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HC halts Kejriwal's release

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

AAP convener and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will have to remain in jail for now as the Delhi High Court on Friday halted his anticipated release on bail after an urgent petition filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) just hours before he was set to leave Tihar jail.

The court said it was reserving the order for 2-3 days as it wanted to go through the entire records. The High Court is expected to pronounce its verdict by June 25, with the Delhi Chief Minister remaining in judicial custody.

Kejriwal, who was arrested on March 21 by the ED could have walked out of Tihar jail on Friday had the high court not granted the interim relief to the ED. The vacation bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain said it would take two-three days to pronounce the order on ED's stay application. The court said till it heard the probe agency's petition, which could take another 2-3 days, Kejriwal would remain in jail. The High Court has asked the Kejriwal's counsel to file the written submissions by Monday.

"In the meantime the petitioner and the respondent shall be at the liberty to file written submissions latest by



AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

File photo

Monday," court noted in the order. Vacation judge Niyay Bindu on Thursday granted bail to Kejriwal and ordered his release subject to bail bond of ₹one lakh, saying the ED has failed to give any direct evidence linking Kejriwal to the proceeds of the crime and has also failed to show that another accused, Vijay Nair, was acting on Kejriwal's behalf.

Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal accused the ED of treating the Delhi CM as if he were the "most wanted terrorist in India." Her remarks came during a gathering in south Delhi's Bhogal, where Delhi Water

Minister Atishi commenced an indefinite hunger strike to demand more water from Haryana. AAP leader and Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said what the ED said about the trial court judge who granted bail to Kejriwal during High Court proceedings was "shameful."

"The ED is not being able to submit any proof to the courts... the AAP has been saying this consistently — this has also been noted in the trial court order," Bharadwaj said.

Earlier, Additional solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju presented the plea to Justices Sudhir Kumar Jain and Ravinder Dubeja, who were

overseeing the matter during the court's vacation period called the trial court's decision as "perverse", lopsided, "one-sided" and "wrong-sided" and that the findings were based on irrelevant facts. The relevant facts, he claimed, were not considered by the special judge.

The ASG said the trial court arrived on the decision based on wrong facts. "On wrong facts, wrong dates, you come to a conclusion that mala fide. But why, the reason is missing. My note not considered, not allowed to argue. The arrest was challenged. The remanding court said the arrest was correct. It was challenged before this court. The single judge said nothing wrong with the arrest," he said.

"Material facts were not considered by the trial court. There cannot be a better case for cancellation of bail than this one. There cannot be greater perversity than this," he argued. Seeking a stay on the trial court's order, he contended that the ED was not given adequate opportunity to argue its case. During the arguments, Raju said after the order was passed, when the ED lawyers urged the trial court to keep its order in abeyance for 48 hours to enable them to approach superior courts, the prayer was not considered.

Rain relief for Delhiites battling heat



A resident covers himself with a scarf in rain on the Kartavya Path, in New Delhi, on Friday. Light rainfall on Friday brought some relief to the people in Delhi after a relentless heatwave in the region for over a month

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SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Several parts of Delhi on Friday received light rains, bringing relief amidst the intense heatwave in the National Capital and surrounding areas that has been grappling the city for more than a month. Thunderstorms with light to moderate intensity rain and gusty winds with speeds of 30 to 50 kmph hit Delhi and adjoining areas of the National Capital Region after 3 pm. The city's minimum temperature settled at 28.4 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the season, the Met office said.

Many areas also witnessed waterlogging and trees falling due to the rain. According to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), a total of 13 areas witnessed waterlogging situation, including Karol Bagh, Chhattarpur, Shahdara

north, Karala, Narela, Sonia Vihar, Shahdara south, Rohini, Civil line, Hari Kunj, and Mitraon and Gaushala road in Najafgarh. Tree falling was also witnessed in various areas in the city, including Karol Bagh, East of Kailash, Mangolpuri, Rajinder Nagar, Karawal nagar, south Moti bagh, Tagore Garden extension, Gulabi Bagh and Rohini sector 11.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier predicted thunderstorms with light to moderate intensity rain and gusty winds with speeds of 30 to 50 kmph in Delhi and adjoining areas of the National Capital Region for two hours. The maximum temperature was recorded at 40.4 degrees Celsius, two notches above the normal marking a deviation from the soaring temperatures being witnessed in Delhi. People in Delhi can also

enjoy their weekends outdoors this time as the IMD predicted some relief from the searing heatwave as the sky is likely to remain partly cloudy on Saturday and Sunday. Many children were seen on the streets playing in the rain and enjoying their summer holidays. Although, heatwave will return in the city as the IMD predicts its return on Monday. Maximum temperatures across different parts of the city dropped to below 40 degrees celsius bringing respite to the people who have been hit not only by heat but also with water crisis and power outage.

The Pusa area recorded the lowest maximum temperature of 37.9 degrees Celsius, followed by 38 degrees at Pragati Maidan and Rajghat, 38.8 degrees at Aya nagar, 39 degrees at Lodi road, Salwan Public school and Ridge, 39.3 degrees at Palam, 39.4 degrees at Jafarpur, 39.7 degrees at Pitampura and 39.9 degrees at Najafgarh. After days of significant deviations of maximum recorded temperatures from the normal, several areas like Jafarpur, Palam and Salwan witnessed no deviation. Moreover, Aya nagar recorded two notches below the normal maximum temperature, along with Ridge which marked a 1.9 degrees deviation from normal and Pragati Maidan and Rajghat, each of the areas recording one notch below the normal temperature.

EC sets ball rolling for J&K, 3 States Assembly polls

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Friday announced that it has initiated process of updation of electoral rolls in Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, & Jammu & Kashmir. According to THE EC, July 1, 2024 will be the qualifying date for roll updation. For the just-held Lok Sabha polls, voters' list was updated with January 1 as the qualifying date. Qualifying date helps establish number of voters on a given date in a State or in the country.

The Assembly terms of Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand are going to end on November 3, November 26 and January 5, 2025 respectively while polls in Jammu & Kashmir now under President rule, must be completed by September 30 deadline set by Supreme Court. The last time Jammu & Kashmir voted in Assembly elections was in 2014 when it was still a State and enjoyed special status under Article 370. In 2019, Special status to the State was revoked and it was divided into two UTs — Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The UT has been awaiting Assembly elections since then.

India raps Canada for honouring Nijjar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India on Friday was critical of the Canadian Parliament observing "one minute silence" in the memory of Khalistan extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was gunned down in Surrey, British Columbia, in June last year. "We naturally oppose any moves giving political space to extremism and advocacy of violence," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. In an unusual move, the



Canadian Parliament observed "one minute silence" two days ago in memory of Nijjar. The relations between the two

countries came under severe strain following Trudeau's allegations in September last year of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in Nijjar's killing. New Delhi rejected Trudeau's charges as "absurd". India has been maintaining that the main issue between the two countries is that of Canada giving space to pro-Khalistan elements operating from Canadian soil with impunity. Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra last week said India's main issue with Canada

continues to be the political space that Ottawa provides to anti-India elements which advocate extremism and violence. India has repeatedly conveyed its "deep concerns" to Canada and New Delhi expects Ottawa to take strong action against those elements, he said. Nijjar, who was declared a terrorist by India, was shot dead outside a gurdwara in British Columbia on June 18 last year. The murder is being probed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

World looking at Yoga as agent of global good: Modi

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ SRINAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the number of yoga practitioners across the globe is growing every day as it is making new ways of positive change in society. Modi said the world is also looking at yoga as a powerful agent of global good.

The Prime Minister led the celebrations of the 10th International Yoga Day on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar and took part in the Yoga session. The mega event was scheduled to be held in the open but early morning rain forced the event indoors.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi performs Yoga during celebration on the 10th International Day of Yoga in Srinagar

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Despite the rains, Dal Lake in Srinagar provided a wonderful setting for this year's Yoga Day programme, reflecting

perfect harmony with nature. Scores of students were amongst those who joined the Prime Minister in

performing various asanas on the occasion. They also asked him for selfies and he happily obliged.

Congress corners Govt over NEET

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/PATNA/GUWAHATI

Congress workers on Friday held nationwide demonstration near the BJP headquarters across the State Capitals and elsewhere over the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG 2024 examinations. The demonstrations were led by State presidents and several top party leaders after senior leader Rahul Gandhi gave a clarion call to protest widely on the recent NEET and NET entrance paper leaks. The grand old party along with other Opposition



Police personnel detain a Congress worker during a protest over the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG 2024 results in Lucknow

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parties have decided to take on the Government right from day one of the

Special session of the Parliament which begins from Monday.

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I, Bhup Singh S/o Roshan Lal, R/o H. No. 1242, Sector 33, Hisar (Haryana), declared that my brother Anoop Singh S/o Roshan Lal, R/o village Dhana Kalan, Tehsil Hansi, District Hisar and his two daughters Aditi and Apoorva are out of my control. So I end (separate) all the relations between me and my family with them, I and my family will not be responsible for any of their dealings and behaviour, my brother and his two daughters Will be responsible for their own actions or behaviour.

I, Bajrang Parshad S/o Ram Bachan R/o #179, Near Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Phase-1, Bapu Dharm Colony, Sector-26, UT, Chandigarh declare that my son Hemant Kumar & his wife Suman are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future.

I, Amrit Paswan S/o Late Jamahir Paswan R/o House No. 227 Kharak Mangoli Old Panchkula, my son Chandan Kumar Paswan and his wife Parmila Devi are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable/ immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with them at his/ her own risk.

I, Ravel Singh S/o Inder Singh R/o House No. 1929, Sector 21, Panchkula declare that my son Rachit Vig is out of my control. So I disown him from all my moveable/immoveable properties. If anybody deals with him they will do their own risk/responsibility.

I, Veermati Devi W/o Late Sh. Ram Kumar R/o H. No 943, LIC Colony, Mundi Khara, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab declare that I disowned my son Navjot Singh Nain and his wife Naina Sharma through newspapers dated 12.06.2022. Now my son and his wife is obeying me & look after me so I take back my above said disowned notice Now they are legal heir in my movable & immovable properties.

I, Bala Devi W/o Raghuvir Vill.Shahpur Tehsil Pehowa Distt.Kurukshetra. My Son Shamsheer is out of my & my family control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Them At His Own Risk.

I, Madan Lal S/o Kishori Lal R/o Ward No 15 Pranchi Road, Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra My Son Rohit Is Out Of My Control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Them At His Own Risk.

I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Sunder Lal R/o # 659, Ram Darbar Colony, Phase-1, Chandigarh, declare that my son Yash is out of my control. I disown him from moveable/ immovable properties. Any body deals him any type in future shall be self responsible.

I, Nachhatar Kaur w/o late Harvinder Singh R/o Krishna Colony Tehsil Amloh District Fatehgarh Sahib evicted my daughter Kamajeet Kaur w/o Gagandeep Singh on 11-12-2020 but now I am withdrawing this eviction. She will inherit my movable and immovable property now.

I, Shiv Lal S/o Sh.Rati Ram and Omwati W/o Shiv Lal R/o H.No. 88, Bir Ghaggar, Chandimandir Panchkula Haryana declare that Our Son Rakesh Kumar and his wife Chetna Chauhan are out of our control, So We Disown our Son Rakesh Kumar and his wife Chetna Chauhan from all our movable and immovable properties. Any Person dealing with them will be responsible at his own risk and cost.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Borra Mangamma legally mother of No. 16113729N Rank Hav Name S Ramakrishna Babu Borra Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 1-59/1, Surepalli, VTC: Surepalle, PO Bhattiprolu, Distt. Guntur State Andhra Pradesh-522256 have changed my name from Mangamma Borra to Borra Mangamma and DOB from 01.07.1966 to 01.01.1970 vide Affidavit date 21.06.2024

I, Sahiba D/o salem 22years, R/o Village-Tibbi, Miranpur, Bakshiwalla, Chikan, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) declare that have converted my religion from Muslim to Hindu.

I, Sukumar M P legally father of No. 16112864N Rank l/Hav Name Aghilkumar S Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Kodasservmeethal House Post Mavoor. Distt. Kozhikkode State Kerala-673661 have changed my name from Sukumaran MP to Sukumaran M P and DOB from 01.07.1959 to 30.04.1956 vide Affidavit dated 21.06.2024

I, Devender Pal father of Army No. 3015373N, L/NK Gajender R/o VPO Manheru Teh & Distt Bhiwani, declare that my name is Devender Pal Singh in the Army record of my son which is wrong. My correct name is Devender Pal which should be corrected in my son Army record.

I, Manoj Singh S/o Harpal Singh R/o Manan Pana, Bichla Bazar, Bhiwani, declare that my son Kunal Singh 10th class certificate recorded my name is Manoj which is wrong. My correct name is Manoj Singh which should be corrected in my son certificate.

I, P M Latha legally mother of No. 16112864N Rank L/Hav Name Aghlkumar S Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Kodasserymeethal House Post Mavoor, Distt. Kozhikkode State Kerala-673661 have changed my name from Latha PM to P M Latha and DOB from 01.07.1970 to 05.04.1966 vide Affidavit dated 21.06.2024

I, Saini Dillemma legally mother of No. 15724063A Rank NK Name Saini Hemarao Unit 10 CSR(A) C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 1-77 Nehru Veedhi, Vajrapukotturu, Peddamuraharipuram, Distt. Srikakulam State Andhra Pradesh-532218 have changed my name from Saini Dillamma to Saini Dillemma and DOB from 22.08.1966 to 01.01.1966 vide Affidavit date 20.06.2024

I, Khairunabi Ibrahim Pathan legally mother of No. 15718481Y Rank NK Name Pathan Ismail Ibrahim Unit 10 CSR(A) C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Tadmugli, Distt. Latur, State Maharashtra-413522 have changed my name from Fatima to Khairunabi Ibrahim Pathan and DOB from 15.12.1967 to 01.01.1966 vide Affidavit date 20.06.2024

I, Ibrahim Ismail Pathan legally father of No. 15718481Y Rank NK Name Pathan Ismail Ibrahim Unit 10 CSR(A) C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt (Punjab) permanent resident of Tadmugli, Distt. Latur, State Maharashtra-413522 have changed my name from Ibrahim Ismail Pathan and DOB from 01.05.1959 to 01.01.1950 vide Affidavit date 20.06.2024

I, G Kuppan legally father of No. 16115007Y Rank Hav Name Sathish Kumar K Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 2 Panjayathu Bord, Harihanth Nagar, Kalinjur, Gandhinagar, Distt. Vellore, State Tamil Nadu-632006 declare That I have changed my date of birth from 01.07.1962 to 12.12.1960.

I, K Vasuki legally mother of No. 16115007Y Rank Hav Name Sathish Kumar K Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 2 Main Road, Hariyath Nagar, Kazhijnjur, VTC: Kalinjur, PO Gandhinagar, Distt. Vellore, State Tamil Nadu-632006 declare That I have changed my date of birth from 01.07.1972 to 17.05.1969.

I, Leemarose legally mother of No. 15332969M Rank Hav Name Antony Samy C Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 2 Main Road, Hariyath Nagar, Kazhijnjur, VTC: Eraiyrur, PO Eraiyrur, Distt. Villupuram, State Tamil Nadu-607201 have changed my name from C Leema Rose to Leemarose and DOB from 01.09.1960 to 01.01.1954 vide Affidavit date 21.06.2024

I, Telugu Narsamma legally mother of No. 16127642W Rank Spr Name T Vijaya Kumar Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of H. No. 1-28 Gudur Mandal, Julakallu, Distt. Kurnool Julekallu, State Andhra Pradesh-518462 have changed my name from Telugu Narasamma to Telugu Narsamma and DOB from 01.01.1976 to 01.03.1951 vide Affidavit date 21.06.2024

I Parvinder Singh Soni S/o Janak Raj Singh R/o ward no.11 Sardulgarh (mansa) declare that my name printed on my daughter Yasma Soni 12 th documents is Parvinder Singh Soni is wrong. My correct name is Parvinder Singh Soni.

I, Koyya E Satyanarayana son of Koyya Satyaraao of 15 Engr Regt 432 FD COY, C/o 56 APO, Bathinda Cantt. declare that in birth certificate of my children my name has been written as Koyya E Satyanarayana and in school certificates of my children my name has wrongly been mentioned as Koyya Eswar Satyanarayana. In School certificates of my children my name should be written as Koyya E Satyanarayana.

I, Vijay Kumar Suri S/O SH Jagdish Mittar R/O, H-No 352 Saili road abhi farm royal state pathankot (Punjab) Pin -No 145001 have changed my name from Vijay Kumar to Vijay Kumar Suri.It is certified that I have complied with other legal connection.

I No 10363352H Rank Hav Name - Ramesh Chand S/O Late sh Moji Ram Village Meyot P/O Barot D.P.F Meyot (404) Mandi Himachal Pradesh PIN - 176121 in MY Service record my daughter name wrongly written from ABHANI but It's correct name is Abhni Vide Affidavit Dated 20-06-2024 before notary pathankot punjab

I, Navita W/O Narinder Singh, Village Changarwan, Tehsil Mukerian, Dist Hoshiarpur declare that in my matriculation certificate, my name has been mentioned as Navita Kumari. But in my other documents, my name has been mentioned as Navita. That Navita and Navita Kumari is one and the same lady.

I, Wahid S/O Ajjjudin R/O Village Raipur, P/O, Choli, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt Yamunanagar Declare That In My Passport My Father Name Written As Azizudin Which Is Incorrect, While My Father Correct Name Is Ajjjudin.

I, Uma Rana@Om Laxmi W/o Mahesh Kumar Rana & Mahesh Kumar Rana S/o Santokh Singh Rana, R/o #3048-B, Sector 52, Chandigarh notify our daughter Kaashivi Rana did 10th class and 12th class from PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sector 31, Chandigarh in 2019 and 2021. We declare that our name is mentioned wrongly as Uma Rana and Mahesh Rana in marksheet of 10th and 12th of our daughter issued year 2019 & 2021 by CBSE instead Uma Rana@Om Laxmi and Mahesh Kumar Rana. We are submitting application to CBSE for correction of name in both marksheet of our daughter.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Balbir Singh Hayatpur alias B.S. Hayatpur S/o S. Rattan Singh R/o House No. 119, Sector 35A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Balbir Singh Hayatpur alias B.S. Hayatpur to Balbir Singh. Concerned please note.

I, Riya D/o Rajeev R/o Village Assan, Distt. Rohtak have changed my name to Riya Chaudhary for all future purposes.

I, Sinder W/o Pawan Kumar R/o Miyanpur, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Shinder Kaur to Sinder. In future I shall be known as Sinder.

I Kamlesh w/o Binder R/o Village Dabarki Kalan p.o.Nalvirpur Distt Karnal declare that I have changed my name from Kamlesh to sharmila and in future my name is Sharmila

I, Babita Devi W/o Manish Kumar R/o Village Bahrampur, Post office Sabapur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Babita Rani to Babita Devi.

I, Munish Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar R/o Village Bahrampur, Post office Sabapur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Manish Sharma to Munish Kumar.

I, Payal Garg W/o Rishi Garg R/o C-6, Attam Nagar, Near Sai Dharm Kanta, Bilaspur Road, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Payal to Payal Garg.

I, Poonam Chugh W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o 363 R, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Poonam Chugh to Poonam Bhugra after marriage.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Makhan Lal R/o 363 R, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar declare that in my Passport Number T9973396 my Name wrongly written as Navneet Singh. My Correct Given Name is Navneet and Surname is Singh.

I, Suresh Kumar S/O Sh. Hemraj Resident. B-6/1317A Modern Colony Opp Amar Markit Yamuna Nagar I Have Change My Name From Suresh Kumar Garg To Suresh Kumar All Concerned Note.

I, Rishi Garg S/o Narendar Garg R/o C-6, Attam Nagar, Near Sai Dharm Kanta, Bilaspur Road, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rishi to Rishi Garg.

I, Vishal S/o Mohinder Kumar R/o Near Khera Mandir, VPO Buria, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor daughter's name from Chesta Sharma to Cheshta Sharma.

I, Cheenu Rani D/o Chattar Singh R/o H.No 142 B, Harinder Nagar, Tripuri Patiala have changed my name to Harsha Aggarwal.

I, Seema Bajaj, w/o Sh. Sanjeev kumar Bajaj, r/o Jaurasi Road, Near Ram Mandir, Manav Vihar Samalkha District Panipat, declare that I have change my name from Seema Rani to Seema Bajaj. In future, I should be known as Seema Bajaj.

I, Lokesh Chaudhary S/o Iqbal Singh R/o H.No 817 A, Block B, Ansal Sushant City, Panipat declare that I have changed my real minor daughter name from Aanya To Aanya Chaudhary for all future purpose.

I, Monti Do Satpal W/o Nitin Tayal R/o Bharat Cenema Wali Gali Po. Hansi Distt. Hisar Haryana-125033 have changed my name to Pooja Tayal

I, Sagar S/o Surinder Singh R/o VPO Haripur Distt. Jalandhar Punjab have changed my name from Sagar to Sagar Singh. Concerned note.

