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# Storm lashes across Delhi

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal walked out of Tihar Jail on Friday evening, hours after the Supreme Court granted him interim bail until June 1 so that he can campaign for the Lok Sabha elections. As he exited through gate number 4, Kejriwal was welcomed by a sea of AAP workers, as well as senior leaders like Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Atishi, and Saurabh Bhardwaj.

His wife Sunita Kejriwal, his daughter Harshita and AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sandeep Pathak turned up outside the jail to give him a rousing welcome with workers chanting slogans and Kejriwal waving to his supporters. As Kejriwal left from Tihar in his convoy clad in yellow T-shirts, AAP supporters danced to dhol beats and fed each other sweets at the party office here on Friday.

In a major relief to embattled Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the SC on Friday granted him interim bail in a money laundering case at the peak of the election season but barred him from visiting his office or the Delhi Secretariat and signing official files unless absolutely necessary for obtaining the Lieutenant Governor's approval. He has been asked to surrender to the prison authorities by June 2. June 1 is the last day of the seven-phase elections. The votes will be counted on June 4.



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal addresses supporters after coming out of Tihar Jail as the Supreme Court (SC) granted him interim bail in a money laundering case, amid the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, in New Delhi, on Friday

Kejriwal's release from jail, however transient, is expected to give a boost to the AAP's Lok Sabha campaign in Delhi where polling is scheduled for May 25, with its foremost leader hitting the hustings. Setting him free for 21 days after 50 days of custody in the money laundering case, a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta in its eight pages order, said

will have to surrender and go back to jail on June 2. Kejriwal was arrested on March 21 by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with the excise policy case. In his first address, Delhi Chief Minister said, "Didn't I tell you I'd be back soon? I am back." He added, "I'm fighting against dictatorship with all I have, now 140 crore of us have to do that." He also thanked the Supreme Court judges who delivered the verdict.

"Tomorrow at 11 am, we will all go to the Hanuman Mandir in Connaught Place, then there will be a Press conference at the party office at 1 pm; I request all of you to come to the Hanuman Mandir," he said. Slogans like "Jail ke taale toot gaye, Kejriwal ji choot gaye," "Modi ji ja rahe hain, Kejriwal ji aa rahe hain," and "dekho dekho kon aaya, sher aaya sher aaya" rent the air at the AAP office on Friday. Many supporters carried posters with slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi

written on them. The bench also directed Kejriwal to furnish bail bonds in the sum of Rs 50,000 with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the jail superintendent.

A wave of jubilation swept across the INDIA Bloc parties as the news spread like wildfire, with his AAP terming it a "triumph of truth." "Hanuman ji ki jai. This is the victory of democracy. It is the result of the prayers and blessings of millions of people. Many thanks to everyone," Kejriwal's wife Sunita, who was filling in for her husband during his absence from the electoral battleground, said in a post on X in Hindi.

Kejriwal is the first sitting Chief Minister in India to be put behind bars. Imposing bail conditions on the embattled AAP leader, a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta said, "He shall not visit the Office of the Chief Minister and the Delhi Secretariat." It asked Kejriwal to not sign any official file unless absolutely necessary to obtain the Lieutenant Governor's sanction during the 21-day interim bail period. It asked Kejriwal to not sign any official file unless absolutely necessary to obtain the Lieutenant Governor's sanction during the 21-day interim bail period.

"He shall be bound by the statement made on his behalf that he shall not sign official files unless it is required and necessary for obtaining clearance/ approval of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi," the top court said.

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

A strong, gutsy storm hit the national Capital and its adjoining areas late Friday evening, enveloping the skyline with dust. Incidents of trees uprooting were also reported.

As a result of the dust storm, temperatures apparently decreased, as predicted earlier in the day by the India Meteorological Department, indicating that the heatwave would soon fade.

"Duststorm/ thunderstorm with rain (followed by rain) and gusty winds with speed of 50-70 km/hour occurred over and adjoining areas of entire Delhi and NCR (Loni Dehat, Hindon AF Station, Ghaziabad, Indirapuram, Chhapraula, Noida, Dadri, Greater Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad," IMD said in a statement.

India's unbearable heatwave saga appears to be reaching its conclusion as the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a wet spell accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and winds across several States, including the national Capital over the next three days. The change in weather comes just a month after April's blistering heat, which earlier prompted the authorities to issue a string of health advisories and school closures in heatwave-hit areas like Bhubaneswar in Odisha.

"Heatwave is about to end from the entire country. Only in West Rajasthan and Kerala a heatwave alert has been issued. Tomorrow, the heatwave will only be present in West Rajasthan," said IMD scientist Soma Sen. She said though they have issued a yellow alert for west Rajasthan and



Kerala, impact is unlikely. "From tomorrow the heatwave will end in the country. The alert will remain only for west Rajasthan."

"Strong moisture flow is coming to the country from the Bay of Bengal, due to which thunderstorm activity is increasing in the country...There will be a possibility of cloud-to-ground lightning in these thunderstorms," she said as quoted by a news agency here.

Former Director General of Meteorology at IMD Dr KJ Ramesh said heatwaves have been abated and thunderstorms will develop from Southern India. Almost all the States will witness thunderstorms and natural lightning with high intensity.

He explained that strong moisture flow from the Bay of Bengal is increasing thunderstorm activity in the country.

Giving out thunderstorms and heavy rain warnings for some hilly States and the northeast, the weather department said strong lightning is possible.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, in Hyderabad, on Friday

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## Cong plotting to kill Hindu faith: Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
HYDERABAD/NANDURBAR  
(MAHARASHTRA)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who returned to campaigning on Friday after a day's break, hit out at the Congress while addressing a rally in Maharashtra, saying the party is "conspiring to eliminate the Hindu faith in India". Modi also accused the Congress of spreading lies regarding job reservations and the Constitution.

Alleging that the Congress "hated" towards Hindus and their culture is being exposed daily, Modi said the leader who tutors 'shehzada' also said Ram temple should not have been built at Ayodhya.

double (RR) tax in the State, without taking any names, but Chief Minister Revanath Reddy is giving explanations to the media indicating who is associated with it.

Addressing an election rally in Mahabubnagar Lok Sabha constituency, Modi said the 'shehzade' of Congress (Rahul Gandhi) started off with 'mohabbat ki dukaan' before polls which lost steam as elections approached. "The 'shehzade' (prince) is now poisoning society by speaking of supporting 'tukde-tukde gang,'" he claimed.

In a veiled reference to Congress leader Sam Pitroda's recent remarks, he said the 'shehzade's advisor' who lives in America described South Indian people as looking like Africans, which the PM claimed implied that Telangana people look like Africans. "You know why, because he doesn't like your skin colour. Now Congress will decide based on skin colour who is African and who is Indian," he said.

"Do you perform puja on Ram Navami or not? Do you want to go to Ayodhya for darshan? Are you going to commit anti-national activity (with worship)?" he asked.

He also said the Congress never bothered about welfare of Adivasis. Prime Minister Modi's ruling BJP has repeatedly accused the Congress of being "anti-Hindu" and "appeasing" Muslims.

# BJP leader on the mat in harassment case

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

A city court on Friday ordered the framing of charges against the BJP MP and former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, in a sexual harassment case lodged by six female wrestlers. The court said there is sufficient evidence against him to frame charges while discharging him in a complaint filed by one of the six women wrestlers. Brij Bhushan was denied the BJP ticket to contest from his home seat Kaiserganj for this Lok Sabha polls, however, he got a ticket for his son Karan Bhushan Singh from the same seat. The Opposition parties had

been demanding swift action against the senior Bhushan for the alleged cases.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Priyanka Rajpoot ordered framing of charge for criminal intimidation against Brij Bhushan and will formally frame the charges on May 21. The court also ordered framing of charges against co-accused and former WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar in the case.

The court said there is sufficient material to frame charges against Brij Bhushan in the offences of outraging the modesty of a woman and sexual harassment (sections 354 and 354A of the IPC) against five of the victims.



For accused number 2 Vinod Tomar, former WFI assistant secretary who is the second accused in the case, the court framed charges under Section 506 part 1 regarding victim number 1. For the remaining offences, the court said he

stands discharged.

The lower court however discharged Brij Bhushan in the allegations levelled by victim number 6. The sixth victim's allegations dated back to 2012.

The Delhi Police had filed a charge sheet in the case against Brij Bhushan, a six-time MP, on June 15 under sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354A (sexual harassment), 354D (stalking) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

Brij Bhushan's plea seeking further investigation in the case was rejected last month. It had earlier deferred the framing of charges against

Brij Bhushan since his advocate Rajeev Mohan sought further investigation in the case.

They alleged through an application that he was not in Delhi when one of the six wrestlers was allegedly molested. The police, in its 1,500-page chargesheet, had mentioned statements of at least 22 witnesses from across four States, including wrestlers, a referee, a coach and a physiotherapist, who have corroborated the allegations made by the six women wrestlers against Brij Bhushan.

Another Delhi court is likely to pronounce its order on May 20 on whether to accept a police report seeking

cancellation of a sexual harassment complaint filed by a minor wrestler against Brij Bhushan. During the in-chamber proceedings held on August 1 last year, the minor wrestler had told the court that she was satisfied with the Delhi Police's investigation in the case and not opposed to the closure report it had submitted.

On June 15 last year, the police filed a report before the court seeking cancellation of the case involving the girl after her father made a startling claim midway through the probe that he levelled false allegations of sexual harassment against Brij Bhushan to get back at him for perceived injustice to his daughter.

## Aiyar back to help BJP cause

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

An old video of another senior Congress leader, who has served in the Cabinet of several Prime Ministers, Mani Shankar Aiyar, has provided fresh ammunition to the BJP on Friday to attack the Congress, which, a few days ago, had worked hard to douse the flames ignited by its leader Sam Pitroda.

In the midst of an aggressive Lok Sabha campaign, the BJP seized upon them, accusing the grand old party of being an apologist for Pakistan and the terrorism emanating from its soil. Meanwhile, the Congress again quickly distanced itself from Aiyar's comments. His remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the 2014 general elections left a scar on the Congress till now. In the video, which has gone viral on social media, Aiyar is heard saying that India should respect Pakistan as it is a sovereign nation and engage with it since it also possesses an atom bomb. Aiyar said the video is old and being resurfaced now as the BJP's election campaign is faltering. He indicated in the video that if a "mad person" comes to power there and uses the atom bomb, it will not be



good and will have its effect here too. As the remarks triggered a row, the Congress said it totally disagrees with the remarks made by Aiyar some months ago. Aiyar does not speak for the party in any capacity whatsoever, Congress media department chairperson Pawan Khera said. Home Minister Amit Shah slammed the Congress for "raising question mark" on Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and asserted that every inch of it belonged to India and no force can snatch it. "Aiyar is telling us to respect Pakistan as it possesses an atomic bomb. A few days ago, INDIA Bloc leader Farooq Abdullah said do not talk about PoK as Pakistan has an atomic bomb. I want to tell the Congress and INDIA Bloc that PoK belongs to India and

no force can snatch it," Shah said at an election rally in Jharkhand's Khunti. Hitting back at BJP Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi said why is Pakistan being discussed when elections are taking place in India and the unemployment rate here is at a 45-year high.

"I ask when was the statement made? ... If it is an old statement, then why are we discussing it today? Secondly, I want to ask, where are elections taking place, in India or in Pakistan? They are taking place in India. So why are we discussing Pakistan?" she said during her campaign trail in Amethi for the party's candidate Kishori Lal Sharma. BJP cited recent comments of more Congress leaders to make its point. The leader of Opposition in Maharashtra, Vijay Wadettiwar, had said IPS officer Hemant Karkare was killed by a cop affiliated to the RSS and not Pakistani terrorist Ajmal Kasab and former Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi had dismissed a recent terror incident in Poonch in which an Air Force official died as a poll stunt, noted Union Minister Rajeev Chandrashekar.

## EC lashes out at Kharge's 'biased' turnout narrative

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Amid concerns expressed by various Opposition parties over the voter turnout data, leaders of the INDIA Bloc from Congress, TMC, DMK, Left, met the Election Commission at Nirvachan Sadan on Friday, submitting alleged violations of the model code of conduct by the BJP leaders during the ongoing Lok Sabha polls campaign.

Though the EC is yet to respond on the meeting with Opposition members, it however in a strongly-worded letter replied to the Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge who a day earlier had written to the leaders of various Opposition parties on the issue of alleged "discrepancies" in the voting data released by the EC.

The EC rejected Kharge's allegations that it had delayed the release of the final voter turnout numbers for the first two phases of the Lok Sabha elections and told him the utterances from president of a national political party is attacking the very credibility of the electoral steps and processes, and can have a negative impact on voter participation. Following which Congress



Photo: The Pioneer

chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh responded by defending the concerns raised by the Congress president. "The response of the EC to the issues raised by the Congress president in his letter to the INDIA parties is simply beyond description. The EC is a Constitutional body entrusted with the responsibility of being an impartial body that ensures, and is seen to ensure, a level-playing field to all political parties.

"Both the content and intent of the letter will be a permanent blot on the reputation of an institution that can boast of luminaries like Sukumar Sen, TN Seshan, JM Lyngdoh and others," Ramesh said in a statement. EC dubbed as "aggression on

vitals of live election operations" through Kharge's recent statements concerning the ongoing Lok Sabha elections 2024.

The poll body termed Kharge's letter as his attempt to push a "biased narrative". In a five-page response with annexures, the poll panel rejected charges of mismanagement and delay in the release of voter turnout data and termed Kharge's allegations "unwarranted", "without facts" and "reflective of a biased and deliberate attempt to spread confusion". The commission condemned Kharge's statement in which he wondered whether the delay in releasing voter turnout data was an attempt to doctor the final results".

# Classifieds

## BEDKHALI NOTICE

**I, Inderjit Singh S/o Sh.** Joginder Singh R/O Dashmesh Nagar, Dagana Road Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that my son Simranjit Singh is out of my control. I so disown all of them from our Moveable and Immoveable Properties anybody dealing with them is/ her own risk Concerned Note.

**I, Darshan Kaur W/o** Late Sh. Gurmehar Singh R/O Village Djalpura Sodhian Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. Mohali declare that my son Sukhpal Singh (Alias Sukhi) is out of my control. I disown him from all my moveable / immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his /her own risk and responsibility.

**I, Krishan Lal Sharma** Son Of Shri Phool Chand Resident Of Desraj Colony, Gali No. 6 Panipat, Haryana Declare That My Son Kapil Sharma Is Out Of Our Control. I Debar Him From All Our Moveable / Immoveable Properties. And Relationships.

**We, Major Singh S/o** Late Sh. Lal Singh and Kewal Kaur W/o Major Singh R/O H.No. 2398, Telehos Society, Sector 50-C, Chandigarh declare that our daughter Kirandeep Kaur her husband Gurpreet Singh and their children Sampreet Singh & Suhanni are out of our control. We disown them from our moveable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**We Ram Baksa S/o** Bharat and Rama W/o Ram Baksa R/O House No. 985/13, Faida Nizam Pur Near Kali Mata Mandir Chandigarh inform that our son Ranjit Singh and his wife Sunita out of our control. We disown them from our all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

**I, Ramer S/o** Sh. Manohar Lal, R/O House No 654, Dadumajra Colony Chandigarh inform that my Grandson Vijay S/O Krishan and his wife Priyanka W/o Vijay both are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

**I, Om Parkash S/o** Hari Chand R/O House no.2, Block 25, Patel Nagar, Hisar, Present address House no.572, Mamta Enclave Dhakoli Zirakpur Mohali, declare that my son Nilesh Gangwani and his wife Sawgata out of my control. So I disown from them my moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

**I, Darshan Singh** Son Of Mahinder Singh R/O Village Kanda Tehsil And District Mohali Declare That My Daughter Kamaljit Kaur (Married) Is Out Of My Control. So I Disown Her From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Her On Their Own Risk.

**I, Jasbir Singh S/o** Rajbinder Singh R/O Vill. Boh Tehsil and distt. Ambala that my son Harindara alias Babu and his wife Naindraheer are out of my control so I disown them from all my moveable immovable properties. In future anybody dealing with them at their own risk , me and my family members will not be responsible.

**I, Amrit Kaur W/o** Late Sh. Ragbir Singh R/O Gurbanak Colony, Daffarpur, PO: Mubarakpur, S.A.S Nagar Mohali Punjab-140201 declare that our Daughter Navkirat Kaur is completely out of our Control We Disown her from all our moveable and immovable property. In future, if our daughter do any Legal/illegal activities with anyone, She will be responsible for her transaction. I or my Family will have nothing to do with it.

**We, Rupinder Singh S/o** Late Sh. Ragbir Singh & Mrs. Usha Rani W/o Rupinder Singh R/O Gurbanak Colony, Daffarpur, PO: Mubarakpur, S.A.S Nagar Mohali Punjab-140201 declare that our Daughter Navkirat Kaur is completely out of our Control We Disown her from all our moveable and immovable property. In future, if our daughter do any Legal/illegal activities with anyone, She will be responsible for her transaction. We or our Family will have nothing to do with it.

**I, Sandeep Sindhu S/o** Samundar Singh, R/O H.No. 922, Sector -2 Rohtak declare that my wife Sarita Devi alias Sarita Sindhu and my son Dhruv Sindhu are beyond my authority, therefore I evict both of them from my moveable and immovable property. In future the person dealing with them will be responsible himself.

**I, Satish Dhiman S/o** Jogi Ram R/O Pooja Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra my wife Manju Rani and my two sons Ramandeep and Kushant is out of my control. I, disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with them in his own risk.

**I, Om Prakash S/o** Late: Sant Ram R/O H.No. 8410 Sector-125 Near Budha Marg Sunny Enclave Kharar (SAS Nagar, Mohali) declare that my son Manish Dhiman and his wife Ishita Dhiman is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Bhoali Ray S/o** Sarauag Ray R/O H.No. 92, Vill. Uthian, PO Vallah, Teh & Distt. Amritsar, Permanent R/O Ward No. 5 Graam Ashogi Chhapara Dhani, Asogi Chhapra, Distt. Sheohar, Bihar- 843334 declare that in my LIC Policy No. 471629576 my name was mentioned as Lala Ji. Bhoali Rai and Lala Ji is one and the same person.

**I, Umesh Pradhan** father of No. 5051301F L / Hav Sujan Pradhan resident of Belgechi ORD Tarai Tea Garden, Belgechi, Darjeeling, West Bengal 734423 declaring that my date of birth has been written incorrect as 19-02-1968 in army service record of my son, whereas my correct DOB is 01-08-1963 which be corrected in his service record.

**I, Chunmaya Pradhan** mother of No. 5051301F L / Hav Sujan Pradhan resident of Belgechi ORD Tarai Tea Garden, Belgechi, Darjeeling, West Bengal 734423 declare that my date of birth has been written incorrect as 01-01-1970 in army service record of my son, whereas my correct DOB is 20-03-1970 which be corrected in his service record.

**I, Renu D/o** Nafe Singh R/o village Sewli, Tehsil Rai Distt. Sonapat declare that on my all markshets my father's name is written as Nafpe Singh. But in aadhar card his name is Nafe Singh. In future Nafe Singh will be used for all purposes. Nafe Singh and Nafpe Singh both are name of my father.

**I, Ex No-15576881-M,** RANK-SPR (ACP/HAV), Name-Kamal Dev. Residence Of- Vpo-Takhatgarh, Tehsil- Anandpur Sahib, District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab Declare That I Change My Wife's Name (Baksho Devi To Baksho Devi) And Wife's Date Of Birth (15-03-1987 To 20-03-1987)

**I, Maya Devi,** Adhaar Card No-503891850536, W/O EX-NO-JC88557, RANK-NB SUB, Name-Narinder Pal Singh, Residence Of Vill- Hiyatpur, Po-Nurpur Bedi, Tehsil- Anandpur Sahib, District-Rupnagar, State - Punjab Declare That In My Husband Army Record My Disable Son's Name Wrongly Recorded As Satpal. His Correct Name Is Satpal Singh. Please Amendment Accordingly

**I, Rajwanti W/O** No. JC-194903-H EX HONY SUB Maj Hoshor Singh R/O Vill. & P.O. Rurki, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) Declare That My Name Rajwanti Devi And My Dob 28.02.1953 Are Wrongly Mentioned In My Husband Service Record. But My Correct & Actual Name Is Rajwanti And My Correct Dob Is 17.05.1952. Vide Affidavit Dated 10.05.2024 Before Notary Public Rohtak.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Swarn Masih S/o** Sardar Masih R/O Village & PO Sham Chaurasi Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Swarn Masih to Swaran Masih. Concerned note.

**I, Sanju Bala W/o** Rajesh Kumar R/O 8326/GF, Nine Homz Aman city, Kharar, Mohali have changed my name to Sunita Rani.

**I, Archana Viswanath** am spouse of No JC-312657H Rank SUB Name Dinesh Kumar B present residing at 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my Name from Archana Viswanath vide Affidavit dt 8 May 2024 before Pawan Kumar Garg, Notary Public, Regd No. 17787, Panchkula, Haryana.

