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Unholy Dip: Hindu numbers shrink by eight per cent

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A study titled "Share of Religious Minorities - A Cross Country Analysis (1950-2015) by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has revealed that the population share of the majority religion in India (Hindus) declined sharply by 7.8 per cent between 1950 and 2015, while a number of neighbouring countries saw a jump in the population of their majority community.

While the Hindu population shrunk in India, the share of minorities, including Muslim, Christian, Buddhist and Sikhs, went up. However, the number of Jains and Parsis in the population saw mix decrease. Between 1950 and 2015, the Muslim population share in India surged by 43.15 per cent, Christians saw a 5.38 per cent increase, Sikhs a 6.58 per cent rise, and Buddhists a slight increase. The study, released in May 2024, assessed trends in 167 countries across the world. The authors of

the study say, "India's performance is consistent with the larger global trends." The study highlighted that the share of the majority Hindu population decreased by 7.82 per cent between 1950 and 2015 (from 84.68 per cent to 78.06 per cent) in India. The share of Hindus in India's population saw a decrease from 84 per cent in 1950 to 78 per cent in 2015, while that of Muslims witnessed an increase from 9.84 per cent to 14.09 per cent in the same period (of 65 years). "The share of Muslim population



in 1950 was 9.84 per cent and increased to 14.09 per cent in 2015 — a 43.15 per cent increase in their share. The share of Christian population rose from 2.24 per cent to 2.36 per cent — an increase of 5.38 per cent between 1950 and 2015. The share of Sikh population increased from 1.24 per cent in 1950 to 1.85 per cent in 2015 — a 6.58 per cent rise in their share. Even the share of the Buddhist population witnessed a noticeable increase from 0.05 per cent in 1950 to 0.81 per cent. On the other

hand, the share of Jains in the population of India decreased from 0.45 per cent in 1950 to 0.36 per cent in 2015. The share of the Parsi population in India witnessed a stark 85 per cent decline, reducing from 0.03 per cent share in 1950 to 0.004 per cent in 2015," it said. The shrinking of the majority population in India (by 7.8 per cent) is the second most significant decline in the immediate neighbourhood, just after Myanmar's 10 per cent.

Apart from India, Nepal's majority community (Hindu) saw a 3.6 per cent decline in its share of the country's population. Buddhists, who constituted 11 per cent of the population in 1950 also witnessed a 25 per cent decrease and their share was reduced to 8 per cent in 2015. On the other hand, the share of Muslim population increased from 2.6 per cent to 4.6 per cent — a jump of 75 per cent. In 1950, the share of Christian population in Nepal was approximately zero.

PM schools Sam on Indianness

PITRODA SAYS SOUTH INDIANS LOOK LIKE AFRICANS, QUILTS AFTER OUTRAGE

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In the midst of a high-voltage Lok Sabha poll campaign, Congress leader Sam Pitroda once again handed enough ammunition to the BJP with his analogy depicting India's diversity. Slamming his comments as "racist", Prime Minister Narendra Modi pounced on Pitroda's comment to hit out at the grand old party and asserted that people will not tolerate attempts to insult them based on their skin colour. Later Pitroda was forced to resign as the chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress after his controversial



remarks as the INDIA Bloc leaders too disapproved of his 'racist' comments. Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh said party chief Mallikarjun Kharge has accepted Pitroda's decision. At his rallies in Telangana,

Modi said he is livid with the racial profiling of Indians by the US-based "philosopher and uncle of shehzada (Rahul Gandhi)", and linked the Congress's opposition to Droupadi Murmu's presidential bid to its

mindset, which saw her as an "African" because of the colour of her skin. "I am very angry today. I do not get angry if someone abuses me. Today, the philosopher of 'shehzada' (prince) has inflicted such a big abuse that I am full of anger. Will people's abilities in our country be decided by the colour of their skin? Who has allowed the shehzada to play this game of skin?" Modi said. As Pitroda's remarks went viral and triggered a political firestorm, the Congress once again in a weeks' time distanced itself from its overseas wing chairperson's remarks and even criticised those as "most unfortunate

and unacceptable". The BJP dismissed the Congress's stand as meaningless as it cited Pitroda's close association with the Gandhi family and launched a blistering attack. Pitroda's comments at a podcast landed his party in yet another soup, soon after his reference to inheritance tax in the United States as an "interesting law" while discussing the Congress's Lok Sabha poll manifesto gave the ruling BJP a potent handle to accuse the opposition party of eyeing citizens' assets as part of its "redistribution of wealth" policy.

Modi questions Rahul's silence on Ambani, Adani

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD

Following the trend of low voter turnout continuing in the Lok Sabha elections, even in the third phase, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a frontal attack on the Opposition led by Congress, claiming their campaign was funded by black money. This prompted a terse response from the Congress, which said the BJP has realised it is "shaking" after three phases and has now started attacking its own "friends," showing the "real trend" of the result. In a public speech, the PM asked the INDIA Bloc leader Rahul Gandhi as to why he

used by the Congress to attack Modi and his Government at the Centre, the PM also demanded that the party should explain to people why it has stopped raising the 'Ambani-Adani' issue as its 'shehzada' used to do for the past five years and asked if it has struck a 'sauda' (deal). The Congress has been accusing the Prime Minister of favouring the top five industrialists in the country, including Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani. Congress said the 'man' who collected ₹8,200 crore of Electoral Bonds for his party — a scam so egregious that even the Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional — is today levelling allegations on others.

Staff woes ground Air India Express flights



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Hundreds of passengers, including political leaders and workers, were left stranded and staged protests at various airports across the nation after Air India Express cancelled over 86 flights due to the cabin crew going on a "mass sick leave" on Tuesday night. The major airports — Kochi, Calicut, Delhi and Bengaluru — witnessed chaotic scenes as most flight disruptions happened here. The international and domestic flights were cancelled after about 300 senior cabin crew members reported sick at the last minute and switched off their mobile phones. According to sources, southern regions have reported major cancellations. Air India Express CEO Alok Singh said there will be more curtailment of flights over the

next few days amid cabin crew woes. "Flight curtailment being done to cope with non-availability of crew, recover schedules," the CEO said in a statement. Many of them said the delayed flights could result in them losing their jobs as their work visas were about to expire while some political leaders and workers could not reach their destinations to attend the rally of their leaders in the upcoming fourth phase of the Lok Sabha elections. Passengers also complained that the airline provided no accommodation, leaving them stranded until their rescheduled flight takes off. Some passengers claimed they were forced to spend the night at the airport. Some of them claimed that they were informed about the cancellations after the completion of security

checks. Taking note of the incident, the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Wednesday sought a report from Air India Express on cancellation of flights after a section of cabin crew reported sick evidently to protest against changes in the human resources policy. Meanwhile, Air India Express has offered a full refund or flight rescheduling but some passengers are demanding instant refunds and same-day rescheduling. This is the second time in about a month that a Tata Group owned airline is facing flight disruptions (Vistara too had to cancel flights due to crew unavailability in the first week of April). Among thousands of flyers who were hit by the sudden cancellations of the Air India Express flights on Wednesday was Jammu & Kashmir former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad who said Air India should be shut and nothing will come out of it because its culture is bad. The stinging comment came from a former civil aviation minister who said he never travelled by Air India. Videos of furious passengers gathered at Delhi, Kochi, Kozhikode and Thiruvananthapuram airports have gone viral on social media.

JJP favours toppling BJP Govt

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

The BJP's former ally Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) on Wednesday said it is ready to help the Congress bring down the BJP Government in Haryana, a day after three Independent MLAs withdrew support to the ruling party. Claiming that the BJP Government is reduced to a minority, the Congress, on its part, demanded the imposition of the President's rule and early Assembly elections in the State. However, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini asserted that his Government is not in any trouble. His predecessor and party colleague M L Khattar also claimed that many MLAs are in touch with the BJP and there is "nothing to worry". Independent MLAs Sombir Sangwan (Dadri), Randhir Singh Gollen (Pundri) and Dharampal Gonder (Nilokheri) withdrew support to the ruling BJP in Haryana on Tuesday and announced that they would back the Congress. The fast-paced political developments in the State came at a time when Lok Sabha polls are just a fortnight away and Assembly elections are scheduled to be held in October. Speaking to media in Hisar, JJP



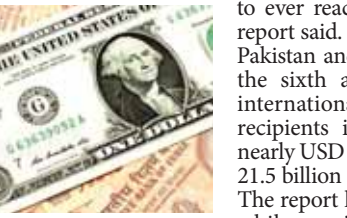
leader Dushyant Chautala said if a no-confidence motion is brought in the Assembly, they will vote against the Saini Government. "I want to tell Leader of Opposition Bhopinder Singh Hooda that going by the present numbers in the Assembly, when this Government is in a minority, if a step is taken that this government is brought down during (Lok Sabha) elections, then we will fully consider to support them in this from outside". "Now, the Congress has to think whether they will take a step to bring down the BJP government," Chautala said. Reacting to this, Congress leader Hooda said, "They should write to the Governor (that Government is in a minority)". Dushyant Chautala also ruled out reviving his party's alliance with the BJP. The two parties had snapped ties in March. "I have made it quite clear that JJP will not go with BJP now," Chautala said and demanded that Saini should either prove majority or submit his resignation.

India tops in dollar remittance with 111 billion paycheck

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India received over USD 111 billion in remittances in 2022, the largest in the world, becoming the first country to reach and even surpass the USD 100 billion mark, the United Nations migration agency has said. The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), in its World Migration Report 2024 launched Tuesday, said in 2022, India, Mexico, China, the Philippines and France were the top five remittance recipient countries. "India was well above the rest, receiving more than USD 111 billion, the first country to reach and even surpass the USD 100 billion mark. Mexico

was the second-largest remittance recipient in 2022, a position it also held in 2021 after overtaking China, which historically had been the second-biggest recipient after India," the report said. According to the report's data, India was the top country receiving remittances in 2010 (USD 53.48 billion), 2015 (USD 68.91 billion), and 2020 (USD 83.15 billion), with the remittances crossing the USD 100 billion mark to reach USD 111.22 billion in 2022. It noted that with a very large number of migrant workers from the subregion, Southern Asia receives some of the largest inflows of remittances globally. Three countries in Southern



Asia-India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, rank among the top ten recipients of international remittances in the world, underscoring the significance of labour migration from the subregion. "With India estimated to have received more than USD 111 billion in 2022, it is by far the largest recipient of international remittances in the world and the first country

to ever reach that figure," the report said. Pakistan and Bangladesh were the sixth and eighth largest international remittance recipients in 2022, receiving nearly USD 30 billion and USD 21.5 billion respectively. The report however noted that while remittances remain a lifeline for many people in the subregion, migrant workers from these countries continue to face a myriad of risks, including financial exploitation, excessive financial debt due to migration costs, xenophobia and workplace abuses. The Gulf States remain significant destinations for migrant workers from around the world, and the 2022

football World Cup further underscored the importance of migrant labour to the subregion as well as rights violations. Migrants continue to comprise high proportions of the total populations in many Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States. In the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar, migrants made up 88 per cent, nearly 73 and 77 per cent of the national populations, respectively. Most migrants — many of whom come from countries such as India, Egypt, Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Kenya — work in sectors such as construction, hospitality, security, domestic work and retail.

Advertisement for Nagaland State Lotteries 'DEAR' 500 Bi-Monthly Lottery. Features a 1st prize of 2.50 Crores guaranteed, a 2nd prize of 10 Lakhs, and a 3rd prize of 5 Lakhs. Includes a table of prize amounts for various ticket denominations and contact information for ticket counters.

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**I, Baldev Raj S/o Hari Chand R/o 48/1, New Darshani Bagh, Manimajra, Chandigarh** declare that my son Sandeep Kumar are out of me & my family control I disown them from my moveable/immovable property If anybody deals with them will do so on his/her own risk and responsibility.

**I, Bhag Singh S/o Ragbhir Singh, R/o House No 793, Maloya Chandigarh** inform that my son Kishore Kumar out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.

**I, Vinod Kumar S/o Ruhla Singh R/o # 551, Mahadev Colony, Village- Rampur Seuri, Tehsil- Kalka Distt- Panchkula Haryana** my son Vikas and his wife Arju are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at his/ her own risk.

**I, Ram Kaur W/o Late Balbir Singh, R/o Village Machhrauli, P.O. Sharifgarh, Tehsil Shahabad Markanda, Kurukshetra,** declare that after the demise of my son Hardeep Singh, my daughter-in-law Rajvindra Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh and grandson Tanveer Singh, S/o Rajvindra Kaur and Late Hardeep Singh, are out of my control. So I disinherit them from my all moveable/immovable Properties. If anybody deals with them in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

**I, Mahender Singh s/o Jhamaalji residence of Gali No.5, Baiyanpur Khurd, Sonipat Haryana** declare that my daughter Savita is out of my control so I disown her from my all movable/ immovable property. Anybody deals with her at own risk.

**I, Harvinder Kaur W/O Late Kanwaljit Singh R/O H.No. 866 Phase 10 SAS Nagar Mohali** Declare That I Disowning My Son Harmeet Singh Saini Through The Pioneer Newspaper On Dt 8-1-22. Now My Son Is Obeying Me & Look After Me. I Am Taking Back Disowning Of My Son Harmeet Singh Saini And Now He Is Legal Her In Movable & Immoveable Property.

**I, Krishna Rani W/O Late Sh. Biru Ram H. No. 1253/1 Buraal UT Chandigarh** Declare That My Son Shiv Charan Sonu And Daughter In Law Anchal Gupta, Grand Daughter Shama Are Out Of My Control. I Disown Them From My All Movable And Immoveable Property. Anybody Dealing With Them Will Do So At His/ Her Own Risk.

**We Matloob Hasan S/o Liyaqat Hasan and Shama W/o Matloob Hasan, R/o House No 2129, Sector 15-C, Chandigarh** inform that our son Savej Khan and daughter-in-law Shagufta, their daughter Samiya out of our control. We disown them from our all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

**We, Anil Kumar S/o late Sh. Hariprakash and Bala W/o Anil Kumar, R/O H. No. 1656, Urban Estate-1, Hisar, Tehsil and District Hisar (Haryana),** declare that my son Deepanshu & his wife Pooja Rani are out of our & our family control. We evict them from our movable-immovable property. If anybody deals with them they will do at their own risk we and our family will not be responsible.

**I, Dalip Kumar S/o Ranjit Maseeh R/o House No. 128, Hem Vihar, Phase 1, Baltana Zirakpur SAS Nagar Punjab** declare that my son Harmindar Singh and his wife Anju Rani are out of my control. So I disown them from all my moveable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them they will do their own risk/responsibility.

**We Qamru Zama S/o Shamshu Din and Noor Jahan W/o Qamru Zama R/o #3419, Mauli Jagran Colony, Chandigarh** disown our son Abdul Qadir, his wife Shaheen Ansari from all our moveable/immovable properties. They are out of our control. Anybody deals with them they will do their own risk/responsibility.

**I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Nand Kishor R/o House No. 6A, Parwati Enclave, Baltana, Zirakpur SAS Nagar Punjab** declare that my son Atul Goyal and his wife Aradhna Garg are out of my Control. So I disown them from all my moveable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them they will do their own risk/responsibility.

**I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Late Sewa Singh Vill Tahli Farm Murtzapur Tehsil Pehowa Distt. Kurukshetra** My daughter-in-law (Manjeet Kaur D/o Balwinder Singh is out of my control. I. disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with them at his own risk.

**I, Krishna W/o Satpal Vill. Shaipur Tehsil Pehowa Distt. Kurukshetra** My daughter Manju Rani is out of my control. I disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with them at his own risk.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Kuldip Singh Bedi S/o Rajinder Singh Bedi R/o 169, Sultanwind Road, Akali Colony, New Gurnam Nagar, Amritsar, Punjab** declare that my father was known by two names Rajinder Singh and Rajinder Singh Bedi. Rajinder Singh and Rajinder Singh Bedi is one and the same person.

**We, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Daljit Singh # 3527, Sector 22D, Chandigarh and Amandeep Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh # 3527, Sector 22D, Chandigarh** do hereby declare that we have adopted a baby girl namely Mehakpreet Kaur D/o Gurtej Singh and Kuldeep Kaur of Village Panjali Kalan, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib on dated 03/04/2024. Now, we have changed the name of our minor daughter from Mehakpreet Kaur to Nimrat Kaur.

**I, Smt Geeta Devi,** Date of Birth is 01 July 1982 is wife of JC-288842P Subedar (Gunner) Sunil Kumar Dubey, resident of Village : Bhaluani Dubey, Post: Badhara, Tehsil: Salempur, District: Deoria, Uttar Pradesh- 274501 have changed my date of birth from 23 June 1980 to 01 July 1982 vide affidavit dated 04 Jan 2024

**I, Jitender Kumar S/O Risal Singh R/O Village Dhanasari, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadri, Declare That My Name Is Jitender Mentioned In The School Certificate Of My Son Rahul Issued By The Central Board Of Secondary Education, Which Is Wrong. My Correct Name Is Jitender Kumar Which Should Be Corrected In The School Certificate.**

**I, Amit S/O Raj Kumar R/O Kari Dharani, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadri, Declare That My Date Of Birth Is 24.08.2004 Which Is Correct. I Have A Passport Whose No. W8579527-9ind0408248m32122 31b06728776502236.** In Which Has Mistakenly Written My Mother's Name As Rajabala Whereas My Mother's Name Is Rajbala . That Now I Want To Register My Mother's Name As Rajbala Instead Of Rajabala In My Passport, Which Is The Right And Proper Thing To Do.

**I, Jitender Kumar S/O Risal Singh R/O Village Dhanasari, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadri, Declare That In The School Certificate Of My Son Manish Kumar Issued By The Central Board Of Secondary Education, My Name Is Recorded As Jitender Singh, Which Is Wrong. My Correct Name Is Jitender Kumar Which Should Be Corrected In The School Certificate.**

**I, Sunil Kumari W/O Jitender Kumar R/O Village Dhanasari, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadri** Declare That My Name Sunil Is Mentioned In The School Certificate Of My Son Rahul Issued By The Central Board Of Secondary Education, Which Is Wrong. My Correct Name Is Sunil Kumari Which Should Be Corrected In The School Certificate.

