

VOTER FATIGUE DEEPENS IN PHASE IV

RAJESH KUMAR INEW DELHI

intense voters' he awareness programmes for increasing the turnout remained futile as the phase four general elections on Monday saw the average plummeting to over 63 per cent till 8.30 pm on Monday. The voter turnout in the first three phases was 66.14 per cent, 66.71 per cent and 65.68 per cent, respectively.

Interestingly the good news came in from Jammu and Kashmir which saw voting after abrogation of Article 370. Srinagar recorded 36.88 per cent voter average. This figure is higher than Srinagar's turnout in 2019 when it saw a turnout of 14.43 per cent. The figures for 2014, 2009, 2004 and 1999 are 25.86 per cent, 25.55 per cent, 18.57 per cent and 11.93 per cent respectively. Elections were held in 96 constituencies spread over 10 States and UTs amid incidents of violence between Trinamool Congress and BJP workers in West Bengal, while YSRCP and TDP cadres came to blows at multiple locations in Andhra Pradesh as well as reports of poll boycott in some Uttar Pradesh villages. Besides, there were also reports of EVMs malfunctioning at some booths in West Bengal and Odisha. This schedule was a critical round for the Congress and not much for the BJP. According to the Election

Commission, polling was held smoothly and peacefully. With

VOTER TURNOUT OVER 63 PER CENT IN PHASE IV POLLS SRINAGAR IMPROVES THREE DECADES VOTERS SCORE



Voters display identity cards while standing in queue to cast their votes during the phase IV of general elections, in Berhampur, Odisha, on Monday

TN RAGHUNATHA

the fourth phase, the polling for the 379 out of 543 parliamentary constituencies has been completed. Interestingly, amid the Congress demand to vote for

was recorded 56.53 per cent, lowest in Madhya Pradesh where the Congress nominated candidate withdrew from the polls. West Bengal witnessed over NOTA, voter turnout in Indore 76.02 per cent turnout, the Pradesh 68.90 per cent,

highest among all States polling. Among other States, Andhra Pradesh recorded 68.16 per cent polling, Bihar 55.92 per cent, Jharkhand per cent, Madhya 63.50

Maharashtra 52.93per cent, 39.17 per cent polling which is Odisha 63.85 per cent, Telangana 61.54 per cent and Uttar Pradesh 58 per cent. In Telangana, Hyderabad which is considered a stronghold of Asaduddin Owaisi, witnessed

lowest in the State. In Bengal, where violence

marred previous rounds of voting, a Trinamool Congress worker was killed in a crude

bomb attack. The incident

took place in the Bolpur Lok Sabha constituency, mere hours before polling was scheduled to begin. Amid claims of West Bengal

CEO that voting has been peaceful so far, clashes broke out between supporters of TMC and BJP in Monteswar's Susunia area of Bardhaman-Durgapur seat around noon, as BJP candidate Dilip Ghosh was on his way to a polling booth following complaints of booth jamming. Ghosh was allegedly heckled by the TMC activists. BJP candidate in Telangana's Hyderabad Lok Sabha seat K Madhavi Latha was booked by election authorities after a video clip surfaced online in which she was purportedly seen asking burqa-clad women voters to show their faces to compare with the

photo identity cards. Latha and Owaisi are facing off in Hyderabad, which off the latter won by a sizeable margin in the last Lok Sabha elections. The YSRCP alleged that

party agent Suresh Reddy was stabbed at Mandi Krishnapuram village in Chittoor's Gudipala mandal. It also alleged that TDP supporters attacked party member B Anji Reddy at Aravallipadu in the Darsi constituency. Polling for 175 Assembly seats and 25 Lok Sabha constituencies in the coastal state is taking place simultaneously. MLĆ TDP Mohammed

Ahmed Shariff wrote a letter to Chief Electoral Mukesh Kumar Officer Meena. complaining about alleged attacks by YSRCP cadres on TDP supporters at Rentala village in Rentichintala mandal of Palnadu district.

In Jharkhand, security forces thwarted an attempt by Maoists to obstruct voter access to polling booths by felling a tree and blocking a road leading to remote Sonapi

and Morangponga areas of West Singhbhum district. Khunti in Jharkhand recorded highest voter turnout of 68.40 per cent followed by Singhbhum at 68.00 per cent while Palamau recorded lowest at 60.59 per cent Samastipur seat in Bihar recorded highest

> voter turnout of 58.32 per cent followed by Ujairpur at 57.50 per cent while Munger recorded lowest at 53.41 per cent. Voting was progressing peacefully in Jammu and Kashmir

where three generations of the Abdullah family cast their vote in the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency.

However, a number of displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu were unable to cast their vote as their names were missing from the electoral rolls. Even as KPs lined up across special polling stations in Jammu amid tight security, several of them had to return without casting their vote.

GROUND PIONEER REP **ORTS** FROM ΗE ZERO

WEST BENGAL

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

 $S_{\rm tray}$ incidents of violence marked by fourth-phase polling in West Bengal's eight constituencies that went to the polls on Monday, with a little more than 75 per cent voter turnout reported by the Election Commission of India. The EC said the polling percentage could increase by a few points in the final count While Behrampore — from where Pradesh Congress president Adhir Chowdhury is contesting against TMC's Yusuf Pathan — Krishnagar, Ranaghat and Burdwan East was comparatively peaceful with a couple of incidents of "stick-fighting" being recorded from Krishnagar. Some areas of Burdwan-Durgapur seat from where former BJP State president Dilip Ghosh is contesting against TMC's Kirti Azad witnessed sporadic violence, sources said. A Trinamool Congress supporter at Monteshwar in Burrdwan-Durgapur seat was hurt after he was allegedly beaten up by the Central forces guarding the booth. A similar incident took place at Burdwan city when Ghosh rushed to a polling booth hearing that the booth had been blocked by the TMC men. After he was returning from the area, local TMC workers resorted to brickbatting. In the melee the back windshield of one of the vehicles in his convoy got smashed and a CAPF jawan sustained injuries, sources said. He was rushed to the hospital.



