations. In the past few years, several questions have been raised across the western nations and in US regarding the health of the Indian democracy, its report card on minority rights, religious freedom, existence of press etc. The near majority verdict, by the Indian electorate, with ample scope of checks and balances to keep the party with highest seats under leash, a robust opposition presence in the parliament would be clear talk point for PM and his set of diplomats to set out a gold standard for democracy, when engaging with several nations. This becomes even more robust, given India’s unblemished record of being a largely



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India’s foreign policy under Modi 3.0

Amid geopolitical tensions, Modi’s engagements at the G7 reflect India’s commitment to democratic principles and its positioning on the world stage



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN



In less than a week of assuming office as the Prime Minister for the largest democracy in the world, Mr Modi, is back where he excels. He was in Italy this week, meeting the leaders from the powerful group of nations also known as the G7. On the sidelines were several bilateral meetings with leaders of African, Arab nations, besides several clear messages to the primarily American and European groups leaders. This was PM Modi’s first trip abroad, after assuming office for a third time (a remarkable feat in itself), where nearly 670 million voters, patiently waited in queues, under an extremely harsh summer sun, over a period of nearly two months, to choose the leader of the largest democracy. PM Modi and his party, despite, setting really ambitious expectations, could not manage a majority by itself and is now dependent on a bunch of pre poll alliance political parties, to lead the National Democratic Alliance Government. This assumes significance at a time when several parts of Europe, not to mention US are going their own set of democratic churns. The US goes to poll end of the year and voices on either side of the aisle

, are getting harsher and louder. Similarly the elections to the European Parliament, has thrown a resurgence of far right parties, which is likely to have an impact on the geopolitical dynamics for a long time. What Mr Modi may be comforted by, is the fact that he may not need to look around for carefully worded diplomatic Statements, while explaining the State of Indian democracy to the western nations. In the past few years, several questions have been raised across the western nations and in US regarding the health of the Indian democracy, its report card on minority rights, religious freedom, existence of press etc. The near majority verdict, by the Indian electorate, with ample scope of checks and balances to keep the party with highest seats under leash, a robust opposition presence in the parliament would be clear talk point for PM and his set of diplomats to set out a gold standard for democracy, when engaging with several nations. This becomes even more robust, given India’s unblemished record of being a largely

democratic nation, with a huge diverse population, in a neighbourhood, where there are several non democratic regimes, not to forget the second largest economy in the world China. Mr Modi, with his nearly three decades of experience as head of the State and nation, is not new to diplomacy and in several interviews, leading up to the general elections, has articulated his target of enhancing India’s global image. The grand spectacle around G20 (not to forget back room diplomatic negotiations to arrive at a joint Statement), several high level State visits, a bunch of rescue operations carried out for citizens and neighbours from war torn areas, supply of emergency medicines during Covid, are all pointers towards the focus the Prime Minister’s Office attaches on global reputational management. PM’s first visit in his third term to meet the G7 leaders, is a reassurance of continuity, as well as scoping out newer engagement roadmaps with existing and potential new allies. Mr Modi’s visit to Italy

comes at a time when the Ukraine war is unrelenting and despite severe reluctance, there seems to be chinks in the united European approach towards the aggressor Russia. Many of them, would have, similar concerns regarding Israel’s war on terror, which has refused to die down in months. It may be recalled that both Israel and Russia are close allies of India and India has so far walked a tightrope when commenting both of these volatile situations. The dynamics of the past relationship, while building deeper relations with recent allies such as US are likely to be a sensitive diplomatic trope. It is no wonder, that PM Modi has picked up S Jaishankar, a seasoned diplomat as the External Affairs minister for a second term, to retain the continuity and foreign policy focus achieved during his last term. The evolving geo political landscape and India’s role in global affairs would continue to be tested and chiselled in days to come. (The writer is a special correspondent with The Pioneer; views are personal)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BATTLING THE HEAT

Madam — Apropos the news story “Battling the heat with tribal ammunition,” published on June 19, this is my response. As a daily newspaper reader, I am struck by the diverse range of topics covered in these articles. From the historical significance of May Day to the ongoing challenges of terrorism and global security, each piece provides valuable insights into the complexities of modern society. The essay on the Kutia-Kondh tribes of Odisha, highlighting their traditional methods for coping with heat waves, is particularly noteworthy. It showcases the resilience and resourcefulness of indigenous communities in adapting to harsh environmental conditions. The article on China’s two-front problem, discussing its growing confidence in its defence capabilities, is also thought-provoking. Overall, these articles demonstrate the breadth and depth of the newspaper’s coverage, providing readers with a comprehensive understanding of the world around us.

Preeti Arya | Jind

INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Madam — Apropos the news story “Child Development and National Progress,” published on June 19, this is my response. The article rightly highlights the critical importance of investing in early childhood care and education (ECCE) to achieve the vision of a “Viksit Bharat” (Developed India). With over 50 per cent of India’s population below 25 years old, nurturing this demographic dividend through quality ECCE is paramount. The benefits of ECCE are multifaceted — it enhances learning outcomes, positively impacts personality development and bridges social equity gaps. Yet, India’s current ECCE spending is a mere 0.1 per cent of GDP, far below the recommended 1.5-2.2 per cent. To make ECCE universally accessible, the article rightly suggests incorporat-

Nurturing India’s Startup Potential



Apropos the news story “Startups must innovate and execute for commercial success,” published on June 19, this is my response. The article highlights the significant progress made by India’s startup ecosystem in the past decade while acknowledging the challenges that young entrepreneurs face. The author rightly points out that the growth potential is vast, bolstered by supportive Government initiatives and the commitment of funders to nurture India’s youth. The primary challenge lies in the dearth

of operational and financial management skills among young entrepreneurs, who often struggle with executing their innovative ideas. The author’s emphasis on the need for comprehensive mentoring alongside financial support is well-founded. Funders like YEA play a crucial role in guiding startups in enhancing operational efficiency, managing finances and leveraging Governmental incentives. The author’s emphasis on the importance of genuine innovation, meticulous planning, resilience and patience in entrepreneurship is commendable. Startups often aim for rapid multi-million-dollar or billion-dollar success, but true success hinges on sustained commitment, focus and perseverance. The article serves as a valuable reminder that building a thriving enterprise demands continual effort to benefit entrepreneurs, investors, clients and stakeholders alike. Overall, the article provides a balanced perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing India’s startup ecosystem and the critical role of funders and mentors in nurturing the entrepreneurial potential of the country’s youth.

Kularani Kapoor | Ranchik

ing it into the RTE Act, increasing public spending and enhancing social infrastructure. These steps will lay a strong foundation for India’s future and help realise the dream of a developed nation. Investing in ECCE is a strategic imperative that cannot be overlooked if India aspires to become a global leader by 2047.

Roshan Naik | Kolkata

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS

Madam — Apropos the news story “Elder abuse remains an underreported crisis,” published on June 19, this is my response. As a daily reader of the newspaper, I am deeply disturbed by the alarming statistics on elder abuse. The fact that 1 in 6 older adults experiences abuse in community settings is a stark reminder of the urgent need for concert-

ed action. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is a crucial step in raising awareness about this issue and empowering communities to identify and address it effectively. I believe that a multifaceted approach involving awareness, education, legal measures and societal change is necessary to address elder abuse. It is essential to educate both the elderly and the younger generations about the importance of respecting and caring for the elderly. The Government, NGOs and the private sector must collaborate to bridge the gap between policy and implementation, ensuring proper care for India’s elderly population.

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FIRST COLUMN

THE INFALLIBLE
LAW OF KARMA




RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR **NIKUNJ JI**

It is said that ‘Honesty is the best policy’. But sometimes people get appalled when they see a dishonest corrupt person rising to the heights of success, power and fame while a sincere and kind person toiling it out without much success. As a result, often life seems unfair and the seeming injustice turns people bitter and revengeful. However one fails to understand an important fact that the law of karma is an eternal law that works on the simple principle of cause and effect- ‘as you sow so shall you reap’.

We all know that the issue of corruption has stirred up numerous debates and agitations and attracted extensive coverage in the Indian media over the past few years. It is also a well known fact that in many countries taking and giving bribes, financial scams and misuse of public money have become a norm. Many times those involved in these activities go scot free and they lead a luxurious life and enjoy many privileges without being accountable for their nefarious deeds. But we forget that the law of karma is infallible and immutable.

As per this law every act or expression by a human being will be experienced by him/her in the same degree and nobody can escape the effects of this law. What we cannot see most of the time is how and when an action is punished or rewarded, as a result of which we get disillusioned. However, as per karmic law, sometimes the result of an action may be carried over to the next life and hence it says that there is always perfect justice in whatever happens.

This can be seen when we see someone who is born with physical, economic and social challenges. Why? Simply because past karma is carried over and experienced in the next birth. Thus, understanding the law of karma will help us to perceive life in a deeper and holistic way. Firstly, we must realise that the doer of karma is not the body but the being or the soul which is immortal and the eternal Law of karma facilitates and shapes the continuous journey or evolution of the human soul. We are here to express our true nature and experience the reward of that. Our expressions may be a subtle feeling or thought or they may be a visible action.



