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KEJRIWAL SPIRIT BACK IN DELHI

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Filled with energy and high political spirit ever since he walked out from Tihar Jail on Saturday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal while addressing his enthused party workers launched a scathing attack at the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of crushing his and other Opposition parties. Kejriwal, who has launched his Lok Sabha campaign for the May 25 Delhi schedule, alleged that the BJP is on a mission to bring about dictatorship in the country. Besides the "one nation, one leader" jibe, the AAP convenor also accused the BJP of shielding corrupt leaders and asked them if they would live up to the rule of retirement at the age of 75 that was brought about by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kejriwal further claimed that the Prime Minister wants Amit Shah to succeed in his acknowledgement that the party is set to retain power for a third straight term. At the same time Kejriwal also asserted the BJP will not return to power and said the INDIA Bloc will form the Government on June 4. "In the last 20 hours after release from jail, I talked to poll experts and people and got to know the BJP is not going to form the Government. The AAP will be part of the Government at the Centre. We will get full Statehood for Delhi and it shall have a people's Governor, not a man from Gujarat," he said, while adding that according to his assessment that the BJP is not getting more than 220-230 seats.



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal addresses a press conference Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

Earlier in the morning, Kejriwal along with his wife Sunita and Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann offered prayers at the Hanuman temple in central Delhi's Connaught Place. Hours after the visit, the Chief Minister posted on X about his temple visit. Reciting a verse from Hanuman Chalisa, "Sab sukh lahe tumhari sarna, tum rakshak kahu ko darr na", he said in the post in Hindi, "Reached the ancient Hanuman temple in Connaught Place and received the blessings of Hanuman ji. I prayed to Mahadev in Shiva temple and worshiped Shanidev

Maharaj. I prayed to God for happiness and prosperity of the country and to give strength to free the country from dictatorship. God bless everyone." "The BJP sent four of our top leaders to jail - Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and Satyendar Jain. This was an attempt by them to crush us. PM Modi wants to crush the AAP because he knows that we can bring about a bright future for the country. All Opposition leaders including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

Stalin, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and RJD leader Tejashvi Yadav, will be in jail if BJP wins Lok Sabha polls," Kejriwal said addressing media, a first after his release on bail in the multi crore liquor scam. Kejriwal claimed that PM Modi has not spared his own party's popular leader and will remove Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath from his post if the saffron party wins again. "Modi ji has a very dangerous plan - the plan of One Nation One Leader. He doesn't want anyone else to be popular. If they win the Lok Sabha polls, they will change the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh in two months. They have tried to crush all the popular leaders in their party. Look at Vasundhara Raje and Shivraj Singh Chauhan. I am sure that Yogi Adityanath is the next," he added.

Party workers and supporters gathered in big numbers to welcome Kejriwal after he was granted an interim bail by the Supreme Court till June 1. A supporter was seen standing on the tree at the office with the picture of Bhagat Singh and a copy of the Constitution of India shouting the slogan "Jail k tale toot gaye, Kejriwal choot gaye". Many others adorned party flags and t-shirts that has "I am also Kejriwal" written on them. This was Kejriwal's first such presser following his release from jail after 50 days. Further, he said that the reason why he did not resign from Chief Minister's post was because he didn't want to give in to the 'dirty politics' of BJP.

Stars power Phase IV polls

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

From cricketer Yusuf Pathan to Akhilesh Yadav and Asaduddin Owaisi to Shatrughan Sinha, five Union Ministers, two World Cup winning cricketers and two Tollywood stars are among the 1,717 candidates for the 96 Lok Sabha constituencies spread across 10 States and one Union Territory to contest in the phase 4, for which campaigning ended on Saturday. The polling will be held on May 13. With the completion of each phase, political leaders, including the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, are turning up the heat with all kinds of rhetoric, communal charges, slandering of rivals, and much more. Political barbs like racist slur on Indian people, Pakistan's atom bomb to Balakot strike to Pulwama attack and "humara siddhant hai, hum ghar me ghus ke marenge" (It is our principle to take the attack home), to "Rambhakts in every street", and "15 seconds the brothers would not know from where they came and where they went", dominated during the fourth phase of campaigning. The stakes are high for the BJP and its allies in the fourth phase polling. Prime Minister Modi and the BJP leaders raised the issues of racist slur on Indian people by Indian Overseas Congress president Sam Pitroda, Pakistan's atom bomb by Mani Shankar Aiyer, "ghar mein ghus kar marenge" during the poll campaign and tried to corner the grand old party saying the Congress tries to instil fear in their own countrymen. In previous rallies, the Prime Minister launched scathing attacks against the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, claiming that he may have some "deal" with "Adani-Ambani".

LOK SABHA ELECTION PHASE IV SEATS

2024 LS voting concludes for States marked in red on May 13

STATES	NO. OF SEATS	CONSTITUENCY
ANDHRA PRADESH	25	Araku (ST), Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalle, Kakinada, Amalapuram (SC), Rajahmundry, Narsapuram, Eluru, Machilipatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, Narasaraopet, Bapatla (SC), Ongole, Nandyal, Kurnool, Nellore, Tirupathi (SC), Rajampet, Chittoor (SC), Anantapur, Hindupur, Kadapa.
Bihar	5	Darbhanga, Ujiarpur, Samastipur (SC), Begusarai, Munger
Jammu & Kashmir	1	Srinagar
MADHYA PRADESH	8	Dewas, Ujjain, Mandsour, Ratlam, Dhar, Indore, Khargone (ST), Khandwa
Maharashtra	11	Nandurbhar (SC), Jalgaon, Raver, Jalna, Aurangabad, Maval, Pune, Shirur, Ahmednagar, Shirdi, Beed
Odisha	4	Kalahandi, Nabarangpur (ST), Berhampur, Koraput (ST)
TELANGANA	17	Adilabad (ST), Peddapalle (SC), Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Zahirabad, Medak, Malkajigiri, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Chevella, Mahbubnagar, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool (SC), Bhongir, Warangal (SC), Mahbubabad (ST), Khammam
Uttar Pradesh	13	Shahjahanpur, Kheri, Dhaurahra, Sitapur, Hardoi, Misrikh, Unnao, Farrukhabad, Etawah, Kannauj, Kanpur, Akbarpur, Bahraich (SC)
West Bengal	8	Baharampur, Krishnanagar, Ranaghat, Bardhaman Purba, Bardhaman -Durgapur, Asansol, Bolpur, Birbhum
Jharkhand	4	Singbhum (ST), Khunti (SC), Lohardaga (ST), Palamau (SC)

Akhilesh in Kannauj to avenge wife's defeat



Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav during his campaign for Lok Sabha elections, in Kannauj district, on Saturday PTI Photo

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ KANNAUJ

In the heartland of Uttar Pradesh, the stage is set for a political spectacle as former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav braces himself for an electoral showdown in Kannauj. This battleground holds more than just electoral significance; it is a symbolic arena where familial legacies clash, and political destinies are determined. At the core of this unfolding drama lies a deeply personal quest for redemption. Akhilesh's decision to contest from Kannauj is not merely a strategic move but a poignant attempt to avenge his wife Dimple Yadav's defeat in the previous elections. The sting of that loss still resonates, propelling Akhilesh with a fervent resolve to reclaim Kannauj for the Samajwadi Party (SP), a stronghold nurtured by his father, Mulayam Singh Yadav. "The wounds of defeat run deep, but so does our determination," declares Akhilesh, his voice echoing with unwavering resolve. "Kannauj embodies our legacy, and we will not allow it to slip away." In the 1990s, Mulayam strategically expanded his influence in Kannauj, a constituency dominated by Yadavs and Muslims, transforming it into a bastion for the SP's first family. Over 16 elections held in Kannauj since 1967, Mulayam-affiliated candidates emerged victorious 10 times, while non-Yadav candidates secured victory on six occasions. Notably, the SP clinched victory in this seat seven times, solidifying its significance in Uttar Pradesh's political landscape. On the opposing side, BJP's Subrat Pathak is preparing for what he terms a "high-voltage contest," drawing parallels to an India-Pakistan cricket match. "I am prepared to employ every tactic in the book," asserts Pathak, exuding confidence in his ability to thwart Akhilesh's aspirations. Local observers depict a grudge match, where past defeats fuel present

ambitions. "Akhilesh's candidacy this time is fueled by a desire to avenge his wife's loss in the last elections," notes Ram Mani Mishra, a seasoned journalist in Kannauj. Indeed, the stakes could not be higher. Kannauj, steeped in political history, has long been synonymous with the SP's dominance. For decades, the Yadav family has wielded influence, transforming it into a formidable bastion of their political power. However, cracks surfaced in this fortress in 2019 when Pathak, a BJP candidate, dealt a significant blow by defeating Dimple, disrupting the family's winning streak. The loss reverberated through the Yadav clan, marking a turning point in their political fortunes. Mulayam, the patriarch of the family, witnessed this setback before his passing in 2022, leaving behind a legacy tainted by defeat. Now, as Akhilesh returns to Kannauj for the fourth time, he faces a Herculean task to reclaim what was once his family's stronghold. It is a battle not just for political supremacy but for the preservation of Mulayam legacy, a legacy hanging in the balance. "I see this as a fight for our very identity," remarks Vijay Singh Yadav, a veteran in the SP. "Kannauj is synonymous with the Yadav family, and we cannot afford to lose it." But the road to redemption is riddled with challenges. BJP's Pathak, hailed as a 'giant killer,' leaves no stone unturned in his bid to retain the constituency. With the BJP's formidable machinery backing him, Pathak poses a formidable obstacle to Akhilesh's ambitions. "It may come down to a razor-thin margin deciding the winner and the loser," remarks Dharendra Mishra, a prominent 'atav trader'. In the 2014 election, Dimple secured victory over Pathak by a significant margin of 18,107 votes. However, in 2019, Pathak turned the tables, narrowly defeating Dimple by a margin of 12,353 votes.



Dust storm, gusty winds claim two lives in Capital

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

At least two people were killed and 23 injured in storm-related incidents as strong winds uprooted trees, electricity poles and led to portions of walls collapsing across Delhi. Power was also disrupted in many areas as the dust storm swept the national Capital late Friday night. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has advised people to stay indoors, close windows and doors and avoid travel if possible. Take safe shelters, do not take shelter under trees and Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls, the IMD said predicting strong wind/hail which may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops. Hail may injure people and cattle at open places, it said. Nine flights were also diverted at the Delhi airport late Friday evening due to bad weather, an official said. Rain and thunderstorms were witnessed in many areas of Rajasthan as well due to the impact of a western disturbance during the last 24 hours, the local weather office said on Saturday. Thunderstorm activities are likely to continue till May 14, due to which the maximum temperature may fall in most parts. In west Delhi's Vikasperi, a person on a two-wheeler died after a branch of a tree fell on him near Janakpuri flyover. Police said the branch was removed with the help of cranes and the victim, Jaiprakash, was rushed to the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. A car was also damaged in the incident but its occupants were unhurt, a police officer said. In the other incident, a labourer got trapped under a tree which fell on him near IB Block at KN Katju Marg around 11 PM. Hariom was taken to a nearby hospital but the doctors said he was already dead. The police officer said in this incident also a car was damaged but its occupants were safe.

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We, Pappu S/O Soni Ram & Mrs. Mahendri W/o Pappu R/O H.No. 608/2, Janak Garden, Panipat, Haryana declare that our son Mohit and his wife Poonam are completely out of our control. so we disown them from all our moveable/immovable properties and relationships.

I, Gajender Singh Dahiya S/o Sajjan Singh Dahiya R/o #1494, Sector-12, HUDA, Panipat declare that my son Pulkit Dahiya and his wife Anjali Dahiya are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and immovable properties. My family will not be responsible for their good or bad deeds and transactions in future.

I, Mukesh R/O Sh. Balbir Singh R/O House no 1663, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh inform that My son Rahul and his wife Preeti out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at own Risk.

I, Priyanka Preet D/o Rattan Chand R/o Gali No.02, Shiv Nagar, Dinanagar Distt Gurdaspur have terminated all relations from Younger Brother Sunil Bains and sister in law Anuradha and disowned/disinherited both of them from all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them will do so at his/her own risk.

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Santokh Singh R/O H.No.681, New Nehru Colony, Tung Pai, Majitha Road Amritsar Have Declare That My Son Rohit Gill Is Out Of My Control. I Disinherited Him From My All Movable And Immovable Property Anybody Deal With Him Is His Own Risk And Responsibility.

I, Aarti D/o Rajinder Kumar, R/O Flat No. 96-C, Prime City, Landran Road, Sector 127,Kharid Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab, hereby declare that my son Manoj Arora is out of my control. So I disown him from my moveable and immovable property.

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Rajinder Singh, H.No.336/2, Vill Maloya, Chandigarh, disown my son Reshav Kumar, from moveable/immovable properties as he is out of my control. Anybody deals him do at own risk/responsibility. I and my family shall not be responsible.

We, Sashi Jaswal & Sunita Jaswal, both residents of H.No. 1854, Hallomajra, Chandigarh, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that son Sonu Jaswal out of our control and we have severed all types of relationship with him. We hereby disown our son Sonu Jaswal from all our moveable and immovable properties and we are not responsible any person dealing with him at his/her/ their own risk and responsibility.

I, Omprakash S/O Nanad, R/O Vill Dhirana Majra, Bhiwani, Declare That My Son Anil Are Out Of My Control. I Evict His From My Movable And Immovable Properties. If Anybody Deals With His Shall Do Their Own Risk In Future.

I, Rajmal S/o Bir Singh R/O Vill. Jamni Teh. Safidon Distt. Jind (Hr.) declare that my son Samunder and his wife Shobha are out of me and my family members control. So, I disown both of them from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at their own risk, Me and My family members are not responsible.

मैं रामेश सिंघ पुत्र दादा सिंघ दासी मकान नं. 2043, सेक्टर 2-3 (पाटी), रोहतक अपनी पुत्री अंशु को मेरे व मेरे परिवार के कर्हने-सुनने से बाहर होने पर अपनी समस्त चत-अवत संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। मरिष्य में इससे लेन- देन करने वाला व्यक्ति स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा, मेरी व मेरे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Muskan D/o Ravi Kumar R/o House No. 118, Ward No. 07, Geeta Bhawan Road, Gurdaspur (Punjab) declare that in my Passport No B9162666, my name has been wrongly entered as Muxsan. My correct name is Muskan. Concerned note.

I, Paramjit Singh @ Paramjeet Singh S/O Amarjit Singh R/O Vill: Dhahe, Post: Jindwari, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib (New Nangal), District. Rupnagar (Punjab) declare that the both the names of one and the same person, myself.

I Khushneet Kaur D/O Kuljit Singh R/O Dala Po Shahzada Tehsil Dera Bala Nanak Distt Gurdaspur Declare That In My 10th Certificate My Date Of Birth Is Wrongly Recorded As 04.12.2005. My Correct Date Of Birth Is 28.01.2006

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Neelam Gupta Mother of Ashutosh Gupta R/O #1288/1850 KDA Colony Kanpur have changed my name from Neelam Gupta to Neelam vide Affidavit Dated 10-05-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Murti Devi, wife of Ram Kumar, resident of Badi Bassi Tehsil Naraingarh District Ambala, inform that my name is Murti Devi registered in my Aadhar card and my name Ram Murti is registered in my voter card and PNB bank account. Murti Devi and Ram Murti both are the names of one person.

I, Anil Kumar s/o Som Parkash R/O #3125 Sector20-D Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor sonfrom Kartik to Kartik Dhiman.

I, No. 14382165X Ex. Havildar (Clerk) Phool Kumar Gahlawat S/O Late Sh. Sarup Singh R/O H.No. 870A/29, Gali No. 2, Vikas Nagar, Kakroi Road, Sonepat (Haryana) declares that in my discharge book, my wife's name is wrongly entered as Nirmila Devi. Her actual name is Nirmala Devi. Please correct it.

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

I, Sachin S/o Sh. Om Parkash R/O Flat No. 900, FF, JTPL Township, Kharid Distt SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Sachin to Sachin Gulshan.

I, Meenu Chohan W/o Roshan Lal R/O H.No- 81-A New Luxmi Nagar Street No 10, Jandli, Tehsil & Distt Ambala have changed my name from Meenu Chahan to Meenu

I, Puja Rani W/o Sh. Satnam Singh R/O Village Achalpur P.O. Bhawanipur Tehsil Garhshankar, Hoshiarpur, also known as Pooja Rani. My actual name is Puja Rani and in future known me as Puja Rani instead of Pooja Rani.

I, Sukhdev Singh S/O Kartar Singh R/O Ward No. 08 Amloh, Tehsil- Amloh, Distt. - Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my son's name from Amrit Pal Singh to Amritpal Singh.

I, Kamaljeet S/o Sh. Roop Lal R/O Village Kailon PO Hariana Distt. Hoshiarpur Pin 144208 Punjab have changed my name from Kamaljeet to Kamaljeet Singh. Concerned note.

I, Pawan Pyush s/o Bal Krishan Mahajan r/o 3305, sector -15/D Chandigarh have change my name to Pawan Pyush Mahajan.

I, Ashwanii Moohan S/O Late Sh. Chuni Lal Mohan R/O Flat No. H-111, Army Flats, Mansa Devi Complex, Sector-4, Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name to Ashwani Kumar Mohan.

I, Rekha Singh wife of Dalbir Singh kundu resident of C-11-29 sec 4 Eldeco Panipat distt Panipat Haryana have changed my name from Rekha singh to Rekha kundu as per affidavit dated 8/5/24

I, Neha D/o Army No. JC-482477M, Rank Subedar, Unit 6 Rajput Virendra Kumar Poswal R/O VPO Chithara, Distt Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh declare that in my father's Sheetroll (Service Record) my name recorded as Neha Devi and DOB 23.10.2000. My actual name is Neha and correct DOB is 23.10.2002. Affidavit no. 90AE811047 dated 29.02.2024 before Notary, Fatehgarh.

I, Rampal S/o Shiv Charan R/O VPO Chithara, Distt Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh declare that in my Son Virendra Kumar Poswal, (Army No. JC-482477M, Rank Subedar, Unit 6 Rajput) Sheetroll (Service Record) my name recorded as Rampal Singh and DOB 15.08.1955. My actual name is Rampal and correct DOB is 01.01.1956. Affidavit no. 90AE811046 dated 29.02.2024 before Notary, Fatehgarh.

I, Geeta W/o Harish Bhola R/O 1535/2, Shiv Shankar Nagar Colony, Old Court Road, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Geeta to Geeta Rani.

I, Ram Lal S/o Kanshi Ram R/O 1535/2, Shiv Shankar Nagar Colony, Old Court Road, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Ram Lal to Ram Lal Bhola.