**I, Sunil Kumari W/O Jitender Kumar R/O Village Dhanasari, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadri** Declare That My Name Sunil Devi Is Registered In The School Certificate Of My Son Manish Kumar Issued By The Central Board Of Secondary Education, Which Is Wrong. My Correct Name Is Sunil Kumari Which Should Be Corrected In The School Certificate.

**I, Sunita Devi** (Existing Name Of Spouse As Per Nok) Spouse Of Mukesh Kumar (Name Of Husband) R/O Vpo-Khanda Tehsil Kharkhoda Distt. Sonepat (Hr), Have Changed My Name And Dob From Smt.Sunita Devi & Dob 05-02-1980 (Existing Name & Dob Of Spouse As Per Nok) To Sunita And Dob 06-07-1980 (Proposed/Accepted New Name And Dob Of Spouse) Vide Affidavit Dated 08-05-2024 At Sonepat.

**I, Sarita Devi** Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No.13627721L, Lnk Jagvir Singh Presently Residing At Vpo Hetampura Teh & Distt Bhiwani (Haryana) Pin 127029 Have Changed My Name Is Sarita Devi To Sarita Vide Affidavit No.6933 Dated 08.03.2024 Before Court Bhiwani.

**I Gurpreet Singh S/O Baldev Singh R/O Village Shahwala Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur** Declare That My Son Manpreet Singh Sandhu 10th Class Certificate Unique Id 7504827 Year 2022 (Icse Board) Has Been Lost. Please Reissue Metric Certificate Of My Son Manpreet Singh Sandhu.

**I, Dharmendra** (Existing Name Of A Serving Soldier As Per Nok In Record) Self, Jc-454024-L N/Sub Dharmendra , Resident Of Vpo- Murthal, Tehsil And District Sonepat ( Hr) Have Changed My Name From Dharmendra (Existing Name Of Soldier As Per Service Record) To Dharmender (Proposed/Accepted New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 08-05-2024 At Sonepat.

**I, Sahil Hooda S/O Sh. Vedpal Singh R/O Vpo Jassia, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak** Declare That My Name In My Aadhaar Card Is Sahil Hooda Whereas In My Passport My Name Is Sahil. Now I Have Changed Myself From Sahil To Sahil Hooda And In Future I Will Be Known As Sahil Hooda.

**I, Smt. Rajnandini Sachin Pardeshi** spouse of No. 15625094X Rank NK Name Pardeshi Sachin Tuljaprasad of Unit 5 GUARDS C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) resident of TPS Road, Shivaji Nagar, Parli Beed, State Maharashtra Pin Code 431515 have changed my name from Rajnandini Sachin Pardeshi to Rajnandini Sachin Pardeshi and DOB from 02.02.1997 to 02.02.1996

**I, Ranjana Ramu Gaikwad** is Mother of Army No: 16114195Y Rank: L/NK Name- Santosh Gaikwad Presently Posted At Unit: CME Pune, Maharashtra 411031, Permanent Address: 138/8 Plot No 20, Malgav Road Purv Datt Colony, Near Kesarkhane Mala, Miraj, PO:Miraj, Dist: Sangli, Maharashtra-416410 have changed my Date of birth from 01/06/1962 to 02/07/1946. Vide Affidavit No:RD 0021185432, Dated:08/05/24

**I, Ranjana** is Mother of Army No: 16114195Y Rank: L/NK Name- Santosh Gaikwad Presently Posted At Unit: CME Pune, Maharashtra 411031, Permanent Address: 138/8 Plot No 20, Malgav Road Purv Datt Colony, Near Kesarkhane Mala, Miraj, PO:Miraj, Dist: Sangli, Maharashtra-416410 have changed my name from Ranjana to Ranjana Ramu Gaikwad. Vide Affidavit No:RD 0021185434, Dated: 08/05/24

**I, Ranjana Ramu Gaikwad** is Mother of Army No: 16114195Y Rank: L/NK Name- Santosh Gaikwad Presently Posted At Unit: CME Pune, Maharashtra 411031, Permanent Address: 138/8 Plot No 20, Malgav Road Purv Datt Colony, Near Kesarkhane Mala, Miraj, PO:Miraj, Dist: Sangli, Maharashtra-416410 have changed my Date of birth from 01/06/1962 to 02/07/1946. Vide Affidavit No:RD 0021185432, Dated:08/05/24

**I, Arjun Charan Kisku** is Father of Army No:18000663A Rank: NK Name-Binita Kisku Presently Posted At Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: VTC:Bankanda, PO:Jorda, P.S.: Badampahar, Dist:Mayurbhanj, State:Odisha, Pin:757047 have changed my Name from Arjun Charan Kisku to Arjun Kisku. Vide Affidavit No-RD 0021185435, Dated- 08/05/24

**I, Army No- 15346059K** Rank-Hav Mahendra Singh, Presently Posted At Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO, Permanent Address: House No. 427/5, Near Durga Mandir, Meerut Cantt, Meerut, PO: Meerut Cantt, Distt:Meerut, Uttar Pardesh-250001 have changed My Name from Mahendra Singh to Mahender Singh. Vide Affidavit No: RD 0021185436 Dated: 08/05/24

**I, Simaranjit Kaur** is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 2492527M Rank: Sep Name: Subeg Singh Presently Posted Unit- 482 DSC PL Attached to HQ Western Command Camp Chandimandir Panchkula, Haryana Permanent Address: Vill-Nourangwal, Patiala, Punjab-140702 have changed My Name from Simaranjit Kaur to Simranjit Kaur. Vide Affidavit No RD 0021185437, Dated- 08/05/24

**I Gurpreet Singh S/O** Hardiyal Singh R/O Talwandi Kalan Distt. Ludhiana Declare That In Some Documents My Father Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Hardial Singh And In Some Documents My Father Name Is Mentioned As Hardiyal Singh Which Is Correct. The Correct Name Of My Father Is Hardiyal Singh. Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

**I, No 4003512W** CHM Durga Dass serving 20RR Dogra C/O 56 APO, (VPO Seoh, Tehsil Sarkaghat, Distt Mandi (HP), declared that in my Army's service record, my daughter's wrongly entered name Tamna. Kindly correct it as Tamana, vide Affidavit number IN-PB12597144992610W.

**I Gurjant Singh S/o** Sahib Singh R/o Vill Mankeka Teh Panchkula Haryana that my mother known by two names Rajinder Kaur And Neko both name are same and the one person only.

**I, Shivani Devi D/o Santokh Raj R/o Vill: Chhanga Teh: Mukerian (Hoshiarpur)** that in my father Army document my name written as Shivani. But my correct name is Shivani Devi.

**I, No. JC 511638P** Rank Sub. Karamjit Singh S/o Harneel Singh, 8 SIKH LI C/o 56 APO R/O Village Khacharan, PO Rameana, Distt. Faridkot, Punjab, India declare that in my army service record my daughter name mentioned as Harmanjot Kaur, Ashu but her true and correct name as per her documents is Harmanjot Kaur.

**I, Nirmal Kaur W/o** Late Vijay Kumar R/o H.No. 639 Premgarh Road Near Shiv Mandir Phagwara Chowk (Hoshiarpur) Punjab-146001, declare that in my father No.1508361 NK Avtar Singh army record my name wrongly entered Nirmala and wrongly DOB 10 May 1963. But my correct name is Nirmal Kaur and correct DOB is 23 May 1963. So amended my name and DOB in my Father army record.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Suravi Dey D/o** Shyamal Dey R/o 70, Harmilap Nagar Phase-1, Post Office Baltana, Distt. Mohali have changed my name from Suravi Day to Suravi Ghosh.

**I, Sanjay Saini s/o** Puran Chand Saini r/o 136, Tribune Colony, Baltana, Zirakpur, Teh. Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my name from Sanjay Kumar Saini to Sanjay Saini.

**I, Manish S/o** Pritpal Singh R/O Village Jalwhera PO Todarpur Urf Theh Pachrali Tehsil Garshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Manish to Manish Mahey. Concerned note.

**I, Zeenat Madan W/o** Vikram Kumar R/o 361, Sec 17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that Zeenat, Zeenat Madaan and Zeenat Madan all are my names and should be considered as same person.

**I, Poonam Devi W/o** Rahul Bansal R/O H.No. 685, Attari Colony, Near Huda Community Centre, Shahabad Markanda, Shahbad, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136135 declare that name of mine and my minor daughter is wrongly written as Poonam Bansal and Vanshika in my minor daughter Vanshika Bansal aged 16 years in her CBSE Class 10th Educational Documents. Actual name of mine and my minor daughter are Poonam Devi and Vanshika Bansal.

**I, Rajeev Kumar Goel S/o** Sh. Jagdev Kumar R/O House No. 1256, Urban Estate, Jind have changed my name from Rajeev Kumar to Rajeev Kumar Goel for all future purposes.

**I, Savita Rani W/o** Sh. Pardeep Kumar R/O House No. 410/5, Gandhi Nagar, Jind have changed my name from Savita Rani to Savita Bhola for all future purposes.

**I, Ram Badan Pd. Singh S/o** Late Suryadev Singh Village Rupas Tola Manraj Singh, Post office Rahimapur, Police station Atgmalgola, District Patna, State Bihar Pincode 803211 inform that in my son Ravi. Service record my name wrongly mentioned as Ram Badan Singh. My correct name is Ram Badan Pd. Singh.

**I, Usha Devi W/o** Ram Badan Pd. Singh Village Rupas Tola Manraj Singh, Post office Rahimapur, Police station Atgmalgola, District Patna, State Bihar Pincode 803211 inform that in my son Ravi Service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned 05. September 1969. My correct date of birth is 01 January 1967.

**I, Narinder Kaushik** alias Narinder Sharma S/o Jgdshil Ram R/O House No. 856, Sector 19, Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name to Narinder Kumar.

**I, Shoba** Mother of No.8036392F Rank: Hav (GD) Name: Satre Prashant Machhindra presently residing at: Kedgaon, Post : Kedgaon, Tehsil & District : Ahmदनagar State : Maharashtra-414005. I have changed my name from Shoba (Old Name) to Shobha Machhindra Satre (New Name), Hence this affidavit sworn before Notary Shalander Kaur dt 14th March 2024.

**I, Machhindra** Father of No.8036392F Rank: HAV (GD), Name Satre Prashant Machhindra presently residing at : Kedgaon, Post : Kedgaon, Tehsil & District : Ahmदनagar State : Maharashtra-414005. I have changed my name from Machhindra (Old Name) to Machindra Eknath Satre (New Name) hence this affidavit sworn before Notary Shalander Kaur dt 14th March 2024.

**I, Ramsukh Yadav S/o** Rama Kumar Yadav # 372, Khuda Lahora, Chandigarh is hereby declared that my name may be treated as Ramsukh Yadav, my wife's have as Israj Devi and my minor daughter's name as Ankita Yadav in her School record.

**I, No.15247456A** Rank NK (OPR) Name Satendra Singh of unit 207 field regiment resident of Village Kanspur P.O. & P.S. Kalyanpur Tehsil Binkdi District Fatehpur Pin-212666 State Uttar Pradesh, I have changed my son name and date of birth from Shiv Pratap Singh Bhadauria to Shivam Singh and date of birth 19-10-2022 to 19-10-2021. For all purposes.

**I, Shashi Garg W/o** Jogender Kumar R/o 535/23, Kathmandi, Chowan Hospital Wali Gali near gyan Bhawan Sonipat 131001 has changed my name to Shashi for all purposes.

**I, Pradeep kumar S/o** Mahender singh tyagi R/O Hno 105,Burari, North Delhi, Delhi 110084 has changed my name to Pradeep Kumar Tyagi.

**I, Rekha W/o** Pradeep Kumar Tyagi R/O Hno 105, Burari, North Delhi, Delhi 110084 has changed my name to Rekha Tyagi.

**I, Jasbeer Narwal S/o** Rajinder Kumar R/O Village Rulla Kheri, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor daughter's name from Shagun to Shagun Narwal.

**I, Munna Prasad S/o** Nag Narayan # 2012, Sector 45, Buraill, Chandigarh have changed my name to Jay Parkash Narayan.

**I, Renu W/O** Rajinder Kumar Babbar # 434/10, Mohalla Dera Sahib, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Renu Babbar.

**I, Nisha Rani W/o** Sh. Anup Singh R/O Vill. Baroli Teh. & Distt. Sonipat, declare that I have changed my name Nisha to Nisha Rani for all purpose.

**I, Tarun Gugnani S/o** Krishan Chand Gugnani R/O H.No.2079, Block-E, 2nd Floor, Ansal Sushant City, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Tarun G Kumar to Tarun Gugnani. For all future purposes.

**I, 15690544X** HAV Mahender Goli S/o Buchi Reddy R/o 31 NSR, Chandimandir Cantt declare that in my Army Service Documents Name & DOB of my Father and DOB of My Mother erroneously mentioned as Father's - Butchi Reddy 01.07.1960 instead of Buchi Reddy 01.01.1967 and Mother's DOB 01.07.1965 instead of 01.01.1968. vide affidavit dated 03.05.2024 before Distt court Panchkula.

**I, Sunita Sharma W/o** Arun Kumar Sharma, R/o House No. 2063, Sector 45-C, Chandigarh declare that Sunita Sharma W/o Arun Kumar Sharma & Sunita Sharma W/o Arun Sharma are same person.

**I, Rajender Kumar S/o** Nem Chand Jain R/O 612/23, Ashirwad bhawan, Mission Road, Sonipat 131001 has changed my name to Rajender Jain.

**I, Smt. Sushama Devi W/o** No. 14538990Y Ex Hav Avtar Singh R/O Vill. Rehampur PO Mehangerwal Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name Sushama Devi to Sushma Devi and my date of birth from 31-07-1965 to 02-11-1962.

**I, Smt Anita Kumari** wife of No.2669376W Hav Dinesh Kumar Rana (Retd) R/O Village Moujwal, PO Bhangaia, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Anita Kumari to Anita Rana. My Correct date of birth is 26.07.1962. Concerned note.

**I, Kavita D/o** Sh. Shamma Sharma R/O VPO Hardokhanpur Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name Kavita to Kavita Sharma. Concerned note.

**I, Jyoti W/o** Ameet Kumar # 358 Phase-2 BDC Sector-26 Chandigarh. have changed my name from Jyoti to Jyoti Verma.

**I, Vikas S/o** Madan Mohan R/O 1003/11, Shri Nagar Colony, Rohtak have changed my name from Vikas to Vikas Wadhwa.

**I, Prabjit Kaur W/O** Kulwant Singh R/O Bhani Ram Dyal, Tehsil Baba Bakala, District Amritsar, Punjab -143203 declare that I have changed my name from Prabjeet Kaur to Prabjit Kaur.

**I, Dawinder Singh S/O** Baldev Singh R/O Village Makhi Kalan Tehsil Patti Distt. TamTaran hereby inform that my son's name is Pawandeep Singh where Pawandeep is given name and Singh is Surname. Concerned please note.

**I, Dawinder Singh S/O** Baldev Singh R/O Village Makhi Kalan Tehsil Patti Distt. TamTaran hereby inform that my son's name is Vinaydeep Singh where Vinaydeep is given name and Singh is Surname. Concerned please note.

**I, Seema Verma W/o** Deepak Verma R/O H.No. 1197, 1st Floor, Sector - 33, Hisar (Haryana) have changed my name from Seema to Seema Verma for all purposes in future.

**I, Uma Jaisval W/o** Army No. JC 424166N NB SUB Kok Singh Jaisval R/o Gram- Bihari Ka Pura, Post- Murli Ka Pura, Bhind, PO & Dist. Bhind, Madhya Pradesh- 477001 have changed my name from Uma Jaisval to Uma Devi vide affidavit dated 08.05.2024 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar

**I, Manju Kumari** Gond Spouse of Heera Kumar Gond R/O Deepnarayan Sah, Ward No. 13, Lagunaha Pokhara Tola, Pokharia Raj, West Champaran, Bihar-845449 have changed my name from Manju Kumari Gond to Manju Kumari vide affidavit dated 04.05.2024 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar.

**I, Tarsem Lal S/O** Gian Chand 32 New Universal Colony Near Mithapur Road Jalandhar 144005 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Keshav To Keshav Arora. Concerned Please Note.

**I, Harpal Kaur W/o** Kamaljit Singh R/O VPO. Thowana, Tehsil Garshankar (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name as Kaur Harpal.

**I, Hira Singh S/o** Harbans Singh R/O VPO Kasel, Tam Taran, Punjab have changed my name from Hira Singh to Heera Singh.

**I, Vipin Gupta S/o** Rakesh Chander R/o H.No. 251, Sector 16, Panchkula, Haryana declare that Vipin Gupta and Vipin Kumar is the one and the same person.

**I, Nitin Jain R/o** house no. 3031, Block-G, Ansal City Panipat declare that I have changed my son's name from Ansjain to Ansh Jain for all future purposes.

**I, Manju Verma** spouse of Sh. Sunil Verma Resident of Village Duhlii, P.O Bhanari, Teh & Distt Shimla Himachal Pradesh have changed my name from Manju Verma to Manju Devi vide affidavit dated 07/May/2024 before Distt court Shimla Himachal Pradesh.

**I, Davinder Singh S/o** Balkar Singh, Resident of Village Bumba, P.O Gehri Mandi, Jandiala Rs, Amritsar, Punjab, India, 143115, I have Change my name from Davinder Singh to Davinder is my name and my surname is Singh, All concerned note.

**I, Pooja Narwal D/O** Parkash Chand residing at House No.8, Barrak No.19-D, Ward No.6, Gandhi Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001 have changed the name of my minor son Utkarsh aged 7 years and he shall thereafter be known as Utkarsh Chhikara. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

**I, Satnarain s/o** Kiru Ram r/o Village Amampur, Sub Tehsil Nissing, Distt. Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Satyanarayan to Satnarain. In future I should be known as Satnarain.

**I, Ramesh Wadhwa S/o** H.No. 475/1, Near Shiv Mandir, Gher Arariyan, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Ramesh Wadhwa to Ramesh Kumar. In future I should be known as Ramesh Kumar.

**I, Monika Mehta W/o** Ramesh Kumar R/O H.No.475/1, Near Shiv Mandir, Gher Arariyan, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Monika Mehta to Monika. In future I should be known as Monika.

**We Ravinder Singh S/o** Sh. Devraj & Ravinder Kaur W/O Sh. Ravinder Singh R/o 18-B, Palam Vihar-D, Ambala Cantt do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that we have changed our Son's name from Agastya to Agastya Singh. All Concerned note.