It is unfortunate that most people today are blind to their spiritual identity and law of karma, as a result of which they believe that they are here for one lifetime and so they can eat, drink, make merry and indulge in all pleasures through right or wrong means. But the fact is that such people may have wealth but they lack peace of mind, health and true joy. This narrow-minded limited view of human life has spawned vices such as lust, greed, ego and attachment. In the effort to have more, enjoy more and possess more, people have become totally callous about values like honesty, compassion, sharing and cooperation. Even when people suffer the result of their bad karma they do not realise that they have to improve themselves instead they blame others and become even more corrupt and vicious. If people could see in advance that each corrupt deed they commit would boomerang into a painful suffering or loss for them either in this life or in the future lifetime, they would never commit a wrong again. But they neither have the wisdom nor have the strength to live a life of total moral integrity. We must realise that richness of character is the most essential and real wealth that raises the value of human life, for, without this, a rich person may have temptations to commit more crime. But, it seems that there is little attention to these things. Today people have lost faith in God and good karma. But the law of karma is the most foolproof law that guarantees good return to those who do good. The time and place and the source from where it will come will vary. But the wheel of divine justice never fails. So, instead of seeking short-term pleasures and rewards through corrupt deeds let us live a righteous life and reap the fruit of abundant joy and wellbeing.

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NAM faces challenges of neo-colonialism



GYAN BHADRA

The Non-Aligned Movement must rejuvenate its commitment to safeguarding national sovereignty and resist the subtle encroachments of neo-colonialism

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was quoted as saying : “Those who forget history and do not learn from it are condemned to repeat it”. Churchill’s remark coming as it did from excerpts of his 1948 speech delivered in House of Commons was purportedly made against his predecessor whose failure to re-equip the country with requisite arms and ammunition made second world war ineluctable. On one hand, he cast aspersions on the dark side of colonialism. Paradoxically on the other, he, the great liberator of Europe, opined that colonialism should have continued in Asia and Africa in the wake of winning second world war.. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) which India manned as a founding member in 1955, was established in the aftermath of the Second World War, ostensibly with a view to safeguard the country’s sovereignty, integrity from the evil designs of colonialists. As is well known, during ‘50s and later a sizeable number of countries were unshackled from the chain of colonialism. They joined NAM en bloc ; and soon the organisation became a force to be reckoned with and played a pivotal role as a mouth-piece for freedom of its members in the world besieged by the Cold War. With diplomatic sleight of hand, its most vocal member-countries introduced in its organisational charter the “neutralist policy” to be followed by other member-countries. Under the diplomatic scheme of things, member-countries would resist temptations and allurements offered either by capitalist West or the communist East to make them their allies. Instead in the quagmire unleashed by two superpowers, the organisation opted the middle path and stood tall as “third formidable forum”. As a matter of fact, nothing illustrates the fact of NAM being a power broker more explicitly than the “swing votes” at the UN courted and shared by the east and west bloc. It provided succour to erstwhile have-not countries. Proof of pudding is in eating. The fact that most of the countries in the world refused to kowtow to either bloc spoke volumes about its sustenance as an independent entity. All this notwithstanding, Churchill was seemingly opinionated in his views about countries including India that they might have failed to learn from history. Without a powerful deterrent force against colonialism, possibilities for it to resurface again could not be ruled out. It might metamorphose into different forms in sync with different age. Undeniably, after the collapse of Cold War, NAM’s relevance was on decline. Many factors which constituted early and undisputed principles of the Movement were blown to smithereens. A case in point: Economic Self-reliance. In the charter of Movement, Self-reliance acquired an ideological role as bulwark against economic aggression perpetrated by multinationals and monopolistic commercial, financial and industrial companies. Conflicting nature of Statements emanating from member-countries and incidents of trading charges amongst them on diplomatically impertinent issues led to strengthen the belief that the organisation had digressed from its chosen path and its future seemed bleak. . Today it goes without saying that the war of attrition against colonialism was far from over during the post-war period. What could not be pre-empted by NAM to happen was the rising graph of neo-colonialism presence in the countries ; and its pres-



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ence manifested itself by controlling countries through money, debt and media. Colonialism was replaced by neo colonialism - the control of countries though independent in name through many means, but namely through the media, money and debt. Herein, NAM’s purpose remained unfulfilled.

In the context of Britain, King Charles III, while on a visit to Kenya, rendered his profound apologies for unleashing reigns of dictatorial oppression by his many predecessors within the colonised countries is a significant historical Statement. Now the United Kingdom’s diplomatic intentions are clear. It seeks to enter into partnerships with countries based on motto of mutual respect. A free trade deal between the United Kingdom and India likely to be implemented in New Year may be cited as a case in point. That is slated to pave the way for bringing together the two countries as equals.

But France, once regarded as Britain’s close competitor with respect to setting up colonial hegemony in countries has not expressed such feelings of remorse over its past deeds. On the contrary, they have the audacity to run their fiefdom of neo-colonialism with alacrity.

As a matter of fact, France is running its writ in so-called independent countries of West and central Africa by controlling two currencies, the west and central African francs. Notably the two currencies are used by 14 African countries. France’s diktat is : these countries must deposit 50 percent of their foreign assets in the French Treasury. Obviously France’s intention to maintain economic hegemony over them is loud and clear. These countries have been bearing the brunt of France’s disdainful economic activities for decades after colonialism was considered to have ended. France behaved obsequiously with these countries for its own advantages.

Desperation of these nations—who are only independent in name and not in reality—could be gauged by the fact that in the past twelve months almost all countries in French-speaking Africa have asked French military, diplomats and businessmen to leave their lands for good.

More or less France is engaged in the same agonising activities against the countries in other parts of the world where France has daringly disallowed any further independence.

For instance, in 2021 the French territory of New Caledonia in the South Pacific faced the diabolical designs of France as the last of three independence referenda was deliberately thwarted by security pressure. The island of Corsica in the Mediterranean witnessed the murder of a freedom fighter which eventually culminated into island-wide riots leaving 76 policemen injured in its wake.

Paradoxically France has even furthered its neo-colonial interests in countries which were never part of its erstwhile empire. In the last two years France has thwarted plans for a peace process in the south Caucasus, ostensibly to please Armenia with whom it has entered into deal of arms sales. French diplomats have publicly reprimanded Azerbaijan, Armenia’s neighbour. Not only this, but also those diplomats instigated the million-strong Armenian diasporas in France to pressurise lawmakers in the French National Assembly to pass laws against Azerbaijan ; also they left no stone unturned in maligning the country in French media.

Whether to say unlikely coincidence or no coincidence at all, Azerbaijan is now at the helm of NAM as its chairperson. After assuming office of chairperson, Azerbaijan had vowed to win back a quarter of the territory of its country known as Nagorno-Karabakh which was illegally occupied by Armenian neo-colonialists for three decades. In a 44-day war against Armenia in 2020 and later a 24-hour military operation against it in 2023, Azerbaijan finally got back its occupied territories. The fact of Azerbaijan winning back its occupied territories from Armenia did not go down well with France. It reflected in France’s action of using its power initially and unabashedly to undermine European Union-

led peace negotiations from within; it sent senior French politicians - including the Mayor of Paris - to Nagorno-Karabakh before its liberation to praise Armenian separatist leaders. In sheer violation of international law related to war, France did not think twice before allowing its own citizens of Armenian descent to fight in the 2020 conflict without penalty.

There are no two opinions about the fact that in order to impede such attempts of geopolitical manipulation, NAM was set up. Azerbaijan’s leadership has resuscitated the group which is evident from international media in far off Australia confirming and writing to vouch for it: “There is life in the Non-Aligned Movement Yet”.

In January 2024, Uganda will take the Chairmanship baton from Azerbaijan. To Uganda’s utter discomfiture; it is also shackled with tentacles of neo-colonialist powers who have asked this traditionalist country to abrogate a law on child protection.

The inherent motive of neo-colonialist powers is to widely spread and teach modern western social mores in Ugandan schools. The Ugandans have out rightly renounced this socially and culturally demeaning directive. It is also for India to stand with Uganda—independent and fellow NAM’s member—and repudiate the unwarranted interference in the Ugandan education system.

With NAM rejuvenating in a new avatar(incarnation), it is high time for all its members alongwith its co-founder India to get their acts together and set up a cohesive group with a view to fight against the act of usurping the sovereignty and wherewithal’s of countries by neo-colonialists belonging to both western and eastern bloc.

If not intervened by NAM members now and left unchecked, the ever-burgeoning presence would get the world poorer, unsafe and susceptible to conflicts. Therefore Churchill’s advice to learn from history has not lost relevance in these modern times.


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Navigating farmer discontent amid unfulfilled promises

As the Govt embarks on its third tenure, winning back the trust of the farming community will require genuine and substantial reforms that prioritise farmers’ welfare

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griculture has always been a cornerstone of India’s economy and social structure. Despite its critical role, the sector has witnessed a turbulent relationship with the central Government in recent years. The Union Government’s ambitious promises and subsequent policies aimed at revolutionizing agriculture have often been met with skepticism and anger from the farming community. This discontent was vividly reflected in the recent general election results in States like Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. The deep-seated issues that plagued the sector, including the contentious farming laws and the unmet demand for legal guarantee to Minimum Support Price (MSP), continues to fuel



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farmers’ agony and anger. Around 65 per cent of India’s population lives in rural areas, with 47 per cent reliant on agriculture. Despite India’s rapid economic growth, agricultural income has stagnated, averaging about Rs 10,000 rupees monthly in 2019, with half of the families in debt and lacking traditional financing. Public spending on farming has declined over the past decade and needed reforms

have not been implemented. Consequently, the agriculture sector, which employs nearly half of India’s workforce, contributes less than a fifth to the GDP. Modi’s promise to double farmers’ income by 2022 remains unfulfilled. The Modi Government’s first tenure starting in 2014 saw a significant focus on agriculture, with promises to double farmers’ income. However, these promises were overshadowed by controversies and policies perceived as anti-farmer. Agony and anger of farmers reached its tipping point in 2020-21 and nationwide protests begun against controversial farm laws aimed at easing rules for crop sales, pricing and storage. The protests ended after Modi promised to repeal the laws.