I, Ashish Chaudhary F/O Himaksh Chaudhary R/O #2505, Sector-21, Panchkula have changed my minor son's name from Himaksh to Himaksh Chaudhary.

I, Ritu Mittan D/o Satpal Mittan R/O #2505, Sector-21, Panchkula have changed my name from Ritu Chaudhary to Ritu Mittan.

I, Pradeep Prajapati 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 Prajapati.

I, Rahul Oberoi S/O Harish Kumar R/O 41/32 Mohalla Kasaban, Kapurthala declare that in my passport my name is mentioned Rahul. But now my given name is Rahul and surname is Oberoi. Please note.

I, Neha C/o Mohit Brutta R/O H.No. 632, Brutta Niwas, Khanpuri Gate, Ekta Nagar Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Neha to Neha Brutta. Concerned note.

I, Bulbul Kour W/o Manpreet Singh R/O H.No.586/6, Kalgidhar Road, Field Ganj, Ludhiana declare that after marriage have changed my name from Bulbul Kour Vigg to Bulbul Kour. Concerned please note.

I Braham Savroop S/o Sh Radhe Shyam Sharma R/O 516/A Kurari Mohalla Kalka, Tehsil Kalka, Distt Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Braham Savroop Sharma to Braham Savroop.

I, Dalbinder Singh s/o Karnail Singh r/o Village Khairai, Sub-Tehsil Babain, Tehsil Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Dalbinder Singh to Dalvinder Singh. In future I should be known as Dalvinder Singh.

I, Tejinder Pal Singh S/O Pritam Singh R/O 33, 1, Tarn Taran Road, Guru Nanak Colony, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Tejinder Pal Singh to Tajinder Pal Singh.

I, Prashant S/o Brij Mohan Duggal R/O C3/67, Near Saraswati School, Buria Chowk, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Prashant Duggal to Prashant.

I, Deepthi Vandana Boddhi W/o Sh. Anuj R/O #538-A Mahadeo Colony, Rampur Seuri, Kalka, Panchkula, Haryana, i have changed my name from Deepthi Vandana Boddhi to Deepthi.

I, Pooja Narwal W/O Naveen Kumar Residing At House No.8, Barrak No.19-D, Ward No.6, Gandhi Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Utkarsh Aged 7 Years And He Shall Thereafter Be Known As Utkarsh Chhikara. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I, Tina Rani W/O No. 15344262F Rank Hav Name Anil Kumar R/o Mandhana (48), Bhiwani, Haryana 127032 have changed my Name from Teena To Tina Rani.

I, Murti Devi M/o Service No. 18003180N Rank Hav Name Sunil Kumar R/o Dhanana 3, Dhanana (52), Bhiwani, Haryana 127031 have changed my DOB from 07/06/1953 To 01/01/1947.

I, Minakshi W/o Arvind Ahuja R/O House No- 70, Sector-11, Panchkula Haryana 134112 have changed my name to Meenakshi Taneja.

I, hitherto known as Avinash S/O Ram Yash Verma R/O 85, Anaj Mandi Road, Daultar Ram Colony, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, Haryana 136118, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Avinash Verma.

I, Vibhuti Datta D/o Raman Datta R/O House No. 359, Sector 5, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Veronica to Veronica Datta.

I, Angrajo W/o Baljit Singh R/O Pana Ghilana, Murthal, Distt. Sonipat declares that I have husband expired on dated:- 02-08-2023 and in my husband's Pension Record (PPO No. 240550101549), my name was wrongly entered as Anngret. My actual name is Angrajo. Please correct it.

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, Payal Garg W/o Sh. Atul Garg R/O House No. 13, Preeti Nagar, Hisar, Haryana declare that in my son Dhruv Garg school record my name is mentioned as Payal. I have changed my name from Payal to Payal Garg for all future purpose.

I, Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Arjun Singh R/O Village Santawali, PO Nakora, Tehsil Rania District Sirsa have changed my name from Jasbir Singh to Jasveer Singh.

I, Balraj Singh Sindhu S/o Mangal Singh R/o Vpo Hayat Nagar Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name Balraj Singh Sindhu from to Balraj Singh Concerned note.

I, Diya D/O Ajay Kumar R/O House Number 179/16, Near Gopal Nagar, Gurdaspur Tehsil and District Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name From Diya to Diya Kumari. Concerned note.

I, Vasundhra D/O Amit Gupta W/O Sarthak Kapil Dhar R/O House no - 14/4, Dhar Villa, Prabhath Colony, Behind Airport Chhatra Teh/Distt Jammu - 180003 Have Changed My Name From Vasundhra To Vasundhra Dhar.

I, Surinder Singh Badasha S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Vill Wazirpur Tehsil Dhuri Distt Malerkotla, have changed my name to Surinder Singh.

I Sardool Singh S/O Gurdial Singh R/O Vill. Chak Uttar Singh Wala Muktsar Rural, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Sardool Singh Brar. All Concern Note It.

I Malkeet Kaur W/O Sardool Singh Brar R/O Vill. Chak Uttar Singh Wala Muktsar Rural, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Malkeet Kaur Brar. All Concern Note It.

I Saranjit Kaur W/O Kashmir Singh R/O Vill Rakh Jhita Po Jhita Kalan Tehsil And Distt Amritsar. Have Changed My Name Saranjit Kaur To Saranjit Kaur

I, Kanishak S/O Ajay Singroha R/O #2130, Urban Estate, Ward No. 20, Jind-126102 Declared That I Have My Name Changed From Kanishak Singroha To Kanishak. In Future All Purposes.

I Sonal Shukla W/O Tarun Kumar R/O #1618-A Johri Pura Mohalla Jagadhri Distt Yamuna Nagar Have Changed My Name From Km Sonal Bhardwaj To Sonal Shukla

I Gurmeet Singh S/O Late Surender Singh R/O #1077 Ward No.05 Asan Wali Gali, Devi Bhawan Bazar Jagadhri Distt Yamuna Nagar Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh S/O Surinder Singh.

I Tanya W/O Deepak Kumar Deshwal R/O House No. C-417a, Street No. 19, Garhi Mendu Bhajanpura, Delhi Have Changed My Name From Tanya To Tanya Deshwal After Marriage.

I Geeta Alias Geeta Sharma W/O Surender Sharma R/O House No. C-417, Gali No. 19, Near Gurudwara, Bhajanpura, Delhi Have Changed My Name To Geeta Mehrol.

I Km Gargi W/O Ashu R/O House No. 5-A, Ekta Vihar, Chandigarh Mall, Baltana, Zirakpur, Sas Nagar Mohali Punjab Have Changed My Name From Km Gargi To Gargi.

I, Simerjit Kaur W/o Malkeet Singh Village Kheri Shushrag, Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra, have changed My Given Simrajeet Surname Kaur .

I, Beena Devi W/o Lakhvinder Singh Vill.Budhmor, Devi Nagar, Patiala have changed my name Beena Rani.

I, No.1486467W Rank: Ex-SPR. Name: Gurdeep Singh S/O Bachan Singh R/O Village Tambuwala, PO. Ghagga, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala-147105 declare that in my service record my name mentioned as Gurdip Singh but my correct name is Gurdeep Singh.

I, Paramjeet Kaur wife of No.1486467W Rank: Ex-SFR. Name: Gurdeep Singh R/O Village Tambuwala, PO. Ghagga, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala-147105 declare that in my husband's service record my name is mentioned as paramjit kaur but my correct name is Paramjeet Kaur.

I Inderpal Singh S/O Harminder Singh sidana R/O H.No.152 A, BC Bazar, Ambala cantt, Ambala Haryana have changed my name from Inder pal Sidana to Inderpal Singh.

I Harjeet Kaur W/o Inderpal Singh R/O H.No.152A, BC Bazar Ambala cantt Ambala Haryana have changed my name from Harjeet Kaur Sidana to Harjeet Kaur.

I, Priti Kumari spouse of No.15816134W NK Bablu Kumar Pandey resident of Village- Ratwar, Post- Ratwar, Tehsil- Bhabua, District- Kaimur (Bhabua) State- Bihar, Pin-821109, have changed my name from Priti Kumari to Priti Pandey Vide affidavit No.IN-PB13187060455044W dated 07 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Ravi Kumar S/O Gurbachan Singh R/O Village Pargiyari Tehsil Kalka District Panchkula Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Ravi to Ravi Kumar. Concerned please note.

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.

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I, Shalu spouse of No.7006647H Hav Turkar Dileshwar Chhhabilal resident of Village- Bargaon, Post- Sihora, Tehsil- Tumsar, District- Bhandara, State- Maharashtra, Pin-441915, have changed my name from Shalu to Shalu Dileshwar Turkar Vide affidavit No.IN-JK91524135702175W dated 18 April 2024 before notary public Sambra (J&K)

I, Santosh Devi Mother of No.JC-511543P Sub Gumrit Singh resident of Village- Talwandi Dadian, Post- Talwandi Dadian, Tehsil- Dasuya, District- Hoshiarpur, State- Punjab, Pin-144203, have changed my name from Santosh Kumari to Santosh Devi and date of birth from 15 Aug 1955 to 08 May 1956 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB1406694899115W dated 09 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sushila Devi Mother of No.17006647H NK Krishna Kumar Parmar resident of Village- Imlikheda, Post- Lasudliya Gori, Tehsil- Kalapal, District- Shajapur, State- Madhya Pradesh, Pin-465337, have changed my name from Sushila Devi to Sushila Bai Parmar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14041727203149W dated 09 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, service no: 15141930X rank Nb Sub Mahipal unit 113 medium Regt, C/o 56 APO, R/o vill Talheri gurjan PO Thakurpura Teh Barara Distt Ambala (HR) have changed my son name Harshdeep Singh from Harshdeep Singh Chawla vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024 before Notary Public Ambala.

I, Malkeet Singh s/o Parkash Singh R/o Jodhpur Jandheri (323) Ambala Kathargh Chhappar Haryana that in my driving license no. 30018 dated 17-05-2004 my name is wrongly mentioned as Malkit Singh but my actual name is Malkeet Singh. Concerned note

I, No.4469710P Ex-Nk Raj Kumar S/O Laxman Dass R/O Village Bhaklan P/O Kotla Nandh Singh Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Son's Name From Rohit Singh To Rohit.

I Harpreet Singh S/O Harinderpal Singh R/O House No.240 Aijt Nagar, Near Sunrise School, Aslamabad Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Anshika To Anshika Kumari.

I Gurlal Singh Mann S/O Darshan Singh R/O House No.D171/1694 Gali No.7, Kartar Nagar Chhahatta Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Mahaveer Singh To Mahaveer Mann.

I Parminder Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Vpo. Rama (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Parminder Singh Khangura.

I Daljit Kaur Alias Beant Kaur W/O Pritam Singh R/O Village Khosa Randhir Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Daljit Kaur.

I Surjeet Kaur W/O Daljit Singh R/O Raawal P.O Raawal Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Surjit Kaur.

I Jaspreet Kaur Gill W/O Avtar Singh R/O Vpo. Chhakkar Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet Kaur.

I Gurmukh Singh Sidhu S/O Ranjit Singh R/O Vpo. Chakar Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurmukh Singh.

I Jaipal Singh S/O Surjit Singh R/O H.No.-3279 Mahaveer Colony Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jaipal.

I Baljinder Singh S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Vpo. Phallewal Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Baljinder Singh Grewal.

I Gurdeep Kaur W/O Baljinder Singh Grewal R/O Vpo. Phallewal Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurdeep Kaur Grewal.

I, P Vijayasanthi Spouse Of Army No.6944983F RANK NK Name Parlapalle Avulaiah Resident Of Village & Post Painainpalli, Teh- Cumbum, District- Prakasham, State- Andhra Pradesh Pin Code-523335. Have Changed My Name And Date Of Birth From P Vijayasanthi And Dob 19-03-1984 To Parlapalle Vijayashanthi And D.O.B 01-04-1982 Vide Affidavit Dated 17-01-2024 Before Notary Public Vijayawada Nr District A.P.

I, Ram Asre Pal Is Father Of Army No.JC734370Y SUB Name Phool Chandra Pal. Resident Of Village & Post- Kotwa, Teh-Phulpur, District-Prayagraj, State-U.P Pin Code-221505. Have Changed My Name And Date Of Birth From Ram Asre Pal And D.O.B 01-07-1957 To Ram Ashre Pal And D.O.B 04-05-1958 Vide Affidavit Dated 08-05-2024 Before Notary Public Phulpur Prayagraj U.P.

I, No 14428474F Ex Hav Vinod Kumar resident of Village Aner PO. Ghiala Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab) have changed the name of my mother from Raj Kumari to Kamla Devi vide Affidavit No. IN-PB14619380650747W Dated 11-05-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, service no: 15141930X rank Nb Sub Mahipal unit 113 medium Regt, C/o 56 APO, R/o vill Talheri gurjan PO Thakurpura Teh Barara Distt Ambala (HR) have changed my son name Harshdeep Singh from Harshdeep Singh Chawla vide affidavit dated 09.05.2024 before Notary Public Ambala.

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Locked in multi-cornered contest in Bathinda, Harsimrat faces giant-slayer AAP Minister, two former Akalis

BY MONIKA MALIK

Bathinda, a vibrant city nestled in the heart of Punjab's Malwa region, is set to witness a high-stakes electoral showdown as political heavyweights lock horns for the coveted Lok Sabha seat. Against the backdrop of historical landmarks and industrial prowess, the electoral battlefield is abuzz with anticipation as candidates from various parties vie for supremacy. From seasoned politicians to fresh faces, the stage is set for an electrifying contest that will shape the course of Bathinda's political trajectory.

With every election, Bathinda's political pulse reverberates all the way to the corridors of power in Delhi. In the past three Lok Sabha elections, the stronghold of the Badal family has remained unyielding. This time around, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has once again placed its bet on Harimrat Kaur Badal — the only member of the Badal family in fray in this election.

To break her winning spree, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has entrusted Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian with the responsibility of defeating Harsimrat — just like he emerged as the giant slayer during the 2022 state assembly polls by defeating the former Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal in his own citadel — Lambi.

Adding a layer of intrigue and making the electoral battle in Bathinda interesting are two more candidates — Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) nominee Parampal Kaur Sidhu Maluka and Congress' Jeet Mohinder Singh Sidhu — both bring formidable political pedigrees to the contest.

Mohinder Singh Sidhu — with deep-rooted connections to the Akali Dal. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) nominee Parampal Kaur Sidhu Maluka and Congress' Jeet Mohinder Singh Sidhu — both bring formidable political pedigrees to the contest.

Parampal Kaur, a former IAS officer, hails from a prominent political family, being the daughter-in-law of the senior Akali leader and former Minister Sikander Singh Maluka, who remains aligned with the SAD, while his son Gurpreet Singh Maluka has shifted allegiance to the BJP along with his wife.

Meanwhile, Jeet Mohinder Sidhu, a two-time MLA, was a stalwart of the Akali Dal from 2014 to 2023, and returned to the Congress fold only the previous year. Interestingly, both Jeet Mohinder and Sikander Maluka have historically campaigned for Harsimrat, seeking votes on her behalf in the previous elections. Jeet Mohinder's last-minute shift from the Congress to the SAD during the 2014 parliamentary polls is widely recognized as a pivotal moment. His decision significantly bolstered Harsimrat's campaign, particularly in Talwandi Sabo assembly segment. In what proved to be a tight race, Harsimrat secured a commanding lead of 11,000 votes in Talwandi Sabo, contributing substantially to her narrow victory margin of 19,000 votes over Manpreet Badal.

On the other hand, Maluka, being the halqa in-charge of Maur assembly segment, was vigorously campaigning for Harsimrat till Wednesday April 10; while his

daughter-in-law joined saffron brigade on April 11. Day later, SAD removed Maluka as halqa in-charge.

However, in a twist of fate, they are now contenders in their own right, seeking the electorate's support for their individual candidacies. Their candidacy is set to disrupt Harsimrat's strategic calculations considering the shrinking winning margins — from 1,20,948 votes in 2009 general elections to 21,772 in 2019.

Notably, Maluka commands significant influence in Rampura Phul, Maur, Bathinda Rural, and surrounding areas that fall under Bathinda Lok Sabha constituency, raising concerns that Sidhu's candidacy could potentially divide Harsimrat's voter base.

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Adding another layer of challenge, a gangster-turned-social activist Lakshbir Singh, commonly known as Lakha Sidana, has also entered the electoral ring from Bathinda as SAD (Amritsar) nominee. Sidhana, who belongs to Sidhana village in Bathinda district, had unsuccessfully contested the 2022 assembly polls for the Maur assembly seat as an independent.

Known for its political fervour, Bathinda frequently dictates the broader political discourse in Punjab. Traditionally a bastion of the Badal dynasty, the Akali Dal has long maintained control over this constituency. Yet, shifting political dynamics and evolving

alliances could pose challenges for all contenders in this multifaceted electoral battle.

For SAD, retaining this seat is imperative to maintain its political relevance in Punjab. Harimrat, former Union Minister and three-time Bathinda MP, is facing stiff competition from AAP and Congress candidates, who are leaving no stone unturned to capture the constituency.

AAP, buoyed by its electoral success in 2022, sees Bathinda as a crucial battleground to expand its footprint in the state. Similarly, the Congress, aiming for a comeback in Punjab, views Bathinda as a strategic constituency to bolster its electoral prospects.

Beyond the political rhetoric and electoral strategies,

Bathinda's voters are grappling with pressing issues such as unemployment, agrarian distress, and industrial development.

Historical Overview

Bathinda's electoral journey began in 1952, marking the advent of democratic elections in independent India. Initially, the Congress dominated the political landscape, with stalwarts like Hukam Singh representing the constituency. However, the political tides shifted in 1962 when Dhan Singh Gulshan of the Akali Dal emerged victorious, signaling the rise of regional parties in Punjab politics. Since then, the constituency has witnessed a

Candidates in Fray	
Candidates	Party
Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Shiromani Akali Dal
Jeetmohinder Singh Sidhu	Congress
Gurmeet Singh Khuddian	Aam Aadmi Party
Parampal Kaur Sidhu Maluka	Bharatiya Janata Party
Lakshbir Singh @ Lakha Sidhana	SAD (Amritsar-Mann)

seesaw battle between the Congress and the SAD, with occasional forays by the Communist Party of India (CPI) and other regional players.

