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₹1 cr fine, up to 10-yr jail for paper leak

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NEW DELHI

Amid the raging row over the entrance cum employment exams paper leaks, including the latest NEET, NET and CSIR, the Centre on Friday operationalised the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, that aims to curb malpractices and irregularities in competitive examinations and entails provisions for a maximum jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to ₹one crore for offenders.

The Bill received the President's assent on February 13, but was enforced only on Friday. Besides Ministry of Education on Saturday constituted a high-level committee of experts led by former ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan to ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations through the National Testing Agency (NTA).

The seven-member committee will make recommendations on reforms in the mechanism of the examination process, improvement in data security protocols and the structure and functioning of the NTA, the Department of Higher Education in the ministry said.

It said the committee will submit its report to the Ministry within two months. Central University of Hyderabad Vice-Chancellor



Activists under the banner of Yuva Shakti stage a protest over the alleged irregularities in NEET 2024 results and UGC-NET 2024 exam cancellation, in Patna, on Saturday

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Professor B J Rao and former director of AIIMS Delhi Randeep Guleria are on the panel.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge termed the enforcement of the anti-paper leak law a "whitewash" and asserted that the BJP cannot evade its responsibility in "promoting corruption and education mafia".

Several Opposition political parties and student associations, including the Congress, have held protests across the country over alleged irregularities in medical entrance exam NEET-UG and the UGC-NET. "More important are laws, systems, processes, and procedures to ensure that leaks don't happen in the first place," said Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh.

The National Testing Agency, which conducts the competitive exams, on Friday announced the postponement of the June edition of the Joint Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test, citing unavoidable circumstances and logistic issues.

It came two days after the agency cancelled the UGC-NET examination within 24 hours of its conduct saying the integrity of the exam had been compromised, and a massive row on NEET over alleged irregularities, with the issue now before the Supreme Court.

Rijiju , Opp spar over Pro-tem Speaker

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the first Session of the 18th Lok Sabha, the NDA and the INDIA Bloc sparred on the issue of Pro-tem Speaker with the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju accusing the Congress of resorting to lies and the Opposition threatening to refuse to join the panel of chairpersons in the House.

President Droupadi Murmu had appointed BJP leader and seven-term member Bhartruhari Mahtab as the Pro-tem Speaker of the Lok Sabha who is tasked with administering the oath and affirmation to the newly-elected members of the Lower House and presiding over the election of the Speaker.

The President had also named five senior members — K Suresh (Congress), T R Baalu (DMK), Radha Mohan Singh and Faggan Singh Kulaste (both BJP) and Sudip Bandyopadhyay (TMC) to assist Mahtab in the process that will take place over the first three days of the Lok Sabha Session commencing on June 24.

Congress has alleged that the Government has violated procedures and conventions and ignored the claim of eight-term member Suresh to the post of the Pro-tem Speaker, a claim dismissed as "misleading" by Rijiju.

On Saturday, Opposition sources said Suresh, Baalu



Inside view of the new Parliament House

File photo

and Bandyopadhyay may not join the panel of chairpersons to assist Pro-tem Speaker Mahtab in administering the oath to the newly-elected members of the Lok Sabha.

Rijiju had asserted that Mahtab was the senior-most in the House as he was elected for seven uninterrupted terms to the Lok Sabha, while Suresh, though a eight-term member, was not a member in 1998 and 2004.

Suresh had said his claim to the post of Pro-tem speaker was overlooked as he belonged to the Dalit community, remarks that were scoffed at by Rijiju.

BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawala said the Congress had deliberately insulted a "tribal" Parliamentary Affairs Minister by lying on the issue of Pro-tem speaker.

"Congress has always

insulted tribals. They called Droupadi Murmu Rashtrapatni and they even abused her," Poonawala said.

Rijiju said he may be the first tribal to occupy the post of Parliamentary Affairs Minister but he won't be intimidated by the threats and lies of Congress party.

"I will be bound by rules and will strictly follow Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'," he said.

Earlier, Congress leader K C Venugopal had described the overlooking of Suresh's claim to the Pro-tem Speaker post as an attempt at "destroying parliamentary norms".

"I have said this before and say this now, the battle for saving our democracy and Constitution isn't over yet," Shiv Sena leader Aditya Thackeray said in a social media post.

Politics over water heats up as Delhi LG slams AAP Govt

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As Delhiites suffer acute water crisis and political parties indulge in slugfest over the issue, Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday expressed "anguish" and accused the Aam Aadmi Party-led Government and its Ministers of turning the water crisis into an 'opportunity' to blame neighbouring States.

"The shrill discourse of the Ministers of the GNCTD over the last few weeks, has been distressing and questionable at various levels.

"Drinking water supply has become a challenge in the national Capital. Political leaders of Delhi have turned a crisis into an opportunity for blaming neighbouring States, with the sole aim of gaining political mileage," said Saxena, adding even as Haryana and the Delhi Jal Board itself reiterated day after day that all treatment plants were producing water, beyond their installed capacity, the AAP Government moved the SC against Haryana on May 30, 2024, only to be snubbed again with an advice by the court to request for Haryana's help.

Making these assertions, Saxena said drinking water supply has become a



Residents collect drinking water from a tanker amid ongoing Delhi water crisis at Vivekananda Camp, Chanakyapuri, in New Delhi

PTI File Photo

challenge in the national Capital in the backdrop of a searing heat wave, which has gripped northern India.

The States are obliged to release water as per agreements signed under this framework, he said in a statement on water crisis.

"At the same time, the city Government is under an obligation to ensure that this water resource is used efficiently to ensure equitable supplies across the city.

"Unfortunately, neither has the city Government, demonstrated seriousness in ensuring improvement in water networks and augmentation of capacity, nor has it chosen a path of dialogue," the LG said.

The Lieutenant-Governor's

statement comes amid a heated war of words between the Governments of Delhi and Haryana over the acute water crisis in the Capital.

Delhi Water Minister Atishi is on indefinite fast to press the demand for additional water from the BJP ruled State Haryana. Atishi has claimed Haryana was releasing 100 MGD less water in Yamuna for Delhi since last two weeks, affecting 28 lakh people in the city.

The LG said the AAP Government resorts to litigation against him as well as the Central Government and other States and even its own departments.

Nearly 20 such cases have been filed by the AAP Government in HC and SC.

Focus on boosting India, Bangladesh economy

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NEW DELHI

India and Bangladesh on Saturday reviewed the entire gamut of their bilateral ties during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Sheikh Hasina. They agreed to start negotiations on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement and prepared a futuristic vision for boosting overall relations.

Hasina is the first foreign dignitary to pay official visit to New Delhi since Modi assumed charge for the first time earlier this month.

She was among the seven top leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region who attended the swearing-in ceremony of Modi and the Union Council of Ministers on June 9.

Addressing a joint news conference with his Bangladeshi counterpart after talks at Hyderabad House, Modi announced that India will commence an e-medical visa facility to facilitate Bangladeshis seeking medical treatment to come to India. He also said both countries have agreed to open a new Assistant High Commission in Rangpur for the "convenience of the people of the North West region of Bangladesh."

Modi said the two countries are focusing on connectivity, commerce and collaboration. He said the two nations will enhance focus on digital and energy connectivity to spur their economies.

Hasina said India is Bangladesh's major neighbour and trusted friend. "Bangladesh greatly values



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina before a meeting at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Saturday

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its relations with India," she said and invited Modi to visit her country. "Come to Bangladesh to witness what all we have done and plan to do," she said.

Modi said after parleys with Hasina they discussed furthering defence ties, defence production, cooperation on counter-terrorism, management of the border and other issues, in their bilateral talks in New Delhi.

He said the neighbouring country is situated at the confluence of New Delhi's Neighbourhood First Policy, Act East Policy, Vision Sagar and Indo-Pacific Vision.

"To further strengthen our defence ties, we had detailed discussions from defence production to modernisation of armed forces. We have decided to strengthen our cooperation over counter-

terrorism, fundamentalism and peaceful management of the border.

"Our vision for the Indian Ocean Region is the same. We welcome Bangladesh's decision to join the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative. We will continue our cooperation at BIMSTEC and other regional and international forums," Modi said.

He further said the two countries have together completed many important projects for public welfare. "Trade in Indian rupees has started between the two countries. The world's longest river cruise on the Ganga river between India and Bangladesh has been successfully completed. The first cross-border friendship pipeline between India and Bangladesh has been completed.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chief priest of Ram temple consecration ceremony dies

Varanasi (UP): Acharya Laxmikant Dixit, the chief priest who had performed the consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, died Saturday morning.

Family members said Dixit, 86, was not well for the last few days. His last rites will be conducted at Manikarnika Ghat.

Lord Ram's idol was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple on January 22 in an event led by Prime Minister Modi. Counted among the senior scholars of Varanasi, Dixit was a native of Solapur district of Maharashtra but his family has been living in Varanasi for several generations.



CNG price in Delhi, adjoining cities hiked by ₹1 per kg

New Delhi: CNG price in Delhi and adjoining cities was on Saturday hiked by Re 1 per kg following a drop in the supply of subsidised input natural gas.

Indraprastha Gas Ltd, the firm that retails CNG automobiles and piped cooking gas to households in Delhi and adjoining cities, announced the hike in rates on its website.

In New Delhi, CNG will now cost Rs 75.09 per kg, up from the previous rate of Rs 74.09. In Noida, Greater Noida, and Ghaziabad, the price has increased to Rs 79.70 per kg from Rs 78.70 per kg.

There, however, was no change in piped cooking gas prices. IGL did not give reasons for the increase.

Immigration process fast-tracked at IGIA

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme' (FTI-TTP) at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on Friday.

The Delhi airport has become the first in the country to launch the FTI-TTP for Indian passport holders and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders. This first facility in India aims to significantly reduce congestion at airports by offering expedited immigration clearance for pre-



verified travelers, both arriving and departing. The programme is a step towards modernising India's immigration system and improving travel efficiency for Indian citizens and OCI cardholders.

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UAPA tribunal upholds ban on J&K-based anti-India outfits

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal on Saturday upheld the orders passed by the Ministry of Home Affairs declaring Jammu and Kashmir-based organisations Muslim League (Masrat Alam faction) and Tehreek-E-Huriyat as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). These organisations had been formed by late Kashmiri-separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

The Muslim League Jammu Kashmir was formally banned for five years by

Union Ministry of Home Affairs on December 27, 2023, for alleged involvement in anti-national and secessionist activities in the region while, Tehreek-e-Hurriyat (TeH) was outlawed for five years on December 31, 2023 for fomenting terrorism and spreading anti-India propaganda in Jammu and Kashmir.

In last five years, the Centre has banned 10 separatist groups in Jammu and Kashmir under the UAPA. The one-member tribunal of Delhi High Court judge Sachin Datta was constituted under the stringent anti-terror law in January to assess whether there was



"sufficient cause" behind the imposition of the ban. The tribunal upheld the Central Government's ban

on these organisations and extended it to continue to hold force for next five years. The Tribunal also

upheld the Central Government's contention that these organisation were acting on behalf of Pakistan-based terrorist organisations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) of Hafiz Sayeed, Jamaat-ud-Dawa of Iftikhar Hyder Rana and Hizbul Mujahideen of Syed Salahuddin and were given constant on-ground support by such terrorist groups to carry out militant operation in the valley.

Upholding the ban, the Tribunal held the two organisations were carrying out secessionist activities in the valley with help from across the border to realise the merger of Jammu and

Kashmir with Pakistan and establish Islamic rule in the Union Territory. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati and advocate Rajat Nair represented the Government before the tribunal. The Union Home Ministry, while imposing the ban, had said the leaders and members of TeH have been involved in raising funds through various sources, including Pakistan and its proxy organisations, for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities and sustained stone-pelting on the security forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, **Govardhan** S/o Sh. Durga Prasad R/o H No. 2166/1, Maloya, Chandigarh declare that my son Mewa Lal alias Rahul is out of my control. I disown him from my movable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

We Ram Bharat S/o Hari Lal & Amrawati W/o Ram Bharat R/o 18, Sangam Enclave, Jhampur (Mohali), Punjab declare that our son Shivam, his wife Sateee are out of our control. We disown both of them from our movable immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, **Sukhwinder Pal** S/o Sh. Chanan Ram R/o H. No. 87, Village Palsora, Sector 55, U.T. Chandigarh declare that my daughter Nancy is out of my control, so I disown her from my moveable/immovable property. Anyone dealing with them should be responsible for any loss.

I, **Joginder Kaur** w/o Amrik Singh R/o VPO Ratangarh, Tehsil Shahabad Markanda, Distt. Kurukshetra inform that my son Deepak Bajwa and his wife Amandeep Kaur are out of my control. Therefore, I disown them from my movable and immovable properties. My family will not be responsible for their good or bad deeds and transactions in future.

I, **Abdul Wahid** son of Mustak Ahmad resident of House No.1247 near Qila, Manimajra (Chandigarh) declare that my son Sahil and daughter-in-law Ifrana are beyond my control. I evict my son and daughter-in-law from all my movable and immovable properties. Anyone who deals with them will be responsible for this.

I, **Sikandar Singh**, S/o Kartar Singh and Raj Kaur, W/o Sikandar Singh, R/o Saraswati Khara, Bhatmajra Tehsil, Pehowa district, Kurukshetra, Our son, Sandeep Singh and his wife Priya Sharma are out of our control. We, disown them from all our moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with them at Their Own risk.

I, **Jawahar Singh** S/o Budh Singh R/o Street No 3, Aanadpura, Basti Jodhewal Ludhiana declare that my son Harjinder Singh is out of my control so I evict him all my Moveable immoveable property anyone dealing with him at their own risk.

I, **Ram Chander** s/o Laxman Das R/o village Tatki Postoffice Bodla District Kurukshetra declare that my sons Subhash & Satish and their wives Suman & Sonia are beyond my control. Therefore, I evict these four from all my movable immovable properties.

मै लीला कृष्ण जैन पुत्र श्री नेकी राम जैन निवासी डिब्बा कलौनी गली नम्बर 9/6 रतिया जिला फतेहगढ़ हर्षफन ब्यान करता हूं कि मेरा लड़का तरूण जैन निवासी नजदीक दशमेश गुरुद्वारा साहिब डिब्बा कलौनी रतिया वा उसका परिवार मेरे कहने सुनने से बाहर हैं मैं मेरे उक्त लड़के वा उसके परिवार को अपनी तमाम चल व अचल जयदाद से वेदखल करता हूं और जो भी व्यक्ति उक्त तरूण जैन वा उसके परिवार से लेन-देन करेगा तो स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा और मेरा उक्त लड़का तरूण जैन सन 2007 से मेरे से अलग अपने परिवार सहित रह रहा है मेरे उक्त लड़के तरूण जैन द्वारा किसी भी प्रकार की कोई अप्रिय घटना उसके माध्यम से घटित होती है या घटती है तो इसके बारे में मेरी वा मेरे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवार ना होगी।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Harsimran Kaur** d/o Rajinder Singh R/o Hardo Channi Road, Angel School, Navipur Colony, Gurdaspur declare that I have lost my CBSE marks sheet of Senior Certificate school examination, Roll No 2721769, year 2019, ICSE statement of Marks and Pass Certificate of Xth Class with Unique ID 6539391. If found please return on above said address or call - 62830-34484

I **Shanaz** D/o Mumtaz Ahmed R/o House No. 4331, Maloya, Chandigarh declare that Shanaz and Fatima Shanaz both names pertain to one and the same person having Adhar Card No. 629308919926.

CHANGE OF NAME

It Is For General Information That I, Manisha W/O Late Ramesh Kumar Residing At House Number-103, Lakhmir Patti, Nara, Kaithal, Haryana-136027 Declare That The Name Of My Husband Has Been Wrongly Written As Ramesh In My Minor Son Aditya Aged 17 Years In His Cbse Class 10th & 12th Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of My Husband Is Ramesh Kumar Which May Be Amended Accordingly. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

It Is For General Information That I, Rajiv Yadav S/O Ved Parkash Residing At Ward No-3, Yadav Mohalla, Po-Kalayat, District-Kaithal, Haryana-136117 Declare That The Name Of My Minor Daughter Has Been Wrongly Written As Palak Aged 16 Years In Her Cbse Class 10th Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of My Daughter Is Palak Yadav Which May Be Amended Accordingly. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

It Is For General Information That I Abhishek Arora S/O Kewal Krishan R/O Near Jain Hospital, Ward No-8, Raman Mandi, Ramsara, Bathinda, Punjab-151301, Declare That Name Of My Mother Has Been Wrongly Written As "Rekha Rani" In My 10th And 12th Class Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of My Mother Is Rekha. Respectively Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

I, **Nidhi Diwan** W/o Piyush Aggarwal R/O H No. 1073, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Nidhi Diwan to Nidhi Aggarwal.

I, **Inderjit Singh** Bhatia S/o Har Bhajan Singh R/O H.No. 1424, Sector-15, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Inderjit Singh for all future purposes.