Farmers demanded legally guaranteed MSP for 23 crops, set at 50 per cent above production costs, as recommended by scientist MS Swaminathan. While the Government sets MSPs for 22 crops, it primarily buys only wheat and rice for welfare programs and private buyers aren’t legally required to pay MSP. The controversial farming laws were aimed at liberalizing the agricultural sector but were seen by many farmers as a threat to their livelihoods. The prolonged protests that followed led to the eventual withdrawal of these laws, yet the underlying discontent persisted. The recent Lok Sabha elections reflected this ongoing anger, with significant losses for the ruling party in agricultural strongholds. What

future awaits Indian Agriculture Ministers? Newly appointed Agriculture Minister Shivrang Singh Chouhan will have to bring in all his expertise and experience of transforming Madhya Pradesh agricultural landscape at national level to address the challenges. He must curious and cautious about the fate of his predecessors. Initiator of the Soil Health Card scheme, under then Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh was never inducted in the Cabinet again. The scheme, intended to boost soil productivity, ended up mired in inefficacy and controversy. The subsequent minister, including Narendra Singh Tomar shifted to Madhya Pradesh State politics and now he is speaker in Assembly. Recently, Arjun Munda, faced electoral defeat. Defeat of Junior Ministers Kailash Choudhary and Sanjeev Balyan also indicate farmers’ dissatisfaction with the Government’s agricultural policies. A critical demand from the farming community has been the legal guarantee of MSP. The Government’s failure to address this demand has been a significant source of anger. Farmers argue that a legally guaranteed MSP would provide a safety net against market fluctuations and exploitation by middlemen. Despite multiple assurances, the Modi administration has not enacted legislation to this effect, fueling the perception that their interests are being ignored. Experts argue that legally guar-

anteeing MSP could create a fiscal burden and potential inflationary effects. However, opinions differ on this impact. Some believe that containing cultivation costs could mitigate inflation concerns. The cost of MSP implementation for all crops is also uncertain, varying with market prices, Government procurement quantities and duration. Estimates range widely, from CRISIL Market Intelligence & Analytics’ 210 billion rupees to other analysts’ 10 trillion rupees annually. A more effective approach might be direct income support linked to farmland investment. Additionally, revamping the current procurement process. Farmers could also benefit from a price stabiliza-

tion fund to cover the difference when market prices fall below MSP levels. This combination of strategies could better support farmers without causing significant fiscal or inflationary issues. In response to the ongoing challenges in the agricultural sector, the Modi 3.0 Government is poised to introduce several initiatives aimed at placating the agrarian community. Among these, the Krishi Sakhi Convergence Program (KSCP) stands out as a significant and ambitious effort. Modi 3.0 Government’s focus on agriculture, marked by programs like the KSCP, reflects a recognition of the critical role farming plays in India.

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Russia, N Korea sign strongest deal since Cold War

AP ■ SEOUL

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un signed a new partnership that includes a vow of mutual aid if either country is attacked, during a Wednesday summit that came as both face escalating standoffs with the West.

The deal, which the leaders said covered areas including security, trade, investment, and cultural and humanitarian ties, could mark the strongest connection between Moscow and Pyongyang since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Both leaders described it as a major upgrade of their ties.

The two met as Putin visited North Korea for the first time in 24 years. The summit came as the US and its allies express growing concerns over an arms arrangement in which the country provides Moscow with badly needed munitions for its war in Ukraine in exchange for econom-



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un exchange documents during a signing ceremony of the new partnership in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Wednesday. Putin and Kim signed a new partnership that includes a vow of mutual aid if either country is attacked, during a Wednesday summit that came as both face escalating standoffs with the West.

ic assistance and technology transfers that could enhance the threat posed by Kim's nuclear weapons and missile programme.

Kim said that the deal was the "strongest ever treaty" between the two nations, putting the relationship at the level of an alliance,

and vowed full support for Russia's war in Ukraine. Putin said that it was a "breakthrough document" reflecting shared desire to move relations to a higher level. The North Korean leader gave Putin a lavish welcome, meeting him at the airport Tuesday night, where the two shook hands, hugged twice and then rode together in a limousine in a huge motorcade that rolled through the capital's brightly illuminated streets, where buildings were decorated with giant Russian flags and portraits of Putin.

After spending the rest of the night at a state guest house, Putin attended a welcoming ceremony at the city's main square, filled with what appeared to be tens of thousands of spectators, including children holding balloons and people wearing coordinated t-shirts in the red, white and blue of the Russian and North Korean flags. Huge crowds lined up on the streets to greet Putin's motorcade, chanting

"Welcome Putin" and waving flowers and North Korean and Russian flags.

Putin and Kim saluted an honour guard and walked across a red carpet. Kim then introduced key members of his leadership including Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui; top aide and ruling party secretary Jo Yong Won; and the leader's powerful sister, Kim Yo Jong.

As the talks began, Putin thanked Kim for North Korea's support for his war in Ukraine, part of what he said was a "fight against the imperialist hegemonistic policies of the US and its satellites against the Russian Federation". Putin hailed ties that he traced back to the Soviet army fighting the Japanese military on the Korean Peninsula in the closing moments of World War II, and Moscow's support for Pyongyang during the Korean War. Kim said Moscow and Pyongyang's "fiery friendship" is now even closer than during Soviet times, and promised "full support and sol-

idarity to the Russian government, army and people in carrying out the special military operation in Ukraine to protect sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity".

It wasn't immediately clear what that support might look like. Kim has used similar language in the past, consistently saying North Korea supports what he describes as a just action to protect Russia's interests and blaming the crisis on the US-led West's "hegemonic policy". North Korea is under heavy UN Security Council sanctions over its weapons program, while Russia also faces sanctions by the United States and its Western partners over its aggression in Ukraine. US and South Korean officials accuse the North of providing Russia with artillery, missiles and other military equipment for use in Ukraine, possibly in return for key military technologies and aid. Both Pyongyang and Moscow deny accusations about North Korean weapons transfers, which would

violate multiple UN Security Council sanctions that Russia previously endorsed. Along with China, Russia has provided political cover for Kim's continuing efforts to advance his nuclear arsenal, repeatedly blocking US-led efforts to impose fresh UN sanctions on the North over its weapons tests.

In March, a Russian veto at the United Nations ended monitoring of UN sanctions against North Korea over its nuclear programme, prompting Western accusations that Moscow is seeking to avoid scrutiny as it buys weapons from Pyongyang for use in Ukraine. Putin's foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov told reporters in Pyongyang that the two leaders exchanged gifts after the talks.

Putin presented Kim with a Russian-made Aurus limo and other gifts, including a tea set and a naval officer's dagger. Ushakov said that Kim's presents to Putin included artworks depicting the Russian leader.

French police shoot dead an attacker with screwdriver in Paris suburbs

Paris (AP): A French police officer in the northern suburbs of Paris opened fire and killed an attacker on Wednesday who assaulted a cleaning worker with a screwdriver and also injured another police officer, police said. The cleaning worker suffered "several blows" with the screwdriver, but the extent of the injuries wasn't immediately clear, police said. A police officer who sought to intervene also suffered an arm injury, police said. Another officer then opened fire, killing the attacker, police said. Police said they had no other immediate information about the attack in the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers, including about the attacker's gender or possible motives.

Explosions in Chad's capital kill 9 people, 46 hurt

AP ■ N'DJAMENA (CHAD)

Nine people were killed and more than 40 injured when a fire set off explosions at a military ammunition depot in Chad's capital, an official said Wednesday. Government spokesperson Abderaman Koulamallah said 46 people were being treated for various injuries after the explosions jolted residents from their sleep late Tuesday in the Goudji district of the capital, N'Djamena. The situation was being brought under control, Koulamallah said. The explosions lit up the sky as thick smoke covered the clouds in the West African nation, setting off frantic efforts to extinguish the fire as residents fled their homes for safety.

The cause of the fire was not immediately clear, and President Mahamat Deby Itno said an investigation would be conducted.

"Peace to the souls of the victims, sincere condolences to the bereaved families and quick recovery to the injured," Deby said on Facebook. He later visited the scene of the accident as well as hospitals where the injured were being treated.

People living in the area panicked, thinking the explosion was an armed attack, resident Oumar Mahamat said. Local media reported the blasts started just before midnight as nearby buildings shook and ammunition was thrown from the depot with explosive force.

Authorities called on residents to stay out of the area, which was taken over by security forces gathering the scattered artillery shells.

Allamine Moussa, a resident, called on the government to "come to our aid urgently" after he and other residents fled their homes. "Many families have recorded

deaths and it's sad," Moussa said. Chad, a country of nearly 18 million people, has been reeling from political turmoil before and after a controversial presidential election that resulted in Deby Itno's victory. He had led the country as interim president during the period of military rule that followed the death of his father in 2021. Cameron Hudson, an Africa expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the explosions might not be entirely coincidental and "feels more like a message" to the government, which has been embroiled in internal political tensions and as well as regional tensions over the war in neighboring Sudan.