**I, Rajinder Kumar S/o** Sarwan Kumar R/o 178 Upper Mohalla Kalka Distt. Panchkula, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Rajinder Harish to Rajinder Kumar. Concerned please note.

**I, Bandana Kumari W/o** Rajinder Kumar R/o 178 Upper Mohalla Kalka Distt. Panchkula Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Vandana Harish to Bandana Kumari .

**I, Kiranjeet Thapar w/o** Sunil Kumar Thapar R/o 944 Lower Kurari Mohalla, Kalka District Panchkula, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Kiranjit Kaur to Kiranjeet Thappar. Concerned please note.

**I, Pawitarr Singh** Bamrah, Ward No. 12 Bhuch Mandi, Bathinda, have changed minor son name Bhupinderdeep Singh to Bhupinderdeep Singh Bamrah.

**I, Jyotika W/o** Vinayak Hallan, Ward No-4 Kilan Area, Nangal (Ropar) have changed my name from Jyotika to Jyotika Sood .

**I, Krishan S/o** Amar Singh, 4447 Ward 4 Gullarpur Road, Nissing, Karnal, have changed name to Krishan Kumar.

**I, Parvesh Kumar s/o** Satpal R/O Village Pahra Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Parvesh to Parvesh Kumar. Concerned note.

**I, Debo Devi W/o** Naresh Kumar R/o Village Raikthana, Postoffice Udhana, Tehsil Indri, District Karnal, have changed my name from Debo Devi to Debo Rani.

**I, Gurnam Devi W/o** Sandeep Singh R/o Village Labkari, Tehsil Indri, District Karnal, have changed my name from Gurnam Devi to Gurpreet.

**I, Bimla Devi W/o** Omdutt Sharma R/o H.No. 4071, Ground Floor, Eldeco County, Sector-19, Sonipat have changed my name to Vimal Sharma for all future purposes.

**I, Jasvinder Pal S/o** Naurata Ram Pal R/o H.No-419/420, Sonia Colony, Ambala City Distt Ambala have changed my name from Jasvinder Pal to Jaswendra Pal.

**I, Rohit Kumar S/o** Krishan Lal R/O H.No-75, Manmohan Nagar, Ambala City, Distt Ambala have changed my minor Daughter's name from vani to vani Kumari.

**I, Rohit Kumar S/o** Krishan Lal R/O H.No-75, Manmohan Nagar, Ambala City, Distt Ambala have changed my minor Son's name from Ramisht to Ramisht Kumar.

**I, Monika Devi w/o** Gagan Kumar, Permanent Residence at #100, Mum

# Accept Parampal Sidhu's VRS immediately: Centre to Punjab Govt

**IAS officer Sidhu, BJP candidate from Bathinda, will not resume duty**

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The conflict surrounding Punjab cadre IAS officer Parampal Kaur Sidhu's resignation, amid her bid for Bathinda's Lok Sabha seat with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), took a riveting turn on Wednesday as the Central Government stepped in, demanding Punjab Government to promptly accept her voluntary retirement. The move comes hot on the heels of the Punjab Government's rejection of her voluntary retirement plea, coupled with a stern notice instructing her to either return to duty or face disciplinary action.

Sidhu, the daughter-in-law of former Minister and senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Sikander Singh Maluka, has been embroiled in controversy ever since she resigned and sought Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) on April 3, almost seven months before her retirement. Her decision to join the BJP on April 11, and subsequently contest from Bathinda added fuel to the fire.

(AAP) led Punjab Government, however, refused to accept her resignation, accusing her of providing "false grounds" for seeking retirement while engaging in political activities. In fact, the Government had asked the IAS officer to resume duty immediately, saying that she cannot be treated as "retired or relieved from service."

Moreover, the day she joined the BJP, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, in his post on X, had reminded Sidhu that there was "a procedure to resign" and how her "lifelong earnings could be jeopardized."

Despite the State Government's notice instructing her to resume duty, Sidhu remained defiant, asserting that she would not comply and that her retirement had been accepted by the Central Government.

A 2011-batch IAS officer, Sidhu has been campaigning vigorously in Bathinda for almost a month now. Undeterred, she expressed her determination to contest the ending elections and file her nomination papers, dismissing the Government's notice as an attempt to disrupt her campaign.



Parampal Sidhu

acceptance of her voluntary retirement from the service.

The Government's letter also highlighted the staff shortage as a ground to reject her resignation. "...against the sanctioned strength of 231, only 192 IAS officers are currently on the Punjab cadre... Thus the state is suffering a huge shortage of officers as the result of which a number of officers have been given multiple charges."

Responding, Sidhu highlighted the irony of the situation, pointing out that several officers had been left without postings for months. She questioned the Government's justification for rejecting her resignation while citing staff shortage as the reason.

"The government talks about the shortage of IAS officers whereas many officers are sitting idle without any department or work for the past

## What the rules say?

According to the guidelines from the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), when an IAS officer wishes to resign while serving in their cadre, they must submit their resignation to the Chief Secretary of the state. The Central Government, serving as the competent authority, is responsible for accepting the resignation. Prior to forwarding the resignation to the Central Government, the state cadre must take into account any outstanding dues and the officer's vigilance status. "The resignation submitted by the member of service will be reviewed by the competent authority, that is, the Central Government, only after receiving the recommendation from the concerned cadre," stated the guidelines issued by the DoPT.

years...I can do whatever I want to do after my retirement. I have entered politics now to serve the people and my only goal is to work for Bathinda development," she asserted.

Sidhu emphasized that she provided clear reasons for seeking VRS. "I highlighted my mother's illness and my intention to relocate to Bathinda to support her. Already being in

Bathinda, I also mentioned personal plans for my future. I felt no need to delve into every detail," she added.

The conflict between Sidhu and the Punjab Government underscored larger issues within the bureaucratic and political landscape of the State. Sidhu's association with the BJP, coupled with her familial ties to senior SAD leadership, added a political dimension to the controversy.

As Sidhu remains steadfast in her decision not to resume duty, the political ramifications of her resignation and subsequent candidacy in Bathinda continue to unfold. The clash between the Central and Punjab Governments over her retirement further exacerbated tensions, underscoring the complex interplay between bureaucracy and politics in Punjab.

While the Punjab Government stood firm on its decision, labeling Sidhu's retirement as invalid, the BJP maintained that her resignation was accepted by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) of the Government of India before she joined the party.

As the electoral battle heats up in Bathinda, Sidhu's refusal to back down signaled a fierce contest ahead. In Bathinda's battleground, the political greenhorn Sidhu is facing SAD's three-time MP and former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur

Badal, AAP MLA from Lambi and Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, and Congress' former MLA Jeet Mohinder Singh Sidhu.

**Govt can take whatever action it wants to take...I'll not resume now: Sidhu**

Reacting strongly to Punjab Government's notice to resume duty, BJP candidate from Bathinda Parampal Kaur Sidhu on Wednesday said that Punjab Government is just wasting time by sending such notices. "Punjab Government can take whatever action it wants to take, but I will not resume again now," she declared. "The Central Government has accepted my resignation and I will contest the election from Bathinda," she maintained.

Meanwhile, Punjab Government has made the notice period the basis and issued an order stating that she cannot be considered as retired or exempted from service. On the other hand, the BJP claimed that Parampal's resignation was accepted by the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPD) of the Government of India on April 10 before she joined the BJP. "I have been retired by the Central Government and will not resume under any circumstances and as far as the elections are concerned, I will contest the elections and file my nomination soon," Sidhu added.

## BJP announces 3 more candidates, holds back F'garh Sahib

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is for the first time contesting the Lok Sabha polls in Punjab without any alliance, on Wednesday declared the names of its three more candidates, while holding back the name for the Fatehgarh Sahib segment. With this, BJP has now announced its candidates for 12 out of total 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab.

The saffron party has laid its bet on Dr Subhash Sharma — the party's spokesperson, state vice-president, and a prominent Hindu face — to contest from the Anandpur Sahib constituency. A first-timer, Dr Sharma will be facing Congress former MP Vijay Inder Singh, SAD's former MP Prem Singh Chandumjra; and AAP's chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang on the crucial panthic seat.

Besides, the BJP has announced the candidature of Congress' two former MLAs — Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi from Ferozpur; and Arvind Khanna from Sangrur. While Rana Sodhi will face tough challenge from Congress' former MP Sher Singh Ghubaya, SAD's Nardev Singh Bobby Mann, and AAP's Muktsar MLA Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar; Khanna will face Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira, SAD's former MLA Iqbal Singh Jhoonda, and AAP MLA and Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer in Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's home constituency.

The BJP has put on hold the announcement for its candidate from Fatehgarh Sahib constituency. Notably, the process of filing of nomination has already begun from Tuesday (May 7), and will continue till next week by May 14.

Locked in multi-cornered contest, all the major political parties in the state — Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Congress and the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), except the BJP, have declared its candidates on all the 13 seats.

Among the 12 candidates, BJP has fielded six turncoats, including Congress' sitting MPs — Preneet Kaur from Patiala and Ravneet Singh Bittu from Ludhiana; AAP's sitting MP Sushil Kumar Rinku from Jalandhar; Congress' former MLAs — former Minister Rana Sodhi from Ferozpur, and Khanna from Sangrur; besides former Akali MLA Manjeet Singh Manna Mianwind from Khadoor Sahib.

The ticket has also been given to the political greenhorns and new entrants — a former diplomat Taranjit Singh Sandhu from Amritsar; and retired IAS officer Parampal Kaur Sidhu — daughter-in-law of former Akali Minister Sikander Singh Maluka from Bathinda.

The remaining four seats have been allotted to BJP leaders — including former MLA from Dinanagar Dinesh Babhu has been fielded from Gurdaspur; state BJP's vocal leader Dr Sharma from Anandpur Sahib; Sufi singer and party MP from West Delhi Hans Raj Hans from Faridkot; and Anita Som Prakash — a first-timer and wife of Union Minister and sitting MP Som Prakash from Hoshiarpur.

## Poll Buzz

**EX-MLA Khangura returns to Cong after two years**

**Chandigarh:** Senior Congress leader and former party MLA from Qila Raipur Jasbir Singh 'Jassi' Khangura on Wednesday returned to the party after staying with AAP for about two years. Khangura, a prominent leader and a former NRI from UK, had left the Congress in 2022 and joined AAP, and resigned from the party some time ago to return to the Congress. Welcoming Khangura back into the party, the state party affairs-in-charge Devendra Yadav said that not only will his rejoining the Congress strengthen the party in Ludhiana but also in the

entire state. "Khangura is known for his fierce and firebrand oratorical skills and is also quite popular among the NRI community," Yadav said.

**SAD expels Harjinder Kaur for "sabotaging party in Chd", supporting BJP's Tandon**

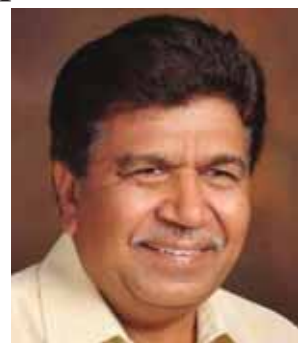
**Chandigarh:** SAD on Wednesday expelled SGPC member from Chandigarh Harjinder Kaur from the primary membership of the party for indulging in anti-party activities with immediate effect. The decision was taken by the party's secretary general Balwinder Singh Bhundur following a number of complaints from SAD's Chandigarh unit that Harjinder Kaur was willfully sabotaging the

party in the Union Territory by unilaterally supporting the candidature of BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon. Bhundur said that he had received video evidence of Harjinder Kaur's anti-party activities and was compelled to take this drastic step to send out a clear signal that SAD would not tolerate such unethical conduct on the part of the SGPC member. "This is not the first time that the SGPC member had gone against the principles of the party. Earlier also, we had received complaints that Bibi Harjinder had compromised with the BJP and had even received important posts in lieu of extending support to the saffron party. However, we gave her a long rope in the hope that she would realize her mistakes and conduct and return to the panthic fold wholeheartedly.

## No official information on withdrawal of support to Govt by Independent MLAs: Hry Speaker

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta on Wednesday said that he has not received any official information regarding the withdrawal of support to the State Government by three Independent MLAs so far, adding that he cannot take a decision based on media reports. He said there is no threat to the Nayab Singh Saini-led Government as it has a majority, adding that technically, the situation is the same as it was about two months ago in March when Saini had secured the majority in the Assembly after assuming power. Even today, BJP has 40 MLAs, Congress has 30 MLAs, 10 are of JJP, six are independent, and one MLA is of HLP and one MLA from INLD, he added. The Speaker said the Governor can summon the House and call for a floor test to prove whether the government has the numbers or not. Gupta pointed out that when the House is in session, it is the Speaker who can call for a floor test. Once the Governor's communication comes to the Speaker office, the decision will be taken as per the situation, he added. In an interview with 'The Pioneer', the Speaker talks about current political situations arising in the State in the aftermath of withdrawal of support to the BJP-led Government by three independent legislators.



Speaker Gian Chand Gupta

## Pioneer Interview

three independent MLAs. Technically, the situation is the same as it was about two months ago in March 2024 when Saini had secured the majority in the Vidhan Sabha Assembly after assuming power.

**After three independent MLAs withdrew support to the Government, CM Saini - led Govt now has support of only 43 out of 88 MLAs. What is your role as a speaker now?**

I can't comment on who has numbers...who does not have numbers...; which parties support whom...; who supports whom... Only the CM can say. As no official information has been received regarding the withdrawal of support to the government so far so I can't say anything now. Only the Vidhan Sabha Assembly decides whether the current Government has majority or not. Moreover, as per rule, the Governor can summon the House and call for a floor test to prove whether the government has the numbers. Once the Governor's communication comes to us, the decision will be taken as per the situation. When the House is in session, it is the Speaker who can call for a floor test. But when the Assembly is not in session, the Governor's residuary powers under Article 163 allow him to call for a floor test.

According to information,

**three MLAs have sent letters withdrawing their support from the government to the Governor. Have they sent such letters to you (Speaker)?**

They may have sent such letters to the Governor. But I have not received any such letter so far.

**The opposition says the Government has lost majority and either the Chief Minister should prove majority or resign on moral grounds. What would you say?**

It is wrong to say that the Nayab Singh Saini led Government is in the minority. As per the latest information, the current government is in majority. The current situation is the same as it was two months ago in March when Saini had secured a majority in the House. A decision cannot be taken only on the opposition's demand.

**Jannayak Janata Party has announced its support to the Congress if it takes steps to bring down Nayab Saini Government. What would you say?**

Parties may claim anything. But when issues come to the Assembly, I will take action accordingly. As a Panchkula MLA, I would like to say that Senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda seems to be in a hurry. The Lok Sabha election is on. One should wait till the results are declared. I am confident that the BJP will perform exceptionally well in this election.

**In Himachal Pradesh, three Independent MLAs had resigned but the speaker has not accepted their resignation yet. Your comment**

I cannot comment on the Himachal Pradesh issue. The Speaker can examine whether a resignation was by free will. In Haryana, after Independent MLA and Haryana Minister Ranjit Singh Chautala resigned, I gave him adequate time to explain whether the resignation was given by free will or not. Finally, I have made a decision regarding his resignation within 40 days.

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## CHANGE OF NAME

**I Madan Lal S/O Gopi Ram R/O St. No.5, Lajpat Nagar, Kotkapura (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Madan Lal Goyal.**

**I Kulwinder Kaur Wife Of Simranpreet Singh Dhalialw R O Aman Nagar Moga Road Kotkapura, Faridkot Have Change My Name To Kulwinder Kaur Dhalialw To After Marriage**

**I, Rekha (Adhar No.6351 9529 6426) W/O Harish Kumar R/O #929/23, Kaushik Nagar Jind Have Declared That I Have Changed My Name From Rekha To Rekha Devi. In Future All Purposes.**

**I, Kavita Singh W/O Army No.15181050k/L/Hav Pawan R/O Vill Sankor The & Distt Charkhi Dadri Declare That In My Husband Army Record My Name Is Kavita Singh.My Correct Name Is Kavita.Affidavit No.941 Dated 08.05.2024**

**I Harjeet Kaur Wife Of Davinder Singh, Resident Of Village Kachchi Tehsil Dudhan Sadhan, District Patiala Have Changed My Name From Harjit Kaur To Harjeet Kaur.**

**I Surinder Bala W/O Omesh Kant Kalia R/O H.No- 963, Sector-4 Panchkula, Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Surinder Bala To Savita Kalia.**

**I, Ishravati Devi W/O Sh.Ram Suresh, R/O H.No-997 Sector-25, Panchkula Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Ishravati Devi To Pushpa.**

**I Omesh Kant Kalia S/O Ramesh Kalia, R/O H.No- 963 Sector-4 Panchkula, Haryana, Declare That Omesh Kant Kalia, Omesh K Kalia, Omesh Kalia, And O.K. Kalia, All Names Are Of One And The Same Person.**

**I Akanksha Singhal W/O Sahil Sharma #354 Sector 4 Panchkula Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Akanksha Singhal To Akanksha Singhal.**

**I Kiranjeet Kaur W/O Aadpurkh Singh Brar Vpo Lakhewali District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Kiranjeet Kaur Brar.**

**I Dhira Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Vill. Bhangchari Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Jagseer Singh All Concern Note It.**

**I, Mahipal s/o Sh. Ram Sarup r/o gali no-4, Kalyan Nagar, Begu Road, Sirsa have changed my name to Mahipal Tangri. Concerned note.**

**I, Madhu W/o Sh. Mahipal Tangri r/o gali no-4, Kalyan Nagar, Begu Road, Sirsa have changed my name to Madhu Tangri. Concerned note.**

**I, Kusam Dhawan W/O Pardeep Kumar R/O ward no.11, Khalra Road Karam Singh Wali Gali Bhikhiwind Distt Tarn Taran have Changed my name to Kusum Dhawan.**

**I, Jasveer Singh S/O Mohinder Ram R/O Village Mallian Kalan Tehsil Nakodar Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Jasveer Singh To Jasvir Singh.**

**I, Gokal Sharma S/O Baldev Kumar R/O #1525/B2, Gurudwara Road, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my daughter name from Niyati to Niyati Sharma.**

**I, Anil Walia S/O Sher Singh Walia R/o Flat No. 404, Kamdhenu Homes, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, P.O. Dhakoli, Distt. SAS Nagar (Punjab) have changed my name from Anil Kumar to Anil Walia.**