I, **Har Bhajan Singh** Bhatia S/o Sunder Singh R/O H.No. 1424, Sector-15, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Har Bhajan Singh for all future purposes.

I hitherto known as Sagar S/o Pardeep Kumar, R/O 284/13, Gali No. 17, Shiv Colony, Radaur, Tehsil Radaur, District Yamuna Nagar -135133 (Haryana), India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sagar Namdev.

I, **Bhago** w/o Sher Singh R/o # 231 Village Kaimbwala Chandigarh have changed my name to Paramjeet Kaur

I, **Banti** S/o Sh. Rajesh Singh R/o # 853A, Small Flats Dhanas UT, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Dhirender Partap Singh.

I, **Saroj Kumari** W/o Pankaj Kumar R/o Flat No. 25B, Sunrise Enclave, Sector 127, Kharar Landran Road, Mohali, Tehsil & District Mohali, Punjab declare that the deponent name in her daughter (Ditisha Sharma) 10th class certificate has been inadvertently written as Saroj Sharma instead of Saroj Kumari. The deponent and his husband name may kindly be considered as Saroj Kumari and Pankaj Kumar.

I, **Sristee Sachdeva** W/o Puneet Chopra R/O VPO Kharwan, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sristee Sachdeva to Sristee Chopra.

I, **Angur pandit** is legally mother of No. Jc- 765797K Sub - Mritunjay pandit presently residing at Manikkundu west midnapore west bengal Pin - 721201 to change my name Anyyun Bala pandit to Angur pandit and DoB 01-07-1950 to 20-06-1965 affidavit signed by B.m. vashishth Notary public faridabad Haryana appointed by govt of India regd.No. 3437

I, **Tarawati** legally mother of Army no - 17030346X Nk Harish presently residing at village - uncha gaon Post office -Ballabgarh PS- Adrash Nagar Distt- Faridabad State - Haryana Pin – 121004 To change my DoB 05-07-1965 to 04 - 07- 1958 affidavit signed by B.M.vashishth Notary public faridabad Haryana appointed by govt of India regd.no. 3437

I, **Lakshman Singh** Father of Suresh Kumar R/o #20, Maan House, Behlana, Chandigarh have changed my name from Lakshman Singh to Lachman Singh vide Affidavit Dated 22-06-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, **Shashi Godara** Sirohi Spouse of Ram Kishor Sirohi, R/o #3606, Sector 31-D, Chandigarh have changed my Name from Shashi Godara Sirohi to Shashi Godara vide affidavit dated 22.06.2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, **Kanwaljeet Kumar** S/o Shri Prem Chand, R/o #3205, Manmohan Nagar, Ambala City, Distt. Ambala (Haryana) have changed my name from Kanwaljeet Singh to Kanwaljeet Kumar.

I, **Inderjit Kapoor** S/o Shri Bal Mukand R/O Gali No 4, New Saraswati Colony. Village Kheri Markanda Tehsil Thanesar Distt Kurukshetra-136131 Haryana have changed my name from Inderjit Kapoor to Inderjeet.

I, **Neelam Sharma** D/O Late Sh. Bir Singh R/O House No. 3081/1 Sector 44-D, Chandigarh have changed my Name to Neelam Rani D/o Late Shri Bir Singh.

I, **Ishu Kumar** S/o Rajinder Kumar, House No 562, Holli Mohalla, Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Ishu Kumar to Ishu

I, **Jahid Saafi** S/o Abdul Wahid, House No 378, Subhash Gate, Buta Singh Colony, Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Jahid Saafi to Jahid.

I, **Aastha Goyal** w/o Jatni Mittal r/o #39, Prem Colony, Opp. Petrol Pump, Kaithal Road, Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Aastha Goyal to Aastha Mittal. In future I should be known as Aastha Mittal.

I, **Shreya** d/o Hanish Kumar r/o #454, Sector-14, Urban Estate, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Shreya to Shreya Chaudhary. In future I should be known as Shreya Chaudhary.

I, **Hanish Kumar** s/o Subhash Chander r/o #454, Sec-14, U.E., Distt. Karnal Haryana-132001, have changed the name of my minor daughter Prisha, age 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as Prisha Chaudhary.

I, **Smt. Rainu Wala** W/o No. 1084468M Ex DFR Baljinder Singh R/O VPO Dadial Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Rainu Wala to Prem Lata.

I, **Balbinder Kaur** Saini W/O Mohan Singh Saini R/O Village Kanhuwala, Tehsil Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour (H.P.) Declared That I Have Changed My Name From Balbinder Kaur Dokulu To Balbinder Kaur Saini.

I, **Harpal Singh** Saini S/O Mohan Singh Saini R/O H.No 4825 Pancham Society Sector 68 Distt Sas Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. Declared That I Have Changed My Name From Harpal Singh Dokulu To Harpal Singh Saini.

I, **Mohan Singh** Saini S/O Sawarn Singh R/O Village Kanhuwala, Tehsil Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour (H.P.) Declared That I Have Changed My Name From Mohan Singh Dokulu To Mohan Singh Saini.

I, **Narinder Singh** Saggu S/o Buta Singh R/o 209, Old Hamida, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Narinder Singh Saggu to Narinder Singh.

I, **Rajesh Kumar** son of Subhash Kumar, resident of Vill Trehti, P/O Shahpurkandi, Tehsil Dharkalan, Distt Pathankot, Punjab, India-145001 and presently residing at 134 Michael Blvd, Whitby, Ontario, Canada, L1N 5W2 do hereby change of my name from Rajesh Kumar To Rajesh Gora With immediate effect.

I, **Mukesh Tank** S/o Sardara Singh # 177, Sector-25 D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Mukesh Taank.

I, **Chitti Lakshmi** Spouse of No. 15716298X Signm Chette Bhupal R/o WCSR C/o 56 APO Chandimandir Cantt, Haryana declare that in my Husband's army service documents my name has been erroneously mentioned as Lakshmi whereas my correct name is Chitti Lakshmi.

I, **Arshdeep Singh** Sidhu S/o Jaswinder Singh R/o 128, 3, New Shaheed Udhm Singh Nagar, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Arshdeep Singh Sidhu to Arshdeep Singh.

I, **Harjap Singh** S/o Kashmir Singh R/o VPO Akaigarh Dhapian, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab, India have changed my name from Harjap Singh to Singh is my surname and Harjap is my given name.

I, **Nirmila Kulhari**, wife of Anil Kumar Mahala, resident of M. Kulhadiyon ki Dhani, District Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan) declare that my name is recorded as Nirmila Mahala in my Army records. Whereas my correct name is Nirmila Kulhari. Nirmila Kulhari and Nirmila Mahala are the same woman i.e. my name.

I, **Pooja** D/o Ram Singh r/o Bighar Road, Near Aryabhata School, Fatehabad, Tehsil & District Fatehabad Haryana - 125050 have changed my name from Pooja Rao to Pooja for all future purposes.

I, **Mrs. Poonam Yadav** W/o Sh. Sanjay Yadav R/O Quarter No. P249, Arjan Enclave, TCP-4, Hisar Cantt., District Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Poonam Rao to Poonam Yadav for all future purpose.

I, **Sunita** W/o Ashok Bansal R/o H. No. 3442, Sector 14 Part-2, Hisar, Distt. Hisar Haryana 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Bansal for all future purpose.

I, **Ruchi Bansal** D/o Ashok Bansal R/o H. No. 3442, Sector 14 Part-2, Hisar, Distt. Hisar Haryana 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Ruchi Bansal to Ruchi for all future purpose.

I, **Ashish Kumar** S/O Rajender Kumar R/O Village Majra Roran Sub-Tehsil Nigdhu District Karnal (Haryana) declare that in my 10th Class marksheet my D.O.B wrongly entered as 01.02.2005 while my correct D.O.B is 01.12.2004.

I, **Aman Maingi** S/o Sushil Maingi R/O Dhariwal Distt Gurdaspur have changed my minor son's name from Akshat to Akshat Maingi. Concerned note.

I, **Simran Kaur** alias Jaswinder Kaur wife of Sunil Kumar resident of Village Deenpur Post Office Dhariwal District Gurdaspur Aadhar card No. 840971978937, Pan No. HGRPK9995Q have changed my name from Simran Kaur alias Jaswinder Kaur to Simran Kaur. Concerned note.

I, **Vikash** r/o VPO Birol Tehsil Nawalgarh Distt Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan) PIN-333304 India have changed my mother's name from Bhagoti Devi to Bhagwati Devi due to wrong name record in Army Service record vide Notary Public, Gurdaspur affidavit dated 21.06.24.

I, **Ranvijay Singh** S/O Rajinder Singh R/O Village Dalwali Kalan (Depur) Tehsil Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my Surname as Singh and Ranvijay as given name. Concerned note.

I, **Aakash Chopra** S/O Sandeep Chopra R/O Villa 4, Gulmohar City Extension Opp Hansa Industries Haibatpur Road Dera Bassi Tehsil Dera Bassi Distt Mohali Have Changed My Name From Aakash Chopra To Aakkash Chopra

I, **Parveen Verma** S/O Shripaal R/O H.No.332, Gali No.2, Nai Basti, Humanan Road, Bhiwani Have Changed My Name From Parveen To Parveen Verma For All Future Purposes.

I, **Mandeep Mittal** S/O Sh Surinder Kumar Mittal R/O H.No- 799, Sector- 8 Panchkula, Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Mandeep Mittal To Mandip Mittal.

I, **Simrjit Kaur** W/O Late Piara Singh S/O Nazar Singh R/O Village Khara Po Jamsher Khas Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar Declare That Piara Singh And Prem Singh Both Names Are One And Same Person I.E. My Husband's Names.

I, **Shivani** D/O Bhola Singh R/O House No. 100, Ram Vihar, Baltana, Zirakpur Sas Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Shivani To Shivani Singh

I, **Bhupender Singh** S/o Galab Singh R/o Village Abadgarh PO Mirthal, Tehsil & District Pathankot have changed my name from Bhupender Singh to Bhupinder Singh

I **Monika Gautam** W/O Mohit Bhatia R/O H.No 58 Gali No 2 Loharka Road Ranjit Vihar Holy Heart School Amritsar 143001 Pb Have Changed My Name To Monika Bhatia After Marriage

I **Shruti** W/O Amit Sarin R/O B 399, Ranjit Avenue Amritsar Pb 143001 Have Changed My Name To Shruti Sarin After Marriage

I, **No.15597438m** Spr Chaudhari Mayur Prakash Unit 104 Eng Regt C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Mother's Name From Tara Bai To Tarabai Prakash Chaudhari

I **Manjeet Singh** S/O Kartar Singh R/O H.No.63-A New Dashmeh Avenue Opp.Khalsa College Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Manjit Singh

I, **Dinesh** S/O Pallu R/O Village Khairatia, Po Gauri Bazar, Khairatia, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh-274202 Have Changed My Name From Dinesh To Dinesh Nishad. One And Same Person

I, **Simranjit Singh** S/O Dilbag Singh R/O Vill Talwandi Dasoundha Singh Po Kathunangal Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name Simranjit Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname

I **Gurpreet Singh** Son Of Surjit Singh R/O V.Rukhala Po Chhattiana Tehsil Gidderbaha Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Gurpreet Singh Sandhu

I, **Shaikh Sattar** Is Father Of No. 14938773w Nk Shaikh Firoz Shaikh Sattar Resident Of VTC Lakhmapur Satana, Nashik, Maharashtra-423213 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Name From Shaikh Sattar To Shaikh Sattar Shaikh Bhikan And Date Of Birth From 01 Jul 1960 To 10 Mar 1960 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb28102870054496w Dated 22-06-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, **No. 14933869p** Hav Bhagwan Singh Resident Of Dera No. 2, Isankhedi, Mehidpur, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh-456443 Now At 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Pranchi To Prachi Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb24523215020291w Dated 11-06-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, **Jakir Hasan** So Nazir Hussain Ro Near Masjid Dudhla, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Name From Jakir Hasan To Jakir Hussain.

I, **Maninder** S/o Gurdial Chand R/o VPO Khunda Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Maninder to Maninder Bhagat. Concerned note.

I, **Naina** W/o Heramb Aggarwal R/O H. No. 1005, Sector 14, Hisar, Distt. Hisar Haryana 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Naina to Naina Aggarwal for all future purpose.

I, **Yashoda** W/o Ram Lubhaya R/o.2910/132-1, ward No.20, new Tehsil Pura Amritsar have Changed my name to Yashoda Rani

I, **Jagjit Singh** S/o Pargat Singh R/o. Village Sidhwan, PO Khalsa Distt TarnTaran have declare that Jagjit is my given name & Singh is my Surname

I, **Surjit Singh** S/o Balwinder Singh R/o. Village Sidhwan, PO Khalsa Distt TarnTaran have declare that Surjit is my given name & Singh is my Surname

I, **Rakesh Kumar** S/o Inderjeet R/o.H.No.80, Gali No.1, Green Velly Amritsar have Changed my name from Rakesh Singh to Rakesh Kumar

I, **Santosh** W/o Sharanjit Singh R/o.H.No.192, Mustafabad, Batala Road, Amritsar declare that Santosh and Simranjit Kaur both names are of one and same person

I, **Balwinder Singh** son of Diyal Singh R/o VPO Jethuwal, Tehsil and District Amritsar-143502, I have changed my name to Balwinder is my given name and Singh is my surname

I **Apeksha Khanna** W/o Jatin Mehra R/o H. No. 27, Maqbool Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name After Marriage To Apeksha Khanna Mehra. All Concerned Please Note.

I, **Sandip Singh** S/o Angrej Singh R/o.H.No.40-A, OG Ward No.72, Nangali, Abadi Preet Nagar Amritsar punjab-143001 have changed my name to Sandeep Singh

I, **Savita** Spouse of service No.JC-286522F rank Nb Sub name Nepal Singh R/o.Unit 91 Fd Regt (Asal Uttar) C/o 56 APO Have Changed my name from Savita to Savita Devi and also change my date of birth from 15-8-1981 to 02-04-1982

I, **Service** **No.15156172W** rank Hav Puran Singh Kushwah Unit 91 Fd Regt (Asal Uttar) declare that as per Army record my son's Rudrapratap singh date of birth is wrongly written as 14-07-2008 but his correct date of birth is 12-07-2008

I, **Parveen Kumar** S/o Tej Pal R/o Nand Colony No 2, Pehowa, Kurukshetra the Name of My son From Tarun Pandwan to Tarun Pandwaan.

I, **Vazeer** S/o Lajja Ram Vill.Ishaq, Kurukshetra have changed my Minor Son name Aham to Aham Singh.

I, **Vazeer** S/o Lajja Ram Vill.Ishaq, Kurukshetra have changed my Minor Son name Jasahnpreet to Jashan Singh.

I, **Poonam** W/o Vazeer Vill.Ishaq, Kurukshetra have changed my name Poonam Rani.

I, **Mohit Kumar** S/o Karamveer Singh Village Lotni, P.O. Jalbehra, Kurukshetra, Have Changed My Given Name Mohit Surname Kumar.

I, **Amandeep Kaur** Hanjra W/o Angrej Singh R/o house No.18, Village Gaunspur, post office Kauli Distt. patiala declare that Amandeep Kaur Hanjra and Amandeep kaur is the same person Concerned Please Note.

I, **Mandeep Kaur** W/o Balwinder Singh resident of Village Jande Sarai, Tehsil & Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144622, India have changed the spelling of my name from Mandip Kaur to Mandeep Kaur. Concerned Note.

I, **Jatinderpal Singh** S/o Narinder Singh R/o Vill. Gore, Po. Khukhrain, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Jatinderpal Singh to Singh Jatinderpal. (Surname as Singh)

I **Beant Kaur** W/O Chanchal Kumar Masaun R/O Ward No.-21 Nam Dev Nagar Moga Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Beant Kaur Masaun.

I **Harvinder Kaur** W/O Charan Das R/O Ward No.-21 Nam Dev Nagar Moga Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Harvinder Kaur Masaun.

I **Charan Das** S/O Khushi Ram R/O Ward No.-21 Nam Dev Nagar Moga Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Charan Das Masaun.

I, **Harbhajans Singh** S/o Baldev Singh R/o Dharamgarh (Kanthala), Postoffice Malikpur, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Harbhajans Singh to Harbhajan Singh.

I, **No: Jc-344988x**, Rank: Nb/Sub Name- Durga Prashad Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Permanent Address: Village/Post: Pure Madhav Singh, Pratapggarh, Prtatapggarh, Uttar Pradesh-230001 Declare That I Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Sumya Singh To Saumya Singh. Vide Affidavit No: 54aa 510133, Dated: 22/06/24.