**I, Sangeetha M** am spouse of No JC-312581N Rank SUB Name Mukunthan G present residing at 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my Name from M Sangeetha to Sangeetha M vide Affidavit dt 8 May 2024 before Pawan Kumar Garg, Notary Public, Regd No. 17787, Panchkula, Haryana.

**I, Ragul M** am son of No JC-312581N Rank SUB Name Mukunthan G present residing at 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my Name from M Ragul to Ragul M vide Affidavit dt 8 May 2024 before Pawan Kumar Garg, Notary Public, Regd No. 17787, Panchkula, Haryana.

**I, No JC-312581N** Rank SUB Name Mukunthan G presently residing at 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana. That I have changed my daughter Name from M Rakshana to Rakshana M vide Affidavit dt 8 May 2024 before Pawan Kumar Garg, Notary Public, Regd No. 17787, Panchkula, Haryana.

**I, Asha Rani W/o** Suresh Kumar R/O C-1-852, ward no. 5, Raja Sahib Street, Jaroda Gate, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Asha Rani to Asha Goel.

**I, Vinod Kumar** Phulia, s/o Sh. Lachman Singh Phulia, R/O House No 336, Sector 18 Huda, Behind Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan Panipat, Declare that I have changed my name Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Lachman Singh to Vinod Kumar Phulia s/o Sh. Lachman Singh Phulia for all future purposes.

**I, Lachhman Singh** Phulia s/o Nanda Ram Phulia, R/O House No 336, Sector 18 Huda Panipat, Declare that I have changed my name Lachhman Singh s/o Nanda Ram to Lachhman Singh Phulia s/o Nanda Ram Phulia for all future purposes.

**I, Inderjeet Kaur** W/o Sukhpreet Singh R/O #2355, Sector-17, HUDA, Tehsil-Jagadhri, Distt.Yamunanagar (Haryana) have changed my name from Inderjeet Kaur Gill to Inderjeet Kaur.

**I, Neetu Sud W/o** Sh. Gur Iqbal R/O Flat No. 60-B, Swastik Vihar, Phase-2, MDC Sector 5, Panchkula have changed my name from Neetu Sud to Neetu.

**I, Nainee Garg D/o** Sh. Ramesh Kumar Garg SCO 143-144 (Ground Floor) Sector 8-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Nainee Garg to Sunaini Garg.

**I, Gurwinder Kaur W/o** Rajinderbir Singh R/O Gali No. 1, Guru Ki Wadali, Chheharta, Baba Jiwan Singh Colony, Amritsar, Punjab- 143105 have changed my name from Gurwinder Kaur to Kaur is my surname and Gurwinder is my given name.

**I, Umesh S/o** Late Sh. Harikesh Prasad R/O H.No. 611, Jeevan Nagar, Sonapat, Haryana declares that in my Passport No. L3103557, my father's name was wrongly entered as Harikesh. His actual name was Harikesh Prasad. Please correct it.

**I, Shamsheer Singh S/O** Jaipal R/O Village Jagdishpura, P.O. Kultarn, Tehsil And District Kaithal, informs That I Have Changed My Name From Shamsheer Singh To Shamsheer. Call Me Shamsheer In Future.

**I, Brijmohan S/o** Bal Kishan R/o Ismailpur, Hajarj, Haryana-124105 have changed my name to Brijmohan Sharma.

**I, Dill Timalisina S/o** Nani Nanda Timalisina, R/O House No 463, Room No. 25, R.K. Tower Balongi, District Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Dill Timalisina to Kale Timal Sine.

**I, Shukriya Timalisina D/o** Kale Timal Sine, R/O House No 463, Room No. 25, R.K. Tower Balongi, District Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Shukriya Timalisina to Shukri Timal Sine and in my Aadhar card my date of birth wrongly mentioned 13.03.1993. My correct date of birth is 13.10.1993.

**I, Sunita w/o** Dharam Pal r/o VPO Gheer, Distt. Karnal state that Sunita & Saneh Lata are the two names of same person ie myself.

**I, Anita w/o** Sanjeev Kumar r/o Nissing, Sub Tehsil Nissing, Distt. Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Anita Gupta to Anita. In future I should be known as Anita.

**I, Mohit S/o** Sunil R/O H.No. 906, Shiv Colony, Mandi Adampur, Adampur Hisar (Hry) have changed my name from Mohit. to Mohit for future.

**I, Sampurna** Mother of No. JC-281077 K, Rank SUB P Sudhakar r/o Village I-10, Post-Chavali, Tehsil-Vemur, District-Bapatla, (Andhra Pradesh) Pin-52261 have changed my name from Sampurna to Perikala. Sampoorna and date of birth from 01 July 1953 to 01 January 1956 vide Affidavit No. IN-PB14103635264994W dated 09/05/2024.

**I, Harish Kumar s/o** Krishan Lal r/o Jansu ambala city declare that I have changed my name from Harish Kumar to Harish sachdeva. Plz note.

**I, Sabo Devi, w/o** Shri Nirmal Singh, resident of M. No. 186, Village Dhanyauda Tehsil Ambala Cantonment District Ambala I state that both Sabo Devi and Sahab Kaur are the names of the same woman.

**I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o** Sh. Tehal Dass R/O Ram Gali, Kirti Nagar, Sirsa (Haryana), That I have changed my name from Kuldip Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur , in future my name is to be called as Kuldeep Kaur.

**I, Jayanti W/o** Sh. Sudhir Dutta R/O 403-A, Friends Colony, Yamuna Nagar (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Jayanti to Jayanti Dutta , in future my name is to be called as Jayanti Dutta.

**I, Meenu W/o** Balwinder Singh # 2942, Sector-47C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Meenu Rani.

**I, Sarafat Ali S/o** Mohamad Umar # 6561/C, Sector 56 Chandigarh have changed my name to Srafat.

**I, Kailash S/o** Dinesh Chander # 721, Sector 8-B, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Kailash Chander.

**I, Dinesh Chand S/o** Shri Dhar # 721, Sector 8-B, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Dinesh Chander.

**I, Ritubala W/o** Lakhinder Singh, #3103, Block-B12, Vikas Nagar, Nayagaon, Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali) declare that in my son's education certificate my name has been written as Rittu which is wrong whereas my correct name is Ritubala. Rittu and Ritubala are the name of one and the same person.

**I, R.K. Pal S/o** Shamsheer Singh R/O H.No. 40, Army Complex, Sector 44-A, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From R.K Pal To Raj Kumar Pal.

**I, Shabeg Singh S/o** Gurbakhsh Singh Village Janesron Indri, Janesron, (53) Bibi Pur Jattan, Karnal Indri Haryana have changed my name from Shabeg Singh to Subeg Singh.

**I, Satpal S/o** Sh. Shiv Ram Dua R/O 343, Mohalla Kalan, Choti Masjid, Sonapat-131001 have changed my name to Satya Pal Dua for all purposes.

**I, Shivani W/o** Rajbir Singh, VPO Ambli, Ambala, have changed my name to Sivani Devi.

**I, Rajvir S/o** Surinder Singh, VPO Ambli, Ambala, have changed my name to Rajbir Singh.

**I, Sukhjit Kaur W/o** Nachthar Singh R/O Mahima, Amritsar, Punjab- 143022 have changed my name after marriage from Sukhjit Kaur to Sukhpreet Kaur.

**I, Gurwinder Kaur W/o** Rajinderbir Singh R/O Gali No. 1, Guru Ki Wadali, Chheharta, Baba Jiwan Singh Colony, Amritsar, Punjab- 143105 have changed my name from Gurwinder Kaur to Kaur is my surname and Gurwinder is my given name.

**I, Gagandeep Kaur D/o** Balraj Singh W/o Satwinder Singh R/O Village Bhaini Lidhar, Amritsar, Punjab- 143601 have changed my name from Gagandeep Kaur to Gagandeep Kaur.

**I, Ritu Arora D/o** Sham Sunder W/o Sanjay Bajaj R/O H.No.29, Teja Singh Colony, FCG Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name after marriage from Ritu Arora to Ritu Bajaj.

**I, Mukesh Kumar S/o** Harbans Lal R/O 354, Beria Road, Gurudwara, Gidderbaha, Muktsar, Punjab- 152101 have changed my minor daughter's name from Pranvi to Pranvi Bhargava.

**I, Mohinder Pal Gulati S/O** Malik Chand Gulati R/O 770/1 Jogi Wara Ambala City Distt Ambala Changed My Name To Mohinder Gulati.

**I, Neelam W/O** Ravinder Singh R/O 138 Sultampur Ambala City Distt Ambala Changed My Name To Neelam Rani.

**I, Vikas Kumar S/O** Rajinder Rana R/O 1478 Sainik Nagar Near Guga Mari Mandir Vpo Babyal Distt Ambala Changed My Name To Vikas Atri.

**I, Vikas Atri S/O** Rajinder Rana R/O 1478 Sainik Nagar Near Guga Mari Mandir Vpo Babyal Distt Ambala Changed My Minor Son's Name From Aaryaveer To Aaryaveer Atri.

**I, Vikas Sharma S/o** Mool Chand Sharma R/O H.No. 1861/3868/2 Khattarwara Ambala City have changed my name from Vikash Sharma S/o Mool Chand to Vikas Sharma S/o Mool Chand Sharma

**I, Harinder Singh S/o** Sh. Amarjeet Singh R/O H.No- 272 - Model Town Ambala City have changed my name from Harinder Singh to Harinder Singh Bahal.

**I, Rajni Bala W/o** Pawan Chopra R/O H.No- 292, Sec-9 Urban Estate Ambala City have changed my name from Rajni Bala Chopra to Rajni Bala .

**I, Shaveta Gera W/O** Bhola Shankar R/O Hno. 603, Sector-1, Shahabad Markanda Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name From Shaveta Gera To Shweta.

**I, Bhola Shankar S/O** Chander Bhan R/O Hno. 603, Sector-1, Shahabad Markanda Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Kabir Chhabra To Kabir.

**I, Mandeep Singh S/o** Sh. Ajit Kumar R/O House No. 116, Block No. 03, Village Alipur, Teh. & Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed the name of my minor son from Moksh to Mohit Kumar for future purpose.

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

**I, Mohinder Pal S/O** Thakur Dass R/O E-4/1998, Chaki Wali Gali, Subhash Road, Chheharta Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Mohinder Pal To Mahinder Pal

**I, Simran Jot D/O** Sh. Davinder Kumar W/O Sh. Shivam Sehgal R/O H. No. 54, Jwala Estate, Jwala Floor Mill Haripora, Amritsar, I, Amritsar. I Have Changed My Name After Marriage From Simran Jot To Simranjot Sehgal.

**I, Kumari Saguna** Ben Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 14928874w Hav Veland Govindbhai Presently Residing At 139, Vachalu Falyly, Punaj, Kharanti, Kheda, Gujarat- 387520 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Name From Kumari Saguna Ben To Valand Shakuntalaben Govindbhai Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB14485778005483w Dated 10-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

**I, Inderjit Singh** Bains S/O Puran Singh R/O Vpo Dholwal Tehsil And District Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Inderjit Singh Bains To Inderjit Singh

**I, Dev Raj S/O** Bawa Ram R/O Kahuwara Road Back Side S.D College Shakti Nagar, Gurdaspur Tehsil And District Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name From Dev Raj To Dev Raj Majotra.

**I, Navpreet Kaur** Sadiora W/O Karanveer Singh Jauro R/O # 115 1st Floor, Acme Heights 92, Sector 92 , Landran ,Sas Nagar (Mohali ) Punjab -140307 Have Changes My Name From Navpreet Kaur Sadiora To Navpreet Kaur.

**I Meena Rani** Kamboj W/O Sh. Sanjay Kumar R/O H.No. 465 Sector-32 Karnal Inform That In All Documents My Name Was Meena Rani Kamboj, But Now I Have Changed My Name From Meena Rani Kamboj To Meena Devi. All Concern Noted.

**I Sanjay Kumar S/O** Sh. Gyan Singh R/O H.No. 465 Sector-32 Karnal Inform That In All Documents My Name Was Sanjay Kumar Kamboj, But Now I Have Changed My Name From Sanjay Kumar Kamboj To Sanjay Kumar. All Concern Noted.

**I Gurmali Singh S/O** Sh.Harbaksh Singh R/O Vill Damanda Tehsil Rania Distt. Sirsa (Haryana) Have Changed My Name Gurmali Singh To Gurmeli Singh. All Concern Please Note It.

**I, Sunil Kumar,** Ls Rp2, Service Number: 123616y, Resident Of H.No. 1771, Sec-09, Karnal, Haryana, Teh-Karnal & Distt- Karnal (Haryana)- 132001 Have Changed My Younger Daughter's Name From Naysa Banger To Naysa Vide Affidavit/ Self Declaration Dated 09 May 2024.

**I, Sunil Kumar,** Ls Rp2, Service Number: 123616y, Resident Of H.No. 1771, Sec-09, Karnal, Haryana, Teh-Karnal & Distt- Karnal (Haryana)- 132001 Have Changed My Younger Daughter's Name From Naysa Banger To Naysa Vide Affidavit/ Self Declaration Dated 09 May 2024.

**I, Maya Sanjay** Kale spouse of Kale Sanjay Dnyanoba resident of Village- Kalamamba, Post- Kalamamba, Tehsil- Kaij, District- Beed, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 431123, have changed my name from Kale Maya Sanjay to Maya Sanjay Kale Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06627106720632W dated 16 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Surjeet Kaur** Mother of No.4491819P Sep Gurcharn Singh resident of Village- Sippar, Post- Jamalpur, Tehsil- Bawani Khera, District- Bhiwani, State-Haryana, Pin-127035, have changed my name & DOB from Surjeet Kaur to Sarjeet Kaur and date of birth from 03 Aug 1965 to 15 July 1959 vide affidavit No. IN-PB0949808484202W dated 25 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Nandi Devi** Mother of No.4205783W NK Naveen Singh Kholiya resident of Village- Kholi, Post- Ajera, Tehsil- Didihat, District- Pithoragarh, State- Uttarakhand, Pin-262543, have changed my name from Nandi Devi to Nanda Devi vide affidavit No.IN-PB13187832609362W dated 07 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Laxmibai Dnyanoba** kale mother of Kale Sanjay Dnyanoba resident of Village - Kalamamba, post- Kalamamba, Tehsil-Kaij, District-Beed, state - Maharashtra, Pin -431123, have changed my name & DOB from Puspa Dnyanoba kale to Laxmibai Dnyanoba kale and date of birth from 18 Oct 1967 to 01 Jan 1950 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06626620597082W dated 16 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Kaldev Sanjay** Dnyanoba resident of Village - Kalamamba, Post, Kalamamba, Tehsil-Kaij District- Beed, state - Maharashtra, Pin -431123, have changed my son name from Shivam to Shivam Sanjay kale vide affidavit No.IN-PB14329718699841W dated 10 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Rathva Sharadaben** Keshabhaji Mother of No.17027592X NK Rathva Mahesh Kumar Kesha Bhai resident of Village- Mandvta, Post- Chhotaudepur, Tehsil-Chhotaudepur, District-Chhotaudepur, State- Gujarat, Pin-391165, have changed my name from Rathva Sharadaben Keshabhaji to Rathva Sharidben and date of birth from 18 Oct 1962 to 01 Jan 1945 vide affidavit No.IN-PB13654512735968W dated 08 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Dnyanoba Dagdu** Kale Father of Kale Sanjay Dnyanoba resident of Village - Kalamamba, Post, Kalamamba, Tehsil- Kaij ,District - Beed, state - Maharashtra, pin-431123, have changed my name & DOB from Dnyanoba to Dnyanoba Dagdu Kale and date of birth from 18 Oct 1962 to 01 Jan 1945 vide affidavit No.IN-PB14053360920154W dated 09 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

**I, Asha Thapa W/o** Jai Bahadur R/O Village Jachh, PO BASSA Waziran Tehsil Nurpur, Ward No-2 Jachh (154) Kangra, H.P.-176201, in My Son Sanjay Thapa All Army Documents My Name is Written As Asha Thapa, Instead of Asha Devi, So Kindly Correct It.

**I, Jyoti W/o** Sushil Gulati R/O 556/19, Chandana Gate, Jogiyan Mohalla, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Jyoti to Jyoti Gulati. In future, I will be known by the name of Jyoti Gulati. All concerned please note.

**I, Charanjeet Kaur W/o** Arjun Singh R/O Village Jogna Khera Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Charanjeet Kaur to Charanjit.

**I, Mukesh Kumar** s/o Dharam pal House No 3074/1, Sector- 22 Chandigarh have changed my name from Mukesh Kumar to Mukesh sharma.

**I, Satpal Ghai s/o** Sh Girvar R/o #4, Mauli village, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Satpal.

**I, Anita Ghai w/o** Satpal R/O #47, Gali No. 2, Near Punjab Traders, Gobind Nagar-2, Jhampur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), have changed my name to Anita.

**I Pradeep Prapajati s/o** Som Prakash R/O Flat No. 532, Tower No. 8, SBP South City, VIP Road, Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab - 140603 have changed my name from Pradeep Kumar to Pradeep Prapajati. I Harshdeep Singh s/o Mahipal h.no.25 Vill talheri gujran P/O Thakurpura Tehsil Brara Distt Ambala Adhar no 894393671295 change my name Harshdeep Singh chawla to Harshdeep Singh. In future I will be known by my name Harshdeep Singh

**I, Karmjit Kaur W/o** Ranbir Singh Vill.Nandu Khera, Bibipur Kalan, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My Given Name Karmjit Surname Kaur.

**I, Ranbir Singh S/o** Joginder Singh Vill.Nandu Khera, Bibipur Kalan, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My Given Name Ranbir Surname Singh.

**I, Jasvir Kaur W/o** Nirmal Singh R/O Village New Baran, Near Simran Palace, Sirhind Road, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Jasvir Kaur to Jasbir Kaur.

**I, Sunita Rani W/o** Sushil Kumar R/O H.No.11, St. No 1, Kamal Colony, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Sunita Rani.

**I, Kirmla Devi W/o** Rakesh Kumar R/O H.No.11, Gali No. 7/3, New Model House, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Kirmla Devi to Sneh.

**I, Ringbo Serto** spouse of S. Engpa AimoI resident of Vill. Khullen, Po. Pallal, Tehsil Tengnoupal, Distt.Chandel, State Manipur have changed my DOB from 03 Feb 1987 to 02 Mar 1987 vide Affidavit dated 12 Apr 2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Ramadhar** is father of No 15624767P Hav Brajendra Kumar, serving in unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/o 56 APO have change my name from Ramadhar to Ramadhar Singh.

**I, Chia Dulari** is mother of No 13698686P Hav Shiv Kumar, serving in unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/o 56 APO have change my name from Chia Dulari to Siya Dulari.

**I, Chandra Bhan** Amoriya is father of No JC 406032M Sub Anupam Kumar Amoriya, serving in unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/o 56 APO have change my name from Chandra Bhan Amoriya to Chandrabhan.

**I, Rajan Kumar S/O** Mohinder Pal Narang R/O Panj Mandi Back Side Vikas Nagar, Phagwara, District Kapurthala 144401 Have Changed My Name From Rajan Kumar To Rajan Narang.

**I, Sonu S/O** Dalbir Singh R/O Kothran, District. S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name From Sonu To Sonu Singh

**I, Dalbir S/O** Charnu Singh R/O P/O Kishankot, Tehsil Batala, Sukala, District. Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name From Dalbir To Dalbir Singh.

**I, Ganesh Dass** Alias Ganesh Kumar Chhabra S/O Jodha Ram R/O H.No.408, St.No.6, Kamalpur, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Ganesh Kumar Chhabra.

**I, Balwinder Kaur D/O** Bawa Singh W/O Kuldeep Singh R/O Village Jabbo Sudhar, P.O. Paramjitpur, District Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Baijinder Kaur.

**I, Dawinder Kaur W/O** Harpreet Singh R/O Village Kiri Afgana, P.O. Bahadurpur Rajoa, District Gurdaspur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Davinder Kaur.

**I, Vishav Jit S/O** Madan Lal R/O H.No.465, Bhagat Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Vishavjeet.

**I, Gita Rani W/o** Rajinder Pal Singh R/O Vpo. Jajia, Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Geeta Rani.

**I, Kuldeep Singh C/O** Shinda Singh R/O Chak Dogran P.O. Fatehwal District Amritsar Punjab 143102 Have Changed My Name From Kuldip Singh To Kuldeep Singh.

**I, Smt. Suraksha Devi** W/O No.2440525 Ex-Hav Late Sodhi Ram R/O Village & P.O Bassi Wazid Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Rachna Kanlia To Rachna Devi Whose Date Of Birth Is 05/05/1963.

**I, Rathva**

Cong delegation submits memorandum to Guv, seeks dismissal of BJP Govt in Haryana

Cong wants President's rule, floor-test or fresh elections; JJP faces rebellion

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Amid the brewing political acrisis in Haryana, a Congress party delegation led by senior leaders Aftab Ahmed and BB Batra on Friday submitted a memorandum to the Raj Bhavan seeking the dismissal of the BJP government, President's rule and a floor test, fresh elections among other things.