MAHARASHTRA

mid a complaint by the A Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) about the alleged use of money "purchase" votes in three constituencies, an average 52.75 per cent of 2.28 crore voters exercised their franchise till 5 pm in eleven Lok Sabha constituencies in the fourth phase of polls held on Monday Except that the tribal-dominated of constituency Nandurbar constituencies in north Maharashtra witnessed 60.60 per cent voting till 5 pm, the polling in other ten constituencies ranged from 43.80 per cent to 58.65 per cent, a percentage that was in line with similar pattern of voting witnessed in the first three phases of Lok Sabha polls in the State. Apart from Nandurbar where high polling percentage was expected considering that the constituency had witnessed 66.77 per cent 68.65 per cent polling respectively in 2014 and 2019 polls, the other ten constituencies recorded the following polling percentages till 5 pm: Ahmednagar (52.27), Aurangabad (55.38), Beed (58.37), Jalgaon (51.98), Jalna (59.44), Maval (46.03), Pune (44.90), Raver (56.16), Shirdi(55.27) and Shirur (43.89).



UTTAR PRADESH

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voter turnout of 58.9 per cent was Arecorded till 6 pm in the 13 Lok Sabha constituencies of Uttar Pradesh where polling was held in the fourth phase of the parliamentary elections on Monday. The polling commenced at 7 am and

concluded at 6 pm. Uttar Pradesh's Chief Electoral Officer Navdeen Rinwa said here on Monday that 58

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"The TMC goons do it every year ... they capture booths and chase away voters ... they do not allow people to turnout.

vote year after year ... as they are being stopped from doing so this year they are getting hostile," Ghosh said.

At Tehatta in Krishnagar, the BJP men fought with their TMC counterparts with bamboos, in which several saffron workers were injured. Elsewhere a CPI(M) worker got a fractured forehead in a clash with TMC men, sources said. Reports from Palashi Para surfaced of defective EVMs where every vote pressed for the TMC was reportedly going to the BJP, sources said. Subsequently the machine was changed but 255 votes that had already been polled would be counted, ECI sources said. A total of 1.45.30.017 voters were eligible to exercise their franchise in 15,507 polling stations.

A total of 75.66 per cent voters exercised their franchise till 5 pm. According to latest reports while Bolpur Lok Sabha constituency registered 77.77 per cent, neighbouring Birbhum saw 75.45 per cent voter

The low polling percentages in constituencies like Pune, Shirur and Maval were a cause for worry for all the political parties.

a related development, the In Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders made a sensational allegation that large amount of cash were



reportedly being transferred to and fro, ostensibly to buy votes in the Lok Sabha elections

Shiv Sena (UBT) spokesperson Sanjay Raut, NCP (Sharad Pawar) MLA Rohit R Pawar and Congress MLA Ravindra Dhangekar who is contesting from Pune, targeted the ruling BJP-led MahaYuti and alleged that the money might be used to "purchase" votes in Pune, Nashik Ahmednagar and LS constituencies.

Putting out a purported video of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde alighting from a helicopter in Nashik with two security personnel lugging at least two heavy bags, Raut demanded to know why the CM travelled with such bulky luggage for just a two-hour long poll campaign trip.

Rohit Pawar posted another video showing bundles of cash lying on a road in the Ahmednagar LS constituency and claimed that it contained 'prasad' for disbursing among the voters.

per cent turnout of voters was recorded by 6 pm. He said the voter turnout would marginally increase after final tabulation of the data which would be available by Tuesday morning.

Polling for the by-election to Dadraul Assembly constituency in Shahjahanpur was

also held on Monday. The constituencies where polling was held on Monday included Shahjahanpur, Kheri, Dhaurahra, Sitapur, Hardoi, Misrikh, Unnao, Farrukhabad, Etawah, Kannauj, Kanpur, Akbarpur and Bahraich. With the conclusion of the fourth phase of polling, 39 of the State's 80 Lok Sabha constituencies have voted, while polling for the remaining 41 seats will be held in fifth, sixth and seventh phases.

The last phase of polling will be held on June 1.

The voters turnout in 13 Lok Sabha constituencies by 6 pm was 53.24 per cent in Shahjahanpur, 64.73 per cent in Kheri, 64.45 per cent in Dhaurahra, 61.91 per cent in Sitapur, 57.57 per cent in Hardoi, 55.79 per cent in Misrikh,

55.79 per cent in Unnao, 55.40 per cent in Farrukhabad, 56.38 per cent in Etawah, 61 per cent in Kannauj, 53.06 per cent in Kanpur, 57.66 per cent in Akbarpur and 57.45 per cent in Bahraich. The voter turnout in Dadraul Assembly bypoll was 53.31 per cent.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PATNA

Over 54 per cent of around 95 lakh voters in exercised their franchise till 5 pm on Monday, the officials said. Voting was held in Begusarai, Ujiarpur, Samastipur, Munger and Darbhanga constituencies in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha elections.

Union Minister Giriraj Singh is seeking reelection from Begusarai where his primary opponent is CPI's Awadhesh Rai.