**I, Harvinder Kaur W/O Manpreet Singh Dhillon, R/O Chak Jawahar Singh Wala, Chack Jawahare Wala, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab have changed my name from Harvinder Kaur to Harvinder Kaur Dhillon.**

**I, Army No. 6948796A Rank: Hav. Name: Inder Jeet Unit: 1 ADOU C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Inder Jit to Inder Jeet vide affidavit dated 04-05-2024 before Notary Public, Patiala.**

**I, Army No. 6948796A Rank: Hav. Name: Inder Jeet Unit: 1 ADOU C/o 56 APO have changed my son's name from Harshit to Harshit Yadav vide affidavit dated 04-05-2024 before Notary Public, Patiala.**

**I, Simrat Kaur W/o Harpreet Singh Nohra R/O H.No.341/D, Azad Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Simrat Kaur Nohra.**

**I, Papiya Ghosh, Spouse of No. 15162827A, L/HAV, Dipankar Ghosh, of Unit 197 Fd Regt Resident of Village Bhakuri Ghosh Para Tehsil Berhampore P.O. Chaltia District Murshidabad State West Bengal PIN 742407 have changed my name from Papiya Ghosh to Papiya Ghosh Vide Affidavit Dated 08 May 2024 before at Notary Ferozepur.**

**I, M Aishwarya Is Spouse Of M Jagdishwar M Sattya Of Unit 23 MECH INF REGT C/O 56 APO Residing At 2-116/11/1, Christian Pally Madura Nagar Colony District Mahabubnagar, State Telangana Pin 609001 Have Changed My Name From M Aishwarya To Kinerra Aishwarya Vide Affidavit Dated 08 May 2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.**

**I, Manju Giri** is wife of No. 3002879N, Havildar, Dhruv Kumar Unit of 17 RAJPUT C/O 56 APO, Ferozepur Cantt, Resident at Amby Nagar Colony, Opp. Talspur Gate, Ramghat road, Aligarh, State (UP) Pin 202001 have changed my name From Manju to Manju Giri and changed date of birth from 20-10-1984 to 02-01-1979 before at Affidavit 08 May 2024 Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

**I Balwinder Singh** Sandhu Son of Bohar Singh Resident of Village Jang Ferozepur Punjab 152002 have changed my name to Balwinder Singh

**I Amarjeet Kaur** Sandhu wife of Balwinder Singh Resident of Village Jang Ferozepur, 152002 Punjab, have changed my name to Amarjeet Kaur

**I Kamaljeet Kaur** Matharu daughter of Tarsem Singh Resident of H. No. 535, Ferozepur Road, Kalgindhar Nagar Zira, Ferozepur, Punjab, have changed my name to Kamaljeet Kaur

**I Vikas Aggarwal** Son of G.L Agarwal Resident of House No. DS 2/93 Lohara Bazar Ferozepur City Have changed my name to Vikas Aggarwal.

**I Isha Aggarwal** Wife of Vikas Agarwal Resident of House No. DS 2/93 Lohara Bazar Ferozepur City Have changed my name to Isha Aggarwal.

**I, Jinder Kaur W/o** Prem Singh R/O Village Parjian Khurd, Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar-144041, Punjab have changed my name from Jinder Kaur to Harjinder Kaur.

**I, Yaspal Khurana S/O** Gian Chand R/O Ward No. 8, Bhulath, Kapurthala-144622, Punjab have changed the spelling of my name from Yaspal Khurana to Yash Pal Khurana.

**I, Nirmal Singh Natt S/o** Darshan Singh R/o Village Ballowal Po. Mukandpur, Distt. S.B.S Nagar have changed my name from Nirmal Singh Natt to Nirmal Singh.

**I, Sumita Mondal** is wife of JC 704143K Sub/Maj/AA Tapan Mondal, serving in unit MH Jalandhar C/o 56 APO have change my name from Sumita Mondal to Sumita Mandal, Vide Affidavit No-IN-PB13476521666609W Dated 08-May-2024.

**I, Purna Chandra** Mondal is father of JC 704143K Sub/Maj/AA Tapan Mondal, serving in unit MH Jalandhar C/o 56 APO have change my name from Purna Chandra Mondal to Purna Chandra Mandal, Vide Affidavit No-IN-PB1347725703187W Dated 08-May-2024.

**I, Chhabi Rani** Mondal is mother of JC 704143K Sub/Maj/AA Tapan Mondal, serving in unit MH Jalandhar C/o 56 APO have change my name from Chhabi Rani Mondal to Gitarani Mandal, Vide Affidavit No-IN-PB1347725703187W Dated 08-May-2024.

**I, Rachna Rani W/o** Sh. Sandeep Kumar R/O H.No 527, Sector 19 Panchkula Haryana 134108 have changed my name from Rachna Rani to Rachna Rana.

**I, Deepika W/o** Vinay Kumar Ahuja R/O Flat No. 128B, Guru Nanak Enclave Dhakoli, Zirakpur SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Deepika Rani to Deepika Rani

**I, Vinay Kumar S/o** Sikander Lal R/O Flat No. 128B, Guru Nanak Enclave Dhakoli, Zirakpur SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Vinay Kumar to Vinay Kumar Ahuja

**I, Siddhartha S/o** Sohan Pal Singh R/O Flat No. 302, Tower B10, Rai Vihar Society VIP Road Zirakpur SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Siddhartha to Siddharth Choudhary.

**I, Maninder Kaur W/o** Malkheet Singh Vill.Zulmat, Saina Saidda, Kurukshetra have Changed My Name Ramandeep Kaur.

**I, Ragbir Singh S/o** Pritam Singh R/o Jattan Mohalla, Ismailabad, Kurukshetra have Changed My Given Name Ragbir Surname Singh.

**I, Tejinder Kaur W/o** Nirmal Singh R/o Jattan Mohalla, Ismailabad, Kurukshetra have Changed My Given Name Tejinder Surname Kaur.

**I am** Mandeep Sharma, wife of Mr. Gopal Krishna, daughter of Mr. Jagdish Lal. Resident G C 466 2nd Floor CHD City Karnal declare as follows that I am Mandeep Sharma and my name is Mandeep. Both these names are mine. In future I will be known as Mandeep Sharma.

**I, Prabhu Lal Yadav** is Father of Army No:15213487N Rank: HAV(OPR) Name-Amrit Lal Yadav Presently Posted At Unit: 54 MED Regt Permanent Address: 633/401, Radhapuram Colony Kanchanpur, Matiyari, Chinhath, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226028 have changed My Date of Birth from 01/07/1949 to 15/07/1950.Vide Affidavit No: RD 0021185429, Dated: 08/05/2024.

**I Kavita Sharma W/o** Yogesh Kapoor R/O House No.6, Gali No.1, New Patel Nagar, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name As Kavita Kapoor.

**I, Manpreet** Son Of Sukhdev Raj R/O Village Khera, Post Office Chachoki, Tehsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Manpreet To Manpreet Kaler.

**I Amanjot** W/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Vpo. Bal, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Amanjot Kaur.

**I Abhishek** S/O Narinder Singh R/O H.No.S-3/1543 Ghartholi Mohalla Near Ram Lila Ground, Pathankot, Punjab, Have Changed My Name To Abhishek Kashyap.

**I Ragbir Singh S/O** Ram Gopal Singh, R/O Village Baggeawal, Post Office Nanda Chaur, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Ragbir Singh To Ragvir Singh.

**I Daljinder Sandhu S/O** Jaswant Singh R/O Village Kadrabad Khurd P.O. Kotli Dhola Shah District Amritsar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Daljinder Sandhu To Daljinder Singh.

**I Jyotish Kumar** Resident Of Village Mama Bhancha P/O Pacheda Distt. Mahasamund Chhattisgarh 493445 Have Changed My Son's Name From Jigyant To Jigyant Diwan Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB11950623254815W Dated 03-05-2024, Distt. Court Place Amritsar.

**I Rohinee Diwan** Wife Of Jyotish Kumar Resident Of Village Mama Bhancha P/O Pacheda Distt. Mahasamund Chhattisgarh 493445 Have Changed My Name From Rohinee To Rohinee Diwan Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB11948724329708W Dated 03-05-2024, Distt. Court Place Amritsar.

**I Sonia W/O** Rajesh Kumar R/O H.No.33, 34, Block No.A, St.No.2, Jain Nagar Rahon Road Basti Jodhewal Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sonia Verma.

**I Jyoti W/O** Rahul Dev Singh R/O B-34/2226, St.No.2, Baijwa Colony Chander Nagar Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jyoti Pal.

**I Chahat Khanna W/O** Abhinav Dawar R/O H.No.-324, Sunview Enclave Ayali Kalan Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Chahat Dawar.

**I Kuldeep Kaur** Saini W/O Gurjeet Singh Virk R/O Vill. Daulatpura Ucha Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Kaur After Marriage.

**I Baljit Singh S/O** Mukhtiar Singh R/O Vill. Sham Singh Wala Distt. Ferozepur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Baljeet Singh.

**I Lakhvir Singh** Sidhu S/O Kirpal Singh R/O Vill. Gurusar Kaunke P.O. Nanakasar, Jagraon (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Lakhvir Singh.

**I, No 14609409W** Ex CFN Subhash Chander resident of Village Siali Kullian, PO, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab) have changed the name of my wife from Veena Kumari to Veena Sanga vide Affidavit No. IN-PB130740616132570W Dated 08-05-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

**I Smt, Gurprit Kaur W/O** No. 15467892-H EX, L/DFR, Paramjit Singh R/O Village Nawan Naushera Po Pull Tibri Tehsil And Distt Gurdaspur State Punjab Have Changed My Name From Gurpreet Kaur To Gurprit Kaur And Date Of Birth Is. 20-05-1977 To 31-07-1977.

**I Smt, Darshan Kaur W/O** Late NO. 2450765, SEP, Joginder Singh R/O VPO Bham Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur State Punjab Have Changed My Name From Gurcharan Kaur To Darshan Kaur.

**I, Suvarna** spouse of No.2805647L Hav Choudhary Sharad Baba resident of Village-Pabal, Post-Pabal, Tehsil- Shirur, District- Pune, State- Maharashtra, Pin-412403, have changed my name from Suvarna to Suvarna Sharad Choudhary Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12740866887360W dated 03 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Shrabani** spouse of No.14831190W Hav Adaitya Ghosh resident of Village- Armia, Post- Nawpara, Tehsil- Krishna Nagar, District- Nadia, State- West Bengal, Pin-741140, have changed my name from Shrabani to Shrabani Ghosh vide affidavit No.IN-PB12740866887360W dated 06 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Kailasha** Mother of No.JC Nya 14646429F Narendar Kumar Bhooriya resident of Village & P. O. Ujwa, Tehsil- Najafgarh, District- South West Delhi-110073, have changed my name from Kailasha to Kailasa and date of birth from 01 July 1953 to 05 Jan 1954 vide affidavit No.IN-PB13226570524379W dated 07 May 2024

**I, Matadeen Bhooriya** Father of No.JC Nya 14646429F Narendar Kumar Bhooriya resident of Village & P. O. Ujwa, Tehsil- Najafgarh, District- South West Delhi-110073, have changed my name from Matadeen Bhooriya to Matadeen and date of birth from 01 July 1951 to 01 Jan 1952 vide affidavit No.IN-PB13703827180959W dated 08 May 2024

**I, Sarbjit Kaur** spouse of No.4481562F Hav Baljit Singh resident of Village- Kirat Nagar, Post- Muktsar, Tehsil- Muktsar, District- Muktsar, State- Punjab, Pin-152026, have changed my name and DOB from Sarbjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur and date of birth from 04 July 1984 to 02 July 1984 vide affidavit No.INPB13750898819685W 08 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Raghawendra** Partap Singh resident of Village- Lachan Singh ka Purwa (Devrakot) Post-Gondwa, Tehsil- Sohawal, District- Ayodhya, State- UP, Pin- 224126, have changed my Father name from Rang Singh to Shri Rang Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB13662466732819W dated 08 March 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Hemlatta** spouse of No.JC-405885X Sub Ummad Singh resident of Village- Banethi, Post-Banethi, Tehsil- Kotputli, District- Jaipur, State- Rajasthan, Pin- 303105, have changed my name from Hemlatta to Hemlata Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12749568453203W dated 06 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Raghawendra** Partap Singh resident of Village- Lachan Singh ka Purwa (Devrakot) Post-Gondwa, Tehsil- Sohawal, District- Ayodhya, State- UP, Pin- 224126, have changed my Mother name from Yashoda Devi to Yashoda Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB13660791504825W dated 08 March 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I Palvee Mehendiratta W/o** Manish Mehendiratta R/O H.No. 493 Durga Nagar Hissar Road Ambala City that I have changed my name from Palvee Mehendiratta to Palvee Mehendiratta. Concerned Note

**I, Saroj Kumari** is legally wedded spouse of Army No.14947226H Rank Sepoy, Name Ranjeet R/O Vill. & PO Katesra, Teh. Kalanaur, Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Saroj to Saroj Kumari as the same name (Saroj Kumari) is recorded in my all civil Documents. The both names Saroj Kumari and Saroj are one and the same person. In future I shall be known as Saroj Kumari.

**I, Anita Devi** wife of No. 10315121P Ex L/NK Satish Kumar s/o Kanwar Singh resident of Rajender Nagar, Rohtak, Tehsil & District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my daughter name from Khajal (existing name) to Kajal Rani (Proposed new name) as per my daughter Matric Certificate, Aadhaar Card/Pan Card. In future my daughter shall be known/written and called as Kajal Rani for all work purposes. Vide Affidavit dated MAY 2024 before Ist Class Magistrate, Rohtak.

**I Army No. 6915034M** Ex Hav Wazir Singh s/o Ajit Singh resident of VPO Medina, Tehsil Meham, District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my son name in my Army Record from Neeraj Dangi (existing name) to Vikram (Proposed new name) my son correct DOB is 16.05.1993 instead of 01.05.1992 as per my son Matric Certificate, Aadhaar Card/Pan Card. In future my son shall be known/written and called as Vikram (DOB: 16.05.1993) for all work purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 08 May 2024 before Ist Class Magistrate, Meham (Rohtak)

**I, Pinki Devi** W/O Service No. JC-282264P SUB MAJOR Name Adarsh Singh Tomar Of 327 MED Regt. C/O 56 APO declared that in service record/ Documents of my husband my name erroneously recorded as Pinky Devi instead of Pinki Devi. My correct Name is Pinki Devi.

I hitherto known as Nourkan Kaur alias Navikan Kaur D/o Sadha Singh W/o Sh. Bhupinder Singh, R/O H. No. 63, Shastrri Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar- 135001 (Haryana), India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Navikan Kaur.

**I Ramandeep Kumar S/O** Hari Mittar VPO Jhinger Kalan Tehsil Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) have Changed My Daughter's Name Tanya To Tanya Rai.

**I Sanjeev Kumar S/O** Hari Ram R/O Mohalla Ravi Dass Colony Sheikhpur Kapurthala Punjab Declare That Sanjeev Is My Given Name And Kumar Is My Surname.

**I Prabhjot Kaur D/O** Balwinder Singh Ward No 10 Harman Nagar Patran Distt Patiala (Pb) Have Changed My Name Parbhjot Kaur To Prabhjot Kaur.

**I, Manisha,** W/o Sh. Kaptan Singh, R/o Village Barouli, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala, has changed my name from Manisha to Manisha Rani.

**I Gurpreet Singh** Singh S/O Pal Singh Vill Heera Nagar Daroli Teh-Patran, Distt: Patiala (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Gurpreet Singh to Gurpreet Singh Kaur.

**I Simerjit Kaur W/o** Balwinder Singh R/o Vill: Mugal Chak Pannuan Teh-Tarn Taran (Tarn Taran) have changed my name as Simerjit Kaur to Simerjeet Kaur.

**I, Lakhwinder Singh** Sandhu S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Village Warian, P.O. Makhu, Tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur have changed my name to Lakhwinder Singh.

**I, Rupinder Kaur** Sandhu wife of Lakhwinder Singh R/o Village Warian, P.O. Makhu, Tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur have changed my name to Rupinder Kaur.

**I, Ranjit Kaur** W/o Daljit Singh R/O Village Rahal Chahal, Tehsil Khadur Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran-143401, have changed my name from Ranjeet Kaur to Ranjit Kaur.

**I, Ravi Kumar S/o** Nannu Singh R/O H.No. 140 Vill: Palsora Chandigarh-160036 have changed my name from Monu to Ravi Kumar.

**I, Jasvir Kaur W/o** Gurmeet Singh Deol R/o Vill: Barhampur (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jasvir Kaur Deol.

**I Jaspal Singh S/o** Naib Singh R/O Village Piraena District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Jaspal Singh Bhullar.

**I Sarmili W/O** Hardev Parkash Sethi R/O Near Narang Mohalla, Mamdot Uttar Ferozezy Have Changed My Name Sweety Sethi.

**I Jasbir Kaur** Alias Sukhbir Kaur wife of Bhupinder Singh resident of Village Kamale Wala District Ferozepur have Changed my name to Jasbir Kaur.

**I Mandeep Singh** Sandhu son of Bhupinder Singh Resident of Village Kamale Wala District Ferozepur have Changed my name to Mandeep Singh.

**I Jagtar Singh S/O** Hardev Singh R/O Village Aulakh (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Jagtar Singh Aulakh.

**I Jaspreet Kaur W/O** Jagtar Singh Aulakh R/O Village Aulakh (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet Kaur Aulakh.

**I Dilraj Singh S/O** Jagtar Singh Aulakh R/O Village Aulakh (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Dilraj Singh Aulakh.

**I Nachhattar Singh S/O** Mehar Singh R/O Village Ghanie Wala (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Nachhattar Singh Brar.

**I Amritpal Singh S/O** Nachhattar Singh Brar R/O Village Ghanie Wala (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Amritpal Singh Brar.

**Manjeet Kaur W/O** Nachhattar Singh Brar R/O Village Ghanie Wala (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Manjeet Kaur Brar.

**I Darshan Kumar S/o** Ram Krishan R/O Near Jain Mandir, Faridkot road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have Changed my name to Darshan Kumar Goyal.

**I Madhu Bala W/o** Darshan Kumar Goyal R/O Near Jain Mandir, Faridkot Road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have Changed my name to Madhu Bala Goyal.