Talking to reporters in Chandigarh, Batra said that Congress MLAs had reached Raj Bhavan to submit the memorandum written by Leader of Opposition Bhupendra Singh Hooda. But since Governor Bandaru Dattatreya is on a Telangana tour, a memorandum has been submitted to his Secretary. "The memorandum demands that Nayab Singh Saini led minority government should be dismissed by the Governor. If they do not do so, then an assembly session should be called and instructions should be given to the present Government to prove its majority."

Batra further said that some people are spreading the misconception that a vote of confidence proposal cannot be brought in six months, whereas this is not written anywhere in the Constitution. It can be brought up at any time if political circumstances and a number of MLAs change. Therefore, it is important that the BJP Government should prove its majority in the Assembly, he added.

Senior Congress leader

Batra said that with the withdrawal of support from the Government by the three Independent MLAs namely Somvir Sangwan, Charkhi Dabri, Randhir Singh Golan, Pudri and Dharn Pal Gonder, Nilokheri, the BJP-led Government has been reduced to a minority. Therefore, this Government has no moral authority, no constitutional validity and no confidence of the people to remain in office even for a moment, said Congress leader.

He further said that at present, the strength of the State Assembly is 88, two MLAs, namely Manohar Lal and Ranjit Singh Chautala have resigned from the Assembly. The Indian National Congress has 30 MLAs who are opposed to this Government. The Jan Nayak Janta Party (JJP), its earlier coalition partner, has withdrawn its support from the Government and demanded the imposition of President's rule. Similarly, the lone MLA of INLD Party Abhay Singh has also demanded the imposition of President's rule. Three Independent MLAs have recently withdrawn their support from the Government. One Independent MLA Balraj Kundu had withdrawn support a couple of years back and is opposed to this Government. From the above, it is crystal clear that 30+10+1+3+1=45 MLAs are opposing this Government which is more than the 43 MLAs now supporting the Government. This shows that this Government has lost the confidence of the majority of the MLAs in the present House, he said, adding that ideally, the Chief Minister should resign on moral grounds but this Government is unabashedly seeking shelter under sheer technicalities or rather unconstitutionality by claiming that they have the majority.

After seeking floor test, JJP's Dushyant Chautala faces rebellion

A day after Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) leader Dushyant Chautala wrote to Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya seeking a floor-test for the present Government to prove its majority on floor of the House, JJP MLAs led by former minister Devender Babli, who represents Tohana, said they will replace Dushyant Chautala as the legislature party leader and stake claim to the party. The development assumes significance in view of the opposition's demand for summoning the assembly session to introduce a no-confidence motion. Babli said that Dushyant had written to Dattatreya, demanding a floor test on behalf of JJP MLAs. "When eight of the 10 JJP legislators are against Dushyant,

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how can he write to the governor without meeting them?" Babli said.

"Dushyant has the support of only his mother, Badhra MLA Naina Chautala. The rest of the MLAs are in favour of changing him. He should resign as legislature party leader otherwise the other MLAs will sack him. We have the support of eight MLAs, he added.

Sources in JJP said that some MLAs will be meeting soon to challenge Dushyant's leadership. They said that Thursday's meeting of three JJP MLAs with former chief minister and Karnal BJP Lok Sabha candidate Manohar Lal Khattar was held to discuss this issue. "The rebel MLAs are of the opinion that they will run the party after staking claim on it by following the path of for-

mer deputy prime minister Devi Lal," the sources said.

The rebel JJP MLAs said they will decide whether to support the BJP government or vote against it when a no-confidence motion is brought in the assembly. "Before the floor test, we will change our legislature party leader. We will take a decision on whom to support when the no-confidence motion is introduced," said another rebel JJP MLA, on the condition of anonymity.

Of the 10 JJP MLAs, Babli, Barwala legislator Jogi Ram Sihag, Narnaud MLA Ram Kumar Gautam and Narwana MLA Ram Niwas Surjakhara are leading the rebellion and are in touch with the BJP leadership. However, Dushyant still has the support of Julana MLA Amarjeet Dhandra, Uklana MLA Anoop Dhanak, who is undergoing treatment at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram and his mother Naina Chautala. The family members of the other two MLAs, Ram Karan Kala and Ishwar Singh, have joined the Congress.

Babli alleged that Dushyant had become a 'khalnayak (villain)' and his family had made the JJP "a private limited company". "The party has used the Jannayak word from Devi Lal but Dushyant has become Khalnayak. Eight JJP MLAs and the people of Haryana are against him because of his arrogance and dictatorship. "Dushyant used to question us whenever we attended any social function organised by

other party leaders. After becoming deputy chief minister, he distanced himself from party MLAs. The voters elected us, we are MLAs not bonded labour; he added.

Talking to reporters, JJP general secretary Digvijay Singh Chautala said that the party legislators were standing with Dushyant and such claims are false and baseless.

CM Saini accuses Congress of 'misleading' people

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday accused the Congress of "misleading people." Saini, who has repeatedly stressed that his government is safe, said that the grand old party should write to the Governor informing him about the number of MLAs who are supporting the opposition. He also recalled the floor test he won in March, days after succeeding BJP colleague Manohar Lal Khattar in the top post. The BJP has 40 members and has the support of two independents — Nayab Pal Rawat from Prithla and Rakesh Daulatabad from Badshapur — and Gopal Kanda of the Haryana Lokhit Party. That takes it to 43, two short of the majority mark of 45 in the assembly that currently has a strength of 88. Moreover, three legislators from the BJP's former ally, JJP, met ex-CM Khattar at the residence of Panchayati Minister Mahipal Dhandra on Thursday. They are Devender Singh Babli, Jogi Ram Sihag, and Ranniwas Surjakhara.

82 candidates file nomination in Punjab on Akshay Tritiya

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The auspicious day of Akshay Tritiya on Friday witnessed a flood of nominations with a whopping 82 candidates filing their papers for the June 1 elections on the fourth day of the filing of nominations. With May 11 and 12 being the gazetted holidays, only two days are left for filing the nominations — May 13 and 14 (Monday and Tuesday).

The self-styled Khalistan preacher and National Security Act (NSA) detainee Amritpal Singh, currently lodged in Assam's Dibrugarh jail, has filed his nomination papers for the Khadoor Sahib constituency as an independent candidate.

The day saw several stalwarts officially throwing their hats in the electoral ring. In Jalandhar, candidates of prominent parties — former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi from Congress; Sushil Kumar Rinku from Bharatiya Janata Party; and Mohinder Singh Kaypee from Shiromani Akali Dal — filed their papers among a total six candidates.

Other prominent leaders to file their nominations on Friday include former Deputy Chief Minister and Congress candidate Sukhinder Singh Randhawa and BJP's Dinesh Singh Babu from Gurdaspur; BJP's Taranjit Singh Sandhu and SAD's Anil Joshi from Amritsar; Congress' Yamani Gomar and AAP's Dr Raj Kumar Chhabwal from Hoshiarpur; SAD's former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra and

AAP's Malvinder Singh Kang from Anandpur Sahib; sitting MP and BJP leader Ravneet Singh Bittu from Ludhiana; former MLA and AAP's Gurpreet Singh GP from Fatehgarh Sahib; Cabinet Minister and AAP candidate Gurmeet Singh Khuddian and Congress' former MLA Jeebmohinder Singh Sidhu from Bathinda; former MLA and SAD candidate NK Sharma from Patiala, among others.

Ballot Battle

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C reported that on the fourth day of filing of nominations in Punjab for the Lok Sabha elections-2024, 95 nominations have been filed by 82 candidates for 13 Lok Sabha seats.

None candidates have filed 14 nomination papers from Gurdaspur; eight nominations have been filed by six candidates from Amritsar; three candidates filed papers from Khadoor Sahib; six candidates filed nominations from Jalandhar; five candidates filed seven nominations from Hoshiarpur; nine nominations have been filed by seven candidates from Anandpur Sahib; 12 candidates filed nominations from Ludhiana; eight nominations have been filed by six candidates from Fatehgarh Sahib; eight candidates filed nominations from Faridkot; seven candidates filed nominations from Bathinda; four candidates filed nominations from Sangrur; five candidates from Patiala; and four from Ferozepur.

The development came after Amritpal had approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Friday seeking temporary release to file his nomination to contest the Lok Sabha polls. As per the affidavit and information submitted by the state of Punjab before the Bench, two sets of nomination forms and other paperwork were filled in and signed by Amritpal Singh on May 9. He was also allowed to meet his proposer and advocate at Dibrugarh Central Jail. "The Superintendent Central Jail Dibrugarh will administer the oath to the detainee as per the provisions of law including Handbook for Candidate, 2023 and issue Certificate for Receipt of Oath and send original form of Oath to Returning Officer, 03-Khadoor Sahab, (Punjab). The oath will be administered as and when a request is made by the detainee after his nomination form is submitted before the Returning Officer," read the affidavit.

BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon files nomination papers in Chandigarh

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After a show of strength with a city-wide roadshow, BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon on Friday filed his nomination papers for the Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat at Deputy Commissioner's office. On the occasion, senior BJP leaders Kirron Kher, Jitender Pal Malhotra and others were present.

Talking to reporters, Tandon said, "I am deeply humbled by the overwhelming support and trust placed in me by the people of my city. Their trust is a testament to people's faith in the Modi government model. Today, I am in debt to the love and support people have showered upon me. I assure you that after becoming an MP, I promise to deliver in 5 years what would normally take 50 years." Before embarking on his journey, Tandon, along with his family members in the presence of senior BJP's leaders, performed a havan at Kamlam, Sector 33.



BJP national president JP Nadda slammed the INDI alliance saying that half of its senior leaders are in jail, and the other half is on bail addressing a public meeting in support of the BJP candidate for the Chandigarh Lok Sabha election, Sanjay Tandon, at Sector Sec 27 Ram Leela ground.

Punjab CM Rushes to Delhi as SC grants interim bail to Kejriwal

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In a consequential turn of events, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, in response to the Supreme Court's decision to grant interim bail to his Delhi counterpart and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal, promptly altered his plans on Friday. Cancelling his scheduled Lok Sabha election campaign in Gurdaspur, Mann hastily made his way to Delhi, recognizing the significance of the moment for his party and the political landscape at large.

Mann swiftly redirected his itinerary to prioritize the emerging situation in the nation's capital. His originally planned roadshow in Kalanaur, Gurdaspur, was promptly set aside as he made arrangements to travel to Delhi.

It has been learnt that the Chief Minister promptly took a flight from Amritsar to Delhi to welcome Kejriwal, whose was released from Tihar Jail in the evening.

Reacting on the development, Mann declared that the AAP will now intensify its fight to safeguard democracy. Reiterating that Arvind Kejriwal is an ideology, Mann declared, "We shall now progress with increased momentum. Inquilab Zindabad."

Looking ahead, AAP's electoral strategy is expected to evolve in response to Kejriwal's release, with a renewed focus on engaging with voters and amplifying the party's message of inclusive governance and social justice. The battleground of Punjab's electoral arena is set to witness a spirited contest, with AAP emerging as a formidable force, emboldened by the return of its leader and the promise of a new chapter in the state's political narrative.

Boost to AAP's campaign

The impact of Kejriwal's bail transcends mere legal relief... it signifies a renewed vigour in Punjab's political arena and sets the stage for an intensified electoral battle. As AAP prepares to harness this momentum, the coming days are poised to witness heightened activity and spirited campaigning across the State, shaping the narrative of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

In Punjab, where political dynamics have often been tur-

bulent and closely contested, Kejriwal's release injected a new dimension into the electoral landscape. AAP's aspirations to consolidate its presence in the state are buoyed by the support and enthusiasm generated by Kejriwal's leadership.

With Kejriwal's release from jail until June 1 — the date of polling in Punjab, which is part of the seventh and final phase of elections — the INDIA bloc leaders are elated. Kejriwal had been unable to campaign in the past three phases of polling due to his incarceration. Party leaders anticipate that Kejriwal's freedom will inject momentum into AAP's campaign in Punjab.

While Kejriwal's wife, Sunita, was slated to campaign in Punjab, her plans were put on hold pending the Supreme Court's decision on Kejriwal's bail.

However, four phases of polling remain, and Kejriwal will now be able to campaign for all four phases. Notably, the Lok Sabha election results will be announced on June 4, and on June 2, Kejriwal will need to surrender himself to Tihar Jail again.

Nonetheless, following his release from Tihar Jail, Kejriwal is expected to campaign for AAP candidates not only in Delhi, but also in Punjab and in Haryana. A schedule is being set by the party for this purpose.

Notably, AAP is contesting elections on total of 22 Lok Sabha seats across India. Even as voting has taken place on four seats in the first three phases of polling, the electorate are yet to exercise their franchise on the remaining 18 seats, including four in Delhi, 13 in Punjab, and one Haryana's Kurukshetra constituency. "Victory For Democracy", says AAP Celebrating the News

Meanwhile, AAP leaders and supporters in Chandigarh celebrated the news, hailing it as a victory for democracy and a turning point in the battle against authoritarianism. Cabinet Ministers and party members alike conveyed their elation and vowed to intensify their efforts towards achieving their electoral goals.

AAP's buoyant spirits were palpable following the Supreme Court's decision. Expressing gratitude to the

judiciary, Mann took to social media, stating, "Thanks to the Supreme Court... Now we will fight the battle to save democracy with more vigour...Arvind Kejriwal is not a person but an ideology... and now we will move forward faster. Inquilab Zindabad."

Similarly, Finance Minister Harpal Cheema also posted on X, "Today's interim bail order for @ArvindKejriwal Ji by Hon'ble Supreme Court reaffirms the honesty and integrity of the @AamAadmiParty. Grateful to the judiciary for upholding justice. Arvind Ji's presence among us will give all of us energy and vigour to fight and win."

Kejriwal's close aide and Punjab Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh, who is also contesting impending Lok Sabha polls from Patiala, wrote on X, "Beginning of the end for the dictatorial Modi regime in India. India's favorite son, babbar sher @ArvindKejriwal Ji has been given bail by Supreme Court. All the evil planning of BJP has failed to work! Now just watch how the INDIA campaign will shoot up. We are so happy & thankful to Waheguru ji!"

Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains hailed the Supreme Court's grant of interim bail to Arvind Kejriwal, stating that it underscored the triumph of truth. He emphasized that this development offered a ray of hope for the nation, fortifying our democracy. Bains expressed confidence that Kejriwal's victory would galvanize the entire country to unite against what he perceives as a dictatorial regime bent on undermining democracy and the Constitution. AAP spokesperson Neel Garg asserted that the BJP and Narendra Modi's apprehension of the Aam Aadmi Party and Arvind Kejriwal is evident, prompting them to orchestrate a conspiracy against the party. Garg highlighted the misuse of central agencies to thwart their efforts, culminating in the arrest of a sitting Chief Minister just before the general elections. He emphasized the significance of the court's decision, asserting its pivotal role in safeguarding democracy and the constitution. Garg vowed that AAP leaders and workers would operate with renewed vigor and enthusiasm in the wake of this development.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK (A GOVT. OF INDIA UNDERTAKING) Where Service is a way of life. PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (ONLINE) ON/BEFORE 28.05.2024 UPTO 04:00 PM. DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES. Includes details for various properties in Gidderbaha, Malout, and Muktsar Main.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I jogender Singh deshalw s/o balbir Singh r/o village mahawati teh samalkha distt panipat declared lost my client sale deed wasika no. 7031 dated 3.12.2009 which is registered in the office S.R panipat and lost at teshil panipat and lost date 27.4.2023 if some one found plz contact my address

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is informed to General Public that Sheela Devi W/o Sh. Rajbir has lost the previous Original wasika no. 5911 dated 18/06/2019 by S.R.Panipat Rakba Panipat. Which is Rajni w/o sh. Parveen Kumar are registered in the name of Rajni w/o sh. Parveen Kumar. Rajni w/o sh. Parveen Kumar has gone missing. Rajni w/o sh. Parveen Kumar whose police report no. 13240182400631 Registered in Police Station Matlauda, Panipat. Sheela Devi w/o Sh. Rajbir which is owned and processed by him and available Loan form (Aavas Financiers Limited.) If any person has any objection or any kind of problem, he should contact within 7 days of this publication.  
Rajesh Kumar Advocate Ph. no. 998899923, Chamber no. 19, Ground Floor, District Court, Panipat.

**Lost & Found**  
Yogesh Arora S/o Sh. Askaran R/o H. no. 05, Ashoka Colony Distt Karnal Haryana Inform that a sale deed of mine bearing number 2002/1 dated 18-12-1956 vol. no. 73 page no. 287, 289 in favor of Askaran son of Kanhaiya Lal which is dated 17-07-2008 has gone missing from Old Tehsil Karnal. In this regard, I have lodged a lost property report at the police station Karnal City. Whose application number is 132310512400921.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I jogender Singh deshalw s/o balbir Singh r/o village mahawati teh samalkha distt panipat declared lost my client sale deed wasika no. 2428 dated 10.8.1992 vaski no. 1482 dated 14.9.1968 which is registered in the office S.R panipat and lost at teshil panipat and lost date 11.4.2013 if some one found plz contact my address

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICICI Bank** | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited shai Tower Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005

**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.	Sarabjit Singh/ Harpreet Kaur/ LBAMT00006389962	House Measuring 202.22 Sq. Yard, Khasra No. 49/5/1/2 Min., Situated At Village Kambo, Main Bazaar Roriwal, Opposite Gurudwara Nanak Niwas, Amritsar, Punjab/ May 08, 2024	December 07, 2023 Rs. 9,88,859/-	Amritsar
2.	Rahul Vedehra/ Suman Rani/ LBAMT00006245851/ TBAMT00006206959/ TBAMT00006285087	Plot Private No. L-38, Comprised in Khasra No. 49/21, 50/24, 50/25 Min., Khata Khatoni No. 1071/1349, 2178/2745, As Per Jamabandi Year 2014-2015, Situated At Village Gumtala Sub-Urban, Abadi Green City, Tehsil and District Amritsar, Punjab- 143001/ May 08, 2024	December 16, 2023 Rs. 41,12,685/-	Amritsar
3.	Lavish Arora/ Suman Rani/ LBBTN00005828127/ LBBTN00005828128/ LBBTN00005881419	House Comprised in Khasra No. 4759 Min. (0-5), Khawat No. 3059, Khatoni No. 14988, As Per Jamabandi Year 2012-13, Intekal No. 89678, Situated in Street No. 26, Near Tungwali Gurudwara, Paras Ram Nagar, Patli Jhutti, Tehsil and District Bathinda, Punjab- 151002/ May 08, 2024	December 16, 2023 Rs. 13,46,564/-	Bathinda
4.	Ajay Arora/ Richa Makol/ Supriya Arora/ Abhishek Verma/ Neelam Arora/ LBPNC00005130742	1. As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Property Measuring 4 Biswa 17 Biswas Being 97/180 Share of Land Measuring 0 Bigha 9 Biswa Comprised In Khata No. 88/187, Khasra No. 613/264, As Per Jamabandi Year 2012-2013, Haddbasat No. 113, Situated At Village Pinjore, Nagar Nigam Panchkula Zone Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula, Haryana. 2. As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Property Measuring 1 Biswa 5 Biswas Being 25/180 Share of Land Measuring 0 Bigha 9 Biswa Comprised In Khata No. 88/187, Khasra No. 613/264, As Per Jamabandi Year 2012-2013, Haddbasat No. 113, Situated At Village Pinjore, Nagar Nigam Panchkula Zone Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula, Haryana/ May 08, 2024	January 17, 2024 Rs. 93,31,558/-	Mohali/ Panchkula/ Chennai
5.	Ajay Arora/ Richa Makol/ Supriya Arora/ Abhishek Verma/ Neelam Arora/ LBPNC00005130739	House Built Over Property Measuring 9 Biswa 5 Biswas Out of Which Property Measuring 1 Biswa 14 Biswas Being 17/11710 Share of Property Measuring 58 Bigha 11 Biswa Comprised In Khata No. 15/18, Khasra No. 2, and Property Measuring 7 Biswa 11 Biswas Being 151/2760 Share of Property Measuring 6 Biswa 18 Biswas Comprised In Khawat Khatoni No. 16/19, Khasra No. 100, As Per Jamabandi Year 2018-17, Haddbasat No. 153, Situated At Village Bitna, Within Limits of Nagar Nigam Panchkula Zone Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula, Haryana/ May 08, 2024	January 17, 2024 Rs. 1,37,51,538/-	Mohali/ Panchkula/ Chennai

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
Date: May 10, 2024  
Place: Punjab  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Reg: Plot No. 146, Sector 33-A, IMT, Rohtak under R & R policy dated 07.12.2007.  
Plot No. 146, Sector 33-A, IMT, Rohtak under R & R policy dated 07.12.2007 measuring 153 sq. meter was allotted by the Corporation to All legal heirs of Late Sh. Satpal Nanda (now deceased) S/o Sh. Purnan Nanda, R/o VPO-Bohar, Pana Melwan, Rohtak vide Regular Letter of Allotment (RLA) dated 01.03.2016. Now the legal heirs of the deceased allottee Late Sh. Satpal Nanda namely Saroj Devi, Kirri, Rita, Tamana, Kajal and Master Anshul (minor) have approached the Corporation for transfer of plot/share of Late Sh. Satpal Nanda in plot in question in favour of Smt Saroj Wido Late Sh. Satpal S/o Sh. Purnan Nanda. Master Anshul (minor) S/o Late Sh. Satpal Nanda in this regard. The Corporation is in process of considering their request & transferring the said plot in favour of Smt Saroj Wido Late Sh. Satpal S/o Sh. Purnan Nanda and Master Anshul (minor) S/o Late Sh. Satpal Nanda. Through this public notice it is hereby informed that any person having reservation/ objection to said transfer may file his/ her objection in writing before the undersigned alongwith an affidavit within a period of 30-days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that no body has any objection to transfer of the said share in the plot and the Corporation shall go ahead with transfer of plot in favour of Smt Saroj Wido Late Sh. Satpal S/o Sh. Purnan Nanda and Master Anshul (minor) S/o Late Sh. Satpal Nanda. Estate Manager, For & behalf of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Dev. Corpn. Ltd., Branch Office Industrial Model Township Rohtak, Ph. 91292-287425, Fax- 91292-284129

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is for the information of General Public that for the Environmental Clearance of our Project namely Residential Group Housing of 'ALAKNANDA TOWERS' at Village Singhpura, Zirakpur, District S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab by M/s ALAKNANDA LAND AND PROMOTERS has been granted by MoEF&CC, Punjab vide EC Identification No. EC24B038PB113477 dated 01.01.2024. Copy of the Environmental Clearance is available with Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala and may be seen there, if desired, on any working day.  
By  
M/s ALAKNANDA LAND AND PROMOTERS  
Village Singhpura, Zirakpur, District S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab

**LOST - FOUND**  
I, Rajpal Singh s/o Bhanwar Singh r/o Village Badawad, District Baghpat (UP) inform that all the receipts of my plot no. B-172, Parshwanath City, Karnal are lost. If anyone finds these receipts, please inform on this address and phone. Address: Rajpal s/o Bhanwar Singh Mob : 8218719011.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is for information to General Public that Original previous three sale deeds bearing wasika no. 19619 dated 13/02/2009, wasika no. 20707 dated 01/03/2006 & wasika no. 6874 dated 22/07/2005 have been lost and lost information report bearing serial no. 4682412024 dated 09/05/2024 already lodged. If any Financial Institution or any individual have any objection, if anybody has any claim, charge, lien, over the said property by virtue of said lost previous original sale deed or anybody has the objection to the same he/she may contact the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which the bank will not entertain any objection there after and will proceed accordingly. Impaired Advocate Vibha Toyal, for and on Behalf of Punjab National Bank, Ph. No. 98882-82856, Chamber No. 2029, District Courts, Ludhiana.