Singh had defeated former JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in the same seat.

In Ujiarpur, which has the lowest number of voters at 17.48 lakh but hosts the maximum of 13 candidates, Union Minister of State for Home Nitvanand Rai aims for a third consecutive term. His principal rival is Alok Mehta, a senior RJD leader and a former State Minister.

Samastipur, formerly known as Rosera, presents a battleground for two debutants — Congress' Sunny Hazari and Shambhavi Choudhary of LJP (Ram Vilas) — both offspring of senior JD(U) leaders and Ministers in the Nitish Kumar Cabinet.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during a road show for Lok Sabha elections, in Varanasi, on Monday

Kissa Kursi Ka: Why Maliwal was thrashed

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Days after he stepped out of Tihar jail on interim bail, more trouble mounts for AAP and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal as the party's Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal went to the Civil Lines police station on Monday and alleged that Kejriwal's 'controversial' personal assistant, Bibhav Kumar, 'assaulted' her at the Chief Minister's official residence."

Though an official complaint is yet to be made in this regard, sources said AAP leaders, including Kejriwal, have been annoyed with Maliwal due to her prolonged absence and not making at least a courtesy visit when Kejriwal was in jail facing a probe on the multicrore liquor case. Senior AAP leaders Manish

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Sisodia, Satyender Jain are still in jail in the same case being probed by Enforcement Directorate while party's Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh is

on bail. Sources also said due to widening rift between Maliwal and the AAP, she is being forced by the party to resign from the Rajya Sabha as the top leadership of AAP are in a mood to give the RS berth to a top lawyer helping Kejriwal and others in the case.

Earlier in the day as per DCP of North M K Meena, they received a PCR call at 9.34 am from a woman who said she had been assaulted at the Delhi Chief Minister's residence. "I am a lady calling from the Chief Minister's official residence. His PA has beaten me up badly on his saying," the PCR call report received by the



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal File photo

from

complaint later. The call was

number, said another officer,

stating that she was the one on

A team from the Civil Lines

the other side of the line.

Maliwal's mobile

MP read. However, she has not in good condition as of now filed any official complaint as and hence, will file the filed any official complaint as of yet.

"After some time, MP madam came to the police station. However, she left stating she will give a complaint later," the DCP told reporters. According to sources, she said she is not police station reached the

Chief Minister's residence soon after the call. The SHO met Maliwal there and she told him she would soon be going to the police station, the officer said. Maliwal went to the police station at 10 am.

"In the police station, she was informed that a medical examination is necessary to file an assault FIR. She was at the police station for five minutes and left without filing any formal complaint. She said she would be back later," he said. According to an official, she also cried at the police

station. The Rajya Sabha MP and former chairperson of the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) for nine years has not yet said anything officially and gave no response to messages and calls made to her for her comment.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Karmbir S/o Sh. Lakhmi R/o H.No. 85, Mashad Mohalla, Dhanak Basti, Sonipat has disowned my son Aman & his wife Beetu from my all movableimmovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them. he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Bharat Bhushan S/o Ramii Dass R/o 902/21. Kailash Colony, Rohtak declare that my son Karamveer Sachdeva is out of my control, So i disown him from my all movable and immovable properties. In future, me and my family will not be responsible for his any act.

I, Dev Raj Salaria S/o Kirpa Ram Salaria R/o 116- B, Gali No. 3, Hussainpura West, Amritsar declare that my married son Nitin Salaria is out of my control. I disown him from my movable and immovable property. Anybody deal with him at their own risk.

I, Hakam Singh S/o Lakhmi Chand & Veena W/o Hakam Chand, R/o Vill Bahri Thanesar Distt. Teh. Kurukshetra, declare that our son Deepak & his wife Preeti are out of my control so I disown both from my all movable and immovable property. In future If anyone does any kind of transaction, he himself will be responsible and there will be no responsibility for me and my family in this.

I, Layak Singh S/o Sh. Udal Singh R/o House no 372 Charan Singh Colony ,Mauli Jagran Chandigarh inform that my son Ram Gopal is out of my control. I Disown him from my all moveable and immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk

I, Mr Rajesh Kumar S/O Late Jogi Ram And Sunita Devi W/O Rajesh Kumar Both R/O 1-7/60 Sector 16, Rohini , North West Delhi Declare That Our Son Mr Naman Jangid And His Wife Mrs Neeru Bala Are Out Of My Control. So We Disown Both Of Them From All Our Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I. Naresh Kumar S/O Babu Ram R/O House No. 30, Ganesh Vihar. Baltana. Zirakpur, Sas Nagar, Punjab Declare That My Son Shubham Saini, His Wife Sonia Saini And My Another Son Sauray Saini Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Them From All My Moveable/Immoveable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Them They Will Do Their

Own Risk/Responsibility. I, Dharmo Devi, wife of

I. Surender Kumar (47) S/o Rasil Singh R/o Village

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Gurjeet Singh Bajwa VRC, SC

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Pushpinder Kaur Bajwa From

Pushpinder Bajwa In My

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1394, Rajiv Colony, Sector 17,

I Varinder S/O Ram

And Service Records.

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It is for general information that I, Relish Gupta D/o Rajesh Roso, P.O Sadhot, Tehsil Kumar R/o Mohalla Vikas Sarkaghat Distt Mandi declare Nagar, Shahkot, Jalandhar, that my name is written as Punjab 144702 declare that Surender Kumar Guleria in the name of my mother has been school records of my son Aryan wrongly written as Ruchi Gupta in my educational documents. Guleria, whereas other The actual name of my mother Government documents my Surender is Ruchi Aggarwal respectively which may be amended Kumar. Therefore, this should be corrected in the school accordingly. records also and my wife name

CHANGE OF NAME

Sarabjeet Kaur W/o Т. Amrik Singh R/o H.No.495. Ashok Vihar Colony, Opp P.T.C. Gate, Madhuban Karnal, I have changed my name from Sarabjeet Kaur to Ranjit Kaur for all future purposes.