Previous Elections

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Harimrat faced a tough contest from Congress' Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. Harsimrat clinched victory with a margin of 21,772 votes, consolidating the Akali Dal's stronghold in Bathinda. Of the total 1,176,977 votes polls, Harsimrat bagged 4,90,811 (41.52 per cent), with Warring following her closely with 4,69,412 votes (39.3 per cent), AAP's Baljinder Kaur with 1,34,398 (11.19 per cent) votes, while Sukhpal Singh Khaira, who contested under the banner of his outfit, Punjab Ekta Party, got 38,199 votes (just 3.18 per cent). While it's a debut Lok Sabha run for the challengers standing against Harsimrat, a seasoned campaigner, entering the fray for the fourth consecutive time. With three uninterrupted terms as a Member of Parliament under her belt, safeguarding Shiromani Akali Dal's stronghold has become her

personal mission, and a challenging task in the wake of diminishing vote share. In her debut elections in 2009, Harsimrat's vote share was impressive 50.51 per cent against former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's son Raninder Singh, which came down to 43.73 per cent in 2014 against her brother-in-law and senior Badals estranged nephew Manpreet Badal. The vote share further dwindled to 41.52 per cent in 2019.

Constituency at a Glance

Bathinda Lok Sabha constituency comprises nine Vidhan Sabha segments — Lambi, Bhuchio Mandi, Bathinda Urban, Bathinda Rural, Talwandi Sabo, Maur, Mansa, Sardulgarh, and Budhlada; covering three districts of Mansa, Bathinda, and Sri Muktsar Sahib. Of these, all the nine segments are with the ruling AAP.

The constituency's electoral history revealed that Bathinda has remained an Akali Dal stronghold. Out of the 17 elections the constituency has witnessed, 11 are won by SAD or its factions, including three by Harsimrat

Last Three MPs

- 2009 : Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- 2014 : Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- 2019 : Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Total voters	16,48,866
Male voters	8,68,959
Female voters	7,79,873
Third gender voters	34
Polling stations	1814

consecutively in 2009, 2014, and 2019.

Bathinda's demographic landscape is characterized by its diverse religious composition, with Sikhs constituting the majority of the population. According to the 2011 census, Sikhs comprise around 62.61 per cent of the city's population, followed by Hindus at 35.04 per cent. However, in the district as a whole, Sikhs form an even larger proportion of the population, reflecting the region's religious diversity.

The constituency boasts the prestigious Takht Damdama Sahib, one of Sikhism's five temporal seats of authority, in Talwandi Sabo. Adding to its historical richness, Bathinda is also home to the venerable Qila Mubarak, recognized as the nation's oldest surviving fort and once the prison of Razia Sultana.

Situated in the South-West region of Punjab, this constituency is renowned as the cotton belt of the area. Beyond its historical landmarks, it houses modern institutions like AIIMS in Bathinda city, the

Central University, and the Bathinda refinery. Additionally, vital industrial assets such as the National Fertilizers Limited, the government-owned Lehra Mohabbat thermal power plant, and the private thermal plant in Talwandi Sabo contribute to its economic significance.

Issues

In Bathinda, the ongoing farmer protests have become a pivotal issue, casting a shadow over the electoral landscape and prompting candidates from all political parties to address tough questions posed by the farmers' unions. The region, deeply rooted in agriculture, is grappling with demands for resolution of farmers' grievances, as unions like BKU Ugrahan, BKU Dakaunda, and BKU Rajawal maintain significant activity in the area.

Moreover, other pressing concerns such as the aftermath of the Ghaggar river's destructive impact in Mansa, rampant unemployment, and the need for industrial development are under scrutiny. Waterlogging and salinity in underground water sources have compelled locals to rely on canal water for both drinking and agricultural purposes, while the perennial threat of flooding adds to the region's challenges.

Adding to the region's unique identity is the presence of Moosa, the native village of the late singer Sidhu Moosewala, a global music sensation. Moosewala's father Balakur Singh has openly thrown his support behind the Congress party, adding another layer of intrigue to the electoral dynamics.

This election is to save democracy: Himachal CM Sukhu

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday again targeted the six MLAs who switched sides and said that the people of Devbhoomi Himachal never support dishonest people.

"The present election will decide whether honesty should win and dishonesty should lose. Six former Congress MLAs and three independent MLAs have sold themselves in the political market of BJP, hence the public will teach them a lesson," he said, adding, "This election is not about saving the Chief Minister's chair or the government, but about saving democracy. The public vote on June 1 will decide whether the strength of democracy is people power or money power."

Campaigning for Shimla Congress candidate Vinod Sultanpuri, in Kupvi of Chaupal Assembly constituency, the Chief Minister said this is not an ordinary election as it will decide

the condition and direction of future politics. "On June 1, a message should be sent from Himachal to the entire country against those doing money power politics. People power should prevail. Himachal Pradesh can show direction to the entire country to save democracy. If the government sitting in Delhi buys the MLAs elected through public vote on the basis of currency notes then what is the value of the vote?" he asked.

Sukhu said buying elected MLAs is playing with public sentiments and this choice is between truth and falsehood. "At this time the question is not about any party, but about teaching a lesson to those who have played with the sentiments of the people. Governments will come and go, this time those who buy votes with notes have to be taught a lesson," he said.

He said that Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur is power hungry and is also against the employees and women of the state. When the employees asked



for OPS, they were lathicharged and water cannons were fired. Employees were asked to contest the elections and when the Congress government gave the old pension, they reached Delhi to stop the NPS contribution of Rs 9000 crore of the government and the employees. The Central Government has reduced the loan limit of Himachal Government for giving OPS and is not even giving the amount of NPS contribution. Now, before the implementation of the code of conduct, when the government implemented the scheme of giving pension of Rs

1500 per month to daughters and women above 18 years of age, Jairam Thakur approached the Election Commission to stop it.

Sukhu said that BJP and Jairam cannot withhold Rs 1500 from women. The government has sought permission from the Election Commission to release a pension of Rs 1500 for the month of April. If the Commission does not give permission due to pressure from BJP, then in the month of June, women will be given a lump sum of Rs 3000 for the months of April and May.

Acclaimed Punjabi Literary Giant Surjit Patar Passes Away at 79

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Padma Shri recipient Punjabi poet Surjit Patar, 79, passed away on Saturday morning at his residence near the Barewalk Colony in Ludhiana.

Patar died in his sleep, his family members said. His wife Bhupinder Kaur tried to wake him up around 6:30 am but he did not respond. He was declared dead by a doctor, they said. Patar is survived by his wife and two sons -- one of them lives in Australia. Gurbhajan Gill, a close associate of Patar, said cremation is likely to be performed on Monday after Patar's son arrives from Australia.

Many political leaders, actors and singers, including Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, expressed grief over the demise of Patar and said it is a big loss for the Punjabi literary community. Patar's poetic works include 'Hawa Vich Likhe Harf', 'Haner Vich Sulagdi Varanama', 'Patjar Di Pazebl', 'Lafzaan Di Dargah' and 'Surzameen'. He

received the Padma Shri in the field of literature and education in 2012. Patar was the president of the Punjab Arts Council. He had also been the president of the Punjabi Sahit Akademi.

The poet and writer has been awarded with the Sahitya Akademi Award, Panchnad Puruskar, Saraswati Samman and the Kusumagraj Literary Award. From Patar village in Jalandhar district, he did his graduation from Randhir college in Kapurthala and Ph.D on "Transformation of Folklore in Guru Nanak Vani" from the Guru Nanak Dev University. He retired as a professor of Punjabi from the Punjab Agricultural University in Ludhiana. Patar has also translated the three tragedies of Federico Garcia Lorca, Girish Karnad's play Nagmandala, and poems of Bertolt Brecht and Pablo Neruda into Punjabi.

In a post on X, Chief Minister Mann said he was deeply saddened by the passing away of Patar. Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring called it an irreparable

loss for Punjabi literature. He said he was saddened over the demise of Patar who served the Punjabi language and made it shine on the world map.

Former Punjab chief minister and BJP leader Amarinder Singh on X said, "End of an era, as famous Punjabi writer and poet Padma Shri Surjit Patar Sahib has passed away today. My heartfelt condolences to his family and millions of fans worldwide. Punjabi has lost an icon today." Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal said the death of Patar has left a void in the world of literature.

"After Shiv Batalvi, Patar Sahib was the most popular and beloved poet of Punjabis. I express my heartfelt condolences to his family and his well-wishers," Badal said.

Punjabi actor Gurpreet Ghuggi while expressing grief over Patar's death said, "Alvida :Padam Shri Surjit Patar ji you will remain in our hearts forever." Singer Harbhajan Mann said, "The world of Punjabi literature has lost a gem today. Rest in peace Surjit Patar ji."

Punjab Police Uncovers Interstate Drug Smuggling Ring, Apprehends Seven Suspects

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Seven drug suppliers, including their gang's mastermind, were arrested as the Punjab Police busted an interstate network of making illegal psychotropic substances and supply units in Himachal Pradesh, officials said on Saturday.

During the entire operation spread across five states - Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra -- the police also seized Rs 70.42 lakh worth intoxicant tablets or capsules, 725.5 kg intoxicant tramadol powder and Rs 2.37 lakh in cash, Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said in a statement.

"In a big blow to pharma opioids, Special Task Force (STF) busts an interstate network of manufacturing illegal psychotropic substances and supply units running from a pharma factory in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh," the DGP said, adding that seven drug smugglers/suppliers, including the mastermind, have been arrested. The development came after three-month-long investigations of backward and forward linkages carried out by the STF, Border Range, Amritsar into the arrest of two drug smugglers -- Sukhwinder Singh alias Dhani of village Kot Muhammad Khan in Tarn Taran and Jaspreet Singh alias Jass of Govind Nagar in Amritsar, the officials said. Sukhwinder and Jaspreet were arrested after the recovery of Rs 4.24 lakh worth narcotic tablets and capsules from Beas in February this year, the police said.

DGP Yadav said the arrest of this duo helped the police arrest the kingpin of the racket, identified as Alex Paliwal from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh. Rs 9.04 lakh worth intoxicant tablets and Rs 1.37 lakh in cash were recovered from Paliwal's possession, he said.

Following Paliwal's arrest, the police extended its investigation to Himachal Pradesh, where in the presence of drug control officers Sukhdeep Singh and Rameek Singh their scrutinised Biogenetic Drug Private Limited and seized the records that showed that the company had manufactured over 20 crore Alprazolam tablets in just eight months, Yadav said.

SAD chief Badal says Delhi based parties cannot be trusted

PNS ■ SUNAM/ DHURI/ SANGRUR

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Prakash Singh Badal on Saturday said no Delhi-based party could be trusted with their votes and made out a fervent case for trusting the home grown party of Punjab -- the SAD.

Addressing gatherings at Sunam and Dhuri which he said had made party candidate Iqbal Singh Jhundan's victory from this constituency secure, Badal said, "the AAP government in Punjab and the union government colluded to prevent our farmers from marching to Delhi. This led to tear gassing of our farmers and even firing of rubber bullets on them. Now it is your turn to seal the borders of Punjab with your votes".

The SAD president also reminded the people to remember the dastardly attack on Sri Dabrah Sahib which started on June 1 in 1984 while casting their votes on the same day this year. He said the SAD had always stood for safeguarding the interests of Punjab and had even now decided to



contest the parliamentary elections alone when it became clear the BJP was not ready to resolve any of the pending grievances of farmers or the Sikh community.

He also announced on the occasion that once the SAD was elected to power it would release tubewell connections to all agriculturists who did not have a single tubewell connection in their name. He also announced that all social welfare schemes like old age pension, attar-dal and shagun, which had been curtailed by successive Congress and AAP governments, would be revived in totality.

SAD Sangrur candidate

BJP Aims for Resounding Victory in Himachal Elections: Anurag Thakur

Hamirpur: Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Saturday said the BJP will hit a four and six in Himachal Pradesh by winning all the four Lok Sabha seats and bypolls in six assembly constituencies in the state.

Thakur, the BJP candidate from Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat, said that people were happy with the performance of the BJP led government at the Centre and wanted to make Narendra Modi the prime minister for the third term.

"We constructed the Ram Mandir. The Congress says it will build a mosque. The opposition parties said that they would crush Sanatan and equated it with HIV Aids and malaria," Thakur said addressing a huge gathering at the Gandhi Chowk in Hamirpur.

"Like the Mughals and Britishers came and left, the Congress is also going. Sanatan tha, sanatan hai and sanatan rahega", he added. Thakur said the Congress says Pakistan has nuclear bomb, but the truth is that Islamabad is struggling for food as the grand old party is struggling

for votes. "We defeated Pakistan in 1965, 1971 and the Kargil war and if Pakistan would raise eye on India we will not take time to raise it to the ground," said Thakur and dubbed the Congress as Pakistan stating that it would be defeated again.

"They say that Pakistan is 'not wearing bangles' and let me tell you that our sisters who wear bangles and carry AK-47 rifles have the guts to kill infiltrators," he added. Thakur said the BJP never changed its ideology and kept its promise.

The BJP leader said the people of the country ousted the "corrupt" Congress in 2014 and made a tea seller Narendra Modi the country's prime minister. Launching a scathing attack on the Congress government in the state, Thakur said that 15 months have passed but Rs 1,500 per month as promised by the party on the eve of the last assembly polls has neither been deposited in the banks of the women nor it will be deposited and accused it of cheating the public.

He asked the youth

whether they got five lakh jobs as promised or not and whether the Congress government bought milk for Rs 100 per litre and cow dung for Rs 2 per kg or not. Thakur, the BJP candidate from Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat, said the love of his people is his earning of 20 years.

Former chief ministers Prem Kumar Dhimal and Jai Ram Thakur shared the stage with Thakur along with state BJP chief Rajeev Bindal and state party in-charge Saudan Singh.

Jai Ram Thakur, the Leader of Opposition, said that the results would be announced on June 4 but the people have already expected Modi as the prime minister and Anurag Thakur will win from Hamirpur with a margin of over five lakhs. Bindal exhorted the party workers to go to every household to ensure the BJP's victory.

Earlier, Anurag Thakur took out a massive roadshow 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' in Hamirpur district and said the enthusiasm of the people clearly suggests that they have made up their mind to vote for the BJP.

I, Suresh Alias Suresh Kumar S/o Ranjit Singh R/o Village Narwalgarh, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my name from Suresh to Suresh Kumar.

I, Sukhbir S/o Sh. Dilbag R/o VPO Kuchrana Kalan, Tehsil Alewa, Distt. Jind, inform that I am owner of a house measuring 135 sq.yards in Rambir Colony, Jind vide Transfer Deed No.6342 dated 27.12.2023. The Old Sale Deed No.4484 dated 30.10.2018 of above house has been lost by me. A DDR No.132300612400627 has been registered on 05.04.2024. I have applied for a loan of Rs.11,33,000/- against above property from UGRO Capital, Kaithal Branch. If any person has objection in this regard, please contact to Mr. Ravinder, Branch Manager, UGRO Capital, Kaithal at Mob. No. 8607274376.

THAT IS FOR NOTICE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC I Karan Singh s/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar, R/o Village Kairwala, Tehsil Kutub and Distt. Karnal (37758968197). DECLARED that I am the Present Owner of the Lal dora Property in question, through, Regd. Certificate/Deed of Title/Ownership no.5960/1 dated 24/09/2021. That I am the Present Owner of the Property and getting loan from S.M.F.G. Karnal. That I never mortgage it anywhere in all over India. If there is any Negligence apart on my part, then Civil/criminal liability will arise upon me. That if anybody found or have any objection or if the Same found, then kindly contact within 7 days. Advocate Bahavishay Sahni Chamber no.558, distt Court, Karnal.

I, Sandeep Mann s/o Kaur Singh Mann r/o # 484-B, Sector 61, Chandigarh had lost the original sale deed of 21 Kanal 13 Marla Village Dhaura are misplaced somewhere, DDR also lodged LAR No:- 2024/014094. If any person found requested to return the above mentioned address.

I, Mukesh Alias Mukesh Rani W/o Suresh Kumar R/o Village Narwalgarh, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Rani.

It is hereby for the information of the public that Harbans Singh Rataul S/o Sh. Sardar Singh UID No (9952 9961 5801) R/o 2413-A, Mundi Complex, Sector-70, SAS Nagar Mohali Pin-160071 & Owner of 2413-A, Mundi Complex, Sector-70 Mohali, Membership no 818 & Allotment letter no MC/HB/MHL/2018/5 dated 20.01.2018, Share Certificate no 225, has approached the above stated Society for the transfer of his Share/Flat to Rana Mangat UID No (7412 3800 8898) C/O Sh. Jaspreet Singh Mangat R/O 4507/H Block Darshan Vihar (AWHO Complex), Behind Army Law College, Sector-68, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab Pin No-160062. Where-as if any Loans agency or Bank etc, or any other person have any objection regarding encumbrance litigation, claim, charges, sale, transfer etc, should submit his/her objection in writing within 15 days from the date of publication otherwise Transfer will be made and there shall be no responsibility of the Society.

I, Pooja Watts W/o Sh. Amit Watts S/o Sh. Ramesh Watts R/o H.No. 641, Ward No. 8, Ekta Nagar, Mandi Dabwali, Tehsil Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana) declare that I have changed my son's name from Gurman to Gurman Watts. All concerned note that in future my son's new name is Gurman Watts for all purposes.

THE MUNDI CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD. MOHALI - 160071 (Regd. No. 811, Dated 08.04.1976) Office: 2401-02, Site No. 1, Sector 70, Mohali, Phone: 0172-3511905

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that the following persons have applied for issuance of NOC for transfer against the below mentioned share/ Flat on the basis of the sale agreement as per law and policies of Chandigarh Administration.

दरबत उग्रिसीलदार कर्म सहायिक कुलेकरत दजना पणिल मंगरली सनरक नोटिस पिनड अंरक नं: 255-56/व2 निरं-07-05-2024

I, Vikas Khanna S/o Sh. Iqbal Krishan R/o Ward No. 18, Mandi Dabwali, Tehsil Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa declares that the correct date of birth of my son Tanish Kumar is 09-06-2006 whereas in his 10th mark sheet it is 09.06.2005 which is wrong. Now, in the 10th mark sheet of my son Tanish Kumar, his date of birth should be recorded as 09-06-2006. Which is correct.

THE CSIO EMPLOYEES COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING FIRST SOCIETY LTD. SECTOR 49-A, CHANDIGARH.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Original Allottee, Name of Applicant, Flat No./Category, Remarks. Includes entries for S. K. Mago, Ms. Charan Preet Kaur, and S/o Sh. Manohar Lal Mago.