**Format C-7**  
(For political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selections as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates. As per the commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13-02-2020 of hon'ble Supreme Court in Contempt Petition No. 2192 of 2018 in WP (S) No. 536 of 2011.

Name of Political Party: **INDIAN NATIONAL LOKDAL**  
Name of the Election: **General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 from 02-Kurukshetra Parliamentary Constituency.**  
Name of State: **Haryana**  
(1) Name of Constituency : **02-Kurukshetra**  
(2) Name of Candidate : **Abhay Singh Chautala**

1.	Criminal antecedents	Case 1	Case 2
a.	Nature of the offences	Offence relating to assets disproportionate to the known source of income	Offence relating to Defamation
b.	Case No.	10/2009	74820/2014
c.	Nature of the court	Sh. Rakesh Syal Special Judge (PC Act) CBI-23, MPs/MLA Cases)DC, CBI, Rouse Avenue Court, New Delhi	Sh. Manoj Kumar Rana, ACJM, Gurugram
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/NO)	Yes	NO
e.	Date if Conviction, if any	NA	NA
f.	Details of Punishments undergone, if any	NA	NA
g.	Any other information required to be given	NIL	CRM No. 34667 of 2018 was filed before Hon'ble High Court and the same has been allowed vide order dated 19-12-2023 and the above said proceeding has terminated.

2. the reasons for the selection of the candidate, selection shall be with reference to the qualification, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not more "winnability" at the polls.  
Selected candidate is Graduate, dedicated to agricultural cause, active in public life, outstanding sportsman and engaged in social activities  
He is the best suitable and senior most leader of party being four time member of Haryana Legislative Assembly.

(2) Name of the Constituency: **02-Kurukshetra**  
Name of the Candidate : **Abhay Singh Chautala**  
Date: **05-05-2024**  
**R. S. Chaudhry**  
National Sr. Vice President  
Indian National Lokdal

**Format C-1**  
(For candidate to publish in website, newspapers, TV)

**Declaration about criminal cases**  
(As per the judgement dated 25th September 2018 of Hon'able Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536, of 2011 (Public interest foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and Address of Candidate: **Abhay Singh Chautala R/o Vill. Teja Khara, Sirsa, Haryana**  
Name of Political Party : **Indian National Lokdal**  
Name of Election : **General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 from Kurukshetra Parliament.**  
Name of Constituency : **02- Kurukshetra**  
Name of State/UT : **Haryana**

I, **Abhay Singh Chautala**, a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) pending criminal cases

Sl NO.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1.	Sh. Rakesh Syal, Special Judge (PC Act) CBI-23, Mps/MLAs Cases, Rouse Avenue Court, New Delhi	10/2009	Charges framed vide order dated 18.10.2011 and prosecution evidences going on.	13(2) read with 13(1) (e) of P.C. 1988 read with section 109 IPC offence relating to assets disproportionate to the known sources of income
2.	Sh. Manoj Kumar Rana, ACJM Gurugram	Complaint/Case 74820/2014	CRM No. 34667 of 2018 was filed before Hon'ble High Court and the same has been allowed vide order dated 19-12-2023 and the above said proceeding has terminated.	500 IPC Offence relating to defamation

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl NO.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	description of offence (s) and punishment imposed	Maximum punishment imposed
NA	NA	NA	NA

**Cooperative Bank**  
FULLY COMPUTERIZED BANK  
H.O.: OPP. G.P.O., G.T. ROAD, JALANDHAR

**THE JALANDHAR CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK LTD.**  
[RULE (8-1)] SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Jalandhar Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices on the dates mentioned against accounts calling upon the borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.  
The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against accounts.  
The borrowers / guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of the The Jalandhar Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. for an amount of mentioned below and further interest / other charges accrued thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the Secured Assets.

Name of the NPA Account / Branch	Description of the Immovable Properties	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
(1) Smt. Nirmala W/o Sh. Tersem Lal, R/o Green Park Mohalla, Ravidass Nagar, Adampur, Distt. Jalandhar and others Branch : Adampur, District Jalandhar	Equitable / Registered Mortgaged Residential House / Plot measuring 5 Marlas, bearing Khasra no. 19/16 (8-0), 25 (8-0), 20/20 (5-12), 21 (6-10), 30 (0-16), 29/1/1 (3-8), 30/5/1 (3-16) Kita Rakba 36 Kanal 2 Marla out of share 45/6498 total 5 Marlas, Haddbasat no. 57 as per Jamabandi year 2010-2011, situated at Green Park, Alawalpur Road, Adampur, Distt Jalandhar, Bounded by East- Drain, West- Road, North- Deegray, South- Nisha, Registered with Joint Sub Registrar Adampur vide Documents no. 1375, Bahi no. 1, Jild and Page no. 0, on dated 31-10-2017.	03-11-2023	06-05-2024	Rs. 1,24,137/- as on 20-10-2023 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(2) M/s Vishal Electronics, Mill Road, Bhogpur, Distt. Jalandhar and others Branch : Bhogpur, District Jalandhar	Equitable / Registered Mortgaged Residential / Commercial Property i.e. Shop bearing Khasra no. 16/8/2/1 (1-16), 9 (7-16) Kita Rakba 9 Kanal 12 Marla out of share 445/52224, Khata no. 67/75 as per Jamabandi for the year 1997-1998, situated at Bhogpur, Distt, Jalandhar, and bounded by East- Road, West- PSPCL, North- Plot Deegray, South- S. Gurcharan Singh, Registered with Sub Registrar Bhogpur, Distt, Jalandhar on dated 22-08-2001 executed by S. Saroop Singh S/o Sh. Sita Ram in favour of Sh. Harbans Lal S/o Sh. Malook Singh.	06-11-2023	06-05-2024	Rs. 3,02,278/- as on 31-03-2009 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(3) Sh. Jaspreet Singh S/o Sh. Dalip Singh (Since Deceased) R/o FM-250, Model House Distt. Jalandhar & others Branch : Model House, District Jalandhar	Equitable / Registered Mortgaged Residential House in the name of Sh. Jaspreet Singh S/o Sh. Dalip Singh, situated at House no. FM-250, Model House, Jalandhar having Original Transfer deed no. 7184 dated 12-02-2009 measuring about 4 Marla.	28-11-2023	07-05-2024	Rs. 6,64,273/- as on 01-04-2020 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(4) M/s Malhan Traders, Boota Mandi, Distt. Jalandhar, Prop. Sh. Yadwinder Malhan S/o Sh. Mulakh Raj, R/o House no. 201, G.T.B Nagar, Distt. Jalandhar & others Branch : Model House, District Jalandhar	Equitable / Registered Mortgaged Residential House in the name of Sh. Mulakh Raj S/o Sh. Bisna Ram, situated at House no. 201, GTB Nagar Nakodar Road, Jalandhar having Khawat no. 2849/2604, 2896/2648, 2897/2650, Khatoni no. 3274, 3321, Khasra no. 31960/26349 (5-14), 3398/2, 31960/26349 (5-1), 3398/2, 26350/3398 (2-0), measuring about 11 Marla, 177 sq.ft. (11 Marla = 177 sq. ft.) and bounded by East : Plot no. 202, West : 30' Road, North : 30' Road, South : Plot no. 200	28-11-2023	07-05-2024	Rs. 17,43,012/- as on 31-03-2020 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(5) Sh. Bhopinder Singh S/o Sh. Satnam Singh, R/o 47A, Abhinadan Park, Vill. Nandanpur, Maqsoodan, Jalandhar & others Branch : Maqsoodan, District Jalandhar	Equitable / Registered Mortgaged Residential House / Plot / Land measuring 3 Marlas, 219 Sq Ft, bearing Khasra no. 28/16 (0-03), 28/25 (3-14), 29/19/1 (0-14), 29/19/2 (7-16), 29/20 (8-0), 29/21/1 (6-0) 29/22 (7-4), 29/18/2 (0-4), 3 Malas 219 sq ft, Khata no. 264/354, 265/355 as per Jamabandi year of 2003-2004, situated at Village Nanadan Pur, Abhinadan Park, Distt. Jalandhar, Registered with Sub Registrar Jalandhar 2, vide Documents no. 3030, Bahi no. 0, Jild 1 and Page no. 0, on dated 28-07-2008.	08-11-2023	07-05-2024	Rs. 2,10,215/- as on 30-09-2023 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(6) Sh. Satnam Ram S/o Sh. Nand Lal, R/o Village Kadiana, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar & others Branch : Phillaur, District Jalandhar	Equitable / Registered Mortgaged Residential House / Plot measuring 8 Marla, Situated at Village Kadiana, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt, Jalandhar, and bounded by East : Road, West : Chaman Lal, North : Ram Bajan, South : Surjit Kumar, Registered with Sub Registrar Phillaur vide Documents no. 1172, Bahi no. 1, Jild and Page no. 0, on dated 10-10-2009, standing in the name of Smt. Vidya Rani W/o Sh. Satnam Ram.	28-11-2023	07-05-2024	Rs. 2,20,707/- as on 31-10-2023 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected

Date : 11-05-2024 Place : Jalandhar Sd/- Authorised Officer

**This may be published in Newspapers and TV from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidature and upto two days before the date of poll.**  
Format C-1

(for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)  
**Declaration about criminal cases**  
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: **DIVYANSHU & HOUSE NO. 448, TOWN WARD NO. 6, GOHANA, SONIPAT NOW RE-NUMBERED/ NAME AS HOUSE NO. 713/5, 2, ADARSH NAGAR, TEHSIL GOHANA, SONIPAT, HARYANA.**  
Name of political party: **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**  
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)  
Name of Election: **GENERAL ELECTION 2024**  
\*Name of Constituency: **05-KARNAL, PARLIAMANTARY CONSTITUTENCY**

I, **DIVYANSHU** (name of candidate) a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:-

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sr. No.	Name of Court	Case No. & dated	Status of Case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1	Ms Aparna Bhardwaj Ld. JMIC, Panchkula.	CHI-371/2018	Pending	Under Section 147/186/341/353 IPC, for violation of Section 144 Cr.P.C.,
2	In the Court of Ld CJM, Panchkula	CHA-109/2018	Pending	Under Section 3A, The Haryana Prevention of Defacement of Property Act 1989 for erection of flex boards by NSUI
3	In the Court of Ms. Rashmeet Kaur Ld. JMIC, Gurugram	CHI/5141 & CHI 6069/2023	Pending	Under Section 147/283/341 IPC regarding the floring of party flags on highway.
4	In the Court of Ms Renu Bala Ld. JMIC, Kurukshetra	CHI/800/2021	Pending and Revision filed by the State vide CRR-228-2018	Under Section 147/149/186 /188/341 IPC, for violation of Section 144 Cr.P.C.,
5	No	FIR No. 0002 of 2024 Police Station Sector 14, Panchkula	Proceedings are Stayed from Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court Chandigarh vide CRM-M No. 21702 of 2024	174-A of IPC for non-appearance in case arises out of FIR No. 0016/2018 registered at Police Station Sector-14, Panchkula

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sr. No.	Name of Court	Case No. & dated	Status of Case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offences
1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

In the cases of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLA's, mention the election concerned in place of name constituency.

**STATE BANK OF INDIA** | Jhoke Morhe Distt. Ferozepur

**DEMAND NOTICE**

**NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 HERE AFTER CALLED "ACT"**

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Guarantor's have defaulted in the repayment of Principal and Interest of the Loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, have been returned un-served & as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of NPA	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding as per Notice
1. M/s Guru Ram Dass Commission Agent Village Jhoke Morhe P.O. Jhoke Tahal Singh Distt Ferozepur	Property measuring 277 Sq Yards i.e. 277/1 3358 share of 5 Kanal 11 Marlas Comprised in Khewat No. 375, Khatoni No 577, Khassa No. 2194/1 (5 - 11), Jamabandi Year 2009 - 10 situated at Chahal Road, Near Railway Crossing, Faridkot vide Title Deed No.3743	29.01.2024	24.04.2024	Rs.21,01,951.57 as on 24.04.2024. You are liable to pay future interest at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.
2. Sh Kulwant Singh S/o Sh Gurmukh Singh (Prop.) Village Jhoke Tahal Singh Distt Ferozepur.	Dated 28.11.2013 in the name of Sh. Kulwant Singh S/o Sh. Gurmukh Singh and Sh. Suba Singh S/o Sh. Banta Singh and bounded as East: Passage, West: Vacant Plot, North: Gurpal Singh, South: Manjinder Kaur.			
3. Sh. Suba Singh S/o Sh. Banta Singh Resident of House No B-XI-1555, Street No 3R, Dogar Basti Faridkot-151203 (Guarantor).				

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower / Guarantor are here by called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub section(4) of section 13of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

(NOTE : This Notice Supersedes the earlier Notice issued on 18.02.2024 under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002)

DATE: 11.05.2024 PLACE: V.JHOKE MORHE, DISTT. FEROTZEPUR AUTHORISED OFFICER

**PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT ADVOCATES COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING (1st) SOCIETY LTD. SECTOR 49-A, CHANDIGARH.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is notified to the General Public that Shri Dinesh Arora S/o Sh. B.R. Arora resident of 648 Sector 48 A Chandigarh has entered into an agreement for purchase of lease hold flat No. 231 (old no. 111), Category-A in The PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT ADVOCATES COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING (1st) SOCIETY LTD. SECTOR 49-A, CHANDIGARH, presently residing at #233 Sector 11A, Chandigarh. Now he has applied for issuance of NOC for Sale & execution of Transfer of Lease Rights (Sale Deed) in his favour.

In case anybody has any objection in respect of issue of NOC/Permission for sale & execution of Lease Rights (Sale Deed), he/she may submit the objections, if any, in writing within 30 days of Publication before the undersigned along with documentary evidence.

President Punjab & Haryana High Court Advocates Co-operative House Building (1st) Society Ltd. Sector 49-A, Chandigarh

**PUNJAB GRAMIN BANK REGIONAL OFFICE, AMRITSAR**

**NOTICE FOR BREAK OPEN OF LOCKERS AS RENT REMAIN UNPAID AT OUR FOLLOWING BRANCHES**

**(Shivala Colony Amritsar, Ghoman, Jaintipur)**

The Punjab Gramin Bank had rented safe deposit Vaults (Lockers) to the respective locker hirers as mentioned in the tables below. The rent has not been paid by the locker hirers and there are arrears of rent against them. The bank has issued three notices to the respective locker hirers for payment of overdue lockers rent in arrears, but still not deposited

Locker No.	Name of the Lessee	Branch Name
AA00047	Jasbir Singh S/o Mr. Chana Singh, Village Sheikhpur Kalan, Distt. Gurdaspur	Jaintipur, (Distt. Amritsar)
AC00034	Daniel Bejamin S/o Prince Benjamin, House no. 1427, Street no. 10, Jagdambay Colony, Majitha Road, Amritsar	Shivala Colony, Amritsar
AA00017	Baljit Kaur W/o Jaswant Singh and Ranjit Singh S/o Jaswant Singh, VPO Ghoman, Distt. Gurdaspur	Ghoman (Gurdaspur)
AA00027	Heera Singh S/o Dalip Singh and Gurbinder Kaur W/o Mr. Heera Singh, VPO Dakoha, Distt. Gurdaspur	Ghoman (Gurdaspur)
AB00044	Gurbir Singh S/o Mohinder Singh & Jatinderpal Kaur W/o Gurbir Singh, VPO Ghoman, Distt. Gurdaspur	Ghoman (Gurdaspur)

The notice is hereby given to the locker hirers that if the rent in above mentioned lockers is not received by the bank within 15 days. Then the locker will be break open at the risk and cost of the respective locker hirer in accordance with Clause no. 8 of the rent deed and the Bank will realize its dues by public or private sale of a part or the whole of the contents of the locker. Any amount and or contents of the locker remaining after the Bank's due have been satisfied will be held by the bank at the entire risk, responsibility and cost of the respective locker hirer. In case, the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to recover the bank's dues, the locker hirer will be liable for deficiency.

Date: 11-05-2024 Place: Amritsar Sd/- Punjab Gramin Bank

**STATE BANK OF INDIA SMEC, RANI KA BAGH, AMRITSAR**

**POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rule, 2002, issued a demand notice under Section 13(2) to borrower / guarantor on date mentioned here under calling upon the borrower / guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in respective demand notice within 60 days of the date of the notice.

The borrower / guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to respective borrowers / guarantor and the public in general that the Authorised Officer of Bank has taken possession of the property described herein below in the exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 of the said rules, on the date mentioned against account.

The borrowers / guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for amount mentioned below besides interest and other charges thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

Name of the NPA Account	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
M/s Dolly Tea Company through its Prop. Sh. Vishal Mehra S/o Sh. K.K. Mehra, R/o 2446/9 Gali Kalalan Wali, Katra Dulo Amritsar.	15-11-2023	06-05-2024	Rs. 9,56,259/- as on 15-11-2023 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected

**Description of the Immovable Property :** Residential House no. 3526/10-10 & 2315/10-10 and Khana Sumari no. 2446/10-9, total area measuring 60 sq. yards, situated in Katra Dulo, Gali Kalalan Wali, Near Bombay Wala Khoo, Amritsar, standing in the name of Sh. K.K. Mehra and bounded as East : Door of House, West : House of Muni Lal, North : Ownership of Bhola Nath, South : House of Sh. Kahmiri Lal

Date: 11-05-2024 Place: Amritsar Sd/- Authorised Officer

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(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011).