I, Ratrani Mother of Deepak Mishra R/o #3162 Sector 31-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ratrani to Rajrani vide Affidavit Dated 10-05-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Dinesh Kumar Father of Deepak Mishra R/o #3162, Sector 31-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Dinesh Kumar to Dinesh Kumar Mishr vide Affidavit 10-05-2024 before Dated Distt. Court Notary, Chandigarh.

I, Sachin Kumar Brother Of Army No. 15602041M. I, Shibu Therattil Johny RANK SPR., Name Amit Son of Sh. Therattil Antony Kuamr R/O Vill. Salhawas Po Johny R/o #3709, Second Sangwari Teh & Distt Rewari Sector-46C. Floor, Declare That My Actual Date Of Chandigarh have changed my Birth Is 05 12 2005 But In name from Shibu Therattil Army Record Of My Brother It Johny to Shibu Johny Therattil Is 17 12.2006 Which Is Wrong for all the official and unofficial I Want To Correct My Date Birth purposes As 05.12.2005 In My Brother's

I, Tajinder Singh S/o S. Warvam Singh R/o 135, Opp Santpura Gurudwara, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Tajinder Singh to Tejinder Singh.

I, Mukesh Devi, Spouse of No. 3196141F Hav (Clk) Surender Kumar residents of 2738/34, Amrit Colony, Rohtak PS-Shivaji Colony, Rohtak have changed my name from Mukesh Devi to Mukesh vide affidavit dated 07.05.2024 before District Court, Rohtak, Haryana.

I, Gunjan Grover W/o Abhir Sood R/o H No. 2092/3, Sector 45-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Gunjan Grover to Gunjan Grover Sood.

I, Tiper Chand S/o Des Raj # D-25, Shalimar Enclave Dhakauli- Zirakpur (Mohali) Pb. Declare that Tiper Chand and Tiper Chand Bansal is One & Same Person. That my correct Name is Tiper Chand in Future

I. Chhindo W/o Late Satpal R/o VPO Sunar Kalan, Jalandhar, Punjab-144034

I. Taraniit Kaur W/o Surinder Singh R/o Village Bhaliala PO Bassi Wazid Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Tarnjit Kaur. Concerned Note.

I, Nisha Rani w/of Late Sh.Suraj Verma resident of House No.64/2, Near Thandi Sadak Colony, Panipat declare that I have Nisha Rani to Nisha Both Name are some of the one person and my Husband name Surai Verma and Surai Both Name of the one person.

I Jaidev Sheokand S/o Sh. Zile Singh Sheokand R/o Uchana Khurd, Tehsil & Distt, Jind Jind have changed my name from Jaidev Sheokand S/o Sh. Zile Singh Sheokand to Jaidev S/o Sh. Zile Singh for all future purposes.

I, Pardeep Kumar S/o Sh. Daulat Ram R/o House No. 410/5, Gandhi Nagar, Jind have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar to Pardeep Bhola for all future purposes.

I, Ramanpreet Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o VPO Mallu Nangal. Amritsar. Punjab- 143101 have changed my name from Ramanpreet Singh to Singh is my surname and Ramanpreet is my given name.

I, Sarabjeet Singh Bawa S/o Parminder Singh R/o H No. L- 3/864, Namdev Colony, Near Toot Sahib Gurudwara, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar, Puniab have changed my name from Sarabjeet Singh Bawa to Sarabjeet Singh.

I, No. 4479211N Ex Hav Rajan Singh S/o Joginder Pal R/o Vill. Asharf Pur PO & Distt. Tehsil Dasuya Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my son from Gurjeet Singh to Gurjit Singh. Concerned note.

I, Sunita W/o Paras Ram # 958A, Small Flats Complex, Dhanas. Chandigarh have changed my name to Geeta.

I. Palak D/o Raiinder Kumar Babbar # 434/10, Mohalla Dera Sahib, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Palak Babbar.

I, Shaweta Manto W/o Parmannand Chopal, # 5, Tiwana Complex. Butrela Sector 41B chandigarh have changed my name to Shweta Devi.

I, Suraj Pal, S/o Shri Satpal, R/o House No. 725, Street No. 8, Hansi Road, Karnal. have changed my name from Suraj to Suraj Pal for all future purposes.

I, Rishubh Kumar S/o Sh. Prem Kumar Saraogi R/o H.No. 140, Gali Arora Sunare Wali, Sirsa (Haryana). That I

I, Gurdev Kaur Dhaliwa W/o Iqbal Singh Jhutty R/o VPO Chabbewal Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Gurdev Kaur Dhaliwal to Kaur Jhutty. Gurdev Concerned note.

I Rahul Singh S/o Pargat Singh R/o VPO: Dhadiala Natt, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur Puniab declare that I have changed my name from Rahul Singh Bhatti to Rahul Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Kuldip Singh s/o Piara Singh r/o Village Khan Piara PO Naushehra Maiia Singh Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Kuldip Singh to Kuldeep Singh. Concerned note.

I, Surjit Devi widow of No 3949858 Late Ex LNk Tara Chand residence of House No 428. Mohalla Anandpur, Pathankot, Teh & Distt -Pathankot (Pb) 145001 have changed my name from Asha Kumari to Surjit Devi and DOB from 06-05-1952 to 10-07-1953 being wrongly mentioned in Army Record of my husband.