**I Raj Rani W/o** Rohit Chopra R/o Jaitu Road, Pheruman Chock, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Khushi Chopra, After Marriage.

**I, Jaswinder Singh** Bhatti S/o Santokh Singh R/o Village Daudpur, Po. Chak Mafi, Tehsil Samrala, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jaswinder Singh.

**I, Gurbinder Kaur** Bhatti W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Village Daudpur, Po. Chak Mafi, Tehsil Samrala, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurbinder Kaur.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I Vipan Nagpal S/o Prem Nath Nagpal S/o Mukand Lal Resident of #26, sekhn road Green Vally, Malout Dist Muktsar declare that I am owner & Possession Plot No. 71 (30x60) Area Green Velly Colony Sheikhu Road Malout vide sale deed No. 151 Date 12-04-2018. This original sale deed was misplaced by me on dated 20-04-2024 at G.T.Road Malout. I have also lodged a DDR in Sanjh Kendar vide DDR No. 467973/2024 Dated 08-05-2024 in this regard. The above said sale deed is not mortgaged in any court case or any Bank financial institute. Now I want to sell this property for personal reason, if any person has any objection, please contact within 7 days of this publication to the concern officer, if the above the sale deed found to me in future I will return it to the owner of the property.

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**I, Dhaat Singh S/o** Lal Singh R/o village Faizgarh Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) known by two names Dhaat Singh and Dhatu. Dhaat Singh and Dhatu S/o Lal Singh is one and same person.

**I, Malkit Singh S/o** Gurcharan Singh R/O St.No. 09 Dashmesh Colony Malout Teh-Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) that I have changed my name Malkit Singh to Malkit singh Maan.



## Dolphin (PG) College, Chandigarh recognized as a Leading Paramedical Institute in North India

**Chandigarh:** Dolphin (PG) College, Chandigarh, has been awarded the prestigious "Leading Paramedical Institute of North India - 2024" at the 6th Education Leader's Conclave Awards (ELCA) held recently at The Lalit Chandigarh. This recognition highlights the College's excellence in providing high-quality paramedical education. The award ceremony, hosted by Observe Now Education and Acer, brought together education leaders to discuss advancements in higher education, including curriculum changes under the National Education Policy, globalization's impact on institutions, future visions for education, digital transformation, personalized learning with AI, and more.

Er. Vibhav Mittal, Vice Chairman of Dolphin (PG) College, received the award from Observe Now Co-Founder and CEO Jeet Sharma and Editor-in-Chief Tania Tikoo. Dolphin (PG) College is affiliated with Mahraja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University Bathinda and offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate paramedical programs. The College has established itself as a leading institution in the region.

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**Whereas** The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Ajay Kumar/ Tinku Kumar/ TBLUD00006299527/ TBLUD00006299528/ TBLUD0000648034/ LBLUD00006468363	House Cum Plot Measuring 87 Sq. Yards Comprised In Khasra No. 36/1/2-36/1/0/2, Khata No. 738/758- 739/759, Jamabandi Year 2017-18, Hadbast No. 278, Situated In Village Phullianwal, Abadi Anand Vihar, Tehsil And District Ludhiana, Punjab -141001/ May 03, 2024	December 16, 2023 Rs. 24,16,291/-	Ludhiana
2.	Sarabjeet Singh/ Gurmeet Kaur/ LBPAT00005116267/ LBPAT00005129313	House No. 116 - 117, Measuring 13-2/3 Marla Out Of Which 0-2-1/4 Marla I.e. 1/2 Share Of 0-4-4 Marla Comprised In Khewat No. 381/378, Khata No. 463, Khasra No. 19/223/2/(0-4-4-50) And 0-3/4 Marla I.e. 0-3/475 Share Of 3 Kanal 15 Marla Comprised In Khewat No. 265/261, Khata No. 321, Khasra No. 19/222/(3-15) And 8 Marla Comprised In Khewat No. 383/380, Khata No. 465, Khas		





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## The name game

Celebrities and influencers are equally liable for misleading endorsements, says the SC

In a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court has declared that celebrities and influencers are equally liable if they endorse misleading advertisements. Hearing a petition filed by the Indian Medical Association against Patanjali's advertisements, the Bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah has come down heavily on the influencers and celebrities who feature in such adverts. In the age of social media, celebrities and influencers wield considerable influence, with millions of followers taking their word as gospel truth. In many instances, the endorsements are misleading or false, leading to consumer detriment and eroding trust in advertising. The Supreme Court's ruling represents a crucial step towards ensuring transparency and accountability in advertising practices. With millions of impressionable individuals looking up to them, these personalities possess a moral obligation to exercise due diligence while endorsing products or services. The failure to do so jeopardises consumer trust. Furthermore, the court emphasised the need for stricter regulations and enforcement mechanisms to deter deceptive advertising practices. While existing laws and guidelines provide some level of protection to consumers, they often fall short in holding celebrities and influencers accountable for their actions. The apex court's ruling sends out a clear message that no individual, regardless of their fame or influence, is allowed to mislead public for personal gains.



The ramifications of the Supreme Court's decision are far-reaching for celebrities and influencers alike. Moving forward, these individuals must exercise greater caution and diligence when entering into endorsement agreements. They are obligated to ensure that the products or services they endorse are truthful, substantiated and in compliance with advertising regulations. This heightened accountability serves as a powerful deterrent against unethical marketing practices and underscores the importance of transparency and authenticity in influencer partnerships. Of late, many film stars promote chewing pan masala under the guise of a mouth freshener. Other celebrities have promoted online gaming sites which are actually gambling sites smartly packaged as gaming sites. However, it is just the beginning and there is a long way to go before such advertising endorsements can be curbed. There have to be clear and concise guidelines (the existing ones are not enough) to stop surrogate ads. Moreover, to be fair to celebrities, they often do not know what they are promoting. Hollywood star Pierce Brosnan once featured in a chewing tobacco ad which he later said he was told was a mouth freshener. He can be given a long rope for not understanding the difference but Indian celebrities are supposed to know such underhand tactics. As celebrities and influencers navigate this evolving guideline, they must prioritise integrity and ethical conduct to maintain the trust and loyalty of their audience. This would be good for their reputation as well as for the society.

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### PICTALK



A child bathes his dog in a waterbody on a hot summer day, in Jammu

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# Tasks for new regime in turbulent times



KS TOMAR

As the nation braces for a new Government, all eyes are on the horizon of challenges awaiting the new administration

Keeping in view the confidence of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister, Amit Shah and the BJP to cross a magic figure of "Chaar Sau Paar" nothing is certain in politics but a new regime will take shape in New Delhi after the results of general elections on June 4. In this backdrop none can deny that the new regime is poised to confront hordes of new challenges which include giving top priority to advancements in emerging technologies, adapting to shifting geopolitical equations, the rapid rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and formulating a long-term strategy to counter China's expansionist policies and security threats in the region. These challenges are pivotal for India's aspirations to join the League of developed nations in the future.

Experts say that Indian PM, Narendra Modi's push for digital technologies which proved a boon during Covid-19 crisis for the delivery of services besides emphasising renewable energy, a mission mode to put India back on the map of semiconductors production, setting a new target in space arena and formulation of a strategy to accelerate India's capabilities in AI has helped India to position itself to give a fillip to innovate and catch up with the US and China which have been trying to master the technological revolution to be relevant in future.

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departure from the earlier training provided by India and the United States. Ahead lies the crucial task for New Delhi to formulate an ambitious and practical long-term plan to counter China's advancements in "new productive forces," a term coined by President Xi Jinping. This involves focusing on economic development through innovation in advanced sectors. China's aim to surpass the United States in the production of advanced science and technologies poses challenges for India as well. Therefore, India must intensify its efforts to support the United States in its global technology coalitions with allies like Japan, Australia and India, along with the CHIP Alliance, while fostering deep bilateral partnerships in emerging critical technologies.

China's expanding ties in the region are evident and India needs to tread cautiously to counter its influence, as seen in the case of Nepal. The recent political shift in Nepal towards a communist Government ideologically aligned with China is concerning, especially considering China's "Debt Trap" strategy. Pakistan serves as a stark example, with China extending a massive debt of \$23 billion, a substantial portion of which is tied to the Belt and Road Initiative, Pakistan's mounting debt to China, totalling \$67.2 billion from



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2000 to 2021, underscores the risks associated with this debt dependency. Despite facing economic collapse, Pakistan remains indebted to China, highlighting the potential peril of falling into a debt trap. Experts suggest that the incoming Government in Delhi may find solace in the recent normalisation of ties with Sri Lanka. A severe economic crisis in Sri Lanka had pushed it perilously close to the edge, but India stepped in with a \$4 billion economic assistance package and humanitarian aid, surpassing even the IMF's 48-month special package to stabilise the country. This move showcased India's commitment beyond traditional diplomacy and responded to the dire needs of its neighbour. It's noteworthy that China, previously involved, withdrew its support, while India's intervention has been perceived positively, reflecting a shift in Sri Lanka's outlook. Interestingly, former president, Mahinda Rajapaksa had blamed India for interfering in the Sri Lanka elections which led to his ouster in 2015. The trend continued when Gotabaya Rajapaksa, president cancelled the East Container Terminal (ECT) agreement in the Colombo airport in violation of a 2019 project contract signed amongst three partners including Japan, India and Sri Lanka. Now Sri Lanka's speaker, Mehinda Yapa

Abeywardera thanked India for saving his country from the 'blood path' hence China stands exposed in the eyes of the people of this country. India's relations with Bangladesh remain strong, exemplified by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts. During a joint event on November 23, 2023, Modi referred to India as Bangladesh's largest development partner, emphasising mutual benefits.

One of the notable features of election campaigning by all parties, unlike developed nations, is the lack of debates, discussions and narratives to enlighten the people about the relevance and significance of foreign policy. The manifestoes may dwell upon foreign relations and future strategy but no effort is made to emphasise its importance in achieving the goal of joining the elite club of developed nations. India's independent stand to import crude oil from Russia, despite economic sanctions by the United States and allies owing to the Ukraine war, has demonstrated to the world that such decisions are primarily governed by keeping national interest supreme. India's strategic approach towards Maldives and Nepal needs to be flexible and innovative to counter China's growing influence effectively.

(The writer is a journalist and political analyst, views are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### POLL BATTLE CONTINUES

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Poll battle enters crucial Phase III," published on May 7, this is my response. The upcoming third phase of Lok Sabha elections is poised to be a crucial battleground, with political heavyweights from both ruling and opposition parties vying for victory. The BJP, having secured a significant number of seats in the 2019 elections, faces the challenge of maintaining its dominance, especially in key States like Gujarat, Karnataka, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. With over 1,300 candidates, including a notable presence of women, contesting across 12 States and Union Territories, the electoral landscape reflects a diverse array of voices. The extensive deployment of security forces underscores the significance of ensuring a free and fair electoral process.

Of particular interest are the contests in constituencies like Guna in Madhya Pradesh, where Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia seeks to reclaim lost ground and Baramati in Maharashtra, where dynastic politics adds an intriguing dimension to the electoral dynamics. As voter turnout fluctuates amidst challenging weather conditions, the outcome of this phase remains uncertain, with implications for the broader political landscape. It's a testament to the vibrancy of Indian democracy and the diverse aspirations of its citizens.

Anika Patel | Kolkata

### CORAL CRISIS

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Marine heatwave scorches pristine coral reefs of Lakshadweep," published on May 7, this is my response. As someone who reads the news daily, the plight of Lakshadweep's vibrant corals strikes a chord. It's disheartening to witness the gradual decline of such natural wonders due to prolonged marine heatwaves. Beyond the aesthetic loss, the ecosystem repercussions are immense. The warnings from scientists about coral bleaching and its cascading effects on marine life sound alarms for the delicate balance of nature.

## More allegations against Kejriwal



Apropos the news article, "LG recommends ANIA probe against Kejriwal," published on May 7, this is my response. The recent recommendation for an ANIA probe against Arvind Kejriwal by Delhi's Lieutenant Governor raises serious concerns. The accusation of receiving funding from extremist groups is alarming and demands a thorough investigation. However, the

Moreover, the socioeconomic impact on coastal communities underscores the urgent need for action. The Government's attention to Lakshadweep's marine ecosystems is crucial, especially considering the region's ecological and economic significance. The initiatives by CMFRI to study and develop resilience-based strategies offer hope amidst the crisis. However, collective efforts are imperative to mitigate the escalating threats and safeguard these invaluable treasures for future generations. The news serves as a reminder of our responsibility to preserve and protect our natural heritage in the face of environmental challenges.

Aaradhya Sharma | Mumbai

### EMPOWERING WOMEN

Madam — Apropos the news article, "CHHAYA: A contraceptive beyond family planning," published on May 6, this is my response. The recent approval of Centchroman, a non-hormonal contraceptive pill, signifies a significant stride in bolstering women's reproductive health rights. Branded as "Chhaya" in public health facilities and "SAHEL" in the mar-

ket, this pill offers a hormone-free alternative, expanding choices for family planning. Its versatility is commendable, catering to women regardless of age, marital status, or childbirth history. Notably, its compatibility with breastfeeding ensures maternal health without compromising lactation. Centchroman's introduction aligns with India's commitment to reproductive rights and gender equality. By providing a safe and accessible contraceptive, the Government empowers women to make informed decisions, underscoring family planning as a human right crucial for social and economic development. However, dissemination of information remains pivotal. Comprehensive education on contraception can dispel misconceptions, enabling women to navigate their reproductive health confidently. In essence, Centchroman heralds a new era of inclusivity and empowerment, promising a future where women have agency over their bodies and futures.

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## Insights into India's growing heart health crisis



NAVEEN BHAMRI

Aortic stenosis with a high mortality rate is a significant cardiovascular concern. Non-surgical aortic valve replacement emerges as a game-changer

Aortic stenosis stands as one of India's most prevalent valvular heart diseases, trailing only hypertension and coronary artery disease. Its prevalence surges with age, affecting roughly one in ten individuals aged 75 or older. The condition, characterised by a narrowing of the aortic valve opening, often manifests with symptoms such as chest pain, fatigue and shortness of breath, impacting the quality of life for affected individuals.

The primary causes include degenerative valve disease, congenital bicuspid aortic valve disease and rheumatic heart disease, the latter being the leading global cause of aortic stenosis (AS), particularly among children and young adults. Despite an initially asymptomatic phase that may last for several decades, the prognosis dramatically changes once symptoms develop. Without timely intervention, such as aortic valve replacement, the average survival rate dwindles to a mere 2-3 years, elevating the risk of sudden death. The early symptoms of aortic stenosis are frequently over-



looked or misattributed to other causes. Nevertheless, recognising the significance of symptoms and promptly seeking medical attention is critical in mitigating the progression of the disease. For individuals diagnosed with aortic stenosis, heart valve replacement surgery often becomes a necessary course of action. This surgical intervention aims to repair or replace faulty heart valves, restoring proper blood flow and alleviating symptoms. According to a report by GlobalData, approximately 69,592 heart valve surgeries are conducted each year in India. The heart's proper function relies on valves, ensuring blood flows in one direction. When valves malfunction, surgery becomes necessary to repair or replace them. This may involve fixing leaflets that don't open wide enough or don't close tightly, ensuring blood flows properly through

the heart chambers and arteries. Replacement valves can be sourced from animals, human tissue, or synthetic materials. TAVI & TAVR for AS Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation/Replacement (TAVI/TAVR) is a groundbreaking alternative procedure to open heart surgeries. TAVI/TAVR is a minimally invasive procedure that involves inserting a new valve inside the damaged aortic valve, often without removing the old valve entirely. The procedure itself involves inserting a catheter through an artery in the groin, which is then guided to the heart. The number of patients afflicted with blocked arteries and co-morbidities like hypertension, diabetes and chronic kidney disease is increasing day after day. The ideal solution for such patients is TAVI procedure, as it offers significant benefits over traditional treatments. However, only a small percentage end up opting for it. Addressing aortic stenosis early, especially in patients with multiple co-morbidities, is crucial for improving outcomes and enhancing quality of life.

TAVI Therapy Helps Mrs. Patel, a 78-year-old woman, was struggling with severe degenerative aortic stenosis. Mrs. Patel's condition, made it hard for blood to flow through her heart properly. This caused her heart to work harder, leading to symptoms like chest pain and feeling breathless. Her doctor suggested a treatment called TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation), a less invasive procedure where a new valve is placed inside the damaged one. The deployment of the valve was successful, with Mrs. Patel responding positively to the procedure. Remarkably, within just three days, Mrs. Patel was discharged from the hospital. Subsequent assessments revealed no signs of valve issues or blockages in her heart. Her journey underscores the remarkable impact of interventions like TAVI in restoring health and well-being.

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## FIRST COLUMN

## PROFOUND INFLUENCE OF HABITS

Habits sculpt our lives by fostering discipline and perseverance



SAKSHI SETHI

In the words of F.M Alexander, 'People don't decide their futures. They decide their habits and their habits decide their futures.' From the moment we wake up to the moment we retire to bed, habits silently guide individual behaviours, often without even realising it. They can either propel us towards success or lead us down a path of mediocrity or failure. Habits have a profound impact on an individual's personal development and well-being. They are the fabric of daily existence, weaving through routines and decisions and ultimately, shaping the course of an individual's life. By establishing a consistent routine, an individual creates a framework within which they can operate efficiently and effectively.

The individual becomes disciplined and learns self-control and perseverance... the qualities that are essential for achieving long-term goals and overcoming obstacles. Habits play a crucial role in the social sphere, shaping relationships and interactions with others. They are the invisible architects of every individual's life, decisions and ultimately, destiny. Shared habits, such as participating in team sports or volunteering in the community, foster a sense of camaraderie and belonging. Whether consciously or unconsciously, it is the habits that dictate what an individual eats, how the free time is to be spent and even which people to surround with. By understanding and intentionally cultivating positive habits, one can steer oneself towards choices that align with their goals and values. Undoubtedly, habits are the silent architects of one's actions, often operating beneath the conscious awareness yet exerting a profound influence on thoughts.



By establishing a consistent routine, one can create a framework within which they can operate efficiently and effectively. Habits indeed hold far more significance in everyone's life than one can often realise. From the moment an individual wakes up until they retire to bed, habits silently guide behaviours, often influencing outcomes far more than one can acknowledge. One of the most powerful aspects of habits is their ability to create momentum. Once a habit is established, it becomes easier to maintain and even expand upon. This momentum propels the individual to move forward, making it easier to achieve their goals and aspirations. By starting with small, achievable habits and gradually building upon them, one can harness this momentum to make positive changes in their life.