कार्यालय नगर परिषद सिरसा कायलिय के प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड में प्रॉपर्टी आईडी - 3RF5UUF2 जो कि वाक्या राजपुताना मोहल्ला, सिरसा जो कि श्री सतपाल पुत्र श्री देवी चंद निवासी सिरसा के नाम दर्ज है। श्री सतपाल का स्वगवास दिनांक 18/09/2017 को हो चुका है। वास्तुन रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार के अनुसार 1- राजरानी, (पत्नी) 2- नरेंद्र कुमार (पुत्र), 3- सुमन रानी व 4- निशा रानी (पुत्रीया) चार बरसाने हर समभाग है। इन्हें द्वारा प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड में तब्दील करने हेतु अनुरोध किया है। यदि इन्हें नाम तब्दीली पर किसी आम व खास को कोई परतर्ज हो तो वह नोटिस प्रकाशन के 30 दिनों के अंदर अंतर इस कायलिय में हजिर असलतान व कालतून अपना पक्ष पेश करे। अन्यथा बाद गुजरेन सिपाद उपरोक्त युनिट मुताबिक प्रस्तुत दस्तावेजों के आधार पर मुतकान के वास्तुन के नाम केवल प्रॉपर्टी टैक्स वसूली हेतु तब्दील कर दिया जावेगा। इरुसम नगर परिषद सिरसा की कोई बिम्बेवारी नहीं होगी। विदित रहें।

Public Notice I. Mr. Ravinder Singh S/o Sh. Jagbir Singh (Aadhar No. 5496 1892 6853) Resident of WZ-707-C, Gali No. 18, Shiv Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110058, have lost my Original Possession Letter on 10th April 2024, Namely Mr. Ravinder Singh, Dated 10th February 2024 Registered in Apt Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd, Delhi of my Flat no. 0701, Tower No. 5, Measuring 1135.34 sq.ft, Taksila Heights, Sector-37C, Gurgaon, Finder may contact at above address and Mobile No.9810369568 within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Public Notice The general public is hereby informed that Mr. Mahesh Sharma S/o Madan Ram Sharma (applicant) & Mrs. Ranjana Sharma (co-applicants) (hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagor/s) have mortgaged the Property i.e. Plot 13 situated at village Deshwal (hadbest no. 75), Tehsil & Distt. Patiala, Area measuring 08-5.50 Biswa i.e. 268 sq. yds. comprised in Khewat No. 100, Khatoon No. 485, Khaska No. 269(6-5), 27(6-5), 27(10-1), 27(10-8), 27(36-0), 27(46-5), 27(56-14), 27(67-17), item 8, total area 508-14Biswa out of which comes to 11/2028 share 08-5.50 Biswa i.e. 268 sq. yds. in the name of Mahesh Sharma S/o Madan Sharma vide Transfer deed no. 4617 dated 04.09.2015 and as per jamabandi for the year 2017-2018. (Hereinafter called the property in question) in favor of my client, HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD. (HHFL), According to the said Mortgagor/s- Mahesh Sharma, he himself has lost/misplaced the Previous/Old Original Sale deed Third Page of Vasika (Both Side printed) bearing vaska no. 11787 dated 22.12.2009 vide Unique SR No. 468569/2024 dated 10/05/2024 in Police Station PSOC Urban Estate Patiala. Hence the previous/Old sale deed Third Page of Vasika (Both Side printed) bearing vaska no. 11787 dated 22.12.2009 is not available and lost. The above Mortgagor/s already equitable mortgaged the said property to HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD. (HHFL), but that sale deed Third Page of Vasika (Both Side printed) bearing vaska no. 11787 dated 22.12.2009 is not available and lost. I am informing about the same to everyone via newspaper that if anybody have any objection regarding the same then please respond within 7 days or if the same is found by anyone then please inform us on following address. After expiry of stipulated period no claim would be entitled. Dated 11.05.2024. Anol Gupta (Advocate) Chamber No 222-223, Opposite Mini Secretariat, Patiala, M:- 93563-33337

Public Notice I, Suman Lata w/o Shashikant Sharma, r/o 370/20, Akash Nagar, Salarpur Road, Kurukshetra inform that the Agency No. 279511 of my MPKYB is lost somewhere near the new bus stand. Anyone finds it, please inform above address.

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Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party (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 of Political Party : INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
* Name of Election : GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024
Name of State/ UT : HARYANA

Table with 7 columns: Sl. No., Name of constituency, Name of candidate, (A) Pending criminal cases, (B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences, Name of Court & date(s) of order(s), Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed, Maximum Punishment Imposed. Includes cases for Divyanshu, Sh. Rajbabbar, and others.

Place : Chandigarh
Dated : 11-05-2024
(Udai Bhan)
President, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee

Flash floods kill hundreds, injure many in Afghanistan, Taliban says

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

Flash floods from seasonal rains in Afghanistan have killed hundreds of people and injured a "substantial number," a Taliban official said Saturday, without giving exact figures.

The floods hit mostly the northern region of the country. The province of Baghlan bore the brunt of the deluges Friday with officials preliminary reporting at least 50 people dead and properties destroyed in multiple districts.

In neighbouring Takhar province, state-owned media outlets reported the floods killing at least 20 people. Zabihullah Mujahid, the chief spokesman for the Taliban government posted on social media platform X on Saturday, saying that "hundreds ... have succumbed to these calamitous floods, while a substantial number have sustained injuries."

Mujahid underscored the provinces of Badakhshan, Baghlan, Ghor and Herat as the worst hit. He added that "the extensive devastation" has



resulted in "significant financial losses." He also said the government had ordered all available resources mobilized to rescue people, transport the injured and recover the bodies of the deceased.

The Taliban defence ministry said in a statement Saturday that the country's air force has already begun evacuating people in Baghlan and has so far

rescued a large number of people stuck in flooded and transporting a hundred injured people to military hospitals in the region. Officials previously said that in April, before Friday's floods, at least 70 people died from heavy rains and flash flooding in the country. About 2,000 homes, three mosques, and four schools were also damaged.

Israel orders new evacuations in Rafah

AP ■ RAFAH

Israel ordered new evacuations in Gaza's southern city of Rafah on Saturday, forcing tens of thousands more people to move as it prepares to expand its operation and adding that it is also moving into an area in northern Gaza where Hamas has regrouped. Israel has now evacuated the eastern third of Rafah, pushing the operation to the edges of the heavily populated central area, although Israel's move into the city has so far been short of the full-scale invasion

that it planned. The order comes in the face of heavy international opposition and criticism. US President Joe Biden has already said he will not provide offensive weapons to Israel for Rafah, and on Friday the US said there was "reasonable" evidence that Israel had breached international law protecting civilians in the way it conducted its war against Hamas — the strongest statement that the Biden administration has yet made on the matter.

The United Nations and other agencies have warned for weeks

that an Israeli assault on Rafah, which borders Egypt near the main aid entry points, would cripple humanitarian operations and cause a disastrous surge in civilian casualties. More than 1.4 million Palestinians — half of Gaza's population — have been sheltering in Rafah, most after fleeing Israel's offensives elsewhere. Considered the last refuge in the strip, the evacuations are forcing people to return north where areas are devastated by previous Israeli attacks. Aid agencies estimate that 110,000 had done so before

Saturday's order that adds a further 40,000 to that number. People have been displaced multiple times and there are few places left in the embattled strip to move to. Those fleeing fighting earlier this week erected new tent camps in the city of Khan Younis — which was half destroyed in an earlier Israeli offensive — and the city of Deir al-Balah, straining infrastructure.

Georgios Petropoulos, an official with the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Rafah, said humanitarian workers had no sup-

plies to help them set up in new locations. "We simply have no tents, we have no blankets, no bedding, none of the items that you would expect a population on the move to be able to get from the humanitarian system," he said. Israeli troops have captured the Gaza side of the Rafah crossing with Egypt, forcing it to shut down. Rafah was the main point of entry for fuel. The World Food Program has warned that it will run out of food for distribution in southern Gaza by Saturday, Petropoulos said.

Russian offensive in Kharkiv forces about 1700 civilians to evacuate

AP ■ KYIV

Renewed ground assault on Ukraine's northeast, killing and injuring several and forcing more than 1,700 civilians to evacuate from the Kharkiv region, local officials said on Saturday.

Artillery, mortar, and aerial bombardments hit more than 30 different towns and villages, leaving at least three people dead and five others injured, said Kharkiv governor, Oleh Syniuhobov.

Ukraine rushed reinforcements to the Kharkiv region on Friday to hold off a Russian attempt to breach local defences, authorities said. Russian forces stepped up their bombardment of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, in late March. Friday's attack signalled a tactical switch in the war by Moscow that Ukrainian officials had been expecting for weeks. 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. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed on Friday evening that Russian forces were expanding their operations. He also called on the country's Western allies to ensure that promised deliveries of military aid would swiftly reach the country's frontlines. "It is critical that partners support our warriors

and Ukrainian resilience with timely deliveries. Truly timely ones," he said in a video statement on X. "A package that truly helps is the actual delivery of weapons to Ukraine, rather than just the announcement of a package."

The Kremlin's forces have repeatedly sought to exploit Ukraine's shortages of ammunition and manpower as the flow of Western military aid to Kyiv has tapered off in recent months, with promised new support still yet to arrive. Ukraine previous-

ly said it was aware that Russia was assembling thousands of troops along the northeastern border, close to the Kharkiv and Sumy regions. Intelligence officials also said they had expected an attack there though Russia's most recent ground offensive had been focused on parts of eastern Ukraine farther south. While Russia's gains in the region have so far been limited, analysts at the US think tank Institute of the Study of War (ISW) described them Friday as "tactically significant."

Pak President Zardari gets immunity in two corruption cases

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari on Saturday received immunity from prosecution as a head of state in two cases of alleged corruption.

The Park Lane and Toshakhana cases were filed against him by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), the national anti-corruption watchdog. Islamabad-based Accountability Court Judge Nasir Javed Rana was hearing the cases.

The Express Tribune reported

that Zardari, 68, had sought immunity in the two cases and the judge issued a written decision on the president's petition and halted all proceedings against him.

Zaradi, co-chairperson of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) was elected in March as the 14th President of Pakistan for five years.

The judge noted that the president sought immunity under Article 248 (2) of the Constitution, following which no case can be registered or action taken against the peti-

tioner. The prosecution did not object to the president's plea, hence it was approved and case proceedings were halted until the end of Zardari's tenure as president of Pakistan, according to the written order.

The Park Lane case accused Zardari of influencing relevant authorities during his tenure as the president during his first term from 2008 to 2013 allegedly obtaining loans for his front companies and allegedly causing a loss of Rs 3.77 billion to the country.

Office of the Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle, Public Works Department, Pithoragarh
Email : sepwdp@rediffmail.com

Letter No. : 2181 / 208C(Yata'D)-03/2024 Dated : 10/05/2024

National Competitive E-Tender Notice

The Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (**Two Bid System**) on behalf of "Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand" for following works. All other information will be available online from date **15-05-2024** at 5.00 PM onward on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Validity of Tender (day)	Period of Completion (months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
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Phone : +91-120-610200/6102009 CIN: U40101UP2007PLC032835

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Prayagraj Power Generation Company Limited invites expression of interest (EOI) from eligible vendors for "Procurement of NDCT Annual Overhauling Spares" for 3x660 MW Thermal Power Plant at Prayagraj Power Generation Company Limited, Bara, Dist. Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India

Details of pre-qualification requirements, bid security, purchasing of tender document etc. may be downloaded using the URL - <https://www.ppgcl.co.in/tenders.php> Eligible vendors willing to participate may submit their expression of interest along with the tender fee for issue of bid document latest by **23rd May 2024**.

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E-AUCTION
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SALE NOTICE (SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION ONLY)

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002). Whereas, the Authorized Officers of PUNJAB & SIND BANK has taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in the following loan account/s with our Branch with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: <https://www.bankeauctions.com>.

S.No.	Name of the Borrower/ Bank Branch	Demand Notice Date & Outstanding amount mentioned therein	Description of property along with name of mortgagor (Owner of property)	Status of possession (Physical or Symbolic)	Reserve Price/EMD/Bid Incremental Amount	EMD Submission Account Details (deposit through RTGS/NEFT)	Property Inspection Date & Time	The Last Date of EMD & E-Auction Date	Name & Contact N. of Authorized Officer
1.	Ushma and sanjay kumar Sector 31 Gurugram	02.08.2023 Rs.6216148.68	All Part and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No 670/28, Measuring 100 Sq. yards, Part of Khasra No. 882 Gali No 13 New Jyoti Park, Gurugram	Physical	Rs.7350000.00 Rs.7350000.00 Rs.735000.00	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 11:00 - 11.30 AM	Sh. Atul Kumar (Chief Manager) Mobile No-8607925026 G1509@psb.co.in
2.	Ushma, sanjay kumar & RPM Aircon Sector 31 Gurugram	02.08.2023 Rs.5752457.00	All Part and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No 675/28, Measuring 100 Sq. yards, Gali No 13 Jyoti Park, Gurugram	Symbolic	Rs.7200000.00 Rs.7200000.00 Rs.720000.00	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 11:30 - 12:00 PM	Sh. Atul Kumar (Chief Manager) Mobile No-8607925026 G1509@psb.co.in
3.	Sunita Sharma and Subhash Chander Sharma Sector 31 Gurugram	01.06.2023 Rs.1917561.36	All Part and parcel of the immovable property House No 263, Measuring 50 Sq. Yards Part of Khasra No. 8/7,26,15/19,17/4/2,123,1234,316,317 Situated at Gali No 6, Surat Nagar-II, Village- Dhawanpur, Tehsil- Kadipur, Near Bharat Communication, Gurgaon	Symbolic	Rs.2850000.00 Rs.2850000.00 Rs.285000.00	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 12:00-12:30 PM	Sh. Atul Kumar (Chief Manager) Mobile No-8607925026 G1509@psb.co.in
4.	Padma Bista Sehgal & Bharat Deep Sehgal Gurudwara road Gurugram	04/02/2023 Rs.3143739.49	All part and parcel of built up second floor without roof rights out of built up property bearing no. 68,69 and 70, Land area measuring 100.00 sq.yds out of khasra no. 78/14, situated in the area of village Hastal and colony known as OM Vihar Extension Phase-3 Uttam Nagar, New Delhi	Symbolic	Rs.3400000.00/ Rs.3400000.00/ Rs.340000.00/	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 12:30-01:00 PM	Sh. Atul Kumar (Chief Manager) Mobile No-8607925026 G1509@psb.co.in
5.	Gulshan Kumar and Geeta Rani	03/03/2023 Rs.734952.00	All the part and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No. 273 A, khasra no.814-15 Krishna colony Gurgaon, Haryana-122001	Symbolic	Rs.4000000.00/ Rs.4000000.00/ Rs.400000.00/	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 01:00 - 01:30 PM	Sh. Atul Kumar (Chief Manager) Mobile No-8607925026 G1509@psb.co.in
6.	Jawahar Singh NO 5 NIT Faridabad	08.05.2023 Rs.641362.79	All the part and parcel of the mortgaged property bearing part of plot no 183, Measuring 51 Sq. Yards, Comprised in Rect No. 14/10/2, Mauza Gauchhi, tehsil-Ballabhgarh, disit-Faridabad	Symbolic	Rs.1900000.00 Rs.1900000.00 Rs.190000.00	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 10:00 - 10:30 AM	SH. ROHIT BASWALA (Chief Manager); Mobile No-8607925026 Email id-ROHIT.BASWALA@PSB.CO.IN
7.	Lalita Sehgal and M/s pragya Beauty Parlour Ajronda Faridabad	07.12.2018 Rs.4503677.00	Front side First Floor Without Roof/ Terrace Rights of Build up property bearing No A-20 Area measuring 75 Sq. Yards with one car parking space in common parking area at still. Out of khasra no 945, 946, 956 to 960, situated in the area of village Nawada Colony known as OM vihar, A- Block, Uttam Nagar on Najafgarh road, New Delhi-110059	Physical	RS.3000000.00 RS.3000000.00 RS.300000.00	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 10:00 -10:30 AM	Smt. Suman Sharma (Chief Manager) Mobile: 9899748099 Email Id:A0121@psb.co.in
8.	Shamu & Beena/ Sector 31, Gurugram	22.06.2022/ Rs.15,76,965.17	All Part and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No 72, Measuring 58 Sq. yards comprising khasra no 88,278,179 Surat Nagar within MC area of Gurgaon	Symbolic	Rs.3100000.00 Rs.3100000.00 Rs.310000.00	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 10:00-10:30 AM	Sh. Atul Kumar (Chief Manager) Mobile No-8607925026 G1509@psb.co.in
9.	Sh. Rajan Kumar/ Manesar	15.06.2023/ Rs.1549338.04	Residential House No. 1890/29, part of khasra no. 4669/4096/308, Gali No.17, Near Dhanuka Factory, Surat Nagar Phase-1, Gurgaon	Symbolic	Rs.3500000.00 Rs.3500000.00 Rs.350000.00	Account no. 80235040070003 IFSC Code-PSIB0008023 SUNDRY CR- FUNDS/ASSETS	22.05.2024 10:00am to 4:00pm	28.05.2024/ 29.05.2024/ 10:30-11:00 AM	Sh. Atul Kumar (Chief Manager) Mobile No-8607925026 G1509@psb.co.in

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- The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The property is being sold with all the existing & future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be possible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. However, the intending bidder should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately including the earnest amount already deposited. The remaining 75% of the bid amount be deposit within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale.
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- As per Income Tax Rule, TDS @rate of 1% of Auction price is payable by the successful auction purchaser, wherever applicable.

The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002.

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Authorized Officer
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Measures in place to meet peak power demand in May, June: Government

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has taken adequate measures to meet the estimated 235 GW peak power demand in May and 240 GW in June, according to an official statement.

The power demand is projected to peak at 235 GW during the day-time and 225 GW during evening hours for May and 240 GW during day-time and 235 GW during evening hours for June 2024, it said in the statement.



to gas-based power plants besides coal-based units to make full capacity available for electricity generation. The optimisation of hydropower generation has made available an additional 4 GW for meeting the demand during May and June.

the summer season, the ministry said. Besides, power generated from wind is expected to increase by 4 GW to 5 GW during May and June.

Union Bank of India Q4 net profit rises 18 per cent on lower provisions

PTI ■ MUMBAI

State-owned Union Bank of India on Saturday reported an 18.36 per cent growth in its consolidated net profit for the March quarter to Rs 3,328 crore, helped by lower provisions.



targeting to close FY25 with the number under 4 per cent. The RBI's newly introduced proposals on the project finance front will not have a big impact on the bank's financials, she said, adding that the position will be "manageable" even if the draft is implemented in the present form.

Eicher Motors Q4 PAT rises 18 per cent to ₹1,070 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Eicher Motors on Saturday reported an 18 per cent increase in consolidated profit after tax to Rs 1,070 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2024, driven by higher sales.



Motors said in a statement. Royal Enfield, the two-wheeler division of the company, recorded sales of 2,27,925 motorcycles in the fourth quarter, up 6 per cent from 2,14,685 units in the year-ago period.

For fiscal 2024, the company reported a 37 per cent rise in PAT to Rs 4,001 crore against Rs 2,914 crore for FY23. The company's revenue from operations grew 14.5 per cent to Rs 16,536 crore from Rs 14,442 crore recorded in FY23.