I, Sonu S/o Mahavir R/o H. No. 1333, 2nd Floor, Sec.-14, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Sonu to Sonu Dhatterwal for all future purpose.

I, Sushma Kundu W/o Sanjay Kumar R/o H. No. 1346, Sector-13, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Sushma Kundu to Sushma Kumari for future purpose.

I. Teial D/o Saniav Kumar R/o H. No. 1346. Sector-13. Hisar. Harvana declare that I have changed my name from Tejal to Tejal Singh for future purpose.

I, Hardik Goyal S/o Duni Chand Goyal R/o H. No. 687, Urban Estate II. Hisar, Harvana declare that I have changed my name from Hardik Goyal to Hardik for future purpose.

I, Usha Bhutani W/o Sh. Bharat Bhushan Bhutani R/o H. No. 410, Sector-13, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Usha Devi to Usha Bhutani for future purpose.

I, Nijara Taye Wife of No. JC-423729W Rank SUB Name Siranjib Taye R/o Vill. Lepai Sumoni Gaon, PO Desang Mukh, Distt. Sivasagar, Assam-785640 have changed my date of birth in army record from 15-01-1983 to 19-03-1983 vide affidavit dated 08-05-2024 before Session Court Hisar.

I. Aniu Jacpal D/o Late Sh. Om Parkash R/o 10/11 .kalvani Nagar.Khoikipur Road. P.O Industrial Area. Ambala Cantt. Distt. Ambala declare that Ainu Bala Aniu Bala

D/C Sindhuja Gurbachan Singh R/O Shree Vinayak Nishulak Pathshalla Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Sindhuja To Brahmvedanand

I, Gurwinder Singh S/O Amrik Singh R/O 249, New Azad Nagar Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name Gurwinder Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname

I Sarbjeet Kaur W/O Pargat Singh Resident Of Village Jasraur, Tehsil Ainala **District Amritsar Have Changed** My Name From Sarbiit Kaur To Sarbjeet Kaur.

I Harnaam Singh S/O Bishan Singh R/O Village Malakpur Dist Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Harnaam Singh To Harnam Singh

I, Sandip Singh S/O Balbir Singh Resident Of Village Bir Raja Teja Singh (Rasulpur), Cheema Kalan, Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Sandip Singh To Sandeep Singh

I, Harminder Singh S/O Tarlochan Singh R/O Near Gurdwara Neeldhari, Vpo Attari, Amritsar Have Changed My Name Harminder Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname

I, Anju Suri W/O Naresh Kumar R/O H.No.69-70, Guru Hargobind Avenue, Kale Ghanupur, Chheharta, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Anju Suri To Anju Dhawan

I, Jangbhader Singh S/O Sadhu Singh R/O Vpo Chogawan Tehsil Ainala District Amritsar Have Changed Mv Name From Jangbhader Singh To Jangbahadar Singh

I, Ajmer Singh S/O Rashpal Singh R/O Village Bathe Bhaini Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Declare That My Father Was Know By Two Name's Rashpal Singh And Rachhpal Singh One And Same Person

I Jagmeet Singh Dhanoa S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O 289 Vpo Gurhi Sanghar Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Jagmeet Singh

I Yodh Singh S/O Bhagat Singh R/O 97 Bharat Nagar Batala Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Jodh Singh

I Rinku S/O Sardar Masih Address: Village Granthgarh Po Fatewal Teh Ajnala Distt Amritsar Punjab Have Changed My Name To Rinku Sahota

I Daliit Kaur Alias Baliit Kaur W/O Maniit Pal Singh R/O 40 Main Bazar Aman Avenue Majitha Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name From

I Ashok Kumar Sharma S/O Raj Pal R/O H.No. 310, Moon Avenue Majitha Rpad Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Ashok Kumar.

I, Bharti D/o Balraj Saini R/o H No 402/13 Jind Haryana, have changed my name from Bharti to Bharti Devi.

I, Shalil Saluja, s/o Harish Kumar, r/o house number 108, Subhash Nagar Tehsil Camp, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Shalil to Shalil Saluia for all future purposes.

I. Sonia W/o Davinder Kumar R/o Village Tira, Distt.SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Sonia to Sonia Rani.

I Anguri Devi Spouse of No 260524-G Surat Singh Gautam R/o VPO Sirsa Kheri, Tehsil Julana. Distt Jind Haryana have changed my name from Anguri Devi Gautam to Anguri and also changed my Date of birth from May 1947 to 01.01.1945.

I, Deeksha Kumari D/o No.GS-164059 DVR MT SPL Kishori Lal of (Unit) WBW (GREF) R/o Village Khadawar, PO Sujanpur Tehsil & District Pathankot, Declare That My Father Service Record My Name is Wrongly Written Entered as Diksha, Instead of Deeksha Kumari, Kindly So Correct It.

1. Surinder Singh Badesha S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o Vill Wazirpur Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur, have changed my name to Surinder Singh.

I, hitherto known as Sharanjeet Kaur wife of Opinderpal Randhawa R/o House No. 23, Ward No.4, M.C.Colony, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name and shall hereafter be known as Sharanjeet Kaur Randhawa

I. Lovepreet S/o Lakhbir Singh R/o Nanakpura Bhunna (Kaithal) have changed name given Lovepreet and Singh Surname

I, Priyanka W/o Sandeep Kumar R/o Village Sultanian Tehsil Guhla district (Kaithal), have changed name given Priyanka and Sharma Surname.

