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Pak wants Rahul as PM to weaken Govt: Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by BJP leaders during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, in Anand, Gujarat on Thursday

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday dubbed the Congress party a "disciple" of Pakistan, and targeted Rahul Gandhi saying the neighbouring country was eager to make the 'shehzada' of the grand old party India's next Prime Minister as the country's enemies want a weak Government

neighbourhood. Modi's comments in an election rally in Gujarat,

linking Congress Chaudhry Fawad Hussain, a former Minister in Imran Khan's Cabinet Pakistan, reportedly shared a video featuring Rahul on his social media handle and praised

"Pakistan is crying because Congress is dying here. You all must have learnt that Pakistani leaders are now praying for Congress. Pakistan is eager to make terror attack. They want a 'shehzada' (referring to corrupt Government which

with Rahul) the next PM. This is Pakistan came a day after not surprising because we already know that Congress Pakistan's 'murid (follower). partnership between

> exposed completely. It shows that the country's enemies want a weak Government in India, not strong one...A weak Government which was there at the time of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack. They want a

Pakistan

Congress has now

and

Modi's strong Government neither bows down nor does it stop," Modi said in a rally in Anand in Gujarat.

The PM came down more and said unlike in the past when Congress was in power, the "tyres of Pakistan's terror have got punctured" now. "A country which used to export terror in the past, is now struggling to import 'atta' (flour). The hands which used to hold bombs are now holding 'bheekh ka katora' (begging bowl)," he said. People across the world are now saying that India is a global bright spot. India is seen as a 'vishwa bandhu' (global friend) who can resolve conflicts between two countries, Modi said.

The PM also reiterated that Congress wants to change India's Constitution to provide provide reservation of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities to Muslims. "Congress wants to give reservation to Muslims, the party's favourite vote bank. For that, they want to change the Constitution. I challenge Congress to give in writing that they will not change the Constitution to reservation to Muslims on religious basis," he said.



Not at home in Amethi, RaGa may try Rae Bareli

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

in Uttar Pradesh, party sources indicated that Rahul Gandhi is likely to contest from the seat he lost last time and face sitting BJP MP and Union Minister Smriti Irani.

With Friday being the last date of filing of nominations, the party is expected to announce from candidates the two prestigious constituencies late at

Sources said the party has started making preparations for the nomination filing in both the seats in Uttar Pradesh, which have been traditionally held by members of the Gandhi-Nehru family and revealed that the entire Gandhi family, including sitting MP of Rae Bareli Sonia Gandhi and party chief Mallikarjun

Kharge, is scheduled to travel in Uttar Pradesh in a chartered plane.

They added that Rahul is A mid the suspense over Congress nominees from Amethi and Rae Bareli party for Amethi which he lost to Irani in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Sources also said since Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has declined to contest from Rae Bareli, a grandson of former Congress leader and Indira Gandhi's aunt Sheila

Kaul may be fielded from Řae Bareli, e a r l i e r represented by Sonia. Sonia has called it

a day for electoral politics and has been elected as a member of Sabha Rajya Rajasthan

People and loyals associated with the Gandhi family are already in Amethi and neighbouring Rae Bareli and are believed to have prepared the nomination documents for both Rahul as well as Priyanka.

BJP denies ticket to WFI ex-chief, names his son

Ending weeks of Especulation, the BJP on Thursday denied ticket to sitting MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh who has been embroiled in a sexual harassment controversy and fielded his son Karan Bhushan Singh from Kaiserganj in Uttar Pradesh. For the first time since 2009, the BJP dropped its heavyweight leader and sitting MP Brij Bhushan Singh Sharan Kaiserganj. The former president of

Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is currently facing allegations of sexual harassment levelled against him by six women wrestlers. Karan is likely to file his nomination on May 3. The move retains the seat's contest within the family highlighting the influence of the Thakur leader and six-time MP in the region and the party. The party also named Dinesh

Pratap Singh as its candidate from Raebareli, a Gandhi family bastion which has been won by former Congress president Sonia Gandhi for five consecutive times. Sonia, who won from the Gandhi family bastion five consecutive times, was elected to the Rajya Sabha unopposed from Rajasthan earlier this year. The deadline to nominations for Amethi and

Rae Bareli is on Friday. These



Bhushan Singh, the son of former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Singh

seats are going to polls in the fifth phase, on May 20. Karan Bhushan is youngest son of Brij Bhushan. Born in 1990, Karan is presently the president of the Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Previously, Association. Karan was the senior vice president of the

wrestling association. Karan Bhushan national-level double-trap shooter. He holds a law degree besides doing a business management course in

Australia. He will be making his debut in electoral politics this time.

Maliwal cries foul as L-G sacks 223 DCW 'illegal' staff

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

With its topmost leader Minister Arvind Kejriwal still in Tihar, the AAP has received yet another blow as the Women and Child Development Department of the Delhi Government has terminated the services of 52 "illegally' contractual appointed employees Commission for Women

Earlier, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on April 29, issued an order to discontinue the services of 223 contractual employees from the DCW, calling their appointment illegal.

(DCW)

The termination has been carried out on the basis of a report submitted by a committee way back in June, 2017. Earlier, an order issued on April 29 said that the WCD Department had terminated the services of 223 contractual staff, but the department on Thursday issued a statement saying it had directed for the termination of 52 such employees.

Clandestine 'dole surveys' make poll panel see red



RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELH

 $A^{\rm mid}_{\rm freebies} \ {\stackrel{\rm controversy}{\rm promised}} \ {\stackrel{\rm over}{\rm by}} \ {\stackrel{\rm the}{\rm the}}$ political parties in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls, the Election Commission (EC) took "serious view of activities by political parties and candidates seeking details of voters under the guise of various surveys for proposed

their beneficiary schemes' and termed such suc. "corrupt activities as practice of bribery under the of Section 123(1) Representation of the People Act, 1951".

In an advisory issued to all national and State level parties, the commission has asked them to immediately cease any

"that activities involve registering individuals for postelection beneficiary-oriented schemes through advertisements/ survey/App."
The advisory came ahead of the

Elections 2024, slated for May 7. The commission has directed all District Election Officers to appropriate take actions against any such advertisements within the statutory

third phase of the Lok Sabha

provisions. The commission noted that during the ongoing elections has come across instances where some political parties and candidates have been engaging in activities that blur the lines between legitimate surveys and partisan efforts to register

individuals for beneficiaryoriented schemes and individual benefits under the guise of conducting surveys or creating awareness about the existing schemes of the Government or creating awareness about the manifesto prospective individual benefit schemes etc. Highlighting the possible "quid-pro-quo arrangement", the commission said the act of inviting or calling upon voters to register for postelection benefits "may create an impression of the requirement of one-to-one transactional relationship between the elector and the proposed benefit"

This also has the potential to generate quid-pro-quo arrangements for voting in a particular way thereby leading to inducement, the poll body added. It added that the potential of quid pro quo for voting and inducements amounts to bribery/corrupt inducements practice.

In this regard, the Election Commission directed all District Election Officers to take appropriate actions against any such advertisements within the statutory provisions namely Section 127A of the Representation of People's Act, 1951, 123 (1) of the Representation of People's Act, 1951, and Section 171 (B) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Start training cops for new criminal laws' rollout: Centre



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Union Home Ministry has said the three new criminal laws, which will be rolled out across India from July 1, are a transition from the colonial legacies towards a system of justice based on the principle of access to justice by all, and has sought the help of all States to train the policemen for their effectively implementation.

In a communication to all the States and Union Territories (UTs), the Home Ministry also said many new provisions, synchronised with modern-day times contemporary technologies, were incorporated in the new criminal laws and their aim is to bring an era of ease of policing and ease of

The new laws are the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act. The laws will replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence

The new laws aim at providing speedy justice to the citizens of the country and will strengthen the judicial and court management system.

"The new laws are a transition from the colonial legacies towards a system of justice, based on the principle of access to justice by all... is the endeavour of the government of India to reach out to all ranks of police and prison officers in the country and make them aware of the positive and advanced changes so as to equip them with the basic knowledge and understanding of various new provisions, which will help them in implementing the same in right

earnest and with confidence," the

Home Ministry said in its

communication.

To fulfil this objective, the Home Ministry said it has been striving to educate the police and prison officers about the new laws. The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has developed the training of trainers' module and various other training programmes for different levels of police and prison personnel on the new criminal laws.

Biden brands India 'xenophobic' along with China, Japan

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden has called two of his QUAD partners — India and his adversaries — Russia and China — "xenophobic" nations, asserting that none of

these countries, unlike the United States, welcome immigrants. "This election is about freedom, America

and democracy. That's why I badly need you. You know, one of the reasons why our economy is growing is because of you and many others. Why? Because we welcome immigrants," Biden told his supporters at a fundraiser here on Wednesday evening.
"We look to — the reason — look, think we look to — the reason — look, think about it. Why is China stalling so badly economically? Why is Japan having trouble? Why is Russia? Why is India? Because they're xenophobic. They don't want immigrants," Biden, the presumptive candidate of the Democratic Party, said. "Immigrants are what make us strong. Not a joke. That's not hyperbole, because we have an influx of workers who want to be here and want to contribute," the president said at the Democratic Party fundraiser.

India and Japan are members of QUAD a four-member strategic security dialogue that also includes the US and Australia. Biden hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a State Visit last year while Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited the White House last month for an official visit.

Tiny feet waltz back to school with innocent confidence

ABHI SINGHAL/ADITI SHARMA/ SAMAR PANDEY/RISHABH MALIK

t was just another start of the Iday for the school going toddlers and young children on Thursday who a day earlier had been evacuated from their classrooms following a bomb scare across over 100 schools of the Delhi NCR. In the schools resumed, children appeared to be more confident than their parents when they exchanged the routine 'tata; byebye' greetings.

Several schools, however, decided to remain closed as part of security measures and a few of them observed a low attendance. The Pioneer reporters visited more national Capital and observed that students were back to school in their school buses, private vans or parents' pick drop facility. Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya in

Sadiq Nagar, Mamta Singh said, dropped and students are also feeling safe and secure and it is our responsibility to ensure the security of the students". School management had assured parents on Wednesday itself that there is no need to worry. We didn't get anything on our official email ID, she added.

off at school just like on a normal than a dozen schools across the the schools of Delhi and Noida.

"Our attendance today has not The parents came to drop students

day without any fears. On Wednesday, 131 schools received bomb threats via email, which led to mass evacuation and panic in



children at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya in Keshav Puram in north Delhi Sadina Khatoon, a mother of two area said, "It is just like any other children, came to drop her day, and he as a parent was not

that this was only a way to create

Hoax aimed at mass panic: FIR STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI 507 (criminal intimidation by an

 Γ he Delhi Police Special Cell in its FIR registered revealed that the perpetrators of the hoax bomb threat letters received by nearly 200 Delhi schools wanted to "create mass panic and disturb public order. FIR states that the movement of these units to the schools "resulted in massive inconvenience," according to the

The FIR has been registered at Special Cell Police Station under IPC sections 505 (2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes)

anonymous communication), and 120 (B) (punishment of criminal conspiracy).

According to police sources, the investigation will be done by the Counter Intelligence Team Special Cell. The IFSO unit is also trying to find out the origin from where the mail was sent, till now the connection to Russia (IP address) has been revealed as the domain of the email is "mail.ru". The investigating agency is also probing the angle of joint conspiracy between China and ISI to ascertain if there is a larger conspiracy at work in the matter.

Primary School in Sukhdev Kunj and expressed that she was not scared and even other students have also turned up in the school. Several schools also sent messages early in the morning to parents not to send their children to school whereas a majority of parents were concerned after the bomb threats. While talking to some parents outside the school, they looked concerned, "My daughter's school did not receive any threat email and school has also convinced the parents about the security of the kids but still as a mother our concern is obvious," said Divya Singh, mother of a class 4 student in The Indian School, Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

- I, Ram Vati W/o Ram Avtar R/o House No. 2151, New Indira Colony Manimajra, Chandigarh, my son Rahul is out of my control. I disown him from my moveable/ immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with him at his/ her own risk.
- I, Ami Lal S/o Jai Mal R/o H.No 76, Hill View Enclave, Dhakoli, S.A.S Nagar Mohali Punjab-140603 declare that my Son Mukesh Alias Mukesh Verma and his wife Sunita is completely out of my Control. Therefore I disown my Son and his wife from all my movableimmovable properties. Anybody dealing with both of them will be responsible and I will have nothing to do with them.
- We, Sanjay S/o Shri Om & Savita W/o Shri Sanjay R/o H.No. 230/4, Gandhi Katra, Sonipat has disowned our son Shankar & his wife Nisha from our all movable-immovable property as they are out of our control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.
- I, Puran Chand S/o Dhani Ram R/o House No. 2818/B, Sector 42 C, Chandigarh inform that my son Kali Das out of my control. I disown him from my moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.
- I, Shyam Singh Balmiki S/o Baldev Singh R/o House No 2630 Sector 47-C Chandigarh declare That my son namely Sagar Attwal and his wife Jyoti are beyond my control So I disown them from our all moveable immovable properties. If anybody deals with them will do so at their own risk & responsibility.
- I, Bhajan Singh S/O Labh Singh R/O Village Lhohsimbali Sub Tehsil Ghanaur Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That I Break All My Relationship With My Nephew, Balvinder Singh S/O Baljit Singh. Anybody Dealing With Him On Their Own Risk. I And My Family Are Not Responsible.
- I, Satish Kumar Chopra S/O Late Sh Ram Saran Chopra r/o 54, Adarsh Nagar, Ambala City, hereby declare that my nephew Amit Chopra s/o Late Sh Anil Chopra do not act as per my advice and is not under my control. If he does some commercial transaction or money transaction, he shall be solely responsible for his act and deeds and the person entering into such a transaction shall be doing at his own risk and responsibility. I shall not be liable for any such act and
- We, Madan Gopal Sharma, S/o Lok Nath Sharma and Asha Sharma W/o Madan Gopal District Karnal, have evicted our son Nikhil Sharma, his wife Mehak Sharma from all our movable-immovable properties, as they are out of our control. Anybody dealing with them at
- I, Jitendra Kumar, s/o Sh. Heera Lal, r/o H.No.1025 Housing Board Colony Sector-13, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, declare that I had evicted my movable and immovable property to my son Rahul Sharma. Now I want to keep my son Rahul Sharma with me. I am getting the negligence done by me canceled so that my son Rahul Sharma will be fully entitled to my movable and immovable property.
- We, Chanderdev Pandey S/o Ram Darash Pandey and Smt. Meera Devi Chanderdev Pandey both R/o House No. 415. Azad Nagar. Balongi, Mohali, Punjab declare that our son Suraj Pandey are out of our control. We disown him from all our moveable/ immoveable Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/her own risk.
- I. Sumitra Devi w/o Late Phool Chand R/O # 641 Sector 40-A ,Chandigarh hereby Disown my daughter Prem Kumari from my all movable/ immovable properties. She is out of my control. If anybody deal with her will do so at own responsibility. I shall not be responsible for her deeds.
- We, Jagtar Singh & Bhagwant Kaur, Both R/O # 327, Samadhi Gate, Manimajra, Chandigarh, Declare That Our Son Sukhbir Singh & His Wife Navdeep Kaur Are Out Of Our Control. We Disown Them From All Our Moveable /Immovable Properties. Any Person Deals With Them Shall Do At His/Her/Their Own Risk And Responsibility.

- I, Rehamdin S/o Sadhu Khan R/o Vill Jhanjeri Teh & Distt Mohali declare that my daughter Rukhsana are out of my control so I evict her all my Moveable immoveable property anyone dealing with her at their
- I, Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Som Prakash and Meenu W/o Sh. Anil Kumar R/o Khatapur Mohalla, Thanesar Tehsil, Thanesar Distt. Kurukshetra, declare that my daughter Harshita who is beyond our control. So we Evict her from our movable and immovable property. Due to this, the person making the transaction will himself be responsible. There will be no responsibility for me or my family.

PUBLIC NOTICE

- I, Suraj Singh S/o Sh. Raj Kirpal Singh R/o VPO Sarhala Mundian, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur Pin 146113 Punjab India. My passport No. L5617573 my father name is wrongly mentioned as Raj Kripal Singh. But my father correct name is all documents Raj Kirpal Singh. Concerned note.
- I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Harjinder Singh holder of Indian Passport Number L5924584 issued at Vancouver on 21/01/2015 R/o VPO Dehriwala 143116, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab. India currently living at 14780 78 avenue, Surrey BC, V3S8Z4 Canada have changed my name from Gurpreet Singh to Gurpreet Singh Aujla with immediate effect all concerned please
- I, Smt. Trupti Suraj Deokar Spouse Of No. 15711942p Rank Nk Name Deokar Suraj Dasharath Resident Of Jukuaai Mandir At Dhangarwadi, Po Nigadi Traf, Distt. Satara (Maharashtra) Have Changed My Name From Trupti To Trupti Suraj
- I, Harsh Vyas S/o Sh. Kamal Kumar R/o House No. 1433/9 LIG, Phase-XI, SAS Nagar, Mohali do hereby declare that in my Adhar Card my father's name is mentioned as Kamal Kumar. In my matriculation certificate my father's name mentioned as Kamal Vyas. Kamal Kumar and Kamal Vvas is one and the same person that is my father.
- I, Harsh Vyas S/o Sh. Kamal Kumar R/o House No. 1433/9 LIG, Phase-XI, SAS Nagar, Mohali do hereby declare that in my Adhar Card mv mother's name is mentioned as Preeti. In my matriculation certificate my mother's name mentioned as Preeti Vyas. Preet Vyas and Preeti is one and the same person that is my mother.
- I, Nilamma Kadlimatti is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 14877550A Rank: NK/SKT Name- Manjunath Sagarappa Adin Presently Posted Unit-282 Coy ASC SUP Type D HQ (N) Area Behlana, Chandigarh Permanent Address: Vill-Bandakeri, Post- Hoolageri, TQ-Badami, Dist: Bagalkot, Karnataka
- changed My Name from Kadlimatti Nilamma Nilamma Manjunath Adin.Vide Affidavit RD 0021639902 Date 02-05-2024 Before Court Sangwan distt Panchkula Haryana.
- I, Shantanu Singh S/o Sh Shrawan Kumar Singh R/O C-278 Awas Vikas colony Hardoi (Gramin) Hardoi Uttar Pradesh, declares that my wife have changed her name from Medhavi Sharma Singh to Medhavi Sharma
- I, Pawan Kumar S/o Mehar Chand R/o Jadupur, Jadupur (150), Dochana, Mahendragarh, Haryana-123001, Declare that name of My Wife and my Minor Daughter has been wrongly written as Reena Devi and Muskan, aged about 17 Years, In her Birth Certificate. The actual name of My Wife and My Minor Daughter are Reena Yadav and Muskan Yadav, which may be amended accordingly.
- I, Sukhwant Kaur W/O Late Nirmal Singh R/O Village Toe Makhowal PO Dhaddar Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that my name may be read Sukhwant Kaur instead of Sakhavant Kaur and Date of birth from 01-06-1945 to 01-01-1945

- I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Jagdev Singh R/o Behbal Khurd (Faridkot) Punjab declare that in my son Rajwinder Singh Army No. 19003153A/NK, 16Sikh in his Army record my name recorded as Paramjeet Kaur but my actual name is Parmjeet Kaur vide affidavit dated 27-04-2024 before Notary Jaitu.
- I, Rajni Lakra (Old Name) W/O Roshan Kamal Lakra Resident Of Village - Khalijor Kusum Toli, Post - Kurdeg, Police Station - Kurdeg, Khalijor, Distt - Simdega, State – Jharkhand, Pin Code -835212, I Have Changed My Name From Rajni Lakra (Old Name) To Rajni Xaxa (New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 02 May 2024 Sworn Before Notary Public Sat Pal, Pathankot. Please Correct It.
- I, Shalabai (Old Name) Mother Of Chavan Dadasab Resident Of Village - Desaratti, Office - Desaratti, Tehsil/Patti - Athani, Distt -Belagavi, State - Karnataka Pin Code - 591230, I Have Changed My Name & Dob From Shalabai, Dob 01 Jul 1955 (Old Name & Dob) To Shalabayi Chavhan, Dob - 01 Jan 1954 (New Name & Dob), Vide Affidavit Dated 02 May 2024 Sworn Before Notary Public Sat Pal, Pathankot. Please Correct It.
- I, Bheemu (Old Name) Father Of Chavan Dadasab Resident Of Village - Desaratti, Post Office - Desaratti, Tehsil/Patti - Athani, Distt -Belagavi, State - Karnataka, Pin Code - 591230, Have Changed My Name & Dobs From Bheemu, Dob - 01 Jul 1951 (Old Name & Dob) To Bhimu Chavhan, Dob - 01 Jan 1954 (New Name & Dob), Vide Affidavit Dated 02 May 2024 Sworn Before Notary Public Sat Pal, Pathankot. Please Correct
- It is for general information that I Gurvinder Singh Reddu S/o Harbans Singh R/o # 0, Marhe, Village Tambuwala, District Patiala, Punjab-147102 declares that in my educational documents 10+2. Bachelor of Arts. Master of Arts, LLB Certificates and Mark Sheet the name of my father is written as Harbans Singh Reddu. The actual name of my father is Harbans Singh. which may be amended accordingly.
- It is for general information that I, Rajkiran Kaur D/o Paramjit Singh R/o H.No. 28, Pachim Vihar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144008, hereby declare that the adoption no.2019-20/187/4/955 dated 18-12-2019 previously granted has been legally cancelled by the court via Case No. CS 398/2023 dated 01-12-2024. Henceforth my natural parents Paramiit Singh and Manjinder Kaur are my parents respectively which may be amended accordingly.
- It Is For General Information That I, Parminder Kaur Brar W/O Parmieet Singh Brar R/O H.No.12 St.No.8 New Harindra Nagar Faridkot Puniab Decalare That Name Of Husband Has Been Wrongly Written As Parmieet Singh In My Passport No. F4784426 The Actual Name Of My Husband Is Parmjeet Singh Brar Respectively. Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

CHANGE OF NAME

- I, Ashwani Dubey S/o Ram Raj Dubey R/o H No. 729, Victoria Enclave, Zirakpur, Mohali have changed my Minor daughter name from Priyansi Dubey to Priyanshi Dubey.
- I, Om Bala Spouse of No. JC282243Y, Sub Nawal Kishor Prasad R/o VPO Sapahi, Tehsil Turkaulia. Distt East Champaran, Bihar have changed my name in my husband's Army record from Om Bala to Ombala Devi.
- I, Satnam Singh S/o Sh. Joginder Singh R/o Village Chak (Chhakan) Post office Kalibari, Sub Tehsil Panjehra Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt Solan (HP) declare that in my Passport my mother's name written as Ram Kali her correct name is Kala Devi. Ram Kali and Kala Devi is one and the same person. Concerned
- I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Sh. Mam Raj R/o House No. 34, Phase-II, Jaggi Garden, Baldev Nagar, Amblala City, Haryana have changed name of my minor son from Laven to Laven Saini.

- Kumar R/o St. No. 1, H.No. B/598, New Model Town Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my minor son from Joy to Joy Bhatti. Concerned note.
- I, Jatin S/o Rakesh Sethi R/o 2219, C-2, ward no. 18, Indra Colony, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Jatin to Jatin
- I, Sakshi D/o Rakesh Sethi R/o 2219, C-2, ward no. 18, Indra Colony, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sakshi to Sakshi
- I, Vijaypal S/o Kitab Singh R/o Mohla (62), Hisar, Haryana-125042 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Vijay in my minor son namely Vinay aged 17 years in his 10th class educational documents. The actual name of mine is Vijaypal respectively which may be amended accordingly.
- I. JC-572192F Rank SUB Name Kanwal Singh R/o VPO Bugana, Teh. Barwala. Distt. Hisar (Harvana) 125122 declare that I have changed the name of my son in my service record from Lakshya to Lakshay vide affidavit dated 19-04-2024 before Notary Public Hisar.
- I. Suneeta Patel W/o Service No.JC-292636H, Rank-NB/SUB Name- Pranabandhu Raut R/o Village-Kalijharan, Post-Bidighat, Tehsil-Balangir, District-Balangir, (Odisha)-767024 have changed my name from Suneeta Patel to Suneeta Rout.
- I, Sarabjit Kaur W/o Harvinder Singh Bedi R/o House no. 2096, B-Block, Friends Avenue, Gali Plah Sahib, Ajnala Road, Amritsar, Punjab 143001 have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur Bedi.
- I. Sushma W/o Ravinder Lather R/o Lather House Opp. Karnal Motors. HSIIDC GT Road Karnal, Sector-37, Karnal, Harvana-132001 have changed my name to Sushma Lather.
- I. Sanieev Kumar Mehta S/o Ramesh Lal R/o BXL-83, Kot Kuljas Rai, Thathiara Batala. Distt. Mohalla Gurdaspur have changed my name name from Sanieev Kumar Mehta to Sanjeev Kumar. Concerned note.
- I, Rishabdeep Singh son of Satwinder Singh residing at New Sant Nagar, Near cold store, Trimmu Road, Tehsil and Gurdaspur-143521 District Punjab have changed my name from Rishabdeep Singh to Rishabdeep Singh Sandhu. Concerned note.
- I. Sarista Devi w/o Subhash Singh Bihalan tehsil Mukerian district Hoshiarpur have changed my minor son name Karan to Karan
- I. Gurieet Singh S/o Balkar Singh R/o 111, Veela Teja, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur declare that I have Changed my name from Gurjit Singh to Gurjeet Singh. Concerned note.
- I, Sunita Devi w/o Brijpal r/o Village Bal Rangran, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Suneeta Pundir to Sunita Devi. In future I Should be known as Sunita Devi.
- I. Shah Nawaz Khan S/o Nawab Ahmed R/o House No. 1064, Sector 45, Burail, UT, Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter's name from Sumera to Sumera Nawaz.
- I. Shah Nawaz Khan S/o Nawab Ahmed R/o House No. 1064, Sector 45, Burail, UT, Chandigarh have changed my minor son's name from Adil to Adil Nawaz.
- I, Ahmed S/o Shah Nawaz Khan R/o House No. 1064, Sector 45, Burail, UT, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ahmed to Ahmed
- I, Haridyansh Sodhi S/o Lalit Kumar R/o House no 142. Ram Nagar, Karnal declare that I have changed my name from Haridyansh to Haridyansh Sodhi for all future purpose.
- I, No. 13907472 Ex-NK/NA Karam Chand R/o Opp. Mount Carmel School VPO Kakkon, Distt Hoshiarpur (PB) My wife's name should be amended from Gurmit Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur and date of birth is 14-11-1950 to 02-10-1954 in my army record. Concern Note.

- Ramesh Goyal R/o H.no- 645 Model Town Panipat, Haryana, have changed my minor daughter name from Alfiya to Alfiya Goyal.
- I, Anil Kumar Aggarwal S/O Krishan Baldev R/O 349, Vrindavan Garden Village Nangali, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Anil Kumar Aggarwal To Anil Aggarwal
- I Navroop Singh Sidhu S/O Harjinder Singh R/O Vpo Deo Tehsil And Distt. Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Navroop Singh Sidhu To Given Navroop Surname
- I Parveen Arora S/O Kishan Chand Resident Of 21. Gurbax Nagar, Near Kisan Kanda, Amritsar, I Have Changed My Name From Parveen Arora To Parveen I. Bharat Kumar Dhir S/O
- Banarsi Dass R/O 37-A, Professor Colony, Tilak Nagar Near Shiyala Bhaian Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Bharat Kumar Dhir To Bharat I, Khushali Ahuja W/O
- Anchit Khanna R/O H No 180 Shastri Nagar, Lawrence Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Khushali Ahuja To Khushali Ahuja Khanna I. Malkiat Singh S/O
- Mangal Singh R/O Patti Balol Di Sultanwind Pind, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Malkiat Singh To Malkit Singh L. Joginder Singh S/O Harbans Singh R/O Village
- Salimpura, Po Bagga Kalan, Tehsil Ainala, Amritsar Rura, I Have Changed My Name From Joginder Singh To Jaginder Singh I. Gurmeet Kaur W/O Sarabiit Singh R/O H.No.636.
- Mohkampura Jaura Fatak. Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Gurmit Kaur To Gurmeet Kaur I, Kalwinder Kaur W/O Avtar Singh R/O Gali No.3, Salwan Hospital, Near Harkrihan Nagar, Ghanupur

Kale Road, Amritsar Have

Changed My Name From

Kalwinder Kaur To Kulwinder

- I, Leela Rewat Spouse Of No.Jc 286821a Sub Kamal Kumar R/O Village Bans Patan Po Bans Tehsil Gangolihat District Pithoragarh State U.K-262532 Have Changed My Name To Leela Rawat Vide Affidevit No.In-Pb11583276889037w Dt.02.05.2024 Before Notary
- Public Amritsar I Baksish Singh S/O Gurmei Singh R/O Vill Boparai Kalan Po Bhopa Rai Have Change Name Baksish Singh
- To Bakhshish Singh I No 15516173w Swr Ganesh Teli S/O Shrishail Murageppa Teli R/O 46 Armd Regt C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Mother's Name From Sunanda To Sunanda Shrishail Teli Vide Affidavit No In-Pb11510794550300w Dt 02-05-2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar
- I No 15516173w Swr Ganesh Teli S/O Shrishail Murageppa Teli R/O 46 Armd Regt C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Father Name From Shrishail To Shrishail Murageppa Teli Vide Affidavit No In-Pb11514552025682w Dt 02-05-2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar
- I, No. 15484285a Dfr Gireppa Kademani S/O Subrav Gireppa Kademani R/O 46 Armd Regt C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Father's Name From Subbrao Kademani To Subrav Gireppa Kademani Vide Pb11205466083437w Dt.01.05.2024 Before Notary
- Public Amritsar I, Sandeep Dalal S/o Balwan singh R/o H. No. 2185 Pipliwala Town Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sandeep Dalal to Sandeep.
- I, Narinder Kaur W/o Sh. Sandeep R/o H. No.2185 Pipliwala Town Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name from Narinder Kaur to
- I, Marvel Khurana S/o Sh. Ajit Khurana, R/o House No. 1662, Sector 22B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Marbal Khurana to Marvel Khurana and in my Aadhar Card my date of birth is wrongly recorded 04.07.1985. My Correct Date of birth is 04.07.1984.