I, **Parvesh Singh** Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No: Jc-344988x, Rank: Nb/Sub Name- Durga Prashad Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Permanent Address: Village/Post: Pure Madhav Singh, Pratapggarh, Prtatapggarh, Uttar Pradesh-230001 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Parvesh Singh To Pravesh Singh. Vide Affidavit No: 54aa 510134, Dated: 22/06/24

I, **Omwati Devi** Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: 153416011 Rank: Chm Name- Mukesh Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Permanent Address: Raipur, Weir, Bharatpur, Rajasthan- 321408 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Omwati Devi To Omwati .Vide Affidavit No:54aa 510132, Dated: 22/06/24

I, **Renu Devi** Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: 15346809x Rank: Hav Name- Shri Kant Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Permanent Address: Karmampur, Ballia- Uttar Pradesh- 277208 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Renu Devi To Ranu Singh. Vide Affidavit No: 54aa 510135, Dated : 22/06/24

I, **Smt Ansuyaba** Gohil Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No:6502522h Rank: Sep/Ash Name- Chudasama Shaktisinh Aijtsinh Presently Residing At Unit: 603 Asc Bn (Am) C/O 56 Apo Pin-905603, Chandigarh Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Smt Ansuyaba Gohil To Chudasama Ansuyaba Shaktisinh. Vide Affidavit No: 54aa 510139, Dated: 22/06/24

I, **Indra Devi** Spouse Of No.15777507a Hav (Gnr) Dharmendra Kumar Resident Of Village- Hiramanpur, Post- Amhara, Tehsil- Danapur, District- Patna, State- Bihar, Pin-801103, Have Changed My Dob From 10 May 1985 To 01 March 1983 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb27320801096402w Dated 20 June 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, **No.Jc-511188h** Sub Kuldeep Singh Resident Of Village- Madan Heri, Post- Kharar, Tehsil- Kharar, District- Sas Nagar (Mohali) State- Punjab, Pin- Have Changed My Son Name From Kushpreet Singh To Khushpreet Singh Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb280052298601312w Dated 22 June 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, **Koishliya Devi** Mother Of Himmat Singh Resident Of Village- Gujer Wala Ki Dhani, Post- Rampura, Tehsil- Khetri, District- Jhunjhunu State- Rajasthan, Pin-333036, Have Changed My Name From Koishliya Devi To Koushalya Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb27981334095816w Dated 22 June 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot


PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg. Plot No. 14P, Sector-53, Phase-V under R&R Policy at 1.E., Kundli.
Plot No 14P, Sector 53, Phase-V under R&R Policy at 1E, Kundli measuring 350 sq meter was allotted by the Corporation to Sh. Jai Bhagwan S/o Sh. Kehar Singh, Village Sersa, Sub Tehsil Rai Distt. Sonapat-131028 vide Regular Letter of Allotment (RLA) dated 04.10.2016. The legal heirs of Late Sh. Jai Bhagwan S/o Sh. Kehar Singh namely Smt. Krishna (wife), Smt. Rajni, Smt. Garima, Smt. Upasana(daughters) & have approached the Corporation for transfer of plot in question in favour of legal heirs Sh. Ravinder & Sh. Ji- tender both sons of late Sh. Jai Bhagwan, H.No. 296, Village Sersa, Sub Tehsil Rai Distt. Sonapat-131028. In this regard the Corporation is in process of considering their request & transferring the said plot in favour of Sh. Ravinder & Sh. Jitender both sons of late Sh. Jai Bhagwan.


Through this public notice it is hereby informed that any person having reservation/objection to said transfer may file his/her objection in writing before the undersigned alongwith an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that nobody has any objection to transfer of the said plot and the Corporation shall go ahead with transfer of plot in favour of Sh. Ravinder & Sh. Jitender both sons of late Sh. Jai Bhagwan.

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Punjab CM Mann says he will camp in Jalandhar to ensure win of party candidate

PNS ■ HOSHIARPUR

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday announced that he will lead the campaign during by-election for Jalandhar (West) assembly segment and ensure thumping victory of the party candidate.

Mann said that he will personally seek votes for the party candidate on the pro-people and development oriented policies taken by the state government, adding that the state government has taken several historic initiatives due to which the people will vote for the party in the by-poll. He said that he will ensure the thumping victory of the party candidate in the by-poll.

The Chief Minister said that he will shift his base to Jalandhar in the coming days to ensure that party wins this seat with historic margin, adding that he will strategise

and execute the campaign of the party from a rented house in the Jalandhar city. He said that he will live in this house for a minimum of two or three days in a week and ensure Victory of the party.

Mann said that even after elections the house in city will act as a CM camp office for the residents of Doaba and Majha region. He said that the residents of both these regions can come at this camp office to get their routine work done. He said that he will be personally available to people at this camp house for effective and immediate redressal of grievances of people.

The CM said that the state government is coming up with the noble idea of setting up CM's help centres in every district of the state, so that people could avail the benefits of government services through them. Mann said that a dedicated officer will be sitting at this centre and receiving the

applications from the general public for getting their routine administrative works done. He said that the applications pertaining to the administrative works within the district will be sent to the concerned department, for immediate execution of the work, adding that the works related to the state government will be sent to his office from where it will be further sent to the administrative departments for their early resolution.

He said that CM's dashboard will be continuously monitoring the entire activity, across the districts along with taking feedback from the general public regarding their applications and pending works. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it will ensure the execution of routine works of the general public in a time bound and prompt manner. He said that the officers will be regularly monitoring this dashboard to ensure that people do

not face any sort of inconvenience while getting their routine administrative works done.

Notably, the Aam Aadmi Party faced a drubbing in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha polls in which it could win only three of the 13 parliamentary constituencies in Punjab.

The AAP has fielded Mohinder Bhagat as its candidate for the Jalandhar West assembly bypoll seat. The AAP had won the seat in the 2022 Punjab assembly polls. Sheetal Angural, who is now the BJP's candidate from the constituency, tendered his resignation on March 28, a day after joining the saffron party. His resignation was accepted by the Punjab Assembly Speaker on May 30.

A total of 23 candidates have filed their nomination papers for the July 10 bypoll. While the scrutiny of nominations will take place on June 24, the last date for the withdrawal of nominations is June 26.

Bhagat Kabir Dham to conduct research into life of 15th-century mystic says Punjab CM Mann

PNS ■ HOSHIARPUR

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday announced to set up Bhagat Kabir Dham for conducting extensive research into the life and philosophy of Sant Kabir, the doyen of the Bhakti movement.

Addressing a gathering during a state-level function to mark the 626th 'parkash utsav' of Sant Kabir, Mann said the 15th-century mystic poet and saint had shown people the way of life and added that this 'dham' will be pivotal for research into his life. The life and philosophy of the great mystic poet has always inspired the people towards rightful living, the chief minister said.

People should follow the footsteps of Bhagat Kabir for carving out a progressive, prosperous and harmonious society, he added. "The need of the hour is that unity, communal brotherhood and peace should be maintained by following the ideals of Bhagat Kabir," Mann said.

The chief minister also said the state government is



making concerted efforts for rejuvenating its health and education systems. As of now, sending a child to government schools is a compulsion for the common people. But, within six months, it will be their wish to send their children to government schools, he said.

Schools of Eminence have been set up across the state to impart quality education and the health system is being upgraded in a similar manner, Mann said. He also lashed out at his political rivals, saying previous dispensations deprived people of quality education and health services to ensure that they did not progress. They just wanted the

children of poor families to remain at their mercy, the AAP leader alleged.

On the contrary, Mann said his focus is on empowering the poor students by assuring quality education to them. The result is in front of everyone after 158 students from government schools for the first time cleared the coveted JEE, he said. This is just the beginning as more such results will be visible in the coming days for which the government is making strenuous efforts, he further said. The state government is opening eight centres for training students preparing for competitive exams, Mann said.

SGPC lodges complaint against fashion designer for performing yoga at Golden Temple

Chandigarh/Amritsar: The SGPC has filed a police complaint against a fashion designer and lifestyle influencer for "hurting religious sentiments" by performing yoga at the Golden Temple and sharing those photographs on social media.

Archana Makwana, however, has apologised for her actions and said she never intended to hurt anyone's religious sentiment. On the International Day of Yoga on Friday, Makwana visited the Golden Temple and performed yoga in the 'prakrama (circumambulation)' path.

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the apex gurdwara body, also suspended its three employees for not diligently performing their duties.

SGPC chief Harjinder Singh Dhami said a complaint has been sent to the police commissioner for taking action against Makwana.

"No one can be allowed to act against Sikh conduct at the Golden Temple but some people deliberately ignore the sanctity and historical importance of this holy place and commit objectionable acts," he said in a state-

ment.

"Sikh sentiments and 'maryada (conduct)' have been hurt by the act, so a complaint has been filed with the police," he said.

In an appeal, Dhami said Harmandir Sahib has great reverence in the Sikh world and pilgrims from every religion and class come there to pay obeisance. Considering that, the 'maryada' of the place should be followed.

Darbar Sahib general manager Bhagwant Singh Dhangera said the woman's action hurt the sentiments of Sikhs and the 'sangat'.

PSPCL met all-time highest demand of 16,078 MW on June 19: Minister

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Power Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO on Saturday said that PSPCL has successfully met its all-time highest demand of 16,078 MW on June 19 this year surpassing the last year's maximum demand of 15,325 MW, and no cuts have been imposed on any category besides providing 8 hour daily uninterrupted power supply to agriculture feeders for sowing of paddy crop throughout the state.

The minister said that there are 13340 number of 11 kv feeders across the state out of which 6954 feeders provide Agricultural supply to around 14 Lacs tubewell connections. He said that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government has taken several measures including adequate power availability arrangements and infrastructure upgradation works to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

Meanwhile, in a crucial meeting attended by key officials, including Additional Chief Secretary, Power Tejveer Singh, CMD/PSPCL Er. Baldev Singh Sran, Director Distribution, PSPCL, Er. DPS Grewal, and Director Generation, PSPCL, Er.

Parmjeet Singh, Power Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO assessed the state's power supply arrangements for the ongoing paddy season.

PSPCL officials apprised the Power Minister that several measures have been taken to meet the increasing power demand in this summer, including setting up Mobile Transformers at urban centres, material Stores at Division level and Grid Substations, 104 Nodal Complaint Centers at division level, Control rooms at 21 circles, setting up 5 zones besides head office control room for resolution of grievances and deploying adequate complaint handling manpower.

Further, it was informed by the PSPCL that the stock position & supplies of Distribution Transformers, Cables/PVCs, Conductors, Poles and other accessories are sufficient to meet up the requirements during Paddy season. PSPCL also informed that extensive maintenance of the power distribution system including Distribution transformers & power lines, has been carried out before the paddy season. As a result of this preventive maintenance, there were no crop fire incidents due to electric spark, reported this year in Punjab.

Ludhiana Rural police organises Basketball tournament to spread awareness against drugs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA

Ludhiana Rural Police has organised a district-level Basketball Tournament to sensitise youth about harmful effects of drugs and channelise their energy in the right direction.

The tournament was organised under the supervision of Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ludhiana Rural Navneet Singh Bains at Arjuna Awardee Gurdial Singh Malhi's village Gureh in Mullanpur Dakha.

Amidst the ongoing crackdown against drug traffickers, the Punjab Police as part of 'Prevention' has been organising different events to spread awareness among people about the detrimental effects of drugs and get support of the general public in fight against drugs. The events including basketball tournaments, kabaddi, cricket match-

es, volleyball, football, cyclothon, awareness camps, dramas, nukkad natak, marathons, seminars and public meetings are being organised in all the 28 Police districts.

"The state government has enforced a three-pronged strategy—Enforcement, Deaddiction and Prevention (EDP)—to eradicate drugs from the state, a statement said. Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Ludhiana Range Dhanpreet Kaur, who was chief guest at the event, said that the purpose behind organising such events were to bring together the community, especially focusing on the youth, through the power of sports, emphasising teamwork, discipline, and healthy living.

Narco-organised crime nexus busted; Three held with 6 pistols

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR

Amritsar Rural Police in a close coordination with Central Agencies have busted Narcotics and Organised Crime nexus backed by USA-based smuggler Sarwan Singh alias Bhola Havelian with the arrest of its three operatives from Ajnala, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab, Gaurav Yadav said on Saturday.

Those arrested have been identified as Karanjit Singh of Khaira in Tarn Taran, Akash Seth alias Raghu and Sukhdeep Singh, both residents of Raja Sansi in Amritsar. Police teams have also recovered six pistols— including five .30 bore Star pistols and one 9mm

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3 DRONES PISTOL HEROIN PACKETS SEIZED NEAR INDIA-PAK BORDER IN PUNJAB

Chandigarh: Three drones, a pistol and a packet of heroin have been seized from three places near the India-Pakistan border in Punjab, officials said on Saturday. In Tarn Taran district, a China-made drone was seized from a field near Noorwala village along the international border by Border Security Force (BSF) and Punjab Police personnel during a search operation, a spokesperson of the BSF said. In another incident, the BSF carried out a search on Saturday in the border area of Ferozepur district after receiving information about a drone. The troops of the border-guarding force seized the drone along with a packet, containing heroin and an empty magazine, from a field near Lakha Singh Wala village, the official said. The BSF and the Punjab Police sized another drone from a field near the international border in Fazilka district on Saturday. The spokesperson said along with the drone, a packet containing 520 grams of heroin was seized from the field in Gahlewala village.

PB VIGILANCE BUREAU ARRESTS PATWARI TAKING RS 10,000 BRIBE

Chandigarh: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Saturday said it has apprehended a revenue Patwari Navinderpal, posted at revenue halqa Dhapai, sub tehsil Qadian in Gurdaspur district for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000. An official spokesperson of the state VB said the Patwari has been arrested based on a complaint lodged by Harjap Singh, a resident of village Dhapai in Gurdaspur. The complainant approached the VB and recorded his statement that the Patwari had already taken Rs. 2,000 as bribe and further demanded Rs. 10,000 for mutation of land transferred in the name of the complainant's wife. The spokesperson informed that after a preliminary verification of this complaint the VB team laid a trap and the accused was caught red handed accepting Rs 10,000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses.

CM SAINI REACHES DODWAH VILLAGE IN SONIPAT ON THE WAY TO DELHI

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday stated that the present government is working for the welfare of the poor, farmers, labourers, and women. New schemes have been formulated and are being implemented for the benefit of every section of society. He was addressing the villagers of Dodwah village in the Sonipat district on his way from Gohana to Delhi as he made a sudden program to meet the villagers. On this occasion, he announced the upgradation of the government school in the village from middle school to tenth grade on the villagers' demand. He said that the funds for all the development work estimates sent by the village Sarpanch will be released within the next two to three days.

GST COUNCIL RECOMMENDS REDUCTION OF GST ON CARTON BOXES FROM 18 TO 12 PERCENT

Shimla: The 53rd GST Council held in New Delhi on Saturday recommended the reduction of GST on all kinds of carton boxes from 18 to 12 percent. This reduction will help both horticulturists and industry in saving costs, a statement released by Himachal government said. It said Himachal Pradesh had been persistently pleading for the reduction of GST on apple carton boxes. Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan, representing the State, thanked the council for taking the decision unanimously on the proposal of the state and said that the decision would also help the industry reduce working capital costs. The Council took a number of decisions to ease the compliance burden and grievances of small and medium taxpayers. The state's delegation included Commissioner State Taxes and Excise Dr. Yunus and Additional Commissioners (GST) Rakesh Sharma.

Backlog in government jobs will be completed expeditiously: Hry CM

SANT KABIR PRAKASH PARV

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Paying rich tributes to Sant Kabir Das on his 626th Prakash Parv, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday unveiled several initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare of the poor and underprivileged. These included construction of a chowk named after Sant Kabir in Gohana, allocation of Rs 31 lakh to Gohana Dhanak Shiksha Sabha for the construction of a library and langar hall, immediate initiation of the construction of a bypass on the Rohtak-Jind road as soon as the required land is available, expeditious completion of the backlog in government jobs and assurance of strong advocacy in court to ensure reservation benefits in promotions for Class I and II jobs.

Addressing the gathering as the chief guest in the State Level Sant Kabir Das Jayanti Samaroh organized in Gohana, Saini emphasized that the double engine Government is dedicated to the welfare of all sections of society, guided by the teachings and principles of Sant Kabir Das. The govern-



ment has initiated numerous welfare schemes aimed at enhancing the economic and social wellbeing of the underprivileged.

The Chief Minister said that the state government has initiated the Mahapurush Samman Prachar Prasar Yojana to promote the teachings of great personalities among the masses. Under this scheme, the government commemorates the birth anniversaries of these eminent figures at the state level. He emphasized that over the past decade, the state government has worked with the spirit of "Haryana Ek Haryanvi Ek" and has diligently fulfilled its constitutional and moral

obligation through initiatives like Antyodaya, aimed at uplifting the poor and integrating them into the societal mainstream.