I. Meenakshi W/o Yash Paul R/o 2541, Sector 22-C Chandigarh, have changed my name from Lekhwati to Meenakshi

I, Rawinder Kaur W/O Amandeep Singh Vill Rania P/O Dhariwal (Gurdaspur) Have Changed My Name As Ravinder Kaur, Please Note

I Sukhbir Kaur W/O

I Ashok Chopra Son Of Subhash Chand Chopra Resident Of Main Bazar, Mirpur Tehsil Derabassi District Mohali Have Changed My Name From Ashok Chopra To Ashok Kumar

02

I, Sunitta Kumari Wife Of No. 14574654X, Rank: Naik, Name: Sukhbir Singh (Retd) Resident Of Vpo- Phurlak, Teh- Gharaunda, Distt- Karnal-132114 Have Changed My Name From Sunitta Kumari To Sunita Kumari VideAffidavit Dated 09 May 2024 Sworn In Before Notary, Karnal.

I. Ritu Devi Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of NO 10495470Y NK Vijay Kumar Presently Residing At Village Gopalwas, Teh Badhra Disti Charkhi Dadri Haryana Have Changed My Name From Ritu Devi To Ritu Kumari And Dob 05.05.1983 From 05.06.1982 Vide Affidavit Dated 19.12.2023 Before Executive Magistrate Charkhi Dadri

I, Naresh Devi W/O Raghbir Singh Panghal R/O H.No. 1880, Sector 2 - 3 Part Rohtak, Haryana - 124001 Have Changed My Name From Naresh Devi To Naresh Devi Panghal. In Future I Will Be Known As Naresh Devi Panghal.

I, Venu Gobind Sharma S/O Sh. Deepak Sharma R/O H.No. 570/5. Mohan Nagar Kurukshetra Inform That My Passport No. B2080237 Have Changed My Name From Vanu Gobind Sharma To Venu Gobind Sharma. All Concern Please Noted.

I, No. IC29693L COL Gurjeet Singh Bajwa VRC, SC STATE I Declare That Name Of My Spouse (Wife) As Per Aadhaar Card And Pan Card Is Pushpinder Kaur Bajwa. Ir My Ppo And Service Records Is Mentioned

As Puushpinder Bajwa. I Want To Change The Name Of My Spouse As Pushpinder Kaur Bajwa From Pushpinder Bajwa In My Pension Payment Order (Ppo) And Service Records.

I Harvinder Kaur W/O Chamkaur Singh RO Vpo Jiwanwala Faridkot Change My Name To Harwinder Kaur

I EX-NO-JC-810677A Rank-Sub/Clk, Name Joginder Singh. Residence Of Vill-Rampur Sani, Po- Partan Nagar, Tehsil- Nangal Dam District- Ruppagar State-Puniab Declare That I Amend My Daughter's Name (Jiwan Rana To Jeevan Rana) And Son (Vijay Kumar Rana To Vijay Singh Rana)

I Inder Pal Singh Multani S/O Judhbir Singh R/O #3508 Sector-69 Near Gurukul School, Mohali Tehsil & Dist Mohali Have Changed My Name From Inderpaul Singh To Inder Pal Singh Multani I Judhbir Singh S/O Avtar Singh R/O #3508 Sector-69 Near Gurukul School, Mohali Tehsil & Distt Mohali Have Changed My Name From Jodhbir Singh Multani To Judhbir Singh.

ite. Amar Singh resident of 185/29, Mahalana Road, Shyam Nagar, Sonipat, I evict my elder son Yashveer and his wife Sangeeta from all my movable and immovable properties because they are beyond my and my family's authority to deal with them in the future. The person donating will himself be responsible. Our family will not have any responsibility in this.

I. Karnail Singh Aadhaar No 765811930152 S/o Sh Jaswant Singh R/o H. No. 738/27, Jawahar Nagar, Sonipat, evict my son Amit from all my movable and immovable property because he is beyond my authority. And he has fallen into wrong company. In future, those who transact through this will themselves be responsible. There will be no responsibility for me and my family.

We, Rajbala wife Rajkumar and Rajkumar son Sarup Singh resident of 215, Sabun Darwaja, Sonipat, evict our son Devendra, his wife Renu and his daughter Vanshika from all our movable and immovable properties. This is beyond our hearing. The person making the transaction will himself be responsible. Apart from these three, we and our family will not have any responsibilities

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o sh. Ved Prakash R/o House No. 3301, Sector-71, SAS Nagar (Mohali). That I am the father of Jaina (UID No. 830786704415) minor, DOB 16.12.2012. That her name is Jaina and I have assumed surname with the name of my daughter i.e. as Jaina Arora, Arora is her Caste. That now in future the name of my daughter is Jaina Arora.

That In My Educational Certificates My Father Name Mentioned Incorrect As Ramu. His Correct Name Is Ram Bhardwaj. Concern Please

I, Jaswinder Kaur W/o Darshan Singh R/o Vill Sonta Teh Rajpura Distt Patiala declare that in my Bank Account my DOB Wrongly entered 15/7/1965 but my correct DOB is 1/1/1972.