- I, Rajbir Singh S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Village Gurbakhash Singh Wala. Jheeta Kalan Near Daburji, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name from Rajbir Singh to Singh is my surname and Rajbir is my given name.
- I, Charanjit S/o Sawinder Singh R/o Opp C.M.S High School, Majitha, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab- 143601 have changed my name from Charanjit to Charanjit Bhagat.
- I, Gurmeet W/o Sawinder Singh R/o Opp C.M.S High School, Majitha, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab- 143601 have changed my name from Gurmeet to Gurmeet Kaur.
- I, Manwinder Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Majitha Road. Pandori Waraich. Amritsar, Punjab- 143008 have changed my name from Manwinder Singh to Singh is my surname and Manwinder is my given name.
- I, Rinku Kumar S/o Pawan Kumar R/o Village Jalubi (248) P.O. Kaserla Kalan, Distt. Ambala, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name Rinku to Rinku Kumar.
- I. Ritu Kaur D/o Jagsir R/o ward no. 06, Tehsil Ellenabad, Distt. Sirsa have changed my name from Ritu D/o Jagsir to Ritu Kaur D/o Jagsir. In future, I will be known as Ritu Kaur D/o
- Sh.Surinder Pal, R/O # 747, Milk Colony, Dhanas. Chandigarh, do hereby declare that I have Changed my Name from Amandeep to Amandeep I. Hitherto known as Anita

I. Amandeep

- W/o Raiinder Kumar Bhagat. Residing at House No. 18. New Raia Garden. Near Puniab Palace. Mithapur Chowk. Jalandhar-144022 District Puniab. India. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anita Kumari. I. Hitherto known as Ricky
- Garden. District Punjab, Jalandhar-144022. Indian, have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Dikshant Bhaghat. I, M Palaiah Pandian Father of Raj Kumar P R/o #515. Sector 31-A. Chandigarh have changed my name from M

Palaiah Pandian to Palaiah

Pandian M vide Affidavit Dated

S/o Raiinder Kumar Bhagat

Residing at House No. 18. New

- 02-05-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh. I, P Muthu Lakshmi Mother of Raj Kumar P R/o #515, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from F Muthu Lakshmi Muthulakshmi P vide Affidavit Dated 02-05-2024 before Notary. Distt.
- Chandigarh. I Parteek Sabharwal s/o Sh. Kawal Kishor Sabharwal #10, Housing board colony Ambala Cantt declared that I have changed my name from Prateek to Parteek Sabharwal. Please note.
- I. Udai Paul S/o Sh. Dava Nand R/o Village Suchan, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Udai Paul to Udai Pal Sihag , in future my name is to be called as Udai Pal Sihag.
- I, Alka Arora W/o Sh. Vikas Soni R/o Gali Chopra Wali, Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Alka Arora to Alka Soni, in future my name is to be called as Alka Soni.
- I, Rati Ram Yadav Father of Virender Kumar R/o #1332, Sector 47-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rati Ram Yadav to Rati Ram vide Affidavit Dated 02-05-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.
- I, Sangeeta Garg, W/o Ashok Gupta, R/o House No. 27, Sector 12, HUDA, Panipat, declare that Sangeeta Kumari and Sangeeta Gupta both are the names of my same woman. In future, I may be known as Sangeeta Garg for all purposes.
- I, Ashok Gupta S/o Raj Kumar, R/o House No. 27, Sector 12, HUDA, Panipat, declare that Ashok Kumar and ashok gupta both are my names. But in future. I will be Known as Ashok Gupta for all future purposes.
- I Ashna Garg W/O Mohit Bansal Flat No. 1301 Tower 9b Suncity Parikarma Sector 20 Panchkula I Have Changed My Name Ashna Bansal To Ashna Garg.

- Narendra Kumar S/O Om Prakash R/O 6/782 Durga Jagadhri, Yamunanagar. That I Change My Name From Narendra Kumar To Narendra
- I Ajay Sharma S/O D.V Sharma R/O 244 Sector- 16 Panchkula, Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Mehak To Mehak Sharma.
- I Sandeep Kaur Daughter Of Late Shri Chaman Lal Mujral R/O Thaneshwar Cottage, Sargheen Chowk Near Aapo Aap Homestay Lower Panthaghati, Shimla, (H.P.). I Have Change My Name Sandeep Kaur To Santosh Kumari Mujral
- I Monika Saggi Wife Of Kiran Kumar Resident Of Village Barari Tehsil Nangal District Rupnagar Have Changed My Name From Monika To Monika Saggi.
- I. Varinder Kaur Jatana W/O Jaswinder Singh Jatana R/O Jatana Farm, Sector-9, Majra, New Chandigarh, Sas Nagar (Mohali) I Have Changed My Name From Varinder Jatana To Varinder Kaur Jatana
- I Harvinder Bawa Wife Surinder Singh Resident Of Lana Manna Patti Village Aklia (Mansa) Have Changed My Name From Harvinder Bawa To Harvinder Kaur.
- I Vinood Kumar S/O Madan Lal Aggarwal, R/O 330-Chopra Garden, Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Name From Vinood Kumar To Vinood Aggarwal. I, Pinki Devi D/O Prem
- Tehsil Sundarnagar, Distt Mandi, Hp Have Changed My Name To Priyanshi. I Neeraj Bala W/O Ashok Kumar R/O H. No. 589 Sector-

Singh R/O Village Mahuri,

7 Karnal Tehsil And District Karnal Have Changed My Name From Neeraj To Neeraj Bala. All Concern Noted. I Navjeet Kaur W/O Balwinder Singh R/O Village Dohnal Tehsil Nangal Distt

Rupnagar Have Changed My

Name From Nabjeet Kaur To

Navieet Kaur I Mohit Kumar S/O Vinood Aggarwal, R/O 330-B/2 Chopra Garden, Yamunanagar That I Have Change My Name From Mohit

Kumar To Mohit Aggarwal.

- I Devinder Kaur W/o Rajinder Singh (D/o Surmukh Village R/o SInghawala Tehsil & Distt Ambala have changed my name from Devinder Kaur to Davinder Kaur.
- I, Puneet Goyal S/o Ramesh Goyal R/o H.No- 645 Model Town Panipat 132103 have changed my minor daughter's name from Alfiya to Alfiya Goyal. I, Isha Dhawan W/o Vivek
- Dhawan R/o H.No- 36 Greater Kailash Colony, Jandli, Ambala City have changed my name from Isha Gujral to Isha I, Jyoti Devi W/o Prince
- Singh R/o H.No- 1437 Shalimar Colony, Saha Tehsil Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Jyoti to jyoti Devi. I, Jasbir Kaur W/o Narmail Singh R/o Village & Po
- have changed my name from Daljeet Kaur to Jasbir Kaur after marriage . Jasbir Kaur & Daljeet Kaur both the names of the same lady. I, Sanjay Jangra S/o Sh. Yaad Ram Jangra R/o H. No. 314, Sector 16-17, Hisar

(Haryana) have changed my

name from Sanjay to Sanjay

Jangra for all purposes in

Naneola Tehsil & Distt Ambala

- future. I, Shakuntla W/o Sh. Ishwar Singh R/o H. No. 103, H.T.M. Colony, Azad Nagar, Hisar (Haryana) have changed my name from Shakuntala to Shakuntla for all purposes in
- future. I, Rajeev Kumar Singh S/o Krishan Chand, Village Kheda Gali Jammu Colony B, Camp YamunaNagar Tehsil Jagadhri, District YamunaNagar have Changed my name from Rajeev Kumar Singh to Rajeev Kumar.
- I, Gurmail Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o 2, Vishal Nagar, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana 135101.have changed my Name from Gurmail To Gurmail Singh.

- I, Dalip Chand S/o Sh. Naseeb Singh resident of vill. Nakhroli, P.O. Shahpur Nurd, Tes. Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala, do hereby declaire that I have changed my name from Dalip Chand to Kuldeep Singh. All Concered Note.
- I, Rajeev S/o Banarsi Dass, H.No.90, Sukhdev Nagar, Panipat declare that have changed my name from Rajeev to Rajeev Tuli. In future I should be known as Rajeev
- I, Gourav Gupta son of Mr. Anand Gupta resident H. No. 130, Huda, Sector 11, Panipat declare that Gourav Gupta and Gaurav Gupta both are my names. I will be known by the name of Gourav Gupta in future. To be known, note all the
- I, Neelam Devi W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o H. No. 247, Rollan, P.O Sarsehri Ambala Cantt. Distt. Ambala Haryana. have changed my Name from Neelam Devi To Neelam.
- I, Anil Kumar No 16020437X. Hav. Indian Army) S/o Devi Singh Village Mangl Kalan Tehsil Hindoli Post Office Chatarganj District Bundi, Declare that is my Army record My mother's name and DOB Wrongly Mentioned As Om Pati Devi and DOB 08/08/1949 While her Actual Name is Omapati Devy and DOB 01/02/1943 As per All Document Know, I want to make Correct as Omapati Devy and DOB 01/02/1943 in My Army Record.
- I, Dinesh s/o Rakesh r/o Bamla (15) Distt Bhiwani (Harvana) PIN- 127021 India declare that in my Army service record, my mother's name has been wrongly recorded as Mayawati. Her correct name is Maya Manti which may be amended
- I, Bikramjit Singh s/o Balwinder Singh r/o village Bhandal Tehsil Kalanaur distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Bikramjit Singh to Bikramjit Singh Boparai Concerned note.
- I. Sonal s/o Sh. Surender Kumar r/o h.no.795, near Krishanpura Gurudwara. Panipat declare that 10th class marksheet Enrollment no.16-1-PP-409-0026. roll 2018348753 Serial & No.039546 in my father Name of Surender Gaba and mother name is Manisha Gaba entered which is wrong. Now in the 10th mark sheet I Father name is Surender Kumar & mother name changed to Manisha plz
- I. Ravi Malhotra, s/o Sh Satpal. r/o Azad Nagar, Panipat, declare that in the school records of my son Shresth Malhotra, his name has been registered as Shresth as per all his documents, he should be known and recognized by the name of Shresth Malhotra. for all future purposes.
- I, Sangeet kumar s/o Sh Satpal. r/o Azad Nagar Panipat, declare that in the school records of my son Deepak Malhotra, his name has been registered as Deepak, as per all his documents, he should be known and recognized by the name of Deepak Malhotra. for all future
- I, Rohtash Kumar S/o Raja ram R/o village Ahmadpur Darewala, sub tehsil Goriwala Distt. Sirsa have changed name in 10th mark sheet of my sor mv name is Rohtash, my wife name is Sharmila and my son name is Sameer. Correct name are Rohtash Kumar, Sharmila devi and Sameer karwasra.
- I, Bota Singh S/O Jawahar Singh R/O Vill. Mammu Khera, Po. Mamu Khera, Distt Fazilka I Have Changed My Name Bota Singh To Buta Singh
- I, Parampreet Kaur D/O Kuldip Singh R/O Patti Sultan Di, Village Sultanwind District Amritsar Have Changed My Name Parampreet Is My Given Name And Kaur Is My Surname
- I, Ishan S/o Sudesh Kumar R/o # 3561/1. Sector 37D Chandigarh, have changed my minor son name from Ruhaar to Ruhaan Budhiraja. I, hitherto known as Arti
- Sharma daughter of Jiwan Ram R/o H.No.1930, 5C-Kailash Nagar, Gaushala Road, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name and shall hereafter be known as Aarti Sharma.

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Punjab Parties Shy Away from Fielding Female | Patriarchy rules: Candidates Despite Half the Voter Base"

MONIKA MALIK CHANDIGARH

In Punjab's political theater, where the electorate boasts a near-equal gender split, the stage is set for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections to unfold amidst a glaring absence of female contenders. Despite women making up a formidable force at the ballot box, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has curiously opted not to field a single woman among its 13 parliamentary hopefuls for the 2024 elections

In contrast, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has bucked the trend by nominating three women candidates out of nine declared thus far; while the Congress, too, has embraced gender diversity with two women candidates, albeit both on reserved seats. Meanwhile, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has doubled down on its trust in three-time MP from Bathinda Harsimrat Kaur Badal, wife of party president Sukhbir Singh Badal, once again.

The glaring lack of female representation in the state's political discourse presents a striking paradox amid the demographic landscape, where women wield significant influence over electoral dynamics. This incongruity becomes all the more pronounced in light of the concerted efforts by all the political parties to court female voters, as they roll out a plethora of promises and initiatives aimed at capturing their sup-

Despite constituting nearly half of the voting populace, the dwindling presence of women candidates underscored a concerning trend veering away from gender parity in the polit-

The historical context of female representation in Punjab's political landscape traced back to the 1967 elections, where Mohinder Kaur — Rajmata of Patiala Royal Family; and Nirlep Kaur made their indelible mark by entering the Parliament. SAD's Nirlep Kaur, notably, secured a parliamentary seat from Sangrur, becoming the first female parliamentarian

the pioneer

Over the past three elections, only a scant 56 women have been afforded the opportunity to vie for political office — a figure that pales in comparison to their male counterparts. Even more sobering is the fact that a mere seven women emerged victorious, clinching seats in the hallowed halls of the Parliament, reflecting a disheartening departure from the principle of equitable representation.

In stark contrast to the reticence exhibited by AAP and SAD, the Congress and BJP have emerged as torchbearers of female empowerment in Punjab's political landscape, showcasing confidence in formidable female candidates.

BJP's decision to field for-Amarinder

Singh's wife

and former Patiala, besides nominating the 'greenhorn' bureaucrat Parampal Kaur from Bathinda served as a testament to the party's commitment to gender inclusivity. Additionally, the candidature of Anita Som

Parkash from Hoshiarpur, replacing her husband and the Union Minister Som Parkash, further underscored BJP's proactive approach towards fostering female leadership. As of now, BJP has announced can-didates for nine out of total 13 seats in Puniab

Similarly, the Congress has risen to the occasion by fielding Amarjit Kaur Sahoke from Faridkot and Yamini Gomar from Hoshiarpur — both reserved seats. Sahoke, who will be contesting the elections for the first time, replaced the sitting Congress MP Mohd

On the other hand, Gomar had unsuccessfully contested from Hoshiarpur in 2014 under the AAP banner, followed by her subsequent affiliation with the Congress in 2016.

Reflecting on the electoral triumphs of women in 2019 Lok Sabha elections, wherein SAD's

Harsimrat secured victory from BJP's Naveen Jindal, AAP's Sushil

Gupta file nomination from Kurukshetra

 $B_{\text{candidate Naveen Jindal and}}^{\text{haratiya Janata Party (BJP)}}$

PNS CHANDIGARH

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate Sushil Gupta on Thursday filed their nomination papers from the Kurukshetra Lok Sabha

sition's INDIA bloc, is contesting the Kurukshetra seat in Haryana while the remaining nine seats in the state are being contested by

Jindal, 54 years old, was accompanied by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini when he went to file his nomination papers. Later, he also addressed a public gathering in which his family members and BJP leaders, including the chief minister, were present.

Jindal, who joined the BJP in March after leaving the Congress, was an MP from Kurukshetra between 2004-2014. He is facing Indian National Lok Dal's (INLD) senior leader Abhay Singh Chautala and Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Sushil Gupta, among others.

AAP candidate Sushil Gupta filed his nomination before the returning officer in the presence of Senior Congress leader and former Chief Minister Bhupendra Singh Hooda. Before the nomination, Hooda addressed the large gathering at $\,$ Sector 17 in Kurukshetra. Hitting out at BJP, Hooda said that durwas at number one in sports and in terms of per capita income. Today it is number one in deteriorating law and order situation and unemployment. Youths are compelled to go abroad for jobs,

Hooda highlighted the promises made by the Congress in its manifesto and said they will come with a law to ensure MSP for the farming community. The nomination process for the 10 Lok Sabha constituencies in Haryana, for which polling will be held on May 25, began on Monday.

The deadline for filing nominations is May 6. The scrutiny of nominations will be done on May 7, and candidates can withdraw their nominations until May 9.

Women Candidates in Fray for Jun 1 Elections

Party Name	Women Candidates		
ВЈР	1. Parneet Kaur from Patiala		
	2. Parampal Kaur Sidhu from Bathinda		
	3. Anita Som Parkash from Hoshiarpur		
Congress	4. Amarjit Kaur Sahoke from Faridkot		
	5. Yamini Gomar from Hoshiarpur		
SAD	6. Harsimrat Kaur Badal from Bathinda		
AAP			

Bathinda, and Congress' Preneet Kaur emerged triumphant from Patiala, one cannot ignore the indelible mark left by these trailblazing leaders on Punjab's political canvas. Interestingly, both Harsimrat and Preneet hail from Punjab's two top politmer Chief Minister Capt ical families - the Badals and Patiala Royals.

Ballot Battle Harsimrat secured U n i o n victory garnering Minister Parneet Kaur from 4,92,824 votes and defeating Congress candidate Amrinder Singh Raja Warring; Parneet emerged victorious by securing a total of 5,32,027 votes and defeating SAD's Surjit Singh Rakhra. Looking back at the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, a total of 25 women candidates were given tickets to contest in Punjab.

Delving into the major political parties' strategies, SAD had fielded two women candidates, while Congress nominated one woman candidate for the electoral battlefield in 2019. Similarly, during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, nearly 20 women candidates contested across various constituencies in the State, with only Harsimrat emerging victorious defeating Congress candidate Manpreet Singh Badal, garnering 5,14,727

Reflecting on the records over the past three elections, the 2009 Lok Sabha elections saw the highest number of women candidates winning and entering the Parliament, with four women securing victory in Punjab, including SAD's Paramjit Kaur Gulshan from Faridkot, SAD's Harsimrat from Bathinda, Congress' Preneet Kaur from Patiala, and Congress' Santosh Chowdhary from Hoshiarpur.

However, the number of women candidates winning decreased in the subsequent 2014 and 2019 elections. The numerical decline in the representation of women in subsequent elections underscored a pressing need for concerted efforts aimed at nurturing and fostering female leadership in the state's political arena.

Single woman candidate each chosen by four major political parties in Haryana

Cong, BJP, INLD, JJP have fielded one woman candidate each for Lok Sabha Election and all are from political families

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

All political parties have been enthusiastically promoting women's empowerment, but when it comes to fielding women candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, they all seem to have developed cold feet, from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to the Congress, Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the State.

Out of 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana, all the four major political parties- BJP, Congress, INLD and JJP have fielded just one woman candidate each, suggesting that despite the passage of the women's reservation law last September, political parties are yet to actively work toward boosting female representation in the Lok Sabha, going by their line-up for the ongoing elections.

BJP has announced candidates for 10 Lok Sabha seats, of whom only one is a woman. Similarly, the Congress list announced recently has one woman out of nine Lok Sabha candidates. While both major parties, the BJP and the

Congress, have listed womencentric initiatives in their manifestos, the translation of these commitments into substantial numbers of women contesting elections remains a

challenge. INLD and

JJP have also announced only one woman candidate each. All these fielded women candidates are related to families with deeply entrenched political connections. As per the released list of candidates by the major political parties, BJP has fielded

Banto Devi, wife of former MP and former Union Minister Ratan Lal Kataria from the Ambala Lok Sabha reserved seat. Congress party has fielded former MP and former Union Minister Kumari Selja from Sirsa Constituency. Her father Chaudhary Dalbir Singh was a former Member of Parliament from Sirsa Constituency. He also served as a cabinet minister. The INLD has fielded its

women wing leader Sunaina Chautala from Hisar, INLD Women Wing general secretary Sunaina is the wife of Abhay Chautala's cousin Ravi Chautala. Ravi is the son of INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala's younger brother late Partap Singh Chautala. From Hisar, the JJP has fielded Naina Chautala, who is currently the MLA from Badhra in Charkhi

Dadri district. Naina is the mother of former Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and wife of JJP president Ajay Singh Chautala.

As per the political history **Ballot Battle** of the State, in its 58-year since

1966. Harvana has elected only six women to the Lok Sabha. To count them on fingers, they are Chandrawati (Bhiwani), Sudha Yadav (erstwhile Mahendergarh seat), Shruti Chaudhary (Bhiwani-Mahendragarh), Kailasho Saini (Kurukshetra), Kumari Selja (Sirsa and Ambala) and Sunita Duggal (current Sirsa MP).

Selja has been MP four times and Kailasho Saini twice. Selja was also in the Rajya Sabha from 2014 to 2020. The state was still able to produce women leaders of national stature such as late former central minister Sushma Swaraj, Chandrawati, and Sudha Yadav. Chandrawati was state's first woman MP in 1977, who also served as MLA.

Of the state's 1.99 crore Lok Sabha electors, nearly 93 lakh are women. The state Government kept 50% quota for them in the PRIs through the Haryana Panchayati Raj (Second Amendment) Act, 2020. In the first PRI polls of November 2022 under the new reservation policy, 2,500-odd women were elected as sarpanch and 22,000-odd as

It is understood that all major political parties had supported the women's reservation bill in Parliament but it seems the same has not been reflected during the selection of candidates in Haryana. The per-centage of women fielded by the four major parties of the state in their lists for Lok Sabha announced so far is quite low. The low representation of women candidates has raised questions about the reluctance of political parties to proactively promote gender diversity in their candidate selection processes.

Observers opine that the women from Haryana have a good presence in almost every field except politics. All parties want them as ground workers and rally crowds, but not as leaders, because men are decision-makers in the parties and homes. After 33% reservation for women in politics, they should change their mind. The political parties should take concrete steps to promote women's candidacy. Political parties should have been more proactive and fielded more women candidates.

They further said that more women candidates have a positive impact. They will not only represent the issues of nearly 50% of the voters but also there will be fewer politicians with questionable backgrounds or criminal cases.

Jakhar regarding Congress

Jindal and Wife **Declare Assets** Worth Over Rs 965 Crore in Poll Affidavit

Chandigarh: BJP nominee and industrialist Naveen Jindal, who is contesting from Haryana's Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat, on Thursday filed his nomination papers and declared his and his wife Shallu's movable and immovable assets at about Rs 1,000 crore.

Jindal (54), who filed his nomination before the returning officer in Kurukshetra, also declared that neither he nor his wife owned any vehicle. Jindal, who is the chairman of Iindal Steel and Power Limited, was accompanied by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini when he went to file his nomination

University of Texas at Dallas in the US, Jindal declared that he and his wife own gold and other jewellery valued at over Rs 40 crore. In his poll affidavit, Jindal declared his movable assets at Rs 88,673.68 lakh (nearly Rs 886 crore) and that of his wife at Rs 11,461.75 lakh (nearly Rs 114 crore).

The BJP candidate also holds agriculture land in Dadri in Uttar Pradesh measuring 1.628 hectares and non-agriculture land in Dadri measuring 5,058 square feet. He has declared his immovable assets at nearly Rs 11 crore and total liabilities to the tune of Rs 6.94 crore. He declared his total income amounting to Rs 74.83 crore for the financial year 2022-23. (Agencies)



Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu sought votes for the party candidate from Mandi, Vikramaditya Singh at Bharmaur on Thursday. The Congress Pioneer Photo candidate is pitted against Kangana Ranaut of the BJP.



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann participated in a roadshow and campaigned in Fatehgarh Sahib for AAP candidate Gurpreet GP on Thursday. *Pioneer Photo*

POLL BUZZ

BJP will end reservation if assumes power once again: Amritsar: Senior Congress

leader and the Leader of Opposition in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Partap Singh Bajwa on Thursday lambasted BJP for its malicious agenda to change the Constitution of India. "The present Constitution, which was written under the worthy leadership of Dr BR Ambedkar, will be scrapped if the BJP comes to power for the third time. If this happens, the peo-ple of this country will be deprived of the reservation and the system of social justice," said Bajwa, addressing the media in Amritsar along with party candidate Gurjit Singh Aujla, and the state party affairs in-charge Devendra Yadav. Bajwa slammed the BJP for launching the Agniveer scheme disbanding the previous army recruitment system, describing it as an attack on the tradition of the Punjab, which used to send its youngsters to the army. Bajwa said that if the Congress manages to form the government, it will nullify the Agniveer scheme and the old army recruitment process will be relaunched. "Despite the promise, the AAP government did not provide Rs 1000 per month to women over the age of 18. Meanwhile, if comes to power, the Congress resolves to launch a Mahalakshmi Scheme to provide Rs one lakh per year to every poor family in the country as an unconditional cash transfer. We will reserve 50 per cent of Central Government jobs for women starting in 2025," he said. In a jolt to SAD, AAP gains

more strength in Patiala

Chandigarh: AAP's Punjab unit got a major boost in Patiala ahead of Lok Sabha elections with SAD's national vice-president Surjit Singh Ablowal coming to the party fold in presence of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Patiala urban MLA Ajitpal Singh Kohli, and Cabinet Minister Chetan Singh Jauramajra. Ablowal leaving Akali Dal Badal is definitely a big loss for the party and his arrival in AAP will strengthen party candidate Dr Balbir Singh's position in Patiala.

Coming from student politics, Ablowal was vice president of Punjab Student Union in 1980, district president of Sikh Student Federation in 1986, national vice president of Youth Akali Dal in 1997, national general secretary and national senior vice-president of Youth Akali Dal, SAD's working committee member (twice), Punjab State Seed Corporation chairman during SAD-led Government's tenure (2007-2012); Punjab Tourism Development Corporation's chairman under SAD-led coali-

tion government (2012-2017).

atmosphere of uncertainty and insecurity in the Akali leadership from top to bottom. "The people of Punjab or the Akali Dal workers do not have any trust in SAD-Badal. When there is uncertainty and distrust among the people of any party, they cannot win. Now the people of Punjab do not have faith in the Akali Dal, they are finished," he added.

Mann said that there is an

Worry about your leaders, not us; Half of Punjab Cong is already in BJP: AAP

Chandigarh: AAP's
Punjab unit on Thursday
clapped back at Congress MLA
Pargat Singh for misleading the people of Punjab by saying that AAP will join the BJP. Terming Pargat Singh's statement as "weird and irresponsible", AAP spokesperson Neel Garg said that this is AAP which has ship, and has opposed their anti-democratic activities. "Many of our leaders are in jail because of opposing the BJP and Narendra Modi. Our national convenor Arvind Kejriwal is in jail under a false case against him...We are fighting this fight to save our democracy and Constitution,"

he said. Hitting back at Pargat Singh for even doubting AAP's intentions, Garg said that today, "60 per cent of Congress in Punjab has already gone to BJP, your former president is now the president of Punjab BIP, your former Chief Minister is in BJP today. Many of BJP candidates in this Lok Sabha elections have come from the Congress, Your current Leader of Opposition, his brother who was once a Minister in Punjab, is also in the BJP today".

AAP gains more strength in Ludhiana constituency Ludhiana: AAP

Thursday got a big boost in Ludhiana Lok Sabha constituency, while Congress and SAD suffered a big setback, with Jagraon's current city council president Amarjit Singh Malwa, along with many current and former councillors, left Congress and joined the AAP. Besides, SAD's many district level leaders also joined AAP. All the leaders were formally inducted into the party by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who said that AAP is continuously getting stronger in Punjab because people are very impressed with the public welfare works of the AAP Government in the last two years. Aam Aadmi Party has the support of every section of Punjab. We will win this election by 13-0.

Warring leading the charge: PPCC responds to 'turncoat' Jakhar's allegations

Chandigarh: Responding to recent accusations made by former Congressman and now Punjab BJP president Sunil

party's leadership, the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) on Thursday asserted its commitment to robust governance and electoral success. PPCC, in a tweet directed at Jakhar, blamed him for the structural challenges faced during his tenure and emphasized the proactive approach of its current president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. Unlike Jakhar, who abstained from electoral participation, Warring is leading the charge, poised to demonstrate the party's strength and emerge as the foremost political entity in

Rather to push development, AAP Govt burdened Punjab with debt:

Bathinda: Accusing the

ing the public with false promises, BJP candidate from Bathinda Lok Sabha constituency, Parampal Kaur Sidhu Maluka on Thursday said that rather to push the development, the Bhagwant Mann Government in Punjab has burdened the state with debt. The people of the State are now feeling cheated and have set their hopes on BJP, she said, during her poll campaigns in various assembly constituencies in Bathinda. Highlighting the financial mess of the AAP Government, Parampal criticized its lavish spending on advertisements and then resorting to loans to pay government employees' salaries. 'Disillusioned voters of the State are now looking towards PM Modi for the state's development. This can be noticed from the fact that more and more people are taking BJP memberships in Bathinda and surrounding areas," she added.

First ask AAP to give Rs 24k due to each woman, and then seek votes: Harsimrat to women voters

Bathinda: Former Union

Minister and Bathinda MP

Harsimrat Kaur Badal on Thursday appealed to the women voters to ask AAP to first give Rs 24,000 due to each woman as per Rs 1,000 per month promised made to them by AAP and then seek their votes. Bathinda MP, who toured several villages in Bathinda rural constituency, said: "Thousands of women opened bank accounts in the hope that they will start receiving Rs 1,000 per month. It has been more than two years now since the AAP Government came into power but Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has forgotten about this promise. It is high time you remind the 'jhadoo wali party' about this promise and demand Rs 24,000 due to each of you is deposited in your accounts before they come seeking your votes."

Poll panel issues warning to SAD, AAP for code violation

PNS CHANDIGARH

 $P^{unjab\text{'s Chief Electoral}}_{Officer\,(CEO)\,on\,Thursday}$ took decisive action against political parties found in violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. Following directives from the Election Commission of India (ECI), warnings have been issued to both the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for their respective transgressions.

One of the key infractions involved the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) utilizing the derogatory phrase "Delhi ke Dalal" in a campaign video targeting AAP's state convener and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, as well as AAP candidates. Such language, deemed inflammatory and violative of MCC guidelines, was promptly removed by the SAD after receiving the warning.

Additionally, the use of children in election rallies, notably during the campaign of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, has also drawn censure. Reports from Ludhiana's

Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer highlighted this breach, prompting stern reminder from the electoral authorities regarding as clear violations of electoral the prohibition

of involving **Ballot Battle** children in political campaigns. The SAD has been duly cautioned to adhere strictly to MCC guide-

lines henceforth. Notably, AAP had lodged a complaint with the poll panel against Sukhbir accusing him of violating ECI directions by making A child raise slogans in favour of his party during election campaigning. The complaint alleged that Sukhbir had passed the microphone to the child and made him raise slogans of 'Shiromani Akali Dal Zindabad' and 'Vote for Akali Dal' during his 'Punjab Bachao Yatra' at Raikot on April 6.

Meanwhile, the ruling AAP also faced reprimand for its online content, notably posts and videos such as 'Unsacred Games of Punjab'. Such materials were flagged for their potential to incite discord or

violate the MCC. Furthermore, the casteist

remarks attributed to the state Cabinet Minister and AAP's candidate from Khadoor Sahib Laljit Singh Bhullar were condemned conduct stan-

dards. Reports from Tarn Taran Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer corroborated these findings, leading to a formal warning issued to AAP. Notably, on April 13, Bhullar,

in his speech during his election campaign at Patti, allegedly ridiculed members of the Ramgarhia and Suniyar communities, calling them "Ghuli gharh". Following this, complaints were sent to the ECI, against the Minister by both Shiromani Akali Dal and Ramgarhia Singh Sabha, Tarn

About a fortnight later, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had offered an apology for Bhullar's "casteist remarks". Following widespread condemnation, Mann had taken a firm stance during a campaign rally for Bhullar in Patti emphasizing AAP's commitment to inclusive politics and stressed the need for **ECI Appoints 15 Expenditure Observers for Punjab** The Election Commission experience and expertise to their roles. While one observ-

Thursday appointed 15 expenditure observers for 13 Lok Sabha constituencies of Punjab to oversee the expenditure incurred by candidates and political parties during the campaign period, ensuring compliance with election expenditure regulations.