He emphasized that the government has distributed free ration to 45 lakh BPL families to ensure that no one goes hungry. Additionally, LPG cylinders have been provided to 12 lakh BPL families, supporting mothers and sisters in these households. The Chief Minister said that Haryana Antyodaya Parivar Parivahan Yojana (HAPPY) has been introduced, which offers free travel up to 1000 km annually in Haryana State Transport buses to 84 lakh individuals

from 23 lakh families with incomes below Rs one lakh. Furthermore, under the Chirayu Yojana, an extension of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, the government is providing free medical treatment up to Rs five lakh per year to economically disadvantaged individuals at government and private hospitals. Additionally, under the Nirogi Haryana Yojana, the officials of the Health Department have conducted door-to-door health check-ups for free, benefitting crores of people.


Saini underscored the government's commitment to empowering daughters through the Aapki Beti Hamari Beti

Yojana. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 21,000 is deposited into the account of newborn daughters, up to three daughters per family. This financial support is intended to assist in meeting expenses associated with their future marriage.

He highlighted the government's strides in e-governance, making it easier for citizens to access benefits from government schemes from the comfort of their homes. He said that under the Old Age Samman Allowance Scheme, senior citizens automatically receive a monthly pension of Rs. 3000 directly deposited into their bank accounts upon reaching the age of 60. This streamlined process extends to other social security schemes; ensuring beneficiaries receive their pensions without the need for frequent visits to government offices.

Saini said that Deputy Commissioners (DC) and Superintendents of Police (SP) across all districts have been directed to conduct daily 'Samadhan Shviris' from 9 am to 11 am. These shviris aim to promptly resolve people's grievances and provide timely relief. The Chief Minister said that he personally monitors daily progress reports from all 22 districts to ensure effective implementation.

राज्यस्तरीय मां शूलिनी मेले की समस्त प्रदेशवासियों को हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं



कृषि विभाग हिमाचल प्रदेश

प्राकृतिक खेती खुशहाल किसान योजना जिला सोलन हिमाचल प्रदेश

राजीव गांधी स्टार्टअप योजना के अंतर्गत प्राकृतिक खेती में स्वरोजगार को बढ़ावा

प्रत्येक पंचायत से नए 10 किसानों को जहर मुक्त खेती के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना

गेहूँ का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) 40 रुपए प्रति किलो और मक्की का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) 30 रुपए प्रति किलो

सरकार द्वारा किसानों से गेहूँ और मक्की न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) पर अधिकतम 20 क्विंटल प्रति परिवार से खरीदा जाएगा

दो दिवसीय निःशुल्क प्रशिक्षण शिविर का आयोजन

कृषक अध्ययन भ्रमण का आयोजन

कृषकों के लिए निःशुल्क कृषि पाठशाला का आयोजन

खाद्य सुरक्षा समूह/स्वयं सहायता समूह का आयोजन

प्राकृतिक खेती के अंतर्गत घोल बनाने हेतु 3 ड्रमों पर 75 प्रतिशत का अनुदान अधिकतम 2250 रुपए प्रति कृषक

देसी गाय की खरीद पर 50 प्रतिशत का अनुदान अधिकतम 25000 रुपए प्रति कृषक

गोशाला का फर्श पक्का करना व गोमूत्र संग्रहण पिट बनाने पर 80 प्रतिशत का अनुदान अधिकतम 8000 रुपये

संसाधन भंडार हेतु अनुदान अधिकतम 10000 रुपए

कृषि प्रौद्योगिकी प्रबंधन अभिकरण (आतमा)

जिला सोलन, हिमाचल प्रदेश

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Hasina invites Indian businesses to invest in Bangladesh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has invited Indian businesses to invest in the country's special economic zones, highlighting the huge potential for bilateral economic cooperation.

Addressing Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) members on Friday evening, Hasina said both India and Bangladesh should work together to do business.

"All over India, there is a huge market so both the countries can work jointly and share our experiences. There is a good opportunity to do business," Hasina said, stressing that doing business is a key part of the bilateral relationship. She added that high importance is being given to working with



India to fulfil the needs of the people.

The prime minister mentioned that she wanted to make the economy of Bangladesh stronger and more sustainable. She also stated that Bangladesh will work on bigger ports, waterways, rail and road con-

nectivity. Sanjiv Puri, President, CII said Bangladesh is India's land bridge to the vibrant regions of Southeast Asia, and Bangladesh and India can address the market together at a time when supply chains are shifting. He also mentioned that in agri-

culture, the two nations can set up joint ventures between private sectors.

Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII, said that to drive economic engagement, CII plans to take a CEOs delegation to Bangladesh later this year. During the industry interaction, business members from India and Bangladesh highlighted several sectors of joint collaborations, including increasing the supply of energy to Bangladesh with a special emphasis on hydropower and creating more energy transmission lines to Bangladesh.

They also spoke about education and skill development in Bangladesh through telecommunications solutions. Other areas of collaboration such as agriculture, trade, and IT were also discussed.

BJP demands immediate resignation of TN Minister over hooch tragedy

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday demanded the immediate resignation of Tamil Nadu Prohibition and Excise Minister S Muthusamy over a recent hooch tragedy in the state and accused the ruling DMK of shielding the culprits. The saffron party also demanded a probe into the incident by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Several people died after consuming spurious liquor in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi while many are undergoing treatment at local hospitals. Addressing a press conference here, Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla described the deaths as "state-sponsored murder" and held the ruling DMK in the southern state "solely responsible" for the tragedy.



"So far, 53 individuals have died and a majority of them belonged to the Scheduled Castes. Instead of taking action on this state-sponsored murder, the DMK continues to shield the villains of this ghastly crime," Poonawalla said. Referring to similar incidents in the state in the past, he alleged that there is a nexus between the liquor mafia and DMK leaders and demanded a CBI probe into it. Poonawalla also said the

National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) should take suo-motu cognisance of the incident and issue notices to the Tamil Nadu government and state police chief, asking who is responsible for the deaths. "The BJP demands the immediate resignation of Tamil Nadu Prohibition and Excise Minister Muthusamy for an impartial investigation into the incident," he said, asking why Chief Minister M K Stalin is not handing over the

probe to the CBI. Poonawalla also targeted the Congress and other constituents of the INDIA bloc over their "silence" on the issue.

"(Congress leaders) Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who spoke about Dalits and south India umpteen number of times during the (Lok Sabha) election, have not uttered a word on this issue. This means their concern for south India and the members of the Scheduled Castes is cosmetic," he said. Another BJP spokesperson, Anil Antony, also slammed the DMK and the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) over the hooch tragedy, alleging that the response and actions of the Tamil Nadu government are "lackadaisical" and indicate "a clear collusion" of the state authority with the liquor mafia.

Defer implementation of three new criminal laws, as Bills bulldozed through Parliament: Congress

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Saturday demanded that the enforcement of the three criminal laws, which are to come into force from July 1, be deferred, saying the Bills were "bulldozed" through Parliament. In a post on X, Ramesh said the implementation of the Bills be deferred to enable a thorough review and re-examination by

a reconstituted Standing Committee on Home Affairs as they were passed at a time when 146 MPs had been suspended.

"On Dec 25 2023, the President of India had given her assent to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023. The three far-reaching Bills had been bulldozed through Parliament without proper debate and discussion,



and at a time when 146 MPs had been suspended from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha," Ramesh said. "Earlier the Bills had been bulldozed through the Standing Committee on Home Affairs without detailed interactions with stakeholders across the country and completely ignoring the written and very detailed dissent notes of a number of MPs belonging to different political parties, including the Indian National

Congress, who were members of the Standing Committee," he said. Ramesh said the three new laws are to come into effect from July 1, 2024, and the Congress is of the firm opinion that the date should be deferred to enable a thorough review and re-examination of the laws by the reconstituted Standing Committee on Home Affairs. He said the panel should have more extensive and meaningful consultations with various legal experts and organisations

"who have serious concerns on the three laws as they stand", after which it should be scrutinised by the 18th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha as well. On Friday, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding deferment of the implementation of the three criminal laws, saying they were "hurriedly passed". Similar demands have been made by the DMK as well.

New Roojh app for appointments at All India Institute of Ayurveda

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Patients visiting the All India Institute of Ayurveda at Sarita Vihar in the national Capital no longer need to stand in long queues to get their token numbers to get the appointments with the doctors. They can now do this conveniently from their homes using the Roojh app, saving valuable time and resources.

An autonomous health institute under the Union Health Ministry, the hospital serves a daily influx of 2000 to 2500 patients who seek benefits from its 42 different OPD services. Previously, due to the lack of an online appointment system, patients had to endure long waits to obtain their tokens.

"In response to this issue, the hospital recently launched the 'Roojh' app. The primary objective of this app is to eliminate long waiting periods for patients and simplify the appointment booking process,



enabling common patients to easily avail treatment," said an official from the AIIA. One can download and install the 'Roojh' app from Google Play Store or Apple Store. After installing the app, users need to create a login, for which an OTP will be sent to their mobile. Through a few simple steps, users can create their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA), ensuring secure storage of their medical

records for future use. Post registration, patients receive a token number, which facilitates easy creation of their OPD card, said the official. The AIIA has also set up a health desk to assist elderly and other patients. The app can be used from Monday to Friday, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM while on Saturdays, this facility is available from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Dr. (Prof.) Tanuja Nesari,

Director of the institute, said, "We are committed to providing excellent services to patients, and this ABHA ID marks a new change that will protect patients from inconveniences during sun, rain, and cold weather. We will be able to serve patients well." Recently, the institute also initiated the operation of new counters to reduce the time spent distributing medicines. These steps will not only benefit patients in the future but also make treatment possible for a large number of patients. "The launch of the 'Roojh' app is an important step that will assist patients in receiving better healthcare services and free them from long waiting periods. This initiative by the All India Institute of Ayurveda will not only save patients' time but also provide convenient and effective healthcare services," Sharmila Sharma, a patient of diabetes said adding that by following ayurvedic medication her condition is now better managed.

WHO's global warning over fake weight-loss, diabetes medications

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The World Health Organization (WHO) has for the first time issued a global warning regarding counterfeit versions of popular weight-loss and diabetes medications containing semaglutide, the active ingredient in Novo Nordisk's Wegovy and Ozempic. The move followed reports of fake semaglutide documented across all geographical regions since 2022. Fake drugs could be harmful and if they do not have the necessary raw components, can lead to health complications resulting from unmanaged blood glucose levels or weight, the WHO said in a statement here. In view of escalating demand and falsification reports, the WHO said that it is now developing rapid guidelines for the potential use of GLP-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs) like



semaglutides in treating obesity among adults. "Counterfeit drugs may lack essential active ingredients or contain undisclosed substances like insulin, posing severe health risks such as uncontrolled blood glucose levels, particularly hazardous for diabetes patients," WHO Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines and Health Products, Dr. Yukiko Nakatani said and stressed the importance of avoiding suspicious medicines. Dr Nakatani also advocated for their immediate cessa-

tion and reporting to relevant authorities. The WHO said patients can protect themselves by using prescriptions from licensed physicians to buy the medications. The agency said patients also should avoid buying the drugs from unfamiliar sources, especially online. Semaglutides are crucial for managing type 2 diabetes and reducing cardiovascular risks. Typically administered weekly via injection or daily in tablet form, these medications also aid weight loss by

suppressing appetite. Despite their efficacy, their high cost renders them unsuitable for widespread public health programs aimed at ensuring broad access to treatment in resource-limited settings. To protect themselves from falsified medicines and their harmful effects, patients who are using these products can take actions such as buying medicines with prescriptions from licensed physicians and avoid buying medicines from unfamiliar or unverified sources, such as those that may be found online, the global health body said. People should always check packaging and expiry dates of medicines when they buy them, and use the products as prescribed. In the case of injectable semaglutides, patients should ensure they are stored in the refrigerator, it added. All notifications on falsified medicines can be sent to WHO via rapidalert@who.int.

Govt has ruined future of crores of youth: Priyanka

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Amid outcry against alleged irregularities in the medical entrance examination NEET and also the cancellation of the UGC-NET examination, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday launched a scathing attack on the government over exam paper leaks, saying the issue has become a national problem under the BJP rule which has "ruined the future" of crores of youth.

In a post on X, Priyanka Gandhi said the Congress demands that strict action be taken over the "NEET scam" so that 24 lakh students get justice. Her statement came on the day, the CBI questioned a man in Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar in connection with the UGC-NET paper leak case. The CBI had registered an FIR into the UGC-NET paper leak case on Thursday against unidentified people on a reference from the Union Education Ministry. In another post in Hindi on X, she wrote, "In the last five years, papers of 43 recruitment exams have been leaked in the country. Paper leak has become a national problem of our country under BJP rule which has ruined the future of crores of youth so far."



"India is the youngest country in the world. We have the largest youth population. Instead of making these youth skilled and capable, the BJP government is making them weak," she alleged. Crores of talented students study hard day and night, prepare for different exams, parents bear the burden of studies by sacrificing everything, Priyanka Gandhi said. "Children wait for years for a vacancy to come. When a vacancy comes, there is the cost of filling the form, the cost of going for the exam, and finally the whole effort is wasted due to corruption. The BJP's corruption is weakening the country," she added. Senior Congress leader Rahul

Gandhi on Thursday had attacked the Centre over the alleged irregularities in NEET and exam paper leaks issue, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "psychologically collapsed" post-elections and will now struggle to run the government. He had also said the main reason for paper leaks was that educational institutions had been captured by the BJP and its parent organisation RSS. He asserted that paper leaks will not stop unless that is reversed. The UGC-NET-2024 exam for the selection of junior research fellows, assistant professors and PhD scholars was conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on June 18 in two shifts across the country.

Shah launches programme to fast-track immigration process

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday launched a special programme under which the immigration process of pre-verified Indian nationals and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders will be fast-tracked. The Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP) is a "visionary initiative" by the government, thoughtfully designed for Indian nationals and OCI cardholders, the official said. Eligible individuals will need to apply online and submit their biometrics (fingerprint and facial image) along with other required information as specified in the application form. The FTI registration will be valid for a maximum of five years or until the validity of the passport, whichever comes first, he said. Approved applications would receive a message to schedule an appointment to provide their biometrics details. Applicants may provide their biometrics at designated international airports in India or the nearest Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) according to the prior appointment schedule. Biometrics is compulsory for the completion



of the application processing, the official said. The applicants may ensure a minimum passport validity of at least six months while applying for the FTI-TTP. The membership of programmer will be co-terminus with passport validity, he said. The applicant needs to provide the current residential address to avoid the rejection of the application, another official said. Incorrect or false information, concealing any material facts in the application form shall make the application liable for rejection. Those applicants will not be registered for the FTI-TTP whose biometrics, for any technical reason cannot be cap-

tured, the official said. The FTI-TTP aims to revolutionise people's travel experience, making it faster, easier, and more secure, he said. This initiative showcases the government's commitment to enhance travel convenience and efficiency for everyone, the official said. Registration under FTI will be completed after necessary verifications and confirmation of eligibility, he said. Applicants will be registered after their identity has been successfully authenticated through mobile OTP and email verification. The Union home ministry also shared a support help desk email ID -- india.ftittp-boi@mha.Gov.In.

MeitY kicks off India AI Mission, invites institutes to nominate students undertaking projects



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched the IndiaAI Mission with a budget of Rs 10,372 crore and started inviting nominations from top institutes, such as IITs, NITs etc for students who are undertaking projects in artificial intelligence (AI), according to reports. Engineering students pursuing B.Tech or M.Tech degrees at colleges ranked in the top 50 of the National Institutional Ranking Framework will be eligible to receive AI fellowships. The ministry will provide Rs 1 lakh in three instalments to the B.Tech students who are accepted, while the M.Tech students will get Rs 2 lakh funding in four tranches of Rs 50,000 each, the reports mentioned. In a letter addressed to 50 engineering institutes by IndiaAI Mission CEO

Abhishek Singh, the ministry has asked each institute to nominate 10 students from each category who are undertaking AI projects. "This fellowship support will supplement existing fellowships and cover the duration of their project: one year for B.Tech students, and two years for M.Tech students," said the letter. "This support is instrumental in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, thereby ensuring a workforce proficient in the essential skills needed to progress in the field of AI," it added. To be eligible for fellowships, B.Tech students must have secured an overall 80 per cent mark or equivalent grade in the last semester and the nominated M.Tech students should be pursuing postgraduate studies in AI-related courses and should be undertaking a thesis on AI and related subjects, as per the ministry.

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Date: 21.06.2024 **Place:** Chandigarh **AUTHORIZED OFFICER**

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.
(As per the Commission's direction issued in pursuance of the order dated 13.02.2020, of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP (C) no. 536 of 2011)

Sl.No	Name of the constituency : 034, Jalandhar West (S.C.)	
1.	Criminal antecedents :	Name of the Candidate : Mohinder Paul
	a) Nature of the offences	U/S 143,149,186,505 IPC
	b) Case No.	CHI/1899/2018
	c) Name of the Court	C.J.M Jalandhar
	d) Whether charges have been framed or not: Yest /No	No
	e) Date of conviction (if any) :	NA
	f) Details of punishment undergone (if any)	NA
	g) Any other Information required to be given	No
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate, Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not merely "winnability"	A dedicated ground worker with immense support & vociferously raising his voice against the injustice perpetuated by the system. FIR against him are politically motivated.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not to be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	Candidate was selected by consensus among the party workers in the area No other candidate with similar support.