I, Ankur Goel S/O Ishwar Chand R/O House no 11/236 Ward no.15 Professor Colony Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana declare that Ankur Goel and Ankur Goyal one and same person. But now i known by Ankur Goel.

I, Ritu Goel W/O Ankur Goyal R/O House no 11 Ward no.15 Professor Colony Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana declare that Ritu Goyal and Ritu Goel one and same person. But now i known by Ritu Goel.

I, Maitri D/o Manoj Sharma r/o #1854, Sector-7, Urban Estate, Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Maitry Sharma to Maitri. In future should be known as Maitri.

I, Anila Kumari W/o Service No 3202570F Rank HAV-Sandeep Kumar R/o Village Sonasar Tehsil Malsisars Distt-Jhunjhunu Rajasthan, India declare that my actual name is Anila Kumari but the name Anila Devi has been mentioned in service record of my husband no. 3202570F Rank Hav Sandeep Kumar. That now my name may be corrected in service record of my husband of Anila Devi to Anila Kumari.

I, KM Preeti spouse of Army No.14948483M Rank: L/NK, Name Koshindra Kumar, R/O 2 MECH C/o 56, APO, do hereby declare that in my husband army records my name has been wrongly mentioned as Kumari Preeti. Whereas my correct name is KM Preeti. Please note.

I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Dawinder Singh R/o Patti Chhambla Di, Post Office Chheharta, Block Verka, VTC Guru Ki Wadali, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab- 143105 have changed my name from Parmjit Kaur to Paramjit Kaur.

I, Vaneet Bhalla S/o Davinder Nath Bhalla R/o H.No. 494, A-Block, Ranjit Avenue, Near Gurudwara Chevi Pathshahi, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Vaneet Bhalla to Vinit Bhalla.

I, Sangita Bhalla D/o Manohar Lal W/o Vinit Bhalla R/o H.No. 494, A-Block, Ranjit Avenue, Near Gurudwara Chevi Pathshahi, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Sangita Bhalla to Sangeeta Bhalla.

I, Nirmala Devi, Adhar Card No. 322676957981, W/O Virender Singh, R/O Village Guliyana, Tehsil And District Kaithal Informs That I Have Changed My Name From Nirmal Devi To Nirmila Devi. Call Me Nirmila Devi In Future.

I, Roohi Sharma D/o Ramesh Kumar W/o Rimpal Singh r/o VPO Gazikot Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name Roohi Sharma to Roohi Thakur after marriage.

I, Bikramjit Singh s/o Kashmir Singh r/o Village Masit Tehsil and Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Bikramjit Singh to Bikramjeet Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Navneet Singh S/o Updesh Singh Village Chakk Amir Tehsil/ Distt Pathankot declare that in my Passport Number T9973396 my Name wrongly written as Navneet Singh. My Correct Given Name is Navneet and Surname is Singh.

I, Suresh Kumar S/O Sh. Hemraj Resident. B-6/1317A Modern Colony Opp Amar Markit Yamuna Nagar I Have Change My Name From Suresh Kumar Garg To Suresh Kumar All Concerned Note.

Dinesh Kumar Garg. S/O Suresh Kumar. B-6/1317A Modern Colony Opp Amar Markit Yamuna Nagar I Have Change My Name From Dinesh Kumar To Dinesh Kumar Garg All Concerned Note.

I, Vipul S/o Naresh Tehri R/o H.No.48, Virat nagar, phase-2, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Vipul to Vipul Tehri. In future I should be known as Vipul Tehri.

I, Rajinder Singh S/o Kewal Singh Sandhu R/o H.No. A-121, N.F.L Township Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Rajinder Singh to Rajinder Singh Sandhu. In future I should be known as Rajinder Singh Sandhu.

I, Prema Devi Pandey Mother of Om Datt Pandey R/o #2985-B, Sector 47-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Prema Devi Pandey to Prema Devi vide Affidavit Dated 21-06-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, R K Jaglan Father of Parveen Kumar R/o #3071, Sector 46-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from R K Jaglan to Ram Kumar vide Affidavit Dated 21-06-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Sumitra Devi Mother of Parveen Kumar R/o #3071, Sector 46-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sumitra Devi to Santra Devi vide Affidavit Dated 21-06-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Shivam Rathee S/o Virender Rathee R/o H.No. 986/6, Jain Bag Colony Gohana Road, Distt. Sonipat declares that Shivam Rathee and Shivam are one and the same person. In future I should be known by the name Shivam Rathee.

I, Arpan Sati D/o Raj Kumar R/o Near Paltury Farm Manwal Bagh Pathankot, Tehsil & Ditrict Pathankot, in My Passport No.J5599986 My First Name is Wrongly Written as Arpan Sati, Instead of Only Arpan, But My Surname is Sati, I Declare That Sati is My Surname, So Kindly Correct it.

I, Divia W/o Bhavik Savaria R/O H.No-341/1, ST. No-2 Old Press Road, Sudan Street, Patiala, Punjab have changed name of my minor daughter Hetha aged 04 years to Harkrishdha.

I, Lubnaciuz Lakra S/o Augustus Lakra R/o H.No 2 Type 2, Velodrom Area, N I S Campus, Patiala, Punjab-147001 have changed my name to Libnaciuz Lakra.

I, Dhannu S/o Sh. Chhote Lal R/o House No.1750, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh have changed my name from Dhannu to Anil.

I, No 3200766W Rank NK Vinod Kumar R/o VPO Shadipur Julana Distt Jind Haryana my service record my son name from Lakshya my son correct name is Lakshya kumar

I, No 3200766W Rank NK Vinod Kumar R/o VPO Shadipur Julana Distt Jind Haryana my husband service record my name Mombati Devi and date of birth 02.08.1984 my correct name Mombati and Date of birth 08.02.1984.

I, Nirmal s/o Ranbir Singh R/o Village kawi, tehsil madloda distt. Panipat have changed my name Nirmal to Nirmal Singh for all future purposes.

I, Sudesh Kumari W/o Sh. Kuldeep Singh R/o H.No. 357-A, Gali No. 3, Adrash Colony, Gangwa Road, Hisar Haryana 125001 declare that My son Vedant Berwal passed 10th class from Wisdom School, Hisar with CISCE New Delhi board with Roll No. 1235098/150. His 10th marksheet his mother's name is recorded as Sudesh but my correct name is Sudesh Kumari. I want to change my name in my son Vedant Berwal School Record from Sudesh to Sudesh Kumari.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Lakhmi Dass R/o H. No. 2317, Sector-14, Hisar, Distt. Hisar, Haryana, 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Anil Kumar to Anil Asija for all future purpose.

I, Bali Urf Bala Devi W/o Ramesh Kumar R/o Village Buchi, Tehsil Pundri, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that in the 10th Class DMC Serial No. 1022335454 and Enrolment No. 21-1-KT-159-0014 of my son Lavish my name is written as Bali Urf Bala Devi but my correct name is Bala Devi which is written in my all documents. All concerned please note.

I Hitherto known as Bhavna Neeraj Suri alias Saini Rajvinder Kaur W/o Neeraj Suri R/o Village Partagparh, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana-136131, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Saini Rajvinder Kaur.

I Charu Kumar S/O Sumit Kumar R/O H.No. 232, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name From Charu Gupta To Charu Kumar.

I, Khajan Singh Zinta S/O Sh. Dhyan Singh R/O Village-Jaigharh Bodna (48), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, Have Changed My Name From Khajan Singh Zinta To Khazan Singh Zinta.

I Hari Krishan S/O Ram Singh R/O #385 Amandeep Colony Near Punjab Farm Tehsil Dera Bassi Distt Mohali Have Changed My Name From Hari Krishan Verma To Hari Krishan

I Major Singh S/O Arur Singh R/O Vpo Sathiala Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Adopted Son Name From Jaideep Singh Bal To Jaideep Singh.

I, Maruti Handi Legally Father Of No. 16127058Y Rank Nk Name Pavan Maruti Handi Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of # 217 Ganesh Galli Nittur, Distt. Belgaum State Karnataka-591302 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Maruti To Maruti Handi.

I, Lalita Shrishail Halemani Legally Mother Of No. 16133180I Rank L/Nk Name Sunil Halemani Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Chavadi Galli, Hunnur, Distt. Bagalkot, Tq Jamkhandi, State Karnataka-587119 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Lalita To Lalita Shrishail Halemani.

I, Palaniyammal A Legally Mother Of No. 16129571Y Rank Spr Name A Dharanikumar Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of 12.2.95/2, Urklasamy Street, Battlagundu, Nilakottai, Distt. Dindigul State Tamil Nadu-624202 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From A Palaniyammal To Palaniyammal A

I, Bhimappa Balappa Badakappagol Legally Father Of No. 16133523w Rank L/Nk Name Rajesh B Badakappagol Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of # 72 Ankalgli, Distt. Bolagavi, State Karnataka-591101 That I Have Changed My Name From Bhimappa To Bhimappa Balappa Badakappagol.

I, Bhimasing Legally Father Of No. 16137706m Rank L/Nk Name Rohit Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Machanal Tanda, Vtc: Machnal, Po Melkundta, Distt. Gulbarga State Karnataka-585213 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Bheemsingh Pawar To Bhimasing

I, Madhuri Handi Legally Mother Of No. 16127058Y Rank Nk Name Pavan Maruti Handi Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of # 69/2 Ravalnath Galli, Nittur, Distt. Belgaum State Karnataka-591302 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Madhuri To Madhuri Handi

I Varinder Kumar S/O Sh Khem Chand, House Number 12 Opp ITI, Luxmi Garden Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Minor Daughter Name From Anvesha To Anvesha Arora.

I Rajinder Paul S/O Late Sohan Lal Suri , Ro 668/1, Ward No 1 , Suri Hospital, Near Bus Stand, Ladwa Rural Part (76) Distt Kurukshetra. That I Have Change My Name From Rajinder Paul To Rajinder Paul Suri

I Pankaj Kumar S/O Kallan Parsad, House No. 174, Charan Singh Colony, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh – 160102 Have Changed My Name From Pankaj Kumar To Pankaj Kumar Chaurasia.

I Anju W/O Pankaj Kumar Chaurasia House No. 174, Charan Singh Colony, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh – 160102 Have Changed My Name From Anju To Anju Chaurasia.

I Hari Krishan S/O Ram Singh R/O #385 Amandeep Colony Near Punjab Farm Tehsil Dera Bassi Distt Mohali Have Changed My Name From Hari Krishan Verma To Hari Krishan.

I, Devinder Kumar S/O Sukhdev Raj. R/O Hno. A-9 Internation Avenue Po.Khalsa College Amritsar.Have Changed My Name Devinder Kumar Sharma.To Devinder Kumar.All Concerned Pls Note it.

I, Anju Kalia W/O Devinder Kumar. R/O Hno. A-9a Internation Avenue Po.Khalsa College Amritsar. Have Changed My Name Anju Kalia Sharma.To Anju Kalia. All Concerned Pls Note It.

I, Jasbeer Singh S/O Raghbeer Singh R/O Kaunke Po Attri Amritsar 143108 Have Changed My Name From Jasbeer Singh To Jasbir Singh

I, Yadav Lalti Devi Mother Of No.14948958I Sep Yadav Ajay Kumar Kavaldeep R/O Ardauna Rehia, Mau Maunath Bhanjan, Uttar Pradesh-121705 Now 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Name To Lalti Devi And Date Of Birth From 15.04.1963 To 12.04.1963 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb27585844092781w Dt.21.06.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Suman Debi Jamatia Spouse Of Jc-241117I Binay Jamatia R/O 46 Arm'd Regt C/O 56 Apo Pin 912646 Have Changed My Name From Suman Debi Jamatia To Suman Devi Jamatia Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb27166471571452 Dt 20-06-2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.14936567N Hav Aravind Ramannavar S/O Mahadev Ramannavar R/O Vtc Mohare, Po Deshnur, Sub District Sampgaon, District Belgaum State Karnataka-591147 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Vanessa Aravind Ramannavar To Vanessa Ramannavar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb27221764000264w Dt.20.06.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I Sharanjeet Kaur Wife Of Kulwant Singh R/O Vpo. Vain Pon Tehsil Khadur Sahib Distt. Tarn Taran Punjab. Have Changed My Name To Sharanjit Kaur.

I, Reeta V P Dass W/O Sanjeev Dass R/O 670, Diamond Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Reeta V P Dass To Reeta V P

I, Navdeep Singh Gabhriya S/O Surinder Singh R/O B11/91 Dogar Basti Distt Faridkot Have Changed My Name From Navdeep Singh Gabhriya To Navdeep Singh

I, Rajvir Kaur Gabhriya W/O Navdeep Singh R/O B11/91 Dogar Basti Distt Faridkot Have Changed My Name From Rajvir Kaur Gabhriya

Hry CM disburses compensation worth Rs 135 Cr directly into accounts of 54K farmers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday disbursed a compensation amount of Rs 135 crore for damaged crops in Rabi-2024 directly into the accounts of over 54,000 farmers across the state through the e-Fasal Kshatipurti Portal. Besides this, under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana (DAYALU), he also released financial assistance of Rs.131.24 crore into the accounts of 3,527 eligible beneficiaries.

At a programme in Bhiwani, the Chief Minister reiterated his government's commitment to the farmer's welfare and said that the Center and State's double-engine government is continuously working to empower the poor, farmers, laborers, women, and youth. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, various wel-

fare schemes are being implemented for all sections of society, which has increased public trust in our government. If anyone thinks about the welfare of the poor, farmers, and marginalized sections of society, it is PM Modi," said Saini.

Saini said that the present state government is continuously working to strengthen the poor through various schemes. Over the last 10 years, under the leadership of PM Modi, the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana has been running to ensure the security and empowerment of farmers.

While highlighting significant differences between the previous government's tenure and current government's tenure, the Chief Minister said, "In 10 years, the Congress government gave only Rs 1,100 crore as crop damage compensation to Haryana's farmers, while our double-engine government has given Rs.12,500 crore in the last 9.5

years."

Accuses Oppn of spreading misinformation about MSP

Saini said that the opposition spread misinformation claiming that this government is anti-farmer and would abolish MSP. However, just two days ago, the central government increased the MSP of crops to benefit farmers. In Haryana, the double-engine government also buys 14 crops at MSP, he said.

The Chief Minister said that the previous government made a mockery of farmers. When Bhupinder Singh Hooda was Chief Minister, farmers were given cheques of Rs 2 and Rs 5 as compensation. In contrast, our double-engine government provides cheques of Rs 30,000, Rs 40,000, and Rs 50,000 for crop damage due to natural disasters.

Saini said that upon taking the oath for the third time as Prime Minister, Modi first

signed for farmer welfare. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, he provided Rs 20,000 crore in benefits to farmers. Besides this, he also ensured housing for 3 crore poor families in the next 5 years. PM Modi always thinks about the welfare of the poor, farmers, and marginalized sections, he said.

The Chief Minister said that farmers are producing more today than in 2014, and the government is purchasing it at MSP. He said that the present state government has planned to provide subsidies to farmers for purchasing agricultural machinery like tractors, reapers, and rotavators. The central government has linked mandis with e-NAM, allowing farmers to sell their produce at profitable prices in any mandi. The government is standing with the poor, farmers, and every section, ensuring they face no difficulties, said Saini.

100 more Vyayamshalas to be opened in Hry in next 60 days, says CM Saini

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Announcing that 100 additional Vyayamshalas will be established in the state over the next 60 days to facilitate regular yoga practice, the Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday said that Vyayamshalas have been opened by identifying 1121 places in the state and regular yoga sessions already taking place in 714 of these facilities. "The Haryana government aims to bring yoga to every household in the state to promote health and well-being. Yoga is not just an important aspect of life but also a way of life," he added.



Saini further said that to connect people with yoga and improve their health, the government has appointed 877 Ayush Yoga Sahayaks who will provide daily yoga instruction. After this, the Yoga Sahayaks will give information about the importance of yoga to improve the health of the patients and their families visiting Ayush dispensaries.

He highlighted that during the COVID-19 pandemic, when there were no medicines or vaccines available, many people turned to yoga to combat the disease and experienced

significant relief. Today, yoga is celebrated as a festival. In modern times, everyone's life has become hectic, leading to mental stress. Yoga not only alleviates stress but also energizes the body. A healthy body accelerates personal and societal development. He urged everyone to pledge to move forward through yoga.

The Chief Minister appealed to the public to make yoga a part of their daily routine to safeguard their health. "Do yoga, stay healthy," he emphasized. He said that the Haryana government has

decided to incorporate yoga into the school curriculum. Every day, students are made to practice yoga for five minutes before the morning assembly. He highlighted that yoga is an ancient Indian practice, popularized globally by Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev. PM Modi's vision further contributed to spreading yoga worldwide. The Chief Minister congratulated the people of Haryana on International Yoga Day and added that this year's theme is "Yoga for Self and Yoga for Society."

During the event, Saini participated in a yoga session alongside the attendees and listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address from Srinagar, where he conveyed a message to the nation on International Yoga Day. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also released the booklet "Yoga Protocol" of Haryana Yoga Aayog. In addition, the Chief Minister inaugurated two Vyayamshalas in Hisar and laid the foundation stone for two more. He announced a reward of Rs two lakh for the school students who performed yoga during the event and honored several social institutions associated with yoga. This programme was conducted by the Haryana Yoga Aayog and the AYUSH Department.

Ladowal toll plaza remains free for sixth day amidst farmers' protests

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For the sixth consecutive day, the Ladowal toll plaza in Punjab, known for its high toll rates, has been operating toll-free due to ongoing farmer protests. The standoff, orchestrated by various farmer unions, has allowed more than 1.75 lakh vehicles to pass through without paying toll taxes, resulting in substantial financial losses amounting to nearly Rs five crore for the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

The protest, spearheaded by leaders such as Dilbagh Singh Gill from the Bharatiya Kisan Mazdoor Union and Indervir Singh Kadian from the Bharatiya Kisan Union, underscored farmers' dissatisfaction with existing toll policies. They argue that toll charges, particularly at Ladowal Plaza, are exorbitant and unfairly burden agricultural communities already grappling with economic challenges.

Farmers' Ultimatum and Demands

Amidst a growing chorus of dissent, farmers issued a stern ultimatum to the NHAI and the government — if their demands are not met by June 30, they will escalate protests by locking down toll plazas across Punjab indefinitely.

Signaling a deep-seated resolve among farmers to challenge what they perceive as exploitative toll practices, the farmer leaders declared, "If our demands are not met by June 30, various organizations under the banner of Bharatiya Kisan Union will converge at the toll plaza in a unified demonstration."

"Subsequently, on June 30,

they plan to permanently shut down the toll plaza and secure it with locks," announced Gill. They mentioned that for the past six days, vehicles have been allowed to pass through Ladowal Toll Plaza free of charge, and this will continue until further notice.

Dilbagh Singh Gill, addressing the media during the protest, reaffirmed farmers' unwavering commitment to their cause, asserting that they will not back down until their demands are met. He criticized the Government for what he termed as neglecting the plight of farmers and emphasized their readiness to endure prolonged protests if necessary.

NHAI officials have thus far refrained from direct engagement with protesting farmers, exacerbating tensions at the toll plaza. Toll booth operations remain suspended, with toll collectors and security personnel rendered idle in the face of sustained farmer demonstrations. The lack of dialogue between NHAI and farmers has further fueled grievances and hardened the resolve of protesters.

Support from Commuters and Local Residents

Despite disruptions caused by the toll-free protest, many commuters have expressed solidarity with the farmers' cause, acknowledging their grievances regarding toll charges. Local residents within a 20-kilometer radius of Ladowal Plaza, affected by the toll hikes, have also shown support for the ongoing protests, viewing them as a necessary stance against unjust economic policies.

New Toll Rates and Economic Impact

Effective June 2, NHAI implemented revised toll rates at Ladowal Plaza, significantly raising charges — Rs 220 for one-way travel from earlier charges of Rs 215, Rs 330 for round trips from Rs 325, and Rs 7,360 for monthly passes from Rs 7,175. These steep increases have sparked outrage among farmers and commuters alike, contributing to the intensifying protest at the toll plaza.

Similarly, the previous rate for light vehicles was Rs 350 one way, Rs 520 round trip, and Rs 11,590 monthly pass. Under the new rates, it is Rs 355 one way, Rs 535 round trip, and Rs 11,885 monthly pass. For two-axle buses or trucks, the old rate was Rs 730 one way, Rs 1095 round trip, and Rs 24,285 monthly pass. Now, it is Rs 745 one way, Rs 1120 round trip, and Rs 24,905 monthly pass. Three-axle vehicles previously charged Rs 795 one way, Rs 1190 round trip, and Rs 26,490 monthly pass, while the updated rates are Rs 815 one way, Rs 1225 round trip, and Rs 27,170 monthly pass.