Sharing details of the appointed expenditure observers, the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C said that the appointed observers are distinguished Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officers who bring a wealth of

Bhullar to issue an unconditional apology. Mann, acknowledging the gravity of the situation, had offered his own apology as the head of the party, reiterating AAP's dedication to governance based on meritocracy and devoid of discrimination. Both AAP and SAD have been directed to desist from

further breaches of the mode

code of conduct, and to con-

their roles. While one observer each has been appointed for Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Khadoor Sahib, Fatehgarh Sahib, Faridkot (ŠC), Ferozepur, Sangrur, Patiala, Jalandhar (SC), Hoshiarpur (SC) Lok Sabha constituencies; two observers each have bene appointed for Anandpur Sahib, Ludhiana, and Bathinda constituencies. CEO Sibin C said that

each appointed observer will play a crucial role in ensuring the fairness and transparency of the electoral process in their respective constituencies. duct their campaigns in strict

adherence to the guidelines set forth by the Election Commission of India. The warnings underscored the commitment of electoral authorities to uphold the integrity and fairness of the electoral process, ensuring that campaigns remain focused on issues rather than resorting to divisive rhetoric or unethical

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

- I. hitherto known as Sagan Lal son of Kalu Ram Girdhar R/o #1798. Street No. 3-B. Kailash Nagar, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name and shall hereafter be known as Sagan Lal Girdhar.
- In some document's my name has been written as Amarjeet Kaur, while in other's it has been mentioned as Amarjit Kaur, whereas Amarjeet Kaur and Amarjit Kaur are one and the same person. In future I shall be known as Amarjeet Kaur wife of Paramjit Singh resident of House No. 2064, Kamra Street, Gandhi Nagar, Fazilka, District Fazilka (Punjab).
- I, Nadeem Ahmed S/o Mohammad Akram R/o Maszid Kamal Malerkotla Distt Malerkotla, have changed my name to Nadeem Ahmad.
- I, Aniket Dhlod S/o Late Kishan Lal R/o # 2511, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh. I have changed my name from Aniket Dhlod to Pinku.
- I, Sikha W/o Bikramjeet Singh R/o 163-164, Balaji Homes 2, Chanalon Kurali, SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Sikha to Sikha Randhawa for all purposes with immediate effect vide affidavit dated 01/05/2024.
- I, Monika D/o Kadam Singh, W/O Raghubir Singh R/O 1219/11 Model Town, Ambala road Kaithal, have Changed my name from Monika to Vijay Kumari.In future, I will be known as Vijay Kumari
- I, Sonu Khan, son of Ishma Khan, resident of village Sultania Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana, inform that in some of my documents my name has been mistakenly recorded as Sohnu and my father's name as Vakil Ram. Whereas my correct name is Sonu Khan and my father's correct name is Ishma Khan.
- I, Kulwant Singh S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vill. Alipur Araian, Darshan Singh Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my minor Daughter's name from Anshika to Anshpreet
- I, Dharamvir Singla S/o Bhushan Lal R/o House No. 5-C/4, Khalsa College Colony, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Dharamvir.
- I, Harjit Kaur W/o Baljinder Singh R/o H.No. 754. Street No. Raniit Nagar, Bhadson Road. Patiala have changed my name from Hariit Kaur Bhatoe to Hariit Kaur after marriage
- I, Sawaran Kaur widow of No.2463981K Ex. HAV Late Tarlok Singh R/o H.No. 91, Mohalla: Amamgarh Mohalla, vill: Samana, PO. Samana, PS Samana, NRS Patiala, Tehsil Samana, Distt. (Pb)147101 declare that in my husband's service recards my Date of Birth is mentioned is 11-11-1961 but my correct Date of Birth is 31-12-1961
- I Ronv Pankai S/O Ram Lubhaya R/o Gali no 1 Subash Nagar Phagwara Kapurthala Punjab have changed my name from Rony Pankaj to Roni Pankaj
- I, Dhavamani. M, is legally Mother of 15249979X, L/NK, Vijay M, Unit of 627 Sata Bty C/O 56 APO. Ferozepur Cantt. Resident at H.No. 1/117, Melur Taluk, T. Vellalapatti, Madurai, State Tamil Nadu, Pin 625122 have changed my name Dhavamani. M to Thavamani. M Vide Affidavit Dated 02 May 2024 before at Notray Ferozepur.
- I Kusam Mother of Mohit Jaswal R/O Vill - Masot (168), PO - Naleti, Teh - Dehragopipur, Distt - Kangra (H.P) PIN-177104, Have Changed My Name From Kusam to Kusum Lata Vide Affidavit Dated 02 May 2024 Before Notary Public at Ferozepur.
- I, Gurdial Singh S/o Ujagar Singh R/o H.No. 49-A, Mithapur Road, Near Cheema Nagar Extension, Vasant Avenue, Jalandhar have changed my name from Gurdial Singh to Gurdial Singh Ghai.
- I. Jasvir s/o Sarwan Dass r/o Vill. Bahopur, Po.Mustfapur, Distt. Jalandhar-144801, Punjab have changed my name from Jasvir to Jasvir Banger
- I. Prince s/o Rakesh Kumar r/o Bassi Daulat Khan, Distt. Hoshiarpur-146111, Punjab have changed my name from Prince to Prince Banger.
- I, Barjinder Singh s/o Hira Singh r/o Charda Pasa, Raipur Rasulpur, Distt. Jalandhar-144012, Punjab have changed my name from Barjinder Singh to Singh Barjinder (Surname as Singh).

- Kumar r/o H.No. 49/126. New Hardyal Nagar, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab Declare that Suman Lata and Summan Lata both are my names & one and same person.
- I, Kimti Lal s/o Hans Raj r/o H.No. 19/9, Bhargav Nagar, Jalandhar-144003. Puniab have changed the spelling of my name from Kimti Lal to Keemti
- I, Jaswant Singh s/o Mohinder Singh r/o Vill. Daulatpur, Po. Alawalpur, Jalandhar have changed my name to Jaswant Singh (Surname as Singh).
- I. Karthika Lakshmi is wife of No 18004741K Hav S Suriyan, serving in unit 52 Engr Regt C/o56 APO have change my name from Karthika Lakshmi to R Karthika Lakshmi.
- I, Asha Sonker is wife of No Jc-406233L Sub Ganesh Prasad Sonkar, serving in unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/o56 APO have change my name from Asha Sonker to Asha Sonkar.
- I, Shivam Kumar is son of No Jc- 406233L Sub Ganesh Prasad Sonkar, serving in unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/o56 APO have change my name from Shivam Kumar to Shivam Kumar
- I, Ankur Aggarwal S/o Ashok Kumar Bansal R/o 2491, Sector-16, Kheri Kalan (113), Faridabad, Haryana- 121002, have changed my name as Ankur Bansal.
- I, Satypal Singh S/o Hukam Singh R/o H.No. 19, Near Mohan Ram Mohan Mandir, Nainwal (155), Gurgaon, Harvana- 122051. have changed my name as Umed
- I. Balvir Kaur W/o Kewal Singh R/o VPO. Nano Maliyan, Bhanolanga. Kapurthala. Punjab- 144620 have changed my name as Paramjit Kaur.
- I. Arun S/o Phool Chand R/o Street Number 1, Ward No. 17, Kirti Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001 have changed my name as Arun Nehra.
- I Vikas S/o Om Parkash Malhotra R/o H.No. 577-L, Model Town Jalandhar have changed my name to Vikas Malhotra. Vikas is my given name and Malhotra is my
- I, Jernail Singh S/o Surender Singh R/o Gledwa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Given Name Jarnail Surname Singh
- I, Surinder Singh S/o Chanan Singh R/o Gledwa Pehowa Kurukshetra Have Changed My Given Name Surender Surname & Singh
- I, Jawinder Kaur W/o Jarnail Singh R/o Gledwa Pehowa Kurukshetra Have Changed My Given Name Jaswinder Surname Kaur
- I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Major Singh R/o Satgoli Yamunanagar, Have Changed My Given Name Kuldeep Surname Kour.
- I, Sandeep S/o Bannta Ram Vill.Naisi Sub Tehsil Ismailabad distt.Kurukshetra have changed my name Sandeep Kumar.
- I, Kajal D/O Birbhan, R/O Vill Bakhli Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra Harvana-136128 name of my father wrongly written as Birbhan Singh in my 12th class certificate. The actual name of my father is Birbhan.
- I, Swati Singh W/o Kunal Parasar R/o H.No 249 Sector 7 A, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor son (DOB 04/08/2018) from Yuvaan to Yuvaan Singh for all purposes. He shall be known and called by the name Yuvaan Singh. All concerned please note.
- It Is For General Information That I Jaspreet Singh S/O Balkar Singh R/O H.No-513/26, Street No-3, Baba Banda Singh Bahadhur Colony Trimmu Road, Gurdaspur.Punjab-143521. Declare That Name Of Mine Has
- Been Wrongly Written As Jaspreet Singh Randhawa In My Pan Card No.AJWPR9447F The Actual Name Of Mine Is Jaspreet Singh Which May Be Amended Accordingly.
- It Is For General Information That I Mandeep Kaur W/O Jaspreet Singh R/O H.No-513/26, Street No-3, Baba Banda Singh Bahadhur Colony Trimmu Road Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521. Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Mandeep Kaur Randhawa In My Passport No.G0311260. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Mandeep Kaur Which May Be Amended Accordingly.
- I Dalvir Singh S/O Sarwan Singh R/O Village Dobhali Tehsil Balachaur District S.B.S. Nagar Punjab India Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter From Loveleen To Loveleen

- Tilak Raj R/O House No.B-23/161. Aslamabad, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Pavinder Kaur To Parminder
- I Ritu Khanna W/O Alok Bhatia R/O B-599. New Model Town, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Ritu Bhatia, After Marriage
- I Shallu Rani W/O Sahib Singh R/O Vpo. Sahri, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Rani I Gurjeet Singh Randhawa

S/O Paramjeet Singh R/O Vill.

- Kahan Singh Wala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Gurjeet Singh. I Sonia W/O Raju Sadiora R/O H.No.123 W.No.18 Gill Road Moga Distt. Moga Have
- I Amarjit Kaur Kambo W/O Jaswinder Singh R/O W.No.09 H.No.124 St.No.08 Nanak Nagri Moga Have Changed My Name To Amarjeet Kaur.

Changed My Name To Sonia

- I Harjinder Singh Joha S/O Naib Singh R/O Vpo. Dhalle Ke Distt. Moga Have Changed Minor Son's Name Sukhtaj Singh To Sukhtaj Singh Johal
- I Navjot Kaur Brar W/O Karanveer Singh Dhillon R/O H No 11 Kothe Sher Jang Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Navjot Kaur Dhillon.
- I Mohinder Kaur & Bibi D/O Boota Singh W/O Pakhar Singh R/O Vill. Motipur P.O. Rampur Jagir Distt. Jalandhar Am Known By Above Both
- I Lovepreet Kaur Kanda W/O Shavinder Singh Kanda R/O St.No.11 R Dogar Basti Faridkot Punjab Have Changed My Name To Lovepreet Kaur. I Shavinder Singh Kanda
- S/O Satnam Singh R/O St.No.11 R, Dogar Basti Faridkot Punjab Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Ekam Kaur Kanda To Ekam
- I Anil Kumar S/O Suraj Bhan R/O H.No.404, 4th Floor, Sector 4, Panchkula 134112 Haryana Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Mayank Garg To Mayank.
- Amarnath Villageresident of Pokharbhinda Urf Chakadha, Post- Pipraich, Tehsil- Sadar, District- Gorakhpur, State- Uttar Pradesh Pin-273152 have changed my Son name from Aurav Yadav to Aarav Yadav affidavit No.IN-PB11635824959511W dated 02 2024 before notary public
- I, No.15613853A Hav Gurjant Singh resident of Village- Mohan Nagar, Post-Bhawanigarh, Tehsil-Bhawanigarh, District- Sangrur, State- Punjab, Pin-148026, have changed my father name from Dilip Singh to Dailp Singh affidavit No.IN-PB11595566823332W dated 02 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, No.15613853A Hav Gurjant Singh resident of Village- Mohan Nagar, Post-Bhawanigarh, Tehsil-Bhawanigarh, District- Sangrur, State- Puniab. Pin-148026. have changed my Mother name from Ranjeet Kaur to Ranjit Kaur Vide affidavit No.IN-PB11596368621323W dated 02 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Ravinder Singh resident of Village- Chhourian Bet, Post-Jagowal Bet, Tehsil- Gurdaspur District- Gurdaspur, State-Punjab, Pin-143528, have changed my daughter name from Aliya to Aliya Singh Vide affidavit No.IN PB11600891202320W dated 02 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Sarita Devi spouse of No.14677196M NK Rajveer resident of Village- Angasar, Abusar, Jhunjhunu, District - Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin- 333001, have changed my name from Sarita Devi to Sarita Kumari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB11599939493742W dated 02 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Meena Kanewar spouse of Sarjeet Singh resident of Village- Holawas, Post- Bansur, Tehsil- Bansur, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin- 301402, have changed my name from Meena Kanewar to Meena Kanwar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB04075089101676W dated 07 April 2024 before notary

public Pathankot

- I, Neema Devi spouse of Narendra Singh resident of Village- Liti, Post- Post- Liti, Kapkot, District-Bageshwar, State- Uttrakhand, Pin- 263633, have changed my name from Neema Devi to Neema Koranga Vide affidavit No.IN-PB08575908315700W dated 23 April 2024 before
- notary public Pathankot I, Bhagrathi Devi Mother of Narendra Singh resident of Village- Liti, Post- Liti, Tehsil-Kapkot, District- Bageshwar, State- Uttrakhand. Pin- 263633. have changed my name from Bhagrathi Devi to Bhaguli Devi affidavit No.IN-PB08576499755186W dated 23 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, A Gomathi spouse of Arumugam K resident of Village-Vadalur, Post- Vadalur, Tehsil-Kurinjipadi, District- Cuddalore, State- Tamil Nadu, Pin-607303, have changed my name from A Gomathi to Gomathi A Vide PB07874457544781W dated 20 April 2024 before notary public
- I, Bheem Singh koranga Father of Narendra Singh resident of Village-Liti, Post-Liti, Tehsil- Kapkot, District-Bageshwar, State- Uttrakhand, Pin- 263633, have changed my name from Bheem Singh Koranga to Bhim Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB10818166187493W dated 30 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Aditya son of Army No.18000989W Rank NK Randhir Singh R/o 424 (I) ENGR Sqn C/o 56 Apo declare that in my father service record my name wrongly written as Adithya my correct name is Aditya Vide affidavit No. 51 AE 825652 before Zamaniya Ghazipur dated 01/02
- I, Lovely Devi spouse of No.2498979L L/Hav Shamser Singh resident of Village-Sarota, Post- Janial, Tehsil-Pathankot, District- Gurdaspur, State- Punjab, Pin-145028 have changed my name & DOB from Lovely to Lovely Devi and date of birth from 18 Oct 1985 to 24 June 1985 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB10984597673216W dated 30 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Karamjit Kaur Mother of No.4487885A NK Gurvinder Singh resident of House No-B1/744, Guru Gobind Singh Colony, Post- Raipura, Tehsil-Rajpura, District- Rajpura, State- Puniah Pin-140401 have changed my name & DOB from Karamieet Kaur to Karamiit Kaur and date of birth from 19 Sep 1964 to 19 Nov 1964 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB11594785355755W dated 02 May 2024 before notary public
- Pathankot I No 24989791 1/Hav Shamser Singh resident of Village- Sarota, Post- Janial. Tehsil- Pathankot, District-Gurdaspur, State- Punjab, Pin-145028, have changed my Son name from Karthik Andotra to Kartik Andotra Vide affidavit No.IN-PB10985708768230W dated 30 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot
- I Anju Bala W/o Raj Kumar Mattu R/o # 1 Sai ka bagh ugara bara road near Shivala Mandi Ambala cantt that I have changed my name from Anju Bala to Anju mattu. Concerned

- I, Jasleen D/o Jatinder Pal Singh R/o Sangha Hospital, Giani Zail Singh Nagar, Rupnagar, Tehsil and District Rupnagar declare my name is Jasleen and Jasleen Sangha both the names pertain to one and the same person.
- I Irshad s/o Srafat r/o house no 6561 C sector 56 chandigarh that my father have changed his name Sarafat Ali to Srafat both are same person.
- I hitherto known as Anamika W/o Rohit Kumar, R/o Village & Post Office Jathlana, Tehsil Radaur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar-135133 (Haryana), INDIA have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anamika Garg.
- I, Karamvir Singh S/o Paramjit Singh R/o Vpo. Rayya Teh-Baba Bakala (Amritsar) have changed my name from Karamveer Singh to Karamvir I, Nacchatar Singh S/o
- Sudagar Singh R/o Chhapar Distt Ludhiana have known by both names Nacchatar Singh and Nachhattar Singh one and I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/o
- Nacchatar Singh R/o Vpo Chhapar Distt Ludhiana have known by both names Sarbjeet Kaur and Sarabjit Kaur one and
- I, Amarjeet Kaur W/o Gobinder Singh R/o Vill: Murar Po. Hamira (Kapurthala) have changed my name from Amarjeet Kaur to Kaur Amarjit.
- I Arwinder Singh W/o Swaran Singh R/o 10/985, Gali Gurdwara Lakir Sahib Wali, Deep Avenue, Tarn Taran, Tehsil & Distt: Tarn Taran have changed my name to Arvinder
- I Ranjna Devi W/o No. 2491749P Sep Kuldip Singh R/o Village Beh Khushala. PO. Kamahi Devi, Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Ranina Choudhary to Ranjna Devi.
- I. Nabab Khan Son of Safi Mohammad R/o VPO. Nathowal (Ludhiana) have changed my name Nawab Khan.

I, Sima Bagam wife of

- Nawab Khan R/o VPO. Nathowal (Ludhiana) have changed my name Seema I, Prabhjot Singh Buttar Son of Sukhwinder Sinah R/o
- Vill. Dhurkot (Ludhiana) have changed my name Prabhjot I. Beant Kaur Sidhu Wife Prabhiot Singh R/o Vill Dhurkot
- (Ludhiana) have changed my name Beant Kaur. I, Harpreet Kaur W/o Ajay Kumar Badhan R/o Vill: Nurpura (Ludhiana) have changed my
- after marriage. I, Mandeep Kaur Natt W/o Jaswant Singh R/o Vill: Tungaheri (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Mandeep

name to Harpreet kaur Badhan

I, Harjinder Kaur Natt W/o Kanwaljit Singh R/o Vill: Rajoana Khurd (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Harjinder Kaur.

Kaur after marriage.

- I, Kulwant Kaur W/o Inderjit Singh Bath R/o W.No. 6 Sehbazpura Road Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kulwant Kaur Bath.
- I Guljar Singh S/o Nazar Singh R/o Near Bus Stand, Officer Avenue, Tarn Taran, Tehsil & Distt: Tarn Taran have changed my name to Gulzar Singh.
- I, Ravinder Singh S/o Suriit Singh R/o Village Mandiala Kalan. Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Parminder Singh.

- I, Shaveta Daughter Of Avinash Chander W/O Varun Abrol Resident Of VPO Gharota Tehsil And Distt. Pathankot Punjab Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shaveta To Shaveta Abrol.I Shall Hereafter Be Known As
- I Sonika W/o Ashu Gupta R/o 1768. Kacha Bazar Distt. Ambala have changed my name Dusanjh. from Sonika to Sonika Gupta.
- Dharam Singh R/o # 516, Sector-2, Urban Estate Kurukshetra, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra have changed my daughter name from Vanshika to Vanshika

I. Pradeep Judge S/o

- I Simran Kaur (D/o Sh. Jaswant Singh) W/o Sh. Baljeet Singh Sehgal R/o House No 1664 Sector 13, Urban Estate Karnal have changed my name from Ranjeet Kaur to Simran
- I Usha Devi W/o Late Om Parkash R/o H.No.1909/2 Ahluwalia Street, Arna Barna Chowk, Patiala, have changed my name to Usha
- I Poonam Bala W/o Rajeev Kumar Ward No. 9 Makhu Tehsil Zira District Ferozepur have changed my name Poonam Bala to Poonam.

- I, Joginder Singh S/o Inder Singh R/o Village Chak Mahanta Wala, Tehsil Guruharsahai, Ferozepur, hereby declare that I shall henceforth be known as Joginder Lal S/o Inder
- I, Gurcharand Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o VPO. Lohgarh, Tehsil & District Ferozepur have changed my name to Gurchand Singh
- I, Rajandeep Kaur W/o Gurcharan Singh Dusanjh R/o VPO. Lohgarh, Tehsil & District Ferozepur have changed my name to Rajandeep Kaur
- I, Jaswinder Singh S/O Teja Singh R/O H.No. 10332 Street No. 01 Narang Colony Sri Muktsar Sahib District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Singh
- I, Kiranjeet Kaur W/O Jaswinder Singh Bawa R/O H.No. 10332 Street No. 01 Narang Colony Sri Muktsar Sahib District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Kiranjeet Kaur Bawa.
- I. Surinder Kumar son of Chaman Lal Resident of House No. 66/65, Phase-2 Golden Enclave Ferozepur City Have changed my minor son name from Ryan Beery to Ryan Berry.

I, Baljinder Singh Bajwa s/o Ajit Singh r/o Village Awan PO Dhariwal Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Baljinder Singh Bajwa to Baljinder Singh. Concerned

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कारांतिय नगर निगम सीनीपता
नगर निगम सोनीपता
गर निगम सोनीपत की संपत्तिकर आखा के रिकॉर्ड अनुसार
प्रॉपर्टी आई डी न 1/M/2D/W) जो कि पटेलु नगर,
सोनीपत वार्ड नंबर 0.9 में स्थित ही संपत्तिकर सर्व अनुसार
स्परिकर बिल में करवाता का नाम Satjonasyancon है।
किसी भी संपत्तिकर दाता का नाम दर्ज न होन/नाम गलत दर्ज
होन/नाए दिनाक 0.8.0.5, 20,22 अरगत आवेदरक द्वारा
प्रस्तुत को गई प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. में नाम तबदील व नाम दर्ज
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दिया जाएगा। जिसके लिए नगर निगम कार्यालय जिम्मेवार
नहीं होगा। क्षेत्रिय करवान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, सौनीपत

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059 Branch Office: SCO 154, 1st floor, Red Square Market, UE-1, Near Telephone Exchange. Hisar- 125001

Branch Office: Shanti Complex, 1st floor, Building No. 4307/12-14, Jagadhari Road, Opposite Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt- 133001 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/	cet to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Lir Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Sunil Kumar (Borrower), Mahavir. (Co-Borrower), NHSIR00001294981.	Khewat No. 54 Khatoni No.71 Khasra No. 125 (2-0) Tadadi 2 Canal Ka 39/160, Part Bakdar 9 Marle 7 Sarsai, Village Bhoda Hoshnak Tehsil And Distt Fatehabad Haryana- 125050 (Ref. LAN No. NHSIR00001294981). Bounded By-North: Street 27 Ft, South: Agri Land of Other, East: Property of Diwan Chandela 98 Ft 4 Inch, West: Property of Ransingh Jan Gra 98 Ft 4 Inch./ Date of Possession- 27-04-2024	11-01-2024 Rs. 8,24,117.4/-	Hissar- B
2.	Sunil Kumar (Borrower), Mahavir. (Co-Borrower), NHSIR00001294982.	Khewat No. 54 Khatoni No.71 Khasra No. 125 (2-0) Tadadi 2 Canal Ka 39/160, Part Bakdar 9 Marle 7 Sarsai, Village Bhoda Hoshnak Tehsil And Distt Fatehabad Haryana- 125050 (Ref. LAN No. NHSIR00001294982). Bounded ByNorth: Street 27 Ft, South: Agri Land of Other, East: Property of Diwan Chandela 98 Ft 4 Inch, West: Property of Ransingh Jan Gra 98 Ft 4 Inch,/ Date of Possession- 27-04-2024	11-01-2024 Rs. 4,26,098.6/-	Hissar- B
3.	Ramesh Kumar (Borrower), Kanchan. (Co-Borrower), Shanti. (Co-Borrower), NHHNS00001265192.	Khewet No. 4641 Khatoni No. 5863 Khasra No. 346//21/2/2(3-17) Waka Dayal Singh Colony Hansi Haryana-125033 (Ref. LAN No. NHHNS00001265192). Bounded By- North: Street, South: Property of Parkash, East: Property of Miker, West: Property of Rajesh./ Date of Possession- 27-04-2024	11-01-2024 Rs. 6,72,371/-	Hissar- B
4.	Ramesh Kumar (Borrower), Kanchan. (Co-Borrower), Shanti. (Co-Borrower), NHHNS00001265194.	Khewet No. 4641 Khatoni No. 5863 Khasra No. 346//21/2/2(3-17) Waka Dayal Singh Colony Hansi Haryana- 125033 (Ref. LAN No. NHHNS00001265194). Bounded By- North: Street, South: Property of Parkash, East: Property of Miker, West: Property of Rajesh./ Date of Possession- 27-04-2024	11-01-2024 Rs. 3,52,637/-	Hissar- B
5.	Mukesh. (Borrower), Renu. (Co-Borrower), LHAMB00001335609.	Khata No 163 173 Hadbast No. 115 Khatoni No. 150 143 160 Khasra No. 186 0 18 Inside Nagar Nigam Abadi Durga Nagar II Waka Rakba Nasirpur Hadbast No. 115 Ambala Haryana- 134003 (Ref. LAN No. LHAMB00001335609). Bounded By- North: Land Other Owner and Mujra 19 Feet 6 Inches, South: Rasta 27 Feet Wide and Mujh 18 Feet 8 Inches, East: House Other Owner T Muza 48 Ft, West: House Other Owner & Muza Ft,/ Date of Possession- 27-04-2024	11-01-2024 Rs. 10,20,936/-	Ambala- B
6.	Mukesh. (Borrower), Renu. (Co-Borrower), LHAMB00001335641	Khata No. 163 173 Hadbast No. 115 Khatoni No. 150 143 160 Khasra No. 186 0 18 Inside Nagar Nigam Abadi Durga Nagar II Waka Rakba Nasirpur Hadbast No. 115 Ambala Haryana- 134003 (Ref. LAN No. LHAMB00001335641). Bounded By- North: Land Other Owner and Mujra 19 Feet 6 Inches, South: Rasta 27 Feet Wide and Mujh 18 Feet 8 Inches, East: House Other Owner T Muza 48 Ft, West: House Other Owner & Muza Ft,/ Date of Possession- 27-04-2024	11-01-2024 Rs. 53,807/-	Ambala- B

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

perpetuated by the system. FIR against him are politically motivated.

Candidate was selected by consensus among the party workers in

the area No other candidate with similar support.

Place: Fatehabad, Hansi, Ambala

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

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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

(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)

AAM AADMI PARTY Name of Political Party:

the candidate, and not merely "winnablilty"

than 100 words)

Reasons as to why other individuals withour criminal

antecedents could not to be selected as candidates (not more

GENERAL ELECTION 2024 TO LOK SABHA *Name of the Election: HARYANA Name of the Sate/UT:

SI.No		Name of the constituency: 02-Kurukshetra		
1.	Criminal antecedents :	Name of the Candidate : Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta		
	a) Nature of the offences	(i) Defamation (U/s 499,500,504 & 34 of IPC)		
	b) Case No.	1) CT Case/16/2019		
	c) Name of the Court	(i) Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Ms. Tanya Bamniyal)		
	d) Whether charges have been framed or not: Yest /No	No		
	e) Date of conviction (if any):	Nil		
	f) Details of punishment undergone (if any)	Nil		
	g) Any other Information required to be given	Quashing Petition filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi		
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate, Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of			

PUBLIC NOTICE Reg:- Plot No. 177, Sector 30-B, IMT, Rohta under R & R policy dated 07.12.2007. Plot No. 177, Sector 30-B, IMT, Rohtak under R & R policy dated 07.12.2007 measuring 350 sq

meter was allotted by the Corporation to Sh Deepa (now deceased) S/o Sh. Jaila, village Kherisadh Distt. Rohtak vide Regular Letter of Allotment (RLA) dated 01.03.2016. The corporation has been informed that the origin corporation has been informed that the original fallottee Sh. Deepa had expired on 29.12.2011 The legal heirs of the deceased allottee Bimla Ravinder, Arvind, Ishwar, Surender, Mahende Singh, Jora Singh have approached the Corporation for transfer of plot/share in question of the corporation of the state of the corporation of the state of th Late Sh. Deepa in favour of Sh. Jora Singh S/c Meer Singh S/o Jaila in this regard. The Corporation is in process of considering thei request & transferring the said plot in favour of Sh Jora Singh S/o Meer Singh. Through this publi notice it is here by 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 rom the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is received within the aforesa period, it will be presumed that no body has ar objection to transfer of the said share in the pl and the Corporation shall go ahead with transfer plot in favour of Sh. Jora Singh S/o Meer Singh.

For & behalf of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Dev. Corpn. Ltd., Branch Office Industrial Model Township Rohtak. Ph 01262-287425, Fax- 01262-284129

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the information of the general public an all concerned with the property house No.800 Evaluation and concerned with the property house No.800 Evaluation and the standard of the No.800 Evaluation and the No.800 Evaluation and the No.800 Evaluation and the Sh. Jagat Ram as per record of this office. It has been reported by the applicant Late Sh. Ashok Sahharwal St. Late Sh. Jagat Ram who was the owner of this propert died on 07.02.2019. Sh. Amit Sahharwal So Late Sh. Ashok Sahharwal Robert Sh. Jagat Ram (Jamedapplied for the transfer for the said property in his name on the basis of intestate death of Late Sh. Ashok Sahharwal Sto Late Sh. Jagat Ram (I fanybod have any objection for the transfer of the said property in source of the said property in the said of the Saharwal Roberts Sh. Jagat Ram (I fanybod have any objection for the transfer of the said property in source of the said property in the said property in the said property in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which, this property shall be transferred accordingly and no turther claim whatsoever shall be intertained letter on. Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana, Panchku

THE CHANDIGARH DISTRICT COURT LAWYER'S COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING FIRST SOCIETY LTD. SECTOR 49-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby notified for the information of general public and all the concerned that the following members/ applicants/ applied for transfer of share/ flat and issue of NOC/Permission for execution of Sale Deed before the Managing Committee of the society/Registrar Cooperative Societies U.T., Chandigarh as per notification issue by Finance Department, Chandigar inistration

SH.SANTOKH SINGH SH.SURESH KUMAR F.F.SECTOR. 49-1 CATEGORY'A' If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of title right or interest in above mentioned flats of the society in favour of the applicant, then, he/ she/ they may submi the objection in writing alongwith relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice failing which the ownership of the above said flat which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favour of the

Name of Original

applicant.

No further claim in any manner whatsoevershall be entertained later on. For the Chandigarh district court Lawyer's Cooperative House Building First Society Ltd, Sector 49-D, Chandigarh.