MRSPSTU and NHPC Ltd Join Forces to Advance Crucial Development Projects In a significant move towards enhancing collaborative efforts in critical sectors, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPSTU), Bathinda, and National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA). The agreement aims to leverage respective strengths in advancing research and development initiatives crucial to sustainable development. The MoA, inked by MRSPSTU Registrar Dr. Gurinder Pal Singh Brar and Shri Rajeev Jairath, GGM (Civil), Co. FBD, NHPC, marks a milestone in fostering innovation and addressing complex challenges in hydro-power and related fields. Under the dynamic leadership of Shri Vivek Partap Singh, Principal Secretary of Technical Education and Industrial Training and Dr. Amit Kansal, Director of NHPC Limited,

The power of attorney holder on behalf of Shri Jagdish Singh of Axis Bank Ltd., Sanjay Lohia Advocate, Jaipur, Rajasthan has been issued by Shri Bhan Singh, District Officer, Jaipur, Rajasthan. The said power of attorney has been issued after the above said property in question i.e. land measuring 00K-04M fully detailed above in the schedule in favour of Sh. Dharamvir Singh son of Jai Lal, Bhan Son of S. Rameshwar Das resident of village Tibba sub tehsil Kulan District Fatehabad vide registered sale deed bearing no. 2775 dated 06.02.2023 and the above said sale deed bears the following details:-

1. The above said property has been lost and cannot be traced out despite best efforts and now Sh. Dharamvir above said is mortgaging the property in question in favour of Axis Bank Ltd., Hisar, anyone who has objection then file replies along with proof of ownership within 07 days before the undersigned/Axis Bank Ltd., Hisar. After lapsation of stipulated period no claim will be accepted regarding the above said property.

Sanjay Lohia Advocate
Chamber no. 557 Judicial Complex, Hisar

चुनाव कार्यक्रम दी जमाल बहुउद्देशीय प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि. जमाल तह. नाथूसरी चौपटा, जिला सिरसा

अधीन यथा अपाक्षत मतदाताओं की सूची का प्रदर्शन	स 30.06.2024	साय 5:00 बजे	गर्वि/बिक्री केन्द्र 2. समिति के पंजीकृत कार्यालय 3. कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा। 4. कार्यालय निरीक्षक, सहकारी समितियां, नाथुसरी चौपटा
2. पैरा 35 के उप पैरा (4) के अधीन तथा अपाक्षत मतदाताओं की सूची	01.07.2024	प्रातः 09:00 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक	कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा।

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संजीव

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES
 DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS DRAW DATE: 22/06/2024
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 MERCURY SATURDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY
MPD D-10/ D-2 Ticket

Govt buys 71,000 tonnes of onion for buffer stock

Expects retail prices to ease with normal monsoon

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has bought nearly 71,000 tonnes of onion so far this year for buffer stock, out of the total target of procuring 5 lakh tonnes for price stabilisation and it expects retail prices to ease with the progress of monsoon over most parts of the country.

According to data compiled by the department of consumer affairs, the all-India average onion retail prices stood at Rs 38.67 per kg on Friday, while the modal price was Rs 40 per kg.

Till June 20th, the Centre has procured 70,987 tonnes of onion, as against 74,071 tonnes procured in the same period last year, a senior official in the department of consumer affairs said.

“The pace of onion procurement for price stabilisation buffer this year is largely comparable with last year, despite about 20 per cent decline in estimated rabi production,” the official said, adding that the government is on course to achieve targeted procurement of 5 lakh tonnes for price stabilisation.

The government will exercise the option of holding or releasing onions from the buffer in order to maintain



stability in prices of onion, the official said. The procurement price is a dynamic one, linked to prevailing market prices.

The increase in prices of onion is on account of a shortfall in production in 2023-24 by about 20 per cent each in Kharif, late Kharif and Rabi, over the previous year due to less rains in major producing areas, the official explained.

To control prices, the

government has been taking measures in a graded manner, from August last year starting with export duty of 40 per cent, followed by Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 800 per tonne in October, 2024 and imposition of export prohibition from December 8, 2023.

These measures have helped in maintaining domestic availability of onion at reasonably stable prices.

Export prohibition had been lifted from May 4, 2024 with MEP of USD 550 per tonne and 40 per cent export duty in view of substantial stability observed in major mandis like Lasalgaon, in Maharashtra and the prospect of good Kharif production on the back of above-normal monsoon prediction this year.

“The prolonged and extreme heatwave condition currently prevailing over large parts of the country has impacted the production of green vegetables and led to increase in prices of vegetables including tomato, potato and onion,” the official said, adding that the situation is expected to ease with the onset of monsoon over most parts of the country.

In March, the Union Agriculture Ministry released the data for onion production. As per the data, onion production in 2023-24 (First Advance Estimates) is expected to be around 254.73 lakh tonnes, compared to around 302.08 lakh tonnes last year.

This is due to a decrease of 34.31 lakh tonnes output in Maharashtra, 9.95 lakh tonnes in Karnataka, 3.54 lakh tonnes in Andhra Pradesh and 3.12 lakh tonnes in Rajasthan, the data showed.

Indian deeptech startups count surges in 2023 but funding plummets 77 per cent: Nasscom

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India saw a significant surge in deeptech startups in 2023 with 480 new ventures emerging, making it the third largest pool globally, a report said.

However, the report by technology industry body nasscom and global consulting firm Zinnov highlighted the worrying trend of a funding winter, posing a major challenge for these startups.

‘India’s DeepTech Dawn: Forging Ahead’ report also said funding for scaling, talent attraction and retention, and global expansion are the top 3 challenges faced by startups in deeptech innovation.

“India currently has 3600+ deeptech startups, out of which 480 were established in 2023 itself, nearly 2X more than the number of deeptech startups established in 2022,” the report said.

But India’s deeptech promise is stunted by a funding gap. “Compared to startups across some other leading deeptech ecosystems, Indian deeptech startups receive a fraction of the median investment at every stage.

“This lack of funding restricts the ability of some promising deeptech startups to scale, thus hindering India’s ability to compete in the global deeptech race,” it said.

Indian deeptech startups raised about USD 10 billion in the last 5 years.



Total USD 850 million was raised in 2023 itself — this is a 77 per cent decline over USD 3.7 billion raised in 2022. The number of deals, meanwhile, declined by 25 per cent in 2023 over 2022, it said.

“India needs a multi-pronged approach: increased funding at early-stage, supportive market ecosystem for scale-ups, and robust initiatives to aid commercialisation.”

Artificial Intelligence (AI) emerged as a founder’s favourite, with 74 per cent of deeptech startups established in 2023 driven by AI. AI was also an investor favourite, with 86 per cent of the startups who raised funding in 2023 having an AI focus.

AI takes the center stage in patent filings with 41 per cent of all patent filings in deeptech, followed, with a

large gap, by IoT and Neurotech, the report said.

According to venture capital firms, long gestation periods are the biggest challenge facing them while investing in deeptech.

“Co-investment programmes and government-backed instruments are necessary initiatives to be taken by the government to make the landscape more favourable to invest in,” the report said.

The number of investors participating in funding rounds for India’s deeptech startups dropped by over 60 per cent in 2023 compared to 2022.

The absence of many large global investors, who had previously driven funding, also contributed significantly to this decline.

“Median ticket size across seed-stage and late-stage

reached their 4-year low and 5-year low respectively. Although early-stage median ticket size reached a 5-year high, it was not enough to offset the overall decline in funding. The absence of mega deals in 2023 as compared to 9 mega deals in 2022, underscores a declining investor emphasis on large-ticket investments,” the report noted.

Investors preferred investing in seed-stage deeptech startups with low ticket sizes and relatively lower risk, further declining the funding volume.

Nasscom recommended the government to “identify and strengthen innovation clusters, facilitate the availability of patient capital and robust compute infrastructure, fast-track the implementation of the National DeepTech Startup Policy (NDTSP), improve the IP framework, and strengthen the overall supplier ecosystem (including talent pipeline).”

A deeptech startup involves early-stage technologies based on scientific or engineering advancements, to create and own Intellectual Property (IP). These startups are characterised by extended development timelines and high capital intensity and also carry large technical uncertainty which presents a large opportunity or risk depending upon whether or not it succeeds.

Prestige Estates plans to raise up to ₹5,000 crore via QIP; monetise hotel biz

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Realty firm Prestige Estates Projects Ltd plans to raise up to Rs 5,000 crore by selling equity shares to institutional investors and also monetise its hotel business through issuance of shares of its arm Prestige Hospitality Ventures. Prestige Estates is one of the leading real estate developers in the country.

It is into development of housing, office, shopping malls, warehousing and hospitality projects. The company has a significant presence in South India and has entered into Mumbai and Delhi-NCR property market.

According to a regulatory filing on Friday, the company’s board approved “raising of funds by way of issuance of equity shares or other eligible securities for an aggregate amount not exceeding Rs 5,000 crore by way of qualified institutional placement (QIP) or other permissible mode.”

The board also approved plans to “monetise assets of the hospitality segment through its arm Prestige Hospitality Ventures Ltd, by way of issue of shares (through primary or secondary or both).”

All these decisions are subject



to approval of shareholders.

According to an investors presentation, Prestige Estates has 10 hotels in operations totalling 1,489 keys. It is developing 3 hotels with 955 keys and there are 5 hotels having 765 keys in pipeline.

For monetisation of hospitality assets, the board has formed a sub-committee to oversee and structure the process.

“The committee is tasked with the responsibility of ensuring compliance with all regulatory requirements, coordinating with advisors and underwriters, and making all necessary arrangements,” the filing said.

During 2023-24, Prestige Estates net profit rose to Rs 1,374.1 crore from Rs 941.8 crore in the preceding year. Total income increased to Rs 9,425.3 crore from Rs 8,772 crore.

On operational front, Prestige Estates reported 63 per cent annual increase in sales booking for the last financial year at record Rs 21,040 crore on strong demand for its residential properties and higher average sales realisation.

Prestige Group has completed 300 projects spanning a developable area of around 190 million square feet.

Entrepreneurship presents viable path to economic rejuvenation: Arora

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Entrepreneurship presents a viable path to economic rejuvenation and a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem can drive sustainable growth, leaving cybersecurity major TAC Security founder Trishneet Arora has said.

Arora believes that fostering a culture of entrepreneurship can be the key to revitalizing Punjab’s economy and addressing its financial woes and the path to Punjab’s prosperity lies in collaboration between entrepreneurs and the government.

He envisions a synergistic relationship where the government provides the necessary infrastructure and policy support, while entrepreneurs drive innovation and growth.

This partnership can create a conducive environment for businesses to thrive, ultimately benefiting the state’s economy, he said.

“Technology and AI have the potential to revolutionize farming in Punjab by enhancing productivity, reducing costs, and ensuring sustainable agricultural practices,” Arora said.

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Magic Bus, a non-profit organisation in the education and skilling space, aims to impart essential life and employability skills in over 65 lakh young people from marginalised communities over the next five years.

The NGO operates in 23 states and union territories and operates out of 117 livelihood centres, of which 17 are all-girl centres. It imparts essential life skills and employability skills in young people from underserved communities.

“Since 1999, Magic Bus has impacted 30 lakh adolescents, equipping them with life skills to achieve school, life, and work outcomes. We have empowered over 3.7 lakh youths with life and employability skills, connecting them to sustainable livelihood opportunities. Looking ahead, we aim to extend its impact by empowering over 65 lakh young people over the next five years,” Magic Bus India Foundation founder Matthew Spacie told PTI.

Life skills education serves as a cornerstone for the holistic development of young people and are



essential for them to navigate life and work in an increasingly technology-driven world, he said.

Magic Bus India Foundation Global CEO Jayant Rastogi stated that the organisation conducts thorough assessments of the demand-supply gap before introducing new skills or phasing out obsolete ones.

“This process involves analysing the demand for specific skills in different geographical areas and

evaluating the suitability of individuals to meet those demands. Before initiating any skilling programme, we ensure that there is a clear understanding of the market demand for the skills being imparted,” he said.

Additionally, he said, the organisation also engages with potential employers during the programme to align its training with their hiring needs, which helps Magic Bus to tailor its skilling initiatives to the

current job market requirements and maximise the employability of its participants.

The organisation targets young people, 18 to 25 years, from marginalised communities, providing them with the necessary 21st-century skills to obtain grey-collar jobs in the formal sector in the service industry. Rastogi further stated that Magic Bus has partnered with various state governments to expand the reach of life skills education.

“We have also aligned with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP), our approach aims to bolster the government’s efforts in delivering holistic education, empowering adolescents with higher-order thinking, analytical skills, and socio-emotional learning essential for success in the 21st century,” he added.

Magic Bus is also operating programmes in Bangladesh, Spacie said.

“Currently, our programmes are operational in Bangladesh, and we are mapping potential countries in South East Asia to understand their needs and take our programmes to newer geographies,” he added.

Newsdrum is set to expand operations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After completing two years in the media space, general news platform Newsdrum is set to expand operations on the back of technology and Artificial Intelligence-led tools and innovations.

The platform has enabled AI-led features including but not limited to content repurposing, AI Web Stories and content distribution.

The portal has aimed at keeping its readers ahead of the curve with its sharp analysis, news breaks and has broken over three dozen stories, notching over 5 million monthly page views.

According to Semrush, an American platform used to for keyword research, competitive analysis, site audits, backlink tracking and comprehensive online visibility insights, 63 percent of visitors of NewsDrum have informational intent followed by 16 percent with transactional and 13 ercent with commercial intent.

Durlax Top Surface ₹40.80 cr IPO subscribed over 161 times

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Solid surface manufacturer Durlax Top Surface’s Rs 40.80 crore initial public offer has been oversubscribed nearly 161 times, the company said on Saturday.

According to the exchange data, the IPO received bids for around 87 crore shares against 60 lakh shares on offer for subscription, Durlax Top Surface said in a statement.

Non-institutional investor category received the highest interest among investors and was subscribed over 415 times. Bids for around 35.52 crore shares were received against 8.56 lakh shares on offer.

Retail segment was subscribed over 202 times and the qualified investor segment was subscribed over 48 times, the company said.

The company’s shares will be listed on the NSE SME platform, Emerge, on June 26.

The company had fixed the



price band at Rs 65-68 per share for the issue which was open for subscription from June 19-21, it added.

The IPO comprises a fresh issue of 42 lakh shares worth up to Rs 28.56 crore and an offer for sale of 18 lakh shares worth up to Rs 12.24 crore.

Out of the fresh issue of Rs 28.56 crore, the company plans to utilise Rs 17.50 crore to part finance working capital requirements and Rs 6 crore towards general corporate purposes.

Promoters including Shravan Suthar and Lalit Suthar hold around 95 per cent stake in the company

while public shareholders hold nearly 5 per cent stake.

Promoter Shrawan Kumar, who held 66.94 per cent of the equity stake or 83,01,399 shares sold 18 lakh shares through the OFS route.

“Promoter holding pre-issue stands at 95.44 per cent which post-issue will come to 60.35 per cent,” the company said.

Established in 2010, Durlax Top Surface manufactures solid surface materials. The company has two brands, namely LUXOR and ASPIRON.

The Gujarat-based company reported revenue of Rs 90.84 crore and a net profit of Rs 5.05 crore for FY 2023-24.

Firm wins bid for world's first flue gas CO2 to 4G ethanol project

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

New energy transition platform Jakson Green has announced its plans to establish the world’s first flue gas CO2 to 4G ethanol project for a power plant. Serving as the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) partner, Jakson Green aims to operationalise the project within two years.

The initiative, located in Lara, Chhattisgarh, is conceptualised and designed by NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance), the R&D arm of state-run NTPC, according to sources.

‘Flue gas CO2 to 4G’ refers to a process where carbon dioxide (CO2) captured from flue gases (emissions from industrial processes or power plants) is converted into “4G ethanol” through advanced technology.

Addressing bleeding management in cardiac, liver transplant surgeries

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In good news for India’s healthcare sector especially in high-risk cardiac and liver transplant surgeries, Plasmagen Biosciences Private Limited (Plasmagen), a Bengaluru-based biopharmaceutical company, has partnered with global biotechnology leader CSL Behring to introduce Haemocomplettan P (Human Fibrinogen Concentrate) to the Indian market.

The move hopes to address the challenge of managing uncontrolled massive bleeding given that India performs approximately 1,50,000 cardiac surgeries and around 1,800 liver transplants annually, with a substantial number of these patients requiring blood transfusions to manage hemorrhage.

In fact, around 50 per cent of cardiac surgery patients need blood transfusions, and more than 25 per cent of blood transfusions in hospitals are



for liver transplant recipients. Delayed control of bleeding in these surgeries can lead to severe complications, including renal failure, stroke, and even death, as well as increased healthcare costs and longer hospital stays.