Recent claims about Chad's alleged involvement in the war in Sudan create an untenable position at home for Deby Itno, said Hudson, a former U.S. official. "A house divided cannot stand,"

Police detain 8 after revolt against French rule

Paris (AP): Police in the restive French Pacific territory of New Caledonia rounded up eight people on Wednesday, including an independence leader, who are suspected of having a role in the deadly violence that wracked the archipelago where Indigenous Kanak people have long sought to break free from France. The early morning round-up was part of an ongoing police investigation launched May 17, just days after unrest first erupted, into a wave of armed clashes, looting, blazes and other violence that turned parts of the capital, Noumea, and its suburbs into no-go zones. New Caledonia's prosecutor, Yves Dupas, said in a statement that eight people were detained from 6 a.m. in Noumea and its Mont-Dore suburbs. He said those taken in custody include Christian Tein, a leader of a pro-independence group that French officials alleged played a leading role in weeks of violence over contested voting reforms for New Caledonia.

Yemen's Houthi rebels sink ship in Red Sea in second attack

AP ■ DUBAI

A bulk carrier sank days after an attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels believed to have killed one mariner on board, authorities said early Wednesday, the second ship sunk in the rebels' campaign. The sinking of the Tutor in the Red Sea marks what appears to be a new escalation by the Iranian-backed Houthis in their campaign targeting shipping through the vital maritime corridor over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. The attack comes despite a monthslong US-led campaign in the region that has seen the Navy face its most-intense maritime fighting since World War II, with near-daily attacks targeting commercial vessels and warship.

Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned-and-operated Tutor sank in the Red Sea, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said in a warning to sailors in the

region. "Military authorities report maritime debris and oil sighted in the last reported location," the UKMTO said. "The vessel is believed to have sunk."

The Houthis, quoting foreign reports in media outlets they control, acknowledged the sinking. The US military did not acknowledge the sinking, nor did it respond to requests for comment. The Tutor came under attack about a week ago by a bomb-carrying Houthi drone boat in the Red Sea. John Kirby, a White House national security spokesman, said on Monday that the attack killed "a crew member who hailed from the Philippines". The Philippines has yet to acknowledge the death, but the man who had been aboard the Tutor has been missing for over a week in the Red Sea, which faces intense summertime heat. The use of a boat loaded with explosives raised the spectre of the attack in 2000 on the USS Cole, a sui-

cide assault by al-Qaida when the warship was at port in the Yemeni city of Aden, killing 17 on board. The Cole is now part of a US Navy operation in the Red Sea led by the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower to try and halt the Houthi attacks, though the rebels continue their assaults. The Houthis have launched more than 60 attacks targeting specific vessels and fired off other missiles and drones in their campaign that has killed a total of four sailors. They've seized one vessel and sunk two since November. A US-led airstrike campaign has targeted the Houthis since January, with a series of strikes May 30 killing at least 16 people and wounding 42 others, the rebels say. In March, the Belize-flagged Rubymar carried a load of fertilizer sank in the Red Sea after taking on water for days following a rebel attack. The Houthis have maintained their attacks target ships linked to Israel, the US or the UK.

However, many of the ships they've attacked have little or no connection to the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. The war in Gaza has killed more than 37,000 Palestinians there, while hundreds of others have been killed in Israeli operations in the West Bank. It began after Hamas-led militants attacked Israel on October 7, killing about 1,200 people and taking around 250 hostage. A recent report by the US Defence Intelligence Agency acknowledged container shipping through Red Sea has declined by 90 per cent since December over the attacks. As much as 15 per cent of the world's maritime traffic flows through that corridor. Meanwhile on Wednesday, the Houthis said US-led airstrikes targeted Raymah, a province in Yemen under rebel control. The Houthi-controlled SABA news agency described a local radio station's building as being "totally destroyed" in the strikes.

Climate protesters arrested in UK

London (AP): Two climate protesters were arrested Wednesday for spraying orange paint on the ancient Stonehenge monument in southern England, police said. The latest act by Just Stop Oil was quickly condemned by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak as a "disgraceful act of vandalism." The incident came just a day before thousands are expected to gather at the 4,500-year-old stone circle to celebrate the summer solstice — the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. English Heritage, which manages the site, said it was "extremely upsetting" and said curators were investigating the damage. Just Stop Oil said on the social media platform X that the paint was made of cornstarch and would dissolve in the rain. Wiltshire Police said the pair were arrested on suspicion of damaging one of the world's most famous prehistoric monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stonehenge was built on the flat lands of Salisbury Plain in stages starting 5,000 years ago, with the unique stone circle erected in the late Neolithic period about 2,500 B.C.

Far-right leader backpedals on taking France out of NATO strategic military command

AP ■ VILLEPINTE



The far-right leader angling to become prime minister after France's upcoming parliamentary election backtracked Wednesday on his party's previous promise to pull out of NATO's strategic military command. National Rally president Jordan Bardella said at the Eurosatory arms trade show outside Paris in Villepinte that he "doesn't plan to question the commitments France has made on the international stage" if voters give his far-right party a majority that enables him to lead a new government, in what would be an awkward power-sharing arrangement with President Emmanuel Macron.

Referring to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Bardella said that "France mustn't leave NATO's military command while we are at war, because it would considerably weaken France's responsibility on the European scene and, obviously, its credibility with regard to

its allies." The comments pulled back from a campaign promise made by his party in its manifesto for the 2022 French presidential election. "The priority will be to leave the integrated NATO command," the 2022 manifesto read, a move that would have taken French military staff out of the NATO body that plans operations, and weakened France's role and influence within NATO. This latest about-face comes as the National Rally is toning down previously announced positions in an attempt to win voters outside of its tradition-

al base before the June 30 and July 7 two-round parliamentary election — the party's first real chance of forming a government.

In spite of his comments regarding NATO, Bardella maintained that he's firmly against sending troops to Ukraine.

"I am opposed, unlike the president of the republic, to sending troops and sending French soldiers to Ukraine, because I believe that first of all, a majority of French people is opposed to this decision," he said. Macron said in March that sending Western troops into Ukraine shouldn't be ruled out.

Bardella said that he supported sending continued French supplies of weaponry, ammunition and other military equipment and support to Ukraine "to enable Ukraine to protect itself," but that he was also wary of the risk of any direct escalation with Russia, noting that it is nuclear-armed like France. "My position has

not changed. It is ... to hold the front and at the same time to avoid any risk of escalation with Russia, because Russia is a nuclear power," he said. Bardella's eurosceptic anti-immigration party, and particularly its former presidential candidate Marine Le Pen, is known for its close ties to Russia. Le Pen has expressed reservations about supplying Ukraine with additional arms. Earlier this month, Macron dissolved the lower house of France's parliament in a surprise announcement, sending voters back to the polls, after his party was handed a humiliating defeat by the far right in the European Parliament election. In France, legislative elections decide the makeup of the parliament, not the occupant of the presidential Elysee Palace. Macron has a presidential mandate until 2027, and says that he won't step down before the end of his term, although he might have to share power with a far-right-led government.

EU criticises France for excessive debt

Brussels (AP): The European Union's executive arm on Wednesday criticised France for running up excessive debt, a stinging rebuke at the height of an election campaign where President Emmanuel Macron is facing a strong challenge from the extreme right and the left.

The EU Commission recommended to seven nations, including France, that they start a so-called "excessive deficit procedure", the first step in a long process before any member state can be hemmed in and moved to take corrective action. "Deficit criteria is not fulfilled in seven of our member states," said EU Commission Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, pointing the finger at Belgium, France, Italy, Hungary, Malta, Slovakia and Poland, in addition to France. For decades, the EU has set out targets for member states to keep their annual deficit within 3 per cent of Gross Domestic Product and overall debt within 60 per cent of output. Those targets have been disregarded when it was conve-

nient, sometimes even by countries like Germany and France, the biggest economies in the bloc.

This time, however, Dombrovskis said that a decision "needs to be done based on, say, facts and whether the country respects the treaty, reference values for a deficit and debt and a not based on the size of the country". The French annual deficit stood at 5.5 per cent last year. Over the past years, exceptional circumstances like the COVID-19 crisis and the war in Ukraine allowed for leniency, but that has now come to an end. Still, Wednesday's announcement touched a nerve in France, after Macron called snap elections in the wake of his defeat to the hard right of Marine Le Pen in the EU parliamentary polls on June 9.

Le Pen's National Rally and a new united left front are polling ahead of Macron's party in the elections, and both challengers have put forward plans where deficit spending to get out of the economic rut is essential.

Sudan accuses UAE of fuelling war with weapons to paramilitary rivals

United Nation (AP): The Sudanese government has accused the United Arab Emirates of fuelling the 14-month war in the African country by providing weapons to a rival paramilitary force. The UAE dismissed the allegation as "ludicrous," calling "a shameful abuse by one of the warring parties".

The clash came during a UN Security Council meeting at which Assistant Secretary-General Martha Pooee warned that atrocities are being committed along ethnic lines in Sudan's western Darfur region. She urged an immediate ceasefire in the North Darfur capital, El Fasher, which is besieged by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, "to prevent further atrocities, protect critical infrastructure, and alleviate civilian suffering".

Sudanese Ambassador Al-Harith Mohamed accused the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces of "destructively launching" its war with the Sudanese military and attacking civilians, aided by weapons from the UAE.

He said that Sudan has evidence of the UAE supplying weapons and that the government will submit a file on UAE actions to the International Criminal Court. The UAE's ambassador, Mohamed Abushahab, said those were "false allegations" and demanded to know why Sudan's government refuses to return to peace talks.