ESTATE MANAGER HOUSING BOARD HARYANA PANCHKULA

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub.: Transfer of Flat No. 22-GF, Housing Board Colony, Sector-3-4-4A, Pinjor-Kalka, Panchkula in the Name of Sh. Shiv Bahadur Pun Magar S/o Sh. Devi Ram Pun Bahadur R/o Flat No. 28-SF, Sec.-3-4-4A, Pinjore Kalka, Panchkula, Haryana on the basis of General Transfer Current owner is Smt. Saroj W/o Late Sh. Mahipa R/o VPO-Nidana, Distt. Jind, Haryana of this property. this property.

It is notified for the information of the

general public and all concerned with the property Flat No. 22-GF, Housing Board Colony, Sector-3-4-4A, Pinjor-Rallar Panchkula which stands in the name of Smt. Saroj W/o Late Sh. Mahpal R/o VPO-Nidana, Distt. Jind, Haryana as per recor It has been reported by the applicar

(s) who is the owner of this property applied for General Transfer or 15.04.2024 in the name of Sh. Shi Bahadur Pun Magar S/o Sh. Devi Ram Pun Bahadur R/o Flat No. 28SF, Sec.-3-4

Pun Bahadur R/o Flat No. 28SF, Sec.-3-4A, Pinjore Kalka, Panchkula, Haryana on the basis of documents of General Transfer Policy.

If anybody have any objection for the General transfer of the said property in favor of the Sh. Shiv Bahadur Pun Magar S/o Devi Ram Bahadur R/o Flat No. 28SF, Sec.-3-4-4A, Pinjor Kalka, Panchkula, Haryana they may furnish their objection in Haryana they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publicatio of this notice, failing which, this property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained letter on. Estate Manager

Housing Board Haryana Ph. 0172-2583407

ESTATE MANAGER HOUSING BOARD HARYANA PANCHKULA (C-15, AWAS BHAWAN, SEC-6, PANCHKULA)

(C-15, AWAS BHAWAN, SEC-8, PANCHKULA)

RUSHIGHOTIGE

NO.HBH/EM/PKL/2024/2335

Date: 01/05/2024

Sub:- Transfer of H. No. 43, Housing Board Colony

Nangal Sodhian, Himshikh, Panchkula, Haryana ir
the name of Smt. Jagrill Rishi Vashisht Wo Late Sh

Veerendra Kumar Vashisht R/o Ward No.4, Meht

Mohalla, Near Patshala, Nalagarh, Solan, Himacha

Pardesh due to death of Late Smt. Kamla Rishi W/o

Late Sh. Hari Dev Rishi living intestate property and

Registered Will.

Registered Will.

It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the property H.No. 43, Housing Board Colony, Nangal Sodhian, Himshikha, Panchkula, Haryana which stands in the name of Late Smt. Kamla Rishi Wlo Late Sh. Hari Dev Rishi as per second of this coffee.

Smt. Kamla Rishi W/o Late Sh. Hari Dev Rishi as per record of this office.

It has been reported by the applicant (s) that Late Smt. Kamla Rishi Wio Late Sh. Hari Dev Rishi who was the owner of this property died on 12.09, 2023. Smt. Jagrifi Rishi Vashisht Wio Late Sh. Veerendra Kumar Vashisht R/o Ward No.4, Mehta Mohalla, Near Patshala, Nalagarh, Solan, Himachal Pardesh have claimed/ applied for the transfer for the said property in his name on the basis of intestate death and Registered Will of Late Smt. Kamla Rishi W/o Late Sh. Hari Dev Rishi. If anybody have any objection for the transfer of the said property in favour of the applicant Smt. Jagrifi Rishi Vashisht W/o Late Sh. Veerendra Kumar Vashisht R/o Ward No.4, Mehta Mohalla, Near Patshala, R/o Ward No.4, Mehta Mohalla, Near Patshala, R/o Ward No.4, Mehta Mohalla, Near Patshala Nalagarh, Solan, Himachal Pardesh they may furnis their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, this property shall be transferre accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall b

Housing Board Haryana, Sector 6, Panchkula **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Varsha Makkar W/o Sh. Punee

Makkar R/o H NO 280, Near Amar Hospital, Subhash Nagar, Hisar (Haryana) declare that Sale Deed etc. documents of my property no. 6289 Dt. 17 Jan. 2023 has lost on 26.4.2024 any where in Bank Colony Hisar and not found after searcing. - Deponent

Notice I Ashok Goel R/o H. N. 2942, NHBC Sector-12, Panipat have lost property document plot no. 249 re

जिला जीन्द बनाम जनरल पब्लिक। allotment HSIIDC/1E/PNP/HSVP/2022/473 dated 15/02/2022.DDr also lodged application 132340272400717.if anybody found then confirm to above address.

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम रोहतक की कर शाखा के सम्पतिकर के रिकार्ड में नर पोपर्टी आईडी नंबर 1H9UR1M2 पुरानी पोपर्टी आईड नंबर ७५८३३१७१४७वार्ड नंबर/पता वार्ड नंबर कायस्था नबर 750.3310147 ais नबर 7uin ais नबर कायरथान नियर बड़ा बाजार ,PO रोहतक पुराने NDC रिकॉर्ड में VEENA RANI W/O SHYAM SUNDER व सर्वे के अनुसार नए NDC रिकॉर्ड में श्री/श्री NA नाम से दर्ज हैं। अब नगर निवाम के रिकार्ड में इस आईडी नंबर मे पार्थी जिसका नाम श्री/श्रीमति नीरन कुमार, घीरन (पुत्र) , अमिता (पुत्री)के द्वारा वसीयत/वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तब्दील करवाना चाहते है यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई र्भ आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अंदर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा पोपटी टैक्स में उसके नाम तब्दील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। nia MCR/ZTO/ 2023/3948 दिनांक 30/04/2024

क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

LOST & FOUND

Gursher Singh Booked the unit no:- CRC/449Z/SECOND/3 in Celestia Royal Chandigarh, New Chandigarh My Builder buyer Agreement for above said property are misplaced Somewhere, DDR also lodged LAR No:- 2024/013180. If any Person found please Return to Hitender Kumar. Mob: 9711800149.

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहत्क की कुर शाखा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई पोपर्टी आई०डी० न. 1HAEQEU1 पुरानी पोपर्टी आई०डी० न. 184C953U1110 वार्ड न./ पता फैन्डस् कालोती प्रगते एत०डी०सी० रिकॉर्ड में शमशेर सिंह व सरें के अनुसार नए एन०डी०सी० रिकॉर्ड में शमशेर सिंह नाम से दर्ज है। अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड में शमशेर सिंह नाम से दर्ज है। अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड में इस आई०डी० न. ने पार्थी जीसका नाम सविता, स्नेहनता, संगीता, सरिता, सुगित के द्वारा वसीयत/वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते हैं जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट् तहसीलदार, रोहतक द्वारा तसदीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को डनके नाम तबदील करने में कोर्ड भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा पोपर्ट नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। क्रमांक MCR/ZTO/2024/3975 दिनांक 02/05/2024

क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक मैं वंशिका पुत्री श्री नरेन्द्र निवासी गांव रोलद

लतीफपुर तहसील व जिला सोनीपत अपने हलल्फ से ब्यान करती हं कि मेरे आधार कार्ड, दसवीं कक्षा की अंकतालिका व अन्य दस्तावेजों में मेरा नाम वंशिका है। यह कि मैंने अपना नाम वंशिका से बदलकर वंशिका शर्मा कर लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे वंशिका शर्मा के नाम से शपथकर्ता

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lalit Kumar Rawal S/o Late Sh. Suresh Kumar S Chandgi Ram R/o 524/28, Gopal Nagar, Gar Ghasita. Sonipat declares that my father Sure Jumar has passed away on 07.01.2024 and m mother Sushila Devi left us many years ago in 1997 whose whereabouts are not yet known and my siste Shalu who was unmarried has passed away or 10.04.2018. After the death of the said deceased, the ollowing are the legal heirs: Lalit Kumar Rawal S/o uresh Kumar, Sapna D/o Suresh Kumar, Shawet the above. If there is any other heir found, I will be responsible for him. If my mother comes within 30 days, then she will be registered in my father's neritance, otherwise the above three will be declared as legal heirs

LOST / FOUND

I, have lost original allotment letter of House No. 174, LIG Flats. Sector-57. Mohali, allotted in my name by Puniab Urban Development Authority, PUDA.

Nirmal Kaur W/o Ajay Verma R/o House No.224, Sector-22A, Chandigarh.

LOST & FOUND

I Amit Aggarwal #117, Housing board colony Ambala Cantt Haryana declared that I have lost my original sale deed on 06/10/2023 Lost of original Registry of H.no 150,subhash nagar Ambala cantt parlekh no 1945 Dated. 09/08/1972 And second registry no 3408/1 dated 16/07/1988 and DDR no. is 132210112400705. If some one found please contact above address.

नगर निगम, रोहतक

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की कर शास्त्रा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आई.डी. नं. 1HCT5UB7, 1HCJ5V09 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आई डी. नं. 224C2074U62 पता Janta Col 4B पुराने एन.डी.सी. रिकॉर्ड में Suraj Parkash व सर्व के अनुसार नए एनडीसी रिकॉर्ड में Narender (In 1 अनुसार नए एनडीसी रिकॉर्ड में Narender (In 1 HCTSUB7) and NA in (1HCJSV09) नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड में इस आई.डी. नं. में प्रार्थी जिसका नाम Parveen, Sumitra, Pooja, Vandana, Vijay i. Rajinder. Narender के द्वारा वर्स वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते । जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार, रोहतक द्वारा तसदीव करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर नग निगम कार्यालय में 2015 शासिक है तो 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर नग की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा प्रोपटी टैक्स में उसके नाम तुबदील करू दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। Note: नरेंद्र की माता का नाम धनपति उर्फ धन्नो देवी है

हमांकः MCRIZTO/2024/3926 क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी

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THE MANIMAJRA COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING (1ST SOCIETY) LTD. SANGAM ENCLAVE SECTOR 48-A, CHANDIGARH, REGD. NO. 643 DATED 28.05.202: **PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby notified for the information of general public and all the concerned that the following applicant / member has applied for issue of NOC/ Permission/ Transfer of Share / Flat for enrollment as member and execution of Transfer of Lease Hold Rights Deed before the Managing Committee of the Society / Registrar, Cooperative Soci UT, Chandigarh as per notification issued by Finance Department, Chandigarh Name of Original

Name of Applicant / Transferees Flat No Category Remarks Allottee/Transferor

Parvesh Kumar Smt. Neha Bhatnagar, D/o Sh. Bhardwaj, S/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar Bhatnagar and Som Parkash Sh. Nitin Kumar Gulati, S/o

Sh. Avinash Kumar

If any body has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flats of the Society in lavour of the applicant, then, he/she/they may submit the objections in writing along with relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favour of the applicant.

No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained latter on. (President) Housing Board Haryana, Panipat

इस इश्तहार के माध्यम से हर आम व खास को सचित किया जाता है कि श्री अनिल कुमार पुत्र श्री बनारसी दास निवासी श्याम नगर कालोनी नजदीक जाट हाई

स्कल जीन्द तहसील व जिला जीन्द का स्वर्गवास दिनांक 02-11-2022 को हो चुका है। अनिल कुमार पुत्र श्री बनारसी दास अविवाहित था। अनिल कुमार पुत्र श्री बनारसी दास के पिता जी व माता जी का स्वर्गवास पहले ही हो चुका है। इनकी मृत्यु उपरान्त निम्नलिखित वारसान है- 1- प्रमोद कुमार (भाई) 2-राजेन्द्र कुमार (भाई) 3-सुमेर चंद (भाई) 4-रसेम चंद (भाई) हैं। इसके इलावा उक्त मृतक क टीगर वारिसान कोई नहीं है जिसके साम्बन्ध में पार्शी ने अपना शपथ पत्र भी प्रस्तुत कर दिया है।अतः इस नोटिस् के माध्यम से आम् जनता को सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि किसी व्यक्ति को उपरोक्त मतक के बताए गए वारसान/उतराधिकारी के बाबत कोई शक या एतराज है तो वह एक महिने के अन्दर असालतन या वकालतन इस नोटिस के प्रकाशन के उपरान्त 30 दिनों के अन्दर-2 इस कार्यालय के कार्यदिवस पर एतराज प्रस्तुत कर सकता है। मियाद नोटिस समाप्त होने के बाद कोई ऐतराज नहीं मान्य होगा।

यायालय तहसीलदार-कम-सब रजिस्ट्रार, जीन्द

प्रमोद कुमार पुत्र श्री बनारसी दास निवासी श्याम नगर

कालोनी नजदीक जाट हाई स्कूल जीन्द तहसील

तहसीलदार-कम-सब रजिस्ट्रार, जीन्द

सावजानक सूचना र्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की व सर्व साधारण को यूनित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, ग्रेसकन की कर शाबा के सम्मर्सिकर के रिकार्ड में नई धोपटी आई०डी० नं०. 119DV3Q4, पुरानी प्रोपटी आई०डी० नं०. 118C1082U882 खाई ने०/ पता. DLF Colony, Old ITI पुराने प्रने०डी६सी० रिकार्ड में Ramnath Dua & Madan Lal व सर्व अनुसार नर पुरान छोऽसी० रिकार्ड में NA के नाम से रवर्ज है. अब नाम रिनाम के रिकार्ड में NA को नाम से रवर्ज है. अब नाम रिनाम के रिकार्ड में इस आई०डी० नं० में आई विसकत माम Ramnath Dua & Madan Lal Dua S/o Ram Lubhaya के द्वारा वसस्यन / वारस्सम ने आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चातर है जिसकी करसान पिएट तहस्तिलदर, शिक्क द्वारा वसस्यिक की पहुँ है। यहिं किसी भी जनसाआरण को इनके नाम तबदील करवानों चातर है जिसकी के अन्य-अपने अपने प्राप्ति रहने के अटि देन के अन्य-अपने अपने अपने प्राप्ति रहने के अटि देन के अन्य-अपने अपने प्राप्ति रहने कि अटि देन के अन्य-अपने स्वार्ट में साई धी अपने आधार है को अटि देन के अन्य-अपने स्वार्ट में साई धी अपने अपने आधारि रूज करवाने, अन्य-अपने प्राप्ति में साई धी अपने अपने आधारि इस में अद्याव प्राप्ति होता कर यो जायेगी जिसके हिए नगर निमाम रोक्क कोई उत्पर्दायों नहीं होगा क्रमांकः MCR/ZTO/2024/3976 दिनक 02/05/2024

सार्वजनिक सूचना इस पब्लिक नोटिस के मार्फत जन- साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हरजीत कीर निवासी म न 1466/1 हुन्द्वारा शीश गंज , अम्बाला शहर से मृतक स्व. राजिन्द्र सह कोहली के कानूनी वारिस् की रिपोट जारी करने हेत् एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है। प्रार्थी के प्रार्थना पत्र व सलंग्न हल्फनामों व रिपोर्ट नगर पायर्द व अधीक्षक नगर निगम अम्बाला अनुसार मृतक राजिन्द्र सिंह कोहली के निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस् है: 1. हरजीत कौर- पत्नी । यदि इस बारे किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है, वह तहसीलदार,अंबाला शहर के कार्यालय बब्लिकेशन के 30 दिन के अंदर-2 आपत्ति दर्ज करवा पार्ट्सकरान के 30 दिन के अंदर-2 आजात दुन करना सकता है। यदि प्राथी द्वारा दी गई सूचना किसी भी समय गलत पाई जाती है तो प्रार्थी भारतीय दंड साहिता की धारा 177 व अन्य संबंधित कानुनों के तहत दंड का भागी होगा। तहसीलदार, अंबाला शहर

PUBLIC NOTICE

DALJIT KAUR W/O AMRIK SINGH R/O TIWANA TEHSIL DERA BASSI DISTT SAS NAGAR DECLARE THAT MY SALE DEED NO. 13430 DATED 19.11.201 HAVE BEEN LOST AT DHARAMGARH ROAD LALRU MANDI ON DATED 26.2.2024. A SR NO. 465534/2024 ALSO REGISTERED AT PSOC LALRU MAND ON DATED 02.5.2024. ANYBODY FOUND PLEASE CONTACT ON ABOVE ADDRESS

PUBLIC NOTICE NO.HBH/EM/PKL/2024/2315 DATE: 26/04/2024 ub:- Transfer of House No. 2033, LIG, House

Sub:- Transfer of House No. 2033, LIG, Housing Board Colony, Sector-15, Panchkula, Haryana, in the name of Sh. Sanjeev Girdhar S/o Late Sh. Amir Chand R/o H.No- 2033, Sector-15, Panchkula due to death of Late Sh. Amir Chand S/o Late Sh. Kali Ram, living intestate property. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the property No. House No. 2033, LIG, Housing Board Colony, Sector-15, Panchkula, Haryana, which stands in the name of Late Sh. Amir Chand S/o Late Sh. Kali Ram as per record of this office.

It has been reported by the applicant Late Sh. Amir Chand S/o Late Sh. Kali Ram who was the owner of this property died on 22.10.2021. Sh. Sanjeev Girdhar S/o late Sh. Amir Chand R/o H.No. 2033, Sector-15, Panchkula, have claimed applied for the transfer for the said property in his name on the basis of intestate death of Late Sh. Amir Chand S/o Late Sh. Kali Ram

Amir Chand S/o Late Sh. Kali Ram f anybody have any objection for the transfer of he said property in favour of the applicant Sh Sanjeev Girdhar S/o Late Sh. Amir Chand R/i H.No.2033. Sector - 15, Panchkula they ma urnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 20, datas from the other. urnish their objection in writing in the office of thindersigned within 30 days from the date oublication of this notice, failing which, thi property shall be transferred accordingly and nurther claim whatsoever shall be entertaine

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO.HBH/EM/PKL/2024/2366 Date: 02/05/2024

Sub:- Transfer of Flat No. G-67-GF, Housing Board Colony, Sector- 12, Alipur, Panchkula, Harvana in the ame (s) of Sh. Jatin Raiput S/o Sh. Gian Singh R/o H No 2616 Sec-21 Distt. Panchkula on the basis of eneral transfer and current owner of flat is Sh. Visha general transfer and current owner of flat is on. Visite Gupta S/o Sh. Vinod Kumar R/o 196, Village Shahzadpur(58), Near-Panchayat Ghar, Ambala

Flaryana, is inving intestate property. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the property No of Flat No. G-67-GF, Housing Board Colony, Sector- 12, Alipur, Panchkula, Haryana which stands in the name of Sh. Vishal Gupta S/o Sh. Vinod Kumar R/o 196, Village-Shahzadpur(58), Near-Panchayat Ghar, Ambala as never cond of this office.

It has been reported by the applicant (s) that Sh. Vishal Gupta S/o Sh. Vinod Kumar R/o 196, Village-Shahzadpur(58), Near- Panchayat Ghar, Ambala. laryana was the owner of this property applied for Seneral Transfer on 01.05.2024, for the said property his/her name on the basis of documents of General Transfer Policy in the name of Sh. Jatin Rajput S/o Sh. Gian Singh R/o H.No. 2616, Sec-21, Distt. Panchkula. If anybody have any objection for the General transfer of the said property in favour of Sh. Jatin Rajput S/o Sh. Gian Singh R/o H.No. 2616, Sec-21, Distt. Panchkula, they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, this property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained letter on. ransfer Policy in the name of Sh. Jatin Rai

Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana, Panchkula

Public Notice t is for the i

well as to the concerned that House No. 3067 HIG, Sher 1/2 Sector 11-12 in Housing Board colony, Panipat was transfer in the name of Sh oginder Singh S/o Bela Ram R/o 3067 Sector 1-12 in Housing Board Colony, Panipat vide Vill dated 08.02.2021. Now the Transferee Sh. Joginder Singh was expired on dated 29.08.2021. Now Sh. Gurmeet Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o 3067 Sector 11-12 in Housing Board Colony, Panipat has submitted ocuments for transfer of said house in favour of elf due to death of his Father on the basis of the will. If Any person has any objection regarding transfer of this house he/she should file the bjection with document proof, in writing, to this office (on address given below) within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within this ipulated period, the permission for transfer of house will be granted in favour of Sh. Gurmeet Singh S/o Joginder Singh by this office on the basis of documents submitted by transferee. As per policy of the Board No claim/objection shall entertained after that in this regard Estate Manager,

Housing Board Haryana, Panipat

Public Notice

It is for the info It is for the information to the General Public as well as to the concerned that Shop No. 15 in Housing Board Colony, Narwana, Jind was allotted in the name of Sh. Raj Kumar S/o Shagwan Singh R/o Village Dhakal, Narwana, ind vide letter no.626 dated 16.10.2001. Now the Allottee Sh. Raj Kumar was expired on ated 04.07.2013. Now Sh. Sumit Singh S/c Sh. Raj Kumar R/o Village Dhakal, Narwana Jind has submitted documents for transfer of said shop in favour of self due to death of his ather. If Any person has any objection regarding transfer of this house he/she should the objection with document proof, in writing, to this office (on address given below within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any erson within this stipulated period, the mission for transfer of house will be granted favour of Sh. Sumit Singh S/o Sh. Raj Kuma this office on the basis of docur bmitted by transferee. As per policy of the Board No claim/objection shall be ent after that in this regard. Estate Manager, **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Shivam S/o Sharvan Bansal R/o 1934/8 Cooling, Harlessen, Authorities, deteate that Hard lost/misplace our two (1) Sale Deed No. 517 dt. 15 05-1995, (2) Sale Deed No. 548 dt. 16-05-1995 of our property somewhere at District Couri Kurukshetra on dtd. 22-04-2024. We have tried our best to find out, but in vain. Whose mis lodged through application No. 132320732400802 & 132320732400767. Anybody finds it, please

कार्यालय नगर पालिका, सांपला

नोटिस आमजन
सर्व-सायाण में स्वित किया जाता है कि नगरपालिका सांपला की कर शासा के सम्मतिकर के रिकार में प्रीपटी आईडी न. 883G9N66 वार्ड नं . 2 में सतविश के नाम से दर्ज हैं। किसका कुत रुक्ता वर्ग ने स्वतं हैं। किसका कुत रुक्ता वर्ग ने अपने प्रतिक्र पुंजार पुंजार के स्वतं के भी सतवीर रिंह रजिस्ट्री नम्बर 85.4 दिनांक 27/12/1999 के द्वार 129 वर्गमांक के माहिक हैं। श्री सतवीर रिंह रजिस्ट्री नम्बर 85.4 दिनांक 27/12/1999 के द्वार 129 वर्गमांक के माहिक हैं। श्री सतवीर रिंह को देशन्त दिनांक 10/06/12021 को हो चुका हैं। उनकी मृत्यु के पश्चात उनके 5 वर्गसेस हैं। जी अब इस प्रापटी आई.श्री. 883G9N66 में 1, श्रीमत दावानती (पबी) 2 मंजू (पुत्री) 3. मुकेश (पुत्र) 3. नीत्र पुत्री के नाम से दर्ज करवाने व रुक्त 2 स्व वर्गस के स्थान पर 279 वर्गगंक करवाना वादते हैं। अतः आम व सास को इस नोटिस के माध्यम संस्थित किया जाता है कि उक्त प्रोपटी आई.श्री. 883G9N66 वार्ड नं . 2 पर यदि कोई अन्य हकदार है वा दक्त प्रोपटी पर किसी को कोई भी आपति हैं तो वह सूवती सहित इस नोटिस को प्रकाशन के अपने पर यदि कोई अन्य उत्तर नारपालिका कार्यावय में आकर अपना वांचा पेश करें। अन्यथा इस नोटिस का समय समाझ होने पर यहाह सम्पत्ति 279 वर्गमंका प्रार्थियों के नाम सं नगरपालिका सांपला के संपत्तिकर रिकार्ड में दर्ज कर दी जारवंगी। जिसमें नगरपालिका, सांपला कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगी।

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Ms Parminder Kaur Bains Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Dasuya Davinder Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Village Jaura, Tehsil Dasuva, District Hoshiarpur.

Vs.

General Public (2) Harjit Kaur D/o Gurbachan Singh and W/o Late Harnek Singh R/o Village Bahowal, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur. (3) Rajpal Kaur D/o Gurbachan Singh W/o Nirmal Singh R/o Village Bahla Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur. (4) Surinder Kaur D/o Gurbachan Singh and W/o Amrik Singh R/o Village Jia Sahota, Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur (5) Balbir Kaur D/o Gurbachan Singh and W/o Gurbaksh Singh R/o Village Raiswal, P.O. Mandiala, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur.

Application under Section 372 of Indian Succession certificate in the estate of late Smt. Gurdip Kaul W/o Gurbachan Singh r/o Village Jaura, Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur

CNR No.:PBHOAO-000295-2023 Next Date:- 27-05-2024 **PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:** General Public:- Dasuya

In above titled case. defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 27-05-2024 at 10:00 a.m.

details logon For https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs =district_notice& district= Hoshiarpur

Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Dasuya

Dated, this day of 03-04-2024

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh. Amarieet

Singh Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar CANARA BANK INTER-ALIA A BRANCH OFFICE AT VILLAGE AND POST OFFICE BUNDALA TEHSIL AND DISTRICT

AMRITSAR Vs.

MANJIT KAUR WIFE OF SH. VARINDERPAL SINGH R/0 VILLAGE AND POST OFFICE BUNDAI A TFHSII ANI DISTRICT AMRITSAR CNR No.: PBAS02-000202-2023

Next Date:-10-07-2024 PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:

MANJIT KAUR WIFF OF SH VARINDERPAL SINGH R/O VILLAGE AND POST OFFICE BUNDALA, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT AMRITSAR

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) above named cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence, this proclamation under order 5 Rule 20 CPC is hereby issued against him/them and should appear personally or

10-07-2024 at 10:00 a.m. Take notice that, in default of his/their appearance on the day before mentioned, the above said case will be heard and determined in his/their absence according to

their counsel

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through

law. details logon For https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs =district_notice &district= Amritsar

Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsa

Dated, this day of 20-04-2024

COURT NOTICE THE COURT OF Sh Akasdeep Singh Malwai Judicial

First Class-12, Magistrate Jalandhar AQUA SYSTEM

۷s. **BRIGHT TRADERS**

CNR No: PBJL03-012456-2019 Next Date:-09-07-2024 PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:- 1)

BRIGHT TRADERS:- THROUGH ITS AUTHORISED SIGNATORY SH. NELSON PAUL. NH-47 MEKKAD, P.O. KARIYAD JN. ANAKAMALY, ERNAKULAM, ANGAMALY, KERALA MOB NO.8943506241 In above titled case, the accused

that accused should appear in person or through counsel or 09-07-2024 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs =district notice & district=

could not be served. It is ordered

Judicial Magistrate First Class-12, Jalandhar Dated, this day of 21-04-2024

🖟 HOUSING BOARD HARYANA Office of the ESTATE MANAGER, HISAR **Public Notice**

t is for the information of General Public as well a ncerned that House No. 296/LIG in Housing Board Colony, Ph-III, Sirsa Road, Hisar was allotted/transferre to Sh. Ashok Kumar Behl S/o Sh. Santokh Lai Behl R/o H. No. 296/LIG in Housing Board Colony, Ph-III, Sirsa Road, Hisar vide this office memo No. 366 dated 12.03.1987 and he has been expired on 19.01.2013. Now Sh. Deepak Behl S/o Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Behl R/o H.No. 296/LIG in Housing Board Colony, Ph-III, Sirsa Road, Hisar son of the deceased has submitted the ransfer documents for transfer of said house in his/he avour due to death of allottee. If any nerson regarding ransfer of said house in favour of Sh. Deepak Behl S/ Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Behl has any objection/clai e/she should file objection/claim in writing in person t this office within 15 days from the date of publication o period it will be presumed that there is n objection/claim regarding this transfer and further action for transfer of said house will be taken by this office.