Vinod Nahar, Managing Director of Plasmagen, highlighted that the collaboration with CSL Behring not only addresses the pressing issue of bleeding management in critical surgeries but also expands the scope of treatment options across various medical specialties, including cardiac, liver transplant, gastroenterology, and pediatrics. This partnership

ensures that high-quality, globally recognised biopharmaceutical products are available in India, aiming to improve healthcare outcomes, enhance disease awareness, and provide comprehensive patient education, he added.

Haemocomplettan P, manufactured by CSL Behring, is a specialised product designed to treat and prevent bleeding disorders in patients with congenital afibrinogenemia and acquired hypofibrinogenemia.

This human fibrinogen concentrate has been used globally for over 27 years, treating more than 3.5 lakh patients and demonstrating significant efficacy in rapidly restoring fibrinogen levels.

This replenishment is crucial for effective blood clotting and can significantly reduce the need for blood transfusions.

Dr N Kanagarajan, a Senior Consultant Cardiac Anaesthesiologist at the Madras Medical Mission in Chennai, said,



NAGAL CONFIRMS HIS PARIS OLYMPICS QUALIFICATION

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Indian tennis star Sumit Nagal on Saturday confirmed that he has officially qualified for the men's singles event of the upcoming Paris Olympics. The Paris Games will be his second stint in the Olympics, having also qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Games, where he made it to the second round. "Extremely glad to share that I have officially qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics. This is a

monumental moment for me as the Olympics holds a special place in my heart!", Nagal posted on X. "One of my career highlights so far was participating in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Ever since then, Paris has been a big goal for me. Can't wait to put my best foot forward." The All India Tennis Association (AITA) had said that Nagal as per ITF was alternate till June 10, when the rankings were considered for qualification.

Rohan Bopanna and N Sriram Balaji will compete in the men's doubles event at Paris Games. Bopanna, being a top-10 player, had the choice to pick his partner. AITA approved his choice and paired him with Balaji. Nagal had enhanced qualification chances by winning the Heilbronn Challenger earlier this month as he broke into the top 80 of the ATP singles rankings. The Heilbronn victory was Nagal's second Challenger title

this season, having prevailed in the Chennai Challenger earlier this year. The 26-year-old Nagal has been making the waves since the start of the 2024 season as he qualified for the main draw of the Australian Open, where he made it to the second round with an upset win over then world number 37 Alexander Bublik. He had also qualified for the main draw of the Indian Wells Masters and Monte-Carlo Masters, the ATP 1000 events.

Shubhankar makes cut, but slips in third round of KLM Open



PTI ■ AMSTERDAM

Shubhankar Sharma, heading to the Paris Olympics in August, made the cut on the line in the second round of the KLM Open before suffering a round of 3-over 74 in the following round here. Sharma is now tied 67th. He had double bogey in the second round, and had two more in the third on the Par-3 fourth and Par-5 18th, which he had birdied on the opening two days. Overall, he had four birdies, three bogeys and two doubles on the third day, down four

places from the second round. The leader after two rounds was Mikko Korhonen (64-68), who was 10-under. He was yet to start his third round. The Finn made a hole-in-one en route a share of his lead on the opening day, and he added every score from two to seven in round two to move to 10 under. He was a shot clear of American Sean Crocker, who carded a 67, and two ahead of English duo Ross Fisher and James Morrison. Korhonen is a two-time winner on the DP World Tour, but his appearance at

last month's Soudal Open was his first in 12 months, and this is just the third event of his comeback from a spell out. A holed nine iron from 137 yards was the highlight of a second round that contained six birdies, two bogeys and a triple, and the 43-year-old was happy to be back on the Tour. Dane Rasmus Hojgaard matched the day's lowest round with a 65 to sit at seven under alongside England's Matthew Baldwin, Scot Ewen Ferguson, American Nicolo Galletti, Italian Matteo Manassero and German Matti Schmid.



Indian women compound archery team wins hat-trick of World Cup gold medals

PTI ■ ANTALYA (TURKEY)

Indian compound women's archery team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur continued their imperious form this season, securing a hat-trick of World Cup gold medals with a win over Estonia in the third stage of the event here on Saturday. The trio, who had qualified as the top-seed, beat Estonia's Lisell Jaatma, Meeri-Marita Paas and Maris Tetsmann, 232-229 in a one-sided final here. The women's compound team thus has been unbeatable this season, having won the World Cup Stage 1 and Stage 2 gold medals in Shanghai and Yecheon in April and May respectively. Indian male compound archer Priyansh is also fighting for a bronze later in the day. In the recurve section, Ankita Bhakat and Dhiraj Bommadevara are also in the hunt for two medals, having advanced to their respective individual semifinals.



Gangjee holds on in close finish to win Selangor Masters golf title

PTI ■ SELANGOR (MALAYSIA)

Rahil Gangjee won the RPKNS Selangor Masters despite six bogeys in his 3-over 73 on the final day as he prevailed over Deyen Lawson (69) by one shot, here Saturday. The 45-year-old veteran, who had started the day with a five shot lead, finished at 8-under for the wire-to-wire win as Lawson was 7-under. Gangjee's five-shot lead going into the final round disappeared within a matter of holes as he was unable to find the form that he seemed to have had since round one. With three bogeys in his first nine, and another to match on hole 10, he soon found himself neck and neck with Thailand's Runchanapong Youprayong. It was Gangjee's second win on the ADT after his 2018 success at Louis Philippe Cup in India. He has two Asian Tour wins - first in 2004 in Volkswagen Masters in Beijing and then 14 years later in Panasonic Open in Japan. In 2011 and 2012 he played on the Nationwide Tour in the US and also played between 2020 and 2022 in Japan. Local rising star Marcus Lim and Australia's Deyen Lawson

were breathing down his neck and just one shot behind in the USD 175,000 Asian Development Tour event. Gangjee was able to birdie the par-three hole 12 and then the Par-5 13th as he stayed ahead. Another birdie came on the 16th. By the time he reached the 17th tee, Runchanapong had dropped away with a double bogey on 16th and only Lawson was left, two shots behind. Those two shots vanished as Gangjee bogeyed 17th and 18th. Lawson's birdie on 17 meant the pair were heading down the final fairway with just one shot between them. Both managed only bogeys on the 18th and Gangjee was finally able to breathe to get the win at 272 and Lawson (69) in solo second in 273. Lim (69) and Runchanapong (69) were tied third. Poosit Suppramai (66) of Thailand posted the only bogey free round of the day, his four birdies helping into a share of fifth spot alongside compatriot Sarut Vongchaist (71). Saptak Talwar the only other Indian to make the cut shot 70 with three closing bogeys and was T-33rd.

AP ■ DORTMUND (GERMANY)

Portugal coach Roberto Martinez plucked out statistics to defend his continued selection of Cristiano Ronaldo after the striker's capacity to handle the physical intensity of the European Championship was questioned on Friday. The 39-year-old Ronaldo played the full game but didn't score in Portugal's group-stage opener, a come-from-behind 2-1 win against the Czech Republic on Tuesday. Next up for the five-time world player of the year is what promises to be an intense, atmospheric match against Turkey and its loud, passionate fans in Dortmund on Saturday.

Get out of the group and Portugal will have to play every four or five days to reach the final in Berlin on July 14. Martinez insisted that was not beyond Ronaldo, even at his age, and pointed to his record in the Saudi league with Al-Nassr in the recently completed season. "Can I ask you something?" Martinez replied when asked if Ronaldo's minutes might have to be managed at Euro 2024. "Do you know how many minutes Cristiano played last season?" The answer was 2,649 minutes in league play, the second highest for Al-Nassr behind Sadio Mane. Ronaldo started 31 of the team's 34 games, again behind only Mane's 32.



It was put to Martinez that the intensity of the Saudi league doesn't compare to what he is experiencing at Euro 2024 and that he doesn't need to press from the front as much with his club.

"I think when you are talking about atmosphere, it is about experience and how you handle big occasions," Martinez continued. "I don't think there is another player in world football who has had six

European Championships. "What is important to understand is what a player brings. For us, Cristiano brings experience, know-how, goalscoring opportunities, that movement in the box, the opportunity to open space. If you want to analyze his stats in terms of the physical, all you need to do is look at what he has done in the last 12 months." Martinez maintained Ronaldo was being picked because of what he continues to do, not simply what he has done in his storied career. "Cristiano is in the national team of Portugal because he deserves to be," Martinez said. "Cristiano has scored 51 goals in 50 games (last season). All

the physical stats just back up that he can play every four days." Ronaldo was dropped by Portugal for the knockout stage of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, where the team was coached by Fernando Santos and wound up getting eliminated by Morocco in the quarterfinals. Given Martinez's robust defense of Ronaldo, there appears little chance of that happening in Germany and he praised Ronaldo for his workrate and discipline against the Czechs, against whom he had three shots on target. "He is a player who is a poacher in the box," Martinez said, "and he will open space for other players.



Murray to have surgical procedure on injured back

AP ■ LONDON

Andy Murray will undergo a "surgical procedure" on his back Saturday before the former No. 1 makes a decision about trying to play at Wimbledon or the Paris Olympics. The 37-year-old Murray retired from his second-round match at Queen's Club on Wednesday because of back pain - the latest in a series of injuries that have slowed the two-time Wimbledon champion.

Murray, who has signaled his intention to retire later this year, stopped playing while trailing Jordan Thompson 4-1. He said he was experiencing problems with his right leg even before getting to the court. After three games, Murray received treatment on his surgically repaired right hip, right knee and lower back. His management team confirmed that he'd have the procedure Saturday. No other details were provided.

Mbappé out of France starting lineup

AP ■ LEIPZIG (GERMANY)

Kylian Mbappé was left out of France's starting lineup for its European Championship clash with the Netherlands on Friday. He was among the substitutes. Mbappé hadn't been certain to start after breaking his nose on Monday in the opening 1-0 win over Austria. Mbappé trained wearing a face mask on Thursday and coach Didier Deschamps sounded optimistic that his star forward would be able to play. But Deschamps evidently decided it was not worth the risk to start him against the physical Dutch defenders. Deschamps opted to go with Antoine Griezmann, Marcus Thuram and the unpredictable Ousmane Dembélé up front. Griezmann played further back against Austria, but Real Madrid midfielder

Aurélien Tchouaméni has recovered from injury to start, and Griezmann can expect to play closer to the goal. Mbappé appeared relaxed when he got off the team bus upon arrival at the stadium. He wore sunglasses but no bandage on his nose as he had when he resumed light training on Wednesday.



He emerged before Friday's game wearing a black face mask - not the red, white and blue mask he wore on Thursday - for the team's warmup, and sat on a football initially while the rest of his teammates stretched out. He was coaxed off the ball by a coach, then spent some time adjusting the mask and tapping it, as if to test its suitability, before he joined the substitutes in kicking a ball around. France and the Netherlands are level on three points in Group D. France has won seven of the teams' last eight meetings.



Olympic silver medalist Schnell, Capobianco grab semifinal leads at US diving trials

AP ■ KNOXVILLE (TENNESSE, USA)

Delaney Schnell led on the women's 10-meter tower after the semifinals, and Andrew Capobianco set the pace in men's 3-meter springboard at the U.S. Olympic diving trials on Friday night. Schnell is looking to add a second event to her schedule in Paris after qualifying in synchronized 10-meter with Jess Parratto. A silver medalist with Parratto at the Tokyo Games, Schnell scored 325.95 points in the individual event to lead Daryn Wright by 18.10 heading into the Sunday final. Sophia McAfee was third with 275.10. Capobianco topped the men's event with 507.25. He scored 91.65 and 91.20 on his last two dives to take a 21.65-point lead into the Sunday final. Carson Tyler was next with 485.60, with Luke Sitz holding down the third spot at 430.10. Scores from the semifinals carry over to the finals. The top two in men's 3-meter qualify for the Olympics, while only the winner of the women's 10-meter earns a spot. It's shaping up to be a busy weekend for Tyler, who led after the platform semifinals. He will be attempting to earn an Olympic berth in that event on Saturday before returning for the springboard final a day later.

Richardson overcomes wobbly start for win in first heat at Olympic trials

AP ■ EUGENE (OREGON, USA)

Her burst out of the starting block was more like a wobble. Sha'Carri Richardson also raced with one of her shoelaces untied. None of it mattered much on the opening night of U.S. Olympic track trials. Even in a race that was far from a masterpiece, Richardson was the fastest 100-meter sprinter in Friday's preliminary round and set herself up to race for a spot in the Paris Olympics. She finished in 10.88 seconds - fastest of any of the 34 sprinters spread over four races, and a mere .02 seconds off the time she ran three years ago, when she won the trials, only to have the victory erased by a positive test for marijuana.

"That tells me I'm prepared," she said in a post-race interview with NBC. "I just need to put it all together." Richardson will be back on the track Saturday for the semifinals. If she finishes in the top two in that race, she'll go for the title less than two hours later. The top three finishers in the final will head to Paris, where Richardson would try to add that title to the world championship she won last year. The 24-year-old sprinter was the headliner on opening night at University of Oregon's Hayward Field, wearing a gold-and-black running suit with her trademark, long nails to match. But when the gun sounded, she bounced out of the block and warbled across

her lane as she struggled to get upright. She was briefly in last place. Not until she was a good 10 steps down the track did she hit her stride, then hit overdrive and pass the other eight racers. "I definitely didn't have the start I've been training to have in this moment," she said. "But I'm still not panicking. I'm staying patient and knowing no matter what's going on, to continue to run my race." Other winners in the 100 prelims included 2022 national champion Melissa Jefferson and NCAA 100 and 200-meter champion McKenzie Long of Ole Miss. Noah Lyles starts his quest for the Olympic 100 in the men's prelims Saturday. For Richardson, things went sideways shortly after her



victory at trials in 2021, when her marijuana positive was revealed, after which she disclosed she had been battling with depression in the wake of her mother's recent death and

other issues. Ever since, she has been on a long comeback that she looks at in a different way - "I'm not back, I'm better." And, by almost every count - especially

the ones the public can chart on the track - she is. She came into trials as the reigning world champion, and also with a victory on this track last month in the Prefontaine Classic. She is the early favorite to win the Olympics in what is always a stacked field filled with Jamaicans. Asked how she's dealing with her rising fortunes, she said, "I'm enjoying the recognition of hard work, the support that comes with it." "The fact that the world can see so much work I've done on myself, for myself, and the world receives that, I'm appreciative and I will always show up for my fans," she said. 10,000 metersGrant Fisher won the 10,000 meters in 27

minutes, 49.47 seconds and joined Woody Kinkaid and NCAA record-holder Nico Young as the first three athletes to officially earn their spots on the team at trials. As an added bonus, they were the first three who got to sign the base of a miniature Eiffel Tower that's on display at Hayward Field this week. Running for Northern Arizona, Young ran 26:52.72 to shave nearly 16 seconds off the men's 10,000-meter college record in March. "I feel like this is where I saw my season going, and to execute it today is surreal," he said. Wilson's RecordQuincy Wilson doesn't even have a driver's license yet, but he now has a world record.

ENGLAND AIM FOR MASSIVE WIN OVER USA TO STAY IN SEMIFINAL RACE

PTI ■ BRIDGETOWN

Defending champions England will need their power hitters to do the job against a demoralised yet tricky USA in their final Super 8 match as they eye a huge win to keep themselves in contention for a semifinal spot at the T20 World Cup here on Sunday. England batters couldn't produce the big hits while chasing a target of 164 during their last Super 8 match against South Africa, suffering a narrow seven-run loss on Friday. West Indies' massive nine-wicket win over the USA has opened up the group, leaving England with the task of notching up a big victory to push their net run-rate up as it might come down to it in the end. While South Africa are currently sitting atop the Group 2 with two wins, both West Indies and England have a win and a loss each with the former having a better NRR than the latter.

However, no team is assured of a semifinal berth and England will need to defeat USA by either 10 runs or at least an over to spare to stay in contention for the semifinals. For SA, a loss -- even in a Super Over -- against WI in their final match will knock them out of the race if England can achieve their task. If SA win and England lose to USA, it will again be a three-way tie between WI, ENG and USA for the second spot and the team with better run-rate will go through to the knockout stage. England batters produced an authoritative performance against the West Indies but they failed to tame the SA bowlers and faltered in their chase of 164 on Friday. Phil Salt has been in great form, having blasted two centuries, a fifty, and three thirties in his last 10 T20Is but his early dismissal meant England couldn't get the explosive start as Jos Buttler and Jonny Bairstow couldn't quite bring out the big shots.