**Name of Political Party : INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**  
**Name of the Election : GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024**  
**Name of State/UT : HARYANA**  
(1) Name of the Constituency : 05 KARNAL  
Name of the candidate : RAJBABBAR

Sr. No.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the offences	1. FIR No. 489/2015, Police Station Hazratganj, Lucknow, U/s 147, 148, 149, 307, 323, 332, 333, 336, 337, 338, 341, 352, 343 IPC, 1860 and 7 Criminal law amendment Act. FIR filed against accused persons for allegedly committing acts of violence - pelting stones and causing a stampede- against the police who tried to stop the members of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) from marching towards and surrounding the Assembly and block Ashok Vatika during a protest called by UPCC members 2. FIR No. 198/2006, Police Station Sikandara, Agra, U/s 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 477A, 200, 120B IPC, 1860 FIR filed against accused persons for breach of affidavit regarding the purchase of 6 plots from Officers Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Agra 3. U/s 143, 332, 353, 323IPC, 1860, Abuse and hindrance in public work by declarant and his companion.
b.	Case No.	1. 985/2020 2. 3573/2006 3. 2869/2022
c.	Name of the court	1. In the Court of Special Judge, MP/MLA, Lucknow 2. In the Court of Second Judicial Magistrate, Agra 3. In the Court of Third ACJM, Lucknow
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/ No)	1. Yes, Charges Framed, dated: 30/7/2021, No Appeal/ Application/Revision Filed. 2. No Charges Framed, Yes Application u/s 482 Cr.PC bearing No. A- 482 27607/2007 has been filed on 19.11.2007 before the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad. Proceedings have been stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad vide order dated 27.11.2007 passed in A-482 No. 27607/2007. 3. Punishment awarded: a. 6 months simple imprisonment & a fine of Rs. 1000/- for alleged offence u/s 143 IPC b. Two Years simple imprisonment & a fine of Rs. 4,000/- for alleged offence u/s 332 IPC c. One-year simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000/- for alleged offence u/s 353 IPC d. Six months simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500/- for alleged offence u/s 323 IPC
e.	Date of conviction, if any	1. 7/7/2022
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	
g.	Any other information required to be given	1. Conviction has been stayed/ suspended in Criminal Misc. no. 1/2024. application u/s 389(2)Cr.PC, vide order dated 29.03.2024 passed by the Hon'ble High Court at Allahabad, Lucknow Bench, Lucknow. Matter is still pending before Hon'ble High Court. Criminal appeal 137/22 (pending before Addl. Sessions Judge, Special, Judge MP/MLA, Lucknow).
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	The candidate Mr. Rajbabbar worked as President of Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee and remain Lok Sabha Member and he is a superstar in the film industry. He knows the problems of general public very well.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The candidate Mr. Rajbabbar was found better candidate than other aspirants seeking candidature from the Indian National Congress.

(Udai Bhan) President, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee

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(1) Name of the Constituency : 05 KARNAL  
Name of the candidate : DIVYANSHU

Sr. No.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the offences	1. FIR No. 0011/2018, Police Station Sector 5, Panchkula, U/s 147/186/ 341/353 IPC, for violation of Section 144 CrPC. 2. FIR No. 0016/2018, Police Station Sector 14, Panchkula, U/s 3A, The Haryana Prevention of Defacement of Property Act 1989, for erection of flex board by NSUI. 3. FIR No. 0118/2023, Police Station Khedki Daula. Gurugram, U/s 147/283/341IPC regarding the flooring of party flags on highway. 4. FIR No. 0435/2018, Police Station University Kurukshetra, U/s 147/149/186/188/341 IPC, for violation of Section 144 CrPC. 5. FIR No. 0002/2024, Police Station Sector 14, Panchkula, U/s 174A IPC for non-appearance in case arose out of FIR no 0016/2018 registered at Police Station, Sector 14, Panchkula.
b.	Case No.	1. CHI- 371/2018 2. CHA-109/2018 3. CHI-5141 and CHI-6069/2023 4. CHI/800/2021 5. No
c.	Name of the court	1. In the Court of Ms. Aprana Bhardwaj LD. JMJC, Panchkula 2. In the Court of LD CJM, Panchkula 3. In the Court of Ms. Rashmeet Kaur LD JMJC Gurugram 4. In the Court of Ms. Renu Bala LD JMJC Kurukshetra 5. No
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/ No)	1. Yes, Charges Framed Dated: 01/12/2018 2. No Charges Framed, yes quashing petition of the FIR is filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh vide CRM-M-21702/2024 3. No Charges Framed 4. No Charges Framed, Revision filed by the State vide CRR-228-2018 5. No
e.	Date of conviction, if any	No
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	No
g.	Any other information required to be given	
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words).	The candidate Mr. Divyanshu worked as President of Student Union of Punjab University and also worked as President of NSUI and presently working as President of Haryana Pradesh Youth Congress. He knows very well the problems of Students and the youth.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	Candidate Mr. Divyanshu was found better candidate than other aspirants seeking candidature from the Indian National Congress.

(Udai Bhan) President, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee



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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Testing times

Stakes could not be higher in Haryana's political chess, with the outcome remaining anybody's guess

The recent developments in Haryana's political circles have again brought to the fore the intricacies of coalition dynamics. The Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), a key player in the State's politics, has decided to align with the Congress in demanding a floor test for the BJP-led Government in the Haryana Assembly. This comes on the heels of the withdrawal of support by three Independent MLAs to the ruling coalition, turning it into minority with 44 legislators in the House of 90. The Congress, buoyed by the latest developments and perhaps sensing an opportunity to tip the scales in its favour, has seized upon this moment to mount pressure on the BJP Government. However, in the backdrop of this high-stakes political manoeuvring, the JJP finds itself grappling with internal discord. Reports have emerged suggesting that three of its MLAs held clandestine meetings with former Chief Minister ML Khattar, raising eyebrows and fuelling speculation about potential defections. The apparent



dissonance within the JJP underscores the complex interplay of interests and ambitions that often characterises coalition politics. For a party like the JJP, which emerged as a key player following the fractured mandate in the last State elections, maintaining cohesion within its ranks while balancing competing demands from its coalition partners is no easy feat. To jog the memory, it was in Haryana that 'Aaya Ram Gaya Ram' culture started, which continues unabated. The outcome of this internal tug-of-war will not only shape the immediate political landscape in Haryana but also have far-reaching implications for the State's future.

As alliances shift and allegiances waver, the only constant is the relentless pursuit of power and the drive to stay one step ahead of the competition. With the House strength being 90 members, a political party needs the support of 46 MLAs to cross the halfway mark and form a Government. After the withdrawal of support by three Independents, the BJP is short of two MLAs to continue in the Government. The BJP now has 40 MLAs, besides the support of a lone Haryana Lokhit Party legislator and at least three Independents (earlier, it had six Independents in support), which brings to a total of 44 in the House. For the BJP, it is a double whammy, all this is happening days ahead of the Lok Sabha polls to the 10 Haryana seats on May 25. In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP won seven of these seats in Haryana with a 35 per cent vote share. In 2019, the BJP won all 10 seats with a 58 per cent vote share. In the current situation, however, it might be a Herculean task. JJP's Dushyant Chautala has mounted pressure on the Nayab Singh Saini Government for a floor test, which he is likely to get the Chair's nod for. If the JJP breaks, it would give the BJP the much-needed elbow room but what is certain for now is that it is time for horse trading in Haryana.

### PICTALK



A herd of elephants grazes near a village at Boko, in Kamrup district of Assam

# Battle to save India's biodiversity



KAVIN KUMAR KANDASAMY

India's rich biodiversity is under severe threat due to climate change, as recent studies warn of potential economic losses and irreversible ecological damage

India, a land of diverse climates and rich ecosystems, is a global treasure trove of biodiversity. From the majestic Himalayan ranges to the vibrant coastal reefs, our country's biodiversity sustains countless life forms and plays a crucial role in regulating ecosystems. It's not just a vital resource for human sustenance, providing food, water, shelter and medicine, but also a critical indicator of our planet's health, a testament to our rich heritage and a responsibility we all share.

However, the delicate balance of India's biodiversity is now facing unprecedented threats from climate change. Recent studies warn that India may lose a staggering 35 per cent of its GDP by the year 2100 due to climate change, highlighting the deep interconnection between the nation's prosperity and its natural heritage. Rampant deforestation and habitat degradation, particularly in regions like the Western Ghats, are pushing carbon sinks towards becoming sources, exacerbating the climate crisis. The time for action is now.

### Impact of Climate Change: A Looming Crisis

The repercussions of climate change are becoming quite evident in altering ecological balance, extreme weather events and increasing health risks. In an era marked by escalating environmental challenges, the climate crisis demands urgent and concerted action. According to a [i]United Nations' InterGovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, climate change is imperilling human well-being and planetary health, focusing strongly on interactions between climate, biodiversity and human society. The report suggests that the rise in extreme weather conditions has led to some irreversible impacts as natural and human systems are pushed beyond their ability to adapt.

Not only this, a report by the Reserve Bank of India highlights how climate change poses challenges for monetary policy, with frequent weather shocks threatening economic growth and stability. Moreover, a recent



study predicts that climate change could cut global income by up to 19 per cent in the next 25 years, with the most vulnerable countries suffering the most severe impacts.

To overcome these challenges, India has embarked on a journey to mitigate climate change and safeguard its biodiversity. With the G20 presidency last year, India has positioned itself as the voice of the Global South to lead the way in climate action and leveraged this positioning to drive impactful outcomes in various realms related to climate action. Tackling deforestation, reducing emissions and restoring ecosystems are key strategies. With over 26 per cent of the country grappling with expanding drought conditions, urgent measures are being taken to build resilience against environmental degradation.

**Pioneering Climate Action** Tamil Nadu, a coastal State in the heart of southern India, is emerging as a beacon of hope and leading the charge in climate change efforts. The State has become a forerunner in climate action by announcing three major missions, name-



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ly Climate Change; Biodiversity Conservation and Greening; and Wetlands. Through initiatives like the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity and Greening Project (TBGP), the State aims to achieve a 33 per cent forest and tree cover by 2031. With approximately \$90 million in investments, Tamil Nadu's Climate Change Mission, Green Tamil Nadu Mission and Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission demonstrate a commitment to sustainable development and ecosystem restoration.

**Driving Solutions:** Addressing the climate crisis necessitates collaborative efforts from all stakeholders. Supported by startups and Government interventions, public-private partnerships are essential to drive innovation and scale climate solutions. Startups are pivotal in developing innovative technologies that reduce carbon footprints while contributing to economic growth. International collaboration, exemplified by agreements like the Paris Agreement, provides a framework for collective action on a global scale. India's leadership in renewable energy, particularly through

initiatives like the International Solar Alliance (ISA), underscores its commitment to driving sustainable development and fostering a harmonious coexistence between humanity and nature. As India addresses the intertwined challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss, the steps taken today will shape the legacy for future generations.

This demands reflection, unity and action to come up with sustainable solutions. In this crucial sustainability battle, India's role extends beyond its borders, contributing significantly to global biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation efforts. The recent Supreme Court ruling recognising the right against climate change as a fundamental right under Article 14 and Article 21 underscores India's steadfast commitment to climate action and environmental protection. This offers prospects for the Government, corporations and climate action companies to come together and work towards a sustainable future.

(The writer is the CEO of ProClima; their views are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### EVOLUTION OF MONETARY POLICY

Madam — This refers to the article, 'Evolution of monetary policy,' which was published on 8 May 2024. Even before India got freedom the Congress formed a committee to suggest the type of economic policy free India should adopt. The committee analysed and said the key infrastructure sector should be under the Public sector to help the investors with raw materials, power, transport and communication at a very economical cost.

This helps domestic ventures to produce more. None of the rich in India had so much reserve to invest in big projects and returns from such projects take some years. When Rajiv came to power he availed a small loan from the World Bank to develop mainly the telecom sector accepting the condition to open our door slightly for foreign goods to be marketed here. Though the country went bankrupt between 1980-1990, it is to be noted that the assets of the top richest families swelled from Rs 8000 CR to Rs 40,000 Cr during the same period. So irrespective of parties the interests of the rich are well cared for and produced more than 200 billionaires in a short span under the present regime. This course continues and will go on to enrich the rich, the cost of the due share of the unprivileged section.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

### MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENTS

Madam — Apropos the editorial "The Name Game" published on 9th May, this is my response. There are guidelines issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs called "Endorsements know-hows" for celebrities, influencers and virtual influencers on social media platforms. The guidelines specify that celebrities must not endorse any product or service they have not personally used or experienced. Further, they are advised to be 'diligent' before endorsing any product or service i.e. extremely careful by analysing the pros and cons of it to save the health and money of lakhs of their followers. Some of them blindly accept and adopt what they say. An

### War of words over industrialists



Apropos, "Modi questions Rahul's silence on Ambani, Adani," The Pioneer, May 9, this is my response. The phenomenal industrialists Ambani and Adani have become fodder for the political puglies between the ruling and opposition parties in our country. They have been pilloried by Rahul Gandhi, alleging Modi helped them grow. In contrast, this time Modi turned the tables

example of carelessly endorsing a harmful product is 'pan masala' that too on a sports channel during the live telecast of a cricket match watched by millions of youngsters, highly prone to its habit-forming usage. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has reiterated the above guidelines. The Government needs to punish the celebrities indulging in misleading promotions under the Consumer Protection Act by a jail term, not mere fines to instil responsibility in them as advocated by the Court.

O Prasada Rao | Hyderabad

### FOOTBALL IS NUMBER ONE

Madam — Though top football-playing nations are restricted to Europe, Latin America and African countries, the beautiful game's popularity is unmatched in non-football-playing nations as well. The game is a universal language, to say so and has nicely flowered over the decades through champion players of diverse socio-economic milieus gathering together for a common cause: regale the fans with skill and perseverance. No surprise, the lovely game is viewed as a promoter of uni-

versal peace despite the onfield acrimony. The exhilaration of great players will captivate fans forever. No game evokes such intense emotions that emanate after every goal is scored. Parallely, administrators and countries worldwide have displayed mostly unambiguous references towards the game. Now, in a huge honour to football, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a resolution proclaiming May 25 as "World Football Day". May 25 marks the 100th anniversary of the first ever Football tournament. As aptly described by a diplomat at the UNGA, football is the "number one game played and followed across the globe". Additionally, as the resolution Stated, football creates a space for international cooperation. World Football Day is intended to encourage global peace, overall development and women and empowerment of women and girls.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

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## Use of lighting in Indian architecture

Lighting greatly enhances India's architectural heritage, turning historic landmarks into captivating spectacles



ABHIJIT VAISH

India's architectural heritage reflects a blend of history, culture and tradition. In bustling urban environments, our heritage monuments stand as timeless witnesses to our rich past. However, these architectural marvels often fade into the background amidst the vibrant city scenes. Yet, through the strategic application of lighting, these structures are brought to life, captivating the imagination and enhancing their charm after dusk.

### Enhancing Historical Significance Through Lighting

Carefully designed external lighting has the power to breathe new life into heritage landmarks, illuminating their intricate details and historical significance. technology, renowned for its energy efficiency and controllability, offers a unique opportunity to showcase these monuments in a manner that respects their heritage while captivating modern audiences. By leveraging lighting solutions, cities across India are revitalizing their architectural treasures, ensuring they remain bea-



Roomi Gate, Lucknow: As a symbol of Lucknow's rich Mughal heritage, Roomi Gate exudes grandeur and historical significance.

### Transforming Indian Architectural Landscape with Lighting

From the majestic Sun Temple in Konark to the iconic Roomi Gate in Lucknow, lighting has transformed India's architectural scene, infusing these structures with renewed splendour and magnificence.

### Sun Temple, Modhera: Nestled in the heart of Gujarat, the Sun Temple stands as a testament to ancient craftsmanship and architectural ingenuity.

Through the application of dynamic lighting, the temple's intricate carvings and majestic outlines are brought to life after sunset. Visitors are mesmerized as the tem-

ple emerges as a radiant spectacle, inviting them to embark on a journey through time and history.

**Roomi Gate, Lucknow:** As a symbol of Lucknow's rich Mughal heritage, Roomi Gate exudes grandeur and historical significance. Dynamic lighting accentuates the gate's intricate motifs and architectural features, casting a mesmerizing glow that captivates spectators. Illuminated against the night sky, Roomi Gate symbolizes the city's cultural legacy, inviting locals and tourists alike to marvel at its beauty.

### Gujarat Bhawan: Nestled in the heart of New Delhi, Gujarat Bhawan serves as a cultural hub representing the vibrant heritage of Gujarat.

Through the integration of dynamic lighting, the Bhawan transforms, becoming a luminous tribute that honours the State's rich traditions. The interplay of light accentuates its distinctive features, creating a captivating visual narrative for visitors and passersby.

### Signature Bridge: The Delhi Government's decision to illuminate the entire structure of the Signature Bridge

underscores the city's commitment to enhancing its architectural landmarks. Towering above the city's skyline, the bridge now glows at night, offering a spectacular view to visitors and residents alike. Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram International Airport, Ayodhya: This architectural marvel, features dynamic lighting that complements its unique design inspired by the Nagara style of temple architecture. Blending modern facilities with rich cultural heritage, the airport offers a captivating experience for travellers and visitors. Lighting greatly enhances India's architectural heritage, turning historic landmarks into captivating spectacles. Embracing this technology allows cities to showcase their cultural legacy and create vibrant public spaces, enriching the lives of residents and visitors. As India progresses, lighting signifies innovation, guiding towards a brighter future for its architectural landscape.

(The author is the executive director at Instapower Ltd, views are personal)



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There is a part of us that will not let us be content until we become all that we are capable of being. Life is not about resting on our past achievements and laurels and residing in our comfort zone. It is an adventure from being ordinary to extraordinary. One's current situation may be good, but if a greater opportunity presents itself, one must be open to expanding. This does not mean you are to run away or violate your integrity.

Muscles stay strong and flexible only by use and stretching and so does our mind. The challenge is the way of the universe and showing us the path that the bigger we assume that form and shape. We should bless our dreams and our desires to identify the opportunity that is lurking as there would be several chances arising around the corner. We need the courage and humility to ask the Universe to provide such opportunities, leave behind all our limitations and step forward to live life as magnificent and gigantic as ordained by the Universe. Successful people stretch their hands and take up responsibility which empowers them to enter uncharted territories. This increases the level of their prana/chi, attention span and nature of work, adding a new dimension to the personality. Successful people are never straight-jacketed in their approach and revel in taking risks. Only risk-takers become game-changers.

Rahul Bajaj's sons Rajiv and Sanjiv embarked upon a fascinating idea to salvage the scrap of the decommissioned INS Vikrant to manufacture scooters. It was an innovative idea, utilizing scrap in a novel manner. While the bottom line of the exercise may be to generate profit, the unattainable thought is audacious. Therefore, successful entrepreneurs never kill an idea. An ingenious idea can be a platform for a radical discovery.



An awesome idea is breathtaking and amazing, stunning and awe-inspiring. When the idea germinates, something stupendous takes place. Think big and do not listen to people who tell you it can't be done. "Life is too short to think small", writes Tim Ferriss. The Universe listens to our deepest thoughts. If the thought is positive, we are blessed with positive results.

The cardinal principle in life is to ensure that we receive and circulate only positive thoughts. We should ensure that we are surrounded by efficacious people. Keep shouldering responsibility and ensure that we possess a YES MIND. Successful enterprises ensure that their workforce performs in harmony and synergy while working in teams. The Universe believes in the Laws of Attraction, the Laws of Abundance, the Laws of Gratefulness and the Laws of Spiralling Effect. All this gets transformed into what Darren Hardy calls the Compound Effect. Next, we ought to always feel blessed and have faith that a superior power is guiding us in our endeavours. There is a superior intelligence that is always creating wonderful opportunities for us and these should be grabbed and seized with humility.

A triumphant individual hinges his belief on the thought that the Divine will take care of everything and by simply reposing faith in that Superior Power. Successful People work on these principles where the football swerves like a parabola and enters the net and we are numbed, giving a standing ovation. That is the miracle performed. Choose to call it the power of the Almighty or the architecture of the Universe. But this works on the premise of the power of positive thinking and becoming successful.

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# Precision agriculture: Key to food security



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The future of Indian agriculture hinges on a blend of tradition and innovation. Precision agriculture offers a crucial pathway to sustainably feed 1.7 billion people

India's population is projected to reach approximately 1.7 billion by 2050. It would be a significant challenge for Indian agriculture to meet the food demands of such a vast population amidst the emerging challenges of climate change. Additionally, the sector faces issues such as an ageing farmer population. Younger generations are increasingly veering away from taking over the family agricultural farm, choosing other, more lucrative and less labour-intensive career paths over agriculture. To address these challenges, the adoption of modern farming techniques like precision farming and digital smart agriculture becomes imperative to ensure sustainable food production and the future prosperity of Indian agriculture.

A recent parliamentary panel has emphasized the importance of promoting agricultural mechanization, particularly for small and marginal farmers and has advocated for the integration of tiny robots and Artificial Intelligence (AI) into Indian farm operations to address the challenges posed by fragmented land holdings. Furthermore, the panel recommended the establishment of a 'National Institute of Agricultural Robotics and Artificial Intelligence' to ensure that India remains at the forefront of agricultural development both domestically and internationally. On August 23, 2022, regarding Farm Mechanization, the Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education revealed that India's mechanisation level stands at 47 per cent, trailing China (59.5 per cent), Brazil (75 per cent) and the US (95 per cent). The level of mechanisation varies greatly by region inside India too. Northern States boast higher rates (70-80 per cent), driven by fertile land, labour decline and State backing. Southern and eastern States lag (35-45 per cent) due to fragmented land holdings. North-eastern States struggle due to terrain, equipment costs and socio-economic factors.