Air India appoints SIA Engineering as partner to develop maintenance facilities

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Air India on Saturday announced it has appointed SIA Engineering Company Limited as its strategic partner for the development of its base maintenance facilities here.

"Projected to be ready in 2026, the facilities will comprise both wide-body and narrow-body hangars, including associated repair shops, to support the growing Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) needs of the aircraft fleet in Air India Group."

country's MRO industry," Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Air India, said.

Property brokerage firm InvestoXpert revenue up 56 per cent in FY24

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Real estate brokerage firm InvestoXpert's revenue rose 56 per cent in the last fiscal to Rs 56 crore as it facilitated sales of properties valued more than Rs 2,000 crore on strong housing demand.

Khanij Bidesh India may acquire lithium asset in Australia this fiscal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Khanij Bidesh India Ltd (KABIL) hopes to acquire a lithium block in Australia this year, a top official said on Saturday.

Australia. We will have to ensure that during this financial year, we target one more asset," Rao said at the inauguration of the registered office of KABIL here.



But unlike Argentina, Australia would be a bit costly so the paid-up capital of KABIL will have to be increased. KABIL has a paid-up capital of Rs 100 crore at present.

important mineral for the energy transition, a fundamental component of lithium-ion batteries, which power electric vehicles and battery energy storage systems.

PropEquity FY24 profit up 10 per cent to ₹12 crore in FY24

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

PE Analytics Ltd, which runs real estate data platform PropEquity, has reported 10 per cent increase in consolidated net profit at Rs 11.67 crore for the last fiscal year on better income.

growth in our profits before tax (PBT) compared to the preceding financial year. Our overall revenues also continue to rise by 37 per cent to Rs 44.1 crore," he said.

with local partners to launch its services. Along with this, he said the company would be launching two more verticals -- B2C project monitoring and developer asset management -- to boost revenue.

India (CAI) on Saturday estimated cotton exports to rise about 27 per cent to 28 lakh bales during 2023-24 crop year ending September.

India's cotton exports may rise 27 per cent in 2023-24 season: CAI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Cotton Association of India (CAI) on Saturday estimated cotton exports to rise about 27 per cent to 28 lakh bales during 2023-24 crop year ending September.

Vietnam," CAI President Atul Ganatra told PTI. Meanwhile, CAI pegged the cotton production for 2023-24 at 309.70 lakh bales, same as estimated in the previous month.

Jaipur based entrepreneur features on Fortune's 40 Under 40 list

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Jaipur-based entrepreneur Yogesh Chaudhary, the director of Jaipur Rugs, has been included in the list of emerging leaders from India by Fortune, a statement said.

course of business and economy in India. Isha Ambani, Director, Reliance Retail, Harshad Reddy, Director, Apollo Hospitals, and Akash Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Jio Infocomm, are the other young entrepreneurs who have featured on the list.

Chaudhary. He said that in 2016, Jaipur Rugs forayed into retail and now sells in more than 90 countries. "The company collaborates with designers such as Shantanu Garg and Gauri Khan. The artisanal rugs are a result of 40,000 artisans in 600 villages, out of which 80 per cent are females," he said in a release here.

Zydus gets USFDA nod to market generic arthritis drug in US

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Zydus Lifesciences on Saturday said it has received approval from the US health regulator to market a generic medication for arthritis and other conditions in the American market.



tablets (1mg), the drug maker said in a statement. Dexamethasone is used to treat conditions like arthritis, blood/hormone disorders, allergic reactions, skin diseases, eye problems, breathing problems, bowel disorders, cancer and immune system disorders.

D2C fashion brand Powerlook aims ₹300 crore GMV this fiscal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fashion brand Powerlook looks to hit a gross merchandise value (GMV) of Rs 300 crore this financial year, clocking a more than twofold growth over the last year, a top official of the company said on Saturday.

leading ecommerce platforms like Myntra and Flipkart recorded a GMV of Rs 130 crore in the last financial year. GMV refers to the total value of products or merchandise sold over a certain period through a customer-to-customer exchange site.



market with good operating revenue, Powerlook said in a statement. Powerlook co-founder Raghav Pawar said that the brand's focus is on customer satisfaction and delivering products on time.

endeavours to exceed customer expectations," he added. The men's fashion brand has maintained 35-40 per cent growth quarter-on-quarter last year, Pawar said.

strategic collaborations with renowned influencers, and a dynamic pricing strategy and customer retention policy have propelled growth, Pawar said.

BUSINESS BRIEF

BSES GETS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AWARD

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) has been conferred the prestigious "Women Empowerment" award at the 17th Star of the Industry Awards for its impactful community outreach programs.



ANTI BRIBERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION



Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, has been awarded Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) IS/ISO 37001 certification by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in a program held on May 8, 2024 at POWERGRID Corporate Centre, Gurugram.

YASHODA KAUSHAMBI HOLDS PROGRAMME TO ENHANCE INDIA, AFRICA COLLABORATION

Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital-Kaushambi, in association with FICCI, organised a momentous event at Taj Maan Singh, as it hosted a gathering of distinguished Heads of Missions and Diplomats from African nations.

Mbappé confirms he will leave PSG ahead of move to Real Madrid

AP ■ PARIS
Kylian Mbappé confirmed what the soccer world was long expecting to hear, announcing that he is leaving Paris Saint-Germain ahead of a widely expected move to Real Madrid. Mbappé said on X on Friday that his final home game for PSG will be on Sunday against Toulouse.
 “I never thought it would be this difficult to leave my country,” he said in the video post.
 “I think I needed this, a new challenge after seven years.”
 An emotional-looking Mbappé gulped and paused for breath as he addressed PSG’s fans.
 “It’s a club I will keep in my mind for my entire life. I will tell everybody I had the chance to play here.”
 He added, “You will stay in my heart forever,” then winked and raised a thumb.
 According to sports daily L’Equipe, Mbappé went to meet and dine with PSG ultras known as CUP (Paris Ultras Collective) shortly after making his announcement. They were set to discuss tributes to him at Parc des Princes on Sunday night.

After that game, French champion PSG has league games to follow at Nice and Metz. He is once more the French league top scorer, with 26 goals.
 The 25-year-old Mbappé now captains France and won the World Cup in 2018, becoming the second teenager, after Pelé, to score in a World Cup final. He top-scored at the 2022 World Cup, including a rare hat trick in the final.
 Mbappé joined PSG in 2017 from Monaco in a deal worth 180 million euros (USD 194 million). He is expected to be bought by 14-time Champions League winner Real Madrid.
 In 2021, PSG turned down a bid of 180 million euros from Madrid for Mbappé. He renewed his contract with PSG but didn’t take up the option for an extra year. Earlier this year, he told PSG he’s leaving at the end of the season.
 On Friday, he confirmed it.
 “I wanted to announce to you all that it’s my last year (season) with Paris Saint-Germain. I will not extend (my contract) and the adventure will come to an end in a few weeks,” he said.
 “First of all, I want to thank my teammates, all the teammates I had, all the coaches: Unai Emery, Thomas Tuchel,



Mauricio Pochettino, Christophe Galtier and Luis Enrique.”
 He has 255 goals for PSG, many of them featuring his trademark move: Sprinting down the left wing, cutting inside a wrong-footed defender and curling the ball into the right corner with speed and precision.
 While his prolific output helped to deliver six league titles in seven years, it also often masked glaring deficiencies that were exposed at the highest level in the Champions League.
 On Tuesday night, he trudged off the field when PSG went out of the semifinals of the Champions League after losing to Borussia Dortmund 1-0 in each leg.
 Mbappé’s departure will end the superstar era at PSG.
 He arrived at the club along with Neymar, who cost a world record 222 million euros (USD 239 million). PSG was also a stop for Zlatan Ibrahimovic (156 goals for the club), Edinson Cavani (200 goals for PSG) and Lionel Messi (won his seventh of eight Ballon d’Ors).
 None could win the Champions League with PSG, which has spent more than 2 billion euros (USD 2.15 billion) in transfer fees and paid massive wages. The fact Mbappé played under so many coaches also underlined the club’s cash-rich Qatari owner QSI, which took over the club in June 2011.
 Mbappé starred for Monaco as an 18-year-old sensation when it reached the semifinals of the Champions League seven years ago. PSG beat Madrid to his signature then, but things seem to have come full circle, and he will leave as a free transfer.
 By the time Madrid likely signs him, the Spanish powerhouse may have clinched a record-extending 15th Champions League title.
 Madrid plays Dortmund in the final on June 1 at Wembley, one week after Mbappé’s last ever game for PSG in the French Cup final against Lyon. It wasn’t the way he hoped to bow out of French club soccer. But joining a massive club like Madrid surely gives him a better shot at winning the Ballon d’Or he so craves.
 PSG has to find a new leader. After Mbappé wears the No. 7 jersey for the last time, PSG will face a huge rebuilding task without him.



Neeraj Chopra vows to win next DL meeting after finishing close second in Doha

PTI ■ DOHA
Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra vowed to go one step ahead in the next Diamond League meeting after finishing a close second during the Doha leg here.
 Chopra finished second at the Doha Diamond League as his big final effort of 88.36m fell short by just two centimeters of Jakub Vadlejch’s winning effort on Friday night.
 The 26-year-old Chopra trailed the veteran Czech — who won the title with his third throw of 88.38m — throughout the competition.
 Chopra, taking part in his first competition of the season, made a last ditch effort but the Indian superstar failed to defend the title.
 Two-time world champion Anderson Peters took the third sport with a throw measuring 86.62m.
 “The most important competition for me this year is Paris Olympics, but Diamond League meetings are important too. This was the opener for me this season, I finished second with a narrow two centimetre margin but next time I will try to draw far and try to win,” Chopra said.
 The next Diamond League meeting which has men’s javelin as a discipline will be held in Paris on July 7.
 Chopra also thanked the Indian diaspora in Qatar for supporting him.
 “The support I am getting from the Indian people here in Qatar is always amazing, there aren’t words enough for me to thank them for their support.
 “Maybe in some years the Indian will throw really far! I feel really proud that I am an Indian.”
 At each DL meeting, athletes are awarded 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 points for ranking first to eighth respectively.
 The top six javelin throwers will compete in the Diamond League Finals in Brussels on September 13-14 and the winner will lift the DL champion’s trophy.

Strong technical training will help India get good results in Paris: archery coach Kim Hyung Tak

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
After sealing a historic World Cup gold recently, the Indian archers, who are undergoing “strong technical training,” can land a maiden Olympic gold medal in Paris, reckoned renowned coach and mentor Kim Hyung Tak.
 Dhiraj Bommadevara is the lone Indian to seal the Paris 2024 quota place for India in archery so far.
 “The Indian recurve team is undergoing very strong technical training. This will definitely help get good results in the Olympics,” Kim said after conducting a coaches’ seminar at the Sports Authority of India’s National Centre of Excellence in Sonapat.
 “By keeping this consistency in training and preparation, I think it is very much possible to get a medal in Paris,” he added.
 The Indian recurve archers are striving for a team quota in the final qualification tournament to be held in Antalya, Turkey from June 14 to 17.
 The hopes are quite high after the Indian team of Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav shocked reigning Olympic champions South Korea to clinch a World Cup gold after 14 years in Shanghai on April 28.
 Kim, who also supervised a two-day national team preparatory camp at Sonapat, said the constant training has helped the side raise its standards.
 “The average level of the team has got a notch higher because of the talented men’s and women’s recurve team here.



psychology team is also working around the clock and good mentoring is being provided as a whole,” he said.
 Kim, who has the experience of working with over 500 archers from across 30 nations, said the senior Indian archers have been lending a helping hand to the budding stars.
 “There are many young archers. The experienced heads like Deepika (Kumari) and Tarundeep are guiding them. This helps a lot in team building and this is very important in the build-up to the Paris Games,” noted Kim, who had a special session with three-time Olympian Deepika, who is trying to punch her ticket to Paris riding on some strong performances after motherhood.
 “The coaches are continuously mentoring the archers on managing training schedules to training times. The

helped down the tunnel into the locker room.
 Djokovic had a bump on his head and he was checked by doctors, tournament organizers said. He did not hold his usual post-match news conference.
 “While leaving center court after his match, Novak Djokovic was hit on the head by a water bottle while signing autographs. He received medical attention and has already left the Foro Italico to return to his hotel. His condition is not a cause for concern,” organizers said in a statement.
 Djokovic had a bit of blood on his head but did not require stitches, Italian Tennis Federation spokesman Alessandro Catapano said.
 “He was upset, but he seems OK,” Catapano said.
 “We’re also very upset about what happened and we are trying to figure out who it was and understand the dynamics. “The police came and asked for information but the person who did it had already left,” Catapano added.
 “We’re going through all of the video and camera angles to see if we can determine what exactly happened.”
 The incident occurred shortly after Djokovic’s 6-3 6-1 win over French qualifier Corentin Moutet in his opening match. The 24-time Grand Slam champion was returning after nearly a month off. Djokovic has a day off before his next scheduled match at the clay-court tournament on Sunday.
 The 36-year-old Serb is preparing to defend his title at the French Open, which starts May 26.

Minor stakeholder Thierry Henry on hand to see Como promoted to Serie A

AP ■ COMO (ITALY)
Thierry Henry was in the stadium to see his investment in Como pay off when the Italian second-tier club won promotion to Serie A.
 Como, coached by Henry’s former Arsenal teammate Cesc Fabregas, drew with Cosenza 1-1 on Friday to clinch second place in Serie B and end a 21-year absence from the top tier. Leader Parma already sealed promotion.
 Henry, the France great who will coach its men’s under-23 team at the Paris Olympics, bought a stake two years ago in Como, which plays in a picturesque lakeside stadium about 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of Milan.
 Como could replace Frosinone in Serie A after the latter lost to Serie A champion Inter Milan 5-0.
 With two weeks of the season remaining, six teams are still hoping to avoid joining Salernitana in the second tier. Frosinone is 16th on the 20-team table, two points above the relegation zone. It has two games left, while teams above and below it have three. The result ended Frosinone’s six-game unbeaten run.
 Davide Frattesi scored Italy’s first-half opener and Marko Arnautovic made it 2-0 after an hour. Canadian midfielder Tajon Buchanan got the third with his first goal for the club. Lautaro Martinez’s left-foot shot was his 24th goal of the league.

Two time defending champ Stricker takes second round lead at Regions Tradition over Ernie Els

AP ■ BIRMINGHAM (US)
Two-time defending champion Steve Stricker birdied the final two holes for a 7-under 65 and a one-shot lead over Ernie Els after the second round of the Regions Tradition, the first of five PGA Tour Champions majors.
 Stricker, who has won three of the last four times at Greystone, had four birdies and a pair of bogeys over the first six holes before overtaking Els at the end on Friday.
 A six-time winner last year, he’s seeking his first this season and got his wish of being in the final group for what he predicted “should be a fun weekend.” Stricker said he’s not dwelling on the chance for a three-peat. “I enjoy it here. I feel good going around here,” he said.
 “I’m just trying to, you know, that old cliché of just taking one shot, one hole at a time kind of thing. So continue that with (Saturday).”
 A World Golf Hall of Famer, Els shot a 68 in the second round. He was part of a six-way tie for first upon Round 1’s completion earlier in the day after play was halted because of bad weather on Thursday.
 Els had four birdies and still hasn’t had a bogey over the first 36 holes to stay up with Stricker.
 “Steve Stricker is obviously the king around here at the moment,” Els said. “He’s won three or four times. He’s got the tournament record so probably playing with him (Saturday) so I need to keep the pace up with Steve and try and make him work hard for this one. He’s always got a lot of momentum on this course, but at least we’re heading in a good direction.”



Steve Flesch, who had one bogey, moved to 10 under with a birdie on 18 for a 69. He is a four-time winner on the 50-and-over circuit but hasn’t finished better than 25th in seven events this year. “I tried to be patient with how the year has been going on, but the golf hasn’t been as bad as maybe where I am on the Schwab Cup list indicates,” said Flesch, who came in ranked 65th.
 “So maybe this will be a nice kickstart for me to get my year going a little bit, but I’m just I’m just glad I’ve kind of played two decent rounds and heading into the weekend with a chance.”
 Charlie Wi and Pdraig Harrington were 9 under. Wi shot a 69, making two bogeys on par 5s but closing on No. 18 with his fifth birdie of the round. The South Korean has two runner-up finishes but no victories in 33 PGA Tour Champions events.
 Harrington had a more up and down day, overcoming four bogeys for a 70.

Bhaker, Bhanwala stay on course for top finish at Olympic Selection Trials

PTI ■ BHOPAL
Olympian Manu Bhaker and Anish Bhanwala stayed on course for a top finish at the Olympic Selection Trials (OST) for rifle/pistol, shooting solid scores in qualification rounds of their respective events here on Saturday.
 Taking aim at the M.P.State Shooting Academy range, Anish topped the men’s 25m rapid-fire pistol event with a score of 587, while Manu came third in the women’s 25m pistol shooting 585 to maintain the top rank among the five shooters in each event.
 The finals are scheduled for Sunday where there are crucial podium points to be won by the five qualified shooters.
 In the women’s pistol, Rhythm Sangwan, after having two ordinary outings by her standards in Delhi, bounced back with a top score of 586, while Simranpreet Kaur Brar continued an inspired run to pip Manu to second on inner 10s with a 585. Esha Singh (579) was fourth while Abhidnya Ashok Patil (575) was fifth.
 This means that whatever happens in the finals, Manu would go into the fourth trial with at least a four-point cushion over her nearest competitor.
 The fight for the second spot is currently very tight between Esha, Rhythm and Simranpreet. Bhanwala too is assured of a two-point cushion over her nearest challenger in the men’s RFP.
 Vijayveer Sidhu and Bhavesh Shekhawat are in a close fight for second with the former edging it currently, with Adarsh and Ankur seemingly looking out of it.



Anderson to retire after Lord’s Test against West Indies

PTI ■ LONDON
Legendary pacer James Anderson on Saturday announced that the first Test against the West Indies this summer will be his final appearance for England, bringing down the curtains on an illustrious career spanning over 20 years.
 Regarded as one of the greatest bowlers of all times, the 41-year-old is England’s leading wicket-takers and is one of only three bowlers to take over 700 Test scalps.
 “Hi everyone. Just a note to say that the first Test of the summer at Lord’s will be my last Test,” Anderson wrote on his Instagram.
 “It’s been an incredible 20 years representing my country, playing the game I’ve loved since I was a kid. I’m going to miss walking out for England so much.
 “But I know the time is right to step aside and let others realise their dreams just like I got to, because there is no greater feeling,” he added.
 Anderson’s announcement comes after England red-ball coach Brendon McCullum conveyed to the seamer that they are looking at the future, with an eye on the Ashes 2025-26 in Australia.
 Anderson made his Test debut back in 2003 and has since claimed a remarkable 700 wickets in 187 Test matches. He currently ranks third on the all-time list of Test wicket-takers, trailing behind spinners Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka and Australia’s Shane Warne. However, whether Anderson will continue playing for his county side Lancashire remains unclear.
 “I couldn’t have done it without the love and support of Daniella, Lola, Ruby and my parents. A huge thank you to them. Also, thank you to the players and coaches who have made this the best job in the world.”
 “Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the years, it’s always meant a lot, even if my face often doesn’t show it. See you at the Test, Go well Jimmy x,” Anderson wrote.
 England are set to play a three-Test series against the West Indies, starting with the opener at Lord’s on July 10.