Harry Brook (53) and Liam Livingstone (33) played sensibly to take the chase deep but England eventually failed to score 25 runs in the last three overs. However, despite the loss, England's batting remains a formidable force which the likes of Saurabh Netravalkar and Harmeet Singh will find tough to tame. In the bowling unit, Adil Rashid and Jofra Archer have been their standout bowlers with 13 and 12 wickets each but Mark Wood's form will be a cause of worry as apart from a three-wicket haul, he couldn't get any wicket in his last 5 T20Is. For the co-hosts USA, it has been a reality check after a stunning show in the group stage. They suffered successive losses and their entry into the semifinal will be a miracle as they are alive in the tournament only mathematically. USA will need to beat England by 80 runs in their final game and also hope that South Africa outwits WI by more than 67 runs to make the semifinal on the basis of NRR.

For US, Andries Gous and Aaron Jones have done the heavy lifting in the batting department and they will need support from the entire team as it will take more than a few individual performances to get it across the defending champions. Jones has been leading the sides since USA have been without skipper Monank Patel following their game against Pakistan. **TEAMS (FROM)**
England: Jos Buttler (c), Moen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonathan Bairstow, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Tom Hartley, Will Jacks, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Reece Topley and Mark Wood.
USA: Monank Patel (c), Aaron Jones, Andries Gous, Corey Anderson, Ali Khan, Harmeet Singh, Jessy Singh, Milind Kumar, Nisarg Patel, Nitish Kumar, Noshtul Kenjige, Saurabh Nathralvakar, Shadley Van Schalkwyk, Steven Taylor, Shayan Jahangir. Reserve Players: Gajanan Singh, Juanoy Drysdale, Yasir Mohammad.

India women eye ODI series clean sweep against South Africa

PTI ■ BENGALURU

India were able to tame varied challenges thrown at them by South Africa so far, and they will be eager to take the series to its fitting conclusion of a 3-0 margin during the third and final ODI here on Sunday. Currently, the margin stands 2-0 in favour of India but that insuperable position has not come without its own trials by fire. In the first match, the Indian batters had to come back from a perilous 99 for five before making a 260-plus total. The home side bowlers defended the target well too. But in the second game, it was the turn of the Indian bowlers to ace the test that they were subjected to by centurions Laura Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp on a placid pitch. Despite the heavy pounding, they kept their nerves till the last ball of the match to come out on the right side of the result. However, the common thread across these two matches was the exceptional batting of



Smriti Mandhana, who made 117 and 136 in them. Mandhana thus became the first India woman batter to score two successive hundreds in ODIs, and she also equalled Mithali Raj's record of seven one-day centuries.

So, the Indian vice-captain will be eager to sign off from the ODI series on a high before entering the one-off Test at Chennai from June 28. The timely return to form of skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, who made an 88-ball 103 in

the second match, too might have pleased the management no end. However, the think tank will be eager to see a substantial outing from opener Shafali Verma, whose run of low scores has now been extended to eight matches.

With the series already in kitty, India might also give an outing to fringe players such as bowlers Shreyanka Patil, Saika Ishaque and top-order batter Priya Punia. On the other hand, South Africa will be keen to win the

match and gain at least two ICC Women's ODI Championship points, critical in their qualification for next year's 50-over World Cup. Of course, a win will go a long way in instilling a dose of confidence ahead of the Test and the ensuing T20I series. But for that, the visitors will need a concerted effort from their batters and bowlers. **TEAMS (FROM):**
India: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (WK), Uma Chetry (WK), Dayalan Hemalatha, Radha Yadav, Asha Sobhana, Shreyanka Patil, Saika Ishaque, Pooja Vastrakar, Renuka Singh Thakur, Arundhati Reddy, Priya Punia.
South Africa: Laura Wolvaardt (c), Anneke Bosch, Tazmin Brits, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Mieke de Ridder, Sinalo Jafa, Marizanne Kapp, Ayabonga Khaka, Masabata Klaas, Sune Luus, Eliz-Mari Marz, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Tumi Sekhukune, Nondumiso Shangase, Delmi Tucker.



SA bowlers had good plans and pulled it off against England: Markram

PTI ■ GROS ISLET (ST LUCIA)

South Africa skipper Aiden Markram applauded his bowlers for sealing a thrilling seven-run victory against England in a T20 World Cup Super Eight match here on Friday, saying they did not wilt under pressure. England needed just 25 runs in the last three overs with six wickets in hand but tight bowling left them stranded at 156/6 in their chase of 164 on an easy-paced wicket with even bounce. "Last three overs we had a lot against us but the bowlers had good plans and pulled it off," said Markram, whose side's innings was built around opener Quinton de Kock's fine 65 off 38 balls. "If I am greedy, we were 10-20 short especially after the start we got. Not quite played a complete game of cricket but we are on the right track." He singled out de Kock for special praise, who dished out a second good performance in the Super Eight stage and helped South Africa win their sixth game on the bounce in the World Cup. "Quinn (de Kock) has been good for us in the last two games. It was a bit nerve-

wracking in those (last three) overs but it can happen. The plans were there just the execution wasn't. I'm grateful that catch (of Harry Brook) stuck," he added. England skipper Jos Buttler too praised De Kock for his enterprising batting. "Quinton came in with a lot of intent and we couldn't quite match that. We pulled it back and were happy to chase that target, but his innings was the difference. We came back well with the ball. "(Harry) Brook and (Liam) Livingstone had a fantastic partnership to get us close and even look like favourites but credit to South Africa for closing out the game," he said. De Kock, who picked up his second 'Player of the Match' in Super Eight, said he just tried to carry on from where he had left off against the USA in the previous game. De Kock had scored 74 off 40 deliveries in the opening Super Eight game. "I try to carry on confidence game by game. We bowled really well in the powerplay and we controlled it very nicely. To be able to defend 160 on a decent wicket is a good effort from us."

West Indies crush USA by 9 wickets

PTI ■ BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

Opener Shai Hope blasted an unbeaten 82 as West Indies came back roaring to crush the United States of America by nine wickets in the T20 World Cup Group 2 Super Eight match here. After bowling out the USA for a mere 128 in 19.5 overs, the West Indies batters went all guns blazing from the word go to knock off the target in 10.5 overs to make 130/1, recording a comfortable win. The win improved West Indies' standing in the Group 2 points table. The Caribbean side, which had suffered an eight-wicket hammering from England on Wednesday, is now placed second with two points and a Net Run Rate of 1.814. Johnson Charles fell for a 14-ball 15 with a couple of fours early on but the pair of Hope (82 not out) and Nicholas Pooran did the job for their



side, smacking the USA bowlers all around the park here at the Kensington Oval.

Hope made a mincemeat of the USA bowling as the right-handed wicketkeeper-batter

clattered eight sixes and four fours to make 82 not out from just 39 balls, with Pooran

reaching 27 not out from 13 balls with three sixes and a four. Hope remained at the forefront of WI's chase as he forged a 67-run stand for the opening partnership with Charles and then added another 63 runs unbeaten for the second wicket with Pooran, which came off only 23 balls as the Caribbean side ruled the roost. Earlier after the West Indies put USA in to bat first, Andre Russell (3.5-0-31-3) and Roston Chase (4-0-19-3) made life tough for the opposition batters. After an early blow in the form of Steven Taylor (2) who was caught at point by chase of Russell, the pair of Andreis Gous and Nitish Kumar (20) forged a strong partnership to revive USA and take them ahead but they both fell after making their respective starts. Nitish was trapped leg-before by West Indies spinner

Gudakesh Motie for 20 off 19 balls with two fours and Gous, who hit three fours and a six in his rapid 29 off 16 balls, was caught at deep midwicket by Hope off Alzarri Joseph in the eighth over and that was when USA's decline began. None of the following USA batters could trouble the West Indies as the tournament co-hosts kept chipping away with regular wickets, denying their opponents any momentum with the bat. USA skipper Aaron Jones (11) was cleaned up by Chase who looked unplayable. Chase grabbed another wicket when he had the veteran Corey Anderson trapped leg-before for seven. Harmeet Singh, who had provided fireworks with the bat for the USA against South Africa in the last match, fell for a first-ball duck when Chase had him caught by Charles to ensure West Indies remained on top of the proceedings.

Afghanistan set for stern Australia test in T20 World Cup Super Eight game

PTI ■ KINGSTOWN (ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES)

Astern test awaits Afghanistan as they take on a rampant Australia in their T20 World Cup Super Eight Group 1 clash here on Sunday. Coming off a 47-run thrashing at the hands of India, Afghanistan will be under pressure not just to record a win but also to improve their Net Run Rate which took a severe hit after the loss in their first Super Eight game. Afghanistan are placed third with a NRR of -2.350 and it will be an uphill task for them to improve that as well as move up in the points table in a group which also consists Bangladesh. While Rahmanullah Gurbaz (178 runs) and Ibrahim Zadran (160) have been at the forefront of Afghanistan batting, they need more from their middle and lower-order batters in terms of contribution. Both Fazalhaq Farooqi (15 wickets) and Rashid Khan (9)

have made life tough for batters consistently across varied pitches in the Americas and they will be crucial to stop the battery of in-form Australian batters who like to keep things in their control. Afghanistan showed their all-round skills in the group stage to finish second behind the West Indies but they will have to find their 'A' game to stop the 2021 winners Australia, who have notched up five wins in a row. At the top, David Warner (169 runs) and Travis Head's (179) destructive opening pair can take down the best of bowling attacks and in such a scenario, Rashid's use of Farooqi and himself could have a big impact on the proceedings. The two teams last met in the ODI World Cup in 2023. It was in Mumbai where Glenn Maxwell had played a once-in-a-generation knock to notch up a sensational double hundred while battling cramps all over his body, with Pat Cummins in tow who provided sturdy support from



the other end. Afghanistan would certainly be motivated to exact revenge for that loss in a format wherein they feel most comfortable and have the skills and mindset to excel but it

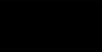
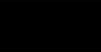

remains to be seen if Rashid's side can execute their plans to perfection. Like South Africa, Mitchell Marsh's Australia have established themselves as one of the formidable sides in the

tournament with plenty of firepower in their ranks. Maxwell's form remains a concern but Australia have a perfect cover in Tim David, the burly all-rounder who has also been honing his skills as a leg-

spinner in order to add more to the bowling strength. Marcus Stoinis' presence in the middle and lower order makes Australia's batting look deeper and his current form - 156 runs in three matches at 190.24 - makes him one to watch out for. Pat Cummins' hat-trick in the last game against Scotland notwithstanding, the Australians will be challenged to improve their fielding in general after they spilled a total of six catches in which Marsh alone dropped three. Adam Zampa (11) is ranked second in the list of most wicket-takers in this World Cup and the leg-spinner remains Australia's best bet with the ball after the big three quicks. **TEAMS (FROM):**
Australia: Mitchell Marsh (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis (wk), Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade (wk), David

Warner and Adam Zampa. **Afghanistan:** Rashid Khan (c), Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran, Azmatullah Omarzai, Najibullah Zadran, Mohammad Ishaq,

Mohammad Nabi, Gulbadin Naib, Karim Janat, Nangyal Kharoti, Hazratullah Zazai, Noor Ahmad, Naveen-ul-Haq, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Fareed Ahmad Malik.



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A decorative wooden boat-shaped platter filled with various sushi, including nigiri, maki, and sashimi, garnished with flowers and soy sauce.

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Glitz, Glamour, Neon lights secretly protect a soul that resonates profound Japanese traditions and heritage in Tokyo, discovers SHARMILA CHAND

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Edesia, Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla and Viva, Holiday Inn Aerocity, are delighted to announce an exclusive South Indian food festival, Dakshin Yatra Flavours of South, from June 22 to June 30, 2024. Guests are invited to embark on a culinary journey through the rich and diverse cuisines of South India, with dining experiences available every evening from 7 PM to 11 PM at both locations. Dakshin Yatra promises an authentic and immersive experience with a menu specially curated by the esteemed Chef Reghunath, who will be traveling from Kochi to share his expertise and passion for authentic South Indian cuisine. The festival will feature famous dishes such as Chettinad Chicken, Kerala Prawn & Mango Curry, Dindigul Biryani, Thalassery Biryani, Bisi Bele Bath, Malabar Parotta, and many more. The Dakshin Yatra festival is an opportunity for our guests to experience the rich and diverse flavors of South India right here in New Delhi, says Mr. Shuvendu Banerjee, General Manager at Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla. "We are thrilled to bring this unique experience to our guests, with Chef Reghunath's exceptional expertise

adding an authentic touch to every dish, says Mr Amit Rana, General Manager at Holiday Inn New Delhi International Airport. Complementing the food, the festival will offer a selection of unique cocktails and mocktails that capture the essence of South India, including Madras Magic, Kerala Coconut Cooler, Andhra Mango Mojito, Udupi Uplifter, Ambuli Juice, Neer Majjige, Panakam, Panna, and Nimbu Pani. The ambience at Edesia and Viva will transport guests to the vibrant and culturally rich regions of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. Both restaurants will be adorned with traditional decor, colourful displays, and installations representing the distinct art and culture of these southern states. A dedicated vendor will enhance the dining experience by transforming the space into a visual celebration of South India's heritage.

“That’s my gift. I let that negativity roll off me like water off a duck’s back. If it’s not positive, I didn’t hear it. If you can overcome that, fights are easy”
— George Foreman



Water is a driving force and fuel for all nature. India’s water crisis is increasing day by day, especially in metropolitan cities. To address this problem is the urgent need of the hour, say **DR KAUSHAL KANT MISHRA** and **DR VINAY PATHAK**

SCARY SCARCITY OF LIFE’S DRIVING FORCE

Water is the key resource for sustaining life on Earth. It permeates every aspect of our existence, from the biological processes that occur within our bodies to the agricultural systems that produce our food or source of energy. The critical nature of water is further underscored by its finite availability and the essential roles it plays in maintaining ecosystems, supporting economic activities, and ensuring human health and well-being.

As global populations continue to rise and climate change intensifies, the pressure on our water resources is mounting, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable management and conservation practices. The significance of water cannot be overstated; it is the lifeblood of our planet, making the stewardship of this precious resource a paramount concern for all.

Securing water resources is paramount because, unlike energy, there are no alternative sources for water. It is an imperative that transcends environmental and geopolitical boundaries. We are often guided by the same motivations and methodologies in water related matters like we do for energy. However, unlike energy, which could benefit from a diverse array of alternative sources, water remains singular in its indispensability and irreplaceability. Energy resources can be substituted, green sources for fossil fuel, solar for coal, nuclear power for thermal power and so on. The situation is quite different when it comes to water.

The total volume of water present on planet earth is constant. If we discount the amount of water contained in meteors, water does not come to this planet in any significant form. Our exorbitant exploitation of this natural reserve is making water ratio available for human diminish alarmingly.

Alternative energy resources like wind energy, solar energy, have become quite reliable alternatives to the traditional fossil fuels. These alternative energy sources do provide pollution free and sustainable means for the planet’s energy needs. We can use ethanol for petrol or mixture of both and it still works.

In contrast, water has no such alternatives. These renewable sources are diverse and abundant, enabling a flexible and resilient energy supply system. There is no renewable or alternative water that can replace the freshwater required for drinking, sanitation, agriculture, and industrial processes. This stark difference underscores the critical nature of water and the imperative to manage it wisely.

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of the sun and wind, the same cannot be said for creating new sources of water. Thus, the focus must be on conserving and efficiently managing the water we have, ensuring its availability for future generations.

The absence of viable substitutes for water underscores the urgency of safeguarding our existing supplies through comprehensive, integrated approach encompassing the demand side and also the supply sides of the equation. Ensuring water security involves not only protecting the quality and quantity of freshwater sources but also includes improvements and in the water supply, transmission, sanitation infrastructure to withstand the impacts of climate change and population growth. This requires coordinated efforts at all levels of governance to commit and deploy far reaching policy reforms, technological innovations, and community engagement.

The stakes are high, as the failure to secure water resources could lead to severe social, economic, and environmental consequences. Let’s convince ourselves and decide to call water not as water resource but water reserves.

According to a US geological survey the total water reserves on this planet is 1.36 billion kms. Out of this only 2.5 per cent is freshwater and out of that 0.3 per cent is liquid while the rest is frozen in glaciers and poles. Scarcity of water is actually scarcity of access to water reserves, which is pervasive. As per UN estimates around two billion people suffer from some form of water stress. This number is only going to increase in near future.

In the Middle East and North Africa, the annual per capita water availability is less than 500 cubic meters, far below the threshold for water access. Similarly, in Sub-Saharan Africa, recurrent droughts exacerbate the already limited access to safe drinking water, affecting both rural and urban populations.

The world’s most populous countries, India and China face significant challenges due to the over-extraction of groundwater depletion and water reserve contamination. In Chennai, the situation turned dire in 2019 when the city’s reservoirs dried up, leading to a severe drought. This crisis was exacerbated by delayed monsoons and overdependence on groundwater, prompting emergency measures like water tankers and rationing. Bengaluru’s crisis this year in April needs no reminder.

The local impacts of water reserve access are profound and varied, affecting communities in different ways depending on their geographic, economic, and social contexts. In regions like California in the United States, prolonged droughts have led to severe water restrictions, affecting agricultural productivity and leading to economic losses.