For heavy construction machinery with four axles, the old rate was Rs 1140 one way, Rs 1715 round trip, and Rs 38,085 monthly pass, which has now been increased to Rs 1170 for one way, Rs 1755 for round trip, and Rs 39,055 monthly pass.

For vehicles with seven or more axles, the previous rate was Rs 1390 one way, Rs 2085 round trip. In the new rates, it is Rs 1425 one way, Rs 2140 round trip, and Rs 47,545 monthly pass. Additionally, the toll pass rate for residents within a 20-kilometer radius of the toll plaza has increased from Rs 330 to Rs 340 since June 2.

Punjab Police arrests 254 persons; recovers 2.6-kg heroin, Rs 15.71L drug money in statewide operation

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Punjab Police, in collaboration with senior officers from the Punjab Police headquarters (PPHQ), embarked on a sweeping state-level operation named 'Eagle-IV' to eradicate drug hotspots across all 28 districts of the State. This intensive Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) was orchestrated under the direction of the state Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav, targeting points notorious for drug trafficking and abuse.

Commencing at 8 am and continuing until 2 pm simultaneously across Punjab, 'Eagle-IV' saw the deployment of Special DGP, ADGP, IGP, and DIG level officers from PPHQ to oversee operations in each district. The strategic planning and meticulous execution aimed to disrupt and dismantle entrenched drug peddling networks operating with impunity in these areas.

Speaking on the operation, Special DGP, Law and Order, Arpit Shukla, working closely with SSP Gulneet Singh Khurana in Rupnagar, underscored the multifaceted approach of the Punjab government — enforcement, dead-diction, and prevention (EDP) — as pivotal in the state's comprehensive anti-drug strategy. This initiative signifies Punjab's unwavering commitment to cleanse its social fabric of the drug scourge and provide a safer environment for its citizens.

In response to the evolving tactics of drug smugglers,

Shukla highlighted the vigilance on drone activities, revealing that Punjab Police had recorded 906 drone sightings in border districts since September 2019. These efforts led to the recovery of 187 drones involved in smuggling drugs, weapons, and explosives, reinforcing Punjab's proactive stance against cross-border criminal activities.

Emphasizing the financial crackdown on drug networks, Shukla reported the forfeiture of 459 properties worth Rs 200 crores belonging to major drug traffickers under the current administration. Additionally, 559 proposals to freeze properties worth Rs 246 crores are pending approval, demonstrating ongoing efforts to disrupt the financial lifelines of drug cartels.

During 'Eagle-IV', over 500 police teams comprising more than 4000 personnel effectively cordoned off 392 identified drug hotspots. The operation included the establishment of 352 strong checkpoints to prevent the movement of illicit substances and apprehend offenders. As a result, Punjab Police successfully registered 221 FIRs and apprehended 254 individuals suspected of involvement in drug-related crimes.

Significant seizures during the operation included 2.6 kg of heroin, Rs 15.71 lakh in drug money, 83 kg of poppy husk, 2.6 kg of ganja, 550 grams of opium, 7553 intoxicant tablets, and substantial quantities of illicit and licit liquor.

Punjab VB uncovers Rs 1.55-cr scam in rice distribution for poor families

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Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Friday said it has uncovered a scam worth Rs 1.55 crore involving the embezzlement of rice meant for distribution to poor families. The VB's raid led to the confiscation of two trucks carrying 1,138 bags of rice. Three individuals, including the owner of Shiv Shakti Rice Mill Gopal Goyal, and two truck drivers — Jagpal Singh and Sukhwinder Singh, have been arrested in connection with the scam.

A spokesperson for the VB provided details of the case, revealing that a formal complaint has been filed against Harish Dalal, the owner of Jai Janedari Firm Contractor, along with Gopal Goyal of Shiv Shakti Rice Mill, and the owner of Anjani Rice Mill, Kuttival Kalan, Maur Mandi, Bathinda.

The two truck drivers involved have also been charged under the Prevention of Corruption Act at the VB police station in Bathinda range. The investigation is expected to expand, considering the potential involvement of officials and employees from Global Warehouse and the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

VB said it acted on credible information that an attempt was being made to embezzle rice worth Rs 3.40 crore intended for beneficiaries. During the raid, the VB team seized two trucks loaded with 1,138 bags of rice that were supposed to be transported to Hamjapur in Fatehabad. However, the rice had not been cleaned or bagged as required, indicating a scheme to divert the rice and sell it directly to rice sellers for personal gain.

PSDM partners with Microsoft to empower state's 10k youth with future-ready skills

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In a significant stride towards equipping Punjab's youth with global competencies, Punjab Skill Development Mission (PSDM) on Friday forged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Microsoft — aimed at imparting essential skills to at least 10,000 youth annually, catering to the evolving demands of the global job market.

The MoU, signed by PSDM director Amrit Singh, and Microsoft Corporation India Private Limited, Country Head Education Sanjay Dhingra marked a pivotal moment in Punjab's commitment to nurturing a skilled workforce.

This collaborative effort was celebrated as a milestone achievement by the state's Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Minister Aman Arora, who expressed confidence in the transformative impact of the partnership. "This collaboration with Microsoft is poised to empower our youth with vital digital productivity, employability, English communication, entrepreneurship, and cutting-edge technology skills," said Arora, adding that it reflects our unwavering resolve to provide ample employment opportunities to Punjab's dynamic youth. Detailing the scope of

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the collaboration, Amrit Singh highlighted the comprehensive initiatives planned for the fiscal year 2024-25. These initiatives are meticulously tailored to meet the diverse needs of learners under PSDM's purview, focusing on future-oriented skills such as cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, and sustainability.

"Our aim is not just skill development but ensuring our youth are prepared to thrive in an AI-enabled economy," emphasized Amrit Singh, adding, "This partnership with Microsoft underscores our commitment to bridging the gap between education and industry needs."

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ASSURED THEM THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THIS MATTER SYMPATHETICALLY.BUS OVERTURNS IN HIMACHAL; FOUR KILLED

Shimla: Four people were killed while three others sustained serious injuries when a bus overturned on the Kuddu-Giltari road in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla district early Friday. The Himachal Roadways Transport Corporation (HRTC) bus, with seven persons on board, was on its way to Giltari from Kuddu when the accident took place around 6:45 am near Chauri Kainchi after the driver lost control over the vehicle. While two persons identified as Birma Devi and Dhan Shah died on the spot, bus driver Karam Das and conductor Rakesh Kumar succumbed to injuries on way to hospital, Superintendent of Police, Shimla, Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi, said. The injured have been admitted to a hospital. "Preliminary enquiry has been ordered in the accident", Managing Director, HRTC, Rohan Chand Thakur said. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Education Minister Rohit Thakur, who is also the local MLA, have condoled the loss of lives in the accident.

CABINET MEETING IN HARYANA ON JUNE 27

Chandigarh: Haryana Cabinet will meet under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on June 27 at 12.00 noon in the main committee room, fourth floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh, a government spokesperson said on Friday.

BJP GOVT PLAYING WITH FUTURE OF YOUTH THROUGH PAPER LEAK, RECRUITMENT SCAMS, ALLEGES HOODA

Sonapat/Chandigarh: Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Friday alleged that the BJP government is playing with the future of youth through paper leak and recruitment scams. "Be it NEET and UGC NET at the national level, or a series of recruitment scams happening in Haryana, BJP's misdeeds are being exposed at the national and state level," he added while addressing the Dhanyani Karyakarta Sammelan in Sonapat. In his address, Hooda said today Congress is protesting against NEET and NET paper scams across the country. "In Haryana, Congress has been continuously raising this issue from the streets to the Assembly, but BJP never learned a lesson from its actions. Therefore, the public taught BJP a lesson in the Lok Sabha elections," he said.

CHD MC COMMISSIONER REVIEWS PGI'S FIRE SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Chandigarh: To ensure the safety of patients and staff, PGIMER Director Dr Vivek Lal and Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Anindita Mitra jointly reviewed the key issues and compliances with fire safety regulations at the institution with the authorities of PGIMER along with officers, Engineers and Doctors of PGI and senior officers of MC, Chandigarh. During the meeting, the Director PGIMER apprised the MCC about the fire safety measures taken including completion of Fire audit of all buildings of institute by CBR, Roorkee, and works for one building for fire compliance which has been approved and contracts being concluded shortly. On the issue of solid and biomedical waste management, the Director apprised that the work of Sewerage Treatment Plant has been entrusted to CPWD as a deposit work which will be completed by December this year.

YOGA CAMPS TO ENHANCE HEALTH & EFFICIENCY OF EMPLOYEES: HRY CS

Chandigarh: To promote wellness and enhance work efficiency among employees, Haryana Chief Secretary TVSN Prasad on Friday announced organising special yoga camps within the premises of the Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh. Addressing the officers and employees at the Yoga Camp on the occasion of 10th International Yoga Day at Haryana Niwas, Prasad emphasized that yoga not only improves physical health but also strengthens mental resilience, essential for professionals working long hours in office environments. Highlighting the significance of the inaugural yoga camp for the Civil Secretariat staff, Prasad urged all officers and employees to embrace yoga as a daily routine. He stressed that regular practice of yoga asanas and pranayama would not only boost their efficiency but also enhance their immunity.

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HC CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2024

Chandigarh: The International Day of Yoga-2024 was celebrated at the premises of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, under the aegis of the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia. The day was observed as per guidelines received from Union Ministry of Ayush, with Judges, members of Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, officers and officials of the High Court participated in the event, displaying enthusiasm while performing different Yoga asanas and meditation.

PUNJAB GOVT RELEASES RS 94.35L TO 185 SC BENEFICIARIES IN MALERKOTLA

Chandigarh: Punjab Government has allocated Rs 94.35 lakh to 185 beneficiaries belonging to the Scheduled Castes in Malerkotla district. Sharing the information, the state's Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Minister Dr Baljit Kaur said that Rs 1.71 crore has already been allocated to 337 beneficiaries from backward classes and economically weaker sections. "Financial benefits were allocated to 57 beneficiaries in December 2022, 26 in January 2023, 51 in February 2023 and 51 in March 2023, totaling 185 beneficiaries," she said.

GOVT OPERATIONALIZED 5 AUTOMOTIVE, DRIVING SKILL CENTERS IN PUNJAB

Tarn Taran: Punjab Government has established five Automotive and Driving Skill Centers across the state, providing accessible driving skills training to those in need. These centers are located in Bathinda, Roopnagar, Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur and Tarn Taran. Transport Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar, during his visit to Tarn Taran Automotive and Driving Skill Center, run by the Red Cross Society, on Friday, inspected the facilities and distributed certificates to trainees. He mentioned that this center offers a two-day training program on road safety rules.



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MEGA E-AUCTION
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS (ONLINE) ON/BEFORE 23.07.2024 UPTO 04:00 PM
E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale of Movable/Immovable Assets under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to Rule 6(2)& 8 (6) READ WITH RULE 6&9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule,2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Movable/Immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive physical/whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Punjab & Sind Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is basis" on date of Sale, for recovery of amount, as mentioned below due to the Punjab & Sind Bank Secured Creditor from below Named Borrower(s),Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s). A short description of the Movable / Immovable property with known encumbrances, if any are mentioned as under. The sale will be done by the under-signed through e-auction platform provide as the Web Portal (<https://www.bankauctions.com>).

DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES					
Name of the Branch and Borrower's/ Guarantor's	Amount Outstanding Demand Notice Date Possession Date Type of Possession	Details of Property/ies	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amt.	EMD Submission Account Details	Date/Time of Inspection of Property Date/Time of e-Auction
Maur (M1399) Factory Road, Maur Mandi	Rs.7,89,510.80 as on 31.05.2024 * Interest upto date + Litigation & other expenses	Equitable Mortgage of Property OKanal 05 Maria i.e. 5/9 share of 0 Kanal-09 Maria comprised in Khewat Khatooni no. 620/1614 Kharsa no. 318/00 min (0-9) bearing Transfer deed no. 834 dated 14.08.2017 registered maur, property situated at rakha mauz kalam as per jamabandi Bounded as: North: 30'-00" Gurmial Kaur W/o Roshan Singh, South: 30'-0" Gurdev Singh, East: 43'-09" Street, West: 43'-09" Avtar Singh S/o Gurdev Singh	Rs. 20.50 Lacs Rs. 2.05 Lacs Rs. 0.20 Lacs	A/c.No.80105040070003 Name of Account: NEFT INWARD STP PARKING ACCOUNT IFSC Code: PSIB0008010	23.07.2024 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM 24.07.2024 12.00 PM to 04.00 PM
M/s. Shree Ganesh Jewellers Key Person : Name: Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Gurdev Singh (Prop.) (Borrower), 1. Sh. Gaurav Sony S/o Rajinder Singh. 2. Sh. Balvir Singh S/o Pritam Singh (Guarantor)	28.02.2024 14.05.2024 Symbolic				Amit Singh Mob: 98759-78751 E-Mail : m1399@psbi.co.in

Terms & Conditions : The e-auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis 1. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property put on auction and claims / rights / dues / effecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances, whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorized Officer/Secured creditor shall not be responsible for the responsibility of possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Punjab & Sind Bank. 2. The intending bidders shall submit their EMD through web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user id and password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>). 3. After registration by bidders in the web portal, the intending bidders/purchaser required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the web portal before the last date and time of submission of the bid document viz (i) copy of NEFT/RTGS challan, (ii) Copy of PAN Card (iii) Copy of Residence proof/ identification (KYC) VIZ self attested copy of Voter ID Card/Driving License/Passport/Ration Card, etc., Without which the bid is liable to be rejected. Uploading of scanned copy of annexures (ii) and (iii) (Mentioned in the tender Notice) after duly filling up the signing 5. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating login ID and password, uploading date, submitting bid documents, training/ demonstration on online inter-se bidding etc may contact M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Building no. 301, First Floor, Udyog Vihar, Phase -2, Gurgaon, Helpline number + 91-1244302000-2021-2022, +91-70808-04466 (Sh. Mihalesh Kumar), Helpline e-mail id: support@bankauctions.com. 6. Only the buyers holding valid ID/Password and confirmation payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS shall be eligible for participating in the e-auction process. For further details please visit <https://www.bankauctions.com> & banks website <https://www.psbi.in>.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) & 8(6) SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction , failing which the property / Vehicle will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

DATE: 22.06.2024 PLACE: MAUR MANDI AUTHORISED OFFICER, PUNJAB & SIND BANK

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as Chanderbhan Singh Son of Shri Dalip Singh resident of H.No.4A, Muhalla New Colony, Kamal Vihar, Ward No.29, 15 Jalandhar-I, Jalandhar City Punjab-144001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Chander Bhan.

I, hitherto Known as Harman Kaur W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o H.No. 8097, Main Road, Ranjit Nagar, A.T.I. College, Janta Nagar, Ludhiana-141003, Punjab India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Indjerjit Kaur.

I, **Surendra Devi** W/o Sukh Dev R/o Vill. & P.O. Bhiyunkhari, Teh. Kasauli, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my name from Surendra Devi to Rani Devi.

I, **Meenu Devi** W/o Gurdev Singh R/o Vill. Kalyanpur, P.O. Haripura Sandoli, Solan (HP) have changed my name from Meenu Devi to Gurjeet Kaur.

I, **Shankuntia** W/o Rajender Kumar R/o Vill. & P.O. Kahla, Teh. Kandaghat, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my name to Kunta Devi.

I, **Seema Kaur** W/o Malkiyat Singh R/o Vill. Madanpura Sec-54, City Mohali-160055 have changed my name from Seema Kaur to Soma Devi.

I, **Ambrose Albonse** Mary W/o No. 13961650A Hav Rangnath Mishra R/o Sofi Pind, Jalandhar have changed my name from Alphones Mary to Ambrose Albonse Mary & DOB from 01 Aug 1961 to 16 Mar 1959.

I, **Dharyia Mahajan** S/o Sumit Mahajan, #15/2 Subhash Nagar, Near Police Station, Manimajra, Chandigarh, have changed name to Dharyia Mahajan

I, **Lakhbir Singh** S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o Hindalwala Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed name given as Lakhbir and Singh as Sarume.

I, **Amarjit Singh** Nijjer S/o Jarnail Singh Nijjer R/o Digoh Tehsil Bhuna (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Amarjit Singh.

I, **Paramdeep Kaur** Nijjer W/o Amarjit Singh R/o Digoh Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Paramdeep Kaur.

I **Baldev Singh** Arora S/O Pritam Singh R/O Vpo. Daudhar Garbi Distt. Moga Punjab 142053 Have Changed My Name To Baldev Singh.

I **Minakshi** W/O Rajeev Kumar R/O Suraj Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Minakshi Sharma.

I **Rajeev Kumar** Sharma S/O Jawahar Sharma R/O Suraj Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Rajeev Kumar.

I **Aniket Soni** S/O Anup Kumar R/O Fatehgarh Gujranj Bad Side Hardys World Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Aniket Sarraf.

I **Anjana** W/O Satpal R/O Vpo. Salempur District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Anjana To Anjana Kaur.

I **Laj Wanti** W/O Rattan Chand R/O V.No.318, Mohalla Baradari Vpo. Tanda District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Laj Wanti To Lajwanti.

I **Tarlochan Singh** S/O Gulzar Singh R/O Vill. Jammu Kalyari P.O. Sujampur District Pathankot Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Tarlochan And My Surname As Singh.

I **Manjit Kumar** S/O Prem Lal R/O Vill. Bassi Mustafa P.O. Jahan Khelan (Hoshiarpur) Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Manjit And My Surname As Kumar.

I, **Sonali** alias Kuldip Kaur W/o Raj Kumar R/O W.No. 8 Balachaur Teh-Balachaur (SBS Nagar) Pb, have changed my name from Sonali alias Kuldip Kaur to Kuldip Kaur.

I, **Sukhwinder Singh** Dutt S/O Gopal Singh R/O House No. 1319/15, Phase-11, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), have changed my name to Sukhwinder Singh.

I, **Mukesh** W/o Sh. Amarjit Singh, R/o Village Bakhtua, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Devi.

I, **Ranjeet Kaur** W/O Iqbal Singh, R/O Near Hdfc Bank, Vpo- Beas, Distt- Amritsar Have Changed My Given Name Have Spelling Ranjit Kaur To Ranjeet Kaur.

I, **Kamaljeet** Kaur W/o Manjit Singh R/o Nathowal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kamaljit Kaur.

I, **Harpreet Singh** S/O Rajinder Singh Resident Of V. Shahwala, District Ferozepur. His Name Has Been Changed To Harpreet Singh Sandhu.

I, **Gurmeet Kaur** W/o Lakhwinder Singh R/o Araji Sabhra (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Kulwinder Singh after marriage.

I, **No.15746080A** Hav Amit Kumar Thakur resident of Village- Wadner Dumala, Post- Wadner Dumala, Tehsil- Nashik, District- Nashik, State- Maharashtra, Pin-422401, have changed my Father's name & DOB from Sanjay Thakur to Sanjay Ramchandra Thakur and date of birth from 02 March 1968 to 02 March 1966 Vide affidavit No.IN-PBW dated 21 June 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, **No.15746080A** Hav Amit Kumar Thakur resident of Village- Wadner Dumala, Post- Wadner Dumala, Tehsil- Nashik, District- Nashik, State- Maharashtra, Pin-422401, have changed my Mother's name & DOB from Mamta Thakur to Mamta Sanjay Thakur and date of birth from 02 March 1968 to 02 March 1966 Vide affidavit No.IN-PBW dated 21 June 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, **No.15746080A** Hav Amit Kumar Thakur resident of Village- Wadner Dumala, Post- Wadner Dumala, Tehsil- Nashik, District- Nashik, State- Maharashtra, Pin-422401, have changed my Mother name & DOB from Mamta Thakur to Mamta Sanjay Thakur and date of birth from 13 April 1974 to 18 April 1974 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB27713472810598W dated 21 June 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, **No.15705718M** Hav Abhishek Kumar Rai resident of Village- Rajpur Bagaha, Post- Pipara Ghat, Tehsil- Tamkuhiraj, District- Kushinagar, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-274406, Have changed my Mother name & DOB from Subhavati Rai to Subhavati Devi and date of birth from 01 July 1965 to 01 Jan 1960 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB27720263130625W dated 21 June 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, **Army no. 14473145** EX, Rank. Hav. Baljit Singh S/O Laxman R/o Village Dhigana Teh. & Distt. Jind (Hr), My name is wrongly mention in my army service record as Baljit Singh Singh Roha, but correct name is Baljit Singh.

I, **Mahaveer** S/o Ram Kumar R/O VPO Igrah Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Mahaveer To Mahabir Singh.

I, **Sarab Paul** Singh S/O Sekhon S/O Sh. Rastaranjeet Singh R/O 383, Alipur Titu Khera(91), Sirsa (Haryana), That I have changed my name from Sarab Paul Singh Sekhon to Sarab Paul Singh , in future my name is to be called as Sarab Paul Singh.