Estate Manager HOUSING BOARD HARYANA, HISAR

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, हिसार में चाहत सुख्रिजा पुत्र श्री हरीश सुख्रिजा निवासी मकान नं. 1587, सैक्टर 14 हिसार तहसील व जिला हिसार, हरियाणा ने प्रार्थना पत्र देकर अनुरोध किया है कि सम्पति आई.डी. संख्या 1DQBY227 को तबदी मलिकयत नं 5871 दिनांक 26.08.2014 व कानूनी वारसान तसदीक और हरीश सुखिजा के मृत्यु प्रमाण पेत्र के आधार पर पत्नी अंजु सुखिजा, पुत्रान साहिल सुखिजा, चाहत सुखिजा व पुत्री दिव्या सुखिजा के नाम तबदील किया जावे क्योंकि यह सभी उपरोक्त सम्पति के कानून वारिस हैं, अन्य कोई वारिस नहीं है। अत: इस बारे में किसी को कोई एतराज है तो 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर नग निगम कार्यालय में अपने एतराज प्रस्तुत करें अन्यथा नग निगम की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी। नगर निगम, हिसा प्रार्थी:- चाहत् सुखिजा पुत्र स्व. श्री हरीश सुखिजा। मो.- 9896753323

Public Notice The general public is hereby informed that Mr. Narinder Kaur (applicant) & Mrs. Pardeep Singh and Harjinder Kaur (co-applicant) (hereinafter referred to as the applicant) (hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagor/s) have agreed to create mortgage in respect of the Property i.e. House situated at Khanna Khurd, (Hadbast No. 239), Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana, property measuring 0K-2.5 Marla Comprised in Khewat No. 249, Khatoni No. 300, Khasra No. 16//23(8-0), item 1, total area 8K-0 Marla out of which 1/64 share 0K-2.5 Marla in the name of Harjinder Kaur W/o Sukhminder Singh vide Sale deed no. 2306 dated 18.12.2015 and vide mutation no. 22059 as per Jamabandi for the year 2019-2020 (Hereinafter called the property in question) in favor of my client, IDFC FIRST BANK LIMITED BRANCH DORAHA, According to the said Mortgagor/s- Mrs. According to the said Mortgagor/s- Mrs Harjinder Kaur W/o Sukhminder Singh, Sh According to the sation wingagariars—
Harjinder Kaur W/o Sukhminder Singh, She herself has lost/misplaced the Previous/Old Original Sale deed bearing vasika no. 4819 dated 10.01.2005 regarding aforementioned roperty AND lodged DDR for lost of said sale deed vide Unique SR No: 464259/2024 dated 27/04/2024 in Police Station PSOC City 2 Khanna. Hence the Previous/Old Original sale deed is not available and lost. Now the above Mortgagor/s mortgaged the said property to IDFC FIRST BANK LIMITED BRANCH DORAHA, and required the previous/old sale deed for creating equitable mortgage but that sale deed bearing vasika no. 4819 dated 10.01.2005 is not available and lost. I am informing about the same to everyone via newspaper that if the same to everyone via newspaper that i anybody have any objection regarding the same then please respond within 7 days or i the same is found by anyon 7 same then please respond within / days or; the same is found by anyone then please inform us on following address. After expin of stipulated period no claim would bentitled and it shall be deemed that there is no objection to anybody. Dated 02-05-2024 Amol Gupta (Advocate) Chamber No 222-223, Opposite Mini Secretariat, Patiala, M:- 93563-33337

PUBLIC NOTICE The General Public is hereby informed that the Original Conveyance Deed bearing No. 1808 dated 02.01.2003 Registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Panchkula executed between Haryana Urban Development Authority (Vendor) and Sh Harinder Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singl (Transferee) and Original Sale Deed pearing No. 1809 dated 02.01.2003 Registered in the office of Sub Registra Panchkula executed between Sh. Harinde Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh (Vendor) and Smt. Bhupinder Kaur Dhillon W/o Sh Manmohanjit Singh Dhillon (Vendee) relating to property consisting of or situate at Plot No. 1678, Sector 21, Panchkula could not be traced / missing / lost. A FIR/DDR/LIR bearing No. 12 dated 11.08.2016 has been also registered with Police Station Sector 21 Panchkula for bearing No. 1808 dated 02.01.2003 and Original Sale Deed bearing No. 1809 dated

02.01.2003. Now Smt. Pratibha Sharma W/o Sh Sandeep Sharma, the present owner of the property described above who became owner of the property through Sale Deed bearing read no 1052 dt 29.08.2003 registered in the office of Sub-Registra Panchkula intends to create mortgage o the said property with Punjab Nationa

Bank, Sector - 20, Panchkula If any person finds the Original Conveyance Deed bearing No. 1808 dated 02 01 2003 and Original Sale Deed bearing No. 1809 dated 02.01.2003 in future, the same be handed over to Puniab National Bank Sector - 20, Panchkula. However, any misuse thereof by any person will make hi / her liable for criminal action Further, any person claiming any right, titl

or interest over the property or otherwis having any objection can make representation to the undersigned within Days of the date of publication of this notice CHIEF MANAGER

Punjab National Banl Sector-20, Panchkula

Contact No.: 0172-2996482 / 2996483 E-mail: bo094310@pnb.co.ir

LOST DOCUMENTS

Dilpreet Singh S/o Gurdev Singh & Ranjit Kaur W/o Gurdev Singh Both R/o # Muradpura Tehsil & Distt Tarn-Taran (Punjab) wants to vail a Home loan against property from Her Housing Finance Ltd. having its branch at Sco No. 28, Ranjit avenue, B-Block. Amritsar. The owner of the above said property is Ranjit Kaur W/o Gurdev Singh had already purchase this property vide details as follows:

Owner of Property 0-8 marle 186ft, Khasra no.842/1(0-13)843/3(2-12)852(4-9)857/2(0-17), which is bounded as per sale deed East Vicant Plot-West Gali 18ft, North owner South Vicant plot, having its measuremen 42ft-11 1/2inch X 55ft, Situation at Muradpu Tehsil & Distt, Tarn Taran. Following documen are Lost/Missing: 1. Original sale deed dated 02-09-2008 doc no.2027 in favour of Harjinde Kaur Pannu w/o Dilbhag Singh pannu executed by Talwinder Singh s/o Sohan Singh s/o Kundar Singh is Lost/missing. 2. Original GPA doc no 59 Dated 20-08-2008 in favour of Harvinder Singh s/o Gurbhag Singh executed by Talwinder Singh s/o Sohan Singh S/o Kundan Singh is Lost/missing, If any person/Entity/DSA/Financial n/Bank/Govt.Department may have obtained or have issued any loan/Stay Order/Court Case against the said Sale deed or have any objection of any kind regard to said sale deed. He/she can file an objection regarding the use of above said documents as well as property within 10 days from the date of the present Publication to below mentioned person on the address or contact numbers given and after 10 days no claim shal be admitted and it would be assumed that the property is free from encumbrances/Litigation as far as the above documents are concerned MOHIT NANDA (Advocate)

secured assets.

Office: 10-A Mall Road, Amritsar bile no. 9888337183/9888987183

(Transfer in case of Death)

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की कर शांखा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नर्ड पोपर्टी आई०डी० न. IH32OC98 परानी पोपर्टी आईडी नंबर 68C399U102 वार्ड नंबर/पता लाल डोरा पहाडा मोहल्ला पुराने एन.डी.सी. रिकॉर्ड में रामजी दास पुत्र स्व. प्यारे लाल व सर्वे के अनुसार नए एन.डी.सी. रिकार्ड में NA नाम से दर्ज है। अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड में इस आई०डी० न. में पार्थी जिसका नाम पिस, सुनैना, ममता के द्वारा वसीयत/वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते है जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार, रोहतक द्वारा तसदीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपति है तो ३० दिन के अन्टर-अन्टर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। क्रमांकः MCR/ZTO/2024/3635 दिनांकः 13/03/2024

सार्वजनिक सूचना

क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

PUBLIC NOTICE 1, Smt. Sunita W/o Sh. Sunit Kumar in respect of property i.e., Part of bearing Khewat no, 101//99 (New Khewat no, 113), Khatoni no, 126 (New Khatoni no, 137), Khasra no, 69//72 (0-7), measuring 0K-7M (211.75 sq. yards), situated at Khen Jalab Tehsit Kheri Jalab District Hisar as per sate deed no, 1429 dated 14.09.2021 and as per fard Jamabandi for the year 2022-23. I have lost sale deed no, 3370 dated 31.01.2012, sale deed no, 2306 dated 10.03.2011 anywhere in Hisar. A DDR also registered at Hisar. I also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit on the said property. If anybody found and any concern with in this property, please contact Advocate Bhupander Kumar, Ph. no. 8295949881 # 1591. SECTOR 16-17, HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION

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क्रमांक: MCR/ZTO/2024/3954 दिनांक: 01/05/2024 क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

Public Notice

Public Notice
It is informed to General Public that
Smt. Sunita Rani W/o Sh. Joga Singh
has lost her previous Sale deed no.
5686 dated 28.10.2011 for Property
i.e. Part of bearing Khewat no. 1147,
Khatoni no. 1173, Khasra no. 1022 (Or 16), Property id no. 3EHOD3WO,
measuring 4M (122 SQ. YARDS.),
Situated at Basti Biwa Fatehabad
Tehsil & Distt. Fatehabad. If any
person has objection then file replies
along with proof of ownership within
15 days before the undersigned. After
lapsation of stipulated period no apsation of stipulated period n laim will be accepted regarding th above said property. Rajesh Jain,

Advocate # 19, 20, IInd Floor, R.D. City Centre, Red Cross Market, Railway Road, Hisar (9416044098)

यायालय तहसीलदार-कम- संयुक्त

सब रजिस्ट्रार साहिब जीन्द मनके पवन कुमार पुत्र श्री ओमप्रकाश निवास रघबीर स्वरूप कालोनी जीन्द बनाम जनरल पब्लिक इस इश्तहार के माध्यम से हर आम व खास क सुचित किया जाता कि मेरे पिता स्व0 श्री ओमप्रका पुत्र श्री सुरजभान निवासी जीन्द का देहांत दिनांव 03/09/2017 को हो चुका है व मेरी माता स्व श्रीमति बिमला पत्नी श्री ओमप्रकाश निवासी जीन का स्वर्गवास मिति 27/10/2023 को हो चुका है इनके स्वर्गवास के बाद निम्नलिखित वारिस हैं:-पवन कुमार (पुत्र) 2.कमलेश रानी (पुत्री) 3. नीन रानी (पुत्री) उनके अलावा उक्त मृतक का दीग वारिस नहीं है जिसके संबंध में प्रार्थी ने अपना शप पत्र भी प्रस्तत कर दिया है इसलिए हर आम व खा को इस नोटिस/ इश्तहार के माध्यम से सुचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त मृतक के बताए गए वारसान/उतराधिकारी के बाबत कोई शक या ऐतरा हो तो वह स्वयं या अपने अधिवक्ता के माध्यम इस नोटिस के प्रकाशन के उपरांत 30 दिन के अंदर अंदर इस कार्यालय में अपना ऐतराज प्रस्तुत व सकता है अन्यामा उपयोक्त तथ्यों के आभार प पंजीकरण कर दिया जावेगा। यह नोटिस बाब इश्तहार आज दिनांक 30-04-24 को मेरे हस्ताक्ष । न्यायालय को मोहर द्वारा जारी किया गया।

PUBLIC NOTICE

Gurpreet Singh S/O Narinderpal Singh Aadhar Card No.8259-7410-8964 R/O /illage Khusropur Nainowal Jattan District Hoshiarpur Punjab Has Taken Custody Of His Minor Nephew Navra Singh On Account Of Demise Of Mother And Sole Custodian Of Navraj Singh Namely Manpreet Kaur On 09.02.2024. A General Public Declaration Has Been Executed By The Gurpreet Singh In This Regard Whereby Objections Are Invited From General Public. The Minor Nephew Navraj Singh Was Born To Manpreet Kaur And Bahadur Singh But The Couple Parted Ways And Custody Of Minor Was Handed Over To Manpreet Kaur With A One Time Settlement Payment Of Rs 5 Lakhs And Since Then, Minor Navraj Singh Has Been Staying Under The Care And Protection Of Gurpreet Singh. For The Best Interest Of Minor Child And On Account Of Non-Availability Of Bahadur Singh (Biological Father), The Custody Of Minor Is Being Taken Over By Gurpreet Singh With The Undertaking To Take Care Of All Expenses Arising Out Of The Care Taking Of Navra Singh.

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जनरल पब्लिक

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नगर निगम रोहतक

सार्वजनिक सूचना र्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतर कर शाखा के सम्मतिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आई०डी 1H4PL3D5 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आई०डी० न 50C832U341 वार्ड न./पता 709, Sector-2, Rohtal (130.63.2/U341 बार्च व.1.4ml /09, Sector-2, Rohall यूर्प प्रचाडीकर्षणी विकार्ड में Renu Jain व सर्चे के अनुसार गए प्रचाडीकर्सीण विकार्ड में Remu Jain नाम से दर्ज है, अब गार विगम के रिकार्ड में इस आईठाईक राज. में प्रामी जिसका मार्ग (finender Kumar Jain (Husband), Deepika Jain(D), Manisha Jain(D), Aakansha Jain pan(D), Manisha Jain(D), Aakansia Jain (Daughter), Aakash Jain(Son) के हारा बसीयत/बारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते हैं, जिसकी बारसान पिपोर्ट तहसीलदार, ग्रेडकक द्वारा तसर्दीक को इंड है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके मान प्रवर्दील करते में कोई भी आपीत है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर निगम ार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स मं सके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगा इतक कोई उत्तरहायी नहीं होगा। ж: MCR/ZTO/2024/3972 ferias

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इस इश्तहार के माध्यम से हर आम व खास को सुचि कया जाता है कि लोकेश पुत्र स्व0 राजकुमार पुत्र व0 सुखदेव पुत्र मामचन्द पुत्र गणेसी निवासी मका 10-362/27 सुभाष नगर रोहतक रोड जीन्द क वर्गवास अरसा 48 साल पहले हो चका है। उन्होने नपने स्वर्गवास से पहले अपनी चल व अचल सम्पर् बारे जमीन जायदाद बारे कोई लिखित वसीयत य रजिस्टर्ड वसीयत नहीं छोडकर गये हैं। उनके नाम की मात जायदाद मनकुला गैर मनकुला को किसी अन वारिसान के नाम स्थानान्तरण, मुन्तकिल, हिबा आदि करना चाहते है सुखदेव पुत्र मामचन्द के निम्नलिखित लगली वारिसान इस प्रकार से है । . राजेन्द्र कुमार पुत्र 2.उषा रानी पुत्री राजकुम

मृतक 05.05.2022 पुत्र 3. कृष्णा देवी पुत्रवधू 4. नोकेश, पौत्र 5. कोमल रोहिला, पौत्री 6.प्रिसी, पौत्री सतप्रकाश मृतक 08.11.2019पुत्र 7.उर्मिल देवी,पुत्रवधू 8.शैली पौत्री 9.गौरव रोहिला पौत्र,सरोज मृतक 10.03.2000 पुत्री 10.सन्दी हिला, दयौता 11.मधू, दयौती 12. द्यौती 13.नीती रोहिला, दयौती

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The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com) The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till May 29, 2024 before 05:00 P.M failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

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Date: May 03, 2024 Place: Kaithal

Authorized Officer

ICICI Bank Limited

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Corporate Office: 10th Floor, R Teck Park, Nirlon Complex, Nr. Hub Mall, Goregaon (E), Mumbai-400 063, MH.

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below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers (names and addresses mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers mentioned herein below having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers mentioned herein below and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Borrowers mentioned here in below in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Aditya Birla Finance Limited (ABFL) for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the

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Voter inertia

Low turnout in early phases of Lok Sabha polls is a cause of concern for parties, EC and democracy

The lukewarm voter response in the first two phases of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections raises several questions about the underlying reasons for their apathy. Is the weather a deterrent, or is it disillusionment with governance, scepticism towards nominees/parties, or lack of faith in electoral procedures like Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)? Indeed, there is a pressing need to rekindle voter enthusiasm and participation in the electoral process. An initial speculation regarding low turnout often points to adverse weather conditions. The scorching heat can indeed discourage voters, especially in regions prone to extreme climates. However, while the weather may play a role, it is seldom the sole determinant of voter participation. A more substantial factor contributing to voter apathy lies in the prevailing disillusionment with governance. Citizens, disappointed by unfulfilled promises, rampant corruption and inefficient administration, often perceive their votes as inconsequential. This disenchantment can lead to voter iner-



tia, where individuals feel disengaged from the political process altogether. Also, scepticism towards parties and their nominees exacerbates voter apathy. In an era marked by populism, polarisation and political opportunism, many voters struggle to identify with candidates or parties that truly represent their interests. The prevalence of dynastic politics and candidate selection based on nepotism only deepens this distrust. The leaders' conduct leaves much to be desired. Many times, they switch sides making a mockery of the voters' decision. Sometimes even the party the voters voted for joins hands with its arch-rival. In such scenarios, voters have reasons to feel cheated.

As if all this were not enough, there are doubts about the efficacy of the electoral process itself. Many people are given to doubt the machinery employed, including the EVMs. The introduction of EVMs was hailed as a milestone in ensuring transparent and efficient elections. However, over time, scepticism and conspiracy theories surrounding EVMs have proliferated, eroding public trust in the process. Allegations of tampering, malfunctioning machines and lack of transparency in EVMs handling have sowed the seeds of doubt in the minds of voters. Their perceived vulnerability to hacking or manipulation, coupled with the absence of a paper trail for verification, has fuelled apprehensions about the sanctity of elections. In such an environment, restoring faith in electoral procedures becomes imperative to bolster voter confidence. The situation turned so grave that the matter was taken to the Supreme Court. On this front, introducing measures such as VVPATs alongside the EVMs can go a long way in rebuilding voters' trust. Indeed, it would take an effort by the Election Commission as well as the political class to instil a sense of confidence among people that their vote is sacrosanct. By demonstrating integrity and a genuine commitment to serving the public interest, political parties can rebuild the trust with for-now disillusioned voters.



People visit the seafront on a hot summer day, in Mumbai

Upholding the Fourth Estate in digital age



In an era marred by misinformation, censorship and threats to journalists, the celebration of press freedom assumes greater significance than ever before

should have a Government without newspapers, or newspapers without a Government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter - Thomas

Every year on May 3rd, the world comes together to celebrate World Press Freedom Day, a day dedicated to honouring the fundamental principles of press freedom, defending the independence of the media and paying tribute to journalists who risk their lives to report the truth. In an era marked by misinformation, censorship and threats to journalists worldwide, this day holds more significance than ever. Press freedom is the cornerstone of democracy. It empowers citizens by providing them with access to diverse viewpoints and information, enabling them to make informed decisions. A free press serves as a watchdog, holding Governments and powerful entities accountable for their actions. It acts as a voice for the voiceless, bringing attention to social injustices and human rights violations.

Despite the crucial role they play, journalists around the world face numerous challenges in their pursuit of truth. They encounter threats, harassment and violence, both online and offline. Many journalists risk imprisonment or even death for daring to report on sensitive issues. Censorship, propaganda and attacks on press freedom have become increasingly prevalent, hindering the ability of journalists to fulfil their vital role in society. World Press Freedom Day. Since 1993, it has been observed globally to honour a declaration made by African journalists in Windhoek, Namibia, in 1991. It commemorates press freedom principles and acknowledges journalists' courage. UNESCO awards the Guillermo Cano Prize to those

preserving press freedom. While technology has revolutionised the way information is disseminated, it has also present- with journalists being arrested new challenges for press free-dom. Social media platforms ed, newspapers censored and the Government exerting tight have become powerful tools for control over media outlets.



spreading information, but they have also been weaponised to spread misinformation and silence dissenting voices. Journalists must navigate through a digital landscape fraught with fake news and online harassment, often at great personal risk. India, home to one of the world's largest and most vibrant media landscapes, has faced scrutiny in recent years regarding its press freedom record. According to the World Press Freedom Index compiled by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), India's ranking has seen fluctuations. In the 2023 index, India was placed at 163 out of 180 countries, indicating significant challenges to press freedom within the country.

'When asked to bend, the media crawled. And when asked to crawl, it cringed."This statement was made by Advani in the context of the Indian media's behaviour during the Emergency period (1975-1977), imposed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. During this time, press freedom faced severe restrictions,



THE CORNERSTONE OF A DEMOCRACY. IT **EMPOWERS** CITIZENS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH ACCESS TO **DIVERSE** VIEWPOINTS AND INFORMATION, **ENABLING THEM TO** MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS Advani's quote reflects his criticism of how certain sections of the media capitulated to Government pressure and failed to uphold journalistic integrity and independence. It suggests that instead of resisting unjust demands or censorship, some media outlets complied with the Government's wishes, even to the point of degradation. This quote serves as a reminder of the importance of a free and independent press in holding those in power accountable and safeguarding democracy. It highlights the need for journalists to remain vigilant in upholding the principles of press freedom, especially in times of political turmoil or authoritarian rule. British politician Edmund Burke is often credited with coining the term in the late 18th century, referring to the gallery of the House of Commons as the fourth estate, symbolising the press's influence on political affairs. The term "fifth estate" underscores the transformative role of social media in democratising access to information, enabling public discourse and chal-lenging established institu-

empower users to share news opinions and perspectives instantaneously, bypassing traditional gatekeepers of infor-

On World Press Freedom Day, we must reaffirm our commitment to defending press freedom and protecting journalists worldwide. Governments must uphold the principles of free speech and ensure the safety of journalists within their borders. Civil society plays a crucial role in advocating for press freedom and holding those who seek to suppress it accountable. Media organisations must continue to strive for independence, transparency and ethical journalism, even in the face of adversity. World Press Freedom Day is also a day to celebrate the courage and resilience of journalists who risk their lives to report the truth. It is a day to honour those who have faced persecution, imprisonment and even death for their commitment to upholding the principles of press freedom. Their dedication serves as a reminder of the invaluable guarding democracy and pro-

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Time to curb fake videos in elections



A deepfake video of Union Home Minister Amit Shah sparks outrage during the Lok Sabha election campaign

◄he ongoing Lok Sabha election campaign has suddenly taken a very ugly turn after a fake video involving Union Home Minister Amit Shah has surfaced. Accusations and counter-accusations are common during campaigns and are not considered harmful. However, it is unacceptable for anyone or political party to resort to using 'deep fake' technology to release fake videos against their opponents to win elections.

In a recent case, the country's Home Minister, Amit Shah, has become a victim of 'deepfake' technology. Amit Shah delivered a speech at a BJP election rally in Siddipet, Medak district of Telangana on April 25. The video of this speech was allegedly tampered with and shared on social media. Fact checks have proven this video to be completely fake.

In this fake video, Amit Shah is allegedly seen announcing the abolishment of reservations for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC). Now, imagine if someone could abolish the reservations provided to the that video is fitted into the Mumbai.

above-mentioned classes in the country. It is an impossible thing.

In reality, an old video of Amit Shah has been edited, in which he was talking about ending Muslim reservations. In this original video, ST and ST have been added in place of Muslims. However, the question arises as to how the fake video may look exactly like the real one.

Fake videos are created with the help of software. As we know, the use of machine learning and artificial intelligence tools has increased in the market these days. In this technology, the tone and voice of a person are captured with the help of machine

learning. In fact, with the help of new technology, the face of a person who is not even a part of

video. It is difficult to tell the difference between real and fake in a video manipulated through this technique.

Whoever leader or political party created and released fake videos showing Amit Shah announcing the abolishment of reservations, how serious an act they have committed to spreading hatred in A complaint has been lodged

by Prateek Karpe, an office bearer of BJP's Mumbai unit, at Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) Cyber Police Station. The complaint states that a deepfake video of Amit Shah was created, posted and shared on the internet, to defame BJP leader Amit Shah. The complainant also requested the police to immediately remove the fake video and register a case against those accused who allegedly shared it to create enmity and hatred among various castes. Based on the complaint, a case has been registered

against the social media han-

dle of Maharashtra Youth

Congress and 16 others under

various sections of the IPC

and IT Act at Bandra-Kurla

Cyber Police Station in

Of course, technological development has taken place rapidly in the world in the last few decades. The increasing use of digital platforms has made life easier and faster, but along with this benefit, some serious risks related to cyber security are also coming to the fore. With the boundless nature of cyberspace, the threats associated with it and the deceitful methods and tools of cyber criminals, the trend of cyber-attacks is constantly changing.

Apart from this, terrorism and fundamentalism are also finding shelter in cyberspace. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Cybersecurity is no longer limited to the digital world.

It has become a matter of national security." Cyberspace has become the new battleground. The Government must take strict action against these elements. Meanwhile, one only hopes that the authorities concerned would curb the menace of deep fake videos sooner rather than later with an iron hand.

(The writer is a senior journalist and author of two books; views are personal)

EMPOWERING VISUAL NARRATIVES

Madam — Apropos the news article, "A picture is worth a thousand words," published on May 1, this is my response. The depiction of sexual violence against women in the media often portrays them as helpless victims, reinforcing stigma and shame. Ankita Anand, a survivor herself, challenged this narrative by spearheading a campaign urging media outlets to rethink their imagery. Instead of portraying women as passive victims, she advocated for images that reflect their resilience and agency. Anand's efforts, along with initiatives like the image bank by the Hri Institute, mark a significant step in reshaping visual narratives around gender-based violence.

Through campaigns like "I Never Ask For It," survivors are reclaiming their stories, using mediums like textiles to challenge societal attitudes towards gender-based violence. These initiatives underscore the transformative power of imagery in shaping public perception and fostering empathy. Ultimately, the portrayal of sexual violence in the media should prioritise dignity and empowerment, amplifying the voices of survivors and challenging ingrained biases. It's a collective responsibility to ensure that visual narratives reflect the strength and resilience of those affected, rather than perpetuating harmful stereotypes.

Rian Mehta | Chandigarh

CHINA'S SHADOW POLITICS

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Why is the BJP avoiding China in campaigning?" published on May 1, this is my response. The discourse surrounding China in Indian politics is a delicate dance where words and actions are carefully measured. While the former Army Chief's blunt assessment of China as India's primary threat is refreshing, it also underscores the gravity of the situation. The recent revelations about the India-China confrontation shed light on systemic failures and diplomatic intricacies shaping bilateral relations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR **India's semiconductor mission**

tions and power structures.

Social media platforms

propos the news article, "Semicon ecosystem: A revolution in India," published on May 1, this is my response. The surge of semiconductor development in India marks a pivotal juncture in our technological evolution. As our reliance on technology deepens, so does the significance of these minuscule chips, which power everything from smartphones to space missions. India's strategic vision to foster a robust semiconductor ecosystem is commendable, as evi-

The Government's cautious approach, aiming for diplomatic disengagement while hinting at alternative alliances reflects the complexity of the issue. However, the opacity surrounding critical events like the Kailash Heights incident raises questions about political oversight and decision-making during times of crisis. As the election rhetoric tiptoes around recent confrontations, focusing instead on historical grievances, individuals like Naravane risk overshadowing the valorous efforts. Amidst the political manoeuvring, one thing remains clear: addressing the China challenge requires strategic foresight and resolute

Zara Khan | Mumbai

DANCE UNITES PEOPLE Madam — Apropos the news article, "Celebrating the Universal Language of Dance," published on April 30, this is my response. Dance is a lot more than just body movements. It is a universal language that speaks to the soul. By using dance as a tool for change, you can turn your passion into a powerful force for social good.

denced by ambitious projects and partnerships aimed at reducing import dependency and fostering innovation. Initiatives like the India Semiconductor Mission and skill development programmes underscore a concerted effort to nurture indigenous talent and infrastructure. Geopolitical shifts, especially amidst the China-US trade tensions, offer a timely opportunity for India to emerge as a preferred destination for semiconductor manufacturing.

However, challenges persist, particularly in bridging the skill gap and accessing advanced technology. Collaborations with global leaders and initiatives to attract talent back to India are steps in the right direction. The road ahead is promising, with India poised to not only meet its self-sufficiency goals but also emerge as a global leader in semiconductor innovation, contributing significantly to economic growth.

Advait Rao | Bengaluru

The wonderful aspect of dance is its ability to speak volumes without uttering a sin-

It is a great way to share one's passion for dance, impart new skills and foster a sense of unity. One of the greatest strengths of dance is its finesse and ability to touch people emotionally. Remember, every little step counts when it comes to making a difference through dance. Dance comes in many forms, from ballet to hip-hop and from contemporary to folk. A talented dancer will naturally embrace all these styles and weave them into choreography. This not only enriches the dancer's performance but also acknowledges the global tapestry of dance. A dance community is a great space for everyone, regardless of their age, race and gender. After all, diversity is the lifeblood of creativity. Said John Dryden, the literary critic and an accomplished poet from England: "Dancing is the poetry of

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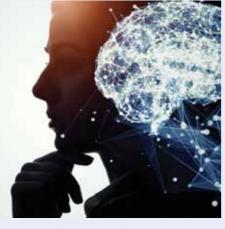
THE ROLE OF EMOTIONAL **INTELLIGENCE**

The mastery of emotions is a pivotal factor in shaping success and fulfilment



n a busy world, as individuals navigate through various personal and professional challenges, their ability to understand and manage emotions plays a critical role in determining success, well-being and overall fulfilment. It is the emotions that shape how individuals interact, communicate, lead and innovate, thereby ultimately driving organisational success and fostering a positive work culture. Often it is found that much of an individual's behaviour is the result of emotions. However, these emotions are not a great guide to how one should behave in challenging situations. That is why identifying and working through them helps make better decisions. Feelings and needs are intertwined and knowing one helps an individual understand the other. it is the feelings that are the gateway into what health needs are thereby, promoting the individual to take appropriate action and enabling the self to grow and heal. If one is not in touch with their feelings, one may end up not knowing what they need which may further lead to indecision or emotional outbursts and the same is being faced in today's scenario be it the corporate world or the world of education.

The importance of emotional intelligence cannot be overstated in this fast-paced and interconnected world. At the workplace, what forms the utmost need is the combination of self-awareness, emotional intelligence, effective communication and a supportive work environment. By implementing such strategies, organisations can foster a culture where employees feel empowered to manage their emotions positively, leading to increased productivity, job satisfaction and overall well-being. Emotional intelligence positively correlates with job satisfaction. Employees with higher emotional intelligence are more satisfied with their jobs, as it fosters purpose, belonging and commitment.



Employees with high emotional intelligence excel in interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution and adaptability, while emotionally intelligent leaders inspire trust, motivate teams and cultivate a positive work environment. By promoting emotional well-being, organisations optimise employee performance and achieve better business outcomes. Recognising the importance of emotional well-being, organisations implement initiatives to support employees' mental health be it wellness programmes, counselling services or flexible work arrangements. Stressreducing activities, workload management, work-life balance and emotional validation can reduce absenteeism, turnover and healthcare costs, promoting a healthier and more resilient workforce.

Organisations should look for silver linings or alternative perspectives that can help reframe the situation in a more positive light, for emotionally intelligent employees can bounce back from failures, learn from setbacks and thrive in the face of uncertainty. By practicing self-compassion, focusing on strengths and investing in ongoing learning and skill development to enhance competence and confidence, can an individual effectively manage challenging emotions in the workplace and foster a more positive and productive work environment.

Remember, a workplace that acknowledges and supports the emotional needs of employees can promote mental health, reduce stress and prevent burnout. Emotions are not only inevitable but the most essential ingredient in the workplace. Recognising them and then cultivating them can lead to a more engaged, collaborative and resilient workforce which will ultimately contribute to the organisation's success and sus-

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AFSPA repeal: A step towards 'Naya Kashmir'



Amit Shah's proposal to repeal AFSPA in J&K could restore normalcy, but it must consider the broader implications and evolving security of the region



ecently, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the Centre will consider the removal of AFPSA in J&K. This statement assumes significance as it reflects the Government's vision towards J&K and most importantly Prime Minister's promise of Naya Kashmir. Soon, after the Lok Sabha elections, the focus will be panned towards J&K as the Union Territory is scheduled to go for polls in September this year. After abrogating article 370, the Government seems to turning towards solving another long-standing conundrum in J&K- AFSPA. At the security and strategic level, this attempt will accelerate the cleaning of Pakistan's propaganda by cleaning up their psychological warfare designs in J&K and will provide full throttle for holistic development. Before the Government sets its approach, it must see the bigger picture

The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act gives sweeping powers to armed forces (which also extends to CAPF under Section 2) and most significantly provides them legal immunity for their actions under Section / of the act. However, the Supreme Court in 2016 struck down this blanket protection from prosecution. The Supreme Court said "It does not matter whether the victim was a common person or a militant or a terrorist, nor does it matter whether the aggressor was a common person or the state. The law is the same for both and is equally applicable to both". The sweeping powers under Section 4 of the act include , Arrest without warrant,

·2. Fire (After due warning) upon or use other kinds of force even if it causes death, against the person who is acting against law or order in the disturbed area for the maintenance of public order.

·3. To enter and search any premises in order to make such arrests, or to recover any person wrongfully restrained or any arms, ammunition or explosive substances and

·4. Stop and search any vehicle or vessel reasonably suspected to be carrying such person or weapons. The AFSPA debate stems from two perspectives first is security necessity and second is cases of extrajudi-



THE IMPOSITION

OF AFSPA IN THE STATE OR UT ITSELF EXPLAINS THAT THE STATE HAS ALMOST LOST ITS CAPACITY TO **DEAL WITH THE** SITUATION AND WHEN THE STATE LOSES ITS CAPACITY, IT MEANS THAT THE ADVERSARY OR ANY ADVERSE SITUATION WILL SOON GRIP THE STATE, LEADING TO MAYHEM AND A BREAKDOWN OF

cial killings in the Northeast. The most debatable part is the second one which has made this act controversial. In 2004, a thorough review of the act of was done by the Justice Jeevan Reddy Commission which concluded that the act should be repealed and observed that "agitations such as in Manipur and elsewhere are merely the symptoms of a malaise, which goes much deeper" and called on the Government to address the "core issues.". However, the importance of National security somehow gets shadowed by a few cases of misuse of the act.