I, No.16114570Y Lnk Bhadrasi Achuta Rao of Unit 15 Engr. C/o 56 Apo declare that in my Army record my father's name & DOB are wrongly entered as Tavudu & 03-07-1963 Whereas his correct name is Badrasi Tavudu and his Correct DOB is 01-01-1966 I. No.16114570Y Lnk

Bhadrasi Achuta Rao of Unit 15 Engr. C/o 56 Apo declare that in my Army record my Mother's name & DOB are wrongly entered as Laxmi & 20-02-1968, whereas her correct name is Badrasi Laxmi and her correct Date of Birth is 01-01-1971

I, Sanjana Singh Rathore W/o Bhupinder Singh Rathore resident of H.No. 98 Gram Surkheda, P.O. Sakhtali Tehsil Sitamau, District Mandsaur, MP- 458990 at present Bana Enclave, Mamun Cantt, Pathankot declare that I have changed my name from

Sanjana Singh Rathore to Sanju Rathore vide Affidavit dated 13-05-2024 I, Nafisa W/o Vilayat Mohammad R/o Vill. Fazilpur, Sub.Tehsil Sadhaura. Teh. Bilaspur, distt. Yamunanagar, states that in my passport no. J0838995 my name written as

Nafisa Begum which is

incorrect. While my correct

name is Nafisa.

Panchkula Haryana Declare have changed my name to Shindo. I. Rakesh Bala W/o Varinder Rathour R/O H.No-

57/7, Near Hanuman Janj Jawahar Nagar, Ghar, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001 have changed my name to Rishika Rathour.

I. Raiiv Saroha S/o Balbir Singh Saroha R/o 2239, 4th Floor, Anupam Sadan, Near GST Office, Sector-12, Sonipat have changed my minor daughter's name from Gitanjali to Gitanjali Saroha for all purposes.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Same Ram R/o H.No. 163, Vill. & Post-Kurar Ibhrahimpur, Distt. Sonipat, Harvana have changed my minor daughter's name from Shubhika to Shubhika Singh for all purposes.

I, Amarjeet Singh S/o Sh. Dalip Singh, resident of House No.6, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Sector 37, Chandigarh, hereby confirms that Amarjeet Singh Bisht alias Amarjeet Singh are same person.

I, Prashant S/O Ramesh Chand Bhardwaj #264, Colony No.2, Khuda Lahora Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Prashant Bhardwaj.

I, Yogesh Bansal s/o Sh. Chet Ram Bansal, R/o SCF No. 16, Sector 27-C, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor son from Ayush to Ayush Bansal.

I, Pankaj S/o Amrik Singh R/o VPO Saila Khurd Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Pankaj to Pankaj Singh. Concerned note.

ngeo my na Rishubh Kumar to Rishabh Saraogi, in future my name is to be called as Rishabh Saraogi.

I, Munish Kumar Sidana S/o Sh.Gian Chand Sidana R/o H.No. 3081/1. Sector-47D. Chandigarh have change my name to Munish Sidana.

I, Arvind Kumar, S/o Shri Amar Singh, R/o village Nalvikhurd Tehsil and district Karnal. have changed my name from Arvind to Arvind Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Jitender Kumar R/o H.No.1630/31. Ashram Basti. Bhiwani Road Bypass, Jind-126102, Haryana, have changed my daughter's name from Bhavika to Bhavika Ginderwal vide affidavit dated 13.05.2024 before Distt. Court, Jind.

I, Nidhi Goel W/o Mohan Goyal R/o H.No- 595-B/11, Shakti Nagar, Near Manav Chowk Ambala City have changed my name from Nidhi Goel to Nidhi Goyal.

l, Rakesh Kumar Aggarwal S/o Sh. Gurdas Rai Aggarwal R/o H.No. 316, Sector-9, Panchkula (Haryana) have declared that my name is Rakesh Kumar in the old passport of my son Amit Aggarwal which is wrongly recorded. Now I am getting my son's passport renewed Please register my son's father's name as Rakesh Kumar Agagrwal in his new passport.

I, Rohan S/o Arvind Kumar R/o Flat No. 77B, 2nd Floor, Highland Park. Bhabat. Zirakpur, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Punjabhave changed my name to Rohan Sharma.

Jagpal and Anju Jagpal are one and the same person. In future I should be known as Anju Jagpal for all academic and official purpose.

I Lakhwinder Singh S/o Tahar Singh R/o #35. St. 1, old sunder nagar, Mundian Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab declares that in my school record my father's name is wrongly mentioned as Tar Singh, whereas his correct

name is Tahar Singh. I, Khajani Devi W/o Late Sh. Ram Swroop R/o Banda Heri (24), Sub Teh. Balsmand, Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that in my Aadhar Card and

Pan Card my name is mentioned as Khaiani Devi and Date of birth is 01-01-1948 but my husband service record my name is mentioned as Khajani and DOB 01-01-1950. The above Both Khajani Devi and Khajani are my names and same person and my correct DOB is 01-01-1948.

I, Gautam Yadav s/o Mahabir r/o Dhani Chatrian, Tehsil & District Fatehabad declare that in my passport my father's name wrongly mentioned as Mahavir Prasad. While his correct name is Mahabir as per his all government documents. Now I am going to make it correct in my passport as Mahabir.

I, Sonia Sharma W/o Parveen Kumar R/o B-226,SF, Jindal Global City, Sec 29, Thanesar, Kurukshetra 136118 Have Changed My Name To Sonia.

I, Parveen Sharma S/o Kesho Ram Sharma R/o B-226, SF, Jindal Global City, Sec 29. Thanesar. Kurukshetra -136118 Have Changed My Name To Parveen & Surname Kumar.