I, **Daljeet Kaur** Sekhon W/o Sh. Sarab Paul Singh R/O 383, Alipur Titu Khera(91), Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Daljeet Kaur Sekhon to Daljeet Kaur, in future my name is to be called as Daljeet Kaur.

I, **Anita Mann** W/O late Ajit Kumar Mann, permanent resident of 1685/57, Public Colony, Rupnagar, Punjab, India, Pin Code 140001 and presently at 2921/26K Gurbakhsh Colony, Rupnagar, Punjab, India, Pin Code 140001, declare That Anita Rani and Anita Maan are both the same woman i.e my name.

I, **Prajakta** spouse of No.2814366W L/NK Salunke Raju Sudhakar resident of Village- Radhaswami Colony Harsul, Post- Harsul, Tehsil- Aurangabad, District- Aurangabad, State- Maharashtra, Pin-431001, have changed my name from Prajakta To Prajakta Raju Salunke Vide affidavit No.IN-PB27710584583594W dated 21 June 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, **Veena Devi** W/O Harbans Lal R/O Hno. 1/5 Nangal Kotli, Mandi Gurdaspur. Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Declare That My Given Name As Veena And My Surname As Devi.

ਦਵਤਰ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸ਼ਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ । ਚੋਟ ਨੌਟਿਸ
ਦੀ ਘੋਖਣ ਪੁਰਦ ਬਹੁਮਤਵੀ ਸ਼ਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ. ਘੋਖਣ ਪੁਰਦ ਦੇ ਸਮੂਹ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਸਭਾ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜੋਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਲਿਸਟਾਂ ਨਿਮਨਤਰਾਖਤ ਦੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰੀ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਨਵੀਆਂ ਜੋਨ ਗਾਰੀਦਾਂ ਲਾਈਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਜੋਨ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਜੋਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸੂਚੀਆਂ ਨਿਮਨਤਰਾਖਤ ਦੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹਨ। ਜੇਕਰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਜੋਨਾਂ ਲਿਸਟਾਂ ਤੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਗੂ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 22.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮ ਦਵਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੱਕ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸ਼ਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਦੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਿਹਾਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ 23.07.2024 ਨੂੰ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ ਇਸ ਦਵਤਰ ਦੇ ਕਮਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ. 411, ਬੀ-ਬਲਾਕ, ਤੀਜੀ ਮੰਜਿਲ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਓਪਲੇਕਸ ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਨਿਯਤ ਮੀਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਿਹਾਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ 23.07.2024 ਨੂੰ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ ਇਸ ਦਵਤਰ ਦੇ ਕਮਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ. 411, ਬੀ-ਬਲਾਕ, ਤੀਜੀ ਮੰਜਿਲ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਓਪਲੇਕਸ ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਇਹ ਜੋਨ ਸੂਚੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਫਿਨ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸ਼ਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਦੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਆ ਕੇ ਵੇਖੀਆਂ ਨਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਕਰਤਾ ਪੁਰ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਸਮੇਂ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋਵੇ ਅਗਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨਾ ਆਇਆ ਤਾਂ ਉਸੇ ਦਿਨ ਹੀ ਜੋਨ ਲਿਸਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਇਹ ਨੌਟਿਸ ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 21.06.2024 ਨੂੰ ਨਿਮਨਤਰਾਖਤ ਦੇ ਹਤਰਾਖਤਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।
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ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸ਼ਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ।

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E-AUCTION

SALE NOTICE

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" in Auction arranged by the service provider M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited- Auction Tiger, Contact: Mr. Praveenkumar Thevar (9722778828 D:079-68136891). Email id: Praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net OR Support@auctiontiger.net through the website (https://canarabank.auctiontiger.net).

LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 08.07.2024 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 10.07.2024 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M)

(with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

SL NO.	Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Total Liabilities as on specified Date	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Details of A/c No.	
						IFSC CODE	Possession notice
1.	Canara Bank Panipat Main Branch Authorised Officer :- Sh Vikas Gaur (M) 8572801399, E-mail: cb1399@canarabank.com	Built up house no. 708/1 measuring 100 sq yds situated at Kotla Near Sukhdev Nagar, Panipat and divided in two equal shares measuring 50 sq yds each in the name of Sh. Devender Verma and Sh. Kapil Verma both sons of Sh. Chandar Bhan.	Total liabilities as on 02.04.2021 Rs. 13,85,916.00/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 25.97 Lakhs	Rs. 2.6 Lakh	209272434	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
						CNRB0001399	
1. Sh. Devender Verma S/o Chander Bhan R/O 708/1, Sukhdev Nagar Panipat - 132103, 2. Sh. Kapil Verma S/o Chander Bhan R/O 708/1, Sukhdev Nagar Panipat - 132103, 3. Sh. Chander Bhan S/o Sh. Sunder Dass R/O 708/1, Sukhdev Nagar, Panipat – 132103.							
2.	Canara Bank Kharkhoda Branch Authorised Officer, Sh. Vikas Gaur (M) 8572825528 E-mail: cb5528@canarabank.com	Gair Mumkin house constructed on land measuring 0K-3M, i.e.100 sqr yds. Comprised in Khewat no. 836, Khata no. 939 Rect and Killa no. 151/151/(4-0), having dimension East to West 20 ft, North to South 45 ft, situated in village Kharkhoda Tehsil Kharkhoda Distt. Sonepat within M.C. limit Kharkhoda Distt. Sonepat in the name of Sh Pawan S/o Rajbir Singh. Bounded as under : North : House of Ram Kanwar, South: House of Jagdish Chander, East: Gali 8 ft, West: House of Rattan Singh.	Total liabilities as on 11.01.2024 Rs.20,10,468.70/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 40.32 Lakhs	Rs. 4.04 Lakhs	209272434	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
						CNRB0005528	
1. Sh. Raj Bir Singh S/o Mam Chand Ward No 6 Kharkhoda Distt.sonepat Haryana 131402, 2. Sh. Pawan S/o Raj Bir Singh VPO Kharkhoda Distt. Sonipat Haryana 131402, 3. Smt. Raj Bala W/o Rajbir Singh H.no.233, VPO Kharkhoda Distt. Sonipat Haryana 131402.							
3.	Canara Bank Panipat Main Authorised Officer, Sh. Vikas Gaur (M) 8572801399 E-mail: cb1399@canarabank.com	Residential House no. 729, ward no. 28, Nand Vihar colony, Jattal Road Panipat measuring 58 Sq. Yards comprised in khewat no. 1002, 1004, 1005, khasra no. 2626/1(2/4-1), 2627/1(4-6), 2628/1(3-19), 2629/1(3-19), 2631/2(1-14), 2632/2(0-7), 2633/2(3-9), kitta 7 area 21 bigha 15 biswa being 23/8700 share, situated at Patti Rajputan within the limits of Municipal Corporation, Panipat, now known as Nand Vihar colony, Panipat vide sale deed bearing vasika no. 7364 dated 14/12/2015, S.R. Panipat in the name of Sh Ashok Kumar ,which is bounded as under :- East - Property of Sudarshan Kumar, West :- Property of Rajender Malik, North :-Property of Rajender Malik, South :- Rasta.	Total liabilities as on 17.02.2024 Rs. 4,59,066.60/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 22.44 Lakhs	Rs. 2.25 Lakhs	209272434	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
						CNRB0001399	
1. Sh. Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Rattan Singh House No. 729, Ward No. 728, Nanad Vihar Colony ,jattal Road, Panipat, 132103, 2. Sh. Jitender Kumar S/o Sh. Rattan Singh House No. 729, Ward No. 728, Nanad Vihar Colony Jattal Road, Panipat, 132103.							
4.	Canara Bank :- Samalkha Branch Authorised Officer, Sh. Vikas Gaur (M) 8572803232, E-mail: cb3232@canarabank.com	A Residential House double story with mumty H. No. 156/10 ward no 13 Fatehpur Chowk, Fateh Chand Wali Gali under M C Limit Samalkha Distt. Panipat in the name of Smt. Rita Rani W/o Harish Kumar.	Total liabilities as on 03.07.2023 Rs. 12,51,162.83 plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 18.00 Lakhs	Rs. 1.80 Lakh	209272434	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
						CNRB0003232	

Yoga for self and society

PM Modi celebrates International Yoga Day in Kashmir, emphasising Yoga’s role in fostering peace and unity

On June 21, 2024, International Yoga Day gave new meaning to the people of Kashmir as the Prime Minister celebrated it with them. Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked a momentous occasion by celebrating International Yoga Day in the scenic valley of Kashmir. This event was not only significant as a global celebration of yoga but also as a powerful symbol of peace, unity and cultural heritage in a region that has seen its share of strife and conflict. Kashmir, often referred to as ‘Paradise on Earth’ due to its breathtaking landscapes and rich cultural tapestry, was chosen by PM Modi as the venue for this year’s International Yoga Day celebration. The event was held at the iconic Shalimar Bagh in Srinagar. International Yoga Day, celebrated on June 21 each year, was established in 2015 following a resolution proposed by PM Modi at the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. The day aims to raise awareness about the benefits of practising yoga, a 5,000-year-old tradition that originated in India. It emphasises the integration of body, mind and spirit, promoting a balanced and harmonious lifestyle. This year’s theme, yoga for self and society resonated deeply in Kashmir, a region known for its complex socio-political challenges.



By celebrating Yoga Day in Kashmir, PM Modi aimed to convey a message of reconciliation and the potential for a peaceful future. Indeed, Prime Minister Modi has always used the symbols very effectively and conveyed the message to the people, celebrating Yoga Day in Kashmir was no exception. The choice of Kashmir as the venue for this significant event is

laden with symbolism. The region, which has faced decades of conflict and unrest, witnessed an outpouring of support for the celebration, reflecting a desire for peace and normalcy. PM Modi’s presence and the enthusiastic participation of residents is a step towards healing and bridging divides. This was PM Modi’s first trip to the union territory since being re-elected for a third consecutive term. During this visit, PM Modi launched several significant developmental projects and participated in International Yoga Day 2024 activities. PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various developmental projects valued at over Rs. 1,500 crores. The Prime Minister addressed the gathering. He underscored the importance of yoga in promoting health and unity. The Prime Minister took this occasion to send a strong message across the border that all acts of terrorism would be thwarted. Indeed, the trip did reinforce the confidence of the people as it came just weeks after the Jammu attacks. This would also be a message to the security forces also to beef up the security. PM Modi’s visit underscored his commitment to the development and integration of Jammu and Kashmir. Indeed, the event was not just a display of yoga poses but a concerted effort to promote wellness and unity of the State.

PICTALK



People perform yoga in the Yamuna river on the 10th International Day of Yoga, in New Delhi

NEET: Malice extends beyond a flawed exam

The Supreme Court’s recent directive to the Govt to meticulously address any lapses in the NEET examination underscores the critical nature of the fiasco

Plans do go awry. Who could say this better than Modi Sarkar 3.0? Prime Minister Narendra Modi had planned a blitzkrieg of the first 100 days of good governance. It doesn’t seem to be happening as of now. First the number of BJP members elected to Lok Sabha did not sufficiently pile up, forcing a toned-down department of the Government. Worse has been the marks manipulation controversy generated around the results declared by National Testing Agency (NTA) of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to the undergraduate courses in the medical colleges across the country. The Supreme Court on June 18 told the Union Government and the NTA to ensure that even ‘0.001 per cent negligence’ in conducting the NEET-UG 2024 exams be looked into with all seriousness considering the immense labour that the candidates have put in for preparing the nationwide examination. Thankfully, we have a mature leader like Dharmendra Pradhan as Union Education Minister, who is expected to steer through the crisis and not a Smriti Irani or a Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank camping at the Shastrri Bhawan, the seat of the Ministry of Education. Pradhan has so far shown the patience and perseverance in handling this gargantuan-like crisis. The mess around NEET is much deeper than just the alleged malpractice in the conduct of the examination and the manipulation of marks. It’s a question of the very high financial and emotional stakes involved, given the limited number of the seats available in the medical colleges. Over 15 lakh students appear for the NEET annually to fight over about 83,000 seats available. Less than half of these seats are available in the Government-run colleges. More than half of the seats in these colleges are allotted under various quotas. Thus, many deserving candidates are unable to secure admission to Government colleges. The fees in the private medical colleges in India are unbelievably



expensive, often touching Rs one crore for the entire course. For middle-class families, these costs are untenable, prompting them to look for more affordable options abroad. Thus the medical college market in countries like China, Ukraine, Russia and Kyrgyzstan. Here the cost of education at the best is less than half of what the private medical colleges charge. No wonder if there is COVID happening in China, war happening in central Asia or hooliganism in Kyrgyzstan, miserable State of the Indian students makes news. The problems of these students don’t end here. Even on the successful completion of the course, an uncertain future awaits them. The medical degrees obtained from foreign universities must be recognised by the National Medical Commission of India (NMC). Even if the college is recognised, the medical graduates need to clear the Foreign Medical Graduates Examination (FMGE) conducted by NMC to practice in India. The pass rate for FMGE is relatively low. This shortage of seats explains the repeated noise of corruption around the medical entrance tests for several years

THE SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL SEATS IN INDIA, COUPLED WITH HIGH FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL STAKES, FUELS CORRUPTION IN ENTRANCE EXAMS AND DRIVES STUDENTS TO SEEK MORE AFFORDABLE EDUCATION OPTIONS ABROAD

now. The most prominent among the many fallouts of this situation are higher prices, long wait times and increased competition for the limited available resources. When shortage occurs, an environment is created where individuals or stakeholders may be willing to pay bribes to secure access to the limited resources. Today, in the NEET eco-system, there aren’t just the students and testing agencies who are participating. It can be safely said that the financial stakes at this examination is much higher for the horde of coaching centres and admission counsellors than the students themselves. Then there are the people who manipulate the system to make entrance into an Indian college ‘convenient’ lest the candidate ends up selling family silver for an admission in a private college in India or go through the rigmarole of enrolling in a foreign medical college and face an uncertain future. The expected role of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in the current crisis would be to provide an immediate relief to the injury and pain caused to the lakhs of students by the NTA, which con-

ducted NEET 2024. The larger relief would only come by investment in the health infrastructure sector. Increasing the number of medical seats in Government and private colleges, in the higher numbers in the former category, would lessen the need for students to seek education abroad or the manipulators having a field day. This requires substantial investment in medical infrastructure and faculty. This would not come by the mere initiative of either Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan or the newly-appointed Health Minister JP Nadda. There has to be a Government vision and more importantly the political will to break the cartel of the private medical colleges. The management of these colleges maintains a Octopus-like stranglehold over the medical education system through its various arms like the coaching centres and the counsellors. The ‘costly’ admission process is the first step towards the crass commercialisation of the medical sector in this country. About it on some other day. (The writer is author and president, Centre for Reforms, Development & Justice, views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WILDLIFE FIRES IN UTTARAKHAND

Madam — Apropos the news story “Forest fires are a grim environmental reality,” published on June 21, this is my response. The recent wildlife fires in Uttarakhand highlight a pressing environmental and societal issue. These fires are not just a natural calamity but a reflection of human irresponsibility and systemic failures. Environmental pollution, an unrestrained culture among youth and weak law enforcement have contributed to these destructive events. Global warming, largely driven by hydrocarbon fuel use, has exacerbated the situation, similar to patterns seen in Australia and the USA. Local industries and vehicular pollution have significantly warmed the atmosphere, making the naturally fire-prone Chir Pine forests even more vulnerable. Additionally, reckless behaviour, such as setting fires for social media fame and illegal activities like unauthorised construction and tree felling, further fuel these disasters. The media often needs to delve more deeply into such incidents’ root causes and preventive measures. A more profound understanding, perhaps through the lens of Vedic Physics, could offer comprehensive solutions by integrating ancient wisdom with modern scientific approaches.

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ESSENTIALS FOR SUCCESS

Madam — Apropos the news story “Benefits of integrating offline and online channels,” published on June 21, this is my response. The management of offline and online channels often operates in silos, with little intersection in their strategies. This separation ignores the fundamental fact that consumers are people whose decision-making spans both realms. Consumers today engage with brands through multiple touchpoints—retail stores, social media, online reviews and influencer videos—making integrated channel management essential. The AIDA model (Attention, Interest, Decision, Action) highlights the need for a coherent strategy across channels, as purchases

UGC to revamp higher education



Apropos the news story “UGC set to revolutionise higher education in India,” published on June 21, this is my response. The University Grants Commission’s decision to allow biannual admissions in higher education institutions is a significant move. It aims to increase student intake and introduce new programs in emerging areas, aligning Indian education with global standards. This policy mirrors the successful biannual admissions in Open and

Distance Learning and Online modes, which saw nearly half a million additional enrollments. While this decision offers flexibility and opportunities for students, especially those aspiring to study abroad, it raises concerns about infrastructure and faculty requirements. Educational experts worry about maintaining quality amid increased quantity. However, the global model of continuous education and skill upgrading, seen in countries like Germany, highlights the potential benefits. In India, there is a need to change the mindset towards vocational training and practical experience. Successful examples, like IIT graduate Mr Khatri, show that determination and expertise can lead to significant achievements. For the biannual admission system to succeed, policymakers must focus on engaging students and providing practical, hands-on learning experiences.

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can occur either offline or online. Structural issues and managerial specialisations contribute to the disjointed approach, but evolving consumer behaviour demands integration. While offline channels have a long-standing command-and-control structure, online channels are rapidly gaining significance. Companies must adopt integrated thinking to enhance customer experience and ensure sustainable success.

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WOMEN AND UNPAID WORK

Madam — Apropos the news story “The Unseen Burden of Women’s Unpaid Labour,” published on June 21, this is my response. The early 60s saw Canadian writer Alice Munro dismissed as a mere “housewife who finds time to write short stories.” Munro’s eventual Nobel Prize in 2013 underscored the absurdity of this condescension. Economist Claudia Goldin’s research reveals that women’s careers are often constrained by societal expectations that idealise their roles as unpaid caregivers. This has tangible impacts: women global-

ly spend 76.2 per cent of their time on unpaid care work, three times more than men. In regions like the Pacific and Asia, men contribute the least. The burden of unpaid care work keeps 606 million working-age women out of the labour market, compared to just 41 million men. This disparity is reflected in economic metrics; for example, women’s unpaid work could be worth up to 40 per cent of GDP in some countries. Additionally, the “motherhood penalty” persists, reducing women’s career prospects and earnings. Conversely, men often receive a wage bonus upon becoming fathers. To bridge this gap, significant investments in childcare and care industries are crucial. Research shows that such investments could create millions of jobs and significantly boost women’s employment rates. Meeting these needs is essential to achieving gender equality and fulfilling global commitments to women’s economic justice.

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India’s solar industry is a goldmine for investors

The surge in global demand for renewable energy has placed solar power at the centre stage, particularly in India

India’s solar energy sector is shining brighter than ever, emerging as a goldmine for investors and entrepreneurs. The market, valued at \$38 billion in 2021, is set to grow exponentially, reaching \$238 billion by 2032, driven by an impressive 40 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR). The surge in global demand for renewable energy has placed solar power at the centre stage, particularly in India. With supportive Government policies, technological advancements and an increasing shift towards sustainability, the solar energy sector is witnessing unprecedented growth. Entrepreneurs and investors capitalise on this momentum, prioritising their goals to reap substantial benefits in the coming years.

Tech Advancements

Technological innovations are at the heart of the solar industry’s success. Commercial solar panels have gotten way better at turning sunlight into electricity, cranking up the power they can produce per square foot. The switch from polycrystalline to more advanced bifacial solar panels, which can generate power from both sides, shows how



the industry is focused on squeezing out as much efficiency as possible. In recent years, PERC (Passivated Emitter and Rear Cell) technology has been predominant in India’s solar panel market. However, due to efficiency limitations in mass production, there is a gradual shift towards more advanced technologies like TOPCon (Tunnel Oxide Passivated Contact) and HJT (Heterojunction Technology). **Government Policies** The Indian Government’s policies have played a crucial role in transforming the solar energy landscape. The Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, with substantial financial allocations (PLI-I with Rs. 4,500 crores and PLI-II with Rs. 19,500 crores), are designed to boost domestic manufacturing of solar components.