In form RCB eye fifth win in a row against Pant-less DC

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Pushed into a tight corner, Royal Challengers Bengaluru rose above their frailties to notch four wins on the trot to stay alive in the race to play-offs, but Delhi Capitals even sans their suspended skipper Rishabh Pant offer them a different challenge in the IPL match here on Sunday.

Pant was suspended for one match and handed a fine of Rs 30 lakh for maintaining slow over rate against Rajasthan Royals at Delhi on May 7.

It was DC's third offence of the season; hence the suspension came in vogue immediately leading to Pant missing the match against RCB.

While the absence of Pant will certainly give RCB an edge, they can't get themselves lulled into a comfort zone.

In the run-up to this match, RCB defeated Gujarat Titans twice, Punjab Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad once

each.

While the victory over SRH was valiant, RCB did not face much challenge from the floundering Titans and Kings. But the Capitals are a team unlike any other as they have oscillated between brilliant and ordinary in the span of a few days.

On April 27, the Pant-led side posted a hefty 257/4 in their 10-run win over Mumbai Indians and on April 29, they made a lowly 153/9 while capitulating against Kolkata Knight Riders.

The RCB, currently seventh with 10 points from 12 matches, will desperately hope not to run into that brilliant Capitals as a defeat can undo their good work in the last four matches.

But their confidence will be high, courtesy strong and consistent batting effort led by talisman Virat Kohli.

Kohli is the leading run-getter in this IPL with 634 runs but, more importantly, those runs

have come at a brisk rate of 153, giving RCB early momentum while setting or chasing targets.

Along with Kohli, additional runs from skipper Faf du Plessis, Rajat Patidar, Cameron Green and Dinesh Karthik have provided their bowlers, who have responded to the call splendidly, with a cushion.

The transformation of RCB bowlers in the last four matches have been nothing short of remarkable.

Mohammed Siraj has found his mojo after a 10-day break, and he has received excellent backing from fellow pacer Yash Dayal and left-arm spinner Swapnil Singh.

After the match against PBKS, the overall run-rate of Siraj (9.4) and Dayal (9) have gone under 10 for the first time this season, not a mean feat in a tournament where runs were scored at a breakneck pace.

Their skills will be tested first by Jack Fraser-McGurk, who has teed off to make 309 runs



from seven matches at an impressive strike-rate of 235.87.

McGurk took the opener's slot once David Warner - 167 runs from 7 matches at a strike rate

of 135 - had to sit out with an injury, and he has not made the absence of the veteran felt even once.

His opening partner Abhishek Porel too has made runs at 157

strike rate, though the DC management will be happier to see him adding more consistency to his game.

Pant and Tristan Stubbs too have been among runs made at

a fair clip but now without the skipper the DC middle-order will further lean on Stubbs for momentum.

But in the bowling department, DC will feel that they might have a slight edge.

Spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel have been thrifty while sharing 24 wickets among them as they have maintained economy rates of 8.2 and 7.3 respectively - gold dust while others have gone above 10.

Their combined eight overs will have a massive say in the match, as the wrist-spinner and his left-arm comrade will have to contain the free-flowing RCB batters in the middle phase.

If pacers Khaleel Ahmed (14 wickets, 9.68) and Mukesh Kumar (15 wickets, 10.94) can inflict some blows upfront, DC can hope to contain the home side.

Glenn Maxwell, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Anuj Rawat, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Suyash Prabhudessai, Will Jacks, Mahipal Lomror, Karn Sharma, Manoj Bhandage, Mayank Dagar, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Akash Deep, Mohammed Siraj, Reece Topley, Himanshu Sharma, Rajan Kumar, Cameron Green, Alzarri Joseph, Yash Dayal, Tom Curran, Lockie Ferguson, Swapnil Singh, Saurav Chauhan.

Delhi Capitals: Prithvi Shaw, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Abhishek Porel, Shai Hope, Rishabh Pant (wk/c, suspended and unavailable), Sumit Kumar, Tristan Stubbs, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mukesh Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Khaleel Ahmed, Kumar Kushagra, Praveen Dubey, Lalit Yadav, Lizaad Williams, David Warner, Jhye Richardson, Anrich Nortje, Yash Dhull, Mitchell Marsh, Ricky Bhui, Rasikh Dar Salam, Vicky Ostwal, Swastik Chikara.

TEAMS (FROM):
Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Faf du Plessis (c),



CSK look to rekindle playoffs hopes against a strong but hurt RR

PTI ■ CHENNAI

In need of a win to firm-up their position in the IPL playoff race, Chennai Super Kings have the heavy task of nullifying a deeply hurt and frustrated Rajasthan Royals here on Sunday.

Let's take a quick assessment of the two protagonists' situations. The Super Kings are currently fourth in the standings with 12 points from as many games but the defeat against Gujarat Titans on Friday has added dollops of pressure on them, and now they need victory in their remaining two matches.

The Royals, on the other hand, are second with 16 points but they are smarting from two successive defeats against Sunrisers Hyderabad, which was by just a run, and Delhi Capitals.

They are in no real danger of missing the playoff spot, but the Sanju Samson-led side will be eager to return to the winning ways at the earliest and enter the knockout.

What had hurt CSK against GT was the malfunction of their top-order consisting Ajinkya Rahane, Rachin Ravindra and skipper Rituraj Gaikwad and they would be desperate to regain the momentum in Chepauk.

Ravindra might be given another go against Royals, but it could be a make-or-break situation for him.

Although it was pleasing to see Daryl Mitchell and Moeen Ali among runs, Shivam Dube, who has been CSK's bulwark this season, has gone silent ever since he was selected to the Indian team for the upcoming T20 World Cup.

Having scored a 13-ball 21 against GT, he has twin causes to fire — to justify his selection for the World Cup and carry his team closer to the playoffs.

As for the CSK's bowling, Tushar Deshpande once again fired against GT while Shardul Thakur surprised all with his economical outing.

However, the Chennai bowlers are expected to buckle up and do well in this fixture at home, their strong area.

The low amount of dew in this afternoon clash might help CSK spinners.

On the other hand, desperate to end the losing streak, Rajasthan could not have asked for a more suitable opponent than an unsteady CSK.

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who has not been at his best this season, will be desperate to prove his mettle before travelling to the Americas for the T20 World Cup.

GT can make it to play offs, miracles do happen: Skipper Gill

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Gujarat Titans skipper Shubman Gill is optimistic about sneaking into the IPL play-offs, even though odds are heavily against them despite the 35-run win over Chennai Super Kings here. Gill (104 off 55b) and B Sai Sudharsan (103 off 51b) notched up destructive centuries to propel GT to 231/3 and then restricted the defending champions to 196/8 to stay alive in the play-off race.

The win lifted GT from the bottom of the table to the eighth spot. They have 10 points from 12 games, while CSK remained fourth with 12 points.

"The chances of us qualifying was 0.1 or 1 per cent. I think all of us, all 25-30 of us, believe that we can still make it into the play-offs."

"Because I have seen miracles happen with this team in the past couple of years and we all do believe in that," Gill said in the post-match press conference on Friday night.

Gill, however, felt that GT were some runs short despite piling up a huge total.

"When I got out, I was a bit frustrated. I thought as a batting unit, we left 10-25 runs out there. At one point we were 195/0 in 15 overs, so I thought that 250 was a pretty gettable score and I was thinking about that."

"It is as satisfactory as any hundred. We lost our last three games and it was important for us to win this one and that is what me and Sai were



discussing. We were trying to maximise every opportunity and every challenge that was thrown at us."

The young skipper also had words of appreciation for his opening partner Sudharsan.

"Last year he (Sudharsan) missed a hundred in the final, having come back and the way he played in the middle overs is exceptional."

"He is someone who works very hard on his game and for someone like him to be able to execute those shots was just magnificent," Gill said.

Talking about the talismanic Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who played a 11-ball 26-run cameo with three sixes, and his fan following, Gill said, "Wherever Mahi bhaji plays, it is their (CSK) home ground, so nothing different with that."

"But at least, when we were scoring, people were cheering for us and when we visited Chepauk, it was complete silence when we hit boundaries or took a wicket," he concluded.

Calm under pressure Sudharsan needs to be spoken about more: Smith, Moody

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

B Sai Sudharsan broke away from the mould of anchor with a brilliantly crafted hundred against Chennai Super Kings, and the "calm under pressure" demeanour of the Gujarat Titans' opener has left stalwarts Graeme Smith and Tom Moody impressed.

Till the match on Friday, Sudharsan struck runs at a moderate strike rate of 131.67 while coming at No. 3, but the promotion to the opener's slot seemed to have liberated him.

Against CSK, the Tamil Nadu left-hander made 103 off 51 balls (5x4s, 7x6s) and his strike-rate read 201.96.

Smith said Sudharsan should be given more opportunities.

"Sudharsan is so under the radar, he is the leading run-scorer for GT this season, the fastest Indian to a thousand IPL runs with a difference of six innings. He needs to start being spoken about a bit more," said Smith on JIO Cinema.



Former Australian all-rounder and a revered coach Tom Moody praised Sudharsan for maintaining his composure in the match against a tough opponent.

"The way this young player goes about his business is a joy to watch. He seems so calm under pressure. He seems to have the right answers at the right time."

"He knows when to go big to look for that boundary to take pressure out of an over and he seems to be able to keep pace with the game," Moody told Star Sports Cricket Live show.

Former South Africa skipper Smith lauded the partnership between Sudharsan and Shubman Gill that was worth

210 runs, joint highest for the opening wicket this season.

"The partnership was excellent, left-hand-right-hand combination, they ran between the wickets well; they picked their targets, and their matchups were just outstanding," he added.

Moody also underscored the importance of the alliance between Gill and Sudharsan.

"The partnership was nothing short of extraordinary. They complemented each other exceptionally well, evident in their visible enjoyment on the field, as Gill expressed during the post-match presentation. "This camaraderie is crucial for our backing and partnership," added Moody.

Pant to miss RCB game due to suspension for slow over-rate

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant will miss Sunday's crucial match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru after he was handed a one-match suspension for maintaining a slow over-rate for the third time this IPL season.

Pant was also fined Rs 30 lakh for the Code of Conduct breach that took place during DC's 20-run win against Rajasthan Royals on May 7 here.

DC were 10 minutes behind time at the start of the final over in that game.

"Mr Rishabh Pant, Captain, Delhi Capitals has been fined has been fined and suspended for one match for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct after his team maintained a slow over-rate against Rajasthan Royals at the Arun Jaitley



Stadium, Delhi on May 07, 2024," an IPL statement read. The Capitals had been found guilty of maintaining slow over rates against Chennai Super Kings (March 31) and Kolkata Knight Riders (April 3) earlier in the season.

"As it was his team's third offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences,

Rishabh Pant was fined INR 30 lakh and suspended for one match."

All other DC players were also penalised.

"The rest of the members of the Playing XI, including the Impact Player, were each individually fined either INR 12 lakh or 50 per cent of their respective match fees, whichever is lesser."

DC filed an appeal challenging this ruling of the match referee which was referred to the BCCI Ombudsman for review. The Ombudsman conducted a virtual hearing and stated that the decision of the match referee is final and binding.

"As per Article 8 of the IPL Code of Conduct, the Delhi Capitals filed an appeal challenging the ruling of the Match Referee. Following this, the appeal was referred to the BCCI Ombudsman for review."

High calibre batting from Gill, Sudharsan disrupted our plans: CSK coach Fleming

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming said the defending champions were undone by the "high calibre" batting effort of Gujarat Titans' openers — skipper Shubman Gill and B Sai Sudharsan — during their 35-run defeat in an IPL match here.

Gill (104 off 55b) and Sudharsan (103 off 51b) notched up destructive centuries in an opening stand of 210 runs to propel GT to 231/3 and then restricted the defending champions to 196/8 to stay alive in the play-off race.

The win lifted GT from the bottom of the table to the eighth spot. They have 10 points from 12 games, while CSK remained fourth with 12 points.

"It was a good onslaught and the batting was of the highest calibre. Right from the first



over they disrupted our plans. It wasn't till the latter stages we got some control," Fleming said at the post-match press conference on Friday night.

"We didn't execute as well as we could but the other part was the sublime batting from two very good players."

The former New Zealand captain praised Sudharsan for his effort.

"In the final last year, he (Sudharsan) played beautifully, he got 96. I have watched him

closely, he has got good connections around the Chennai area. He is a wonderful player and today he proved that." Fleming said CSK were put under immense pressure by the onslaught of GT openers, resulting in errors in bowling and fielding.

"We were a little bit handicapped by the absence of some players. The players who were playing today did really well in the last game, so the confidence was high."



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POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] (For Immovable property)

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 08th day of May of the year 2024.

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The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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Bank of Baroda's recent financial performance showcases impressive growth, particularly with a 26.1% increase in net profit for the fiscal year 2023-2024, reaching INR 17,789 crore. This growth suggests effective management and strategic execution, with significant implications for stakeholders and the broader economy.

Key highlights from Bank of Baroda's financial results demonstrate robust performance across various metrics:

- Global business expanded by 11.2% to INR 24,17,464 crore by March 2024.
- Q4FY24 net profit stood at INR 4,886 crore, reflecting a 2.3% YoY growth.
- Return on assets (ROA) increased by 14 basis points YoY to 1.17% for FY24, while return on equity (ROE) rose by 61 bps YoY to 18.95%.
- Operating income grew by 15.3% YoY in FY24, supported by a 44.6% YoY growth in non-interest income to INR 14,495 crore.
- Operating profit registered a healthy 15.3% YoY growth to INR 30,965 crore in FY24.
- Asset quality improved significantly, with a reduction in gross non-performing assets (GNPA) by 87 bps YoY to 2.92% and net non-performing assets (NNPA) down by 21 bps YoY to 0.68% in Q4FY24.
- The provision coverage ratio remained robust at 93.30%, with credit costs below 1% for both Q4FY24 and FY24.
- Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) stood healthy at 120.6% as of March 31, 2024.

Furthermore, Bank of Baroda demonstrated strong business growth:

- Global advances increased by 12.5% YoY in Q4FY24, driven by a robust retail loan book growth.
- Domestic advances and deposits grew by 12.9% and 7.7% YoY, respectively.
- The bank's international deposits surged by 27% YoY.
- Organic retail advances witnessed significant growth across various segments, including auto loans, home loans, personal loans, mortgage loans, and education loans.
- Agriculture, gold, and MSME loan portfolios also experienced notable growth.

Bank of Baroda's capital adequacy remained strong, with a consolidated CRAR of 16.68% and CET-1 at 13.02%. Overall, these results underscore Bank of Baroda's position as one of India's largest and most resilient banks, with a solid domestic and international presence and a commitment to sustainable growth and financial stability.

ENCALM'S WARM EMBRACE OF ATITHI DAIVO BHAVA



In an informative tête-à-tête with **SHOBORI GANGULI**, Encalm Hospitality CEO **VIKAS SHARMA** outlines his vision of revolutionising the world of airport hospitality

Possibly never before in history has the global hospitality industry and its ecosystem been as severely hit as it was during the 2021 Pandemic. Not even the two World Wars in the last century left nations gasping for breath as Covid did, with its lethal tentacles paralysing MSMEs, travel and tourism businesses, and their subsidiary industries. Unannounced lockdowns and travel restrictions drilled unparalleled fear into the human psyche, with no end in sight. But, as Charles Dickens put it in *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." Clawing back for survival under such adversity, the hospitality industry was quick to innovate. Mr Vikas Sharma, the Chief Executive Officer of Encalm Hospitality, entered this volatile world as a beacon of hope in the year 2021, in a territory unexplored and uncharted and at a time when fear of human contact reigned supreme.

Armed with the vision to infuse fresh life into the business of hospitality, and, of course, with an enviable arsenal of 25 years of experience in the trade, Sharma went about restructuring the landscape of airport hospitality through an unparalleled experience — much like the American Pioneer who wanted "to go where no man has gone before." Air travel, even for those going business class, has its attendant share of anxiety and restlessness. Seeking to ease this, Mr Sharma, through Encalm, concretised a novel definition of airport services. "Hospitality" is the key word in this endeavour, says a proud Sharma.

In a short span of three years, Sharma today heads a 200 plus team which, according to him, is crucial in taking the organisation's long term objectives forward through "strategic thinking and effective communication." At a time when most airlines provide their Business Class passengers with state of the art lounges and customized relaxation plans without overheads, what does



VIKAS sharma, CEO, ENCALM HOSPITALITY PVT LTD

Encalm bring to the table, especially if the passenger has to pay for it? Sharma is quick to enumerate that, "Encalm Hospitality has become synonymous with exceptional hospitality and top-of-the-line services right from Atithya to the

Encalm Lounges and Spa." Available in all three terminals of the Delhi Airport, Encalm Lounges are also available in Hyderabad and Goa. To ensure an "elevated airport experience" Sharma lists out the services the company has on offer.

Penetrating into the luxury realm of a regular lounge and Spa, Encalm's services and hospitality combine a range of assisted services, incorporating basic non-aviation chores such as assistance service, buggy services, and porter assistance. The company's offerings go beyond the aesthetics of bespoke carved lounges and Spas with a personalised "Atithya Meet and Greet" — constructed on the foundation of *Atithi Daivo Bhava* (Guests are equivalent to the Almighty), taking airport experience to another level altogether.

As the Encalm CEO proudly asserts, his knowledge and experiences help synergise the operational and management foundations of the Encalm brand. Needless to add, he has an impressive portfolio having served as the General Manager of Sheraton Hotel and Resorts, Director of Operations at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company and the Director of F&B at Four Seasons Hotel and Resorts. Operations, sales and marketing, finance and revenue management are his core competence. He was felicitated as the General Manager of the Year 2019 award by HOSI in association with Sheraton Hotel and Resorts, and Leadership Excellence Award by Marriott Hotel, again in 2019. An MBA graduate from INSEAD, Sharma has a bachelor's degree from IHM, Gwalior.