Call for AFSPA comes under extraordinary situations which if not controlled or mitigated can result in serious consequences from the genocide of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990, 1986 Kashmir riots killing 2000 2000 people primarily Hindus, Sopor firings in January 1993 killing 40 people to Bij Behara firings in October 1993 killing 60 people. Such horrifying incidents need stringent measures in place and a certain amount of free pass to operate efficiently. "We feel that by revoking special legal provisions, which are in place here, definitely our operational capabilities will be compromised," General Officer Command (GOC) of Army's Srinagar-based 15 Corps Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain said in 2011. To deal with a situation that is spiralling out day by day in a state requires effective operational dominance over the adversary which can only be possible if armed forces can freely operate.

The imposition of AFSPA in the state or UT itself explains that the state has almost lost its capacity to deal with the situation and when the state loses its capacity then it means that the adversary or any adverse situation will soon grip the state leading to mayhem and breakdown of

breakdowns are not ordinary and demand extreme measures and interventions to normalise and any constraints in intervention will affect the normalisation process therefore to let "normalisation" progress an effective emergency response mechanism is required which AFSPA provides. A call for the removal of AFPSA should only come when the security environment is significantly improved or secured as hurried removal might bring back the old situation. The case of a fresh wave of radicalisation in 2018 in J&K after the killing of terror poster boy Burhan Wani is one incidence where a cautious decision must be made to decide the removal of AFSPA.

AFSPA is not immune; it has its limitations and misuses. For example, the Nagaland case in 2021 of killing innocent 14 civilians or the 1995 Kohima Massacre where 16th Rasthtriya Rifiles fired upon civilians mistaking the sound of the tyre dursting for a domb attack killing 7 and injuring 36. The free pass or the freeness in the name of operational efficiency or capabilities has also led to some serious consequences which are eroding the primary objective of the act. The AFSPA Act is in place to mitigate the extreme situation in the state and to aggravate it. Such incidents aggravate the situation and further complicate the situation in a state. Therefore, these immunities either required a removal or needed a proper check to put caution in the exercise of powers by the armed forces which later was done by the Supreme Court in 2016.

AFSPA cannot stay for long as extraordinary or exceptional situations are temporary and once under control, AFSPA could be withdrawn. If it goes beyond necessity, then AFSPA's presence would hinder the normalisation process. The national security. Such situations of normalisation process does not

only include fighting with the adversary it also includes the restoration of a peaceful and harmonious environment. A state of being normal is only when the state begins to function without any constraints, fear and anxiety. AFSPA being in place distorts the state of being "normal" and rather heightens the anxiety and fear which in the long run affects the democratic ecosystem and governance in a state that might further lead to sociopolitical instability if overlooked. The case of J&K ever since the removal of Article 370 has significantly improved there was a 66 per cent drop in terror cases in J&K. The union territory has also seen a significant drop in terror recruitment under Army's Operation Sahi Raasta. According to reports only seven youth joined terror groups last

As the security environment in J&K is significantly improved, a call for the removal of AFSPA is well reasoned. Now, the CAPF presence would easily tackle any security situation if arises as the substantial threat of terror now seems to be subsiding. Like the Government withdrew AFSPA from Punjab in 1997 it should soon take a call on J&K as well, though few CAPF presence can be there considering bordering areas the operation of the act must

The removal of AFSPA will facilitate and exhort confidence and peace among people. Most importantly, eliminates the sense of fear and accelerates the pace of normalisation and developmental processes at socio-political levels. The Prime Minister's promise in Naya Kashmir lies beyond the security to society and politics which will only strengthen after the removal of AFPSA.

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Engaging in the theatrics of India's electoral carnival

In the realm of political theatre, candidates await their turn in the merry-go-round of power, setting the stage with tension and anticipation

n anticipation of the 18th Lok Sabha elections in ■ India, political parties have fervently engaged in pre-electoral activities, including candidate selection, issue advocacy and public discourse-all these, much before the official announcement by the Election Commission (scheduled from April 19 to June 1, 2024). Of particular significance is the burgeoning cohort of 18 million first-time voters, who observe the electoral spectacle with keen interest as parties vie for their support by proffering ambitious pledges. Within this theatrical milieu, the composition of the Lok Sabha, comprising 543 parliamentary constituencies nationwide, assumes paramount importance. Each constituency plays a pivotal role in



electing a singular representative, who assumes the mantle of voicing their constituents' concerns within the Lower House of Parliament. Thus, amidst the cacophony of democratic fervour, the formation of the (18th) Lok Sabha emerges as a focal point, embodying the democratic ethos and the intricacies of electoral representation within India's diverse polity - as we witness this chaotic carnival

(read dance) of democracy. Now picture this: Rallies echoing with rehearsed oratory; meetings buzzing with the monotonous drone of 'scripted' discourse; and the landscape littered with towering hoardings and captivating advertisements—all vying for attention like desperate contestants in a reality TV show. Each candidate, eagerly awaits their fate in this grandiose spectacle, hoping to shine bright enough to avoid being relegated to the shadows of political obscurity. But, as they say, once a politician, always a politician.

This grand orchestra of democracy will see nearly a billion people herded like cattle into over a million polling booths, expected to cast their votes in a choreographed charade to determine the future Government.

In the realm of electoral politics, politicians assume the role of adept illusionists, skillfully concocting promises tailored to captivate the electorate. Through artful rhetoric, they conjure visions of development and inclusivity, appealing to voters' emotions despite the potential disparity with reality. Parties engage in a theatrical spectacle, donning elaborate garb and competing for attention with promises of infrastructure, welfare and prosperity. However, voters' decisions ultimately reflect both their susceptibility and the manipulative prowess of politicians. This electoral charade underscores the complex interplay between rhetoric, perception

and voter agency in contemporary democratic processes. Here past performances mat-

NATIONAL

SECURITY

Enter the Narendra Modi Government, riding high on the waves of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, with a later addition of 'Sabka Prayas'. Since 2014, the Modi administration has been pulling rabbits out of hats faster than a magician from electrifying villages to construction of toilets across the country in a bid to make India defecation-free, to digitising governance (Digital India), Startup India and standing up for the people and the world during emergencies like Covid19. Of course, like any good magic show, there's always a healthy dose of criticism to keep things interesting - after all, what's a politi-

cal spectacle without a little touch of drama? India's diplomatic endeavours have bol-stered its global stature, marked by strategic alliances with major powers and initiatives like the International Solar Alliance, etc., fostering collaboration in trade, technology and sustainable development. Concurrently, domestic developments such as Ayushman Bharat for healthcare, Saubhagya for rural electrification, Jan-Dhan Yojana for financial inclusion and so on, underscore efforts toward inclusive progress. Nonetheless, socio-economic disparities persist, emblematic of the ongoing challenges amidst India's democratic evolution on the world stage. The Indian electoral process is

One cannot forget that in this grand symphony, the Election Commission stands as the characterised by extravagant linchpin, ensuring the sancti-

rallies, serving as vibrant

showcases of democracy

where ordinary citizens are

swept into the extraordinary

theatre of politics. Whether

attendees arrive voluntarily

or are transported en masse,

these gatherings epitomise

the essence of democratic

engagement. Amidst a back-

drop of waving flags and res-

onant slogans, the democrat-

ic spirit radiates, offering a

glimpse of both the triumphs

and tribulations of competing

political factions. Central to

this spectacle, is the tireless

efforts of party workers,

orchestrating the mobilisa-

tion of supporters for these

ty of free and fair elections despite recurrent criticisms. Imagine the stalwart veterans anxiously clinging to their phones, praying for one more display of their experience in the political limelight, while the current faces (read chosen MPs) pace like restless lions in the corridors of authority, fearing either the sweet embrace of reselection or the bitter sting of rejection. But there's nothing to fear. For

in the unpredictable world of politics, one never knows when the pendulum of fortune will favourably swing back. So, let us Vote so that the elected parties work to fulfil their manifesto.

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Police dismantle pro-Palestinian Trump calls judge 'crooked' after demonstrators' encampment facing warning of jail time demonstrators' encampment

Police removed barricades and began dismantling a pro-Palestinian demonstrators' fortified encampment early Thursday at the University of California, Los Angeles, after hundreds of protesters defied orders to leave. Some people were detained, their hands bound with zip ties.

The action came after officers spent hours threatening arrests over loudspeakers if people did not disperse. A crowd of more than 1,000 had gathered on campus, both inside a barricaded tent encampment and outside it, in support. Protesters and police shoved and scuffled as officers encountered resistance. With police helicopters hovering, the sound of flashbangs, which produce a bright light and a loud noise to disorient and stun people, pierced the air. Protesters chanted, "Where were you last night?" at the officers, in reference to Tuesday night, when counter-protesters attacked the encampment and the UCLA administration and campus police took hours to respond.

Tent encampments of protesters calling on universities to stop doing business with Israel or companies they say support the war in Gaza have spread across campuses nationwide in a student movement unlike any other this century. The ensuing police crackdowns echoed actions decades ago against a much larger protest movement protesting the Vietnam War. In the Mideast Iranian state television carried live images of the police action as did Qatar's pan-Arab Al Jazeera satellite network. Live images of Los Angeles also played across Israeli television networks, as well.

California Highway Patrol officers poured into the campus by the hundreds early Thursday. Wearing face shields and protective vests, they stood with their batons protruding out to separate them from demonstrators, who wore helmets and gas masks and chanted, "You want peace. We want justice." Police methodically ripped apart the encampment's barricade of plywood, pallets, metal fences and trash dumpsters.

Will Israel end war without group's destruction?



Demonstrators gather on the UCLA campus, after nighttime clashes between Pro-Israel and Pro-Palestinian

Beirut (AP): Hamas on Thursday was considering the latest proposal for a cease-fire with Israel that the United States and other mediators hope will avert an Israeli attack on the Gaza town of Rafah. But chances for the deal are entangled with the question of whether Israel can accept an end to the war without reaching its stated goal of destroying

The stakes in the cease-fire negotiations were made clear in a new UN report that said if the war in Gaza stops today, it will still take until 2040 to rebuild all the homes that have been destroyed by nearly seven months of Israeli bombardment and ground offensives in the territory.

It warned that the impact of the damage to the economy will set back development for generations and will only get worse with every month fighting continues. Hamas has insisted it won't sign onto the deal without assurances that, if it eventually releases all its hostages, Israel will end its onslaught in Gaza and pull its troops out of the territory.

The proposal that US and Egyptian mediators have put to Hamas -- apparently with Israel's acceptance — sets out a three-stage process that will bring an immediate six-week cease-fire and partial hostage release but also negotiations over a "permanent calm" that includes some sort of Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, according to an Egyptian official.

If Israel does agree to end the war in return for a full hostage release, it would be a major turnaround. Since Hamas' bloody Oct. 7 attack stunned Israel, its leaders have vowed not to stop their bombardment and ground offensives until the militant group is destroyed. They also say Israel must keep a military presence in Gaza and security control after the war to ensure Hamas doesn't rebuild.

Publicly at least, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues to insist that is the only acceptable

He has vowed that even if a cease-fire is reached, Israel will eventually attack Rafah which he says is Hamas' last stronghold in Gaza. He repeated his determination to do so in talks on Wednesday with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who was in Israel on a regional tour to push the deal

The deal's immediate fate hinges on whether Hamas will accept uncertainty over the final phases to bring the initial six-week pause in fighting and at least postpone what it is feared would be a devastating assault on Rafah, Gaza's south ernmost town where some 1.4 million Palestinians have taken

Egypt has been privately assuring Hamas that the deal will mean a total end to the war. But the Egyptian official said Hamas says the text's language is too vague and wants it to specify a complete Israeli pullout from all of Gaza. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to talk about the internal deliberations.

Donald Trump returned briefly to the campaign trail Wednesday and called the judge presiding over his hush money trial "crooked" a day after he was held in contempt of court and threatened with jail time for violating a gag order. Trump's remarks at events in the battleground states of Wisconsin and Michigan were being closely watched after he received a USD 9,000 fine for making public statements about people connected to the criminal case. In imposing the fine for posts on Trump's Truth Social account and campaign website, Judge Juan M. Merchan said that if Trump continued to violate his orders, he would "impose an incarceratory punishment." There is no crime. I have a crooked judge. He's a totally conflicted judge," Trump said speaking to supporters at an event in



again that this and other cases against him are led by the White House to undermine his campaign. The gag order bars him from making public statements about witnesses, jurors and some others connected to his hush money case. Trump is still free to criticise Merchan.

The former president is trying to achieve a balancing act unprecedented in American history by running for a second term as the while also fighting felony charges in New York. Trump frequently goes after Merchan, prosecutors and potential witnesses at his ral-lies and on social media, attack lines that play well with his sup-porters but that have potentially put him in further legal jeopardy. Trump insists he is merely exercising his free speech rights, but the offending posts from his Truth Social account and campaign website were taken down. Merchan is weighing other alleged gag-order violations and will hear arguments on Thursday. Trump has often called this case and other criminal cases against him "election interference," saying they keep him from campaigning for the presidential election in November. Attendees agreed he is being unfairly prosecuted, contending the trial and gag order were designed to dis-

tract him . "It's a trial looking for

a crime," said Ray Hanson, of

Hartford. Hanson said he expected Trump's lawyers would "keep him in line" so he doesn't violate the gag order, as much as he likely wants to talk about the trial. Manhattan prosecutors have argued Trump and his associates took part in an illegal scheme to influence the 2016 presidential campaign by purchasing and then burying negative stories. He has pleaded not guilty. Trump's visits to Wisconsin and

Michigan mark his second trip to the swing states in just a month. For the previous rallies, the for-mer president largely focused on immigration, referring to people who are in the US illegally and who are suspected of crimes as "animals." Meanwhile, Democrats are hoping to remind voters ahead of these visits about Trump's position on abortion, which Trump has been openly concerned about being a political liability for him and

Solomon Islands lawmakers elect former Foreign Minister as new prime minister

Colomon Islands lawmakers On Thursday chose former Foreign Minister Jeremiah Manale as the new prime minister of the South Pacific island nation that has grown closer to China in recent years. The withdrawal of pro-Beijing former Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare from the contest to remain head of the government to make way for Manale as their party's candidate is an indication the country could follow a similar direction. The prime minister was chosen in a secret ballot of 49 lawmakers who won general elections on April Governor General David Vunagi said Manale received 31 votes. Sogavare had hoped to become the first Solomons prime minister to maintain power in consecutive four-year terms following the election. During his previous term, China's influence increased more in the Solomons than anywhere else in the South



Jeremiah Manale with Chinese official

Sogavare switched diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to Beijing and struck a secret security pact that has raised fears of the Chinese navy gaining a foothold in the region. Meg Keen, the director of the Pacific Islands program for

Lowy Institute, a Sydney-based international policy think tank, said Manale will be a "less fiery and combative leader for the West to manage but he will continue to pursue close relations with China.

"As the former foreign min-

ister he helped broker the security deal with China that panicked the West. But he is also a seasoned diplomat with experience at the UN and in western countries — he's no stranger to western engagement," Keen said in an email.

Over 40% of Americans see China as enemy: Report

AP WASHINGTON

More than 40 per cent of Americans now label China as an enemy, up from a quarter two years ago and reaching the highest level in five years, according to an annual Pew Research Center survey released Wednesday.

Half of Americans think of China as a competitor, and only 6 per cent consider the country a partner, according to the report. The findings come as the Biden administration is seeking to stabilise US-China relations to avoid miscalculations that could result in clashes, while still trying to counter the world's second-largest economy on issues from Russia's war in Ukraine to Taiwan and human rights.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen have both recently visited China in the administration's latest effort to "responsibly" manage the competition with Beijing. Despite those overtures, President Joe Biden has been

competing with former American attitudes toward presumptive Republican nominee in November's election, on being tough on China. The Pew report, which is drawn from an April 1-7 survey of a sample of 3,600 US adults, found that roughly half of Americans think limiting China's power and influence should be a top US foreign policy priority. Only 8 per cent don't think it should be a priority at all. For the fifth year in a row, about eight in 10 Americans report an unfavourable view of China,

the Pew report said. "Today, 81 pe cent of US adults see the country unfavourably, including 43 per cent who hold a very unfavourable opinion. Chinese President Xi Jinping receives similarly negative rat-

ings," the report said. About eight in 10 Americans say they have little or no confidence in Xi to do the right thing regarding world affairs. About 10 per cent said they have never heard of him.

ical after the US launched a trade war against China in 2018 and since the emergence of COVID-19, which was first reported in China

Beijing's human rights record, its closeness to Russia and its policies toward Taiwan and Ĥong Kong also have left Americans with negative views of the country, according to Pew's previous analyses.

At the same time, the US government has been overt about competing with China on economic and diplomatic issues. Following that, 42 per cent of Americans say China is an enemy of the US, the highest level since 2021, when Pew began asking the question. The share is much larger among Republicans and Republicanleaning independents, Pew said, with 59 per cent of them describing China as an enemy, compared with 28 per cent of Democrats and those leaning Democratic.

Norway to increase defence spending

AP ■ COPEHNAGEN

The Norwegian centre-left government said on Thursday that it wants to add 7 billion kroner (USD 630 million) to the Scandinavian country's armed forces over the next 12 years amid increased tensions in the region. The announcement came on top of plans announced last month of a "historic increase" of 600 billion kroner (USD 54 billion) in the oil-rich country's defence budget over the same period.

'We must increase the operational capability of the Armed Forces," Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store, citing heightened tensions in the region as the reason for the boost.

Gahr Store said on Thursday that the combined budget increase meant that Norway would be able to reach NATO's goal of military spending of 2 per cent of each member country's GDP this year.

In 2024, the Scandinavian country's defence budget is expected to increase to 104 billion kroner (USD 9.4 billion).

Finance Minister Trygve Slagsvold Vedum called it "a strong growth" and said it was "a necessary investment to strengthen our freedom".

Gahr Store heads a coalition that includes his own social democratic Labour party and the left-leaning Centre Party. He is expected to win support for the proposal in the 169-seat Storting assembly. No date for a vote was set.

On Tuesday, party leaders in the Norwegian parliament announced that the Scandinavian country was donating 7 billion kroner to Ukraine as part of a five-year support package. That comes on top of the 75 billion kroner (USD 6.8 billion) which Norway already has said it will donate, making it one of the world's biggest donors to wartorn Ukraine.

Georgia parliament cancels session after huge protests

AP ■ TBLISI (GEORGIA)

■ cancelled its Thursday plenary session following massive protests against a proposed law that critics fear will stifle media freedom and endanger the country's bid for membership in the European Union. The parliament's announcement said the cancellation was connected to damage the building suffered during Wednesday protests in which police used water cannon, tear gas and pepper spray against the tens of thousands of demonstrators. The legislature on Wednesday approved a second reading of the bill that would require media and non-commercial organizations to register as

"pursuing the interests of a foreign power" if they receive more than 20% of funding from abroad. The third and final reading was

expected in mid-May and it

was not clear if the cancellation

of Thursday's session would

affect the bill's progress. The



ruling Georgian Dream party withdrew a similar proposal last year after large crowds protested.

Protesters denounce the bill as "the Russian law" because neighboring Russia uses similar legislation to stigmatize independent news media and organizations critical of the Kremlin.

Eighty-three of Georgia's 150 lawmakers approved the bill in its second reading, while 23 voted against it.

Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili, increasingly at

odds with the governing party, has criticized the bill and vowed to veto it if it is passed by Parliament. But the governing party can

overrule the veto and ask the parliamentary speaker to sign the bill into law. The EU's foreign policy arm

earlier this month also criticized Georgian Dream's decision to reintroduce the law. which it said "raises serious concerns" around media freedom in the country — something it called "crucial for the EU accession process."

New form of mpox that spreads easily found in Congo's biggest outbreak

AP ■ CONGO

ongo is struggling to con-Ctain its biggest mpox outbreak, and scientists say a new form of the disease detected in a mining town might more easily spread among people.

Since January, Congo has reported more than 4,500 suspected mpox cases and nearly 300 deaths, numbers that have roughly tripled from the same period last year, according to the World Health Organisation. Congo recently declared the outbreak across the country a health emergency. An analysis of patients hospitalised between October and January in Kamituga, eastern Congo, suggests recent genetic mutations in mpox are the result of its continued transmission in

humans; it's happening in a town where people have little contact with the wild animals thought to naturally carry the

"We're in a new phase of mpox," said Dr. Placide Mbala-Kingebeni, the lead researcher of the study, who said it will soon be submitted to a journal for publication. Mbala-Kingebeni heads a lab at Congo's National Institute of Biomedical Research, which studies the genetics of dis-

The lesions reported by most patients are milder and on the genitals, Mbala-Kingebeni said, making the disease trickier to diagnose. In previous outbreaks in Africa, lesions were mostly seen on the chest, hands and feet. He also said that the new form seems to have a lower death rate.

In a report on the global mpox situation this week, WHO said the new version of the disease might require a new testing strategy to pick up the muta-

With experts pointing out that fewer than half of people in Congo with mpox are tested, Mbala-Kingebeni said: "The risk is that unless patients themselves come forward, we will have a silent transmission of the disease and nobody will know.

Mbala-Kingebeni said most people were infected via sex, with about a third of mpox cases found in sex workers. It was not until the 2022 global emergency of mpox that scientists established the disease was spread via sex, with most cases in gay or bisexual men. In November, WHO confirmed sexual transmission of mpox in Congo for the first time.

There are two kinds, or clades, of mpox, which is related to smallpox and endemic to central and west Africa. Clade 1 is more severe and can kill up to 10 per cent of people infected. Clade 2 triggered the 2022 outbreak; more than 99 per cent of people infected sur-

Mbala-Kingebeni and colleagues said they have identified a new form of clade 1 that may be responsible for more than 240 cases and at least three deaths in Kamituga, a region with a significant transient population travelling elsewhere in Africa and beyond.

2 years after SC draft leak, abortion consuming US politics and courts

AP WASHINGTON

wo years after a leaked draft of a US Two years after a leaked didn of a Co Supreme Court opinion signalled that the nation's abortion landscape was about to shift dramatically, the issue is still consuming the nation's courts, legislatures and political campaigns — and changing the course of lives.

On Wednesday, a ban on abortion after the first six weeks of pregnancy, often before women realise they're pregnant, took effect in Florida, echoing laws in two other states.

In Arizona, meanwhile, lawmakers voted to repeal a total ban on abortion dating back to 1864, decades before Arizona became a state. Also this week, the Kansas Legislature increased funding for antiabortion centres, while advocates in South Dakota submitted the required number of signatures for a ballot measure to enshrine abortion rights in the state constitution. The status of abortion in states across the

country has changed constantly, with lawmakers passing measures and courts ruling on challenges to them. Currently, 14 states are enforcing bans on abortion at all stages of pregnancy, with limited exceptions. Most Democratic-led states, meanwhile, have taken steps to preserve or expand access.

Some of it's exactly what we knew would happen," said David Cohen, a professor at the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University who studies abortion policy, "and others have been big surprises that have put, frankly, the anti-abortion movement on their heels".

Although more than 20 states have begun enforcing abortion bans of varying degrees since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June 2022, studies have found that the number of monthly abortions nationally is about the same — or higher

 than it was before the ruling. Asked to weigh in on the emotional debate, voters have supported the position favoured by abortion rights advocates on

all seven statewide ballot measures since

The Supreme Court's decision in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case was released officially on June 24, 2022, upending nearly 50 years of abortion being legal nationwide. But the world caught a glimpse of it about six weeks earlier, on May 2, after a news outlet published a leaked draft.

"With the Dobbs decision, the will of the people is now able to be adhered to," said Stephen Billy, vice president of state affairs for Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. He said abortion rights supporters have amplified uncertainty in laws — especially over whether abortion is allowed in medical emergencies: "They've tried to sow political division just to advance their policy agenda," he said.

At the time Politico published the leaked draft, Amanda Zurawski was undergoing fertility treatment and was about two weeks away from learning she was finally preg-

Senior PML-N leader signals possibility of early elections

Bid to pave way for Nawaz Sharif's fourth stint as PM

PTI ■ LAHORE

senior leader of the ruling APML-N party has hinted at the possibility of fresh elections in Pakistan within the next two years to pave the way for Nawaz Sharif to secure a record fourth term as prime minister, according to a media report on Thursday

Senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Javed Latif's comments came during an interview with a private TV channel.

Nawaz Sharif, 74, was all set to become prime minister for the fourth time but his party failed to get a clear majority in the National Assembly on its own in the February 8 general elec-

In a surprise move, he allowed his 72-year-old younger brother and the incumbent party president Shehbaz Sharif who is considered the favourite of the military establishment to lead a six-party coalition government at the Centre.

Latif said whether the elections take place in two or five years, Nawaz Sharif, the PML-N supremo will take the reins of power for the fourth time. He hinted that early elections

could be in the cards within the next two years to pave the way for Nawaz Sharif's fourth stint as the country's prime minister, The Express Tribune newspaper reported.

Pressed to explain how Nawaz Sharif could reclaim the top spot within two years, especially with his brother currently occupying it, Latif said it would be possible through elections. "The elections can happen

tomorrow," he said. Nawaz Sharif returned to Pakistan from London in October 2023 after ending his nearly four-year-long selfimposed exile, hoping to be the prime minister again.

He predicted that even those who once obstructed Nawaz Sharif's path to a fourth term as premier would now rally



He pointed out that a party a two-thirds majority often struggles to complete its term. The senior PML-N politician warned that the withdrawal of support from even one coalition party could jeopardise the current government's survival. Latif is the only remaining active party member who continues to take swipes at his own party's central government. Given the track record of his colleague Rana Sanaullah who, after throwing jabs at his own party's central government, promptly joined the same Cabinet he accused of being chosen by the establishment—many in the party view his criticism of the party as Latif's desperate attempt to bargain for a position in the government, the paper said. source within the Prime Minister's Office revealed that Sanaullah was brought into the cabinet to exert control over him. The source said he was a senior party leader and president of Punjab, adding that any action against him—even if approved by Nawaz Sharif—could have been harmful to the

party's interests. When questioned about whether Rana Sanaullah and Ishaq Dar's appointments were decisions made by Shehbaz Sharif, he said he was not at liberty to divulge any specifics, noting that in the PML-N party, Nawaz Sharif remains the founder and his decisions reign

He said that Latif, inspired by Rana Sanaullah, might have chosen to go all out. He added that it was up to Nawaz Sharif to assess his party leaders who deviated from the party line.

Pak Military aware of its constitutional limits: Army chief

 $P_{\text{Asim Munir on Thursday}}^{\text{akistan Army chief General}}$ said the military was "well aware" of its constitutional limits and expected others to uphold the Constitution, amid allegations of the powerful army's involvement in politics and interference by the intelligence agencies in the working of the judiciary

The general, who was the chief guest at a passing out parade, said that those who flout the clear restrictions imposed on freedom of expression in the Constitution cannot point fingers at others.

We are well aware of our constitutional limits and expect others to uphold the Constitution," Gen Munir said while addressing the Pakistan Air Force's passing out parade at the Asghar Khan Academy Risalpur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

"Article 19 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan clearly defines the limits of freedom of speech and expression of opinion," he said. His remarks came two days after Pakistan's Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa said that pushing the judiciary towards taking a certain action was akin to interference in the judicial process. The top judge was referring to a letter written by six Islamabad High Court (IHC) judges on March 25, alleging interference of agencies in their matters. The apex court took suo motu notice of the letter and later several bar councils also filed petitions

the case. The powerful army, which has ruled Pakistan for more than half of its 75-plus years of existence, has hitherto wielded considerable power in matters of security and foreign policy. However, the military has denied meddling in the coun-

and they were made parties to



Gen Munir lauded the PAF for

patrolling the airspace in all kinds of difficulties, terming the shooting down of an Indian fighter jet in February 2019 as a great example of the same. You are the centre of our hopes, the guardian of the skies and the guarantors of regional unity," the army chief told the cadets. Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman shot down the Pakistani F-16 jet during an aerial combat before his MiG 21 Bison aircraft was hit on February 27, 2019. He was captured by the Pakistani Army and later released on the night of March 1.

Without naming any country, Gen Munir highlighted that the arms race posed a risk of disturbing the region's balance of

"Specific technologies, including artificial intelligence, roboting, and quantum computing, and quantum computing, and provide the provide are changing the use of air power as well as expanding its scope," he noted. Gen Munir also pledged Pakistan's "moral, political and diplomatic support" to the Kashmiri people.

Verdict reserved on petition seeking transfer of Imran Khan's wife

Islamabad (PTI): A top court in Pakistan on Thursday reserved its verdict on the peti-tion filed by former prime min ister Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi requesting her transfer to the high-security Adiala Jail, where her husband is incarcerated. The 71-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Khan has been lodged at Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi after conviction in multiple cases while Bushra Bibi, 49, is currently jailed at Bani Gala — Khan's home in Islamabad – which was turned into a sub-jail since the couple was sentenced in the 'un-Islamic nikah' case in February. After hearing the arguments from both sides, Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) reserved the verdict in the peti-tion requesting Bushra Bibi's transfer from the Bani Gala sub-jail to the Adiala jail, The News International said.

Former first lady's lawyer Usman Gul said the process of declaring the residence as a sub-jail was completed within a few hours. The court said that the Adiala Jail Superintendent had informed that they could not accommodate Bushra Bibi as the jail was already over-crowded. "Apparently, it was already decided that she had to be transferred to Bani Gala," it added. Justice Aurangzeb posed an array of questions on declaring Bani Gala a sub-jail, asking the state counsel if its notification was prepared in a minute, The News International said further quoting the proceedings. "Don't you feel it was already decided that Bushra Bibi had to be transferred (home)? How many women have been brought to Adiala jail, after sending Bushra Bibi home?" he inquired.

The IHC judge questioned if the 141 women brought to the jail after that had lesser rights. "Why don't you send the other women home as well?" he asked. Responding to the judge, the government's lawyer said Bushra was transferred to Bani Gala due to a threat to her in jail. Justice Aurangzeb said he would be overjoyed if he was "willingly" confined to his house and questioned how a prisoner's property could be made a sub-jail without their

Pak witnessed 77 militant attacks in April: Report

 $F_{\text{March, militant attacks in}}^{\text{ollowing a brief lull in}}$ Pakistan surged once again in April, as the country experienced 77 verifiable attacks last month, a security assessment report by an Islamabad-based think-tank said.

Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) in a report said the attacks, with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa particularly bearing the brunt, resulted in 70 fatalities, including 35 civilians and 31 members of security forces, Dawn News reported on Thursday.