Turning to Sudan's ambassador seated beside him at the Security Council's horseshoe-shaped table, Abushahab said: "You should stop grandstanding in international fora such as this and instead take responsibility for ending the conflict you started." U.N. experts monitoring an arms embargo in Darfur reported "credible" evidence in January that the UAE sent weapons to the Rapid Support Forces several times a week from northern Chad. U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield on Tuesday reiterated a U.S. appeal to all "external actors to stop fueling and prolonging this conflict, and enabling these atrocities, by sending weapons to Sudan."

Early blast of heat and humidity leaves millions sweltering across US

AP ■ TOLEDO



People and even zoo animals were forced to find ways to thwart the muggy weather. An organization that provides produce to areas with limited access to fresh food in Columbus, Ohio, prepared frozen towels and packed cold water for their workers. "Hydration is the key," said Monique McCoy, market manager for the Local Matters Veggie Van. In Toledo, Ohio, the city can-

celed a weekly fitness event and a neighboring suburb called off a street fair as temperatures reached the mid-90s (about 35 C). A food bank in upstate New York canceled deliveries for Wednesday out of concern for staff and volunteers. Schools in New York canceled field trips Tuesday to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, where workers turned on water misters for visitors and the animals.

Elephants and other animals were getting chunks of ice in their pools, said Ted Fox, the zoo's executive director. "Even the tigers love to lick the ice and put their heads on them when it's this warm," Fox said.

The blast of extreme temperatures came a little too early for many.

"This is hot for just moving in to summer, so I'm hoping that we're going to see the downward trend in the temperature here soon because this is a warm one," said Krista Voltolini, who was selling produce at a farmer's market in Columbus. A recent study found that climate change is making heat waves move more slowly and affect more people for a longer time. Last year, the U.S. saw the most heat waves — abnormally hot weather lasting more than two days — since 1936.

Kuwait to give \$15K compensation to kin of Mangaf fire victims: Report

PTI ■ DUBAI/ KUWAIT

The Kuwaiti government will give USD 15,000 each as compensation to the families of the victims of the devastating fire that killed 50 people, including 46 Indians, in the southern Ahmadi Governorate, according to a media report.

The massive fire which occurred at a seven-storey building in the city of Mangaf on July 12 was caused by an electrical short circuit in the guard's room on the structure's ground floor, according to Kuwaiti authorities. The building was home to 196 migrant workers, mostly Indians.

On the orders of the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the victims' families will receive compensation amounting to USD 15,000

each (Rs 12.5 lakh), the Arab Times newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Citing government sources, the newspaper said the compensation payments will be processed and delivered to the victims' embassies.

Three other deceased were Filipinos, and the identity of one of the victims has not been established.

The concerned embassies will ensure that the funds are distributed to the families of those affected by the fire, expediting the process and ensuring that the assistance reaches the victims' families promptly and efficiently, the report said.

"This financial aid aims to support the bereaved families during this difficult time," the newspaper said.

The Indian government had announced compensation of Rs 2 lakh each to the families

of Indian nationals who lost their lives in the massive fire.

The Kerala government last week said it will provide Rs 5 lakh financial assistance to the families of the people from the state who died in the fire tragedy.

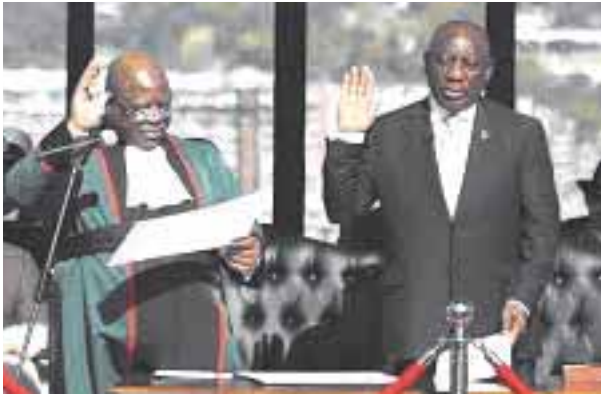
The Indians who died in the tragedy included 24 Malayalis.

Kuwait's public prosecutor has launched an investigation into the incident. The probe aims to uncover the circumstances behind the incident, and what might have triggered the deadly fire, the public prosecutor said on X. A Kuwaiti citizen and several foreigners have been arrested in connection with charges of manslaughter and causing injuries due to negligence in security and safety measures following the fire incident.

Ramaphosa sworn in for second term as South Africa President

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

Cyril Ramaphosa was sworn in for a second term as South Africa's President to head a coalition government on Wednesday, despite his failure to secure a majority in parliament for the African National Congress (ANC) in last month's election. Ramaphosa's ANC lost its parliamentary majority for the first time in 30 years in last month's elections. However, the ANC and the Democratic Alliance struck a historic deal to form a coalition government by setting aside their rivalry. While the ANC got 40 per cent of the vote in the election, the Democratic Alliance (DA) came second with 22 per cent. "I swear I will be faithful to the Republic of South Africa... I will obey, observe and uphold the constitution and all other laws of the republic," said Ramaphosa, 71, who was sworn in at the Union Buildings in Pretoria by Chief Justice Raymond Zondo. Ramaphosa said that South Africans should not be distracted by attempts to turn citizens against each other as the country enters a Government of National Unity.



"We must reject every attempt to divide or distract us, to sow doubt or cynicism, or to turn us against one another. Those who seek to stand in our way, those who seek to inflame tensions, will not succeed, because South Africans are resolute," Ramaphosa said at the seat of government, the Union Buildings, as thousands of guests, including heads of state and representatives from several countries looked on. The new government of national unity combines Ramaphosa's ANC, the centre-right DA and smaller parties. "Those who seek to undermine our institutions will fail because democracy lives in the hearts of

our people and will never be dislodged," he said, in what analysts believed was a clear reference, without naming them, to the Economic Freedom Fighters and Mkhonto weSizwe (MK), the new party formed by ousted former president Jacob Zuma. These two parties, which came third and fourth in the general elections last month, refused to join the Government of National Unity (GNU), because the African National Congress, which lost its majority since Nelson Mandela led it to victory in 1994, has teamed up with the opposition Democratic Alliance (DA) for the GNU.

The DA was born out of former whites-only parties and is still led largely by whites, although they have committed to following the Constitution and its principles of non-racism. Zuma has also challenged the validity of the elections, alleging irregularities, although his party has not provided any public proof of these claims yet despite going to court on the matter. "Nothing will distract us from serving the people and advancing their interests. We declare for all to know that neither discord nor dissent shall cause us to cast aside that which calls for to build a united, free, just, equal and prosperous nation. "In our brilliant diversity, we gather to affirm our solemn conviction that this country belongs to all who live in it, as articulated in the Freedom Charter almost seventy years ago," Ramaphosa asserted. "We gather here, as people born of the same soil across our nine provinces that make up a unitary South Africa, determined that by our deeds we shall heal the divisions of our past, and overcome the ongoing inequalities and hardships of the present," he added.

Lanka needs to benefit from India's industrial success: Prez

Colombo (PTI): President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday said Sri Lanka needs to connect with neighbouring India to reap the benefits of its massive industrial development. "Our neighbour India is going through a phase of massive industrial development. Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are experiencing it. We must also join in," said Wickremesinghe in his address at the Industry 2024 event here. The president said he was hopeful of discussing with External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, who is due to arrive here on Thursday, about the follow-up on his interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to India. "Usage of solar and wind powers and to obtain liquid hydrogen are areas where we hope to work in collaboration with India," Wickremesinghe, also the finance minister, said, adding that Adani projects in Sri Lanka have pioneered these efforts. Sri Lanka in the second quarter of 2022 had declared bankruptcy announcing the island's first ever sovereign default. Negotiations with the International Monetary Fund for a bailout began almost immediately and the first tranche of the USD 2.9 billion facility was released in March 2023. The cash-strapped country has introduced a set of hard reforms to address its economic woes. Despite the outstanding issue of debt restructuring, three tranches worth USD 1 billion of the USD 2.9 billion bail-out have been materialised subject to reforms. Wickremesinghe said that by ongoing debt restructuring negotiations, the government was hoping to get time until 2042 to repay. He said it was important for Sri Lanka to convert into becoming an export-oriented economy from the current import-oriented one. "Since we are an import-oriented economy, we have to find money to import. To become an export-oriented economy, we have to be competitive with our industries to become a production economy," the president said.

Pak for campaign to recover arms from terrorist groups

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has urged the United Nations for a "concerted campaign" to recover all weapons from dreaded terrorist groups such as the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Speaking at the UN's Fourth Review Conference of the Programme of Action (PoA) on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) on Tuesday, Ambassador Munir Akram expressed Pakistan's "grave concern over the acquisition and use of modern and sophisticated small arms by terrorist groups such as [the] TTP". According to a statement issued by the Pakistani mission to the UN, Akram highlighted the "need for a concerted campaign to recover all weapons from terrorist groups like the TTP" and also called for an investigation into how these groups acquired such sophisticated weapons. The TTP is a banned terrorist outfit which has been fighting to establish the rule of Sharia across Pakistan. The Pakistani envoy asserted that it was the responsibility of

the UN member states and that of the UN to take measures to prevent the illicit trade, transfer, and diversion of these arms, Dawn News reported. "Terrorists and criminals do not manufacture these arms. They acquire them from illicit arms markets or receive them from entities that want to destabilise a particular region or country," Akram said. The envoy highlighted how the "illicit proliferation, excessive accumulation and misuse of small arms and light weapons" was exacerbating conflicts, fuelling terrorism, threatening peace and security, and undermining sustainable development globally. Akram said the advent of new technologies such as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drones was "deepening challenges in combating the proliferation of increasingly lethal small arms". Describing the UN PoA and the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) as a structured framework to address the challenges pertaining to the illicit trade and trafficking of small

arms and light weapons, Akram reiterated Pakistan's commitment to both tools. "We have strengthened our legislative frameworks, enhanced transfer controls and implemented robust measures to prevent the diversion of SALW to unauthorised users," the envoy asserted. Pakistan has long held that the banned TTP uses safe havens in Afghanistan to launch deadly cross-border attacks. In March, Pakistan called on the UN Security Council (UNSC) to urge the Taliban rulers in Afghanistan to terminate their relationship with the TTP. Last month, Pakistan's Special Representative on Afghanistan Asif Ali Durrani stated that TTP attacks in the country increased by 60 per cent in two years, showing a significant rise since the Afghan Taliban seized Kabul in August 2021. Pakistan has witnessed an uptick in terror activities in the past year, especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan after the banned militant TTP ended its ceasefire with the government in November 2022.