There is no denying the fact that good habits lie behind many of the positive changes while conversely, negative habits, such as procrastination, excessive screen time and unhealthy habits, hinder progress and undermine an individual's potential. Human connection is fundamental to happiness and fulfillment and this shows how habits play a crucial role in shaping one's daily experiences, behaviours and outcomes across various domains of life. It is the habits that contribute to a sense of belonging, support networks and emotional fulfillment. They encompass a wide range of actions, from simple everyday tasks to complex behaviours and thus play a significant role in shaping lives. They are not mere trivialities but powerful forces that permeate every aspect of our lives. By intentionally cultivating positive habits and breaking free from detrimental ones, one can create a life that is aligned with our values, goals and aspirations. Whether they are positive or negative, habits are and will always be an integral part of one's life. They form a crucial part of the everyday conceptual scheme used to explain normal human activity. Remember, an individual only becomes what they think they can. One cannot change the habits one does daily. The secret of an individual's success is found in their daily routine as rightly said there are no overnight transformations.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

## Rationalise regulations for e-commerce



UTTAM GUPTA

When the Government expects foreign companies to do almost everything that a retailer does, how can it deny these firms the right to sell?

Way back in 2019, Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh (DVM) an organisation of retail traders in the national capital had lodged a complaint with the Competition Commission of India (CCI) alleging anti-competitive behaviour by Amazon Seller Services (ASS) and Flipkart Internet Private Limited (FIPL).

The CCI is an authority established under the Competition Act, of 2002. The Act prohibits anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulates mergers, amalgamations acquisitions etc to ensure that there is no adverse effect on competition. Amazon and Flipkart are global giants operating e-commerce marketplaces in India through their subsidiaries, the ASS and the FIPL.

DVM argued that ASS and FIPL had entered into exclusive sales agreements with smartphone makers to sell certain phones through a small number of preferred sellers. It also alleged that they had given preferential treatment to certain sellers by giving them higher search rankings and offering to pay for part of the discount that such sellers would offer during key sales periods such as Flipkart's Big Billion Days and Amazon's Prime Day.

On January 13, 2020, the CCI initiated an investigation under Section 26(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. Prima facie, the CCI agreed with DVM's contention and ordered a probe by the Director General (DG) - Investigation. ASS and FIPL approached the Karnataka High Court (KHC) with a plea to quash the CCI order. The KHC refused to quash it. The duo challenged the order in the Supreme Court (SC). In August 2021, the SC too dismissed their applications and ordered that "the CCI - DG will complete the probe.

Now, the CCI-DG has come up with its findings.

The investigation has charged Amazon and Flipkart with violation of antitrust laws. Leveraging their substantial financial resources, they have indulged in 'predatory pricing' and forged exclusive partnerships with selective sellers. Predatory pricing is the illegal business practice of setting prices extremely low albeit by offering heavy discounts to consumers in an attempt to eliminate the competition and establish a monopoly. This has resulted in the shutdown of thousands of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

It has specifically targeted Amazon for certain practices, especially with Cloutail India Pvt Ltd (a firm set up by a JV namely Prione Business Services (PBS) established by Amazon, in collaboration with an Indian entity owned by Narayan Murthy of Infosys) a "preferred" seller on Amazon's marketplace and other in-house sellers. Similarly, Flipkart has been investigated for its links to platform sellers, which contravenes new e-commerce regulations. What has led to the violations?

This can't be attributed solely to the use of financial muscle by these companies as alluded to by the CCI - DG. This has a lot to do with the rules introduced in early 2016, through which the Government allowed 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) under the so-called e-commerce marketplace model.



THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO WORKING ON A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON FDI IN E-COMMERCE. IF IT GOES AHEAD WITH SUCH A POLICY, IT WILL BE TANTAMOUNT TO A RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF POLICY AND SEND A WRONG SIGNAL TO FOREIGN INVESTORS

The marketplace is a platform where vendors sell their products directly to consumers even as its owner (read: Amazon/Flipkart) merely acts as a facilitator by providing services such as booking orders, raising invoices, arranging delivery, accepting rejections etc. She can't hold inventory or undertake direct selling. The policy intent was abundantly clear. The foreign investor in the marketplace wasn't supposed to invest in the inventory model.

However, the intent wasn't reflected in the Press Note (PN) issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industries. While drafting the fine print, a clever bureaucrat blurred the demarcation between the marketplace where 100 per cent FDI was allowed and the inventory model where it wasn't. The PN (2016) prescribed two conditions. First, the foreign entity owning marketplace cannot permit more than 25 per cent of total sales on the marketplace from one vendor or its group companies. Two, it cannot directly or indirectly influence the sale price.

In the absence of specifying who that vendor should be, it made way for a company linked to the owner of the marketplace to get in. The latter could set up four companies (call them subsidiaries or JVs) and control 25 per cent of each of the total sales on the platform. Contrary to the policy intent, which prohibited foreign investors from direct selling, the fine print did just the opposite. Having allowed its entities to control almost all of the sales made on the marketplace, it

would be naive to expect that an anti-competition situation won't emerge. With such rules in place, it was a foregone conclusion that Amazon et al would have exclusive partnerships with selective sellers who - acting in concert with the former - would indulge in predatory pricing and give heavy discounts leading to the annihilation of thousands of SMEs. Following a complaint from the SMEs, on December 26, 2018, the DPIIT clarified that "the owner of the marketplace or its subsidiary or its joint venture (JV) with an Indian company can't have ownership of the seller." Further, "a seller on the platform can't source more than 25 percent of its inventory from a firm connected with the latter."

Foreign investors can circumvent the first rider by having less than 50 per cent shareholding in the seller firm and arguing that they have no control (majority) over the latter. The marketplace owner can also sell his own product - albeit through its wholesale arm - on the platform. All that the wholesale arm needs to ensure is to restrict supplies to the seller within the 25 per cent threshold.

The clarification/modification in the conditions through December 26, 2018, hasn't helped much in improving the situation.

A few sellers, some of them still maintaining connection with the marketplace owner continue to dominate the e-commerce platform. For instance, only three dozen firms out of the 400,000 sellers on the ASS platform account for 67 per cent of sales on it. Meanwhile, in 2020, the Department of Consumer Affairs

(DCA), in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, issued the Consumer Protection (e-commerce) Rules, under Section 101 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The rules bar affiliated entities from selling on e-commerce platforms, restrict 'flash sales', and disallow sellers from using the name or brand associated with the marketplace e-commerce entities for the promotion of goods. In 2021, DCA made amendments to restrict business-to-business, or B2B, sales in e-commerce and a provision to prevent an 'abuse of dominant position' by e-commerce firms.

The Government is also working on a comprehensive policy on FDI in e-commerce that will give primacy to the above rules. If it goes ahead with such a policy, it will be tantamount to a retrospective change of policy and send a wrong signal to foreign investors. The present mess owes it to the very idea of the marketplace which is flawed. When, the Government expects foreign companies to do almost everything that a retailer does viz. booking orders, raising the invoices, arranging the delivery, accepting rejections and so on, how can the former deny the latter right to sell? The way forward is to shun this idea; instead, allow 100 per cent FDI in retail. The bureaucrats had already done it but in a 'subtle' way. The Government should make it obvious and straightforward. Moreover, 100 per cent FDI should be permitted to all retailers, online or offline, big or small for a level playing field.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

## Empowering rural women through the 'Umeed' scheme

Despite its success in empowering many women, this scheme's benefits are still not fully accessible to all in the region

In remote villages of Jammu and Kashmir, a silent revolution is underway as these regions are witnessing women coming out of their houses to explore the avenues of self-employment through the 'Umeed Scheme' - Jammu and Kashmir State Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM). This transformative initiative aims to reach out to 66% of the rural population across the erstwhile 125 blocks, linking them to sustainable livelihood opportunities and nurturing them till they come out of poverty and enjoy a decent quality of life.

In December last year, Mission Director JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, while sharing the JKRLM Vision



MANIMA AKHTAR

2024-30 informed that JKRLM has successfully federated 725,000 women and formed 87,000 self-help groups (SHGs) across the Union Territory of J&K. These SHGs are working in various areas such as livelihood, financial inclusion, gender and social inclusion and other related fields. However, certain rural pockets remain unaware of this significant scheme, lacking

comprehensive knowledge to capitalise on its benefits. One such area is Baila village in Mandi Tehsil of the border district Poonch, which is located approximately 230 kilometres from Jammu city. Although the scheme has been operational in the nearby Mandi tehsil since 2016, its reach in Baila village remains limited. When asked about the 'Umeed Scheme', the response from the women of this remote village was a unanimous lack of awareness. When they were informed about the benefits of the scheme, they expressed eagerness to understand its workings, underscoring its importance for including women in the workforce and towards their economic freedom.

In this context, Matina Akhtar, an 18-year-old resident of Baila, shared her perspective: "Despite living just two kilometres away from Mandi, we remain unaware of this scheme. There is this wide gap between secluded corners of our country and the development schemes. This gap leaves us, women from remote areas, bereft of its advantages. We only learn about it when the scheme is on the verge of closure. Our remoteness is the reason why we haven't received any information about this scheme. How are we supposed to engage with it if we're in the dark?" "When I needed funds for my grocery store, I was short on cash. So, I resorted to



selling some wood from my house to procure materials. Had I known about this scheme earlier, I wouldn't have sold those timbers," lamented 37-year-old Farida Akhtar from the same village. When asked "If they have awareness about any

scheme?" resident Zareena Akhtar, aged 23, responded that within their community, the only scheme recognised is the Anganwadi Scheme (ICDS), highlighting a significant gap in knowledge and accessibility to Governmental initiatives beyond this singular program.

There is also a lot of fear among the people of the village as well - both women and men. They have the fear of failure - what if they will not succeed in their endeavour? Salma Akhtar, 19, from Baila, confirms the notion. She expressed fears about potential repercussions and uncertainties associated with loan acquisition under the scheme. There is a need to dispel the

apprehensions lingering in the hearts of these women and endeavour to convey to them that this scheme is not a threat, but rather a boon. They need to be assured that this initiative can usher positive transformations into their lives. They must be made aware that this scheme is tailored specifically for women and designed to work towards their financial freedom.

According to Naima Akhtar, the Cluster Head of the Umeed Scheme in Mandi Tehsil, the Government has allocated decent funding under this scheme for women to benefit from it. "I urge other women who may be unaware of this scheme to join us. Numerous individuals, both men and women,

in the Mandi Loren area have secured rewarding opportunities through this Scheme. They are sustaining their households without needing to engage in manual labor.

Regrettably, the women of Baila remain oblivious to this exceptional program. Meanwhile, women from other regions are harnessing its benefits, propelling themselves up the ladder of progress. They are not only achieving financial independence but also cultivating self-reliance. This brings hope for a transformative change in the lives of the women of Baila.

(The author is grassroots writer from Poonch, J&amp;K; views are personal. Charkha Features)





# Albanese dismisses China's claim blaming Aus for aircraft encounter

AP ■ MELBOURNE

China's account blaming Australia for a dangerous clash between their military aircraft in international airspace over the Yellow Sea failed to undermine Australian objections, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Wednesday.



In this undated photo provided by the Australian Defence Force, a Seahawk helicopter prepares to take off from the deck of HMAS Hobart during flying operations while on a regional presence deployment off northern Australia.

struck by a flare. Australia publicly accused China of unprofessional and unacceptable behavior, while China retorted that the Seahawk deliberately flew close to China's airspace in a "provocative move."

# Maldives minister says Chinese research ship's activity unrelated

AP ■ MALE

The Maldives government does not believe that a high-tech Chinese ship conducted any research related to the archipelagic nation despite docking in Male twice and skirting its territorial waters for three months before departing, a senior minister said on Wednesday.

unaware that the research vessel did anything related to us and I don't believe that they did," Shiyam told the news portal.

when Maldives' Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer left on his first official visit to India. Xiang Yang Hong 03, described as the most modern research vessel in the Chinese fleet, had begun its journey to the Maldives on January 14, barely 24 hours after President Mohamed Muizzu concluded his state visit to China.

# Ex-Chinese defense min emerges after long absence

Beijing (PTI): China's former defence minister Gen. Wei Fenghe whose prolonged absence from the public view sparked speculation about his fate has resurfaced, suggesting that he was politically safe, a media report said on Wednesday.



French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Macron, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and his wife Peng Liyuan watch folklore dancers on Tuesday at the Tourmalet pass, in the Pyrenees mountains.

# Britain to expel Russian defense attaché over dangerous activities

AP ■ LONDON

Britain is expelling Russia's defense attaché after accusing him of being an undeclared military intelligence officer, one of several measures it is taking against Moscow for malicious activities, the government said Wednesday.

expect accusations of Russophobia, conspiracy theories and hysteria from the Russian government," Cleverly said in Parliament.

# Poland detains Russian who illegally crossed from Belarus

Warsaw (Poland)(AP):

Poland's security officials said Wednesday that a 41-year-old man from Russia had been detained and was being questioned after illegally crossing in from Russia's ally Belarus.

with someone who was carrying out tasks for Russian (secret) services," Polish media reported the man was not armed and was in civilian clothes, but was carrying a written contract with the Russian army that included participation in actions being part of Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine.

# Taliban reject claims of Afghan involvement in recent attacks

Islamabad (AP):

The Taliban on Wednesday rejected claims of Afghan involvement in recent attacks in Pakistan, calling it "irresponsible and far from the reality."

# 'Split in JSP-N would not affect stability of Prachanda-led govt'

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Janata Samajbadi Party-Nepal (JSP-N) Upendra Yadav on Wednesday said that he will approach the court against the "unconstitutional move" to divide his party when he was abroad as he insisted that the split would not affect the stability of the coalition government.



Upendra Yadav, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Janata Samajbadi Party-Nepal (JSP-N).

in the Madhesi party could jeopardize the survival of the government. "I talked to the Prime Minister and assured my party's continued support to the coalition government," said Yadav.

# SL looks for USD 17 billion debt reduction from restructuring

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka is looking at a reduction of approximately USD 17 billion from its overall debt burden in the ongoing debt restructuring process, Foreign Minister Ali Sabry said here on Wednesday.

declared its first-ever sovereign default since gaining independence from Britain in 1948. The unprecedented financial crisis led President Ranil Wickremesinghe's predecessor Gotabaya Rajapaksa to quit office in 2022.

manifest in various forms, including reductions in principal amounts, interest payments, or extended repayment timelines. Such restructuring efforts hold the potential to alleviate our debt burden by USD 17 billion," Sabry said.

investors linked to sovereign bonds aim to finalise this phase by June, with a targeted completion before June 2024," the Minister added.

# Chinese warships docked in Cambodia for 5 months; not permanent, says govt

AP ■ PHNOM PENH

Cambodia's Defense Ministry insisted Wednesday that the months-long presence of two Chinese warships in a strategically important naval base that is being newly expanded with funding from Beijing does not constitute a permanent deployment of the Chinese military in the country.

lyzed by The Associated Press, confirm that the two ships remained there on Wednesday, more than five months since they initially appeared. The United States and others have long worried that the new pier at the Ream Naval Base, built with Chinese funding, could serve as a new outpost for the Chinese navy on the Gulf of Thailand, but Cambodia has said that would not happen.

Cambodia is not allowing any foreign forces to be deployed on its territory," he said. "That won't happen; that point is in our Constitution and we are fully following it."

personnel, store weapons and berth warships. The base sits adjacent to the South China Sea, where China has aggressively asserted its claim to virtually the entire strategic waterway, and also provides easy access to the Malacca Straits, a critical shipping route leading from it to the Indian Ocean.

# Russia launches attack on Ukrainian energy facilities

AP ■ KYIV

Russia launched aerial attacks on energy facilities throughout Ukraine early Wednesday, targeting seven regions with more than 50 missiles as well as drones, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.



Wednesday's attacks occurred on the day that Ukraine observes the end of European fighting in World War II. "Massive missile attack by Nazi Putin on the Day of Remembrance and Victory over Nazism in the Second World War," Zelenskyy said.

# Possibility of GDP growth touching 8 per cent in FY24 quite high: CEA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran on Wednesday said there was a high possibility of GDP growth touching 8 per cent in FY24 on the back of robust growth registered during the three quarters of the financial year ended March 2024. India's gross domestic product (GDP) grew 8.4 per cent in the third quarter ended December 2023. In the second quarter, the GDP growth was 7.6 per cent while 7.8 per cent in the first quarter. "The IMF has projected a growth rate of 7.8 per cent for FY24. But if you look at the

trajectory of growth in the first three quarters, obviously, the possibility that the growth rate touches 8 per cent is quite high," he said at an event organised by NCAER here. This is higher than RBI's estimate of 7.5 per cent growth for the Indian economy in 2023-24. For the ongoing financial year, he said, the International Monetary Fund has an estimate of 6.8 per cent but the Reserve Bank of India expects a 7 per cent GDP growth for FY25. "If that materialises, of course, it will be the fourth consecutive year after COVID starting from FY22 that the economy will have grown at 7



per cent or more. The RBI forecasts of 7 per cent for FY25 turns out to be either correct or even underestimate, then it would be the fourth consecutive year of 7 or higher growth rate," he said. However, he said, a lot would depend on how the monsoon shapes up. Although the expectations are that there will be an above-normal monsoon, spatial and temporal distribution will matter. On the growth beyond FY25, he said, there is a possibility of India growing between 6.5-7 per cent because the key difference this decade compared to the last is the one

of balance sheet strength in the financial sector and the non-financial sector in the corporate sector as well. The investment made in supply-side augmentation of both physical and digital infrastructure has placed the economy to pursue non-inflationary growth, he said, adding that this also helps absorb the challenge of overheating. He also said that the household sector's net financial savings flows were lower in 2022-23 at 5.1 per cent due to the bulk of savings shifting to real sectors. Asked about the RBI's recent circular on under-construction infra project

financing, he said, this is draft guidelines and would not like to comment. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last week proposed to lenders that they set aside higher provisions for under-construction infrastructure projects and asked them to ensure strict monitoring of any emerging stress. As per the draft norms, the RBI proposed that lenders set aside a provision of 5 per cent of the loan amount. This will be reduced to 2.5 per cent once a project is operational. Currently, lenders are required to have a provision of 0.4 per cent on project loans that are not overdue or stressed.