It said four militants were killed, and 67 individuals — 32 civilians and 35 security personnel — were injured in the attacks. In comparison, March saw 56 militant attacks, resulting in 77 fatalities and 67 injuries. This indicates a 38 per cent increase in the number of militant attacks, although there was a nine per cent decline in deaths, with no change in the number of injuries. The security report also underscored

security forces in thwarting numerous potential attacks during the month. At least 55 suspected militants were killed and 12 others arrested, including individuals involved in the Basham suicide attack, marking a 55 per cent increase in militant deaths compared to

The report further said that 73 per cent of the total number of militant attacks reported in April took place in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including the tribal districts of the province. Fifty-six attacks were reported in the province during the previous month. The attacks killed 43 people — 26 members of security forces and 17 civilians, the report said.

The number of the injured stood at 32, with 19 members of security forces and 13 civilians with injuries. Within KPK, mainland districts saw more attacks and fatalities than tribal districts (formerly Fata). Mainland KPK witnessed 31 attacks, resulting in 25 fatalities and 10 injuries.

Khan, Lakki Marwat, Bannu, and Tank were the most affect ed, with D.I. Khan and Lakki Marwat facing seven militant attacks each, Bannu facing six, and Tank experiencing two attacks. Together, these districts accounted for 71 per cent of the attacks in mainland KPK. Additionally, Peshawar faced four attacks while Swat, Swabi, Charsadda, Shangla and Battagram experienced one attack each. In the tribal districts of KPK

(formerly Fata), PICSS recorded at least 25 attacks, resulting in 18 fatalities and 22 injuries North Waziristan, Bajaur, and South Waziristan were the most affected districts, with nine five, and four attacks reported respectively. According to the report, Balochistan faced 16 attacks, resulting in 21 fatalities, including 17 civilians and four security personnel, with 31 individuals injured. Most of these attacks occurred in the province's Baloch belt, particularly in the south and

Bad weather returns to UAE, several flights cancelled

 $H^{\text{eavy rains and thunder-}}_{\text{storms lashed the UAE on}}$ Thursday, leading to the cancellation of several international flights, two weeks after Dubai was hit by unprecedented storms that paralysed the emirate for days.

On Wednesday, the country's National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority (NCEMA) elevated the readiness and preparedness levels of the national system to deal with the situation. While these rains are expected to be less severe than the unprecedented downpour that hit the country last month, the public is urged to take precau-

On April 14-15, extreme rainfall battered regions of the Arabian Peninsula, with Dubai experiencing the heaviest rains on record since 1949.

Dubai-based Emirates airline announced the cancellation

due to bad weather across the UAE as movements at Dubai International Airport (DXB) were reduced.

"Customers arriving or departing from Dubai airport on 2 May can expect some delays as flights are rescheduled," Emirates said in a statement. The following flights have been cancelled on May 2: EK 123/124 - between Dubai and Istanbul, EK 763/764 between Dubai and Johannesburg, EK 719/720 – between Dubai and Nairobi, Ek 921/922 - between Dubai and Cairo, EK 903/904 between Dubai and Amman, and EK 352/353 - between Dubai and Singapore (EK353 departing 3 May, 12.30 am - UAE time). The airline has also waived rebooking charges to help stranded passengers. "Based on the expected weather conditions, the Ministry of Interior recommended, in coordination with NCEMA.

Thursday and Friday for all educational institutions, with decisions to be made by the competent authorities at the federal level and officials of local emergency management teams, in coordination with the Ministry of Education and the Emirates Schools Establishment," it said on Wednesday.

As heavy winds and light rains lashed across the main cities, residents appeared more equipped to ride it out. Remote work systems were advised for all government and private sectors on Thursday and Friday, except for vital jobs that require presence at the workplace and those involved in response and recovery efforts. The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with NCEMA also decided to close all roads leading to areas prone to flash floods, water accumulations, and dams during the weather

Microsoft to invest USD 2.2 bn in Cloud and AI services in Malaysia

Microsoft is investing USD 2.2 billion over the next four years in Malaysia's new cloud and artificial intelligence infrastructure as well as partnering with the government to establish a national AI centre, its CEO Satya Nadella said on Thursday. It marks Microsoft's single largest investment in Malaysia, as the tech giant seeks to bolster support for AI development in the region and worldwide. "We are committed to supporting Malaysia's AI transformation and ensure it benefits all Malaysians," he said "Our investments in digital infrastructure and skilling will help Malaysian businesses, communities and developers apply the latest technology to drive inclusive economic growth and innovation across the country." Nadella on Tuesday also announced a USD 1.7 billion

investment in cloud and AI ser-

visit there as part of his Southeast Asia tour. On Wednesday, he said Microsoft will build its first regional data centre in Thailand.

In April, the tech giant similarly unveiled a USD 2.9 billion investment in Japan and USD 1.5 billion in G42, an AI firm in Abu Dhabi.

Microsoft also pledged to provide AI training for 2.5 million people in Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam by 2025. Nadella earlier met Prime

Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who said the investment will be the key support pillar for the government's goal to enhance AI capacity in Malaysia.

The new investment will include AI training for another 300,000 people, the establishment of a national AI centre of excellence, enhancing the nation's cybersecurity capabilities and supporting the growth of Malaysia's developer commu-

Microsoft runs one of the world's largest cloud computing operations and has taken a leap into artificial intelligence through its partnership with OpenAI, developers of ChatGPT. Since then, Microsoft has integrated an AI assistant into its Microsoft Edge browser, named Copilot, helping lift its profits by 20 per cent in the first quarter.

Microsoft sees Southeast Asia, with its population of over 600 million people, as a growing market and potential location for more AI product development. A study held by global consulting firm Kearney said AI could contribute nearly USD 1 trillion to Southeast Asia's GDP by 2030. Indonesia is expected to capture USD 366 billion of the total and Malaysia USD 115 billion. Microsoft said in a statement that the investment in Malaysia will build on its 2021 program to support inclusive economic growth.

gap. But until replenishments arrive, which could take weeks,

Russia will continue to exploit

Ukraine's weaknesses.

Death toll jumps to 48 in southern **China's highway**

Beijing (AP): The death toll climbed to 48 on Thursday as search efforts continued in southeastern China after a highway section collapsed in a mountainous area, sending more than 20 cars down a steep slope. Officials in the city of Meizhou said three other people were unidentified, pending DNA testing. It wasn't immediately clear if they had died which would bring the death toll to 51. Another 30 people had non-life-threatening injuries. The collapse happéned about 2 am on Wednesday after a month of heavy rains in a mountainous part of Guangdong province. Vehicles fell down the slope and sent up flames as they caught fire. The search was still ongoing, Meizhou city Mayor Wang Hui said at a late-afternoor news conference. No foreigners have been found among the victims, he said.

Russia proposes UN resolution on banning weapons in space

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ussia has circulated a UN Russia has circulated a resolution calling on all countries to take urgent action to prevent putting weapons in outer space "for all time" a week after it vetoed a US-Japan resolution to stop an arms race in

The Russian draft resolution, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, goes further than the US-Japan proposal, not only calling for efforts to stop weapons from being deployed in outer space but for preventing "the threat or use of force in outer space," also "for all time." It says this should include deploying weapons "from space against Earth, and from Earth against objects in outer space." Russia's UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia told the Security Council when he vetoed the US-Japan draft that it didn't go far enough in banning all types of weapons in

space. The vetoed resolution focused solely on weapons of mass destruction including nuclear arms, and made no mention of other weapons in

 $I\bar{t}$ would have called on all countries not to develop or deploy nuclear arms or other weapons of mass destruction in space, as banned under a 1967 international treaty that the US and Russia ratified, and to agree to the need to verify compliance.

was put to a vote on April 24, Russia and China proposed an amendment that would call on all countries, especially those with space capabilities, "to prevent for all time the placement of weapons in outer space, and the threat of use of force in outer spaces."

The vote was 7 countries in favour, 7 against, and one abstention and the amendment was defeated because it failed to

Before the US-Japan resolution

get the minimum 9 "yes" votes in the 15-member Security Council required for adoption. US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the council after the vote that Russian President Vladimir Putin has said Moscow has no intention of deploying nuclear weapons in space

"Today's veto begs the question: Why? Why, if you are following the rules, would you not support a resolution that reaffirms them? What could you possibly be hiding," she asked. "It's baffling. And it's a shame." Putin was responding to White

House confirmation in February that Russia has obtained a "troubling" antisatellite weapon capability, although such a weapon is not operational yet. Russia's UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said after casting the veto that the US-Japan resolution cherry picked weapons of mass destruction.

Lanka continues to service loans despite default

Colombo (PTI): Sri Lanka has maintained strict financial discipline while taking unpopular decisions to facilitate economic recovery and continues to service its multilateral debt despite the default announced in 2022 state minister of finance Ranjith Siyambalapitiya said on Thursday. He said USD 2.5 billion debt in 2022 and USD 2.6 billion debt in 2023 had been repaid to multilaterals such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Only the bilateral external debt payments had been suspended with the announcement of the debt default in mid-2022.

'We have maintained strict financial discipline while taking unpopular decisions to facilitate recovery, economic Siyambalapitiya Meanwhile, the official sources said the talks with sovereign bondholders to restructure about USD 46 billion debt are

being continued.

Ukrainian soldiers say rear defensive lines barely exist amid Russian advance

During pitched battles with far better-armed Russian forces, Ukrainian soldier Batyar's unit has few options. Devastating Russian aerial glide bombs that can drop up to 1.5 tons of explosives out of range of most of Ukraine's air defences are gnawing away at his men's positions in a new

promise of safety — the rear strategic city fell to Russia.

Yet, to retreat carries no

defensive lines meant to give them cover barely exist, he said. Lack of ammunition is forcing the outnumbered Ukrainian soldiers to pull back, one village after another, including three surrendered on Sunday, as intense fighting roils the countryside surrounding Avdiivka nearly three months after the "It's necessary to increase the pace of building fortifications

directors interviewed by The Associated Press. The much awaited aid package passed by the US Congress last month is expected to help Ukraine close the firepower

will retreat to a prepared position," said Batyar, a unit commander who gave only his military call sign in line with brigade protocols. "These fortifications are not enough."

so that when we retreat, we

DIG AND FIGHT Ukraine has allocated nearly 38 Facing an outcry after Avdiivka's fall, Ukraine is rushbillion hryvnias (USD 960 million) to build an extensive foring to build concrete-fortified tification network this year. Soldiers across the front line trenches, foxholes, firing posimaintain that should have haptions and other barricades on the front lines. But relentless pened last year, when Ukraine had the upper hand in the Russian shelling, lack of equipment and crippling bureaucrafighting, not in the heat of batcy plague construction across vast 1,000-kilometre (600-Besides trenches and other barricades, the layered system mile) front, even as a new Russian offensive looms, includes mines and anti-tank

according to a dozen Ukrainian obstacles known as "dragon's soldiers, government officials teeth", normally built in and construction company advance of fighting. Russia's preparedness paid off during Kyiv's failed counteroffensive last summer: Ukraine's

momentum was slowed in the

Zaporizhzhia region by

Moscow's extensive fortifica-

But Ukraine was slow to follow suit; it was not until this spring, when weather conditions improved, that any real progress was made. In March, President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy announced Ukraine was building 2,000 kilometres (1,240 miles) of fortifications across three lines of defence. "There was an absence of responsibility. ... People didn't understand that fortifications can save your life if you do it in

advance," said Oleksandr, a deputy infantry commander with the 47th brigade in the Avdiivka area who gave only his first name in line with military rules. "Many people thought we ... wouldn't need to prepare such lines. They didn't expect a new Russian offensive." Unlike Russia, Ukraine does not have the option of forcing thousands of prisoners to do the work. That means

Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines must both fight and dig their own trenches. "It's very hard to do both," Oleksandr

Building the second line, 2 to 5 kilometers behind the front line and within range of Russian artillery, is the responsibility of Ukraine's poorlyresourced engineering force. The third line, at a greater distance from battle, is constructed by companies under military contracts.

The reasons for Ukraine's lack of preparedness are rooted in the years after independence when it began downsizing its military because it couldn't afford to maintain the large force inherited from the Soviet Union. Its engineering regiments were dismantled until there were only a handful left. Equipment, including excavators and plows so direly needed now, were sold off.

"We entered the war with nothing," said a serviceman in Ukraine's engineering force, who spoke on condition of anonymity to talk openly about the lack of preparation. When he arrived to build fortifications in Ukraine's east in October, all his unit had were aging equipment from the 1960s and shovels, he said. "Accordingly, that's the kind of trenches we made."

DISCONNECTED PITS

Ukraine's lack of adequate defensive lines has helped Russia make significant military gains, and constant enemy fire hinders building.

Five commanders in Avdiivka and Chasiv Yar, which have been under relentless Russian assault, said without well-prepared positions they were unable to gain a foothold in unfamiliar terrain and defend without suffering huge losses. In Chasiv Yar, a strategic hilltop town in Donetsk, the lack of fortifications helped turn the tables in Russia's favor.

In mid-March, Ukraine's 67th brigade was rotated in to hold positions roughly 3 kilometers from the town. "I would be hard-pressed to describe them as 'positions," said a Ukrainian serviceman who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the failings candidly.

He expected dugouts, a labyrinth of trenches and firing positions, but what he found were a series of pits, barely large enough to hide in during

artillery barrages. Under fire, "soldiers would climb out of pits and start digging in each other's direction so that there is at least some connection between them", he said. The soil was so sandy that whenever shells struck, the trenches they dug crumbled. With nowhere to take cover and no means to match the Russian barrages, they retreated 2 kilometers back. Over 100 Ukrainian soldiers were killed or are missing, he said. "We lost department comman-

ders, platoon commanders, company commanders and sergeants," he said. "That is, we lost the entire skeleton of the brigade." TIME, MONEY, PRESSURE

To rush building across the third line, construction compa-

nies were awarded contracts without the usual bidding process. "There was no time," said Kharkiv Gov. Oleh Syniehubov. The move speeded things up but raised concerns of potential corruption a worry Syniehubov asserted was overstated. "Believe me, we have so many checks-and-balances and government agencies overseeing the building, it is impossible to steal something,

Stock markets rebound as GST revenues hit record in April

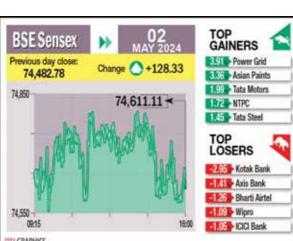
Stock markets rebounded on Thursday with Thursday benchmark Sensex closing higher by 128 points as record GST collections in April, positive manufacturing data, and foreign fund inflows boosted investor sentiment.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 128.33 points or 0.17 per cent to settle at 74,611.11. During the day, it jumped 329.65 points or 0.44 per cent to 74,812.43.

The NSE Nifty went up by 43.35 points or 0.19 per cent to 22,648.20.

From the Sensex basket, Power Grid, Asian Paints, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Pharma, NTPC. Sun Mahindra, Mahindra HDFC Bank, Consultancy Services and JSW Steel were among the major gainers.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bharti Airtel, Axis Bank, Wipro, ICICI Bank and IndusInd were among the



collections grew 12.4 per cent to a record high of Rs 2.10 lakh crore in April, aided by strong economic momentum and increased domestic transactions and imports, the finance ministry said on Wednesday.

The GST collections have breached the Rs 2 lakh crore mark for the first time in April this year, it said in a

Goods and Services Tax India's manufacturing sector activity moderated in April but still recorded the second fastest improvement in operating conditions three-and-a-half

buoyant

said on Thursday. seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell from 59.1 in March to 58.8 in April, signalling the

demand, a monthly survey

supported by

second-best improvement in the health of the sector for three-and-a-half years.

In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction. In Asian markets, Hong Kong settled with gains while Seoul, Tokyo and Shanghai ended lower. European markets were trading on a mixed note. Wall Street ended mixed on

Wednesday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.02 per cent to USD 84.29 a barrel..

Foreign Institutional (FIIs) bought Investors equities worth Rs 1,071.93 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. Domestic equity markets were closed on Wednesday on account of Maharashtra Day. Snapping its two-day winning run, the BSE benchmark declined 188.50 points or 0.25 per cent to settle at 74,482.78 on Tuesday. The NSE Nifty dipped 38.55 points or 0.17 per cent to finish at 22,604.85.

India among fastest growing markets with potential to be among top 10: Airbnb CBO

but said India is a "focus

area" and "is one of our

When asked as whether India

figures among Airbnb's top

large travel market and we definitely think it can be.

specifically in India, where a

number of tourists travelling

to foreign destinations as

well as domestic places are

on the rise post-pandemic

and is supporting them to

stay in its range of "inexpensive homes all the

It has witnessed a whopping

75 per cent jump in

international group travel

bookings from India, where

families/friends are going

abroad for vacations. It has

added features like the

way to luxe homes".

investing

That would be the goal."

Airbnb

fastest-growing countries".

markets

India is one of the "fastest-growing markets" for accommodation hosting platform Airbnb and the country has the potential to be among its top 10 global markets in the coming years, according to its Business Officer Chief Dave Stephenson. The company is investing in India to tap the opportunity of a rapid rise in tourists travelling to foreign destinations as well as domestic places that are rapidly growing post-pandemic and where 90 per cent of its first-time bookers are Gen Zs.

"It (India) is one of our growth markets and we see a huge opportunity for growth in India in the future. In In India, in the future. In India, nights booked grew by almost 30 per cent YoY (Year-on-Year) in 2023 compared to 2022 which in the future. 2022, which is a positive sign," Stephenson told PTI. For Airbnb, India is going to

be "a large travel market", where it has seen a "strong desire" among the "Indian travellers to venture overseas as well as explore domestic destinations, especially those off the beaten path", he said. Though, Stephenson did not any specific growth numbers it is helping these groups find a perfect place. "Indians are inspired by Cricket and Bollywood, and

they want to explore the world. If they stay domestically, they are going to places like Goa and enjoying. But also, if they have the opportunity to travel abroad, they love to go to Italy and places that they're inspired by from the 10 markets globally, Stephenson replied in negative. Further he said, "It should be one of the top 10 markets. It is getting to be a

movies," he said. Currently, 90 per cent of its first-time bookers are Gen Zs. Moreover, Airbnb is supporting the inbound flow of international travellers coming to India.

Airbnb is "working closely with the government in their vision to make India one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in the world" Stephenson said.

It has partnered with the Ministry of Tourism and curated a dedicated microsite which spotlights heritage stays across India. It has also partnered with governments Goa. Pradesh, Madhya Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, among others,

to promote lesser-known destinations and conduct c a p a c i t y - b u i l d i n g workshops, he said. collaborative wishlist, where

SK Finance files draft papers with Sebi to garner ₹2,200 crore via IPO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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m ehicle}}$ finance and business loans-focused non-bank lender SK Finance has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to garner Rs 2,200 crore through an initial share sale. The proposed initial public offer (IPO) is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 500 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to Rs 1,700 crore by promoters and investor shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) filed on Wednesday.

As a part of the OFS, Norwest Venture Partners X-Mauritius and TPG Growth IV SF PTE Ltd will offload shares worth Rs 700 crore each, Evolvence Coinvest I will divest shares to the tune of Rs 75 crore and Evolvence India Fund III Ltd will sell shares worth Rs 25

Additionally, promoters -Rajendra Kumar Setia and Rajendra Kumar Setia HUF offload aggregating to Rs 180 crore and Rs 20 crore, respectively. The Jaipur-based SK Finance plans to utilise proceeds from the fresh issue for augmenting the capital base to meet future business requirements of the company towards onward lending and for general

corporate purposes. The NBFC has been operating in two verticals — vehicle financing and financing for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). It has a presence across 11 states and one union territory through 535 branches as of December

According to a Crisil report, the overall vehicle financing segment in India stood at around Rs 11.85 lakh crore as of fiscal 2023, marking a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 11 per cent from fiscal 2019 and forward, outstanding credit is expected to grow at a CAGR of 16-18 per cent from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027 to reach Rs 21 lakh

Earlier this year, SK Finance raised Rs 1,328 crore from investors. Motilal Oswal Private Equity pumped in Rs 415 crore for a minority stake in the NBFC.

crore.

Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Ltd, Jefferies India Private Ltd, Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Ltd and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (Indi Ltd are the book-running lead

Digital payment has transformed financial landscape: Airtel Payments Bank CEO

Airtel Payments Bank CEO Anubrata Biswas is optimistic that the payments bank momentum in India will yield strong growth horizons and opportunities in the coming years, supported by financial supported by inclusion imperatives and rapid pace of economic and digital growth.

In an interview to PTI, Biswas said FY24 has been a "remarkable year" for Airtel Payments Bank, which has been growing in double digits across all key metrics such as users, revenue, and profits. "We are still closing the books (for the fiscal) but as we stand today, we are going to see high doublegrowth rates on revenue, profit and users continue," he said.

Airtel Payments Bank has 500,000 banking points spread across the country, today.

It offers end-to-end digital banking solutions, along with a bouquet of digital and



Payments Bank has three clear segments when it comes to serving customers across geographies — the urban rural underbanked, and industries, and businesses.

Earlier this year, Airtel Payments Bank had cited a strong growth trajectory for the December 2023 quarter with revenues at Rs 469 crore, up 47 per cent year-on-year, while net profit stood at Rs 11 crore up 120 stood at Rs 11 crore, up 120 per cent over the year-ago period. Biswas asserted that

sustained have investment solutions. Airtel momentum on digital

banking in India which is a growing spectrum of urban users wanting a secondary digital banking option for payment and transaction needs. This is a business where we have seen dramatic surges over 3-6 months, which has driven up

revenue...," he said. Airtel Payments Bank is dominant in rural markets, he said, adding that "rural and urban combined, we are now opening a million bank accounts a month".

'The momentum the momentum on digital structural which means we about the next few years as well,

Whether the pace of new account openings accelerated at the fag end of the fiscal in the backdrop of the recent Paytm Payments Bank crisis, he said while on B2B and rural side of the business, the momentum has broadly been the same, there has been a significant uptick and uplift on the digital side from urban customers.

The uptick has been "very significant" in the number of new customers applying online for opening bank accounts, and offerings like FASTag.

Consumers looking at digital banking options is itself a 100 million opportunity, he said. "In India, digital payments has come, deepened and transformed the financial landscape. The time for digital banking has now come... People will use digital bank accounts to make payments, feel safe, and then look at many other second order needs," he said.

Biswas said he is optimistic about the prospects of market growth in FY25 and

banking digital opportunity, to our mind, is itself a 100 million user opportunity... The entire financial inclusion and digital inclusion market is actually a 500 million user opportunity... It will need several large banks with several different models because India is a large country, and it will need a variety of ways in which consumers will be served given India's aspirations for a USD 7-trillion economy in the coming years, and the growth targets beyond," he said.

So, while the banking momentum will remain strong, Biswas said, the payments bank momentum given the unique positioning of it as a regulated fintech — is going have "even stronger horizons

opportunities? "As consumers come to our platform and start using products and services, the opportunities remain for deepening both revenue as well as the user base itself, and equally on the rural consumer side. On the B2B side, we have just started... And there are a opportunities, as well," he

Federal Bank Q4 profit rises marginally to ₹906 crore

Federal Bank on Thursday reported a marginal rise in March quarter net profit at Rs 906 crore, impacted by pension provisions. In the year-ago period, profit was Rs 903 crore. In the full fiscal year FY24, profit increased to Rs 3,720 crore from the year-ago's Rs 3.010 crore.

The private sector lender said it is yet to send the names of potential candidates to succeed MD&CEO Shyam Srinivasan. His term ends in September this year.

In the March quarter, its core net interest income rose 15 per cent to Rs 2,195 crore on the back of a 20 per cent credit growth and narrowing of net interest margin to 3.21 per cent from 3.36 per cent in the yearago period.

Speaking to reporters, Srinivasan said the bank would want the risk adjusted calculated after including the credit costs to sustain between

3.20-3.25 per cent going forward.

It is targeting a loan growth of 18 per cent in FY25, and hopes that the 18 per cent growth in deposits in FY24 will keep

In the March quarter, it was hit by a Rs 162 crore provision towards pension which hurt the overall net profit, Srinivasan said.

On the asset quality front, the fresh slippages came down to Rs 352 crore from the quarterago's Rs 479 crore and Rs 436 crore in the year-ago period, resulting in improvement in gross non performing assets ratio to 2.13 per cent as on March 31, 2024. Its overall capital adequacy stood at 16.13 per cent as on March 31, 2024. Amid speculation over the next candidate to succeed Srinivasan, the incumbent MD and CEO said there is a board search panel on the job and that it will be submitting a list

of candidates in the next few Rupee falls 3 paise to settle at 43.46 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee stayed range-bound and closed 3 paise lower at 83.46 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday amid a strong American currency and rising

Forex traders said positive sentiment in the domestic equity markets and the inflow of foreign capital capped a sharp fall in the domestic currency.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened strong at 83.41 and The local unit finally settled at

previous close. The rupee had settled 2 paise higher at 83.43 against the dollar on Tuesday, a day after

was closed on Wednesday on On Wednesday, the US Federal Reserve decided to maintain the status quo on the benchmark interest rates, in the market

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said the rupee fell on disappointing PMI data from India. "However, positive domestic markets...Cushioned the downside?

India's

RUPEE VS DOLLAR

in April 2024 from 59.1 in the previous month.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), however, recorded the second fastest improvement in operating conditions in threeand-a-half years supported by buoyant demand, a monthly survey said on Thursday.

'We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on dismal PMI data and expectations of a recovery in the US dollar amid further delay in rate cut by Fed. However, weak crude oil prices and positive domestic markets may support the rupee at lower levels," Choudhary said, adding, "USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 83.25 to Rs 83.70". Analysts also said market

participants are expected to keep a close watch on the US non-farm payroll data to be released on Friday. Besides, weekly unemployment claims, trade balance and factory order data from the US may provide

China, Hong Kong account for 56 per cent of India's total imports of electronics, telecom, electrical products: GTRI PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's imports of electronics Itelecom, and electrical products soared to USD 89.8 billion in 2023-24 and over half of these imports are sourced from China and Hong Kong, economic think tank GTRI said in its report. China dominates with a commanding 43.9 per cent

share of India's imports in electronics, telecom, and electrical sectors, the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said. The data highlights a deep-

seated dependency on these two countries that has seen a dramatic escalation over the years, it added. It said that reducing this

dependency is crucial, not merely to boost economic resilience but to safeguard India's digital and technological sovereignty in a



world that is becoming ever more interconnected.

'These sectors are integral to the daily lives of millions, enhancing communication, commerce, and information access. However, India's heavy dependence on imports, especially from China, presents formidable challenges to the nation's strategic autonomy and economic security," the report said. GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava

said that this profound

reliance on Chinese imports exposes severe vulnerabilities within India's supply chain and underscores the necessity strategic diversification of sources and enhancement of domestic production capabilities.

In the electronics segment, the report said that integrated circuits have experienced a significant import growth from USD 166.1 million during 2007-2010 to USD 4.2 billion in 2020-2022.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Tindal Stainless, on Wednesday,

announced its entry into a joint venture

with a Singapore-based company to

develop and operate a stainless steel melt

shop (SMS) in Indonesia. The company

further announced that it will invest

around rupees 1,900 crores to expand its

These circuits are critical for powering a wide range of electronic devices, from computers to smartphones illustrating a deepening technological dependency on China, with their market share increasing from 19.2 per cent to 33.4 per cent.

Similarly, communication devices, including phones and other wireless devices, have also seen a significant increase in imports, rising to USD 3.691 billion with over half of the market now dominated by China.

"Diodes, transistors, and similar semiconductor devices have seen their imports skyrocket from USD 113.3 million to USD 2,334.8 million, with the Chinese per cent, indicating a significant dependency on Chinese semiconductor market share jumping to 67.5 technology," it said.

Paul John Nirvana bags Gold medal in London competition PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI

John Distilleries Ltd's Paul John single malt whiskey Nirvana' has been awarded "Gold" medal in the prestigious London Spirits Competition 2024. JDL's two other offerings — Roulette London Dry Gin and Paul John XO Brandy — have also wen "Silver" medals. JDL is won 'Silver' medals. JDL is the only Indian company to have been awarded in three different categories

whiskey, gin and brandy. 'We are honoured to have been awarded at the London Spirits Competition. It is indeed a privilege to be appreciated for the quality of our products," said JDL Chairman and Managing

Director Paul P John.
JDL is one of the most awarded Indian companies end consumers. Judging internationally as it has criteria include quality, bagged various prestigious value for money, awards in the events like the



International Wine and Spirit Competition, the World Whiskey Awards and the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

London Competition, organized by Beverage Trade Network, aims to recognise and promote spirits brands that resonate consumers and offer value for both trade buyers and packaging appeal.

American Express will open its campus in India

PNS NEW DELHI

American Express will open its state-of-the-art campus in India, reaffirming the company's commitment to the country. Spanning nearly one-million square feet, this new facility exemplifies a forwardthinking approach to design, sustainability, health, and wellness for its colleagues. Colleagues will begin moving

to the new facility, located in sector 74A Gurugram, in phases, starting at the end of May 2024. campus

American Express dedication to fostering a dynamic work environment. The facility has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Environmental (LEED) Gold certification for Building Design and Construction (BD+C) Core and Shell Development.

downstream lines in Jajpur and Odisha to increase their melting capacity. Jindal Stainless will also acquire a 54% equity stake in Chromeni Steels Private Limited (CSPL). Abhyuday Jindal, Managing Director of Jindal Stainless, said, "With these acquisitions and investments, they have orchestrated a clear growth plan to



Jindal Stainless to operate stainless steel melt shop in Indonesia

world." He further added that this is a plug-and-play model, and there will be good growth in three years.

completely separate facility that will be operational in 2 years. The government of Indonesia promotes Foreign Direct

secure availability of raw materials and increased production efficiency in The Government of Indonesia has banned the export of nickel ore and is

Investment (FDI) and they would get a

promoting investments into downstream facilities through long-term tax holidays. The acquisition of Chromeni supports our strategy to increase cold rolled products in our product mix." said the CEO & Wholetime Director, Tarun Kumar Khulbe. Anurag Mantri, Executive Director & Group CFO, said these investments will especially contribute to the overall balancing of their downstream cold-rolled capacities, bringing them closer to the global benchmarks.

crude oil prices in global markets.

touched the intra-day low of 83.49 against the greenback. 83.46 (provisional) against the dollar, down 3 paise from its

losing 7 paise on Monday. The foreign exchange market

account of Maharashtra Day. line with expectations

Meanwhile.

manufacturing PMI fell to 58.8

The company also addressed that although Jindal Stainless already has a facility in Indonesia, this will be a

Travel Across Enchanted Landscapes

At an exhibition celebrated as Earth Day last month we stepped into a world where art embraces nature, says SAKSHI PRIYA

magine wandering into a world where art reflects the vibrant spirit of nature, capturing its rhythmic seasons and climates with elan. This is the es.sence of 'Paradise Regained,' an exhibition at Palette Art Gallery which celebrated Earth Day with a stunning display of landscape.

In a harmonious blend of acclaim for nature and artistic mastery, the title of the exhibition draws inspiration from renowned English poet John Milton's epic poem by the same name; indeed, a fitting tribute to Earth Month in April. Curator Uma Nair explains the choice, stating, "April is Earth Month, and landscapes are the most important part of the Earth. 'Paradise Regained' thus becomes a powerful symbol, not only honouring the artistic legacy but also emphasising the critical role landscapes play in our world."