US soldier convicted of theft in Russia, sentenced to nearly 4 years in prison

AP ■ MOSCOW

A court in Russia's far eastern city of Vladivostok on Wednesday convicted a visiting American soldier of stealing and making threats of murder, and it sentenced him to three years and nine months in prison. Staff Sgt Gordon Black, 34, flew to the Pacific port city to see his girlfriend and was arrested last month after she accused him of stealing from her, according to US officials and Russian authorities. Russia's state news agencies Tass and RIA Novosti reported that the judge in Pervomaisky District Court

in Vladivostok also ordered Black to pay 10,000 rubles (USD 115) in damages. Prosecutors had asked for a sentence of four years and eight months in prison. Black's case occurs amid tensions over Russia's arrests of American journalists and other US nationals as the fighting in Ukraine continues. Russia has jailed a number of Americans, including corporate security executive Paul Whelan and Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich. The US government has designated both men as wrongfully detained and has been trying to negotiate their release.

Others detained include Travis Leake, a musician who has been living in Russia for years and was arrested last year on drug-related charges; Marc Fogel, a teacher in Moscow who was sentenced to 14 years in prison, also on drug charges; and dual nationals Alsu Kurmasheva and Ksenia Khavana. The US State Department strongly advises American citizens not to go to Russia. Black was on leave and in the process of returning to his home base at Fort Cavazos, Texas, from South Korea, where he had been stationed at Camp Humphreys with the Eighth Army. Cynthia Smith, an Army spokesperson,

said Black signed out for his move back home and, "instead of returning to the continental United States, Black flew from Incheon, Republic of Korea, through China to Vladivostok, Russia, for personal reasons." Under Pentagon policy, service members must get clearance for any international travel from a security manager or commander. The US Army said last month that Black hadn't sought such travel clearance and it was not authorised by the Defence Department. Given the hostilities in Ukraine and threats to the US and its military, it is extremely unlikely he would have been granted approval.

Iran's Nobel Peace Prize laureate sentenced to another year in prison

AP ■ DUBAI

Iran's imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Narges Mohammadi, has been sentenced to another year in prison over her activism, her lawyer said on Wednesday. Mostafa Nili, Mohammadi's lawyer, told The Associated Press that his client was convicted on a charge of making propaganda against the system. Nili said the sentence came after Mohammadi urged voters to boycott Iran's recent parliamentary election, sent letters to lawmakers in Europe and made comments regarding torture and sexual assault suffered by another Iranian journalist and political activist. Mohammadi is being held at Iran's notorious Evin Prison, which houses political prisoners and those with Western ties. She already had been serving a 30-month sentence, to which 15 more months were added in January. Iran's government has not acknowledged her additional sentencing. The latest verdict reflects the Iranian theocracy's anger that she was awarded the Nobel prize last October for years of

activism despite a decadeslong government campaign targeting her. Mohammadi is the 19th woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize and the second Iranian woman after human rights activist Shirin Ebadi in 2003. Mohammadi, 52, has kept up her activism despite numerous arrests by Iranian authorities and years behind bars. In November, Mohammadi went on a hunger strike over being blocked along with other inmates from getting medical care and to protest the country's mandatory headscarves for women. Mohammadi was a leading light for nationwide, women-led protests sparked by the death last year of a 22-year-old woman in police custody that have grown into one of the most intense challenges to Iran's theocratic government. That woman, Mahsa Amini, had been detained for allegedly not wearing her headscarf to the liking of authorities. For observant Muslim women, the head covering is a sign of piety before God and modesty in front of men outside their families.

US approves new \$360 mn arms sale to Taiwan for drones, related equipment

Washington (AP): The Biden administration on Tuesday approved a new USD 360 million weapons sale to Taiwan, sending the island hundreds of armed drones, missile equipment and related support material, the State Department said in a statement that is sure to draw condemnation from China. The announcement was not unexpected but it comes at a time of high tension between Washington and Beijing, which regards Taiwan as part of its territory and has vowed to consolidate by force if necessary. The sale includes 291 Altius-600M systems, which are unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, with warheads. It also includes 720 Switchblade drones known as "extended-range loitering munitions," the State Department said. It said the sale "serves US national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability." It will "help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region," it said.

China, Malaysia to ink economic pacts as visiting Li meets Anwar

AP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Chinese Premier Li Qiang is set to talk Wednesday with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, with their countries due to ink cooperation pacts on digital economy and green development as they celebrate a half-century of diplomatic relations. Li, the first Chinese premier to visit Malaysia since 2015, flew in late Tuesday from Australia to a red carpet welcome. Upon his arrival, Li said the two nations' 50-year anniversary was a new starting point to deepen links and increase exchanges. "China is advancing Chinese modernization on all fronts through high-quality development. Malaysia, on its part, is promoting national development under the vision of Malaysia MADANI. China is ready to work with Malaysia," Li said in a statement published by the national Bernama news agency. Li, China's No. 2 leader after President Xi Jinping, last week also became the first Chinese premier to visit New Zealand and then Australia in seven years. Li was given an official welcoming ceremony at Malaysia's government capital of Putrajaya before private talks

with Anwar. While trade is expected to dominate, Malaysia's Foreign Minister Mohamad Hassan has said the prickly issue of territorial claims in South China Sea was also likely to be raised. Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Taiwan all dispute Beijing's claims to almost the entire South China Sea. But unlike the publicized clashes between the Philippines and China, Malaysia's government prefers the diplomatic channel and rarely criticizes Beijing even though Chinese coast guard ships have sailed near Malaysia's waters. This is partly to protect economic ties, as China is Malaysia's top trading partner. "That is why we need to further build on this good cooperation we have established since 1974. The good ties we have enjoyed since will allow us to manage and resolve any issue amicably," Mohamad Hassan was quoted as saying by The Star newspaper ahead of Li's visit. Li and Anwar will also witness the signing of a new five-year deal for economic and trade cooperation. Trade Minister Zafrul Aziz has said it would strengthen links between industries in priority sectors like high-level manufacturing and digital economy. Zafrul said

government-to-government pacts were expected to be signed including investment cooperation in the digital economy and green development. Trade with China — Malaysia's No. 1 trading partner since 2009 — made up 17% of Malaysia's global trade, valued at \$98.8 billion last year, Zafrul was quoted as saying by Bernama last week. Anwar, who visited China twice last year, has sought to move closer to Beijing even while engaging the U.S. as a key ally. While speaking at a forum in Tokyo in May, Anwar stressed that Beijing is too close, too important and too strategic to ignore. Ahead of Li's visit, Anwar told Chinese media that Malaysia planned to join the BRICS bloc of developing economies but didn't give details. The plan was confirmed by Zafrul and Mohamad Hassan on Monday. The bloc's core members are Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, who to seek a fairer world order currently dominated by Western nations. It expanded with Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates invited to become members this year. Some 40 countries have also expressed interest.

Hundreds die during Haj pilgrimage in S Arabia amid intense heat

AP ■ MECCA

Hundreds of people died during this year's Haj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia as the faithful faced intense high temperatures at Islamic holy sites in the desert kingdom, officials said on Wednesday as people tried to claim their loved ones' bodies. Saudi Arabia has not commented on the death toll amid the heat during the pilgrimage, required of every able Muslim once in their life, nor offered any causes for those who died. However, hundreds of people had lined up at the Emergency Complex in Al-Muaiseem neighbourhood in Mecca, trying to get information about their missing family members.