Certainly, agriculture has evolved steadily from a traditional, labour-intensive model to a sophisticated, technology-driven system. Key milestones include the establishment of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK). The development of high-yielding, cost-effective, disease/pest-resistant and climate-resilient varieties and technologies across crops, horticulture, animal husbandry and fisheries sciences by ICAR has significantly bolstered production and productivity. However, while acknowledging these strides, it's imperative to recognize that the pace of progress must match the urgency of our times.

Throughout history, people have always sought easier, faster and more efficient ways to get things done. This pursuit has sparked a technological revolution that merges age-old farming practices with cutting-edge innovations like the Internet of Things (IoT) known as Ag-IoT. It is a huge change in farming that could shake up how we grow, manage and protect our food. Its solutions are not merely about efficiency; they are about empowering farmers to achieve greater time efficiency, productivity and precision in their daily tasks. It's like having a super smart assistant that can take care of land, animals, crops and farms without needing humans to do everything. People also call it precision agriculture, smart agriculture, or digital agriculture.



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It is like a big step forward in farming because it uses data to make decisions, making everything more efficient and productive. Through Ag-IoT, the very pulse of plant and animal needs can be sensed. The farmers can keep an eye on the soil all the time, control watering systems from afar and even check on the health of their animals without being right there. It's super handy because it can predict how much crops will grow accurately. In every aspect, Ag-IoT stands poised to revolutionize the landscape of crop management, insect and pest surveillance, food warehousing, livestock care, disease monitoring, dairy operations, supply chain logistics and beyond.

The evolution of drone technology has opened up boundless possibilities in the realm of crop assessment and monitoring. One such pioneering initiative, the NaMo Drone Didi Initiative, stands as a beacon of empowerment for rural women. In a momentous gesture, Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally handed over 1000 drones to 1000 Nammo Drone Didis across 10 locations nationwide at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Pusa, New Delhi. These drones will help them do things like check on crops, spray fertilizers and plant seeds. Prime Minister Modi's announcement of the 'Drone Didi' yojana 2023-24 further underscores the Government's dedication to leveraging technology for the betterment of society. Significant financial allocations during 2020-21 and 2021-22, by the Indian Government including INR 1756.3 crores and INR 2422.7 crores respectively to States for the integration of cutting-edge technologies

like drones, artificial intelligence, blockchain, remote sensing and GIS into agriculture and INR 7302.50 crores and INR 7908.18 crores were made in the same periods to ICAR for R&D, further demonstrate the Government's dedication to modernizing agriculture.

Technological strides like RFID tags (radio frequency identification) and systems like NLIS (National Livestock Identification Scheme) and INAPH (Information Network for Animal Productivity & Health) have propelled Precision Dairy Farming.

With swift electronic scanning and data integration, farmers can efficiently manage cow health, productivity and records, marking a significant shift in the dairy industry towards precision and efficiency. Meanwhile, in the aquaculture industry, companies like Aquaconnect and Shrimpbbox are leveraging technology to revolutionise shrimp farming. Aquaconnect employs artificial intelligence and satellite sensing technologies to monitor farm performance and provide advice to shrimp and fish farmers, predominantly small to medium-scale operations. Shrimpbbox, on the other hand, specializes in shrimp farming in colder climates and landlocked areas, boasting impressive productivity with minimal water usage and without antibiotics. Cropin Technology, based in Bengaluru, has developed Aksara, an open-source microlanguage model tailored for climate-smart farming.

In India, the World Economic Forum's AI for Agriculture Innovation (AI4AI) initiative, led by C4IR India, is revolutionizing farm-

ing through AI. The 'Saagu Baagu' pilot in Telangana's Khammam district, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Digital Green, exemplifies this success. With over 7,000 farmers benefiting, chilli yields surged by 21 per cent, pesticide use decreased by 9 per cent, fertilizer usage dropped by 5 per cent and unit prices improved by 8 per cent. Consequently, farmers doubled their earnings, with incomes rising by over INR 66,000 per acre per crop cycle. Overall, AI interventions at 175 farms in India have boosted crop yields by 30 per cent, as per the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

In conclusion, the future of Indian agriculture hinges on a blend of tradition and innovation. With a burgeoning population and dwindling resources, precision agriculture offers a crucial pathway to sustainably feed 1.7 billion people. If established, the 'National Institute of Agricultural Robotics and Artificial Intelligence' would catapult Indian agriculture into unprecedented realms of excellence. The benefits of farm mechanization must permeate every corner of our nation, bridging divides and fostering inclusivity. We cannot afford to overlook those who are marginalized by the digital divide, particularly our small-scale farmers. As we look towards the future, let us remain committed to nurturing a vibrant, tech-enabled agrarian ecosystem that empowers farmers, preserves natural resources and ensures food security for generations to come.

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# Revisiting Rohith Vemula's death after eight years

As the dust settles, revelations by the Telangana Police shed new light on Vemula's untimely death

Rohith Vemula (26), a PhD scholar at the University of Hyderabad was found dead in his hostel room on 17 January 2016. Had he lived for another fortnight, he would have celebrated his 27th birthday on January 30. But he was called back by the Maker as it is said that He prefers the favourite ones to join Him ahead of others.

The untimely demise of Vemula opened a Pandora's Box all over India. Opposition parties led by the Congress staged a nationwide protest and agitation blaming the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre for the death of this young man. The CPI(M)'s frontal organization SFI called for education bundh the next day and



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demanding the resignation of Smriti Irani, the then union minister for human resources development and Bandaru Dattatreya, a minister of State from the council of ministers blaming the duo for the death of Rohith Vemula. Poets affiliated with the CPI(M) and other Left organizations wrote poems and short stories based on the life and times of Vemula. The fact that Vemula belonged to the Harijan com-

munity added to their ire and this was discernible from the power of the words with which they blamed the "communal and fascist" Government at the Centre. Many articles and features that appeared in regional newspapers and satellite TV channels blamed the doorstep of Smriti Irani for Rohith Vemula's suicide. A major political outfit promoted by the all-powerful minority community had declared a solatium of Rs 25 lakh to the family of Vemula within days of his unfortunate death. Though it is more than eight years since he bade farewell to this world, his mother or brother has not been given the promised amount. When Radhika, the mother of Rohith

Vemula contacted the leadership of the said party, they feigned ignorance about the amount and the matter was given a silent burial. More than eight years after the suicide of Vemula, the Telangana Police which was entrusted with the probe of finding out matters that led Vemula to resort to the extreme measure concluded that Rohith Vemula was neither a member of the Harijan community nor any Other Backward Community (OBC) student as he had claimed. The fear that the university was likely to detect the truth behind his caste status which would put an end to his political aspirations had made him take the drastic step, said the police report. The unanswered question in



the whole episode is why the investigating officers failed to track the phone calls made by Vemula during the last few days of his life. This would have thrown more light on the reasons behind the suicide of the research scholar. Many of his colleagues attribute a failed love affair as the cause behind his suicide.

Months before he committed suicide, Vemula had led a demonstration under the auspices of the Ambedkar Students Association on the University Campus to protest the death penalty awarded to Yakub Memon, one of the prime accused in the Mumbai serial blasts of 1993 which claimed 260 lives. There were reports that the soft-spoken Vemula and his friends had bashed up a member of the rival union and the victim needed hospitalisation. Moreover, there were charges against the University of Hyderabad for non-payment of a monthly scholarship of Rs 25,000 to Vemula though the university authorities denied the allegation. Rohith Vemula was neither the first Harijan student in the

University of Hyderabad or any other universities in India who have committed suicide. Rajini Anand, an engineering college student in Kerala had jumped to death in 2004 following the callous approach of the ruling Congress-led Government in the State towards her plea for financial assistance to pay college fees. Sometime last year, a CPI(M) member of Rajya Sabha asked the Government of India to furnish the number of Harijan students who had committed suicide in the country since 2014. The MP's innuendo was that no Harijan students had committed suicide in the country before the swearing-in of Modi as Prime Minister. The kind of fire from the

opposition faced by Smriti Irani was unprecedented and strange. The Rohith Vemula affair cost her the office of the HRD ministry and she was relegated to minister of textiles Opposition party leaders have all the right to criticize the Government and ministers for errors and omissions. But it should be restricted to the carelessness and irresponsibility of the concerned minister. For eight years, this young lady was crucified by her political rivals. Had they taken a little bit of time and gone through the releases issued by the Government of India, they would not have dared to throw mud at Smriti.

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# Ukraine says Russia is trying to break through its defences

AP ■ KYIV

Ukraine rushed reinforcements to its northeastern Kharkiv region to hold off a Russian attempt to breach local defences, authorities said, a tactical switch by Moscow that Ukrainian officials have been expecting for weeks as the war stretches into its third year.

Intense nighttime shelling targeted Vovchansk, in the Kharkiv region and less than 5 kilometres from the Russian border, regional Gov. Oleh Sniehubov said. The barrage prompted authorities to begin the evacuation of around 3,000 people. Then, around dawn, Russian infantry tried to penetrate the Ukrainian defences near Vovchansk, Ukraine's Defence Ministry said, adding that it had deployed reserve units to fend off the attack.

Russian military bloggers said the assault could mark the start of a Russian attempt to carve out a "buffer zone" that President Vladimir Putin vowed to create earlier this year to halt frequent Ukrainian attacks on Belgorod and other Russian border regions. Ukraine had previously said it was aware that Russia was assembling thousands of troops along the northeastern border, close to the Kharkiv and Sumy regions. While the Kremlin's forces launched their most recent ground offensive in eastern Ukraine, Ukrainian intelligence officials said they expected the Kremlin's forces to attack in the northeast, too. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his country's military had antici-



ipated the attack and had calibrated its response. "Now there is a fierce battle in this direction," Zelenskyy was quoted as saying by Ukraine's public broadcaster Suspilne. Though Russia likely can't capture Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, it could compel Ukraine to send more troops to the region, leaving other areas more vulnerable to attack. Also, forcing Ukrainian authorities to evacuate civilians is likely to create disruption and divert resources. "The entire town is under massive shelling now, it is not safe to stay here," Vovchansk administration head Tamaz Hambarishvili told Ukraine's Hromadske Radio.

The Ukrainian Defence Ministry said fighting against Russian sabotage and reconnaissance groups continued into the afternoon. Meanwhile, a Ukrainian long-range drone struck an oil refinery inside Russia on Friday, officials said, a day after what appeared to be the deepest strike by Kyiv's forces on Russian soil hit a petrochemical facility. Ukraine has repeatedly targeted refineries, hoping to disrupt the Kremlin's war machine. Russia is one of the world's biggest oil producers, providing key revenue and fuel. A Ukrainian drone hit a refinery near the city of Kaluga, southwest of Moscow, setting four oil

storage tanks ablaze, according to Vladislav Shapsha, the regional governor. He said there were no casualties. The Russian Defence Ministry said that air defences downed seven Ukrainian drones early Friday in the Moscow, Bryansk and Belgorod regions. On Thursday, a senior official in Russia's Bashkortostan region, some 1,300 kilometres from the Ukrainian border, said a drone strike in the city of Salavat caused a fire at a petrochemical facility. The Russian Emergency Services Ministry said a pumping station building on refinery land was damaged but there was no fire. Ukrainian military intelligence refused to comment.

# Putin reappoints his PM, a low-profile technocrat

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin reappointed Mikhail Mishustin as the country's prime minister on Friday, a widely anticipated move to keep on a technocrat who has maintained a low political profile. Mishustin and other technocrats in the Cabinet have been credited with maintaining a relatively stable economic performance despite bruising Western sanctions for Russia's role in Ukraine. Most other Cabinet members are expected to keep their jobs, though the fate of Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu appeared uncertain.

In line with Russian law, Mishustin, 58, who held the job for the past four years, submitted his Cabinet's resignation on Tuesday when Putin began his fifth presidential term at a glittering Kremlin inauguration. Mishustin, the former head of Russia's tax service, steered clear of political statements and avoided media interviews during his previous tenure. The speaker of the parliament's lower house, Vyacheslav Volodin, announced that Putin submitted Mishustin's candidacy to the State Duma, which will hold a session later Friday to consider it.

Under the constitutional changes approved in 2020, the lower house approves the candidacy of the prime minister, who then submits Cabinet members for approval. The changes were ostensibly meant to grant parliament broader



Vladimir Putin takes oath as Russian president during an inauguration ceremony in the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow, Russia. AP/PTI

power, but the procedure is widely seen as pro forma given Kremlin control over the body. Most Cabinet members are expected to keep their jobs, but it was not clear if Shoigu, the defence minister, would be among them after last month's arrest of his top associate, Timur Ivanov. Ivanov, who served as deputy defence minister in charge of massive military construction projects, was arrested on bribery charges and was ordered to stay in custody pending official investigation. The arrest of Ivanov was widely interpreted as an attack on Shoigu and a possible precursor of his dismissal despite his close personal ties with Putin.

Shoigu was broadly criticised for Russian military's setbacks in the early stage of the fighting in Ukraine. He faced scathing attacks from mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin, who marched on Moscow nearly a year ago to demand the ouster of Shoigu and the chief of the General Staff, Gen. Valery Gerasimov. After Prigozhin's death in a suspicious plane crash two months after the rebellion — widely seen as the Kremlin's revenge — Shoigu appeared to shore up his position. But Ivanov's arrest, interpreted by many as part of Kremlin's political infighting, again exposed Shoigu's vulnerability.

# Japan defence chief urges higher security

AP ■ TOKYO

Japan's defence chief on Friday called for the bolstering of its anti-drone capability after a drone footage posted on Chinese social media showed a Japanese aircraft carrier docked at a restricted navy port west of Tokyo. Defence Minister Minoru Kihara called it a serious security threat. Kihara's acknowledgement of the vulnerability comes more than a month after a video filmed by a drone showed JS Izumo, one of two Japanese helicopter carriers, being retrofitted to carry stealth fighters to strengthen Japan's counter-strike capability in the face of China's assertive military actions in the Indo-Pacific.

The footage, also showing plants, buildings and other facility at the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force's Yokosuka naval base was posted on a Chinese social media site in March, prompting investigation by ministry officials. The footage has also been posted on other platforms such as X. "After the video analysis we have reached a conclusion that the footage was most likely filmed by a flying drone," Kihara told reporters. "We are taking the findings extremely seriously," the minister added. "If drones harm defence facilities, it could cause serious disruptions to the defense of our country."

# Pak to seek rollover of \$12 bn debt to meet budget targets

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has decided to seek a rollover of around USD 12 billion debt from key allies like China in the 2024-25 fiscal year to meet a whopping USD 23 billion worth of gap in its external financing as the federal government aims to achieve budget targets before the expected arrival of an IMF team to the cash-strapped country. According to the Finance Ministry insiders, USD 5 billion from Saudi Arabia, USD 3 billion from the UAE and USD 4 billion from China will be rolled over, adding that the estimate of further new financing from China would also be included in the next financial year's budget. The Express Tribune newspaper reported. Pakistan will receive more than USD 1 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under the fresh loan programme, whereas new financing from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank has also been included in the estimated budget. According to the Finance Ministry sources, new loan programme agreements will be made with financial institutions. The federal government aims to achieve budget targets before the anticipated arrival

of the IMF review mission in Pakistan. Negotiations for a new loan programme with the global lender are expected to commence in mid-May ahead of the budget which will be presented in June. The Finance Ministry sources said the ministries had been instructed to complete the targets before the negotiations on the new loan programme. They added that the details would be given to the IMF delegation when all the important targets were met. It has also been decided to have the budget strategy paper approved by the federal cabinet before the IMF review mission arrives in the country. According to the sources, the Finance Ministry has started preparing the budget to set the targets for debt repayment, defence budget and tax collections. Besides, the development and ongoing budget targets will also be determined, according to the paper. Pakistan has been suffering the chronic ailment of how to meet external liabilities. Traditionally, it depended on remittances, export proceeds and foreign loans to meet its liabilities. But exports haven't increased to match the imports and avenues of foreign aid have gradually dried up, putting pressure on the rupee and

essential imports. Last year, it narrowly avoided default due to a timely short-term loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund which provided USD 3 billion during nine months. The country is once again looking towards the global lender to provide a fresh loan to keep it moving. In the trying economic conditions, Pakistan has been heavily supported by the remittances its workers living and working around the globe send. The country received the second-highest remittances of the ongoing 2023-24 fiscal at USD 2.8 billion in April 2024. According to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the remittances increased by 3.5 per cent to USD 23.8 billion cumulatively in the first 10 months of FY24 compared to the same period last year. Remittance inflows during April 2024 were primarily sourced from Saudi Arabia (USD 712 million), the United Arab Emirates (USD 542.3 million), the United Kingdom (USD 403.2 million), and the United States of America (USD 329.2 million), according to the bank. The remittances earlier had peaked near USD 3 billion in the prior month of March 2024, marking a 23-month high.

# Pak's maiden lunar orbiter sends first images

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's maiden lunar orbiter sent the first images of the sun and the moon, days after it was launched as part of China's moon mission, it was announced on Friday. Pakistan's mini satellite 'Cube-Qamar' was launched as part of China's Change-6 lunar mission on May 3 from the Hainan province.

The images were unveiled at a ceremony organised at the China National Space Agency (CNSA) to mark the successful mission, Maria Tariq, spokesperson of Pakistan's national space agency Suparco, told Dawn.com.

She said that pictures were officially handed over to Pakistan's ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, at the data handover ceremony in Beijing. At 16:14 (1:14 pm Pakistan time) on May 8, the Pakistani CubeSat, one of the international payloads carried by the Change-6 mission, "separated from the orbiter near the far moon point of the 12-hour large elliptical orbit around the moon, and then successfully captured the first image. Pakistan's CubeSat project achieved the set goal of 'successfully separating and obtaining telemetry' and achieved complete success," the CNSA announcement said. The first image showed the sun as a bright spotlight; the second was that of a sparkling half moon while the third image showed the moon on the left and the sun on the right, according to images shared by CNSA online.

The module was designed by Islamabad's Institute of Space Technology (IST) in collaboration with China's Shanghai University (SJTU) and Suparco. It carries two optical cameras to capture the lunar surface. The cube satellite or cubesat is a miniature satellite typically characterised by its small size and standardised cubic design. They help to collect valuable data for scientific advancement and innovation. Pakistan got the opportunity to launch the lunar orbiter after it was offered by the CNSA through the Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organisation (APSCO) to become part of the Change-6 mission. Meanwhile, the news of the first lunar orbit sending back images has infused a sense of pride in the country beset with daunting economic and security challenges.

# Bushra Bibi's right to life violated in sub-jail: HC

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani high court has concluded that the state transgressed the right to life of former premier Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi by confining her at her private residence designated as a sub-jail and depriving her of interaction with other prisoners, a media report said on Friday. On Wednesday, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) ordered the former first lady's transfer to the high-security Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi, where her 71-year-old husband Khan has been jailed. Bushra Bibi, 49, had been incarcerated at Bani Gala, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party founder's mansion in the suburbs of Islamabad, after conviction in two cases, while

Khan was kept at the Adiala Jail. On Thursday, the IHC issued a 15-page written order in which it said that the state has not just made the sentence of simple imprisonment harsher and heavier but has also violated Bushra Bibi's right to life guaranteed under Article 9 of the Constitution, The Express Tribune newspaper reported. "The mere fact that the room where the petitioner [Bushra Bibi] was confined in the sub-jail [was] guarded by a prison ward [did] not mean that the petitioner [was] not in isolation," it said. Asserting that it has the power and responsibility to intervene and protect the prisoner against inter alia harsher restraints and heavier severities than the sentence carries, the court noted that the sentence of 14-

year rigorous imprisonment handed out to Bushra Bibi had already been suspended. It also noted that a seven-year sentence given to her in another case was simple imprisonment. "By keeping her in isolation at the sub-jail and depriving her of interaction with other prisoners, the state has not just made the sentence of simple imprisonment harsher and heavier but has also transgressed the petitioner's right to life guaranteed under Article 9 of the Constitution," it said. The court noted that the entire Bani Gala was declared a sub-jail, implying that the property could not be freely accessed by either Bushra Bibi or her husband's children or family members unless specifically permitted by the superintendent or the court.