In India, the state of Maharashtra has experienced recurrent droughts, leading to crop failures and driving rural-to-urban migration as farmers seek alternative livelihoods. These local impacts highlight the interconnectedness of water scarcity with other critical issues such as food security, economic stability, and social cohesion.

Overuse and mismanagement of water reserves are primary drivers of water scarcity. In agriculture, inefficient irrigation practices lead to significant water wastage. For example, traditional flood irrigation methods can lose up to 50 per cent of water to evaporation and runoff. Transitioning to more efficient methods, such as drip irrigation, can substantially reduce water use while maintaining crop yields. In industry, water is often used in large quantities for processes such as cooling, cleaning, and manufacturing. Without proper recycling and reuse strategies, this water is discharged as waste, contributing to the depletion of local water reserve sources. Household mismanagement also plays a role, with excessive water use for

activities such as lawn watering, car washing, and inefficient fixtures leading to unnecessary wastage. Addressing these issues requires a multifaceted approach that includes technological innovation, regulatory measures, and public awareness campaigns to promote more sustainable water use practices across all sectors.

Climate change has a profound impact on global water cycles, exacerbating water reserve access scarcity and contributing to the depletion of freshwater reserves. Rising temperatures lead to increased evaporation rates, reducing the availability of surface water in lakes, rivers, and reservoirs. There may be increased rainfall and flooding which sometime increases the chances of contamination of water supplies and infrastructure damage. The variability and unpredictability of climate change’s effects on water availability necessitate adaptive management strategies that can respond to these changing conditions. This includes enhancing water storage infrastructure, improving water use efficiency, and developing robust monitoring and forecasting systems to better manage water resources in a changing climate.

In many developing countries, inadequate sanitation infrastructure exacerbates the problem, leading to widespread contamination of drinking water reserves. Addressing water pollution requires stringent regulatory measures to control industrial emissions, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and improve waste management systems.

Further, increasing the expenditure in water treatment methods may help mitigate the problem. Public awareness and education campaigns are also crucial in promoting responsible behaviour and reducing pollution at the reserve source. The health and well-being of communities depend on the availability of clean and safe water, making the

prevention and mitigation of water reserve pollution which is a critical component of water reserve management.

Thus, the call to action is clear: we must prioritize water reserves as a central pillar of sustainable development. Efficient water reserves management is key to tackling the problem. We have to ensure sustainable use of water resources. In agriculture, the adoption of advanced irrigation techniques, such as drip-irrigation and sprinkler based systems, can significantly reduce water use while maintaining or even improving crop yields. These new and innovative technologies deliver water directly to the plant roots and reducing the overall need for water.

In the industrial sector, recycled water supply in-plant reuse policy may substantially decrease water consumption. By treating and reusing wastewater within industrial processes, companies can reduce their reliance on freshwater sources and lower their environmental impact. Household water-saving technologies, such as low-flow fixtures, dual-flush toilets, and rainwater harvesting systems, can also contribute to significant water savings.

Encouraging the widespread adoption of these technologies requires supportive policies, financial incentives, and public awareness campaigns. By implementing efficient water management practices across all sectors, we can reduce water wastage, enhance water security, and promote sustainable development.

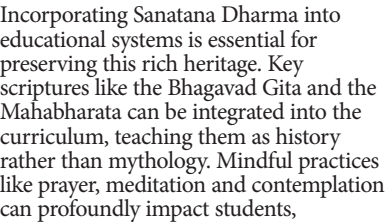
All individuals, industries, and governments need to act collectively and urgently to protect and manage our water reserves. The right time to get together and respond to the call for action is right now. The water we save today is the water we generate for tomorrow.

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Inspired by her Guru, Om Swami, she now leads the Vedic Sadhana Foundation, making Sanatana Dharma accessible to the modern world says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

not only preserved but also revitalised in a way that resonates with today's youth. Priyanka's decision to transition from the corporate world was influenced by several pivotal moments. Under her Guru's guidance, her interest in exploring the depths of Dharma grew. The powerful teachings of the Bhagavad Gita and other scriptures offered profound answers and insights into life. A particularly significant experience was when her daughter, attending a Catholic school, expressed a desire to become a disciple of Jesus at the age of seven. This moment highlighted the disconnection from their own cultural heritage. Priyanka began sharing stories from the Puranas with her daughter and practicing more rituals at home. These experiences deepened her love for Bhagawan and solidified her path. In times of despair, her Guru was her pillar of strength, much like Krishna to Draupadi, leading her to share this journey with others.

At the Vedic Sadhana Foundation, Priyanka strives to make ancient teachings reliable to the younger generation by meeting them where they are online. The foundation has developed the world's first app for Mantra Sadhana, empowering youth globally through the practice of meditation and mantra chanting. The Sadhana App, used by 90,000 people globally, 75% of whom are youth, makes these practices accessible. Additionally, the foundation holds free Sadhana events across India, allowing youth to collectively embrace and understand the meaning behind these practices. Engaging directly with their curiosity, the foundation answers thousands of queries on their helpdesk, showcasing the beauty and richness of Dharma, which encourages personal exploration and empowers youth to lead better lives.



encouraging them to reflect on higher questions of life. Well-trained teachers who understand Sanatana Dharma can inspire students with its values and virtues. Celebrating traditional festivals, rituals and practices creates a vibrant cultural environment, helping students connect with their heritage. Technology, like the Sadhana App, can also be

incorporated into the curriculum, providing students with practical tools for spiritual growth and self-discovery. The impact of the Vedic Sadhana Foundation's work is evident in stories like Priya's, who found solace and purpose through the Sadhana App. Struggling with severe mental health issues, Priya discovered the app and started with simple mantra chanting. The practices brought her a profound sense of calm and clarity, transforming her life. Inspired to learn more about Sanatana Dharma, Priya found a renewed sense of purpose and a stronger spiritual foundation. Her story is a powerful testament to the foundation's life-changing impact.

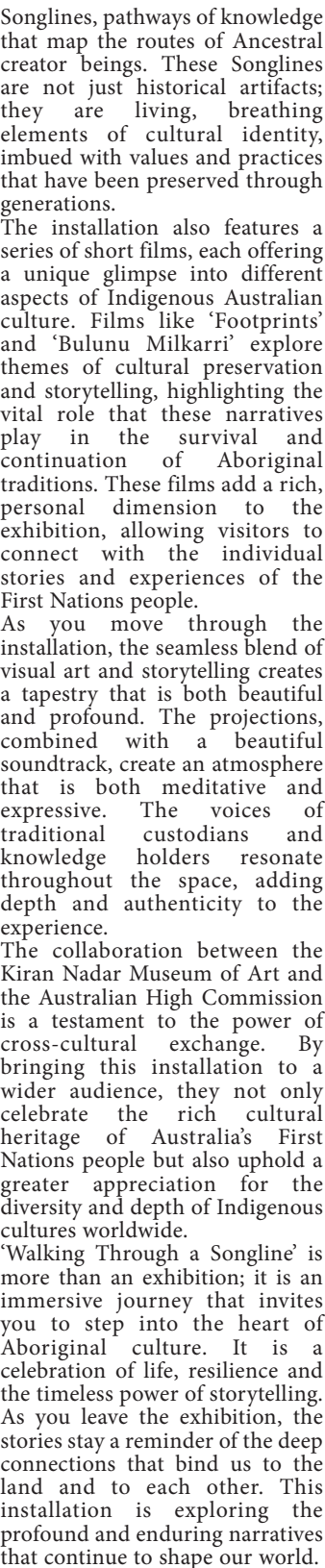
One major challenge in promoting Sanatana Dharma is the reluctance to discuss religion openly. The foundation addresses this by leading by example, proudly celebrating heritage and showcasing its transformative power. Modern-day disengagement from traditional practices due to time constraints and lack of access to authentic information is another challenge. The Sadhana App, created by Om Swami, makes these practices accessible to all, demonstrating their profound impact. Priyanka's vision for the Vedic Sadhana Foundation is to become a global beacon for Sanatana Dharma, making ancient Indian wisdom accessible and transformative for people worldwide. The foundation plans to establish a stronger presence, inspire the younger generation and collaborate with patrons to ensure a lasting legacy. Upcoming initiatives include the Sadhana Tablet, a dedicated device for performing Sadhana, and the Astro Sadhana App, which integrates astrology with spiritual practices. Programs for children will help them connect with their spiritual roots from an early age.

With a global audience, the foundation plans to expand its reach to digital platforms and establish a strategic physical presence. Relocating to the USA, Priyanka aims to bring ancient Indian wisdom to the forefront, mirroring historical efforts of saints who spread this knowledge globally. By making digital offerings more accessible and organising on-ground events, the foundation hopes to inspire pride in heritage and embrace Sanatana Dharma worldwide.

Priyanka's personal journey and spiritual practice under the mentorship of Om Swami have profoundly influenced her leadership and the foundation's direction. Rediscovering the transformative power of Sanatana Dharma, she integrates these ancient practices into modern life, driving the foundation's mission to reconnect individuals with their spiritual roots and promoting mental and emotional well-being through ancient practices.

In a world increasingly disconnected from its roots, Priyanka Anand and the Vedic Sadhana Foundation stand as powerful advocates for the preservation and promotion of Sanatana Dharma. Through innovative use of technology, educational initiatives and a profound commitment to spiritual growth, they are ensuring that the timeless wisdom of ancient India continues to thrive and inspire future generations. Priyanka's journey from a corporate leader to a spiritual guide is not just a personal transformation but a beacon of hope for all seeking deeper meaning and connection in their lives. Her work is a reminder that, with dedication and vision, it is possible to bridge the gap between the ancient and the modern, creating a harmonious path forward for all.

Walking Through a Songline” is a mesmerising digital installation that merges the ancient wisdom of indigenous Australian Songlines with cutting-edge technology. Presented by the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art and the Australian High Commission, this immersive experience, crafted by the National Museum of Australia and Mosster Studio, takes visitors on a profound journey through the rich tapestry of Aboriginal culture, offering a unique blend of storytelling, art and innovation says **SAKSHI PRIYA**



Stepping into 'Walking Through a Songline' feels like crossing the threshold into another world, one where ancient stories and modern technology converge in a harmonious dance. It feels surreal as it presents an impressive vision of a 'Perfect World'. It feels like a soulful journey, offering a quiet, therapeutic way that allows the mind to wander into its own world.

The collaboration between the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art and the Australian High Commission brings forth a groundbreaking digital installation, 'Walking Through a Songline.' Produced by the National Museum of Australia and Mosster Studio, this captivating experience promises to be a cultural journey like no other transforms the abstract into the creating an environment that is both surreal and profoundly real.

The installation, produced by the National Museum of Australia and Mosster Studio, centers around the captivating story of Naji, which originates from the Dreaming or Bugarregarre time. This narrative is a cornerstone of Aboriginal culture, detailing how spirit beings traversed a barren land, bringing life and water in their wake. As you walk through the space, these stories unfold through a series of stunning projections, enveloping you in a world that feels both timeless and immediate.

One of the most compelling aspects of this installation is its ability to evoke a sense of peace and introspection. The quiet,

therapeutic atmosphere invites visitors to lose themselves in the journey, much like the spirit beings did as they traversed the land. Each projection is a doorway into a different facet of the story, each detail meticulously crafted to draw you deeper into the narrative. Visitors are taken on a journey through mesmerising projections that portray Songlines in an artistic and astonishing way. This immersive experience blends ancient knowledge with new technology, allowing visitors to sit quietly in front of each short film and feeling transported to another world. The calm and therapeutic nature of the installation resonates with everyone present.

The tale of the Seven Sisters, a highlight of the exhibition, is presented with a blend of awe and reverence. Known as Kungkarangkalpa, the story follows the sisters as they are pursued across the desert landscape by Wati Nyiru. The narrative is brought to life through vibrant paintings by First Nations artists, which are projected onto the walls, creating a dynamic and immersive visual experience. The transformation of the sisters into stars is depicted with a poignancy that speaks to the universal themes of resilience and transformation.

'Walking Through a Songline' does more than tell a story; it creates an experience that bridges the ancient and the modern. The use of cutting-edge digital technology allows for a multi-sensory journey through the

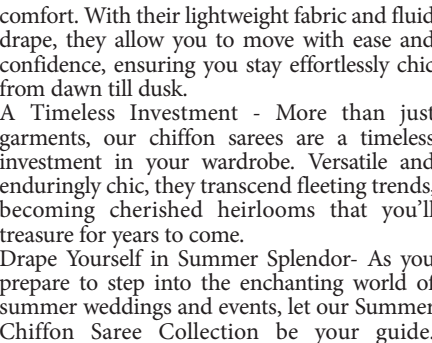
As the balmy breeze of summer is here, it's time to drape yourself in elegance and embrace the season's ethereal charm. We're thrilled to unveil our latest collection, curated especially for the enchanting summer weddings and soirées that await. Crafted with meticulous attention to detail and an unwavering commitment to sophistication, our Summer Chiffon Saree Collection captures the essence of grace and allure. Each saree is a masterpiece, designed to adorn you with effortless glamour and timeless beauty.

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Effortless Elegance, Unmatched Comfort - Designed with the modern woman in mind, your chiffon sarees marry elegance with



Immerse yourself in the sheer elegance of chiffon, and let each saree become a canvas upon which you paint your own summer story. Let this summer be your most stylish yet, as you enchant and captivate in the timeless beauty of chiffon sarees from Atelier Shikaarbagh.

About Atelier Shikaarbagh

Atelier Shikaarbagh is not just a brand, but a celebration of heritage and style. With a legacy inspired by fashion icons Rani Urmila Rajeev of Dhholpur and Rajmata Gayatri Devi of Jaipur, the brand encapsulates the essence of timeless elegance and grace. The brand is now led by visionary Founder & Head Designer, Maayanakraj Singh. Atelier Shikaarbagh is a sanctuary of sartorial splendor, where each creation is a masterpiece in its own right. From resplendent sarees adorned with intricate embroidery to bespoke wedding poshaks that exude regal charm, every creation is meticulously crafted to perfection. The essence of each garment is steeped in heritage craft and design narratives that have stood the test of time. The expression molds itself to the vision and desires of a proud traditional patron, finding their personal signature in a rapidly evolving local, regional and international fashion and styling arena.

Their designs have been worn by some of the most prominent personalities, including the esteemed Mrs. Kokilaben Ambani, Mrs. Nita Ambani, Mrs. Smriti Z Irani, Princess Sarvathai-Hassan, Mrs. Sharmila Tagore, Mrs. Hemamalini, Mrs. Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mrs. Jahnnavi Kapoor, and members of Indian and International royal families.

Let me know if you require any more information.

“Chandu Champion,” directed by Kabir Khan and produced by Sajid Nadiadwala under Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, is an enthralling biographical sports drama that tells the inspiring story of Murlikant Petkar, India’s first Paralympics gold medallist

Kartik Aryan stars in the lead role, capturing the essence of a dream that perseveres against all odds and ultimately becomes a reality. The film follows Murlikant Petkar's life, from his challenging childhood to overcoming personal trauma and societal ridicule. Known as 'Chandu', Petkar's journey is marked by resilience, perseverance and an indomitable spirit that defies the label of 'loser' and aims for Olympic glory. This movie introduces the world to Murlikant Petkar, a hero whose name and achievements were unknown to many, beautifully depicting his journey and making sure everyone knows about the hero who fought for our country and made us proud.

Kartik Aryan delivers an exceptional performance in "Chandu Champion," showcasing his versatility and dedication to the craft. His portrayal of Murlikant Petkar is deeply moving, capturing the essence of the character's struggles and triumphs with authenticity. Aryan's physical transformation for the role is truly inspirational, highlighting his commitment to portraying the character authentically. His performance is an exemplification to his talent and serves as a powerful anchor for the film. Aryan's dedication to the role shines through, making it one of his standout performances. Vijay Raaz, portraying Tiger Ali, provides a perfect balance to the film with

his nuanced performance. The on-screen chemistry between Aryan and Raaz adds a compelling dynamic, enriching the narrative with authenticity and depth. Kabir Khan's direction is skillful and sensitive, capturing the essence of Petkar's life journey. The screenplay is meticulously crafted, combining moments of joy, emotion and pride. Unlike typical sports biographies, "Chandu Champion" combines heartfelt storytelling with engaging entertainment. Sudeep Chatterjee's cinematography is visually stunning, capturing the highs and lows of Petkar's journey with breathtaking visuals. While the first half of the film is engaging and well-paced, the

second half slows down slightly. However, the gripping storyline and stellar performances keep the audience invested in Chandu's journey. "Chandu Champion" is a joyful, emotional and pride-filled depiction of a real-life hero's extraordinary journey. Kartik Aaryan's powerful performance, alongside Vijay Raaz's excellent support, makes this film a must-watch. Despite the slower pace in the second half, the film's heartfelt narrative and inspirational message make it a memorable cinematic experience. "Chandu Champion" celebrates the human spirit and the relentless pursuit of dreams, reminding us that no dream is too big to achieve. Rating: 4/5