One list circulating online suggested at least 550 people died during the five-day Haj. A medic who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss information not released publicly by the government said that the names listed appeared genuine. That medic and another official who also spoke on condition of anonymity said they believed at least 600 bodies were at the facility. The list offered no cause of death. Each year, the Haj draws hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from low-income nations, "many of whom have had little, if any, pre-Haj health care," an article in the April edition of the Journal of Infection and Public Health said. Communicable

illnesses can spread among the gathered masses, many of whom saved their entire lives for their trips and can be elderly with preexisting health conditions, the paper added. However, the number of dead this year suggests something caused the number of deaths to swell. Already, several countries have said some of their pilgrims died because of the heat that swept across the holy sites at Mecca, including Jordan and Tunisia. Temperatures on Tuesday reached 47 degrees Celsius (117 degrees Fahrenheit) in Mecca and the sacred sites in and around the city, according to the Saudi National Center for Meteorology. Onlookers saw some people faint while trying

to perform the symbolic stoning of the devil. Others, including many Egyptians, lost track of their loved ones in the heat and the crowds. More than 1.83 million Muslims performed the Haj in 2024, including more than 1.6 million pilgrims from 22 countries, and around 222,000 Saudi citizens and residents, according to the Saudi Haj authorities. On Wednesday at the medical complex in Mecca, an Egyptian man collapsed to the ground when he heard the name of mother among the dead. He cried for some time before grabbing his cellphone and calling a travel agent, shouting: "He left her to die!" The crowd tried to calm the man. Security appeared tight at the complex,

with an official reading out names of the dead and the nationalities, which included people from Algeria, Egypt and India. Those who said they were kin of the dead were allowed inside to identify the deceased. The AP could not independently confirm the cause of death at the complex. Saudi officials did not respond to questions seeking more information. The kingdom's ruling Al Saud family maintains a major influence in the Muslim world through its oil wealth and management of Islam's holiest sites. Like Saudi monarchs before him, King Salman has taken the title of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, referring to the Grand Mosque in Mecca home

to the cube-shaped Kaaba that Muslims pray towards five times a day, and the Prophet's Mosque in the nearby city of Medina. Saudi Arabia has spent billions of dollars on crowd control and safety measures for those attending the annual five-day pilgrimage, but the sheer number of participants makes ensuring their safety difficult. Climate change could make the risk even greater. A 2019 study by experts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that even if the world succeeds in mitigating the worst effects of climate change, the Haj would be held in temperatures exceeding an "extreme danger threshold" from 2047 to 2052, and from 2079 to 2086.

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Prayagraj Power Generation Company Limited invites expression of interest (EOI) from eligible vendors for "1000 mm ACW inlet pipe (Raw Water) hot tapping (Line Stoppage) along with spares and consumables without disturbing flow to other units" for 3x60 MW Thermal Power Plant at Prayagraj Power Generation Company Limited, Bara, Dist. Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India. Details of pre-qualification requirements, bid security, purchasing of tender document etc. may be downloaded using the URL- <https://www.ppgcl.co.in/tenders.php> Eligible vendors willing to participate may submit their expression of interest along with the tender fee for issue of bid document latest by 25th June 2024.


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Tender Notice Reference No. GNDU/GEN/52/2024
The Department of G.N.D.U. Amritsar invites online bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
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Closing Date & Time: **10-07-2024 at 5:00 p.m.**
For details log onto www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

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Guru Nanak Dev University,
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NA/12/23486/2023/34714 Dated CHD :- 6/19/2024

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NA/12/23489/2023/34719 Dated CHD :- 6/18/2024 **Dy. General Manager (Purchase)**

SBI Chairman pitches for tax relief on interest income in Budget

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State Bank of India Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara has pitched for tax relief on interest income, saying it would help banks to garner savings that could be used for funding long-term infra projects.

Currently, banks are required to deduct tax when interest income from deposits held in all the bank branches put together is more than Rs 40,000 in a year. With regard to savings accounts, interest earned up to Rs 10,000 is exempt from tax.

"If at all some relief could be given in the Budget regarding tax on the interest earnings, it will be an incentive to depositors. Eventually, the banking sector uses deposits mobilised for the capital formation in the country," he told PTI in an interview.

The Full Budget for 2024-25 is likely to be presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Parliament next month.

Given the current economic growth rate, the SBI chairman



is expecting 14-15 per cent loan growth during the fiscal year 2024-25.

"Normally the way we look at it is that the GDP growth rate plus inflation and 2-3 per cent over that. That gives us the number around 14 per cent or so," he said.

"Hence, 14-15 per cent credit growth depends upon the opportunities available for lending, and it meets our risk

appetite. We will be happy to grow at this pace," he said.

As far as deposits are concerned, he said, it grew by 11 per cent last year.

"And we have some elbow room available in terms of excess SLR...which ensures that we don't have any pressure on us to raise the deposit rates for supporting our loan-to-deposit ratio," he said.

The bank has an excess Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) between Rs 3.5 lakh crore and Rs 4 lakh crore.

"Incidentally, I may add here that our loan-to-deposit ratio is around 68-69 per cent only. That leaves enough room for us to lend without having pressure on the deposit interest rates.

Nevertheless, he said, "We always give importance to deposits.

"That is the reason why we increased the interest rate for the short-term deposits recently because we felt that there's room for improvement...We should improve our deposit growth rate to some extent during this year. And our effort would be that we should at least grow around 12-13 per cent this year."

Last month, SBI hiked the fixed deposit rate on select short-term maturity up to 75 basis points.

For retail term deposits of 46-179 days, the rate increased by 75 basis points to 5.50 per cent against the earlier 4.75 per cent.

Sensex extends gain for fifth day to scale fresh peak

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark equity index Sensex on Wednesday ticked higher to scale yet another lifetime closing peak of 77,337, while the broader Nifty retreated from the record high level amid a lack of immediate triggers.

In a volatile trading session, the emergence of profit booking in consumer durables, capital goods and energy shares negated strong gains in banking and financial stocks.

Rallying for the fifth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 36.45 points or 0.05 per cent to settle at a new closing high of 77,337.59.

During the day, it soared 550.49 points or 0.71 per cent to hit the fresh lifetime peak of 77,851.63.

The NSE Nifty ended at 23,516, down 41.90 points or 0.18 per cent. Intra-day, it rose 106.1 points or 0.45 per cent to hit a new record of 23,664.

"Strong buying in banking stocks helped Sensex sail through in a highly volatile trading session, while Nifty ended weak as investors booked profit in auto, metals, oil & gas, telecom and realty shares after the recent upsurge.



"Ahead of the Budget, markets may see stock & sector-specific activities on hopes the government may increase the outlay for sectors to push growth," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

Among the 30 Sensex companies, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IndusInd Bank, State Bank of India, Infosys, Wipro, Tech Mahindra and HCL Technologies were the gainers.

On the other hand, Titan,

Maruti, Bharti Airtel, Larsen & Toubro, NTPC, Reliance Industries, Bajaj Finance and Power Grid were among the laggards.

As many as 2,235 stocks declined, while 1,634 advanced and 103 remained unchanged on the BSE.

"Tracking the positive global cues and robust undertone, the domestic market started on a firm note. But soon after, some hesitancy was seen in the benchmark index Nifty at the elevated zone, and a bout of profit booking was seen in the

initial trading hours.

"Despite this, the bulls showed resilience, pushing the market into uncharted territory, which too was short-lived as another bout of profit booking set in during the final hours," Osho Krishan, Senior Analyst - Technical & Derivatives, Angel One Ltd, said.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined 0.91 per cent and smallcap index went lower by 0.58 per cent.

Among the indices, realty declined 2.97 per cent, capital goods (2.15 per cent), oil & gas (1.97 per cent), power (1.86 per cent), industrials (1.82 per cent) and utilities (1.46 per cent).

Financial services, IT and bankex emerged as winners.

"Global stocks were mixed on Wednesday after US benchmarks rose to fresh records following the signs that the US economy may be slowing without falling into recession. Global stocks have broadly shrugged off political tensions in France and signs the Federal Reserve could wait until December to cut rates," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities, said.

Most of top-level executives have positive perception of GST: Survey

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

An increasing number of C-suite executives have a positive perception of GST with many highlighting further reforms like rationalising tax rates and effective dispute resolution process as focus areas to usher in GST 2.0, a Deloitte survey said on Wednesday.

The Deloitte GST@7 survey, engaging C-suite and C-1 level executives across diverse industries through online platforms, highlights areas which have resulted in growing confidence in GST, specifically on the positive role of GST automation/ technology and consultative environment, in policy making.

Reflecting growing confidence in GST, the survey found that about 84 per cent of respondents reported a positive perception of GST in

2024, up from 72 per cent in 2023 and 59 per cent in 2022.

Automation of tax compliance, including e-invoicing, continues to be voted as a top performance area. Also, enhanced and continued stakeholder consultation, leading to the issuance of clarificatory circulars/instructions was considered as a positive move in policy making.

The survey highlights the areas where more reforms are required; these include rationalising tax rates, offering an effective dispute resolution process, removing credit restrictions, adopting faceless assessments, liberalising export rules and implementing a compliance rating system.

Goods and Services Tax (GST), which subsumed 17 local taxes and levies, was rolled out on July 1, 2017.

Marking the seven-year journey of GST, Deloitte India conducted the survey to capture India Inc.'s views on this transformational tax reform.

According to the survey, 88 per cent of the top C-suite leaders indicated areas of challenge, including aspects around audits and assessments, underscoring the need for continued simplification, technology integration and capacity building.

The survey respondents also suggested enabling effective dispute resolution mechanisms, with 91 per cent of leaders endorsing the extension of audit timelines to address issues and improve compliance.

Additionally, more than 70 per cent of respondents advocated for aligning pre-deposit requirements for GST appeals



with the pre-GST era norms, aiming to streamline the dispute resolution processes.

Deloitte India Partner and Leader Mahesh Jaising said, "India Inc. Has enhanced confidence in the workings and efficiency of the GST regime. Such positive sentiment is reflective of supply chain efficiencies, the benefits of tax, technology and continued stakeholder engagement on GST policy matters.

"The survey reveals that it is time to push for further reforms to make the regime more robust, dynamic and responsive to taxpayers' needs.

GST 2.0 should review the possibility of expanding the GST regime's tax base, rationalising tax rates, removing ITC restrictions, further export liberalisation for services, unlocking working capital and

addressing concerns related to operational areas of compliance," Jaising said.

To support the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector, the survey suggests easing GST registration by implementing streamlined processes, such as virtual verification and standard documentation across the country.

These measures can help MSMEs effectively navigate compliance challenges and contribute more robustly to India's economic growth.