## Sebi issues periodic reporting format for investment advisers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday came out with a standardised periodic reporting format for submission of information by investment advisers (IAs) pertaining to their activities, whereby they also need to disclose their social media handles. At present, the Investment Advisers Administration and Supervisory Body (IAASB) has been seeking reports from IAs on an ad-hoc basis. IAASB has been recognised by Sebi for the purpose of administration and supervision of investment advisers. Under the new format, investment advisers have to disclose details of their social media handles, bank accounts used for receiving advisory fee, NISM certification details, information about the last inspection carried out by Sebi or IAASB, details of advertisements issued during the half-year period and information on publishing of complaints against them, Sebi said in a circular. Investment advisers have been directed to submit



periodic reports for half-yearly periods ending on September 30 and March 31 of every financial year. Sebi said that IAs need to submit the periodic report for the half-year period ended on March 31, 2024, to IAASB within 15 days from the date of issuance of the circular by the supervisory body. For the subsequent half-yearly periods, IAs will be required to submit periodic reports within seven working days from the end of the half-yearly period. Last week, the Securities and

Exchange Board of India (Sebi) came out with a framework for the administration and supervision of research analysts and investment advisers, whereby a stock exchange can be authorised to oversee and manage such entities. Sebi stated a stock exchange should be granted recognition as RAASB (Research Analyst Administration and Supervisory Body) and IAASB (Investment Adviser Administration and Supervisory Body).

## India playing very critical role in IT sector: CEO of cloud security firm

PTI ■ SANTA CLARA

India is playing a very critical role in the IT sector and Indians are helping the world find solutions to global problems, the CEO of a top American cloud security company has said. Jay Chaudhury, CEO and founder of San Jose-based Zscaler also said the Modi government is playing a very good role in creating a tech-friendly environment in India. "I think the Indian government, especially under (Narendra) Modi, is already playing a very good role (in creating a tech-friendly environment in India," Indian American technology entrepreneur Chaudhury told PTI in an interview on the sidelines of TIECon here last week. "In fact, when I started Zscaler, I opened my office in Bangalore for Zscaler before I opened the offices in Silicon Valley," he said. "Today about 40% of employees are in India. A lot of core development is done in Bangalore, Chandigarh, Pune, and Hyderabad. Brilliant people. You just have to work hard to find them.



Once you do, they do a great job, very cost-effective, very driven, very passionate," he said in response to a question. India is playing a very critical role in the IT sector and Indians, he said, are helping the world find solutions to global problems. "You go to any large high-tech company, it may be Zscaler or Microsoft or Google, Indians are in every level from software developments to managers, through directors to CEOs and the like," he said. "So, we are playing a very

important role. I'm very proud of it. That's because Indians come with a mathematical mindset. We have grades in schools. Some of the top schools are very good and people are hardworking. They're passionate because they want to get out there and make a difference," Chaudhury said. According to him, India is yet to catch up in the area of building software companies in India that can sell in every part of the world. "I think the IT sector that started with system integrators like Wipro and Infosys has done extremely well. The next phase is still early. There are lots of good opportunities. We're seeing investments going there. I think it's bound to happen, but it's still at an early stage," he said. "The lesson I think Indian entrepreneurs could take is that when they build these products, they need to keep the Western world in mind first. If you can be successful in selling in America and Europe, you can build a very large company. That's how Israel did it. Israel is doing an extremely good job in building software in Israel and selling that in

the rest of the world. That's the area where Indians can improve it," Chaudhury said. The first thing the Indian government should do is get out of the way of entrepreneurs. "We do that very well. There was a time when they used to be licensed raj, license for everything. It's by and large gone. I think India is helping set up collaborations. I see in the hardware area, whether it is Apple or it's Samsung, some of those high-tech companies are being set up. They create an ecosystem of companies that help learn and evolve the ecosystem. I think it's good," he said. "What we need to do overall, is probably provide a little bit of more mentorship for Indian companies. The Indian companies need to start leveraging some of the US connections to understand how to successfully sell software solutions you build in India for the entire world. "There's some work to be done. I don't think the government needs to do a whole lot more. I think organisations like TIE can play a big role and they're doing some good job in the area," he said.

## Sterlite Tech posts ₹82 crore loss in Q4



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Broadband technology company Sterlite Technologies on Wednesday reported a consolidated loss of Rs 82 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2024, mainly due to a dip in optical networking business. The company had posted a profit of Rs 63 crore a year ago. Its consolidated revenue from operations declined about 39 per cent to Rs 1,140 crore during the reported quarter from Rs 1,872 crore in the March 2023 quarter, according to a regulatory filing. "FY24 had its challenges, but we were resilient in actioning our priorities on customer, cost and cash. We see the market turning gradually, and early signs of this are visible in our customer discussions and order volumes," Sterlite Technologies (STL) Managing Director Ankit Agarwal said in a statement. For the fiscal ended March 31, 2024, STL posted a consolidated loss of Rs 57 crore, while it had reported a profit of Rs 127 crore in FY23. The optical networking business revenue of STL almost halved to Rs 777 crore during the reported quarter from Rs 1,505 crore in the March 2023 quarter. The annual revenue from the optical networking business also declined by about 30 per cent to Rs 3,830 crore from Rs 5,439 crore a year ago. The annual profit of STL declined by about 21 per cent to Rs 5,478 crore during the reported year from Rs 6,925 crore in FY23. "AI is bringing renewed excitement into the fibre space. We see 5G, fibre to the home, and data centre build-outs as the holy trinity of fibre for the years to come," Agarwal said.

## Domestic automobile retail sales surge 27 per cent in April: FADA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Passenger vehicle retail sales in India rose 27 per cent year-on-year to 22,06,070 units in April as all segments, including passenger vehicles and two-wheelers, witnessed growth, industry body FADA said on Wednesday. The overall vehicle registrations stood at 17,40,649 units in April 2023. Passenger vehicle retail sales rose 16 per cent to 3,35,123 units last month as compared to 2,89,056 units in the same month last year. Similarly, two-wheeler registrations increased 33 per cent to 16,43,510 units in April against 12,33,763 units in the same month last year. Commercial vehicle retail witnessed a 2 per cent year-on-year jump to 90,707 units in April. Three-wheeler sales rose 9 per



cent year-on-year to 80,105 units while tractors witnessed growth of 1 per cent at 56,625 units in April. "While some attribute this growth to the shift in Navratri to April instead of March last year, the overall increase was significant," the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) President Manish Raj Singhania said.

The passenger vehicle category experienced double-digit YoY growth, supported by enhanced model availability and favourable market sentiments, particularly around festive events like Navratri and Gudi Padwa, he noted. "Despite strong bookings and customer flow, high competition, excess supply and discounting presented challenges for sustained growth. Additionally, the lack of new models in some portfolios impacted market traction," Singhania said. The two-wheeler segment saw notable growth due to improved supply and the increasing demand for 125cc models, he said. Positive market sentiments, bolstered by stable fuel prices, a favourable monsoon outlook, festive demand and the marriage season, contributed to the increase in

sales, Singhania said. In the commercial vehicle segment elections dampened sentiment with customers delaying expansion plans, he said. Limited finance options and regional challenges such as water scarcity further impacted performance, he added. Singhania noted that the domestic auto industry remains cautiously optimistic about its near-term outlook. "Market opportunities exist with rising customer interest in new models. However, election-related uncertainty and financial constraints remain key challenges that the industry will need to monitor closely to navigate this evolving landscape effectively," he added. FADA said it collated vehicle retail data from 1,360 out of 1,503 RTOs across the country.

## Polaris gets new ₹2,246 crore smart metering project

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Energy solutions provider Polaris on Wednesday said it has secured a contract worth Rs 2,246 crore to install 2.2 million smart meters in West Bengal. "With this order, Polaris has successfully closed orders over Rs 7,700 crore across the geographies of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Manipur, Bihar and Ladakh," the company said in a statement. The new order worth Rs 2,246 crore in West Bengal is for installation of 2.2 million smart meters in the state. Polaris Smart Metering will supply, commission, install and maintain smart meters for consumers and system metering across the consumer base in these important clusters for the next 10 years. These smart meters will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology, enabling prepaid billing, real-time energy monitoring,



accurate metering, and improved grid management capabilities. This contract comes under a Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Own-Transfer (DBFOOT) agreement. In addition to West Bengal, Polaris has also secured a contract of Rs 206 crore for smart meter installation in Manipur in the region of Imphal to install over 1.6 lakh smart meters. In January, the company had secured Rs 5,200 crore

contract for smart meter installation in Uttar Pradesh to install over 5.1 million smart meters. The primary objective of these projects is to reduce losses for discoms and to empower consumers by introducing smart prepaid meters, enabling them to have better control over their energy consumption. Jaipur-based Polaris is into manufacturing and implementation of smart metering projects.

## Graduates of School of Planning recruited as Assistant Town Planners in PMIDC and HPSC

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

As many as fifteen students of Guru Ramdas School of Planning, GNDU, Amritsar are selected as Assistant Town Planners in Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Corporation, Chandigarh and Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula. Professor Ashwani Luthra, Head of the Department, said its Under-graduates and Post-graduates are high in the North-Western region of India, though they are eligible for Class-I posts in other States as well. The Department offers specialised UG and PG level programmes. Its Five Years Integrated M Tech (Urban and Regional Planning) is a special

feature, which provides option to the students to exit after 4 years and get B.Tech. (Urban and Regional Planning) degree. The other programmes are 2 years MTech (Urban Planning), MTech (Infrastructure Planning), MTech (Transport Planning). Admission for all the programmes is starting from 8th May, 2024 by submitting admission forms online on the University website. Professor Luthra said the graduates of the department are eligible for the class I gazetted posts in the Town and Country Planning Departments, Municipal Corporations, Improvement Trusts, and many other public and private sector firms in different parts of India.



aims to become like IITs and MIT

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Dr Harinder Singh Oberoi, Director, NIFTEM-K, expressed during the inaugural ceremony of the annual carnival named Edesia the institute's dedication to excellence in food technology, education, and research. He articulated the goal of elevating NIFTEM to an educational hub comparable to top prestigious institutions.

## Google launches Google Wallet for Android users in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tech titan Google on Wednesday launched the Google Wallet app for Android users in India, allowing them to securely store essentials like boarding passes, loyalty cards, event tickets, and public transport passes. The digital wallet, which becomes operational in India from Wednesday, comes as a complementary service to existing payment app Google Pay, a top official said. "Google Pay is not going anywhere, it will remain our primary payment app, Google Wallet is specifically tailored for non-payment use cases," Ram Papatla, GM and India Engineering Lead, Android at Google, said.

He said the idea behind the service was "to create an open service where carriers, OEMs (original equipment manufacturers), and developers can build amazing products". For the new service, Google has partnered with 20 Indian brands in the likes of Air India, IndiGo, Flipkart, Pine Labs, Kochi Metro, PVR and INOX, and said more partners would be onboarded in the months to come. Google Wallet will allow users to save movie/event tickets, access boarding passes, store metro tickets, store office/corporate badges, and digitise physical documents. "Google Wallet offers users a single, organised location for fast, secure access to everyday

essentials like boarding passes, loyalty cards, event tickets, public transport passes, gift cards, and more," Google said in a statement. Papatla further said the tech giant will surely ideate in future on building an all-in-one app that allows both payment and non-payment use cases. He said the company's top priority currently is value and engagement creation, onboarding partners, and gaining trust. "Google Wallet is built on the foundation of security and privacy," he said, adding that Google remains committed to its "promise of providing openness, choice, and safety". Google Wallet is currently operational in about 80 countries.

## Career with high placement avenues in urban, regional planning

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

Towns and villages are facing numerous problems and challenges related to housing, tariffs and transportation, water supply, sewerage, electricity, and many other social infrastructure. A qualified planner having specialisation in urban, regional, transportation, and infrastructure disciplines contributes quite significantly for the planned development of cities, regions, and villages. Guru Ramdas School of Planning at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar is a premier institute of spatial planning in North India since 1972. Professor Ashwani Luthra, Head said till date the department has played a

prominent role in contributing to the planned development of cities, regions, and villages. Currently, the department offers four specialised programmes, i.e., MTech (Urban Planning), MTech (Infrastructure Planning), MTech (Transport Planning), and B.Tech (Urban and Regional Planning). The graduates of the department are eligible for the Class I gazetted posts in the Town and Country Planning Departments, Municipal Corporations, Improvement Trusts, and many other public and private sector firms in different part of India. The graduates of the Department are also eligible for public and private sector jobs in countries like USA, Canada, Australia, Europe, etc.

# Dortmund beats PSG 1-0 to reach Champions League final

## Mbappe cannot pull off comeback

AP ■ PARIS

When Borussia Dortmund's players rushed over to their fans wearing yellow "London 24" T-shirts and joined in the celebrations after knocking out Paris Saint-Germain to reach the Champions League final on Tuesday, Mbappé had long left the field.

Wembley Stadium on June 1 is the final stop on Dortmund's quest for the Champions League trophy, by which time Mbappé will have played his last game for PSG having failed to win the trophy the club's cash-rich Qatari owners so crave.

Central defender Mats Hummels headed Dortmund into the final as the German team won 1-0 at PSG. Moments after Warren Zaïre-Emery missed an open goal for PSG, Hummels rose unchallenged to head in Julian Brandt's corner from the left in the 50th minute.

Dortmund advanced 2-0 on aggregate and largely contained Mbappé, who is leaving at the end of the season.

PSG exerted late pressure. Goalkeeper Gregor Kobel palmed away Mbappé's low shot, then pushed Mbappé's deflected close-range effort onto the crossbar with a superb one-handed save. The Parc des Princes crowd groaned when midfielder



Vitinha's thumping 25-meter strike rattled the woodwork. Coach Edin Terzić's team will play either record 14-time champion Real Madrid or six-time winner Bayern Munich on June 1 at Wembley Stadium. Madrid and Bayern drew 2-2 in the first leg and play on Wednesday.

"Extremely proud. I'm very happy," Terzić said. "We beat a team like PSG two times and we again kept a clean sheet. We started really well and kept them away from the goal."

Dortmund is on course for its second Champions League trophy after winning in 1997 and a third European trophy, having won the now defunct UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1966. Dortmund also reached the Champions League final in 2013, losing to Bayern.

"Indescribable. After more than 10 years, I am in the final with Borussia again," said Marco Reus, Dortmund's veteran midfielder who is leaving the team after this season. "How

we won the game, no one will ask tomorrow. Shots against the post won't matter tomorrow."

For PSG, it's another season ending without raising the trophy its cash-rich Qatari owners have chased after by spending huge amounts on star players like Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Neymar, Lionel Messi and Mbappé. PSG lost its only Champions League final in 2020 to Bayern.

"Efficiency, that's what we were missing," PSG captain

Marquinhos said. "We should have defended better. They scored from a corner and a counter-attack (in the first leg). We created more chances but they won both games."

As Dortmund's players celebrated, Mbappé looked dejected as he trudged for the last time in a Champions League game wearing a PSG jersey. He is widely expected to join Madrid.

Moments before Dortmund's goal, Zaïre-Emery somehow hit the post from two meters

out after Gonçalo Ramos flicked on Mbappé's cross from the left.

On Hummels' goal, PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma again did not move off his line to claim the ball, having not done so when Barcelona scored on a corner from the left in the first leg of the quarterfinals.

Coach Luis Enrique's players seemed nervous, playing cautiously and defending too deeply in the first half, allowing Dortmund to settle into a comfortable rhythm.

Mbappé was ineffective in attack when PSG lost the first leg and, despite their speed, Mbappé and Ousmane Dembélé struggled to find space behind a well-organized Dortmund defense with midfielder Emre Can offering good protection.

It took 30 minutes before Mbappé and Zaïre-Emery freed Dembélé on the right of the penalty area, but he failed to hit the target.

Speedy left winger Karim Adeyemi did so for Dortmund five minutes later when a rapid counter-attack exposed PSG's defense, but Donnarumma rescued PSG with a fine low save.

Hummel's goal at least woke up PSG's attack, but Ramos missed the target when well-placed either side of a stinging shot from left back Nuno Mendes hitting the left post.



## Neeraj to compete in India for first time in three years at Federation Cup

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will compete at home for the first time in three years after confirming participation in the National Federation Cup to be held in Bhubaneswar from May 12 to 15.

The 26-year-old superstar is expected to travel to India from Doha after opening his season in the first leg of the prestigious Diamond League series on May 10. "As per entries @Neeraj\_chopra and Kishore Kumar Jena will compete in domestic competition starting May 12 in Bhubaneswar," the Athletics Federation of India tweeted.

Chopra's coach Klaus Bartonietz also confirmed to PTI that his ward is taking part

in the Bhubaneswar event.

The 28-year-old Kishore Jena, who won a silver in the Hangzhou Asian Games where Chopra won gold, will also be competing in the Doha Diamond League on May 10. Chopra last took part in a domestic competition at the same event on March 17, 2021, when he won a gold with a throw of 87.80m.

Since then, Chopra has won a historic gold in the Tokyo Olympics, became Diamond League champion in 2022, world champion in 2023 and defended Asian Games gold in China.

He also won three individual legs of Diamond League and claimed a silver in the 2022 World Championships.

He is, however, yet to touch the 90m mark. His personal best and national record is 89.94m.



## PGA Championship invites seven LIV players to get top 100 in world

PTI ■ LOUISVILLE (US)

The PGA Championship officially has Tiger Woods in a field released that includes invitations to seven players from Saudi-funded LIV Golf, giving the major 99 of the 100 in the world ranking at Valhalla next week.

The PGA of America strives to have the top 100 in the world to maintain its reputation for having the strongest field of the four majors, although it is not part of the criteria.

Those hopes ended late Tuesday when Rikuya Hoshino (No. 94) withdrew.

The PGA leans on a catch-all category of "special invitations." The group of LIV players includes Patrick Reed, whose tie for 12th in the Masters moved him inside the top 100. He is at No. 92, and the invitation keeps alive his streak of playing every major since the 2014 Masters.

The PGA Championship returns to Valhalla in Louisville, Kentucky, for the fourth time on May 16-19. Rory McIlroy won at Valhalla the last time it was there in 2014. The course is best known for Woods winning a playoff over Bob May in 2000 for his third straight major.