Interestingly, Sharma is also an avid cricket follower of cricket and badminton, the former fructifying into reality when Encalm became the Hospitality partner with the Delhi Capitals for IPL 2024. Talking about the partnership Sharma says, "As a lifelong cricket enthusiast, the sport embodies more than mere competition — it's a fervent passion fostering camaraderie and excitement. Partnering with Delhi Capitals underscores my enduring dedication to cricket and its profound community impact. Through Encalm Hospitality's alliance with this dynamic IPL team, we embrace cricket's essence, engaging with fans authentically and enriching the sport's vibrant legacy."

PAWAN SONI pens down his personal experience at the airport with Encalm's services to provide a 360 degree view of what this innovation brings to the table

The hustle and bustle of travel can often leave one weary and longing for a moment of respite. Gone are the days when travelling was mundane. We are at a time when journeys in fact can be as exhilarating as the destination themselves.

During my recent trip to Italy, while passing through Terminal 3 (T3) International Airport in New Delhi, I stumbled upon the Encalm Prive Lounge — a sanctuary of luxury and comfort that undoubtedly ranks among the world's finest.

With a staggering capacity of over 550 guests, the Encalm Prive Lounge caters exclusively to business travelers, accessible either through business class tickets or higher with various airlines, or by paying an entry fee. Unlike other lounges, complimentary card benefits do not apply here; however, cardholders can access another Encalm lounge, albeit not as lavish as the Prive lounge.

Culinary delights await at the extensive buffet which is rivalling with the leading star hotels selection and offers separate selections for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians. I loved the watermelon cheese as a canape, prawns and garlic cream kebabs, Chicken biryani and even the simple but tasty beetroot halwa. The lounge's leaf-shaped bar is a visual delight, offering a range of complimentary and paid options that cater to every palate. Given current Delhi's excise policy issue, there were many brands including Prosecco that weren't available at the time of my visit.

The lounge boasts of four sleeping pods, providing weary travellers with a private sanctuary to rest and rejuvenate before their next journey. Of course this is a paid facility at ₹1000 plus taxes per hour.

One of the standout features of the Encalm Prive Lounge is its expansive conference room, which doubles as a personal dining room, perfect for business travelers or senior bureaucrats and VIPs looking to conduct meetings or enjoy a meal in a private setting.

For those looking for entertainment, the lounge offers a small gaming zone and a dedicated kids area, ensuring that travellers of all ages have something to enjoy during their visit. The virtual gaming zone and Xbox games comes as a chargeable feature separate from the lounge charge though it can be availed by only the lounge users. A small fitness centre and kids play area comes complimentary along with the lounge facility.

In addition to its luxurious amenities, the Encalm Prive Lounge also offers



excellent spa services. I had the pleasure of trying their 30-minute foot massage, which left me feeling relaxed and rejuvenated, ready to embark on the next leg of my journey. Currently this 30-minute spa came complimentary by using my DreamFolks card; else one will have to shell out ₹1500 for using this facility. Had there been a provision of complimentary foot massage machines and the massage chairs like at Singapore airport, I would have rated Encalm Prive lounge the best in the world without even blinking an eye.

While the lounge service came complimentary with my flight tickets, Encalm has another facility called Atithya Meet and Greet Service. So if you are a first time traveller or just worried about your parents or kids traveling alone, just avail this service from their portal that comes in various options — Silver, Gold and Elite. This service provides you with a guest manager who will escort you from the entrance without having to wait in the queue, help you through check-in and immigration services. They try to help you go through business class immigration service but it depends upon the government official to allow it. And then they help you get the buggy till your boarding gate. If you have a business class ticket or are planning to use the lounge through credit cards, in my opinion, Silver tier option gives you the best value for money.

Overall, my experience at the Encalm Prive Lounge and Atithya Meet and Greet service was nothing short of exceptional. From its elegant ambience to its impeccable service, the lounge sets a new standard for airport hospitality. Next time you travel, consider experiencing the luxury and comfort of Atithya Meet and Greet Service and Encalm Prive Lounge apart from the usual shopping.

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BY **AKANKSHA DEAN**

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LET'S GOA...

BY **PAWAN SONI**

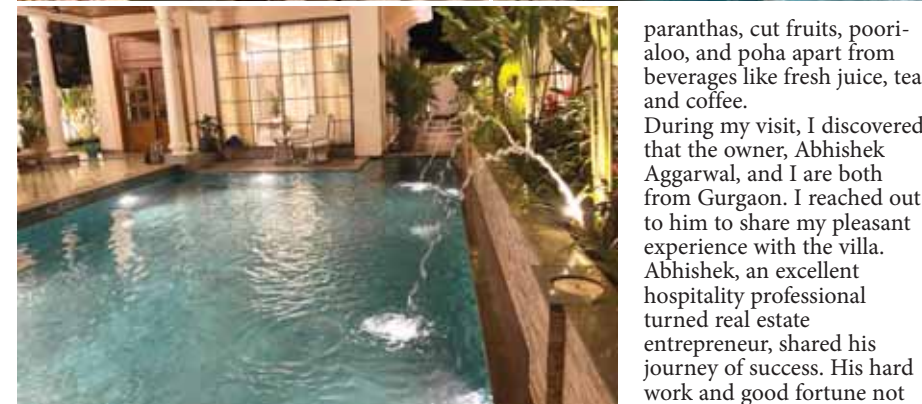
Goa remains an ever-popular destination, with its property prices soaring post-COVID and a surge in demand for new eateries and nightspots. Each visit to Goa reveals new experiences, making it a perennial favorite. During a brief 3-day break from work, my wife and I opted for a villa stay over a traditional hotel, choosing the relatively new Villa Heliconia in Siolim.

LOCATION

Villa Heliconia is conveniently located near the MOPA airport, making it easily accessible from most places in North Goa. Situated close to the buzzing shops in North Goa, it even shares a wall with the popular restaurant Hosa, known for its innovative take on traditional South Indian cuisine. I recommend trying Hosa for its exquisite interiors, great cocktails, and inventive dishes. However, ensure you have a reservation to avoid disappointment, as we found ourselves seated at an inconvenient high bar table for the last minute booking.

AMENITIES

The villa is spacious, boasting two large living areas and six rooms, along with a swimming pool and lifts. Ideal for groups of friends or extended families, the private



pool is definitely a highlight. Decent-sized rooms, with at least two rooms featuring personal balconies ensures accommodation for kids and elderly as well.

HOUSEKEEPING

We were impressed by the attentive housekeeper, Shuvendu Kashyap, whose knowledge extended beyond housekeeping to include coffee and a variety of subjects. The entire team was polite and eager to please.

FOOD

One of the highlights was the option to have the staff

FACT SHEET

Villa Heliconia, 9 Ground Floor, Landmark, Plot No Syno.329, Vaddy, near the church, Siolim, Goa

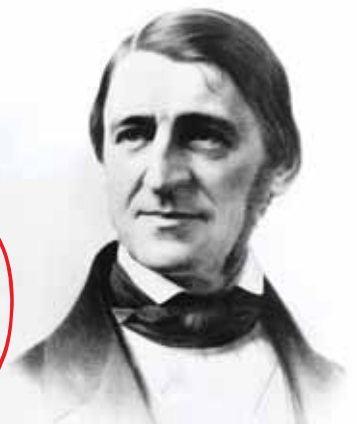
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prepare food of your choice, perfect for when you want a break from outside meals. I particularly enjoyed their dal, paneer, and tawa roti. Breakfast offered a variety of options, including eggs,

paranathas, cut fruits, poori-aloo, and poha apart from beverages like fresh juice, tea and coffee. During my visit, I discovered that the owner, Abhishek Aggarwal, and I are both from Gurgaon. I reached out to him to share my pleasant experience with the villa. Abhishek, an excellent hospitality professional turned real estate entrepreneur, shared his journey of success. His hard work and good fortune not only led to the opening of Villa Heliconia but also to several upcoming luxury projects in Goa, including a 4-bedroom villa in Morjim, a 5-bedroom super luxury Bali-themed villa in Siolim, and a 10-bedroom boutique property in Calangute, which will be rented out as individual rooms rather than a villa. Villa Heliconia, a dream fulfilled for Abhishek, is a testament to the fact that some dreams do come true.

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the world over to find
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— Ralph Waldo Emerson



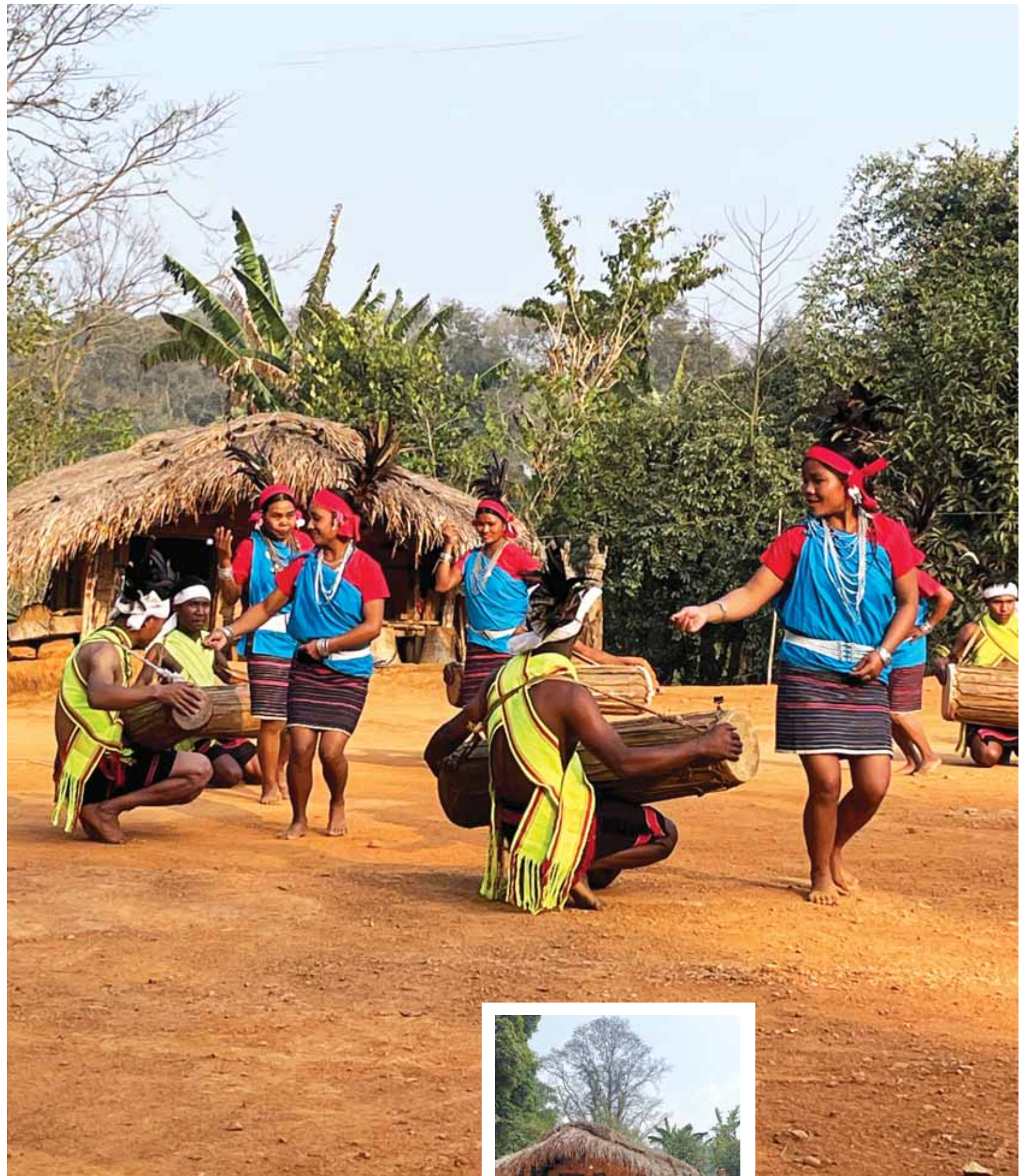
Of the 150 villages that exist in West Garo Hills of Meghalaya, only 13 to 15 are Songsarek villages. In these, only five or six houses continue to uphold the ancient Garo traditions and follow the rituals related to the animist society. Wangala dance, brewing of Chubitchi being a few, writes **NAVNEET MENDIRATTA**

VIBING TO THE DANCE OF A 100 DRUMS

It is clearly the road less travelled. The West Garo Hills of Meghalaya in Northeast India may not have attracted the fancy of the tourists as their Khasi hills counterparts (yet), but that could well be a blessing in disguise for a region that is holding on to the last bit of ancient Garo traditions — the Songsarek practices. Songsarek is a pre-Christian animist religion that is fast losing out to conversions to Christianity, that spread in the region in the second half of the nineteenth century and intensified throughout the twentieth century. Currently, of the 150 villages that exist in the region, only 13 to 15 are Songsarek villages. In these, only five or six houses continue to actively practise the rituals related to the ancient Garo society. A narrow hill road leads us to the Songsarek village of Gondenggre. Located in the Rongram subdivision of West Garo Hills district in Meghalaya, the village is located 18 kms from sub-district headquarter Rongram and some 36 kms from district headquarter of Tura. Our entourage comprises a group of nine Royal Enfield bikers and content crew who are here to document the living heritage of the communities in these regions as part of a unique partnership between Royal Enfield and UNESCO. The project titled, The Great Himalayan Exploration, involves engaging with Royal Enfield's motorcycling community and inspiring them to come forward to not just explore the landscape but to help preserve and promote the living heritage of the communities in these regions. Documentation is the first step in this direction. These practices range from performing arts (dance forms, songs, etc) to tangible crafts (handmade paper from tree bark, specific types of hats, etc), food practices (preservation techniques, culinary cultures), agricultural practices, local medicinal practices, body art and even indigenous spiritual and social systems.

KEEPERS OF THE TRADITION
Upon reaching the village, we are greeted by the Nokma or the village headman with a generous serving of *Chubitchi* or

the traditionally fermented (but weak) alcoholic rice beverage that is poured right into our mouths from an *abet* or a hollowed dried bottle gourd. It is the locals' way of welcoming the guests and must be accepted by them as a mark of honour. *Chubitchi* flows freely in Garo villages. There is no age or stigma attached to its consumption. It is an important part of every Garo celebration — be it religious rituals, meetings, social gatherings, birth, marriage, during *Wangala* (harvest festival) or even a house warming ceremony. It is said that in pre-modern era, the Garos would serve the drink before taking off for a hunt or to fight enemies. The traditional ways of making *Chubitchi* are said to have been passed down orally among the Garos until the arrival of Baptist American Missionaries. In the present day, though the knowledge of brewing *Chubitchi* continues to be shared in the interiors of Garo Hills, it is no longer a preferred practice in urban areas. Songsareks of Gondenggre are friendly albeit private people. Curiously is writ large on their faces as language holds them back from communicating freely with the outsiders. Rakkan M Sangma, Joint Secretary of the 100 Drums Wangala Festival Committee and Secretary of Garo Heritage Village plays interpreter and takes us through the rituals and practices of the villagers. “*Song* in the local language means village or a native place and *Warek* means houses built in a line. By that definition, *Gondenggre* is a spread out village with houses that are built in a single line,” says Sangma. “About 5-7 kms from the village, there exists a strong sacred grove called *A Song Kosi*. It is a special place where outsiders are forbidden from entering. No one is allowed to speak in that forest let alone pluck a single leaf. No one, not even a member of our tribe, can cause any harm to the trees, flowers, or animals there,” he shared. Cleanliness is a buzzword in most parts of Meghalaya. Made from bamboo, Garo houses typically last for about four to five years. The kitchen is usually located outside the house. A complete set up comprising kitchen and dining space at the entrance of the village is meant



to be used by the community for celebrations and meetings. The rooms are usually spread out. According to Sangma, a lot of taboos including “untouchability” *vis-a-vis* the outsiders are practiced even today. The outsiders are not allowed to enter or touch anything inside the Garo spaces. Sacrifice remains an inherent part of Songsarek practices. There is a sacrifice to mark everything that is considered important — it could be a wedding or any celebration, a big announcement, to appease the Gods, to ward off evil or even to fight a disease. The blood marks are like trophies in the village. The Songsareks believe in keeping their Gods happy.

DANCING TO A HUNDRED DRUMS

Wangala, the Garo traditional dance dedicated to their main Deity and the God of Sun, crops and fertility, *Misi-Saaljong*, features as an Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practice. Inspired by the wagtail bird, the dance imitates the bird's behaviour, using musical instruments such as a flute made from buffalo horn and drums. It is a group dance where pairs of men and women wearing wagtail feathers in their headgear line up and move along a circle in short, slow but forceful steps. The dance is led by the Nokma who sings the traditional songs in a high pitch while the rest of the men play the drums. The Garo women folk make traditional dance gestures imitating the bird or even animals and clap. The women wear skirts made from handwoven cloth woven on looms. The typical pattern is that of the eye of the Goddess of wealth, *Susime*, resembling a diamond. Wagtail bird holds a special meaning in the Songsarek beliefs. The villagers closely observe the flight of the bird

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to predict the waterfall for the season. Every *Wangala* or the harvest festival, the Songsareks put handprints on their doors (using three fingers) with rice flour indicating the water level and for good harvest. These imprints are usually made by the male members of the community outside the house of the Nokma, where most rituals are conducted. The Garos are a matrilineal, matrilineal and matrilineal society. They continue to carry forward the surname of the women of the family. The boys live with their parents till they reach puberty and then shift into a dormitory style bachelor home in the village till they get married into a girl's family. While the matrilineal aspect remains strong, the rules surrounding bachelor homes are somewhat easing out, shares Sangma.

THE GREAT HIMALAYAN EXPLORATION PROJECT

Royal Enfield's partnership project with UNESCO, The Great Himalayan Exploration, draws rider-researchers to document the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas. “The aim is to document and safeguard the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas and thereby, raise awareness about the living treasures that make up the beating heart of India,” says Bidisha Dey, Executive Director, Eicher Group Foundation — the CSR and Sustainability arm of Royal Enfield. According to her, over two editions and 16 curated rides, 119 rider-researchers have already documented 66 practices across the Eastern Himalayan states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, North Bengal, Sikkim and Tripura. “We are now set to extend our exploration to the Western Himalayas in 2024,” says Dey. “We conduct a detailed on-ground recce before rolling out the riders to ensure the assent of the locals and as respect for their privacy. We are especially careful to follow the community protocols on how to approach the community and then conduct capacity building programmes to educate the rider researchers before they set out on their journeys,” she shares. Among the practices recorded are: The black pottery of Tyr Shang village in the West Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya, *Muga* silk threads of Assam, *Mon Shugu*, the ancient art of making paper of Arunachal Pradesh, living roots bridges of Meghalaya, handmade mask art of Majuli island, Assam. “For us, the partnership is not just about the documentation. It's also about creating awareness about the intangible cultural heritage practices,” concludes Dey.