Further bolstering the “Make in India” initiative, the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) was reinstated on April 1, 2024, ensuring quality control and encouraging the use of domestically manufactured modules. Various projects by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), such as the CPSU Scheme Phase-II, PM-KUSUM Component B and the Grid-connected Rooftop Solar Programme Phase-II, mandate the use of Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) solar panels, providing subsidies to promote the adoption of solar energy. **Environmental Impact** The solar industry in India isn’t just about fulfilling energy requirements - it’s also helping the environment. By using more solar power and relying less on fossil fuels, the solar industry is assisting in eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and fighting climate change. Shifting towards renewable energy, like solar power, is super crucial for India’s climate goals and ensuring a sustainable future. **Market Potential and Investment Opportunities**

India’s solar energy market presents a plethora of opportunities for investors and entrepreneurs. The sector’s rapid growth and the increasing acceptance of solar power for both commercial and personal uses underscore its potential. With Government support and ongoing technological advancements, the barriers to entry are diminishing, making it an attractive proposition for new ventures. Besides, technological advancements enhance efficiency and reduce costs, increasing profitability. Entrepreneurs can explore various segments within the industry. On a larger front, the global shift towards sustainability ensures a steady demand for solar energy solutions, providing businesses with a long-term growth trajectory. Moreover, India’s solar industry’s robust market potential, Government support and technological innovation make it a compelling opportunity for those looking to invest or start a venture in renewable energy. (The writer is the CEO, of Gautam Solar, views are personal)



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THE ART OF ANGER MANAGEMENT



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Anger or an outburst is an emotion which invariably leads to antipathetic results


Aeons ago lived a sagacious teacher who adopted unusual techniques as part of his pedagogy while imparting knowledge to his students. One day he provided his students with an empty jar and a bagful of pebbles. He directed them to fill the jar with as many pebbles as they could. The students fretted as they struggled to insert the pebbles in the jar, but eventually managed to insert them. Subsequently, the teacher gave them a bag of sand and guided them to pour it into the jar. The sand filled in all the gaps between the rocks. Eventually, the teacher gave them a pitcher of water and asked the students to pour it into the jar which filled in all the remaining gaps. It was then pronounced that the jar represented our lives and the pebbles, sand and water typified what we live with. The teacher went on to State, “If we fill our lives with anger (represented by the pebbles), there will not be any room for anything else. But if we focus on the important things (represented by the sand and water), we could discover a State of happiness and balance.” Among the students lived a boy who was disposed with a foul temper. He would get angry at every little issue. One day, the sagacious teacher gave him a bag of nails and told him, “Every time you get vexed, hammer a nail into that front wall.” And thus began the activity. On the first day, the boy hammered 50 nails. The following day, he hammered 40. Each time he went up to the wall, he repented being piqued. It was quite a challenge to hammer a nail into the bricks of the wall! Slowly, the stripling discovered that controlling his rage was easier than hammering countless nails into the wall. The strapping youth had already become a laughing stock of his batchmates performing this wasteful exercise. Over a period, the number of nails hammered began to diminish much to the amazement of the student and his friends.



Eventually, came a day when he was not cross and became joyous about the fact. The perspicacious teacher assigned the student yet another task, “If you do not get provoked the entire day, remove one nail from the wall.” After many days, eyebrows were raised as all the nails were extricated from the wall. Finally, the teacher took the student near the wall and asked him what he saw. The student replied that he could view holes in the wall. “These holes are like the scars that one leave’s on individuals when a person gets exasperated. No matter how many times you apologise, the scar does not vanish.” “Thus, I suggest you to do two things; realise that words once uttered linger on. Your irascibility hurts others and leaves a dampener on all.” He continued, “Each time you feel outraged, ‘hammer a nail’ in the wall. The simplest thing you can do is to carry a pocket diary and draw a line each time you get annoyed. At night, count the number of lines drawn for that day. If you make this a habit, each time you would become waspish, you would be reminded to note it down.” “Once you follow this regimen, your awareness and memory muscle about the damage you were inflicting among the people with whom you interact would increase.” The student had learned his lesson, through this ingenious teaching imparted by his teacher.

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India faces a severe groundwater crisis




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The groundwater clock is ticking towards day zero. India needs a combination of strategy and investment to safeguard and revitalise the same



According to the India Water Portal, India uses 25 per cent of all groundwater extracted globally, ahead of the USA and China. Nearly 70 per cent of the water supply in Indian agriculture today is groundwater. For a resource that is under such heavy use, India still lacks a contingency plan when it comes to dealing with groundwater depletion and over-exploitation. Predictably, the writing on the wall is becoming increasingly clear. On June 19th, 2024 the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) dropped the shocking news that Delhi has already extracted 99 per cent of its available groundwater. The latest CGWB report revealed a decline in both annual recharge and available groundwater for extraction in the city. According to the CGWB’s findings, Delhi’s net annual groundwater recharge in 2023 was measured at 0.38 billion cubic meters (bcm), with only 0.34 bcm available for extraction. Shockingly, nearly all accessible groundwater has already been extracted, totalling 99.1 per cent. The concerning aspect here is the increased rate of extraction despite reduced groundwater recharge. These trying conditions come at a time when Delhi is already reeling under the worst heatwave in the last 120 years which has claimed 192 lives so far. Sadly the issue of water distressed cities is becoming a worrying trend across India. Bangalore hit rock bottom earlier this year with over 500 million litres of water deficit daily with over 7000 borewells running dry. Coupled with abnormally harsh summers the water scarcity conditions can not only take a toll on human lives but also bring the urban economy to a grinding halt. This trend of drying up groundwater may, unfortunately, become the norm for



INDIA'S WATER RESOURCES FACE A BLEAK FUTURE; THE GOVERNMENT MUST ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH A NATIONWIDE WATER BODY CENSUS, RAINWATER HARVESTING AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

most cities in India unless urgent remedial measures are taken. But sadly, most of the action taken is at best knee-jerk and impulsive with neither long-term strategy nor investment attached to it. Consecutive Governments, both at the State and central levels have always dealt with groundwater-related issues on a passive basis instead of a proactive basis. As a result every year the nature of the problem not only becomes complex but also more difficult to solve. The future of India’s water resources looks bleak and the Government must deploy a plethora of measures to ensure that the future generations have enough of this precious resource. As a first step, the central Government must conduct a nationwide satellite-assisted natural water body census along with the measurable extent of the water body. This will not only quantify the number of water bodies but will also capture any encroachment of the same. Additionally, steps have to be taken to rejuvenate and revive these water bodies. This can be done by removing the vegetation and setting up artificial groundwater recharge points such as percolation wells. Apart from this, the roping in of local municipal authorities, especially the anti-encroachment departments can help remove unauthorised occupation from the water body area. The central Government in association with State Government authorities can work on measures

such as metered borewells to monitor and regulate groundwater extraction. The concept of metered borewells is not new. The State of West Bengal has metered borewells for a while now and as a result, the State has been experiencing better levels of groundwater. The same can be replicated across India, especially in Karnataka which is witnessing over-exploitation of groundwater. Yet another measure that needs sincere application is rain-water harvesting (RWH). Even though a much-talked-about concept, RWH has seen minimal implementation in India. Bangalore is an apt example of the abysmal application of RWH. According to Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) data, only 1.8 lakh out of the 19 lakh eligible properties in Bengaluru have installed rain-water harvesting systems. Experts have opined that the city harvests only 10 per cent of the rainwater while the rest 90 per cent drains away wasted. Conditions such as these point towards the unfortunate reality of hyped concepts that receive very little implementation. The Government must try and understand the latent potential of RWH and ensure that not only residential but commercial properties across India implement RWH and the same must be enforceable by law. However conventional remedial measures may still not be able to rein in the runaway groundwater scarcity problem. Since the scale of the problem has risen, the Government must explore invest-

ments in innovative technologies to bolster the efforts to revive and boost the groundwater table in India. Efficient farming technologies that rely less on water for instance can make a huge difference. Investments in precision agriculture for the usage of groundwater for irrigation are an ideal solution for providing optimal water usage. This saves water compared to traditional flooding methods which increases output while conserving resources and reducing water wastage. Similarly, App-driven water meters that automatically regulate extraction and smart groundwater pressure sensors that maintain critical and minimum water levels can all help alleviate the burdens weighing on groundwater. With water scarcity spreading region-wise across India and with a rapidly increasing water use the structural imbalance between water supply and demand continues to widen. Therefore it is time that the Governments in association corporate under corporate social responsibility schemes (CSR) must increase capital expenditure on smart technologies that can actively provide solutions to water scarcity and water quality issues besides improving sustainability of water resources. The groundwater clock is ticking towards day zero. India needs a combination of strategy and investment to safeguard and revitalise the same.

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Generative AI revolutionises smart wearable technology

By leveraging AI for coaching and healthcare, wearables are setting new standards in user experience and functionality



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personalised insights and recommendations based on the user’s data. Through sensors embedded in the wearables, data is analysed to provide real-time advice and feedback that helps users improve performance, maximise productivity and prevent injuries. In an era where most people want to stay fighting fit, generative AI goes beyond merely counting the steps taken and monitoring their heart rate. By

employing AI algorithms, advanced fitness trackers analyse the user’s data to provide personalised insights and coaching. A dynamic, bespoke approach is adopted in managing the user’s health and well-being as the smart device adapts to each person’s preferences, goals and individual fitness levels. For instance, an AI-driven coaching algorithm, Zepp Coach, offers customised guidance so its users can train and recover more effectively. A user simply needs to enter his or her physical characteristics, exercise experience level and preferred number of training days each week into the app. The app then builds a personalised training regime for every user. As the days progress, the Zepp Coach app monitors



queries concerning fitness, health and overall well-being. Since they come equipped with generative AI, such smart wearables are revolutionising the field of healthcare monitoring. Instead, they deploy predictive analytics to forecast potential health problems based on historical data. Thanks to this proactive approach, both users and

healthcare practitioners can employ preventive measures. Propelled by the power of predictive analytics, smart wearables are driving a steady shift from a purely reactive to a proactive healthcare model. Taking these capabilities one level higher, generative AI is empowering wearables with the capability to sense and react to the emotions of users. These emotion-sensing algorithms can analyse facial expressions, monitor heart rate variability and check other physiological cues to assess the emotional State of users. **Immersive Reality** Then there is smart clothing with adaptive features that respond to environmental circumstances and user preferences. Such smart clothing offers temperature-regulating

textiles and dynamically adjustable apparel tightness for maximum comfort, especially when users engage in physical activities. Or consider language translation earbuds that offer contextual understanding. Backed by generative AI, these language translation earbuds go way beyond mere word-for-word translations. Through advanced contextual understanding, these earbuds can comprehend the idioms, cultural references and nuances of a specific language. By eliminating language barriers, this smart innovation facilitates seamless and efficient cross-cultural communication. Another exciting wearables category is immersive AR (augmented reality) glasses. Generative AI has allowed

these glasses to take a giant leap forward by delivering immersive experiences for users, seamlessly blending the virtual realm with real-world surroundings. This is not all. Generative AI has even revolutionised navigation-aiding wearables for visually impaired people. Through AI algorithms, smart navigation devices can interpret the environmental data to offer real-time details about any obstacles, the surroundings or necessary directions. With these wearables, visually challenged users can enjoy enhanced mobility and a certain level of independence that is not possible otherwise.

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Armenia recognises Palestinian state

AP ■ YEREVAN,

Armenia said it would recognise a Palestinian state on Friday, prompting Israel to summon its ambassador for what the Foreign Ministry described as a “severe reprimand.” Dozens of countries have recognised a Palestinian state, though none of the major Western powers has done so. Palestinians believe the recognitions confer international legitimacy on their struggle, especially as Israel’s war against Hamas, now in its ninth month, faces growing international criticism over the campaign of systematic destruction in Gaza and huge cost in civilian lives. Also Friday, the head of a major hospital in north Gaza said his staff have seen some 250 children suffering from malnutrition, with numbers rising daily due to acute food shortages. Palestinians face widespread hunger as the war has largely cut off the flow of food, medi-

cine and basic goods to Gaza, which is now totally dependent on aid. Meanwhile, Israel’s pledge to guard a new aid route into southern Gaza has fallen flat, as the UN and international aid organisations say a breakdown in law and order has made that route unusable. The Israeli military said that two soldiers were killed in combat in central Gaza, while three were severely injured. Israeli ground offensives and bombardments have killed more than 37,100 people, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count. Israel launched the war after Hamas’ October 7 attack, in which militants stormed into southern Israel, killed some 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and abducted about 250. Currently:— The fate of the latest cease-fire proposal hinges on Netanyahu and Hamas’ leader in Gaza. — Israel’s pledge

to guard an aid route into Gaza falls flat as lawlessness blocks distribution. — A rare public rift appears between Israel’s political and military leadership over how the war in Gaza is being conducted. — The leader of Lebanon’s Hezbollah militant group warns archenemy Israel against wider war. Qatari foreign minister says ceasefire negotiations are making progress to some extent” Madrid: Qatar’s foreign minister says some progress has been made in negotiations over a Gaza cease-fire deal but gaps remain between Israel and Hamas. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, whose country is a mediator alongside the US and Egypt, said Friday “there has been progress to some extent in the situation.” Mediators have held “successive meetings” with the Hamas leadership in an effort to bridge the gaps, he said during a visit to Spain.

“There cannot be one party to the conflict adopting the vision of the other party,” he said. The solution “must be based on compromises between the two parties.” Two Israeli soldiers killed in central Gaza Jerusalem: Israel’s army said Friday that two Israeli soldiers were killed in combat in central Gaza. No information was given about the circumstances about the deaths of the two, both of whom were men in their 20s. Three other soldiers were severely injured, the army said. The news comes as public anger grows in Israel over the trajectory of the eight month conflict and exemptions from military service for young ultra-Orthodox men. Last week, an explosion in southern Gaza killed eight Israeli soldiers. In January, 21 Israeli troops were killed in a single attack by Palestinian militants in Gaza. Since the October 7 Hamas attack that triggered the war, more than

660 Israeli troops have been killed, about half in the Israeli ground operation in Gaza, according to the latest figures from the military. Over 37,000 Palestinians in the enclave have been killed by Israeli fire over that same period, according to the Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza. The ministry does not differentiate between civilians and combatants in its figures. Gaza hospital chief says hundreds of children are suffering from malnutrition. Deir Al-Balah, Jun 21: The head of one of the largest hospitals in north Gaza says his staff has recently registered some 250 children suffering from malnutrition and the numbers are raising daily due to acute food shortages. Dr. Husam Abu Safiya, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital, urged the international community to pressure Israel to allow an increased flow of food and other products into the Gaza Strip, warning that conditions are dire in the coastal territory.

Court upholds Canada’s no-fly list for Sikh extremists

PTI ■ OTTAWA

A Canadian court has thrown out a bid by two Sikh extremists to get off the country’s no-fly list, saying there are “reasonable grounds” to suspect they will threaten transportation security or travel by air to commit a terrorism offence. The Federal Court of Appeal in its ruling this week dismissed an appeal by Bhagat Singh Brar and Parvkar Singh Dulai after they lost a constitutional challenge of their no-fly designations under Canada’s Secure Air Travel Act, The Canadian Press news agency reported from Vancouver on Thursday. The two were not allowed to board planes in Vancouver in 2018. The ruling says the act empowers the public safety minister to ban people from flying if there are “reasonable grounds to suspect they will threaten transportation security or travel by air to commit a

terrorism offence.” “At some point, the appellants tried to fly. They could not,” the ruling says. “They were on the list and the minister had directed that they not fly.” The appellate panel found that based on confidential security information, the minister “had reasonable grounds to suspect that the appellants would travel by air to commit a terrorism offence.” In 2019, Brar and Dulai went to the Federal Court of Canada to have their names struck from the list. But Justice Simon Noel ruled against them both in 2022. The limits imposed on Dulai, he ruled, “were the result of evidence-based suspicions that he could fly abroad in order to plot a terrorist attack.” “The Government of Canada must enact laws that protect national security and intelligence activities in a way that respects rights and freedoms and encourages the international community to do the

same,” Noel ruled. In their appeal, both Brar and Dulai argued the impairment of their rights as a result of being placed on the list was not “minimal” and therefore unjustified. However, the appellate court ruled the legislation was justified and that confidential portions of the court process were procedurally fair. The Secure Air Travel Act deals with “national security, international relations and global co-operation to prevent terrorism” and is “not directed to past events that are tangible, certain and known,” the appellate court found. “Rather, it is forward-looking, designed to act preventatively, proactively and pre-emptively to deal with perhaps imprecise but nevertheless very real risks of harm to property, public safety and human life,” the ruling says. “Several of its features show careful tailoring to minimize the impairment of rights and freedoms.”

2 killed when police clash with locals in Mexico

PTI ■ SAN ANTONIO

Two people were killed Thursday when locals protesting alleged water contamination by a pork processing plant clashed with police in the Mexican gulf coast state of Veracruz. Residents of the community of San Antonio Limon had been blocking a road demanding government action against the operation, which they said was responsible for polluting the aquifer and using too much water. State security forces arrived Thursday in the community, also known as Totalco, and protesters said police began beating them and opened fire. Brothers Alberto and Jorge Cortina Vázquez, aged 22 and 27 respectively, were killed, according to the Veracruz state prosecutor’s office, which opened an investigation. A third brother, Carlos

Cortina Vázquez, said his brothers were not even at the roadblock. “They were just passing by and when they (the police) started to fire everyone ran,” he said. “That’s when they started shooting at them like they were animals. Residents said they tried to hide in their homes but some 400 police who arrived chased them. Some showed shell casings they said came from security forces’ guns. In a statement, the Veracruz state prosecutor’s office said it had undertaken “an exhaustive investigation to clarify the unfortunate events in Totalco.” The Veracruz state interior agency, which is responsible for security, said in a statement that the protesters had been holding two state police officers and had threatened to kill them. They said the protesters had not been open to dialogue.

Sunak angry over election date

PTI ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has said that anyone involved in using inside information to bet on the date of Britain’s July 4 national election should be expelled from his Conservative Party. Sunak said on the BBC on Thursday that he was “incredibly angry, incredibly angry” to learn of allegations that Conservative politicians betted on the election date, and that they “should face the full force of the law” if they were found to have broken the law. “It’s right that they are being investigated properly by the relevant law enforcement authorities,” he said. “If anyone is found to have broken the rules, not only should they face the full consequences of the law, I will make sure that they are booted out of the Conservative Party.” Two weeks ahead of the general election, it was an uncomfortable experience for Sunak,



whose Conservative Party is trailing the main opposition Labour Party — by 20 points by many polls — ahead of the vote. Earlier, asked about reports that the UK’s Gambling Commission was investigating a second Conservative candidate for placing a bet on the timing of the election, housing minister Michael Gove told the BBC that if people used inside information to bet, it would be “deeply wrong.” “What I can’t do is sort of get

too much into the detail of the case while an investigation is going on,” Gove said. “But I can talk about the broad principle and you’re absolutely right, it’s reprehensible.” Sunak announced on May 22 that parliamentary elections would be held on July 4. The date had been a closely guarded secret and many, even those in Sunak’s governing Conservative Party, were taken by surprise as a vote had been expected in the fall. Under the United Kingdom’s electoral laws, the prime minister has the power to call the date within five years of the previous election. Many members of Sunak’s party have said that he called it too soon, as he had until January 2025 to call the balloting. British media, including the PA news agency and the BBC, reported on Thursday that Tory candidate Laura Saunders, who is married to the Conservative Party’s director of campaigning, Tony Lee, is facing a commission inves-

betting accusations

tigation into alleged betting offences. Saunders’ attorney, Nama Zarroug, of Astraea Linskills, said she would be co-operating with the commission investigation and that she had nothing further to add. “It is inappropriate to conduct any investigation of this kind via the media, and doing so risks jeopardising the work of the Gambling Commission and the integrity of its investigation,” the statement said. “The publication of the BBC’s story is premature and is a clear infringement of Ms Saunders’ privacy rights. She is considering legal action against the BBC and any other publishers who infringe her privacy rights,” it added. The Conservative Party said Britain’s Gambling Commission contacted it over a “small number of individuals” in connection with the investigation. The party declined to immediately comment on the fresh allegation pending the

commission investigation. But it said in a statement that Lee took a leave of absence from the party on Wednesday. The broadening scandal came after reports Wednesday that one of Sunak’s police bodyguards was arrested over alleged bets on the date of Britain’s national election made before it was announced. The constable in the Royalty and Specialist Protection Command was arrested Monday on suspicion of misconduct in public office, the Metropolitan Police force said. Last week, Sunak aide Craig Williams, who is running to be reelected to Parliament, acknowledged he was being investigated by the Gambling Commission for placing a 100 pound (USD 128) bet on a July election before the date had been announced. Betting is popular in the UK, with bookies offering odds on everything from sports to elections. Cheating by acting on inside information is a criminal offence.

Sudan’s vice-pres expresses concern over peace talks

Juba (AP): South Sudan’s vice president has said that peace talks in neighbouring Kenya have failed to acknowledge the country’s peace agreement established in 2018, alleging a new draft agreement is aimed at replacing the original peace deal. Riek Machar in a protest letter to the talks’ mediator on Thursday said the draft established alternative institutions to replace or run in parallel with those established by the previous peace agreement. He added that the current peace talks should complement and not obliterate the original deal. The former rebel leader signed an agreement with President Salva Kiir in 2018 that ended a five-year civil war that killed about 4,00,000 people. Machar and Kiir were on opposite sides in the war and Machar was appointed vice president after the 2018 deal.