# PR exec departs Baidu after comments glorifying overwork draw backlash

AP ■ HONG KONG

A top Baidu public relations executive has reportedly departed the Chinese technology company after she drew public outcry over her comments that were seen as glorifying a culture of overwork. Baidu's head of communications Qu Jing had implied in a series of videos that she was not concerned about her employees as she was "not their mom" and said she only cared about results. She also said that the relationship between her and her subordinates was purely an "employer-employee relationship." The backlash was swift, with many on social media platforms like Weibo saying Qu lacked empathy. Chinese online media outlet 36Kr first reported late

Thursday that Qu had left her position at Baidu, citing unnamed sources. Internal systems showed Qu is no longer with the firm, according to a Baidu employee who asked not to be named as they were not authorized to provide that information to media. Qu had earlier posted an apology Thursday on her private WeChat account, where she "sincerely apologized to all netizens" and clarified that she had not sought Baidu's permission before posting the videos. Qu said her videos did not represent Baidu's stance. Baidu operates China's dominant search engine as well as Ernie Bot, an artificial intelligence service similar to ChatGPT. "Many of the criticisms are very pertinent, I am reflecting deeply and humbly accept them," she said. "There are

many inappropriate (things said) in the video that caused external misunderstandings about the company's values and corporate culture, causing serious harm. I sincerely apologise." Qu also pledged to improve her communication and management style and care more for her colleagues. Her comments came at a time when many young people in China are pushing back against a culture of competition and grueling hours in the workplace. Qu had also been criticized for other comments she made in the series of short videos on Douyin that have since been removed. In the series, she threatened to ruin the careers of employees who sent hundreds of complaint letters against her to the office, by ensuring they could

not find another job in the industry. She also criticized an employee who refused to go on a 50-day business trip during the COVID-19 pandemic - a time when China severely restricted movement and required weeks of quarantine for travelers. "Why should I take into consideration my employee's family? I'm not her mother-in-law," Qu said, adding that if employees refused to go on such business trips then they would not get salary raises or job promotions. Chinese technology firms have long been criticized for their long working hours. A public debate was sparked in recent years over the "996" work culture, where employees in technology firms were expected to work from 9 am to 9 pm, six days a week.

# Top Philippine security official seeks Chinese diplomats' expulsion

AP ■ MANILA

A top Philippine security official demanded Friday the immediate expulsion of Chinese diplomats allegedly behind a reported leak of a phone conversation between one of the diplomats and a Filipino admiral about South China Sea disputes that have strained diplomatic ties. National Security Adviser Eduardo Ano said he was backing a call by the Philippine defence chief for Manila's foreign office to take actions against Chinese embassy individuals in Manila "who claim to have recorded an alleged phone conversation between a Chinese diplomat and a military official" in violation of Philippine laws and international diplomatic protocols. Two Manila newspa-

pers cited a Chinese Embassy source as saying that in a recorded call with a Chinese diplomat in January, a Filipino admiral agreed to a new way of transporting supplies to a Philippine-occupied shoal in the disputed waters. It required Manila to notify Beijing for such offshore missions and promise not to bring construction materials. "Those individuals in the Chinese Embassy responsible for violating Philippine laws and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and those responsible for these malign influence and interference operations must be removed from the country immediately," Ano said in a strongly worded statement. In Beijing, China Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said the "Philippines' attitude just proves that they lack

confidence in the face of facts and evidence and have reached the point where they are frustrated and have no bottom line. "China solemnly demands that the Philippines ensures that Chinese diplomats can perform their duties, stops infringement and provocation and does not deny the facts, act indiscreetly or hurt itself by its own actions," he said. The escalating word war and diplomatic row have been sparked by hostilities between Chinese and Philippine coast guard ships and other vessels since last year at the Second Thomas Shoal and Scarborough Shoal. The Chinese coast guard has used powerful water cannons, a military-grade laser and dangerous maneuvers that

have caused minor collisions, injured several Filipino navy personnel and damaged their supply boats. The Philippine government has repeatedly summoned Chinese embassy diplomats in Manila to hand over protests. President Joe Biden and his administration have repeatedly warned that the US is obligated to defend the Philippines, its longtime treaty ally, if Filipino forces, ships and aircraft come under an armed attack, including in the South China. Aside from China and the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have had overlapping claims in the busy seaway, a key trade route where many fear a major escalation of the conflicts could draw US forces on a collision course with China military.

Iranians voted on Friday in a runoff election for the country's parliament after hard-line politicians dominated March balloting. People in 22 constituencies across the country will elect 45 representatives from a pool of 90 candidates, 15 of whom are considered moderate. In the capital, Tehran, 16 representatives will be chosen from 32 candidates, all hard-liners. Final results are expected on Monday, though counts in smaller constituencies are likely before that. Iran's parliament plays a secondary role in governing the country. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final say in all important state matters. State TV showed Khamenei

voting on Friday immediately after the polls opened. He urged people to vote and said the runoff election was as important as the main one. In the March election, hard-liners won 200 out of 245 seats, with more moderate candidates taking the other 45. A total of 25 million ballots were cast, for a turnout of just under 41 per cent. The previ-

ous lowest turnout was 42 per cent in the 2020 parliamentary election. Politicians calling for change in the country's government, known broadly as reformists, were generally barred from running in the election. Those calling for radical reforms or for abandoning Iran's theocratic system were also banned or didn't bother to register as candidates.

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# Sensex, Nifty rebound as ITC, Reliance gain



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty found firmer ground on Friday, propelled by a rally in market heavyweights Reliance Industries, ITC and Bharti Airtel amid a supportive trend overseas. Recovering from the sharp decline in the previous trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 260.30 points or 0.36 per cent to settle at 72,664.47. During the day, it rallied 542.37 points or 0.74 per cent to 72,946.54. The NSE Nifty climbed 97.70 points or 0.44 per cent to 22,055.20. From the Sensex basket, Power Grid, NTPC, JSW Steel, Asian Paints, ITC, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever and Tata Motors were the biggest gainers. On the other hand, Tata

Consultancy Services, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Infosys, Wipro, Mahindra & Mahindra and HDFC Bank were among the laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled with gains. European markets were trading in the green. Wall Street ended in positive territory on Thursday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.41 per cent to USD 84.22 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 6,994.86 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. In the previous session, the BSE benchmark dropped 1,062.22 points or 1.45 per cent to settle at 72,404.17 on Thursday. The NSE Nifty dived 345 points or 1.55 per cent to 21,957.50.

## SGGSCC celebrates 40th Annual Day



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi, organized its 40th Annual Day on Tuesday, 7th May 2024. The Principal of the college, Prof. Jatinder Bir Singh, in his address, congratulated the students for their achievements in academics and co-curricular events. He recounted how in its brief

history of forty years, the college has made a significant mark in the educational landscape of India. SGGSCC has been awarded A++ by NAAC and has been ranked among top 50 colleges of the country by NIRF. The Chief Guest of the event, Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar, former Chief Justice of India urged the students to be creative and thoughtful in order to enjoy life and work.

# BPCL to invest ₹1.7 lakh crore in core, new energy business

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) plans to invest Rs 1.7 lakh crore over the next five years in its core oil refining, fuel marketing and petrochemical business as well as in clean energy such as hydrogen, its chairman G Krishnakumar said on Friday. As part of 'Project Aspire', a five-year strategic framework, BPCL plans to raise its oil refining capacity, augment petrochemical business and expand its presence in cleaner fuel space with an eye on energy transition and meeting country's fuel demand, he said at a post earnings investor call. "Our strategy is based on two fundamental pillars - 'Nurturing the Core'; and 'Investing in Future Big Bets'. We remain committed to our core businesses, which include the refining, marketing of petroleum products and upstream. In addition, we are focusing on our big bets, which comprise petrochemicals, gas, green energy, non-fuel retail, and digital," Krishnakumar said.

This will not just help meet the rising fuel demand of the world's fastest growing economy but also help the firm meet its target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2040. "Overall, we plan to invest Rs 1.7 Lakh crores over a period of 5 years. Of this, Rs 75,000 crores is earmarked for refineries and petrochemicals. We plan to undertake strategic pipeline projects with an investment of Rs 8,000 crores, of which projects worth Rs 5,000 crores have already been identified. "We will invest more than Rs 20,000 crore in our marketing business. We have also earmarked investments of Rs 32,000 crores in upstream production, mainly in Mozambique and Brazil, depending on positive developments on ground. We will invest Rs 25,000 crores on gas business, (and) Rs 10,000 crores on green energy business," he said. BPCL, which owns three refineries that convert crude oil extracted from below earth's surface into fuels like petrol and diesel, plans to expand refining capacity to 45



million tonnes per annum by March 2029 from current 35.3 million tonnes, he said. The capacity addition would majorly be at Bina refinery in Madhya Pradesh, which is being expanded to 11 million tonnes from current 7.8 million tonnes. Smaller capacity additions through debottlenecking are planned at Mumbai and Kochi refineries as well. On fuel retailing infrastructure, BPCL is looking to add about 4,000 petrol pumps to its 22,000-odd retail stations. Also, the company is undertaking two petrochemical projects at

Bina and Kochi, he said. "In line with the government's focus to increase gas share in the Indian energy portfolio from 6 per cent to 15 per cent, we intend to increase our gas footprint by building optimal city gas infrastructure and acquiring high opportunity geographic areas. We are also exploring enablers like diversification of sourcing, trading capabilities, storage facilities and LNG regasification infrastructure etc. To support our aspirations," he said. Alongside, it will pursue green ambitions. "We aim to build 10 GW of renewable energy portfolio

through organic and inorganic acquisition of operating assets, by 2040," he said. The clean energy business will include producing green hydrogen, which emits only water when burnt. "We will produce 30,000 tonnes per annum of green hydrogen in our refineries by 2030, to meet 10 per cent of our hydrogen demand. We will also engage in pilots for green hydrogen fuelled mobility and other applications," he said. The firm is also aggressively pushing for biofuels and plans to set up 26 compressed biogas plants in the near term. "In the EV charging business, we plan to reach a total of 7,000 EV charging stations by FY25. As of March 2024, we added 2,443 new EV charging and battery swapping stations, taking our total to 3,135 EV charging and battery swapping stations," he said. The EV charging stations will complement its fuel retailing network which also includes 2,034 CNG stations. Expecting petrol and diesel demand to grow in the near

term, he said the growth in demand of petrol is expected to be around 5 per cent whereas in diesel about 1.5-2 per cent. "India has struck the right balance between its energy security and climate goals. Our rapidly expanding economy will inevitably lead to a surge in energy demand, prompting a continued demand and growth in BPCL's core and new businesses," he said. India has set a goal of attaining net-zero emissions by 2070. "This will accelerate the adoption of green and low carbon energy solutions, opening significant economic opportunities for companies operating in the broader energy sector, including BPCL." On price outlook, he said the expectation is that global supply and demand will be relatively balanced and the prices would be in the range of USD 83-87 per barrel. "The factors that could impact prices are largely related to unplanned production disruptions, a risk highlighted by the recently escalating tensions in the Middle East."

## Rupee settles 1 paisa lower at 83.49 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee stayed range-bound and settled 1 paisa lower at 83.49 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, as the support from positive domestic equities was negated by elevated crude oil prices. Forex traders said significant foreign fund outflows dented investors' sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit traded in a narrow range. It opened at 83.48, and touched an intraday high of 83.46 and a low of 83.51 during the day. The domestic unit finally settled for the day at 83.49 (provisional), down 1 paisa from its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee closed at 83.48 against the American currency. The Indian rupee traded on a flat note. Positive domestic markets and a weak US dollar supported the rupee, however, a rise in crude oil prices and sustained foreign fund outflows capped sharp gains, said Anuj Choudhary Research Analyst, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was at 105.23, higher by 0.01 per cent as the US dollar declined on rising



weekly unemployment claims from the US. Weekly unemployment claims rose to 231,000 vs 209,000 in the prior week and the forecast of 212,000. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias and the US dollar may rise again amid hawkish Fed speak and safe-haven demand amid geopolitical tensions in the Middle East," Choudhary said. Selling pressure by foreign investors and rising global crude oil prices may also pressurise the rupee. However, a rise in risk appetite in global markets may support the rupee at lower levels. "Traders may take cues from India's IIP data and Michigan consumer

sentiment data from the US. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 83.30 to Rs 83.75," Choudhary added. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.62 per cent to USD 84.40 per barrel. On the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 260.30 points, or 0.36 per cent to close at 72,664.47 points. The broader NSE Nifty settled 97.70 points or 0.44 per cent higher at 22,055.20. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Thursday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 6,994.86 crore, according to exchange data.

## China willing to help Indian firms to cater to its market demand: Envoy

PTI ■ BEIJING

The Chinese market is open to all countries, including India, China's new envoy to India, Xu Feihong, has said, maintaining that Beijing understands New Delhi's concerns over its burgeoning trade deficit and is willing to address this issue by facilitating more Indian companies to tap the Chinese market. The trade deficit, a major concern of India for years, stood at USD 99.2 billion in 2023 in the overall bilateral trade of USD 136.2 billion. In 2022, the trade deficit crossed the USD 100 billion mark by touching USD 101 billion for the first time. India has been periodically flagging concerns and pressing China to open its IT and pharma sectors besides grains, its major export potential sectors. In an interaction with the PTI and China's CGTN-TV here before he headed to New Delhi to take up his posting, Xu reiterated Beijing's often repeated assertions that it is not China's intention to seek a trade surplus. "There are multiple factors behind India's trade deficit. China understands India's concern. It is never our

intention to seek a trade surplus." "The Chinese market is open to all countries, including India. We have sent many trade promotion delegations to India to buy Indian products, and we would like to see more marketable Indian products enter the Chinese market. We are ready to provide greater facilitation for India's participation at the China International Import Expo, the China-South Asia Expo, the Canton Fair and other platforms," he said. "China is also willing to help Indian companies cater to China's market demands and tap into the potential for commercial and trade cooperation." "Last year, the Chinese diplomatic missions in India issued nearly 190,000 visas; over 80 per cent were business visas. Business travels in both ways is good for bilateral trade. We hope that India can also provide more convenience to Chinese businesspeople travelling to India for business opportunities," Xu said. India-China trade continues to remain high despite bilateral tensions over the eastern Ladakh military standoff as the total trade last year climbed to a record USD 136.2 billion.

## As many as 17 firms under IT hardware PLI to start production this year, says IT Secretary

PTI ■ FARIDABAD

Majority of personal computer and server makers selected under the IT hardware production-linked incentive scheme are expected to start production this year, a senior government official said on Friday. "... About 17 out of 27 PLI companies will start production this year. Around 6-7 of them started production last year and two have plans to start production next year," Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) Secretary S Krishnan said on the sidelines of the inauguration of a new high-end computing server manufacturing unit of Netweb Technologies here. The government in November, 2023 approved the application of 27 companies, including Dell, HP, Foxconn, Lenovo, Netweb Technologies, under new production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware. Among the big names that have been granted approval under the IT hardware scheme are Flextronics, VVDN, and Optiemus. Other applicants that have received the green signal include Padget Electronics, SOJO Manufacturing Services,

## ITA seeks financial help from Centre to support struggling Darjeeling tea industry

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The Indian Tea Association (ITA) on Friday reiterated its plea for financial assistance from the Centre to support the struggling Darjeeling tea industry. According to the ITA, the situation in Darjeeling is critical due to decreasing yields and plummeting prices. Without a financial relief package, the survival of the Darjeeling tea industry is in jeopardy, the association said, adding that it has urged the



government to consider and act upon a financial revival package endorsed by the Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Commerce in March 2022. "The association has urged the government to extend a

financial revival package to the Darjeeling tea sector which has been already endorsed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on commerce in March 2022. This awaits consideration and action", the ITA said. The ITA, quoting Tea Board data, highlighted that adverse weather conditions have affected tea production in Assam and West Bengal, leading to a significant decrease in production. From January to March 2024, production was down by 13.69

million kg at 96.10 million kg across the country, according to Tea Board data. Prices at the auctions have also taken a beating during the same period, the ITA said, adding that at an all-India level, auction prices were down by Rs 16.08 per kg at Rs 128.12. Meanwhile, tea exports from India during January to December 2023 fell to 227.91 million kg as compared to 231.08 million kg in the same period of 2022, adding to the industry's challenges, the ITA said.

## Gold, silver prices rebound on bullish global trend, strong domestic demand

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold and silver prices rebounded sharply on Friday after falling for two straight sessions, with the yellow metal jumping Rs 950 to cross the Rs 73,000-mark in the national capital amid a bullish global trend and strong domestic demand on the Akshaya Tritiya festival. According to HDFC Securities, the precious metal climbed by Rs 950 to Rs 73,200 per 10 grams. It had closed at Rs 72,250 per 10 grams in the previous trade. Silver prices also surged by Rs 2,300 to Rs 85,500 per kg. In the previous close, it had ended at Rs 83,200 per kg. "Spot gold prices (24 carats) in the Delhi markets are trading at Rs 73,200 per 10 grams, up by Rs 950, amid a bullish trend in the overseas markets. "During the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, retail demand is going to rise as people will buy gold coins, bars, and jewellery," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the global markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at USD 2,360 per ounce, up by USD 52 from the previous close. Gold rose after the latest unemployment claims data revealed more indications of a slowing labour market.

## Bank of Baroda Q4 profit rises marginally to ₹4,886 crore



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) on Friday posted a marginal 2.3 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 4,886 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2024. The bank had earned a net profit of Rs 4,775 crore in the January-March quarter a year ago. The total income increased to Rs 33,775 crore during the quarter under review, as against Rs 29,323 crore in the same period last year, BoB said in a regulatory filing. Interest income grew to Rs 29,583 crore during the latest three-month period from Rs 25,857 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago. On the asset quality side, the bank's gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) moderated to 2.92 per cent of gross advances as of March 31, 2024, from 3.79 per cent at the end of March 2023. Net NPAs also declined to 0.68 per cent of the advances, from 0.89 per cent at the end

of 2023. As a result, provisions for bad loans and contingencies eased to Rs 1,302 crore, as against Rs 1,421 crore earmarked during the same quarter a year ago. The Provision Coverage Ratio of the bank stood at 93.30 per cent at the end of March 2024. For the financial year ended March 2024, the bank's net profit increased by a 26 per cent to Rs 17,789 crore, as compared to Rs 14,110 crore in the preceding fiscal. Total income of the bank increased to Rs 1,27,101 crore in FY24 as against Rs 99,614 crore in the preceding fiscal. The board has recommended a dividend at Rs 7.60 per equity share of face value of Rs 2 each fully paid up for the ensuing 28th Annual General Meeting. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) improved to 16.31 per cent, from 16.24 per cent as on March 31, 2023. Net Interest Margin (NIM) of the bank stood at 3.18 per cent at the end of March 2024.

## India forex reserves jump by USD 3.66 billion to USD 641.59 billion: RBI

Mumbai: After three consecutive weeks of drop, India's forex reserves increased by USD 3.66 billion to USD 641.59 billion for the week ended May 3, the RBI said on Friday. The overall kitty dropped USD 2.412 billion to USD 637.922 billion for the previous week ended April 26. For the week ended April 5, the reserves had hit an all-time high of USD 648.562 billion, following multiple weeks of increases after breaching the previous high of September 2021 in March this year. For the week ended May 3, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 4.459 billion to USD 564.161 billion, the data released on Friday showed. PTI

## Cipla net profit jumps 78.7 per cent to ₹931.87 crore in Q4

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Pharma major Cipla Ltd on Friday reported a 78.7 per cent jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 931.87 crore in the March quarter on the back of higher sales. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 521.51 crore in the year-ago period, Cipla Ltd said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated total revenue from operations during the quarter under review stood at Rs 6,163.24 crore as against Rs 5,739.3 crore in the corresponding period a year ago, it added. Total expenses in the fourth quarter were higher at Rs 5,153.31 crore as compared to Rs 4,946.14 crore in the same period previous fiscal, it



added. In the fourth quarter, Cipla said its "One-India market saw a growth of 7 per cent year-on-year (YoY) backed by branded prescription and trade generics, while North America revenue was at USD 226 million, up 11 per cent YoY supported by continued growth in key differentiated assets as well as base portfolio." The board of directors of the

company in its meeting on Friday recommended a final dividend of Rs 13 per equity share of face value of Rs 2 each for FY24, subject to approval of shareholders at the ensuing annual general meeting, it said. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, the consolidated net profit was at Rs 4,153.72 crore as compared to Rs 2,832.89 crore in the previous fiscal, Cipla said. For FY24, consolidated total revenue from operations was at Rs 25,774.09 crore as compared to Rs 22,753.12 crore in FY23. Commenting on the performance, Cipla Ltd MD and Global CEO Umang Vohra said in FY24, the company's revenues crossed

the threshold of Rs 25,000 crore, whereas operating margins significantly improved to cross Rs 6,000 crore for the first time. "This was backed by One-India revenue breaching Rs 10,000 crore, North America revenue surpassing USD 900 million and South Africa reaching top spot in prescription market, with all three businesses growing in double digits over last year with improved profitability," he added. On the road ahead, he said, "As we enter into FY25, our focus will be on our priorities of market leading growth in our key markets, growing big brands bigger, investing in future pipeline as well as focusing on resolutions on regulatory front."