Jaising said: "78 per cent of MSMEs have shared a positive sentiment towards GST implementation this year versus 66 per cent in 2023... Key initiatives sought by MSMEs are paperless invoicing and that uniform registration guidelines across India will significantly ease compliance burdens."

German auto component supplier ZF Group sells 7.5 per cent stake in its Indian subsidiary

PTI ■ MUMBAI

German auto component supplier ZF Group on Wednesday said it has sold a 7.5 per cent stake in its Indian subsidiary ZF Commercial Vehicles Control System (CVCS) India to increase liquidity and financial flexibility for growth.

The sale of shares has no effect on ZF's control over ZF CVCS India, the company said in a statement.

"ZF Group has sold 1,425,000 shares, equalling 7.5 per cent stake, in its listed Indian subsidiary ZF CVCS India to increase liquidity and financial flexibility for its growth plans. The transaction will strengthen the financial



flexibility of ZF, allowing it to invest in its further growth, and in the dynamically developing Indian market," it said.

The Friedrichshafen (Germany)-headquartered firm had commenced the commercial vehicle control system business in January 2022 following the acquisition of WABCO in 2020.

ZF CVCS India is the market leader in the Indian CV

supplier industry and remains an important pillar in ZF's global growth strategy, the company said, adding that the Indian business has shown a strong operating and financial performance on the back of a supportive market environment.

"The sale of shares has no effect on ZF's control of ZF CVCS India, as it is the long-term strategy of ZF to maintain a solid majority shareholding in the entity," it said.

The transaction will strengthen the financial flexibility of ZF, allowing it to invest in its further growth, and in the dynamically developing Indian market, ZF Group said.

Escorts Kubota withdraws plan to set up new unit at Ghiloth in Rajasthan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Farm equipment and construction equipment firm, Escorts Kubota Ltd on Wednesday said it has withdrawn its plan to set up a new manufacturing plant at Ghiloth in Rajasthan due to failure to meet all the key requirements for a large-scale project.

The company, which has lined up an investment of up to Rs 4,500 crore over the next three to four years to set up a new manufacturing plant, said it continues to explore alternate options with other states, including Rajasthan.

Escorts Kubota had submitted an Expression of Interest



(EOI) to Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) for the proposed acquisition of land in Ghiloth, Rajasthan, subject to requisite approvals and clearances, for setting up an integrated greenfield manufacturing facility, for expanding the existing capacities, the company said in a regulatory

filing.

"...Based on the detailed assessment of the location, the company has reached a conclusion that the location does not meet all the key requirements for a large-scale project being planned and accordingly the company has withdrawn the aforesaid EOI," it added.

One of the key factors for the company withdrawing the EOI was the state government's inability to commit to providing adequate industrial water for the project. However, Escorts Kubota in its filing said it is "committed to setting up an integrated greenfield manufacturing facility in line

with its Mid Term Business Plan (MTBP) and continues to explore the alternate options with other states, including Rajasthan".

Through a new manufacturing plant, Escorts Kubota plans to double its domestic tractor production capacity to 3.4 lakh units annually, while also setting up new engine and construction equipment lines in phases.

At present, the company has a total annual tractor production capacity of 1.7 lakh units. The main plant is located at Faridabad. Its engine production capacity is 1.5 lakh units annually with Kubota engines currently being imported.

ICICI Prudential Life offers discount for women

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

ICICI Prudential Life offers 15 per cent lifetime discount for women and an additional 15 per cent discount for salaried women on its term plan — iProtect SmartOption to choose cover against 34 critical illnesses including breast, ovarian, uterine and cervical cancers.

The company endeavours to make life insurance more affordable for women.

Additionally, salaried women will be eligible for an extra 15 per cent discount on the first year's premium, empowering them to provide financial security to themselves and their loved ones.

iProtect Smart combined with the critical illness benefit, provides cover against 34 critical illnesses including ailments such as breast, ovarian, uterine and cervical cancers.

This combination offers benefits of both health and life insurance. Importantly, the critical illness cover amount is paid out on diagnosis, providing the requisite financial resources for seeking immediate medical treatment, without disrupting the family's savings.

As per The Lancet estimates, the incidence of cancer diagnosed in the under 50 years adult age group had a higher ratio of women.

A single hospitalisation can cost upwards of ₹1 lakh in an urban private hospital, hence, it is essential for women to plan availability of financial resources to treat such critical ailments.

Air India to launch premium economy class on select domestic routes from July

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Air India on Wednesday said it will launch premium economy class on select domestic routes from next month.

As of now, Vistara is the only Indian carrier, which offers premium economy-class travel on its domestic routes.

"Air India today unveiled a three-class configuration on its newly inducted narrow-body aircraft. Air India's A320neo aircraft will now offer a new business, an all-new premium economy and a new economy cabin experience on domestic and short-haul international routes," the airline said.

The Tata Group-owned airline said it has refitted two new A320neo aircraft in a three-class configuration, featuring eight seats in



business, 24 seats with extra legroom in premium economy, and 132 in the economy category, offering a wider choice to its guests.

This is the first time the airline has introduced premium economy cabins on its narrow-body aircraft.

Delhi-Bengaluru-Delhi and Delhi-Chandigarh-Delhi are the two select routes on which the airline will offer premium economy seats, as per the airline.

Air India has plans to introduce the three-class configuration to its entire full-service narrow-body fleet over the next year. Existing

aircraft are now being progressively inducted for refit, while new aircraft joining the fleet will be delivered with the new Air India experience, it said.

"The introduction of a three-class cabin to Air India's narrow-body fleet and commencement of interior refits are important steps in the journey of enhancing the flying experience," said Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director at Air India.

The latest upgrade of the narrow-body fleet, which operates on domestic and short-haul international networks, complements the upgraded wide-body experience now available on A350 fleet and new B777s, and on all other wide-body planes as they are refitted over the next two years, he said.

The new business cabins offer 40-inch ergonomic seats with deep 7-inch recline, an adjustable armrest, footrest and backrest, a tray table deployed at the push of a button that includes a PED holder and is extendable and multiple charging ports while the all-new premium economy category provides larger seats with four-way headrests, wider 32-inch seat pitch with a 4-inch recline, and other amenities such as a PED holder and USB charging port, Air India said.

Earlier this month, Wilson had said that Air India will be retrofitting more than 100 planes, including 40 wide-body planes.

Moreover, the airline had in December 2022 announced that it would be investing USD 400-million to refurbish its Boeing 777 and Boeing 787 wide-body aircraft fleet.

India's seafood exports up in volume terms in 2023-24: Commerce Ministry

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's seafood exports have recorded a growth of 3 per cent in volume terms, but a decline of about 8 per cent in value during the last financial year, according to the data of the commerce ministry.

Exports in volume terms have increased to 17,81,602 MT (tonnes) worth USD 7.38 billion during 2023-24 as against 17,35,286 MT (USD 8.0 billion) in 2022-23.

"India recorded an all-time high export in terms of volume by shipping 17,81,602 MT of seafood...Despite the several challenges in its major export markets like the USA, European Union and the UK," D V Swamy, Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), said.

Frozen shrimp, with exports of USD 4.88 billion, retained



its position as the top item in the seafood export basket, accounting for a share of 40.19 per cent in quantity and 66.12 per cent in dollar terms. The US was the largest market for frozen shrimp (2,97,571 MT) in the last fiscal. It was followed by China (1,48,483 MT), the European Union (89,697 MT), Southeast Asia (52,254 MT), Japan (35,906 MT), and the Middle East (28,571 MT).

The ministry said that black tiger shrimp exports too recorded healthy growth.

"Frozen fish, the second largest exported item, fetched

USD 6.71 billion, accounting for 21.42 per cent in quantity and 9.09 per cent in USD earnings," it said, adding that in dollar terms, these shipments dipped by 2.31 per cent in 2023-24.

The other key export products include frozen squid, Surimi, frozen cuttlefish, and frozen octopus. It added that the US continued to be the major importer of Indian seafood in value terms, with an import of USD 2.55 billion in 2023-24. It is followed by China, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Canada, Spain, and Belgium.

PROVISION OF FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM AND ALARM SYSTEM AT MALIGAON

Tender Notice No.: 13 of 2024, Dated: 06-06-2024. E-Tender is invited, by the undersigned for the following work. **Tender No.:** DCESTMLG-10-2024. **Name of Work:** At Maligaon - Provision of Fire detection system and alarm system in Central Hospital (Re-Tender). **Tender Value:** ₹86.81,125.22/- **Earnest Money:** 1.73,200/- **Date & time of closing/opening of tender at 13:00 hrs. on 09-07-2024.** For complete information please visit in website www.irops.gov.in

By, CE/Estate, Maligaon

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E-tender Notice No. GEM/2024/B/5056358 Dated: 16-06-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Name of work:** On Board Housekeeping Service in Primav Maintenance Mail/Express trains of Katihar Division of N.F.Railway for a period of four years. **Tender value:** ₹15,22,81,258/- **Earnest Money:** ₹9,11,400/- **Date and time of closing of Tender: 18.00 hrs. on 08-07-2024 & opening at 18.30 hrs. on 08-07-2024.** For details please visit <http://gem.gov.in>

Sr. DME, Katihar

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For GSD-New Jalpaiguri

SN	Month	Date Fixed
1	July/2024	16-07-2024 & 30-07-2024

For Alipurduar Division

SN	Month	Date Fixed
1	July/2024	30-07-2024

For Katihar Division

SN	Month	Date Fixed
1	July/2024	30-07-2024

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