Biden, Trump taking different approaches to prepare for next week’s debate

AP ■ NEW YORK

President Joe Biden begins an intense period of private preparations Friday at Camp David for what may be the most consequential presidential debate in decades. The 81-year-old Democrat’s team is aware that he cannot afford an underwhelming performance when he faces Republican rival Donald Trump for 90 minutes on live television Thursday night. Biden’s team is expecting aggressive attacks on his physical and mental strength, his record on the economy and immigration and even his family. Trump, 78 and ever confident, will stay on the campaign trail before going to his Florida estate next week for two days of private meetings as part of an informal prep process. The former president’s allies are pushing him to stay focused on his governing plans, but they’re expecting him to be tested by pointed questions about his unrelenting focus on election fraud, his role in the erosion of abortion rights and his unprecedented legal baggage.

Thursday’s debate on CNN will be full of firsts, with the potential to reshape the presidential race. Never before in the modern era have two presumptive nominees met on the debate stage so early in the general election season. Never before have two White House contenders faced off at such advanced ages, with widespread questions about their readiness. And never before has a general election debate participant been saddled with a felony conviction. The debate-stage meeting comes just two weeks before Trump is scheduled to be sentenced on 34 felony counts in his New York hush money trial. “You can argue this will be the most important debate, at least in my lifetime,” said Democratic strategist Jim Messina, 54, who managed former President Barack Obama’s 2012 campaign. “The ground rules for Thursday’s debate, the first of two scheduled meetings, are unusual. The candidates agreed to meet at a CNN studio in Atlanta with no audience. Each candidate’s microphone will be muted, except when it’s his turn to speak. No props or prewritten notes will be

allowed onstage. The candidates will be given only a pen, a pad of paper and a bottle of water. There will be no opening statements. A coin flip determined that Biden would stand at the podium to the viewer’s right, while Trump would deliver the final closing statement. The next debate won’t be until September. Any stumbles Thursday will be hard to erase or replace quickly. Biden arrived at Camp David on Thursday night and is expected to hunker down with senior campaign aides until next Thursday’s debate. While traveling to the mountainside retreat, he gave a thumbs up to reporters when asked how debate prep was going. The president’s aides have been reluctant to share details about his specific preparations, run by former chief of staff Ron Klain. But they have signaled that he is preparing to be aggressive and would not shy away from using the term “convicted felon” to describe his opponent onstage. One adviser not authorized to speak publicly about debate strategy noted that Biden has been increasingly punchier in recent

remarks about Trump and plans to carry that theme through to the debate. That’s still while trying to project himself as “the wise and steady leader” in contrast to Trump, the adviser said. Among some political operatives, there is the sense that Biden may have the most to lose given his struggle to generate momentum amid signs of weakness within his political coalition. Trump and his allies have set an extraordinarily low bar, however, by suggesting for months that Biden is contending with serious physical limitations that make it difficult for him to stand for 90 minutes or even string together two sentences. “It’s like the mirror test. Put a mirror under Biden’s nose, and if it fogs it up, he wins, right? That’s about what the threshold is for Biden,” Republican strategist and Trump ally David Urban said with a laugh. “Can Biden demonstrate that he’s mentally nimble? That’s the big question.” Yet Trump himself sought to shift expectations in a Thursday interview with the “The All-In Podcast” in which he veered sharply away from his typical Biden taunts.

NZ’s gun laws being revised by ex-gun lobbyist

AP ■ WELLINGTON

New Zealand’s government will overhaul the tighter gun laws introduced after a deadly mass shooting by a white supremacist five years ago, because they put excessive burdens on gun owners who feel vilified by law enforcement and the public, the lawmaker leading the changes said. “What’s happened is a massive change with massive penalties and targets on people who didn’t do anything wrong,” Associate Justice Minister Nicole McKee — a lobbyist for gun owners before she entered Parliament in 2020 — told The Associated Press in an interview this week. Every part of the law will be scrutinised, including the restrictions that bar all but a few hundred New Zealanders from firing banned semiautomatic weapons, she said. McKee’s pledge of a wide-ranging review — following an earlier announcement that she would ease rules for gun clubs — was applauded by groups representing the country’s 250,000 license holders and decried by survivors of the

2019 terrorist attack at two Christchurch mosques where an Australian man opened fire on Muslim worshippers, killing 51 people. It makes me scared for our futures,” Temel Ataçocugü — who was shot nine times in the attack and fears an erosion of the assault weapon ban — told the AP. “What have the past five years been for? How are they going to prevent this from happening again?” New Zealand drew global admiration when its then-Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said six days after the massacre that her government would outlaw all semiautomatic weapons. The change was approved by 119 lawmakers with only one opposed, and sweeping reforms followed: bolstered licensing requirements, more rules for gun clubs, and the creation of a firearms registry. The changes introduced “onerous regulatory compliance,” said McKee, whose political party, Act, campaigned for New Zealand’s 2023 election on a platform for reversing many of them. Now in government as

part of a center-right coalition, McKee pledged to update the law before the next election in 2026. Her bloc has enough lawmakers to easily pass any reforms in the face of any resistance from the parliamentary opposition. “The changes we made off the back of March 15 took military-style semi-automatic weapons off the street and made our communities safer,” said Ginny Andersen, a lawmaker for Labour — the largest opposition party, previously led by Ardern. “Making those guns more accessible will take New Zealand backwards.” McKee’s consultation was a “box ticking exercise, with a select group and a very short time for responses,” Andersen said in her emailed statement. Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, whose party is in government with McKee’s, did not answer AP’s requests for comment. McKee said she would consult with the public before deciding specific measures and that her personal views would not direct the overhaul. Critics rejected that. “She was elected as a gun lob-

byst, that was her role,” said Chris Cahill, president of the Police Association, a group representing most New Zealand officers. “She’s got a loyalty to the gun lobby groups.” The review was “without a doubt, a backdoor into giving people access to semiautomatic assault rifles again,” Cahill said. At the time of the ban, McKee denounced it as “knee-jerk.” As a minister she is more guarded, but told the AP that New Zealand had not been entirely rid of such weapons; several hundred people have permits to use them for pest control in rural areas, while others can own but not fire them. “If we extend the access, what are the possible controls around the use of the extension? And would society be happy with what those controls mean?” McKee said she would ask during the review. “It’s about how do we find the balance with protecting people but not going over the top with a regulatory regime,” she said. Any concerns raised by opponents should be “realistic,” McKee added.

Enthusiasts worldwide mark 10th Yoga International Day

AP ■ NEW YORK/ TEL AVIV

Thousands of yoga enthusiasts from across the world rolled out their yoga mats as they joined day-long sessions of the ancient Indian practice to commemorate the 10th International Day of Yoga on Friday. Recognising its universal appeal, in December 2014, the UN proclaimed June 21 as the International Day of Yoga. The draft UN General Assembly resolution establishing the International Day of Yoga was proposed by India and endorsed by a record 175 member states. The Consulate General of India in New York along with the Times Square Alliance hosted special yoga sessions at the iconic Times Square. Amid heat advisories in place for the New York area, which experienced temperatures as high as 93°F (33.8°C) during the day, people from all walks of life and nationalities arrived early morning on Thursday



and rolled out their yoga mats in the heart of the popular New York City destination. Yoga instructor and breath meditation teacher Richa Dhekne, who has over two decades of experience as a volunteer and faculty member with the Art of Living Foundation, led the yoga and meditation session hosted by the Consulate General of India

in New York. Several other yoga teachers and experts led various meditation, exercises and breathing sessions throughout the day at Times Square, as thousands participated in the day-long activities. In Washington, hundreds of yoga enthusiasts came together to observe the day at an event that was addressed by India’s

Deputy Ambassador to the US Sripriya Ranganathan. At the picturesque Wharf, overlooking the Potomac River, the International Yoga Day event on Wednesday began with prayers and Indian classical dance performances. The yoga session highlighted the spirit of oneness and harmony inspired by the ancient Indian practice. Over three hundred people from across Israel rolled out yoga mats and performed asanas as they participated in International Yoga Day celebrations at the Peres Centre for Peace and Innovation in Tel Aviv. First Lady Michal Herzog was the chief guest at the main International Yoga Day event on Thursday. A series of events were held across the country. The event was organised by the Embassy of India in Israel in association with the Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality and the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Israel. At the event, Herzog spoke

about the deep friendship between India and Israel. Singapore’s Minister of State for Health Rahayu Mahzam joined more than 200 yoga enthusiasts and the Indian High Commissioner Dr Shilpak Ambule in celebrating the 10th International Yoga Day here on a rain-washed cool morning. The minister emphasised in her keynote speech the importance of yoga in fostering a healthy and balanced lifestyle. “India has certainly played a leading role in promoting the benefits of yoga to the world. The flexible and adaptable nature of yoga also makes it inclusive for people of different ages, genders, and physical abilities. I am glad to see participants from all walks of life in today’s event,” she said. The event is celebrated by the High Commission of India in Singapore in partnership with Gardens by the Bay at Waterfront Plaza, a sprawling green complex popular among tourists and local joggers.

The Embassy of India in Nepal on Thursday organised yoga demonstrations at three iconic landmarks of Pokhara, the tourism capital of the country. “What better way to spread the message of #YogaForSelfAndSociety than to assimilate Yoga, Nature and Spirituality! @IndiaInNepal organised yoga demonstrations at 3 iconic landmarks of #Pokhara, the tourism capital of Nepal,” the mission tweeted. The mission also organised a Yoga demonstration at Lumbini. The chief minister of Lumbini, various provincial leaders and more than 900 people participated in the yoga demonstration, it said. “Hon’ble CM of Lumbini, Jokh Bahadur Mahara, thanked for organising the event at the sacred birthplace of Lord Buddha and for strengthening bilateral ties,” it said. India’s Ambassador to Nepal, Naveen Srivastava underlined that the birthplace of Lord

Buddha is an ideal place for the timeless practice of Yoga for health and longevity. India’s embassy in Sri Lanka also organised several yoga sessions, including in Jaffna and Kandy ahead of the day. The Indian Embassy in Beijing on Thursday organised a yoga class at Beijing Morning Star School led by the Embassy’s Cultural Teacher (Yoga) Lokesh Sharma. More than 45 students participated in the class and practised various yoga poses to improve body flexibility and enhance concentration. In Rome, Ambassador Vani Rao spoke about “Yoga for Self and Society” at the event organised by the Italian Hindu Union. The High Commission of India in the Maldives organised an event that witnessed the participation of Maldivian and Indian Yoga enthusiasts. The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia celebrated the day at Prince Faisal Bin Fahd Olympic Complex, Riyadh.

Washington Post editor decides not to take job after backlash

New York (AP): Newly-named Washington Post editor Robert Winnett has decided not to take the job and remain in England amid leadership turmoil at the news organisation. The Post’s CEO and publisher, Will Lewis, announced Winnett’s decision to withdraw in a note to staff on Thursday morning. He will stay as deputy editor of the Telegraph in London. Several published reports had raised questions about Winnett’s involvement in articles where a source was paid and information gathered through deceptive means — practices more commonplace in England but frowned upon by journalists in US. As part of a reorganisation that has backfired, Lewis had named Winnett, a former colleague, to take over the Post’s core newsroom functions after the November election.

Tourist allegedly killed for Quran desecration in Pak

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

An enraged mob in the picturesque Pakistani town of Swat has gunned down a tourist, dragged him through the town and later hanged him in full public view for allegedly committing desecration of the Qurn. The incident happened on Thursday night when Muhammad Ismail, a resident of Sialkot in Punjab province, was visiting the northwestern Pakistan hill resort town of Swat and was accused of having burnt the pages of Islam's holy book in Madyan tehsil of Swat district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. District Police Officer (DPO), Swat, Zahidullah said that initially the police had taken Ismail in custody and locked him up in the police station when the alleged desecration incident was reported. However, the incident was announced from mosques through loudspeakers in the market, prompting thousands of people to gather outside the police station. Soon after, the angry mob demanded that the police hand over the suspect to them. On refusal, a fierce exchange of fire took place between the local people and the police in which eight persons were injured. The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

After that the mob torched the police station, forcing the cops on duty to flee for their lives. "After that, the people entered the police station and shot and killed the suspect and dragged his body to the Madyan Ada, where they hanged him. The people also set the police station and police vehicles on fire, while the policemen on duty fled. Meanwhile, more police force was called to control the mob," the officer was quoted as saying.

According to the police officials, the incident has caused a law and order situation in the hill town. More police force was called to restore order in the popular tourist destination. Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province Ali Amin Gandapur has sought a report from the provincial police chief.He has directed the Inspector General of Police to take emergency steps to control the situation and urged people to remain calm.

Former Pakistan PM Abbasi launches new political party

Islamabad (PTI): Former Pakistan prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Friday formed a new political party named Awaam Pakistan after parting ways with the ruling PML-N due to the differences with the party's way of politics. Abbasi, who served as the prime minister from August 2017 to May 2018, was joined by former finance minister Miftah Ismail who also parted ways with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif. The slogan of the new political entity is 'badlien gaen nizam' (we will change the system). The party would be formally launched on July 6 or 7, The Express Tribune newspaper reported. A video shared on Awaam Pakistan's official X handle featured disheartened citizens addressing national issues such as inflation, energy shortages, corruption, unemployment, and educational disparities.

Abbasi, 65, has been appointed as head of the organising committee, while Ismail has been initially named as his deputy.

The organising committee also includes former Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa governor and PML-N leader Sardar Mehtab Abbasi, former PML-N Senator Javed Abbasi and former Muttahida Qaumi Movement lawmaker Sheikh Salahuddin. The founding members include former PML-N lawmaker from Faisalabad Rana Zahid Tauseef, former PTI health minister Zafar Mirza, former PML-N provincial lawmaker Zaem Qadri, Hazara region activist Fatima Atif, Sindhi nationalist leader Anwar Soomro, legal expert Moiz Jafari and educationist Tariq Banuri. Abbasi served as prime minister from August 2017 to May 2018 until PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif was disqualified by the Supreme Court. He belongs to the Murree area of Rawalpindi,

which is a famous hill resort frequented by tourists in summer to seek relief from scorching heat and in winter to enjoy snowfall. He is a businessman whose family owned the country's AirBlue airline. He entered politics in 1988 when he was elected as a member of the National Assembly for the first time.

He was elected at least six times on the PML-N ticket and was considered close to Nawaz Sharif and also served as a federal minister. Abbasi and Ismail, who served as ministers in his cabinet, left the PML-N due to policy disagreements and initiated discussions nationwide in 2023 under the banner 'Reimagining Pakistan' to pay ground for a new party.He in many discussions and seminars has been insisting that only a new political party with the will to change the current system can pull the cash-strapped country out of crisis.

Pak PM assures PPP of addressing its concerns over budget

Islamabad (PTI): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has assured Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari that the government would take steps to address the key ally's reservations on multiple issues by forming a committee after tensions rose among ruling coalition partners over the budget.

A delegation of the PPP headed by Bilawal on Thursday met Prime Minister Sharif to sort out differences over the budget which was presented in Parliament last week.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb presented the federal budget on June 12 but the PPP, which is the major ally of the government, was not happy as it was not consulted when the budget was being prepared.As the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government lacks a majority, there is a genuine concern that the government may not be able to get the budget passed in Parliament if not supported by the PPP.Geo News reported that Sharif assured Bilawal Bhutto of taking steps to address the key concerns.The Dawn newspaper quoting sources said that the differences have been settled, with both sides agreeing to support each other and cooperate on issues of mutual concern.

According to Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, some "minor" reservations had been expressed by the PPP, which would be resolved by the government through talks.

He said the government also formed a committee led by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar to take up the issue with the PPP and would take the dialogue forward in light of the meeting between Sharif and Bilawal. On the other hand, PPP sources said the premier agreed with the party chairperson on most issues as the latter expressed annoyance with him for bypassing his party on budget matters.

Bhutto complained that the PPP had joined the government under an agreement with which the PML-N did not comply.

The Prime Minister has also formed a committee to resolve the disagreement.Officials said the PPP delegation also included Chairman Senate Yusuf Raza Gilani, former premier Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and senior leaders Syed Khurshid Shah, Syed Naveed Qamar and Sherry Rehman.The discussion focused on the "national political issues" and it was agreed that further consultation would be held with the PPP regarding the budget 2024-2025, sources said.

S Korea summons Russian envoy

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea summoned the Russian ambassador to protest the country's new defense pact with North Korea on Friday, as border tensions continued to rise with vague threats and brief, seemingly accidental incursions by North Korean troops. Earlier Friday, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un issued a vague threat of retaliation after South Korean activists flew balloons carrying anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets across the border, and South Korea's military said it had fired warning shots the previous day to repel North Korean soldiers who briefly crossed the rivals' land border for the third time this month.

That came two days after Moscow and Pyongyang reached a pact vowing mutual defense assistance if either is attacked, and a day after Seoul responded by saying it would consider providing arms to Ukraine to fight Russia's invasion.

South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Hong Kyun summoned Russian Ambassador Georgy Zinoviev to protest the deal between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un and called for Moscow to immediately halt its alleged military cooperation with Pyongyang. Kim, the South Korean diplomat, stressed that any cooperation that directly or indirectly helps the North build up its military capabilities would violate UN Security Council resolutions and pose a threat to the South's security, and warned of consequences for Seoul's relations with Moscow.

Zinoviev told Korean officials that any attempts to "threaten or blackmail" Russia were unacceptable and that his country's agreement with North Korea wasn't aimed at specific third countries, Russia's embassy wrote on its X account.

The South Korean ministry said Zinoviev promised to convey Seoul's concerns to his superiors in Moscow. Leafletting campaigns by South Korean civilian activists in recent weeks have prompted a resumption of Cold War-style psychological warfare along the inter-Korean border. The South Korean civilian activists, led by North Korean defector Park Sang-hak, said it sent 20 balloons carrying 300,000 propaganda leaflets, 5,000 USB sticks with South Korean pop songs and TV dra-

How did N Korean soldiers wander across most heavily guarded border

Seoul (AP): Don't believe the name: The Demilitarized Zone between the two rival Koreas might be the most heavily armed place on earth. Two million mines, barbed wire fences, tank traps and tens of thousands of troops from both countries patrol a divided swath of land 248 kilometers (154 miles) long and 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) wide.

So how are North Korean soldiers continuing to wander over the line separating North from South, causing South Korea to fire warning shots for the third time this month? The short answer appears to be shrubbery: Because of an overgrowth of foliage, the North Koreans may not have seen the signs marking the thin military demarcation line that divides the DMZ into northern and southern sides. But it's also just the latest entry in the long, often violent history of the unique border set up after the 1950-53 Korean War. It ended with an armistice, instead of a peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula divided, and technically still in a state of war. On Friday, South Korea's military said it had fired warnings shots the previous day to repel several North Korean soldiers who briefly crossed

the military demarcation line that divides the countries while engaging in unspecified construction work.

Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Koreans retreated shortly after South Korean soldiers broadcast a warning and fired the shots Thursday morning, but didn't immediately release more details.

Similar incidents took place on June 9 and June 18, each involving some 20 to 30 North Korean soldiers briefly crossing the demarcation line and retreating shortly after the South Koreans broadcast audio warnings and fired warning shots.

South Korea's military says the incursions were likely accidents, noting that the North Koreans did not return fire and withdrew immediately. The demarcation line, in many parts of the DMZ, is simply a sign mounted on a stick or a slice of concrete. People have stepped across it before, under very special circumstances, and usually at the border village of Panmunjom. Former U.S. President Donald Trump walked across with Kim Jong Un. Last year an American soldier facing possible military discipline dashed over the line to the North.

Outside of Panmunjom, much of the DMZ is wilderness, but it is heavily monitored on both sides. And while the demarcation line may be easily crossed, it is very difficult to do so without being spotted immediately.

The southern side of the land border is protected not only by thousands of soldiers, guns and mines, but also by a dense network of cameras, motion sensors and other high-tech surveillance equipment. Breaches are very rare and are usually detected quickly. Defections from the North are also unusual along the North-South land border, though they have happened with frequency along the porous China-North Korea border and occasionally in the Yellow Sea.

The North's accidental intrusions this month may have been caused by a sudden jump in North Korean troops fortifying their side of the border.

Because overgrown trees and plants may have been obscuring the signs marking the demarcation line, Seoul says, the North Korean troops may have stepped over the line without knowing it.

Why are so many North Koreans working in the DMZ?

mas, and 3,000 US dollar bills from the South Korean border town of Paju on Thursday night.

Pyongyang resents such material and fears it could demoralize front-line troops and residents and eventually weaken Kim Jong Un's grip on power, analysts say.

In a statement carried by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency, Kim Yo Jong, one of her brother's top foreign policy officials, called the activists "defector scum" and issued what appeared to be a threat of retaliation.

"When you do something you were clearly warned not to do, it's only natural that you will find yourself dealing with something you didn't have to," she said, without specifying what the North would do.

After previous leafletting by South Korean activists, North Korea launched more than

1,000 balloons that dropped tons of trash in South Korea, smashing roof tiles and windows and causing other property damage.