Joaquin Niemann, who won the Australian Open in December and has two LIV Golf wins this year, already received an invitation. The surprise was Talor Gooch announcing in an X post on Monday that he had been invited.

It was a sign the PGA of America's selection committee was looking at LIV results on their own, as Gooch doesn't play much outside the Saudi

league. He won three times on LIV in 2023 and won the season points list.

Other invitations went to Dean Burmester, Lucas Herbert and Adrian Meronk, all of them inside the top 100 in the world.

The seventh invitation went to David Puig, the 22-year-old from Spain who is No. 106 in the ranking. Puig has finished in the top 10 in six of his last seven tournaments on the Asian Tour, including two wins.

LIV will be represented by 16 players, down from 18 a year ago.

There might have been one more, except British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen turned down his invitation. Oosthuizen, who is No. 125 in the world, won twice late last year in South Africa in tournaments co-sanctioned by the European tour.

His manager, Carlos Rodriguez, said in a text message that Oosthuizen already had some personal commitments.

The LIV group includes defending champion Brooks Koepka, who goes for a fourth PGA Championship title. He is the only active LIV player to win a major.

Kerry Haigh, the championship director for the PGA of America, has said he would consider deserving players from tours around the world. Invitations were given to Tim Widing of Sweden, who has won consecutive tournaments on the Korn Ferry Tour.

Another invitation went to Kazuma Kobori, a 22-year-old born in Japan who now plays under the New Zealand flag. He has won three times this year in the Webex Players Series on the PGA Tour of Australasia.

# Maradona World Cup Golden Ball trophy had mysteriously disappeared

## It will be auctioned in Paris

AP ■ PARIS

Diego Maradona's Golden Ball trophy from the 1986 World Cup has resurfaced. The award, which had been missing for decades, will be auctioned in Paris next month, the Aguttes house said.

Maradona, who died in 2020 at age 60, was awarded the trophy for his scintillating play at the tournament, where he captained Argentina in its 3-2 win over West Germany in the final in Mexico City. Before that, he scored the controversial "Hand of God" goal and the "Goal of the Century" in a 2-1 win over England in the quarterfinals.

The auction house said it expects the trophy "to fetch millions due to its uniqueness. Maradona received the award - given to the tournament's best player - at a ceremony at the Lido cabaret on the Champs-Élysées in 1986. It subsequently disappeared, giving rise to rumors.

Some say it was lost during a wild poker game, or sold to pay off debts, Aguttes said. Others said Maradona had stored it in a safe in a Naples bank that was robbed by local gangsters in 1989, when he played in the Italian league. According to the story told by



a reformed member of the mafia, the trophy was then melted down into gold pieces.

"A far-fetched theory, given that it was made of a gold-copper alloy," Aguttes said in its auction catalogue.

Aguttes said the trophy reappeared in 2016 among other lots that were acquired from a private collection at auction in Paris.

"It was thoroughly investigated and authenticated as Diego Maradona's Adidas Golden Ball trophy," Aguttes said.

The "Hand of God" goal came when Maradona punched the ball into England's net for his team's opener. Maradona was also a magician with the ball at

his feet and four minutes later, he weaved through England's midfield and defense and then past goalkeeper Peter Shilton for what FIFA later declared the greatest goal in World Cup history.

"To say that this World Cup had it all would be an understatement ... It was also, and above all, the tournament where Diego Maradona really showed the world what he could do with his feet, and even with his hands," said François Thierry, a sports expert at Aguttes.

Bidders will be asked to make a deposit of 150,000 euros (\$161,000) to participate in the June 6 auction.

## Asia needs its best players to compete in own tournaments: ATF president Yuriy Polskiy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Determined to change the face of Asian tennis in his tenure, Yuriy Polskiy, the youngest ATF President, has exhorted the best players from the region to compete in Asian events before travelling abroad and has set his sights on developing the game in smaller tennis-playing nations such as Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Syria.

The 36-year-old Polskiy had won the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) presidential elections in December last year on the back of reforms in his home country Kazakhstan and wants to use his troubleshooting experience to help nations struggling to popularise the game.

Polskiy is clear that Asia's strong players need to compete in their own events which should help upcoming players with exposure and learning, and a robust Asian tour and programme for U14 players with considerable financial support is the need of the hour.

He is also clear that ATF would work in tandem with ATP rather than competing with them and create a viable Asian tour with lots of tournaments in close vicinity that will reduce the travel expenses of players from the region.

Asia has only six players in the world's top-100 and it worries Polskiy.

"Asian tennis needs the participation of the best Asian players in Asian



tournaments, because, quite often, they go to Europe, they go to North America, South America and it means that the local Asian players don't have a chance to compete with the best," Polskiy told PTI in an interview.

"And to go to Europe, it's very costly. So the ones who are good, they spend a lot of money, which can be redistributed, you know, in order to increase the base, like you will send not only the best ones to tournaments, but the number two, three, four, because with the kids, you never know who will eventually be the best player.

"So, you need the competition inside the country, you need the competition inside of your region, and you need the high competition in Asia."

Polskiy understands that Asia is very strong in the eastern countries such as Japan,

Korea, China, Taiwan, India, Thailand and Kazakhstan but the continent needs more tennis-playing nations.

"In recent years, Uzbekistan (grew), also Iran has a big history, and I feel that smaller nations like Iraq, Syria, Nepal, Myanmar, Timor-Leste and others, also deserve a chance, and they have big population."

Polskiy said they are now working with the Grand Slams, with ITF, in order to improve the quality of tournaments in Asia. The ATF President said the players will get incentives for playing in Asia.

"We (should) give extra incentives to good Asian players to play on Asian circuit. So they don't spend their time competing for nothing, there is something meaningful they get, they get the ranking, they get the grants, there is an Asian team of the best players in each age

category, so they can get in there and get extra support from ITF."

Asia's highest-ranked player is world No. 17 Alexander Bublik from Kazakhstan. The next best is China's Zhizhen Zhang (56) and is followed by Kazakhstan's Alexander Shevchenko (60), Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka (80) and Taro Daniel (82) and India's Sumit Nagal (93).

"We should do better in ATP and WTA rankings. And I see several challenges which we need to overcome in that regard. First of all, Asia is quite divided and many big nations like Japan, China, India, many players do not participate in international tournaments.

"They play a lot inside their countries, they compete with local players. But to some extent, it can work. But for 16 year old (players), it's very difficult to stand the competition of countries located in Europe, where they compete with each other from a very young age.

"And in that regard, we do a lot of talking to nations, bringing new initiatives and hosting different tournaments. So everybody will come on board."

In the past, ATF had launched a closed-door circuit only for Asian players but it did not work. While it offered a lot of money to Asian players, absence of ATP ranking never allowed it to grow.

Polskiy said he won't restart any such programme because he does not want to compete with ATP.

## High hopes from Aman Sehrawat at last Olympic Qualifying event in Istanbul

PTI ■ ISTANBUL

The immensely-talented Aman Sehrawat and the experienced Deepak Punia will be followed keenly when they take to the mat to lock the men's freestyle quotas for Paris Olympics at the World Qualifiers beginning here on Thursday.

It is the last event to secure spot for the Paris Games.

There were high hopes that U23 world champion Aman would qualify for the Games either at the World Championships or the Asian Qualifiers in Bishkek but both the chances were lost.

While Aman (57kg) bumped into a strong opponent in Gulomjon Abdullaev in the quota-deciding bout in Bishkek, both World Championships silver medalist Deepak (86kg) and Sujet Kalkal (65kg) could not reach Bishkek on time after being stuck in Dubai due to storm.

Now it's a do-or-die situation for all Indian wrestlers at Istanbul where the two finalists in each category will be awarded the quotas. A third quota will be given to the wrestlers who emerges winner in the bout between the two bronze medalists.

The tournament will begin with Greco Roman style and followed by women's and freestyle on the last two days of the four-day qualifying competition.

None of the Indian men's wrestlers has so far got a quota and drawing a blank



will be a huge embarrassment for the country that took some major strides in international wrestling before the protest against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh halted the progress. Endurance has always been the strong point of Indian wrestlers but their preparations have suffered in the absence of national camps and competitions due to protest.

Usually, the Indian wrestlers tire their opponents out but for that to happen, it is important to stretch the bout to full six minutes. It's a strategy that Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya have employed although the latter has always been aggressive and finishes the bout in a jiffy.

"If the bouts lasts full distance, Aman can beat any wrestler, so managing the first three minutes are crucial. He was obviously very disappointed for what happened in Bishkek," said coach Praveen Dahiya who trained him for four years before being shifted out of Chattrasal Stadium.



# RESURGENT RCB TAKE ON ERRATIC PBKS IN BATTLE OF SURVIVAL

PTI ■ DHARAMSALA

Resurgent Royal Challengers Bengaluru will look for their fourth consecutive victory when they face an unpredictable Punjab Kings as the two sides fight for survival in the Indian Premier League, here on Thursday. After a horrendous start to the season, RCB have managed to claw their way back into the tournament. They have the winning momentum on their side, having won their last three games comprehensively. The wins have not only boosted their sagging morale but also taken them to the seventh spot in the points table. With eight points from 11 games, RCB can still make the playoffs if they win all their remaining three fixtures although the chances are slim. Punjab Kings too stare at a similar situation. They occupy the eighth spot, having collected eight points from 11 games. However, between the two -- only one team can reach the



all-important 14 points mark. Having beaten PBKS earlier in the season and heading to this clash with three wins on the trot, RCB will feel more confident than the hosts. Virat Kohli remains consistent at the top, while skipper Faf du Plessis broke his string of poor

scores with a belligerent knock in the last game. Will Jacks also impressed with a match-winning century against GT, and Cameron Green showcased his all-round skills with crucial contributions in runs and wickets against Sunrisers

Hyderabad. Their bowling department has started clicking with Mohammed Siraj, who is in India's T20 World Cup squad, finally finding his rhythm. Yash Dayal and Vijaykumar Vsyhak also did well against GT and RCB will expect them

to continue in the same vein. PBKS, on the other hand, will be low on confidence having suffered an inexplicable batting collapse against Chennai Super Kings. The Kings showcased their very best and worst against CSK. Their bowlers were all over the CSK batters but the batting unit choked. It was an example of how Punjab's season has been this year -- unpredictable. They have showcased their potential with away wins over Kolkata Knight Riders, when they recorded the highest successful run chase in T20 cricket, and CSK. However, they have faced difficulties getting the job done at home. They won just one out of five games in Mullanpur, their main home ground. A change in venue to the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium also didn't go their way in the previous game here. The team would hope to end its home run on a high but for that to happen, the PBKS unit has to fire in unison.

# RR captain Samson fined 30 per cent match fees for breaching IPL Code of Conduct

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson has been fined 30 per cent of his match fees for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct during his side's 20-run loss to Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here. The offence committed by Samson, who made 86 during RR's unsuccessful run chase of 222 on Tuesday, was not specified but it could be for arguing with the umpires when he was given out after Shai Hope took a catch just near the boundary ropes in the 16th over. The question was whether Hope's feet touched the boundary ropes while taking



the catch. The third umpire ruled Samson out but the RR skipper was not happy. He initially started walking towards the pavilion, only to return to the middle and have some words with the on-field umpires. "Samson committed a Level 1 offence under Article 2.8 of the IPL's Code of Conduct. He admitted to the offence and

accepted the Match Referee's sanction. For Level 1 breaches of the Code of Conduct, the Match Referee's decision is final and binding," the IPL said in a statement. A Level 1 offence under Article 2.8 of the IPL's Code of Conduct includes "excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire's decision; an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; requesting a referral to the TV Umpire and arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about his/her decision." On April 10 also, Samson was fined Rs 12 lakh after RR maintained a slow over rate during their match against Gujarat Titans in Jaipur.

# We should have seen game home: Rajasthan Royals head coach Sangakkara



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Skipper Sanju Samson's departure left Rajasthan Royals in a tight spot but the team still should have won the IPL match against Delhi Capitals here, says their head coach Kumar Sangakkara. In a chase of 222, Samson got out after making 86 off 46 balls. His dismissal left the Royals with a task of getting 60 runs from 27 balls and eventually they fell short by 20 runs Tuesday night. A win would have ensured a play-offs spot for the Royals and exit for the Capitals but the result meant that the hosts stayed alive in the tournament. "Irrespective of that dismissal, we still should have probably seen that game home," Sangakkara said at the post-match press conference. "Losses happen. We had a great run at the start of the season. We bowled brilliantly in this game, especially Ashwin but once you make too many casual mistakes, it becomes very hard. At the end of the day it's about execution." Samson was not a happy man when he left the field because there were doubts if Shai Hope, who caught him at the boundary ropes, had touched the fence. Sangakkara said it is difficult sometimes even for the third umpire to make a call. "It depends on replays and angles, and sometimes you think the foot's touched. But it is a difficult one for the third umpire to judge. The game was

at a crucial stage, so that happens in cricket. "We have different perspectives on it. At the end of the day, you have to stand by that decision in terms of what the umpires did. If we have any other kind of opinion on it, we will share it with the umpire and sort it out." The coach was happy with Samson's batting approach. "Sanju Samson has a lot of clarity about the way he should bat. There are certain stages where he seems to lose his concentration a little bit and we worked on that in the off season. It is really important for him, not just as a captain but as a batter. He is exceptionally talented," he said, adding that he takes very good care of the group. The catch by Hope, who stumbled before regaining his balance, was hailed by Capitals' assistant coach Pravin Amre. "In IPL some moments are very crucial, and it was a deciding moment in the game," Amre said. "Sanju was batting so well. We have to give credit to the way Hope judged that catch. Umpires are there, and there is so much technology. "We also thought from the dugout that he has (touched the boundary) but it (happens) in the game, and the umpire's decision is the final decision. It wasn't an easy catch, it was really travelling. After the game also I spoke to him and he said the ball came very, very fast." Delhi Capitals moved up a place to fifth in the points table after Tuesday's win. They now have 12 points and can get a maximum of 16 while there are teams that have a chance of getting to 18 points and qualify for the play-offs.



# Jaiswal has got very good chance of breaking my records: Brian Lara

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Yashasvi Jaiswal's Test career is just nine games old but the great Brian Lara feels if there is anyone who can get close to his lofty feats, including the record 400 not out, it is the 22-year-old southpaw from India. Lara's high praise for Jaiswal doesn't come out of the blue. The left two-handers share a special bond, having spent a lot of time over the past year following their "4 am conversation" during the IPL when the West Indian was coaching Sunrisers Hyderabad and the young opener was in the Rajasthan Royals' camp. A lot has changed since IPL 2023 with Jaiswal now becoming an integral part of India's Test and T20 team. His exploits in the longest format stand out as he averages close to 70 with three hundreds including two double tons in the recent home series against England. What has impressed Lara is Jaiswal's ability to change gears as per the situation of the game. "If I feel my records are threatened, Jaiswal has got a very good chance to do so. He has got capabilities, couple of double hundreds already. He is that good," Lara told PTI editors at its headquarters in an interaction arranged by Star Sports where he is a commentator and expert for the ongoing IPL. Lara, who recently turned 55, is one of the all-time greats of the game having amassed close to 12,000 runs in Tests and over 10,000 runs in ODIs. His record of the highest individual total, 400 not out against England in 2004, still stands tall. Lara fondly looked back at his first meeting with Jaiswal when asked about a light moment they shared on the sidelines of the Rajasthan Royals and SRH clash in the ongoing season. "The only thing I can reveal about that (conversation) is I think he is an outstanding young cricketer. What I like about him is that he is very humble and willing to work. The first time I met him (last year), I immediately found myself attached to him.

"After the game (SRH vs Royals), I went to the hotel with a friend of mine from the Caribbean who knew Jos Buttler. It was midnight and Jaiswal found me. I promise you I left the hotel at 4 in the morning. "He just wanted to hear more and more and more. That is one of his amazing traits. His ability to want to learn as much as possible. Our conversations are about trying to make him a better cricketer. I am available for anyone that has my number. I am happy to talk cricket." Being a left-hander himself, it is natural for Lara to be biased towards that tribe. Another southpaw he has great admiration for is Abhishek Sharma with whom he spent time at SRH. "Again he is someone who I met while I was batting coach of SRH. I spent two years there. I am allowed to a bit biased when I see a left-hander, I just love a left-hander. Myself and Abhishek have developed a very good relationship, these youngsters are very humble. They want to learn. "What I like about these two, they want to get to great heights. I have great admiration for both." The legend from Trinidad reckons that usually records are threatened by batters who score quickly and Jaiswal has that ability along with the hunger to bat long. His 400 not out has not been surpassed in 20 years and Lara hopes he is still around to see the day when his record is broken. "I think now, the pace that these guys are batting at. And you look at the guys over the years who have challenged that 300-mark and plus. It's Chris Gayle. It's Virender Sehwag. It's Sanath Jayasuriya. It's Inzamam-ul-Haq. It's Matthew Hayden. These are guys who destroy bowling attacks. "...You would not say that for a Rahul Dravid or Steve Smith in the present case. But a player who likes to score quickly, will have an opportunity. You know, Jaiswal, I mean, I was in Australia when David Warner came close and you know, he's an aggressive player.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Online Registration	
		Starting date	Closing date
1.	Grant of recognition to institutions under "The Scheme for Financial Assistance to Institutions Recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASMs)/Adarsh Sanskrit Shodha Sansthanas (ASSSs)-2022" vide notification CSU/Ad/Revised Scheme/2023-24/01 dated 05.03.2024 - The University invites applications from voluntary organizations registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1883 or a Trust registered under Trust Act or a Non-Profit making Company registered under the Companies Act hereinafter called "the Parent Body", maintaining a Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya or Sanskrit Shodh Sansthan, for grant of recognition to that institution under "The Scheme for Financial Assistance to Institutions Recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASMs)/Adarsh Sanskrit Shodh Sansthanas (ASSSs)-2022" under clause 6.		
2.	Sanskrit Teaching - Engagement of Sanskrit or Modern Subject Teachers for teaching in Traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas/Mahavidyalayas/Government Schools/Guru-Sishya Parampara Institutions and Residential Scholarships.	10.05.2024	30.06.2024
3.	Samman Rashi - Annual grant to Eminent Sanskrit Pandits living in Indigent Circumstances.		
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v) For more details regarding guidelines of each scheme, remuneration, required documents, how to apply online and application forwarding process etc., please visit the Central Sanskrit University's website www.sanskrit.in/ncschemes.  
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