# ON BOARD THE DILLI-AWADHI EXPRESS

There is little to complain if the ancient gastronomic delights from the bustling streets of Dilli 6 intersect with the regal fare of Lucknow's Awadhi Chowk, right in the heart of modern Delhi. It is a rare symphony, says **SHOBORI GANGULI**

For ages, food critics and connoisseurs have engaged in passionate discourses on how the royal Mughlai cuisine of Dilli stands out in sharp contrast to its regal Awadhi counterpart in Lucknow, a debate that rages on. While both define North India's rich culinary heritage and both spill out of the ancient quarters of royal kitchens to occupy modern-day street food outlets of these two historic cities, it takes a magician to synchronise the two.

**With Chapter 4 of Farage:** Northern Meanders, Chef Anuj Kapoor, Director of Culinary at Radisson Blu Hotel in Greater Noida, delivers this impossible magic of harmony with precision. From the bustling chaos of Old Delhi's streets to the serene ambience of Awadhi's royal courts, Chef Kapoor employs his nostalgia of childhood and college years spent in Lucknow and his enviable professional experience in Old Delhi's Mughlai lanes and bylanes to curate an innovative six-course meal, meticulous attention paid to each spice and ingredient.

The meal started off with a fiery welcome shot of *Tikha Mango*, the salt and chili rimmed glass of *aam panna* a welcome relief in Delhi's sizzling May heat. The *Amuse Bouche* gently opened the gates to *Dilli 6 ki Nagori, Methde Aloo, Kachalu*, a delectable offering of a *golgappa* sized *puri* with filling. A real taste of Delhi is incomplete without some wholesome *Chaats*. So Chef Kapoor had a platter ready with *Kulle ki Chaat* served with a not-too-sour *Kanji* with a *jalapeno* and *Ram Laddoo* skewer.

The *Nakkhas Masala Panko Soft Shell Crab Aragula* and *Orange* was a



CHEF ANUJ KAPOOR

tantalising appetizer on offer. Unfortunately, for Delhi, seafood meanders its way into kitchens through freezers, compromising its freshness. While the taste of the crab and the crispiness of the batter worked well on the palate, it is my personal observation that deep fried Indian food, North to South, East to West, is difficult to master in large kitchens. They tend to get fried and re-fried, leaving that slight hint of used oil. These are best left to home kitchens or road side eateries. The vegetarian option of *Ambi, Hari Mirch Ganderi Paneer Tinka* may perhaps have been a better choice. That said, the Entrée opened the floodgates of gastronomic indulgence. The *Gosh ki Galawat* served atop a *Biscooti Roti* that Chef Kapoor had quite obviously paid personal attention to, was an amazingly innovative combination. The taste lingered on long after the meal was over. For the vegetarians there was, of

course, the *Chakundar ki Galawat*.

This was followed by the main course in which Chef Kapoor refined and redefined the decadent *Nalli Nihari* to a level of sophistication difficult to match. The *Chowk ka Nalli Nihari Wellington* indeed transported one to an epicurean heaven. A clear winner, this masterpiece blended the iconic Wellington-style pastry with the refined flavours of pulled *Nalli Nihari* mutton. This innovative dish symbolised Chef Kapoor's unique gift of framing culinary history in a contemporary context. There was *Jumbo Prawn Khorma* on offer alongside the vegetarian *Aminabad Masala Portobello, Gucchi, Qar-e-Pukhtan*.



Chef Kapoor has a signature inaugural, informal talk before laying out the table for his patrons. At the beginning of each Farage, he talks about the inspiration informing the menu, of how Dilli 6 is better known for its vegetarian fare considering the Old City has a fair share of vegetarian traders and merchants, and similar such priceless nuggets of culinary history. I left the venue with the taste of an extremely flavourful and aromatic *Chowk ki Gilouri*, transporting me to the bylanes of Lucknow that I remember only too well.

#### FACTSHEET

**Farage Chapter 4: Northern Meanders**  
**Venue:** *Satin, Radisson Blu, Greater Noida*  
**Date:** *May 10th & May 11th, 2024*

## Padharo Mhare Desh



The ongoing Rangeelo Rajasthan food festival at the Crowne Plaza in Delhi takes its guests on an exotic culinary odyssey, writes **SHOBORI GANGULI**

Rajasthan never ceases to inspire. Be it the food, the clothes, the colours, the mesmerizing deserts, the people, its music, this region's appeal is immortal and forever irresistible. Little wonder then that the majestic Rangeelo Rajasthan food festival at Crowne Plaza's Infinity in the heart of Delhi has drawn well-deserved attention.

Showcasing Rajasthan's regal culinary heritage, *Panch Rang Panch Nagar* is the leitmotif of the festival that draws inspiration from the diverse palates and cuisines of the five towns of Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Udaipur, and Bikaner. We are told that the chefs engaged in this epic effort have journeyed to the royal kitchens spread across Rajasthan to collate secret recipes and traditions while bringing in local cooks to ensure the authenticity of regional flavours.

In order to remain faithful to the festival's thematic emphasis, the venue has been draped in the architectural hues of the five chosen cities, where guests can effortlessly surrender to the rustic charm and authenticity of village-style piping hot *Jowar, Bajra* and *Bejar rotis* prepared by local women, travelling straight out of their earthen *chulhas* to the plate.

Playing the perfect host, Executive Chef Roushan Sharma is quick to bring in some local starters like the *kachodi kadhi* and *samosa kadhi*, the crispy fried goodies gently crushed into a warm bowl of silk smooth gravy. This came with a sharp and tangy garlic and *kutty mirch* chutney and fiery *Mirchi ke Tapore*. Clearly, Ghee is the real star of a traditional Rajasthani food

spread so there was no dearth of this cooking medium in the dishes that arrived at the table.

Sharing his experience of travelling to Rajasthan for the curation of the festival's menu, Chef Sharma says, "Our culinary expedition to Rajasthan was a blend of royalty and authenticity. Spending a day with Thakur Kunal Singh Sa graciously unravelled the secrets of royal recipes, while our interactions with local villagers added depth to our

culinary pool that has its origins in the arid and resource-starved agrarian ecosystem of the region for centuries. Indeed, each element of the menu was an eye-opening vehicle of transport to Rajasthan's culinary heartland.

Now, a bit about the décor. Painstakingly set up to recreate the rustic charm and village-style dining experience of *Padharo Mhare Desh* one could opt to dine under the stars (not recommended in this May heat) or enjoy the interiors with live folk performances, including vibrant *Kathputli* puppetry and a spirited *Ghoda Gadi*. The venue has even recreated the vibrant energy of a traditional *Rangrez Bazaar*, complete with stalls offering local handicrafts and entertainment.

Pankaj Gupta, the Area General Manager, underscored the significance of such an experience amid the dynamic culinary landscape today: "In a world where dining options abound, we believe in offering our guests more than just a meal. The Rangeelo Rajasthan Food Extravaganza is not merely a culinary event; it's a journey of discovery and delight, where every dish and every performance tell a story of Rajasthan's rich heritage and culture." And indeed, it does.



understanding of the region's culinary traditions. We have incorporated dishes from Marwari, Mewari, Shekhawati and Hadoti cuisines."

Chef Sharma has reason to be proud of the fact that the feast incorporates close to a hundred dishes on a cyclic menu, featuring an array of exquisite Rajasthani delicacies. Be it the fiery *Laal Maas* and *Junglee Maas*, staples of Rajasthan's royal cuisine, the earthy *Papad Mangodi ki Sabji*, the aromatic *Dal Panchmel*, the ubiquitous *Ker Sangri*, the decadent *Bajra Kesari* or *Gulab Choorma*, the aromatic *Dhaniya Murgh*, or the traditional *Bajre, Makke ka Raab*, the feast was a refreshing dip into Rajasthan's immensely rich

#### FACT SHEET

**Venue:** *Infinity, Crowne Plaza Delhi*  
**Date:** *May 3rd to May 12th, 2024*  
**Time:** *7:00 PM to 11:00 PM*  
**Price:** *Rs 2599 plus taxes per person*  
**Contact:** *8860605588, 8860634435*

## What's cooking this weekend!

### Lucknow meets Hyderabad at Westin



Chef Mohammad Shaheed Qureshi



The Westin Gurgaon is hosting a 10-day culinary pop up, with Kangan from The Westin Mumbai Garden City from May 17th till May 26th, 2024. Showcasing Kangan's convergence of the regal flavours of Lucknow and the fiery essence of Hyderabad, Guest Chef Mohammad Shaheed Qureshi from Kangan and Multi Property Executive Chef Amit Dash would be at the helm of this pop-up. The pop-up promises a gastronomic journey celebrating Lucknowi and Hyderabadi flavours. Kangan is a contemporary interpretation of rustic Indian flavours mainly from the North-West Frontier region of Peshawar. Being showcased at The Westin's all-day dining restaurant, Seasonal Tastes, the pop-up menu at Kangan explores progressive ideas in Indian cuisine while maintaining the traditional culinary integrity of signature dishes.

From traditional kebabs to rich *biryanis*, the spread brings out many undiscovered facets with its unique use of time tested ingredients transformed by eclectic combinations and modern presentations. For instance, the *Sikanderi Raan, Banno kebabs, Khaliyas, Kormas, Niharis*, and *Gacche Gosht ki Biryani*. Chef Dash says, "Hosting pop-up events has transformed our business, boosting revenue and enhancing guest experiences. Diversifying our offerings and

collaborating with renowned restaurants have attracted new audiences, bolstering our position in the hospitality industry," adding that "Experimentation with cuisines, chefs, and concepts has showcased our adaptability and innovation, keeping us ahead of trends and reinforcing our reputation. From a business perspective, these pop-ups have allowed us to expand our offerings which aligns with the exploratory culinary demands of our patrons. This strategic approach has led to increased profitability and recognition, highlighting the importance of collaboration and innovation in hospitality."

**Venue:** *Seasonal Tastes, The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi*  
**Date:** *May 17th - May, 2024, for dinner buffet everyday; Sunday brunches on 18th and 25th May 25th respectively.*



### Indori Zyaka at Crowne Plaza, New Delhi

Edesia, the renowned global cuisine restaurant at Crowne Plaza New Delhi will showcase an unprecedented culinary extravaganza through the exquisite flavours of Malwa Cuisine from Indore. This unprecedented food festival promises to unravel the hidden treasures of Indore's culinary heritage, offering a delectable array of dishes. From May 10th to May 19th, 2024, guests are invited to indulge in an unparalleled dining experience as Edesia unveils a plethora of culinary delights, carefully curated to exemplify the essence of Indore's gastronomy. On offer will be an assortment of mouthwatering delicacies, including the iconic *Poha Jalebi*, irresistible *Indori Shikanji*, *flavourful Bhutte ki Kees*, comforting *Sabudana Khichdi*, crispy *Baked Samosa*, savoury *Moong Dal Bhajiya*, and the quintessential *Pani Puri* served with six unique types of water. Other highlights include *Chole Tikki*, succulent *Kadak Nath*, aromatic *Khassi ka Meat*, fragrant *Subz Methi Pulao*, hearty *Sev Tamatar ki Subji*, decadent *Mawa Bati*, traditional *Lancha*, and *baked Kalakand*. The culinary journey will conclude on a sweet note,



with the divine flavours of *Aam Ras*, creamy *Shrikhand*, and wholesome *Dal Bafra*. To complement this gastronomic odyssey, beverages have been meticulously crafted to elevate the buffet experience. Guests can quench their thirst with a variety of invigorating drinks, including the revitalizing *Shikanji*, the tangy *Ananas ki Panna*, the unique *Anti Soda*, the classic



*Lassi*, and the refreshing *Kairi Pana*. As Shuvendu Banerjee, General Manager of Crowne Plaza puts it, "This festival is a celebration of culinary diversity and a testament to our commitment to offering unparalleled dining experiences. We invite food enthusiasts to join us on this gastronomic journey as we explore the vibrant flavours of Indore."  
**Venue:** *Edesia at Crowne Plaza, New Delhi Okhla.*  
**Date:** *May 10th - 19th, 2024*  
**Time:** *7:00 PM - 11:00 PM*  
**Price:** *Rs 2,799 plus taxes*



# KKR TARGET PLAYOFF BERTH AT HOME

## MI SEEK TO SALVAGE PRIDE



**PTI ■ KOLKATA**

In red-hot form, two-time former champions Kolkata Knight Riders will look to seal an IPL playoff berth for the first time in three years when they take on the struggling Mumbai Indians in their final home match of the season, here on Saturday.

The return of their two-time title-winning skipper Gautam Gambhir as team mentor has done wonders for the side which has found ways to win games from difficult situations this season.

Sitting at the top of the 10-team standings with eight wins from 11 matches, another win will guarantee them the playoff berth as the Shah Rukh Khan-owned franchise will look to end on a high, its campaign at the home venue of Eden Gardens.

Gambhir's ploy to back Sunil Narine as an opener along with World No.2 T20I batter Phil Salt has been a masterstroke. The duo have scored bulk of the team's runs, giving it the perfect platform in power-plays to post six 200-plus totals from eight matches batting first.

With 32 sixes to his name, Narine is also the second in the list behind Abhishek Sharma (35).

The consistency with which Narine keeps churning out high scores match after match

has been phenomenal. With one century and three fifties, the Trinidadian has also been their leading run-getter, amassing 461 runs at a strike-rate of 183.66. Englishman Salt has scored 429 runs at a strike-rate of 183.33.

The duo's explosive form has also meant that the likes of Andre Russell and Rinku Singh, who have been their designated finishers, have not got enough opportunities. Their performance has also covered up the team's bowling profligacy, particularly that of Mitchell Starc.

The young Angkrish Raghuvanshi at No.3 has also proved his worth, while Ramandeep Singh has been spectacular at the death.

In contrast, five-time champions Mumbai Indians, under Hardik Pandya, became the first team to be knocked out after Sunrisers Hyderabad demolished Lucknow Super Giants the other day.

Coming on the back of a morale-boosting win over SRH, MI will look to salvage some pride.

Fresh from his knocks of 56 and 102 not out, Suryakumar Yadav has been in scintillating form which augurs well for Team India ahead of the T20 World cup in less than a month.

At the same time, Team India fans will hope that Rohit Sharma and Hardik Pandya also return among runs. The India captain has four single-digit scores and one 11 in last five games, while Pandya's best this season has been 46. The struggling all-rounder has failed to cross 10 in his last six innings.

Pandya would be desperate to strike form given that it would be crucial to India's chances in the T20 World Cup next month

**TEAMS (FROM):**  
**Kolkata Knight Riders:** Shreyas Iyer (c), KS Bharat (wk), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Rinku Singh, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Sherfane Rutherford, Manish Pandey, Andre Russell, Nitish Rana, Venkatesh Iyer, Anukul Roy, Ramandeep Singh, Varun Chakravarthy, Sunil Narine, Vaibhav Arora, Chetan Sakariya, Harshit Rana, Suyash Sharma, Mitchell Starc, Dushmantha Chameera, Sakib Hussain, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Gus Atkinson, Allah Ghazanfar and Phil Salt.  
**Mumbai Indians:** Hardik Pandya (c), Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Dewald Brevis, Jasprit Bumrah, Piyush Chawla, Gerald Coetzee, Tim David, Shreyas Gopal, Ishan Kishan (wk), Anshul Kamboj, Kumar Kartikeya, Akash Madhwal, Kwena Maphaka, Mohammad Nabi, Shams Mulani, Naman Dhir, Shivalik Sharma, Romario Shepherd, Arjun Tendulkar, Nuwan Thushara, Tilak Varma, Harvik Desai (wk), Nehal Wadhwa and Luke Wood.

# The Big Cricket League to promote local talent

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Promising to transform the landscape of Indian cricket, the Big Cricket League (BCL) was officially launched here recently at an event with an aim to bridge the gap between established cricketers and aspiring local talents.

Led by former India international cricketer Rudra Pratap Singh, the BCL revolves around providing a platform for showcasing raw talent and offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play alongside cricketers icons.

The launch event was attended by legendary cricket figures including former India Captain Dilip Vengsarkar, League Commissioner, and former West Indies Captain Courtney Walsh, Vice President. Both Vengsarkar and Walsh echoed Singh's enthusiasm, emphasizing the significance of the BCL in providing opportunities for those who have missed out on traditional pathways to cricketers success.

At the inaugural season, it was announced that six franchises were set to compete in 18 live T20 matches. These matches will feature a blend of former international icons, first-class cricketers,



and aspiring local talents, ensuring a captivating spectacle for cricket enthusiasts worldwide.

With matches set to be broadcasted on both television and OTT platforms across India and in over 30 countries, the BCL aims to make its presence felt amid a global audience.

Furthermore, opportunities for team ownership and sponsorship are available, signaling the league's commitment to fostering collaboration and support within the cricketer community, said a statement from the BCL.

**THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS**

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, ABHISHEK KUMAR S/O KAMAL JIT R/O Bhooh Chack Kullian Ferozepur Kalan Sujanpur Pathankot Punjab-145023 have changed my name to ABHIDEEP SINGH.**

**PD(432)A**

**I, SARKILA D/O DHARAM PAL R/O E-62 Army Flats Sector-4 Mansa Devi Complex Panchkula Sec-5 Haryana-134114 have changed my name to SAMIRA.**

**PD(433)A**

**I, Mohit Kumar Sharma S/o Vijay Kumar R/o B-7/35, Moh.Arjunpura Qadian, Teh. Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143516, have changed my name to Mohit Kumar.**

**PD(434)A**

### Format C-7

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011)

**Name of Political Party :** Bharatiya Janata Party  
**Name of the Election :** General Elections to the House of People-2024 (Lok Sabha)  
**Name of State :** Punjab  
**Name of the Constituency :** (12) Sangrur  
**Name of the Candidate :** Sh. Arvind Khanna

S. No.	1.	2.	3.
	<b>Criminal antecedents</b>		
a.	<b>Nature of the Offences</b>	U/S 23(1) r/w S.4(1) Of FCRA Act	U/s 8 of the PC Act r/w 120B IPC.
b.	<b>Case no.</b>	CC No. 37 of 2022	CC No. 39 of 2023
c.	<b>Name of the Court</b>	Ld. ACMM-04, Rouse Avenue District Courts, New Delhi	Ld. Special Judge (PC Act)(CBI), Rouse Avenue District Courts, New Delhi.
d.	<b>Whether charges framed (Yes/No)</b>	No	No
e.	<b>Date of conviction, if any</b>	N/A	N/A
f.	<b>Details of Punishment undergone, if any</b>	N/A	N/A
g.	<b>Any other information required to be given</b>	Appeal filed vide MC No. 6614-2022 in Hon'ble High Court.	N/A
	<b>The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)</b>	He is a senior politician and is a well known social worker having good leadership quality. He is running Umeed Foundation stressing the need to save daughters. He is a great philanthropist. He is serving as vice-president of BJP Punjab since December 2022 and is a member of BJP Punjab's core committee and finance committee.	
	<b>Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)</b>	The candidate has been MLA from his area twice and is prominent among the people of the constituency and helped the needful people during the hard time. He was also given ticket for MLA in 2022 Assembly Elections. He works for economic & social empowerment of women & employment generation.	

Name: N.K. Verma  
Post: Convener, Legal Cell BJP Punjab.

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**APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued under said notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagee/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
[A/c No.] L9001060127059689 D S Pump Industries (Borrower), Devender Sharma (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kavita (Co-Borrower)	13-Feb-24 Rs. 927047/- Rs. Nine Lac Twenty-Seven Thousand Forty-Seven Only 12-Feb-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Freehold - Within Municipal Limit-Flat No A 6, Mu No 131,Shri Khatushyam Ji Apartment,Sarkari School,Dist- Faridabad,Haryana Admeasuring 600 Square Feet	06-May-24
[A/c No.] L9001060834822444 Smt.Kavita (Co-Borrower), Devender Sharma (Co-Borrower)	17-Feb-24 Rs. 552488/- Rs. Five Lac Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Only 12-Feb-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Freehold - Within Municipal Limit-Flat No-A-6, 2nd Floor, Withoutroof/Terrace, Part Of Mu.131, Kila No-5/1,(5-6), 5/2 (2-3), Shri Khatushyam Ji Apartment, Krishan Colony, Palwal, Tehsil & Dist-Palwal, Haryana Admeasuring 900 Sq.Ft	06-May-24
[A/c No.] L9001060123432671 Pawan Singh (Borrower), Madan Singh (Co-Borrower), Suresh Singh (Co-Borrower)	12-Feb-24 Rs. 629371/- Rs. Six Lac Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One Only 12-Feb-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Gram Panchayat Khw 347, Kht 392, Khs 429, Puran Pana Pathera Kanina,Dist- Mahendragarh,Haryana Admeasuring 175 Sqyds	07-May-24
[A/c No.] L9001060828212622 Pawan Vegetable Supplier (Borrower), Pawan Singh (Co-Borrower), Madan Singh (Co-Borrower)	15-Feb-24 Rs. 298371/- Rs. Two Lac Ninety-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One Only 12-Feb-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khevat No. 347, And Khatuani No. 392, Khasra No 429 0-19, Village Patheda, Tehsil- Kanina, Dist- Mahendragarh, Haryana Admeasuring 191.5 Sqyds	07-May-24

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets." 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 the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

Place: HARYANA Date: 10-May-2024 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

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