Kim Yo Jong previously hinted that balloons could become the North's standard response to leafletting, saying that the North would respond by "scattering dozens of times more rubbish than is being scattered on us."In response, South Korea resumed anti-North Korea propaganda broadcasts with military loudspeakers installed at the border for the first time in years, to which Kim Yo Jong, in another state media statement, warned that Seoul was "creating a prelude to a very dangerous situation."

Tensions between the Koreans are at their highest in years as Kim Jong Un accelerates his nuclear weapons and missile development and attempts to strengthen his regional footing

by aligning with Russian President Vladimir Putin in a standoff against the US-led West.

South Korea, a growing arms exporter with a well-equipped military backed by the United States, says it is considering upping support for Ukraine in response.

Seoul has already provided humanitarian aid and other support while joining US-led economic sanctions against Moscow.

But it has not directly provided arms, citing a long-standing policy of not supplying weapons to countries actively engaged in conflict.

Putin told reporters in Hanoi, Vietnam, on Thursday that supplying weapons to Ukraine would be "a very big mistake," and said South Korea "shouldn't worry" about the agreement if it isn't planning aggression against Pyongyang.

China sanctions three executives over arms deals with Taiwan

Beijing (AP): China said Friday it has banned a number of business units of American aviation manufacturer Lockheed Martin Corp and three of its executives over arms deals the company has signed with Taiwan, the self-ruling island it claims as its own territory.

The statement from China's Foreign Ministry said the company's cooperation with Taiwan had violated the country's sovereignty, standard terminology in its discussions of any outside dealings that support the island's government. The effects of the sanctions appeared largely symbolic since military cooperation has been suspended since the People's Liberation Army's crackdown on student-led pro-democracy protests in Beijing and other cities in 1989.

Named under the sanctions were Lockheed Martin Missile System Integration Lab, Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Laboratories and Lockheed Martin Ventures. Top executives James Donald Taiclet, Frank Andrew St John and Jesus Malave were listed as banned from travelling to China.China has been steadily growing its domestic aircraft industry, producing parts, planes and services for Airbus and producing its own commercial jets. Foreign technology has played a large part in that process, but Chinese companies have increasingly developed the means to replace their overseas suppliers.Taiwan relies heavily on US suppliers for arms, even as it works to boost its own defense industries and increase mandatory military service for men from four months to one year. That comes against the backdrop of China's rising threat to encircle or invade Taiwan to achieve what it calls a historical mission to annex the island. Taiwan was formerly a Japanese colony and separated from mainland China in 1949.

Fire that spread through settlements in Turkey left 11 dead, village evacuated

AP ■ ANKARA

A fire that apparently started in crop stubble spread through settlements in south-east Turkey overnight, killing 11 people and leaving dozens of others requiring medical treatment, officials and news reports said Friday.

In neighbouring Greece, authorities evacuated several villages south of Athens and in the southern Peloponnese region because of wildfires.

The blaze in Turkey broke out in an area between the provinces of Diyarbakir and Mardin. Fanned by winds, it moved quickly through the villages of Koksalan, Yazicegi and Bagacik, Diyarbakir Gov. Ali Ihsan Su said. The fire was brought under control early Friday.

Health Minister Fahrettin Koca posted on X that 11 people were killed. Around 80 others required treatment, including



six who were in serious condition. Justice Minister Yilmaz Tunc said that authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the fire, which lit up the night sky.

Residents believe the blaze was caused by sparks from a power line that set crop residue ablaze, according to independent news website Gazete Duvar. Some of

the hospitalised people were villagers who tried to extinguish the fire, it said.

Hundreds of farm animals also perished in the fire, according to news channel HaberTurk. Across the country in north-west Turkey, meanwhile, firefighters were battling a wildfire near the town of Ayvacik in Canakkale province, the state-run Anadolu Agency said.

No one was hurt, but authorities evacuated the small village of Camkoy as a precaution, the agency reported.

It was one of several wildfires that have erupted in the province of Canakkale in the past week amid high winds and scorching summer temperatures.

Wildfires also erupted in Greece amid very windy, hot and dry conditions. Six villages or settlements were ordered evacuated as a precaution because of wildfires near Anavyssos, just south of Athens, and in the southern Peloponnese region.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage to property, and firefighters on the ground were assisted by water-dropping aircraft.

The greater Athens region was on the top wildfire emergency footing Friday because of the weather forecast, with bans on entering forests and parks.

Kaspersky denies hazard after US bans its software

Washington (AP): The cybersecurity firm Kaspersky denied on Friday that it is a security threat after the US Commerce Department banned the use of its software in the United States. The Moscow-based company — whose CEO Eugene Kaspersky is Russian — said in a statement that the Commerce Department's decision would not affect its ability to sell and promote its cyber security products and training in the US. Kaspersky said the government had based its decision on the "geopolitical climate and theoretical concerns" rather than independently verifying if there was a risk. The government says Kaspersky's Russian connec-

tions mean the company poses an "undue or unacceptable risk to US national security or the safety and security."

The company conducts much of its business in Russia and, as a Russian citizen who lives in that country, Eugene Kaspersky himself is subject to Russian law, the Commerce Department said in a decision dated June 14 that was posted on the Federal Register. The department said it had considered Kaspersky's objections to the initial findings of its investigation into whether its products or services posed a threat and found that the decision to ban its software was "well supported." Aside from the company's obligation to

abide by Russian laws and decisions, its software can be exploited to identify sensitive US citizens' data and make it available to Russian government actors, the department said. "The risks to US national security addressed in this Final Determination stem not from whether Kaspersky's products are effective at identifying viruses and other malware, but whether they can be used strategically to cause harm to the United States," it said.

Kaspersky boasts one of the world's most popular consumer antivirus products and a research unit widely respected for routinely exposing elite hacking groups.

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Markets halt record-breaking rally

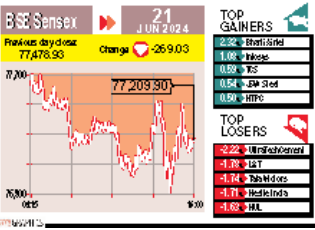
PTI ■ MUMBAI

Halting their record-breaking rally, equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure on Friday as investors pared exposure to oil & gas, capital goods and FMCG stocks amid a bearish trend in global markets.

However, recent foreign capital inflows and buying in index majors Bharti Airtel, Infosys and TCS helped indices restrict the losses, traders said.

Snapping its six-day rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 269.03 points or 0.35 per cent to settle at 77,209.90. During the day, it tanked 676.93 points or 0.87 per cent to 76,802.

The Nifty rose 100.1 points to hit a record intraday peak of 23,667.10 earlier in the day. However, it failed to maintain the momentum and slipped 65.90 points or 0.28 per cent to end at 23,501.10.



On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark climbed 217.13 points or 0.28 per cent, while the Nifty went up by 35.5 points or 0.15 per cent.

"The domestic market witnessed minor profit-taking amid concerns over the slow progress of monsoon, resulting in underperformance in the FMCG sector. The global markets were subdued as weak guidance from Accenture led to profit booking in US tech stocks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Among the Sensex companies, UltraTech Cement, Larsen &

Toubro, Tata Motors, Nestle, Tata Steel, Hindustan Unilever, Bajaj Finance, Reliance Industries, Mahindra & Mahindra and State Bank of India were the biggest laggards. In contrast, Bharti Airtel, Infosys, JSW Steel, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro and NTPC were among the biggest gainers.

"Nifty ended lower in a highly volatile session on Friday; however it rose for three weeks in a row to record its highest weekly close even as it fell on Friday. Asian shares were mostly lower Friday after a retreat on Wall Street," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined 0.26 per cent, while smallcap climbed 0.06 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, Oil & Gas went lower by 1.28 per cent, FMCG (1.08 per cent),

capital goods (0.96 per cent), commodities (0.92 per cent), realty (0.75 per cent) and auto (0.71 per cent).

On the other hand, IT, telecommunication, metal, power, tech and services were the gainers. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower.

European markets were quoting in the red. US markets ended on a mixed note on Thursday.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 415.30 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.16 per cent to USD 85.57 a barrel. Rallying for the sixth straight session on Thursday, the BSE benchmark Sensex climbed 141.34 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at a new closing peak of 77,478.93. The Nifty rose 51 points or 0.22 per cent to settle at its fresh closing high of 23,567.

Gold surges ₹800; silver rallies ₹1,400

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices surged Rs 800 to Rs 73,350 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday amid a rally in precious metal rates in the international markets, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous session, the yellow metal had closed at Rs 72,550 per 10 grams.

Extending gains for the fourth straight day, silver prices also rallied by Rs 1,400 to Rs 93,700 per kg. It had ended at Rs 92,300 per kg on Thursday.

"In Delhi markets, spot gold prices (24 carats) are trading at Rs 73,350 per 10 grams, up by Rs 800 from the previous close," Saumil Gandhi, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said.

Rural India bright star for FMCG sales, says Kantar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rural India remains a "bright star" for the growth of fast-moving consumer goods sales and the region is expected to maintain better pace of expansion than urban areas in the second quarter of 2024, a report said on Friday.

According to a report from data, insights and consulting firm Kantar, rural India will maintain "better growth levels" racing ahead of the urban markets for FMCG (fast-moving consumer goods) companies in the second quarter (April-June) of 2024.

Terming the rural market as a "bright star", the report said it had a "resurgence" in 2024. While urban is likely to remain under stress, the rural may consolidate its position in second quarter of the year, it said. This growth in the rural areas is helped by region-centric measures by the government in the interim budget earlier this year, which provided stability.

Moreover, populist measures are expected by some states which are going to face elections this year, said Kantar FMCG pulse report for Q2.

"We should also bear in mind that more states are heading for polls in the coming months and the second half should only see a rise in populist measures for the rural market. After COVID-19, the rural market was in distress and faced degrowth in the past successive quarters. However, the start to 2024 from a rural perspective has been brilliant, with rural growth overtaking urban's; and the rural worm is looking upward," it said.

About the urban market, the



report said, it did not see growth for three straight quarters, and is contending with a huge Q2 2023 base.

"Therefore, Urban is likely to remain under stress, while Rural may consolidate its position in Q2," it said, adding that falling Urban curve coupled with a strong base is likely to constrict the numbers for the next quarters.

According to Kantar Worldpanel Managing Director — South Asia K Ramakrishnan, for the most part of 2023, Urban has maintained strong growth numbers.

"Rapid growth is unsustainable for a long term, and necessarily Urban is hitting brakes now. This has also coincided with typically Urban-centric categories such as noodles and salty snacks slowing down in growth within Urban, after continuously galloping since the pandemic," he said.

The rural market may also get a boost from the rabi crop, the report said, though it was unclear about its status.

"Central India, where the bulk of the rural populous resides, received excess rainfall in the

year. South India, a prominent rice and spice producer, has received below-par rainfall till now. There are reports that rabi harvests are likely to be hit this year," it said.

"The effect of rainfall will be felt towards the second half more, but "certain rural markets could turn on the caution switch already", the report said.

"Even with that, we do expect Rural to maintain better growth levels compared to Urban for the remainder of the year," it added.

Normally, rural area contributes around 35 to 37 per cent of the FMCG sales, and value offerings in the food segment dominates. The report also highlighted that though inflation might have slowed down to acceptable levels, its effects are not lost on the consumer.

"The Indian rural market is full of potential. Yes, inflation has dampened the mood of the rural shopper for a time, but the trends are now pointing up. Rural has outpaced Urban this quarter, and is likely to hold at that level for some time in the near future," said Ramakrishnan.

RAI's Budget wishlist: Lower taxes for individuals, benefits on land rates, electricity

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Retailers Association of India (RAI) on Friday called for lower taxes for individuals to generate demand and spur consumption besides seeking low-cost finance, subsidies and benefits on land rates and necessities such as electricity for retailers ahead of Union Budget FY25.

Retailing in India accounts for about 10 per cent of the country's GDP and the sector is second only to agriculture in terms of the number of people

directly employed, RAI said in its pre-Budget memorandum highlighting areas that need attention in order to make the industry stronger.

"To ensure the growth of the sector, the Union Budget for FY25 should focus on generating demand and spurring consumption by offering benefits or concessions in the form of lower taxes," RAI said.

It will boost the overall consumer sentiment and benefit the retail sector, it said adding, consumption equals to development and the "tax

benefits and relief to individual taxpayers will increase the monthly disposable income and support consumption".

Further, the budget should outline supportive policies, simplified regulations, skill development and simple goods and services tax (GST) norms to aid the development of the retail industry, RAI said.

Asking for low-cost finance to retailers, the industry body said, "There is a need to provide lower interest rate to the retailers through the special announcement in the

Budget to assure easier financing for the retail businesses." It also asked the government to consider the food and beverages retail sector as an essential service and said "subsidies and benefits should be given on land rates and other necessities such as electricity".

RAI also said there is a need to expedite the formulation and implementation of 'National Retail Policy' to enable ease of doing business and "such a step would provide a substantial boost to the retail sector".

Stating that benefits to retail and wholesale trade MSMEs are restricted to priority sector lending only, RAI also recommended that retail and wholesale traders should be eligible for all benefits available to other MSMEs.

Further, the retailers' body asked the Centre to encourage and incentivise states to adopt 'The Model Shops and Establishment (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Services) Act 2016 that enables states to choose to keep shops and other such establishments through the year.

Zepto raises USD 665 million; valuation nearly triples to USD 3.6 billion

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Quick commerce company Zepto on Friday said it has raised USD 665 million (about Rs 5,560 crore) in the latest funding round that valued the firm at USD 3.6 billion, almost triple than its worth a year back.

The massive fundraise comes less than a year after the Mumbai-based startup raised USD 235 million at a valuation of USD 1.4 billion. The funding round saw participation from new investors like Avenir, Lightspeed, and Avra, alongside existing investors Glade Brook, Nexus, and StepStone, Goodwater, and Lachy Groom.

"We've gone from 0 to 1 billion-plus in sales, or GMV, in 29 months, that is faster than any other internet company before us... Even on a base of over a billion dollars at this point, we are growing 100 per cent-plus year on year. And that



for us is one of the big drivers of this fundraise," Zepto co-founder and CEO Aadit Palicha told PTI.

Attributing the growth to the performance of the quick commerce firm, the young entrepreneur said, "This is largely because of the input excellence we've built across the supply chain. Whether it is sourcing excellence, mother hub efficiency, line haul utilisation, or our last mile, the innovation that we've done, or forecasting, we're in this place where even as we've been able to grow, we've been able to drive efficiency to get the business

to pretty much close to full operating cash flow positive today."

He said the overall business is close to operating at break-even cash flow.

Nearly 75 per cent of the company's stores are fully EBITDA positive as of May 2024, he said.

"Over the next 12-18 months, although it might fluctuate, but we'll still be pretty close to operating cash flow positive, and the idea is to keep in that direction, get the business to a place where we can list next 9-12 months," he said.

Zepto co-founder and CTO Kaivalya Vohra said the firm plans to hire top talent across engineering, product, growth, finance, operations, and category management.

"If you are looking for a high growth, high meritocracy and high intensity culture where you can convert hard work and ambition into disproportionate career growth, Zepto is the place for you," he said.

POWERGRID team honoured



PNS ■ GURUGRAM

POWERGRID's Team Communications has been featured in India's 30 Top Corporate Communications Teams for the fourth time by Reputation Today.

The team led by Anshuman Tandon, CGM Corporate Communications, along with Shri Ravi Kumar, DGM (Corp. Comm.) and Shri Akshat Chopra, Asst. Manager (Corp. Comm.) received the award at an event held in Bengaluru.

POWERGRID is the only PSU to feature in this prestigious list. POWERGRID has jumped 5 places from its last ranking.

To arrive at the list of Top Corporate Communication Teams, a jury independently evaluated the Top 30 teams scoring each one of them on set parameters like team responsibilities, and more.

More than 50 per cent Indian households downing soft drinks; to increase with intensifying heat: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The average Indian household's consumption of bottled soft drinks has increased in the last two years, breaching annual penetration of 50 per cent in FY24, a report said.

According to the latest Kantar FMCG pulse report, this trend is expected to rise further with intensifying summer.

It said the average household has expanded its consumption of bottled soft drinks by 250 ml in the last two years.

Moreover, fabric softeners, still considered to be a premium laundry item, have now reached one in every four households in the country, the report said.

Besides, washing liquids, another premium laundry product introduced by leading FMCG majors, breached the 100,000-tonne mark in FY24. All these trends are "record breakers", the report noted.

The bottled soft drink category had a "massive 41 per cent household growth in MAT (moving annual total) March 2023" and



continued to add more households and expanded 19 per cent in MAT March 2024.

"With the intensifying summer, the category is likely to continue its growth this year too," it said.

On the consumption, the report said now consumers shop FMCG products 156 times a year, or every 56 hours from online or offline channels.

However, it also added that the average basket value has gone down as shoppers are no longer buying more packs as they were purchasing

earlier.

"The frequency and the pack trends indicate that shoppers are no longer reducing their pack sizes, but holding on to the ones they are buying. In other words, we are very likely at the juncture where we see shoppers buying slightly bigger packs from now on," it said.

Now discretionary premium-end categories like washing liquids and indulgent products such as bottled soft drinks have performed exceedingly well.

Still, groceries are the biggest household expense, accounting for over 24 per cent of all quarterly expenses in a household, it added.

The report also highlighted that though inflation might have slowed to acceptable levels, its effects are not lost on the consumer.

"The worst of inflation is behind us, however, there are pockets of the market that are still under some stress...The shopper is looking at the future with great optimism, even those who are under stress, and this optimism has been the flag bearer of the Indian consum

Sun Pharma inks pact with Takeda to introduce gastrointestinal drug



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries on Friday said it has inked a licensing pact with Takeda Pharmaceutical Company to commercialise a novel gastrointestinal drug in India.

The company has entered into a non-exclusive patent licensing agreement with Takeda to commercialise Vonoprazan tablets in strengths of 10 and 20 mg in India, the Mumbai-based drug major said in a statement.

Vonoprazan is a novel, orally active potassium competitive acid blocker (PCAB), used to treat reflux esophagitis and other acid peptic disorders.

"Sun Pharma is a leader in gastroenterology and we are excited to introduce Vonoprazan in India under non-exclusive patent license from Takeda," Sun Pharma CEO — India Business Kirti Ganorkar said.

The partnership demonstrates the company's commitment to gastrointestinal health by providing patients and healthcare practitioners with a novel treatment option to manage reflux esophagitis and other acid peptic disorders, he added.

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) is common in India.

In November 2023, Vonoprazan was approved by the US FDA for healing and maintenance of all grades of Erosive esophagitis and providing relief from heartburn associated with Erosive esophagitis, and in combination with amoxicillin and clarithromycin or amoxicillin alone for the treatment of Helicobacter pylori (H. Pylori) infection in adults.

Vonoprazan was discovered and developed by Takeda. The drug is approved in India for treatment of adults with reflux esophagitis and other acid peptic disorders.

Shares of Sun Pharma were trading 0.69 per cent up at Rs 1,480.55 apiece on the BSE.

African, Asian tea producers flag concerns over global demand-supply mismatch

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Associations of tea producers in Asia and Africa have flagged concerns over the global mismatch of demand and supply and called for an early restoration of equilibrium, according to a statement issued by a planters' body on Friday.

In a meeting of the stakeholders of the global tea industry, recently held in Dubai, the associations also addressed the issue of quality and long-term sustainability of the sector.

Indian Tea Association (ITA) chairman Hemant Bangur said that the global tea industry is facing a demand-supply mismatch as production continues to outpace demand.

Representatives of ITA, East African Trade Association (EATTA), independent tea producers' body of Kenya, and tea associations of Malawi, Bangladesh and Uganda attended the meeting.

They voiced concern over



stagnating consumption demand in Europe and Asia, the ITA said in a statement.

Bangur said, "Africa with its growing population and rising income has the potential to become one of

the largest markets for black tea."

According to the ITA statement, EATTA chairman Arthur Sewe said the tea sector in East Africa is currently facing a decline in

quality and issues related to climate change, which require concerted efforts by all the stakeholders.

During the meeting, they deliberated on the impact of climate change, price stagnation, increasing input costs and challenges relating to fair price discovery, it said.

Malawi Tea Association chairman Sangwani Hara was quoted as saying that climate change is a big problem and must be addressed to sustain the level of tea productivity.

The industry is also facing a crisis in exports and falling value of the produce thereby threatening the livelihoods of millions, the ITA statement said.

The stakeholders also felt that the economic recession and geopolitical challenges due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict in the traditional bulk tea export markets had affected shipments.

The Russian Federation is one of the largest importers of tea, particularly from India.

Hindustan Zinc, AESir Technologies join hands for development of next-gen zinc batteries

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hindustan Zinc Ltd on Friday said it has partnered with US-based AESir Technologies, Inc for development of next-generation zinc batteries.