SAVING THE GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD

The Great Indian Bustard critically endangered and integral to India's wildlife heritage, faces multifaceted threats including habitat loss, collisions with infrastructure, and poaching. As efforts to safeguard the species intensify, the imperative to reconcile competing interests between development and conservation grows more urgent



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The Supreme Court of India in *MK Ranjitsinh and Ors vs. Union of India* has constituted a seven-member committee and tasked it with addressing the delicate balance between conservation initiatives for the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) and the installation of renewable energy projects in its habitat. This decision follows the Court's acknowledgement of the challenges posed by its April 2021 directive mandating the burial of all power lines within the GIB habitat, a measure claimed to be expensive and impractical over extensive distances by Power companies and the Central Government. With the complex interplay between development and conservation at the forefront, the committee has to assess primarily the viability of reducing the area banned for overhead powerlines from 80,000 to 13,663 square kilometres. The GIB figures in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, in Appendix I of CITES and is classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List. Included in the National Wildlife Action Plan, it has been earmarked for a recovery program under the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India. During the Mughal and British periods, the GIB was one of the top game birds. Historical accounts suggest that tribal Bhils used to set fire to the bushes surrounding their nests to trap females. The species has been facing numerous threats to its survival including occasional poaching, collisions with high-tension electric wires, fast-moving vehicles, and free-ranging dogs in villages. Additionally, habitat loss and alteration due to the diversion of grasslands and scrublands, extensive agricultural expansion, mechanized farming practices, and infrastructural developments such as irrigation systems, roads, and windmills pose significant challenges.

Weighing approximately 15 kilograms each, their bulk poses a challenge when navigating around electricity lines or windmills, often resulting in fatalities or injuries. The dry semi-desert regions where the bustard once thrived, particularly in parts of Rajasthan, have also undergone significant transformation due to irrigation canals, converting the landscape into highly cultivated areas. Present-day threats include further expansion of linear infrastructure such as roads and electric power transmission lines leading to collision-related mortality. The proposed expansion of renewable energy infrastructure, including large-scale deployment of solar panels across desert and grassland areas, further jeopardizes the bird's habitat.

In its historical range, the great Indian bustard once existed across Western India, spanning 11 states, including parts of Pakistan, with strongholds in the Thar desert and the Deccan plateau. Known for its preference for flat, open landscapes with minimal disturbance, it thrives in grasslands. Their numbers, however, have dwindled dramatically, with only around 150 individuals estimated to survive as of 2018, down from around 250 in 2011. Most of the population, estimated at around 120, is concentrated in the arid grasslands of Thar, Rajasthan, particularly in the Desert National Park and the Pokhran Field Firing Range, with smaller populations reportedly scattered elsewhere in the country. In Maharashtra, two individuals had been reported in Nanaj, Solapur district, where the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) is actively involved in conservation efforts. Concerningly, however, the absence of the great Indian bustard in Nanaj in Maharashtra as well as in the Rollopadu Wildlife Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh for the past few years suggests a looming risk of local-level extinctions.

Known for their slow reproductive rate, GIBs lay only a few eggs and invest nearly a year in caring for their chicks. Establishing a founder population requires a minimum of 20 breeding females and 5 to 10 breeding males. In the relatively better populated Thar region, specifically focused upon in the



Supreme Court case, the looming risks of the maze of infrastructural development, food insecurity, conflicts, and climate change-induced impacts exacerbate the challenges faced by them. As regards actions taken to safeguard the dwindling population of the GIB, the MoEFCC, Rajasthan Forest Department, and Wildlife Institute of India (WII), came together in 2018 to initiate conservation breeding programs and conduct scientific research for GIB's conservation. Notably, the WII had already identified ten potential locations for GIB breeding centres in 2017, setting the stage for proactive conservation measures. Drawing on expertise beyond borders, the International Fund for Houbara Conservation (IFHC) from Abu Dhabi was enlisted as a technical partner due to its successful track record in breeding other bustard species. The collective efforts resulted in the establishment of two breeding centres in Rajasthan, housing a total of 29 GIBs, bolstering hopes for the species' survival. Further support poured in from WWF-India, which helped in crafting guidelines for a comprehensive State Action Plan for Resident Bustard Recovery Programme and backed future expansion plans in Gujarat. In Karnataka's Siruguppa taluka, the Ballari Forest division proposed a Detailed Project Report with an

investment of INR 24 crores for a research centre dedicated to the GIB cause. In Maharashtra, with GIB sighted in recent years neither in Nanaj of Solapur nor in Warora of Vidarbha region, a proposed collaboration with Rajasthan aims to exchange tigers for GIBs, with plans to establish a breeding centre in Nanaj. Assessment of the overall strength, budgetary outlay, and position of the MoEFCC and forest departments in decision-making in the Government reflects that the effectiveness of efforts to secure the future of the GIB is just inadequate. The weakening of statutory instruments and establishments related to forest and wildlife conservation in the recent past is quite revealing in this regard. In the case of GIB also, on an uneven field, stakeholders grapple with the urgent need to balance developmental agendas with conservation imperatives, claiming to be providing a sustainable coexistence for this emblematic avian species. However, amidst endeavours by some professional foresters, a pressing challenge looms large today. About 66,337 sq. km of land for overhead transmission lines are considered despite WII's recommendation that mitigation of powerline-linked mortality required a ban on high tension wires,

undergrounding of <66 kv wires, and retrofitting of existing wires with bird diverters. WII's findings also underscored the perilous predicament, with an estimated 16 GIB fatalities annually due to collisions with high-tension lines in the Thar region alone. Such alarming mortality rates, validated by tagging efforts by WII, are in sharp contrast to the indication of the number of recorded mortality cases as insignificant before the highest court. Using a lower number of collision deaths as a basis for allowing a network of overhead powerlines in GIB habitats will be akin to advocating the discontinuance of medicines in a pandemic situation where due to a reduced number of survivors, deaths per day may be lowered. An approach of balancing conservation and development by permitting power projects, in a critically endangered species' habitat with just about 140 survivors, currently less polluting than non-renewable resources deserves perhaps a second look. The idea of development and its impact created and sold by the most selfish species on earth pitted against the right to life of a species at the brink of extinction needs to adopt a much wider and multi-sectoral perspective. India's insolation data in many areas, not natural habitats of GIB, presents

similar ranges as in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The Annual Mean Daily Global Solar Radiation (AMDGSR) map indicates 6.8 to 5.6 kWh/ m²/ day in different parts of Rajasthan and Gujrat; 6.0 to 5.8 in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Ladakh; and 5.8 to 5.6 in states like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. India's solar power generation capacity having reached about 76 GW in FY24, is concentrated in Rajasthan and Gujarat with 17.8 GW and 10.1 GW. Large states like MP and UR are major disappointments. Authorities should consider the country-wide spread and benefits, site-specific costs on infrastructure, and the capacity utilization factor (CUF) figures reported to be 20 for Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh; 19 for Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, and Madhya Pradesh; and 18 for Gujarat. Considering this scenario, any honest concern for balancing conservation and development must, instead of compromising GIB's future, explore and exploit the potential spread out in the country for solar projects. That would be true climate justice! (The writers are Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, UP and Maharashtra; views are personal)

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week promises a wealth of positive developments. A surge of spiritual energy is set to enhance your awareness, enveloping you in a glowing aura. Listen closely to your intuition—it will guide you confidently forward. Expect a time rich in affection, joyous celebrations, and meaningful connections. Inspirational creativity and artistic achievements will flourish, alongside significant personal milestones and unexpected blessings. The care and attention from others will deepen your experience of heartfelt connections. Your life will be enriched by the realization of your deepest aspirations. Your adept handling of situations in love, friendship, or career will seem almost magical. This period also offers a perfect opportunity to delve into new learning and refine your abilities across various disciplines. Embrace this time of growth and fulfillment.

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Mustard
Lucky day Monday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

The week begins on a challenging note, particularly in your personal connections. High hopes might lead to emotional reactions due to unexpected behaviors from close ones, compelling a desire for solitude. As the week progresses, obstacles persist, demanding sharp focus and keen observation to stay aligned with your ambitions. Travel could become necessary, possibly involving leisure trips with loved ones, blending routine with refreshing experiences. Your demeanor shifts from serene to vibrant as the week advances, rejuvenating your spirit and approach to life. At home, you'll exhibit care and attentiveness, while in professional settings, you'll show dynamism and fairness. This balanced approach fosters respect from peers and admiration from superiors. By the week's end, a sense of harmony pervades all aspects of life, leading to financial upliftment.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Wednesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You have a vibrant energy and a keen interest in acquiring new skills, with a practical focus on financial stability. Prioritize clear communication about practical matters and values. A new venture or project is on the horizon, so it's important to stay organized by taking detailed notes and maintaining secure records. Your dedication and patience will enhance your awareness and personal growth. Mid-week brings opportunities for advancement, possibly including job offers or new income sources, and even potential romantic connections. However, exercise caution as the week ends; challenges and disagreements in professional settings may arise, potentially causing frustration. Despite these obstacles, support from a family member will be a bright spot, offering help or a cherished gift. Expect positive outcomes from any health evaluations.

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You have a knack for confronting reality, even when it's tough, and you can assess circumstances quickly. Your innate ability to perceive the underlying intentions and wishes of others is remarkable. You have a direct, clever, and pragmatic approach to matters. You have little patience for deceit or frivolity. However, achieving a healthier internal equilibrium is crucial, including finding the right mix of activity and rest, maintaining good health practices, and managing your emotions. It's important to make discerning choices that align with your best interests. In any legal situations, anticipate a fair resolution. You'll find that your dedication often leads to public praise and appreciation. In scenarios that once seemed disordered, you will find yourself in control, bringing order and clarity.

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This period invites you to deepen your connections with those you hold dear. As your relationships bloom, you'll find increased stability and emotional satisfaction, making it an ideal time to let go of any lingering doubts. Your career, too, is poised for growth. As the week progresses, you'll feel a strong desire for personal autonomy and recognition. You shine as a nurturing presence in the lives of those you care about, provided your leadership is respected. Your attributes of ambition, resilience, and discipline steer you towards positive outcomes, making it a favorable period for making sound decisions and reaping the rewards of diligent effort. However, as the week closes, unexpected challenges might disrupt your peace. Reassess these situations carefully.

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Blue
Lucky day Saturday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You are on the brink of gaining fresh insights into a pressing concern. Embracing intellectual achievement is worthwhile, as the power of thought holds immense potential. However, it's important to balance sharp intellect with empathy. Your determination to pursue your aspirations is unyielding, despite the numerous obstacles and opposition you may encounter. At your workplace, you'll find others showing interest in your projects, creating a competitive environment. Tensions at home might escalate, making communication challenging and leaving you contemplating a drastic decision to leave. However, remain patient, as positive changes are on the horizon. With determination and thoughtful strategy, no challenge is too great to overcome. Influential guidance, possibly from a mentor or a family member like a father or elder brother, will significantly enhance your ability to realize your goals.

Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Saturday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Sharing your work with a like-minded and diligent partner could prove beneficial for you. You may find yourself engaging with more tasks and projects, which will keep you actively occupied. Effective teamwork, involving strategizing and leveraging collective skills, is crucial for achieving objectives. Your emotional equilibrium allows you to access deeper insights and understanding. This period emphasizes your nurturing side; you offer support through empathetic actions and soothing words, contributing positively to others' well-being. Your composed demeanor helps you maintain a steady approach in various situations, reinforcing your influence in professional settings where structure is appreciated. Potential travel may be on the horizon, reflecting a readiness to embrace new experiences. This phase is marked by a commitment to personal and spiritual development, as you engage in meditative practices, yoga, and participate in communal spiritual gatherings.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Tuesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, you will experience profound fulfillment as your efforts begin to bear fruit. Deep connections and emotional openness may lead to significant new bonds. Your dreams align with reality, bringing satisfaction and contentment. You may feel torn between emotions and logic, yet you'll successfully navigate towards your goals. Mid-week, a sense of adventure could inspire a new project or journey, pushing you to step out of your comfort zone. Your energy levels remain high, fueling your pursuits. As the week ends, you'll enjoy a harmonious balance, reaping rewards across all life facets—social, financial, and personal, culminating in a deep sense of fulfillment and well-being. The weekend promises relaxation and a vibrant social life, enhancing your overall joy.

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You feel emotionally balanced and exhibit confidence and generosity, often caring deeply for others. Your natural charisma makes you an engaging diplomat and an enchanting partner, whether in conversations or relationships. However, it's crucial to avoid the extremes of your passionate or emotional sides. Leaning too heavily towards passion might lead to self-inflicted stress, whereas excessive emotionality could leave you feeling submerged and lost. This week, the atmosphere at work might become challenging, marked by fierce competition and potential conflicts. Be vigilant as colleagues might attempt to take credit for your efforts. Stay focused on your professional responsibilities, requiring much creativity and attention. Opt for tactful interactions and embrace diverse perspectives rather than using force. Accountability is key; avoid placing blame on others for setbacks.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Off White
Lucky day Wednesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, you stand at a crossroads, facing a significant choice that will influence your path forward. As you navigate this decision, the key lies in recognizing the hidden opportunities that may initially appear as setbacks. Trusting in the strong, balanced bond you share with those around you will empower you and bring clarity to your decisions. Your innate confidence and dynamic presence will guide you in executing your plans effectively. Social interactions, particularly celebrations or gatherings, will prove beneficial, enhancing your connections and opening doors to new possibilities. As the week draws to a close, expect to receive affirmations of your efforts and achievements. An unexpected acknowledgment or positive news will highlight your success, fostering further growth in areas that align with your best interests.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour White
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week finds you deeply attuned to your spiritual ambitions, seeking a mentor to enhance your connection with the higher realms. Your commitment transcends specific beliefs, embracing a collective spirit through community engagement. Midweek, your attention shifts to professional endeavors where dynamic interactions and bold initiatives pave the way for success. Your efforts are characterized by determination and are likely to yield professional advancement and harmonious interactions with colleagues. Presently, you embody kindness and authority, garnering respect and influence. A strong sense of self-awareness guides you, as your inner wisdom steers you towards beneficial decisions. Overall, your approach to life is well-rounded and thoughtful, positioning you ideally to navigate choices that align closely with your values and goals.

Lucky number 16 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You are enveloped in a nurturing atmosphere of love and unity, with strong connections enhancing your environment with joy and solidarity. Creativity enriches your interactions, making family time rewarding, especially as younger members excel. Those hoping to expand their family may soon receive joyful news, and a significant celebration could further uplift spirits. This week encourages a structured approach in your personal and professional life, urging optimal organization and efficiency. It's a crucial period to assertively pursue your ambitions while maintaining a balanced perspective. Embrace this as a chance for personal growth and transformation, perhaps by shedding outdated habits. This focused approach will not only advance your goals but also stabilize your inner sense of security.

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Fuchsia
Lucky day Sunday

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Shape your destiny through conscious efforts



What is in store of my son's destiny? How far he will study? Will he land up in a good job? Someone came asking a couple of years back. He informed that his son was insistent on pursuing engineering course. But given his performance at school, it looks difficult. He was advised an easier option of pursuing Commerce. For, with lesser efforts, he could take the course to its logical end, which may at least secure him a decent job. But he won't listen. At the outset, let me assure you that your son is a potential guy. Don't underestimate him. His performance would not have been up to mark so far. Should he address his few weaknesses, following the process suggested, his positives will bloom out in full, which is immense. In fact, he carries the potential to complete higher studies. For, 4th cusp sub-lord Venus, identified with graduate studies is tenanted in the nakshatra owned by Rahu occupying the 9th house, marked with higher studies. 9th sub-lord Mars is again in the 9th house and posited in the nakshatra owned by 9th lord

Sun. Such a close connect of the houses referred promises higher education. Benevolent Jupiter is beautifully aligned with the Sun. It implies that he is a responsible guy who is promised an honourable and dignified life. He enjoys good executive ability and can hold a position of trust. Even more because Karmic Saturn extends its benefic aspect on the Sun, which grants him with excellent organising skill having his eyes even on finer details. Intelligence signifying Mercury is well aligned to intellectually ordained Uranus. That offers him a scientific bent of mind and is highly intelligent. Mercury being well disposed towards Mars grants him analytical abilities worth pursuing Engineering. He could do well particularly in Computer Science, as would Saturn and Ketu, together placed in the 3rd house marked with his basal instincts mean. What further adds to his potential is that 3rd cusp sub-lord Venus is posited in the nakshatra owned by Rahu in the 9th house, both occupying Mercury owned sign Virgo. He does also carry the

potential to do well in commerce as 10th lord Venus has benefic association with mind signifying Moon. But it will be still better if he pursues Computer Engineering. Now it is up to him to take the final call.

How well your son utilises the above virtues will define his future course of destiny. "I feel good to hear about my son's indwelling potential. Why then it doesn't reflect in his performance as

on date?" Countered the man. Well, if he carries positive qualities, there are enough of inherent weaknesses also that stand in way of his potential side from blooming out in full. Mind signifying Moon, incidentally the 8th lord makes him habitually suspicious even of his own worth. Still more because Saturn is ill-disposed off to Moon, which further creates self-doubt. Moon is placed adverse to Mercury, which implies that he lacks focus. He would be engaged in conflicting thoughts and has a worrisome mind. Jupiter placed adverse to Venus makes him comfort loving. If that would not be enough, Saturn and Ketu together also bring in an escapist tendency, which may not allow him taking timely initiatives. Mars and Rahu together in a Mercury owned sign makes him dissipate his energies towards varied unproductive ends. "Sir, is it possible to change his habit tendencies, as they die hard?" Asked the man. Don't forget that human beings enjoy the exclusive privilege to guide their action by choice and discrimination. It is, however, equally

true that choice option carries equal probability of use and misuse. That's the premise on which destiny stands. But here again, the choice option also enjoins upon a being to self-reflect, identify one's own weaknesses, acknowledge them, and then address them by making conscientious choice. One more good thing about your son is that his spiritual quotient is quite high. For, the lagna sub-lord Mars happens to be the 9th sub-lord as well, which is conjunct Rahu, the 5th sub-lord. When guided properly, he will be keen to pursue meditative technique suggested. If he does that especially before he sits for studies, he will be able to remain focused for long. With time, his mind will stabilise and will be able to overcome his inherent weaknesses. His indwelling potential will then play out unhindered to his full advantage. He may then be able to do justice to whatever discipline he opts for. The writer is an astrologer, vastu consultant and spiritual counsellor. Connect with him at Tel: 91-11-9818037273/9871037272 Email: bharatbhushanpadmadeo@gmail.com