The exhibition featured works by 10 exceptional artists, each offering a unique perspective on the beauty and importance of landscapes. It was in fact a symphony of artistic interpretations. Each artist, with his or her unique style and vision, came together to paint a mesmerizing portrait of nature in all its splendour. Sanam

Narayanan's work invites us into a fantastical realm. His paintings, meticulously crafted on canvas with rice paper as the base, depict houses adorned with Kerala's verdant foliage. The technique of pointillism is used to create a captivating sense of depth and detail, highlighting the soil conditions and the ethereal mist that seem to cling to the trees. This interplay of imagination and reality creates a truly magical experience.



incomparable odes to nature's multilayered beauty. brushstrokes transport us to a world where nature thrives, and constantly remind us of power to captivate. His pieces are a subtle testimony to the delicate balance between humans and nature, an a stark pointer to the connection we humans often tend to overlook or

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the pioneer

Paramjit Singh, a veteran artist with over six decades of experience, showcases his love for nature with vibrant oil paintings. His landscapes are pathways that draw the viewers in and invites them to explore a kingdom in which flowers reign supreme. Each piece reflects a lifetime dedicated to the artistic exploration of the natural world.

The beauty of 'Paradise Regained' is transcendental and is etched in one's memory beyond the initial visual impact. Each artist offers a window to his or her creative process and evokes artistic emotions through art. Sanket Viramgami's intricate miniature landscapes offer a glimpse into the future world, like postcards from an imagined future. Jyodip Acharjee presents a stark contrast

with his geometric interpretations of landscapes, offering a fresh perspective of familiar scenes.

Shaji Appukuttan transports

viewers to the lush, tropical forests of Kerala, so lifelike they almost seem to breathe. His detailed artwork captures the essence of a vibrant ecosystem. Curator Uma Nair describes artist Prasad KP as "the greatest discovery" by the Gallery. His paintings, with pathways and figures amidst detailed landscapes, offer a deeper look as we move forward. Jayashree Chakravarty's work draws inspiration from Kolkata's Salt Lake region, translating its unique beauty onto canvas. Sumesh Kamballur's work demands attention for not only depicting the magical essence of night, but for how he transforms it into a poetic dreamscape. Bathed in the soft glow of moonlight, his paintings capture the essence of nature with a touch of surreal beauty. The moonlight itself becomes a character and illuminates details with nature's signature writ large.

KP Pradeep Kumar delves into the realm of autobiographical landscapes. His paintings are not





just depictions of nature, they are reflections of his own lived experiences and emotions. In a conversation artist Pradeep Kumar described his artwork as a language that explores a multitude of themes; he emphasises that his art is a source of self-expression, a way to process his inner world. He finds freedom in creating art that resonates with him, hoping it will connects with others as well. He describes it as an "execution of my thought process into the painting," a freedom that allows him to explore his identity and translate his unique perspective onto the

Kumar emphasises that his artwork serves as a resource for him, a way to process and express his inner world. He finds a sense of freedom in the creative process, stating, "I never make art by keeping in mind that everyone would have to like it." His primary motivation is to create art that resonates with him, hoping it will connect with others as well.

takes centrestage in 'Paradise Regained,' as her discerning eye for talent and craft come through in her exhibition that about the very essence of nature. Through an insightful walk-through, she acts as a guide, enriching the visitor's experience with each piece. Her discerning eve reveals every artist's inspiration and the deeper meaning informing their landscapes, allowing viewers to appreciate not just the art, but also the emotional depth that informs each piece of poetry. 'Paradise Regained' serves as a

understanding Photos: Pankaj Kumai

Uma Nair's vision as a curator

powerful reminder of the importance of appreciating and protecting our planet, each piece a masterpiece in its own right, offering visitors a chance to experience the wonder of landscapes through the unique lens of artistic expression. This exhibition is truly a celebration of Mother Earth where one can immerse oneself and draw lessons from the fact that Earth Day is not just another Day; it is a call for action for each one of us, every day, a chance to celebrate and protect the paradise we have been blessed with. Only by appreciating its beauty, complexities, and taking steps towards its preservation, can we ensure a healthier planet for ourselves and future generations.

wonderland, a reality world that makes you think of the past and Saxena's exhibition is a testament to the power of art to inspire,

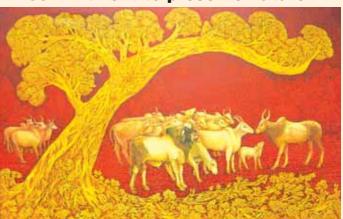
provoke thought, and ignite our imagination. The exhibition showcases Saxena's excellence in creating a world that captivates everyone who views it, inviting them to lose themselves in his artwork. The paintings are evidence of his artistic vision, showcasing a world that seamlessly blends mankind's history and artist revealed that his main source civilization with each artwork telling a unique story of balance

> 'It Makes Me Wonder' is a dreamlike experience. transporting viewers to a world that is both familiar and unknown. Saxena's works is a testament to his ability to create a sense of wonder inviting viewers to get

lost in the fantasy world and our world.

AN ARTIST FINDS SOLACE IN NATURE

Ompal Sanswal's solo Exhibition JIVA reflects his unwavering commitment to preserve nature



BY SAKSHI PRIYA

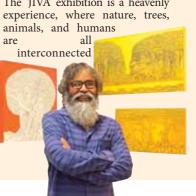
enowned for his exquisite artistry, National Awardwinning artist Sansanwal's solo exhibition, JIVA is a mesmerizing journey into the heart of nature. Featuring around 60 of Ompal's paintings, this marks his first solo outing after a hiatus of 15 years. Each piece of art in the gallery feels like a shower of rainbows, with every stage of colour highlighted, showcasing the artist's unparalleled skill and artistic vision. It serves as a poignant reminder of the beauty and importance of our natural surroundings, particularly as the world observed Earth Month last month.

Each artwork evokes a profound connection to nature, reminding us of the beauty that the artist has captured. It's akin to sitting in a peaceful forest, listening to the gentle chirping of birds — a hall full of paintings that truly lives up to the title of 'Meditations on Trees.' In his meticulously crafted paintings, the long roots and branches heavy with leaves take on various shapes, telling different stories mythological, others resembling human-like figures with eyes, nose, and mouth. Each painting reflects the deep bond between Ompal and his mother, evoking a sense of nostalgia and connection.

Curated by renowned art historian and scholar Uma Nair, the exhibition was hosted by Black Cube Gallery for its debut at Bikaner House. Uma Nair's eyes for art never fail to impress, showcasing each painting in its true essence, beyond mere visual appeal. Her ability to highlight the intricate details and deeper meanings embedded in each artwork elevates the exhibition to a whole new level. The timing of the exhibition during Earth Month in April adds to its significance.

Sanya Malik, the director of Black Cube Gallery, has played a pivotal role in bringing this exhibition to life. Her keen eye for detail and her dedication to presenting Sansanwal's paintings in the most captivating manner have truly enhanced the overall experience of 'JIVA.' As the world celebrates Earth Month, this exhibition serves as a poignant reminder of the beauty and importance of our natural surroundings.

The 'JIVA' exhibition is a heavenly



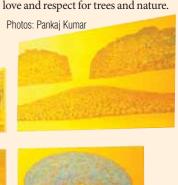
through Ompal's artistic vision. The balanced colors and techniques in each canvas create a visually stunning display. Ompal's fascination with trees is evident in every piece, embodying not just isolated entities in time but dynamic elements in a complex interplay with the environment.

The acrylic, pen and ink on canvas, and watercolor pieces are striking for their intricate treatment and vibrant colors. They beautifully represent the connection between humans and trees, offering an immersive impact on viewers. Ompal's 15 years of paintings depict his journey of getting lost in his own world of art, where trees are not just subjects but extensions of his being, evoking beautiful stories. It's a meditation not just for him but for all visitors who stand in awe of his work, appreciating each piece.

In a conversation with the artist Ompal, he shared that his mother is his greatest inspiration. Growing up surrounded by trees and forests near his hometown, he drew inspiration from the stories and environment around him. For Ompal, painting trees and nature, and even humans, is a form of meditation, deeply involving him in the process of creating art. His paintings, deeply rooted in humanity and nature, carry a special message to love and preserve trees and nature—plant as many as you can and save our planet.

The 'JIVA' exhibition by Ompal Sansanwal is not just a collection of paintings but a profound reflection of the artist's soul and his deeprooted connection with nature. Through his meticulous artistry, Sansanwal transports viewers into a world where trees are not mere subjects but living beings, each with its own story to tell. His paintings, with their intricate details and vibrant colors, evoke a sense of tranquility and harmony, inviting us to contemplate our relationship with the natural world.

'JIVA' is not just an exhibition—it's a journey, a meditation, and a celebration of our deep-seated connection with nature. It urges us to cherish and preserve our environment for generations to come, echoing the artist's message of

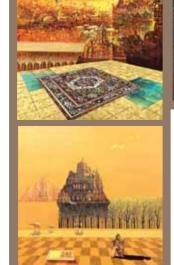


THROUGH TIME AND IMAGINAT:

BY SAKSHI PRIYA

tep into a world where art tells stories, and dreams come to life. Kumar Vikas Saxena's latest exhibition, 'It makes me wonder, is a magical journey through time and imagination. Each painting is like a window to a different world, inviting you to explore and discover. Drawing inspiration from history and culture, Saxena's art blends reality with dreams, that is unique and captivating. 'It Makes Me Wonder,' is a series of

paintings that explores the human subconscious through surrealistic lens. Each painting is a visual narrative of history and culture, seamlessly weaving together elements of the past and present, taking viewers on a breathless journey through time. The well-balanced colours of yellow and brown, coupled with the rustic feel of the theme, evoke a sense of time travel to ancient civilizations. Saxena's solo exhibition is a historical and an immersive experience through a series of thought-provoking paintings. Each artwork feels like a pathway to a history book, every piece discovering its own historical



reflection of humanity, nature, and history. What sets his artwork apart is the combination of different architectural styles, his creations resonating with his love for ancient architecture.

What sets Saxena's artwork apart is his ability to combine different architectural styles, creating a harmonious blend that resonates with his love for ancient architecture. His paintings are not mere depictions of buildings; they are monuments to the human spirit, testaments to our capacity for greatness and our quest for meaning.

Saxena's childhood spent in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, where his home environment was full of art, is reflected in his solo exhibition. His love for nature, nurtured during his solitary moments in the lush pine forests of the mountains, is evident in every piece of art. Each painting captures the beauty of nature in the raw, a textured rawness that retains its innocence. Saxena's art is a tribute to his sense imposing his thoughts on his viewers, preferring instead to let them interpret his artwork in their own way. "I don't give titles to my paintings because I don't want to impose my thoughts," he says adding, "I want people to think whatever they want to think of my

of freedom. He does not believe in

This approach has resulted in a body of work that is both personal and universal, inviting viewers to embark on their own journey of discovery. In a conversation the of inspiration is his love for ancient architecture. "I love creating art between man and nature.

that is mostly in a rustic form, which takes me into history whenever I go to any historic place," he says, emphasising that, "I want to live in that moment, as if I was there at that time."

He expressed a desire to create art that not only

reflects the past but also speaks to he has created that transports you the present and the future. His paintings are a testament to his belief that the future is built upon the foundations of the past, and he seeks to celebrate the timeless beauty of heritage while embracing the dynamism of progress.

In the words of Kumar Vikas Saxena, "Every piece of art resonates with a dream within a dream, the mesmerizing art that allows us to get lost in the fantasy world. Each piece of artwork takes you on a journey to a fascinating

the future."

to a world where time stands still and imagination knows no bounds. So take a moment to immerse yourself in the timeless wonder of Saxena's art and let your imagination soar. It is a beautiful journey through history, mankind, and nature, inviting viewers to explore the beauty of the past and the potential of the future. His artwork is a gift to the world, and it reminds us of the power of creativity to transform our lives

Balancing professional and civic duties

URVASHI RAUTELA has been in the limelight of late for the song 'Vigdiyan Heeran' with singer HONEY SINGH. In a conversation with SAKSHI PRIYA, she reflects on the significance of a citizen's duty as a voter

ou recently cast your vote. How important is it for celebrities to actively participate in the democratic process?

It is very important. I was the first person in the queue to cast my vote at 6:45 am to focus as it is our birthright, and similarly for responsible Indian citizen. At the same time as artists, we inspire today's generation, so it is very important for all of us to set a great and positive example. I feel the more youth participate in the electoral process, the better the result for our country and nation.

What challenges did you face breaking into Bollywood as an outsider, and how did you overcome them?

I believe people are familiar with my journey, including my background, the titles I have won, and my filmography. I feel the power and love of my audiences, which has made the entire journey great. I am grateful and blessed by the kind of love I have received on social media. I

Uttarakhand for some Urvashi Rautela Foundation work, and the response was beautiful.

Vigdiyan Heeran with Honey Singh has generated a lot of excitement. What drew you to this project, and what can audiences expect from it?

Yes, it has received a lot of love. Even though the video was short, being a part of the legendary and cult song 'Love Dose,' 'Vigdiyan Heeran' instantly became a hit the moment it was announced. It's a great track, part two 'Love Dose' after 10 years. There will be a part three as well as people love me and Honey's pairing. They have an emotional connection with us, and fans love us together. It's all about the love from the people

visited a blind school in and the fondness for Honey Whether it's a house, property, or

Theres a great back-and-forth energy between you and Honey Singh in the video. How was it working with him again?

My experience working with Honey Singh was amazing and fantastic. But I really want to ask Honey Singh about his working experience with me. Next time, I will definitely meet him and ask as I really want to know.

Finally, there is a lot of buzz about your stunning palace-like home in Uttarakhand, reportedly valued at Rs 25 crore. Why has it taken so long to complete?

It is a beautiful property, and generally, amazing and beautiful things take time to build.

even the Ram Mandir, it takes time to construct. It will be ready soon, and I will definitely do a housewarming soon.

As a public figure, you often face both praise and criticism on social media. How do you handle negative comments?

I don't let success get to my head, and I don't let negative comments affect me either. They are just momentary things for me. I believe in improving myself and keeping things simple. I focus on making myself better and don't really pay attention to negative

Looking back at your journey so far, what would you say has

moment of your career, and

This is a difficult question for me, but I believe there isn't just one defining moment. Meeting the Prime Minister of Israel stands out to me. I gifted him the Bhagavad Gita and had a two-hour conversation with him and my family. He is a very powerful political leader and one of the most influential people in the world. Additionally, being the youngest judge in the history of Miss Universe was another defining moment for me.

What are your thoughts on the current music scene in India, and how do you see it evolving in the future?

been the most defining I believe that old songs had a different charm, and their lyrics meaningful. very However, today, I feel more inclined towards old cinema and songs from the 80s and 70s. I think that era was great, and I prefer the music from that

> professional commitments, especially in an industry as demanding as Bollywood? I believe it's all about balance.

> How do you balance your personal life with your

Despite the demanding nature of the industry, I try my best to balance my personal and professional life. For example, I recently voted and also made sure to spend quality time with my family.

KKR look to iron out flaws against off colour MI

olkata Knight Riders will look to iron out their flaws and get the better of a misfiring Mumbai Indians when the two teams, placed on the opposite ends of IPL points table spectrum, clash here on Friday.

With six wins in nine games giving them 12 points and the second position in the IPL points table, a berth in the playoffs looks within the grasp of two-time winners KKR. But the Shreyas Iyer-led side will have to find consistency across departments and avoid any slip-ups in order to make it to the final four. Each of their three losses have come in the last six games for KKR, who were at the receiving end of a record run chase by Punjab Kings but did well to bounce back with a seven-wicket thrashing of Delhi Capitals. With the bat, KKR's requisite firepower in the ranks entwined with an ultra-aggressive approach has delivered the goods more often than not but it is their bowling which needs improvement.

Mitchell Starc has given nearly 12 runs an over while managing a mere seven wickets in eight outings. On flat, batting-friendly pitches, the

lanky Australian's lack of control has also been exploited well by zealous batters. Harshit Rana is among those with most wickets (11) for KKR this season but the right-arm seamer will serve a one-match ban for his animated celebrations after dismissing DC's Abhishek Porel.

he pioneer

Vaibhav Arora's nine scalps in five games make him KKR's best bet with the ball. A small Wankhede Stadium with a batting-friendly wicket tends to encourage scores in excess of 200 and the team would be mindful of that.

Spotlight will also be on Rinku Singh, whose exclusion from India's main squad for the T20 World Cup, has triggered an outpouring of sympathy for the 26-year-old. The power-hitter has not got enough game time this season which probably tilted the scales against

For Mumbai Indians, the race to the IPL playoffs seems lost even though the five-time winners have five more games to play. Even if Mumbai Indians win each of

these, they can only get to 16 points and somewhere in the middle of the points table - not necessarily challenging those who have been consistently good.



Gerald Coetzee (13) have been MI's best bets with the ball but despite their impressive showing, the batters' collective failure has resulted in the team's underwhelming season. Tilak Varma has been MI's best

batter with 343 runs, including three fifties this IPL, but his performances have not been enough to hide the failings of

Ishan Kishan has struck the ball well but severely lacks consistency at the top and losing wickets in heaps in the powerplay has been one of MI's biggest woes in this season. India skipper Rohit Sharma's (315 runs at strike rate of 158.29) selfless

approach with the bat has not given him big scores consistently but his form will be in focus given the T20 World Cup is now just one month

All eyes will also be on Suryakumar Yadav who has two fifties in seven IPL games this season, but it is not the consistency which is expected from the batter of his calibre.

Mumbai Indians' under-fire skipper Hardik Pandya has neither dazzled with the ball nor the bat after a long injury lay-off. But the fact that he vice-captain for the World Cup should motivate him to turn things

TEAMS (FROM):

Mumbai Indians: Hardik Pandya (c), Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Dewald Brevis, Jasprit Bumrah, Piyush Chawla, Gerald Coetzee, Tim David, Shreyas Gopal, Ishan Kishan (wk), Anshul Kamboj, Kumar Kartikeya, Akash Madhwal, Kwena Maphaka, Mohammad Nabi, Shams Mulani, Naman Dhir, Shivalik Sharma, Romario Shepherd, Arjun Tendulkar, Nuwan Thushara, Tilak Varma, Harvik Desai (wk), Nehal Wadhera, Luke Wood.

Kolkata Knight Riders: Shreyas Iyer (c), KS Bharat (wk), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Rinku Singh, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Sherfane Rutherford, Manish Pandey, Andre Russell, Nitish Rana, Venkatesh Iyer, Anukul Roy, Singh, Varun Ramandeep Narine, Chakravarthy, Sunil Vaibhav Arora, Chetan Sakariya, Harshit Rana, Suyash Sharma, Mitchell Starc, Dushmantha Dushmantha Chameera, Sakib Hussain, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Gus Atkinson, Állah

Ghazanfar, Phil Salt

Deepak Chahar does not look good: Fleming on his possible injury

Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming admitted that seamer Deepak look good" but he is hoping for a positive report from the franchise's medical team ahead of the business phase of the

ongoing IPL. Although Fleming did not divulge any details on Chahar's new injury, the 31-year-old seamer was seen pulling off his run-up in just the second ball of Punjab Kings chase here on

Wednesday night. possible It could be a hamstring injury as, after having a chat with skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad and the physio, Chahar walked off ground holding his hamstring and did not bowl any further in

the match.

Chahar's career has been marred by injuries in the last couple of years, costing him a permanent spot in the Indian team. "Yeah, the travelogue is pretty busy. There's a lot of ins and outs. So, Deepak Chahar doesn't look good," said Fleming during the post-

match presser. "The initial feeling wasn't great. So, I'm hoping for a more positive report when the physio and the doctor have a

Chahar's injury somewhat forced Gaikwad to bring in Shivam Dube for an over, who has mainly been used as a

batter this season. But Dube went for 14 in the only over he bowled, and Fleming admitted that with the Impact Player rule, Dube is not suited for the role in the IPL and will have his chances in

proper conditions. "He (Dube) is ready to bowl and is working hard on it. He will play a role in the right conditions, and with the Impact Player rule, we have players who can fit the role better. Currently, his necessity to bowl is pretty much small,"

CSK suffered a seven-wicket defeat to PBKS, their second loss at home this season, managing a meagre 162 for 7, which was comfortably chased

the coach said.

down with 13 balls to spare. Talking about the demanding

wicket at Chepauk, Fleming said, "It's difficult, and we have spoken on the unpredictability of the wickets here before. Batting first makes it difficult dge as to what a good competitive score is.

We had a couple of 200s (before), which was in our minds today. But, the wicket was very stićky.

"We also had a good start in the (first) six overs before things became difficult. We also tried a few lefties in the form of Dube and (Ravindra) Jadeja but we just couldn't get anything through the middle. They bowled really well, they got good purchase and held onto it. We just got stifled through the middle, which prevented us from getting a score of 180," he said.

With a low score to defend, Fleming was impressed with the commitment and performance shown by English pacer Richard Gleeson, who made his debut last night.

"Richard Gleeson was good, and it was a positive. Losing Fizz (Mustafizur Rahman) is disappointing.
"Tushar (Deshpande) has a bit

of flu going around as well. So, we've had to make a few changes, which is unusual. Again, that's part of it, and we have got the resources," he said. "Just they haven't had the game time to be really comfortable with their roles and us to be comfortable with a game plan, which we're struggling a little." Although veteran opener Ajinkya Rahane managed to get to double figures after a lean phase in the last four games, he didn't last beyond a

24-ball 29. "I thought he (Rahane) was good today. He's been probably a bit too aggressive in what he wants to do," Fleming observed.

"Keep in mind, we're batting on wickets here that we don't know how they are gonna play. So, we got to take a bit of a pause to see what a good score is. If you are 3 for 30, the game

is pretty much over.
"His (Rahane) hitting that was so good last year, is more crisp. It's not for lack of intent. He has doubled up on intent. We're fine with Jinks and the role he

Füllkrug fires Dortmund to 1-0 win over PSG **AP** DORTMUND

Niclas Füllkrug scored and Borussia Dortmund earned a 1-0 win over Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of their

Champions League semifinal.

Dortmund defender Nico Schlotterbeck sent a long pass over the top for Füllkrug to control brilliantly with his first touch before firing it past PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma with his next in the 36th minute on Wednesday.

"It's not the first time that I've tried to stick

"It's not the first time that I've tried to stick the ball in at the near post this season. This time it worked out and I'm even happier time it worked out and I'm even nappier that it's in such an important game," Füllkrug said. The win gives Dortmund a narrow advantage before the teams play again in the second leg in Paris next Tuesday, when the French champion will need to overturn the result if it's going to capture Europe's biggest prize before Kylian Mbappé leaves the club. PSG is under pressure to finally win to the

PSG is under pressure to finally win to the Champions League to justify more than a decade of huge investment from its Qatari

Dortmund's win ensured it qualified for the tournament next season and it gives the Bundesliga five teams in the expanded tournament. Dortmund is assured of finishing at least fifth.

Roared on by most of the 81,365 fans ding the famed behind one of the goals, Dortmund made the busier start and maintained its intensity for the whole game. The home team ran 119.7 kilometers - almost 10

hasing another Champions

League crown, Real Madrid

already has its fingertips on the

The 14-time European Cup winner

could clinch the Spanish league on Saturday when Madrid hosts Cadiz

and Barcelona visits Girona if

everything goes its way.

Madrid can lock up title No. 36 with

four games left in two scenarios: If

Madrid beats Cadiz and Barcelona

with Cadiz and Barcelona loses at Girona.

Madrid leads Barcelona by 11 points and

has the tiebreaker with Barcelona in its

favor entering the round. Madrid has been

the runaway favorite since it beat Girona,

Spanish league title.



OTHER SPORTS

more than the visitors. Defender Lucas Hernández went off injured after trying to stop Füllkrug from scoring. It looked like Hernández suffered

PSG pushed hardest early in the second half, when Mbappé hit the right post before Achraf Hakimi struck the left post. Gregor Kobel saved Mbappé's next effort and Dortmund survived the pressure

and Dortmund survived the pressure. Füllkrug went on to miss further good chances for the German team, while Marquinhos made a crucial block to deny

Julian Brandt late on. It would have been nice if we could have made our counterattacks count to get a goal at the end

veteran Mats Hummels said. "But now we have to come through in

Real Madrid can clinch Spanish league title

Paris. The visitors missed chances, too.

Ousmane Dembelé should have scored on his return to Dortmund when he blazed a shot over late, then Vitinha flashed a shot wide of the left post.

We tried to keep the ball from them but it's so difficult because they have a lot of quality," PSG coach Luis Enrique said. They are a great team on the ball and off

the ball. Today in that environment they were great in both aspects of the game. I think we had maybe a lack of intensity in the first half, but in the second half we created clear, clear chances. But we couldn't score?

Dortmund coach Edin Terzic only made his first substitution in the 83rd, when he sent on veteran Marco Reus for the exhausted Karim Adeyemi.

The winner of the two-leg tie will play either Real Madrid or Bayern Munich in the final in London on June 1.

Munich. Madrid earned a 2-2 draw in

Germany thanks to Vinícius Júnior's

brace on Tuesday. Bayern comes to Madrid next Wednesday to decide who will face Paris Saint-Germain or

Borussia Dortmund in the June 1

Led by Jude Bellingham, Vinícius and



Salima replaces Savita as skipper

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mid-fielder Salima Tete on Thursday replaced replaced veteran goalkeeper Savita Punia as captain of the 24strong Indian women's hockey squad for the Belgium and England legs of the FIH Pro League starting later this month.

Navneet Kaur has been India will play her deputy for the named tour.

"I am happy that I have been appointed to lead the team. It is a big responsibility and I am looking forward to this new role. We have a strong squad and it's a mix of experienced and young players," Salima was quoted as saying in a Hockey India press release.

"In the upcoming Belgium and England legs of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023-2024, we look to put our strong foot forward. We have worked on areas where we needed to improve," she said. Savita had captained India during the failed Olympic qualifying campaign and the pro league matches at home

after that. Barring three changes, the squad was the same that took part in the Bhubaneswar and Rourkela legs of the Pro League in February this year. Defender Gurjit Kaur, mid-fielders Sonika and Nisha and

I was not serving that well but

little by little, after set one, I

served better and better and

12th-seeded

defeated 22nd-ranked Francisco Cerundolo 6-1 3-6 6-3. It was the 250th tour-level

win for Fritz, who is the third

American man to reach the

Madrid semifinals and first since Robby Ginepri in 2005.

Andre Agassi won the Madrid title in 2002.

finished really well."

striker Beauty Dungdung have been dropped and were replaced by Mahima Chaudhary, Manisha Chauhan, Pretti Dubey and

Deepika Soreng.
The matches in Belgium will begin on May 22 and end on May 26, while the England leg will commence on June 1 and conclude on June 9.

against na and Argent during the first leg, starting May 22 against Argentina. During the London leg, the team will take on Great

Britain and Germany. India are currently placed sixth in the FIH Pro League table with eight points from as

many matches. Salima was recently honoured with the prestigious Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year in the women's category at the sixth Hockey India Annual Awards. The goalkeeping responsibilities will rest with Savita and Bichu Devi

Kharibam, while the defensive line-up includes Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Chaudhary, Monika, Jyoti Chhatri and Mahima.

The midfield will be marshalled Kaur, Manisha Lalremsiami.

Salima, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Navneet, Neha, Jyoti, Baljeet

AP MADRID

arlos Alcaraz's bid to win a Cthird straight Madrid Open title ended with a threeset loss to Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals.

The second-seeded Spaniard got off to a good start but then was outplayed by the seventh-seeded Rubley, losing 4-6 6-3 6-2 at the Caja Magica centre court on Wednesday. Alcaraz, who had already struggled in a three-set win over Jan-Lennard Struff on Tuesday, looked out of sorts and was mistake-prone toward the end.

It was his first tournament after missing Monte Carlo and Barcelona because of a right forearm injury. The 20-year-old Alcaraz had arrived in Madrid saying he would be happy to play three or four matches in the Spanish capital. Already in a hole in the third set, Alcaraz pressed the forearm during a stopover. He was wearing a long sleeve over

the injured arm.



then its top challenger, in February and quashed a half-hearted rally by Barcelona in a clasico victory last month.

With the domestic title apparently a question of time, Madrid's priority is its Champions League semifinal with Bayern to safety.

veteran midfielder Toni Kroos, Carlo Ancelotti's side has lost only once in 33 league games in this campaign.
Ancelotti rotated his starting lineup for the last round where Madrid won at Real Sociedad, so it is likely that he will also rest some key players against a

Cadiz side that is in danger of relegation. The team from southern Spain is in 18th place, inside the drop zone, and five points behind Celta Vigo, the last team clinging

Alcaraz loses to Rublev in Madrid Open quarterfinals near the end. In the beginning, the quarterfinals on Thursday

"Today probably I felt more in the forearm than yesterday's match. I mean, playing three hours yesterday, I knew that I'm going to feel something or I'm going to think about it even more," the third-ranked

Alcaraz said. "Playing someone like Rublev that I couldn't push him to the limit in every point is tough." Alcaraz plans to play in Rome to continue his preparation for the French Open later this month. "I'm going to go to Rome. I'm going to work to be close to 100% or in a good way to play Rome, but I'm going to decide these days. But I think

I'll be OK," he said. "I have to work hard if I want to go to Rome with good feelings, without pain, without thinking about my forearm, but it's going to be a slow process, I guess. I have to be patient in that way."



Alcaraz was trying to become the first player to win the claytournament three straight times. He hadn't lost on Spanish soil since 2021. Rublev, seeking his second ATP 1000 title after winning

Monte Carlo last year, will play

Taylor Fritz in the semifinals.

The world No. 8 was solid

the start overpowered Alcaraz with 30 winners. "The serve saved me a lot of

times today," Rublev said.

"The key was I was completely calm the whole match. I did not say one word, even if I was

losing. That was the key and I

was able to serve even better

Cerundolo, the Argentine who upset world No. 5 Alexander Zverev in the fourth round,

was trying to reach his second ATP 1000 semifinal. Top-seeded Jannik Sinner withdrew because of a hip injury, saying he didn't want to risk making it worse. Sinner

defeated Karen Khachanov on

Tuesday and was scheduled to

face Felix Auger-Aliassime in

SABALENKA ADVANCES: Defending champion Aryna Sabalenka defeated 17-yearold Mirra Andreeva for the second straight year in Madrid to reach the women's semifinals.

The second-seeded Sabalenka didn't face a break point on her way to a 6-1 6-4 win in Wednesday's quarterfinals. She had beaten the teenage sensation in straight sets in the fourth round last year.

The two-time Australian Open champion has won 10 straight matches in Madrid and is trying to match Petra Kvitova's three titles in the Spanish capital.

Sabalenka will next play fourth-seeded Rybakina, who saved two match points en route to a 4-6 7-6(4) 7-5 win over Yulia Putintseva.