The company has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with AESir Technologies, Inc., a company that specialises in next-generation zinc battery technologies, to be the preferred supplier of zinc, a key raw material, Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) said in a statement. The MoU is in line with the company's efforts towards exploring emerging applications of zinc in the clean energy transition, it said, adding that zinc batteries are revolutionising energy storage due to their corrosion resistance, cost-effectiveness, recyclability, stability and environmental friendliness.

"This partnership with AESir Technologies is yet another step in our ongoing developmental work in the emerging clean technology



space.

"By providing high-quality zinc for cutting-edge energy storage, we are opening sophisticated new avenues for environmentally friendly solutions for a greener tomorrow," HZL Chief Executive Officer Arun Misra said.

AESir Technologies CEO and Co-Founder, Randy Moore said energy storage is at the forefront of every major innovation in the energy transition space and "zinc batteries are the best story around energy storage".

"...This collaboration with Hindustan Zinc provides us with critical raw material for the development of next-gen

nickel-zinc batteries," Moore added.

AESir's Nickel Zinc (NiZn) batteries have proven dependable and successful in the high-end defence sector, including aerospace and marine, renewable energy and critical infrastructure for data centres and 5G telecom, the statement said.

Zinc-based batteries have emerged as a compelling alternative to other modern energy storage solutions, delivering higher power at lower costs with minimal maintenance and longer life spans of up to 20 years. This makes them ideal for large-scale energy storage in industrial settings, it added.

Euro 2024



Spain beats Italy 1-0 and advances to knockout round

AP ■ GELSENKIRCHEN (GERMANY)

Spain advanced to the round of 16 at Euro 2024 after a 1-0 win against defending champion Italy on Thursday. A 55th-minute own goal by Italy's Riccardo Calafiori handed victory to Spain in the first clash of international heavyweights at this European Championship. Three-time winner Spain totally dominated the Group B game at the Veltins Arena in Gelsenkirchen, with 16-year-old winger Lamine Yamal further enhancing his reputation as one of soccer's most exciting young stars with an outstanding performance. Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma kept the score down with a string of fine saves until inadvertently pushing the ball into the legs of Calafiori, who couldn't prevent it from ricocheting into his own goal. England drew 1-1 with Denmark in Group C after Harry Kane scored and then made a mistake that led to the Danes' leveller. Kane struck a record-extending 64th goal for his country to fire England ahead in Frankfurt. But his loose pass then allowed Morten Hjulmand to equalise from long range. In the other Group C game, Luka Jovic scored in stoppage time to salvage a 1-1 for Serbia against Slovenia. England leads the group on four points and is likely to advance to the round of 16.

England fails to convince in 1-1 draw with Denmark

AP ■ FRANKFURT

Where England stands after two European Championship games is the envy of most teams. Just not good enough yet to have title ambitions. A 1-1 draw Thursday with Denmark - a semifinalist last time, don't forget - means England is unbeaten and all-but certain to advance to the round of 16. It also was a slack, mistake-filled display that left coach Gareth Southgate angrily gesturing at his players for gifting a slew of scoring chances late in the game. "The team didn't function today, that is my responsibility," said Southgate, who heard jeers from fans behind the England goal in a ragged second half. Harry Kane gave England another fast start at Euro 2024, scoring it the 18th minute, but the captain was substituted off in the second half as the team faded.



Denmark leveled in the 34th when Morten Hjulmand fired in a powerful low shot from long distance, after Kane gave away the ball in defense. Eight years with Southgate has earned England sustained tournament success. The Three Lions reached the final of Euro 2020 - after beating Denmark in the last four - and a semifinal and a quarterfinal at the

past two World Cups. "We're in the environment of winning on the biggest stage," the coach acknowledged, adding "you have to accept what (criticism) comes our way." England has never won back-to-back games to begin a Euros and a pattern of second-game syndrome has repeated at three straight tournaments.

Opening wins in the past three years have been following by tepid 0-0 draws with Scotland and the United States, now a 1-1 with the Danes who deserved more. "I can't say we are disappointed but it's a shame," Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand said. "There is a result we could have gotten." Still, England started Euro 2024 by beating Serbia 1-0 and now sits top of Group C with four points. That tally always has been enough to advance in the 24-team Euros format where four third-place teams from the six groups go forward to the round of 16. England can finish in any position from first to third in the Group C standings after playing unbeaten Slovenia next Tuesday. Slovenia drew 1-1 with Serbia earlier Thursday, four days after getting the same result against Denmark. Serbia meets Denmark in their final games also on Tuesday evening.

Georgia, the Czech Republic desperate to get off mark

AP ■ HAMBURG

Georgia and the Czech Republic are desperately seeking a win as they meet in their second game of Euro 2024 in Hamburg. Kickoff is at 3 pm local time (1300 GMT) on Saturday. Turkey and Portugal are the other two teams in Group F and play later Saturday. Here's what to know about the match: Georgia and the Czech Republic were praised for fighting hard in their opening games but didn't get any points as Turkey beat Georgia 3-1 and Portugal beat the Czechs 2-1 on a stoppage-time goal from Francisco Conceicao. A win for either team would boost their chances of qualifying for the knockout rounds. The losing team wouldn't be eliminated for sure just yet because of the rule that some third-place teams can qualify. A draw would leave Georgia needing an upset win over Portugal in its last game, and the Czech team needing the same against Turkey.



Georgian fans were involved in a brawl in the stadium ahead of the Turkey game. Georgia midfielder Otar Kiteishvili has been on an individual training program separate from the rest of the squad. He was an unused substitute in the loss to Turkey. The Czech Republic has not reported any injury concerns since its first game. Czech striker Patrik Schick is set to play his 40th game for his country and his next goal will be his 20th. Five of his international goals to date came at the last European Championship.

Ronaldo back in action as Portugal, Turkey look for second straight win

AP ■ DORTMUND

Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal play Turkey in their second group game at the European Championship. Both countries opened Group F play with a win, with Portugal beating the Czech Republic 2-1 and Turkey defeating Georgia 3-1. Kickoff is at 6 pm local (1600 GMT) in Dortmund. Here's what to know about the match: The 39-year-old Ronaldo lost his place in the Portugal team at the World Cup in 2022 but he looks to be as guaranteed a starter as ever under Roberto Martinez, who took over as coach after the tournament in Qatar. Ronaldo is captain and played the full game against the Czechs, though didn't score. Portugal encountered a Czech Republic team which sat back and defended in numbers in Leipzig. Turkey is unlikely to do that, given its strength in attack, so expect Ronaldo and company to have more space going forward. Arda Guler is the one to watch for Turkey. The 19-year-old attacking midfielder from Real Madrid scored one of the goals of the tournament against Georgia - a long-range scream-



er into the top corner - to take Ronaldo's record as the youngest debut scorer at a European Championship. Turkey is playing a second straight game at Dortmund's Westfalenstadion. Its fans turned the stadium into a sea of red against Georgia and look sure to outnumber the Portuguese support on Saturday. Portugal or Turkey will guarantee a first-place finish in the group with a win in Dortmund and if Georgia-Czech Republic is a draw in Hamburg earlier Saturday. Portugal's entire 26-man squad has been in training so Martinez again has some tough decisions to make, given the strength in depth of the group. Joao Palhinha is pushing for a return as the anchor-man in midfield. Irfan Can Kahveci missed the win over Georgia because of injury and has yet to return to full training with Turkey. Ronaldo will look to add to his record 14 goals in European Championships. That is five more than his nearest rival - Michel Platini, whose nine goals all came in the same tournament (1984). It will also be Ronaldo's record-extending 27th appearance at the Euros.

AIFF Futsal Club Championship to kick off in Gujarat

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The third edition of the AIFF Futsal Club Championship is set to kick off at the Swarnim Gujarat Sports University in the Vadodara district of Gujarat on Saturday. The tournament will be streamed live on the Indian Football YouTube Channel. Nineteen teams will battle for 16 days to make it to the final and lift the trophy on July 7. They have been divided into four groups - Group A, B and C with five teams each, and Group D with four teams. The top two teams in each group will qualify for the quarter-finals. The first two editions of the AIFF Futsal Club Championship were held in Delhi, marking this as the first time the tournament will be played outside the capital. For hosts Gujarat, Baroda Football Academy will hope to do better than their group stage exit in the inaugural edition in 2021-22. They are placed in Group C alongside Speed Force FC (Telangana), who narrowly missed out on the semi-finals



last year. The other three teams in the group will make their tournament debut - FC Thyristor, Ramhlun Vengai (Mizoram), Guwahati City FC (Assam) and Ambelim Sports Club (Goa). Group A also consists of three teams making their AIFF Futsal Club Championship debut --

MUM - Millat FC (Maharashtra), Corbett FC (Uttarakhand) and Nyenshen FC (Nagaland). The latter will be the third different team to represent Nagaland in three years after Telongjem FC and Aphuyemi FC, while Maharashtra and Uttarakhand will be represent-


ed for the first time. Among the clubs with previous national experience in the group are Manipur's Classic Football Academy (2021-22) and Odisha's Sports Odisha (2022-23). Group B comprises defending champions Minerva Academy FC, who won last year's edition. Standing in the

way of the Punjab side's title defence in the group stage are Electric Veng Futsal Club (Mizoram), Bangalore Arrows FC (Karnataka), Satvir FC (Haryana) and Goal Hunterz FC (Delhi). The rematch of last season's semi-final between Minerva Academy and Electric Veng,

which the former triumphed 13-8 in a high-scoring thriller, is one of the most anticipated fixtures of the group stage. Bangalore Arrows will be making their debut, while Satvir FC will become the first team to represent Haryana in the tournament. Goal Hunterz, who exited in the group stage last year, will hope to go one step better. Group D, the fourth and final group, consists of four teams, including Delhi FC, the champions of the inaugural edition.

PROVISION OF ROAD UNDER BRIDGE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LC GATE

Tender Notice No. : LMG/Engg/89 of 2024, dtd. 12-06-2024; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; **SN-1; Brief Description of Item :** Provision of Road under Bridge (RUB) for replacement of LC Gate No. 2 KB, 12KB, 14KB, 15KB, 23KB & 29KB (Total=06 Nos) between Katakhil Jn.-Bhairabi section under the jurisdiction of ADEEN/Badapur Ghat. **Tender Value:** ₹. 12.40, 37,767/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹. 7,70,200/-; **Date & time of closing of above tender at 15:00 hrs. on 18-07-2024 and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 19-07-2024.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 18-07-2024 in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. **DRM (W), Lumding**



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Wimbledon champion Vondrousova retires


BERLIN, JUN 21 (AP)

Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova retired from her match in Berlin because of an apparent leg injury less than two weeks before play begins at the All England Club. Vondrousova was leading 5-3 in her second-round match against Anna Kalinskaya at the grass-court Ladies Open when she slipped behind the baseline and clutched her right leg. The 24-year-old Czech player got up holding her right hip area



and returned after a medical timeout with the upper part of her leg heavily strapped. She played two more games, losing

both, and then stopped. First-round play begins at Wimbledon on July 1. Also Thursday, top-seeded Coco Gauff beat Ekaterina Alexandrova 7-6 (6), 6-2, and second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka defeated Daria Kasatkina 6-1, 6-4. Elena Rybakina reached the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Veronika Kudermetova. Ons Jabeur shook off a slow start to beat Linda Noskova 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4.



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Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the Loan Account Became NPA therefore The Authorised Officer (AO) Under section 13 (2) Of Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 had issued 60 day demand notice to the borrower as given in the table. According to the Notice if the Borrower does not deposit the Amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from Auction of the security as given below. As the demand Notice send to the borrower/guarantor has not been served, copy of demand notice has also been affixed on the secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrower is informed to deposit the loan amount along with future interest and recovery expenses within 60 days, otherwise under the provisions of section 13 (4) and 14 of the said Act, the AO is free to take possession of the Security as given below.

Name of the Borrower	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged property
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Place : Jaipur

Date : 22.06.2024

Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited

SBI celebrates International Yoga Day with the theme " Yoga for Self and Society "

Chandigarh: State Bank of India celebrated International Yoga Day at its local head office in Sector 17, Chandigarh. Shri Krishan Sharma, Chief General Manager, SBI Chandigarh Circle inaugurated the event while addressing the participants.

SJVN celebrates 10th International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm.

Shimla: SJVN celebrated International Day of Yoga with great enthusiasm at all its Offices & Projects. The Special Yoga Session at SJVN Office, New Delhi was graced by Sh. Sushil Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director. On this occasion, Sh. Akhileshwar Singh, Director (Finance), Sh. Pawan Verma, Executive Director (HR) and other senior officers of the company were also present. This year marks the 10th International Day of Yoga with the theme 'Yoga for Self and Society.'

Canara Bank Organized Mega Retail Loan Expo
Canara Bank's Regional Office Panipat organized Mega Retail Loan Expo by Sector 14 Branch on June 21, 2024 at Community Hall, Sector 15 Sonapat. On this occasion, Mr. Deepak Shukla, Deputy General Manager Circle Office Karnal, Mrs. Sunita Kumari, Head of Panipat Regional Office and heads of all Canara Bank branches in Sonipat area were present. Major builders and vehicle dealers of the city were also present on this occasion.

Indian Bank celebrates 10th Yoga Day

Chandigarh: like every year, Yoga Day was organized with great fanfare under the aegis of the country's leading nationalized bank Indian Bank. The program was organized in the premises of Indian Bank IRT Panchkula today in the presence of Regional General Manager of Indian Bank, Mr. Sandeep Kumar Ghoshal, Chandigarh Zonal Manager , Mr. Shankar Raju V., Deputy General Manager Mr. Rajendra Kumar, Deputy General Manager Mr. Joginder Sandhu, Assistant General Manager Mr. Deepan Chopra and Assistant General Manager of MAPC Mr. Shivneet ji, in which Regional General Manager Mr. Sandeep Kumar Ghoshal said that in a busy and stressful life, yoga is the only means by which we can remain stress-free and it has also been said that "First happiness is a healthy body".

BBMB Celebrates 10th International Yoga Day with Great Enthusiasm

Chandigarh: The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) celebrated the 10th International Yoga Day at Chandigarh and all its project locations with great enthusiasm. The event highlighted the importance of yoga in fostering a healthy lifestyle among BBMB employees and their families.

Liberty's yoga shoes are a boon for yoga practitioners: Raman Bansal

Liberty officers and employees performed yoga at Central House on International Yoga Day

Karnal: On International Yoga Day, the yoga shoes manufactured by Liberty remained a topic of discussion. Which was developed by the R.N.D department about 2 years ago. This shoe, which is worn during yoga and running, has many features in itself. Wearing this shoe neither makes one feel tired nor does one feel the weight.

Bank of Baroda onboards Rising Indian Tennis Sensation Sumit Nagal asits Brand Endorser

A role model for today's youth, Sumit will help the Bank connect with GenNext Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, today announced that the Bank has signed rising Indian tennis player Mr. Sumit Nagal as its brand endorser.

PRESSURE BUILDING ON TOP-ORDER AS INDIA TAKE ON BANGLADESH

PTI ■ NORTH SOUND (ANTIGUA)

The ever-present tension of their over a decade-long big-stage rivalry would make for an engrossing sub-plot when an undefeated India takes on a faltering Bangladesh, both teams desperately hoping for their batting stars to strike form in the Super Eights clash of the T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

The overall head-to-head record is overwhelmingly in India's favour but Bangladesh have been known to be plucky and Rohit Sharma and his men would be wary of that.

The two South Asian neighbours have also been locked in some off-field drama in the past with Bangladesh often expressing its misgivings with India's financial might in the sport.

At the ongoing World Cup though, there is no doubt that India are as mighty a cricketing power to be a serious title contender.

The Men in Blue produced a professional performance against Afghanistan in their opening Super Eights match. With only a travel day separating their remaining two games, they would be hoping that the players, who have not performed as per expectations so far, deliver the goods.

Top of that list would be the opening pair of Virat Kohli and

Rohit Sharma, both of whom have got starts but have not been able to turn them into defining knocks. They have made a conscious effort to force the pace but have ended with minimal returns.

Another under-pressure team member is left-hander Shivam Dube, who was picked in the World Cup squad to hammer sixes in the middle and death overs.

However, the IPL form that helped him seal a World Cup berth has deserted him and he is yet to come to the party.

The southpaw did make an unbeaten 31 against the USA in a group league game but it was Suryakumar Yadav's effort that made the difference ultimately. Another failure might force the team management to consider Sanju Samson in the middle order.

The biggest positive in the batting department in the Afghanistan game was Hardik Pandya's cameo. The all-rounder is known for his brutal hitting and that was on display on Thursday.

On the bowling front, India are expected to retain the combination having given the first opportunity of the tournament to crafty left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav.

The wickets in the Caribbean have provided enough help for the spinners, prompting India to play three at the Kensington Oval.



The combination is likely to continue here with Kuldeep retaining his place at the expense of Mohammed Siraj.

"Playing three left-arm spinners, I feel there is an advantage. There are three left-arm spinners out of which we have two finger spinners and

one wrist spinner," said Axar Patel after the Afghanistan game.

"The combination of the three of us is very good. We have a good team. We communicate well. Like whoever comes to bowl first, we communicate what is working and what is

not. I think that is very important when you bowl as a unit," he added.

India's sole aim in the Caribbean is to win the trophy and a solid performance against Bangladesh will be another step forward in that context. A tougher battle

awaits against Australia on June 24.

Bangladesh, who have struggled with their batting throughout the tournament, find themselves in a must win situation after the loss to Australia.

The lack of power-hitters is

hurting them and there is no quick fix to that problem. The under-performance of opener Litton Das and Tanzid Khan has also compounded Bangladesh's woes.

"It's very important for the top-order to get runs like we did today, that's a big boost,

hopefully the bowlers will continue their form. Looking for a good show against India in our next match," Bangladesh captain Najmul Shanto said after the loss to Australia here on Friday.

Both Shanto (41) and Towhid Hridoy (40) did well but the rest of the line-up was not quite up to it.

They will need to find a way to tackle Bumrah, who has been sensational thus far, taking eight wickets at an unparalleled economy rate of 3.46 runs per over.

The pacers, led by Mustafizur Rahman, have done alright but leg-spinner Rishad Hossain needs more support in the spin department.

SQUADS:
Bangladesh: Tanzid Hasan, Litton Das, Najmul Hossain Shanto (captain), Shakib Al Hasan, Towhid Hridoy, Mahmudullah, Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Taskin Ahmed, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Mustafizur Rahman, Jaker Ali, Tanvir Islam, Shoriful Islam, Soumya Sarkar.
India: Rohit Sharma (captain), Hardik Pandya, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammad Siraj.

Big margin between Bumrah and rest, India fortunate: Manjrekar

PTI ■ BRIDGETOWN

India are fortunate to have a bowler of the calibre of Jasprit Bumrah, who is head and shoulders above the rest in international cricket, feels former batter Sanjay Manjrekar.

Bumrah bowled an incisive spell (3/7) to guide India to a convincing 47-run victory over Afghanistan in their opening Super Eights fixture of the T20 World Cup here.

With the bat, Suryakumar

Yadav was the star performer as he slammed a 28-ball 53 to power India to 181 for eight in 20 overs.

"There were many matches when we had not conceded the boundary and look at the difference between him and the couple of other seamers," Manjrekar told ESPNcricinfo.

"They were also international standard, but quite rightly I mean, he's looking even better and when you look at all the top-class bowlers around the world.

"There's a big margin between them and Bumrah and India is so fortunate to have him in your playing 11," Manjrekar added. Former India captain Anil Kumble also lauded Bumrah's performance.

"The kind of understanding of his own bowling you can make out, even when he got Rahmanullah Gurbaz out on a slower ball and wide line. He gets the execution perfect.

"For each batsman he would have figured that out and then doing it right in a big game.



This doesn't come easy and I think he has given limited boundaries in the entire tournament," Kumble said.

Regarding Suryakumar, Manjrekar said his presence puts India at an advantageous position. "This is the advantage India have for having one of the best T20 batters in the world. Tricky pitch, Rashid Khan on song and again you saw the value that Suryakumar Yadav brings to any team.

"And again the thing to like about him which is not really

highlighted much is the amount of ground shots that he plays. He chips the balls over the infield in the gaps.

"So, he's not somebody who's always looking for sixes which means sometimes there can be miss-execution trying to extract power," Manjrekar said.

KUMBLE HAILS SKY IMPACT IN SUPER 8S: Kumble said Suryakumar regaining form in the Super Eights is a good sign for India.

"It (Suryakumar's presence) gives India the kind of power

and stroke play that you need from someone who's batting at number four," said Kumble.

"It certainly puts pressure on the opposition bowlers because it's not easy to control a Surya in this kind of a form.

"You don't know where to bowl, wherever you bowl, you find it hard to stop him from scoring boundaries.

"So, yeah, it certainly augurs well. First game of the Super 8s and you have Surya coming back into this kind of form," Kumble said.



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