Daljit Kaur Alias Baljit Kaur To Daljit Kaur

In My Son No. 4202476n L/Nk Vijay Yadav, 21 Kumaon Services Documents My Name Wrongly Written As Ramvir Yadav, Which Needs To Be Corrected As Ramveer. Ramveer Resident Of Etaily. Achhalda, Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh

In My Son No. 42078401 Sep Ashish Yadav, 21 Kumaon Services Documents My Name Wrongly Written As Ranjeet Yadav, Which Needs To Be Corrected As Ranjit. Ranjit Resident Of Patkapur, Patari, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh

In My Husband No. 4202476n L/Nk Vijay Yadav, 21 Kumaon Services Documents My Name Wrongly Written As Nitu Devi, Which Needs To Be Corrected As Neetu Neetu Resident Of Etaily, Achhalda, Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh

I, Laxmi Devi Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 14938133m Nk B Sreenivasulu Presently Residing At 1-45, Golia Street, Dornipadu, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518135 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Name From Laxmi Devi To Bandaru Lakshmi Devi Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb14612546295995w Dated 11-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I. No. 14938133m Nk B Sreenivasulu Residing At 1-45, Golia Street, Dornipadu, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518135, Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Bandaru Yuva Sai To Bandaru Vankata Yuva Sai Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb14612627036793w Dated 11-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

Inderjit Singh Bhullar R/O Near Gurdwara, Vill. Chak Madrassa Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Sukhbir Kaur Bhullar

I Saroj Kumari W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O House No. 105, Shiva Enclave, Bhabat, Zirakpur Sas Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Saroj Kumari To Saroj

I Rakesh Chandra S/O Mohan Lal R/O House No. 176B, Saini Vihar, Phase-1, Baltana, Zirakpur Sas Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Rakesh Chandra To Rakesh Chandra Shastri.

I Rohini Chawla W/O Jatinder Kumar R/O #29, Patel Colony, Rajpura Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name To Rohini

I Inderjit Singh Bhullar S/O Joginder Singh R/O Near Gurdwara, Vill. Chak Madrassa Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Minor Daughter Arnaaz Kaur's Name To Arnaaz Kaur Bhullar

I. Krishna Devi W/O Rai Kumar Popli, R/O Near Anandpur Ashram, Lalru Mandi, Distt- Sas Nagar Mohali, Punjab 140501, That I Have To Change My Name Krishna Popli To Krishna Devi For All Purposes, For All Future Purposes.

I Kaptan Singh S/O Sh. Ishwar Singh R/O Village Akalgarh, Jind, Haryana Declare. That In Birth Certificate Of My Son Vihaan Singh My Name Mentioned As Kaptan. In My All Name Documents My Mentioned As Kaptan Singh. Kaptan And Kaptan Singh One And Same Person.

I Ruchi Sidhana @ Ruchi Chawla W/O Mukesh Chawla (D/O Avinash Sidana) R/O Flat No. 3, Motiaz Royal Citi Zirakpur Sas Nagar Mohali Have Changed My Name From Ruchi Sidana To Ruchi Chawla.

I, Jarnail Kang S/o Gurmej Singh R/o Village Nahal, Shahkot, District Jalandhar. Puniab 144629 have changed my name from Jarnail Kang to Jarnail Singh Concerned note

I, Rajeev Juneja Son of Harbans Lal Juneja Resident of Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Rajiv Juneja

I, K Narayanan Son of Kadarkarai presently 37 (Coorg) Field Regiment, C/o 56 APO, Pin-925737 residing at Village- Asilapuram, Post-Solapuram, Tehsil District Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar, State Tamil Nadu, PIN-626139, have changed my Son's name from Hari Prasad to Hari Prasath N Vide Affidavit Dated 13 May 2024 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Harjinder Kaur W/o Sukhjit Singh R/o Fatehgarh Sahib, Balahra, Punjab-140406, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rajinder Kaur.

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Punjab's political landscape heats up as bigwigs file nominations for June 1 polls

Last date for filing nominations today

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MONIKA MALIK CHANDIGARH

As the deadline for filing nominations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Punjab approaches, the political atmosphere in the State has reached a fever pitch. With only a day left until the filing window closes on Tuesday, several prominent figures from various political parties have officially thrown their hats into the ring, setting the stage for a fiercely contested electoral battle on June 1.

Since May 8, a total of 372 nomination papers have been filed by the candidates across the state. Among those who filed their nominations on Monday were BJP candidate from Patiala Preneet Kaur, SAD candidate from Bathinda Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Congress candidate from Ludhiana Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, aam Aadmi party's Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer from Sangrur and Pawan Kumar Tinu from Jalandhar, and BJP's Anita Som Parkash from Hoshiarpur.

Before formalizing their electoral bids, the candidates head towards their respective places of faith to seek blessings of the almighty. While Punjab Congress chief Warring cancelled his roadshow in the wake of renowned Punjab poet Surjit Patar's demise, most of the candidates make their way to the office of Deputy Commissioners-cum-Returning Officers in huge convoys, with key leaders from all the parties lending their support to the party nominees.

Accompanied by her daughter Jai Inder Kaur, and son Raninder Singh, and other family mambers, Preneet submitted her nomination papers in Patiala after a visit to the historic Burj Baba Ala Singh, Qila Mubarak. Following this significant moment, Preneet kicked off her poll campaign with a spirited two-kilometer



BJP Patiala candidate Preneet Kaur with State Party President Sunil Jakhar and others in a roadshow to file her nomination papers on Monday. Pioneer Photo

roadshow from Sherewalan Gurudwara Qila Mubarak to Gate to Qila Chowk. Joined by seek blessings

esteemed dignitaries such as Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and BJP Punjab Singh president Sunil Jakhar, Preneet Warring submitted his nomled the convoy in a speciallybranded vehicle adorned with ination papers, accompanied by his wife the resonant slogan - "Patiale Amrita Warring, and Balkaur Singh Sidhu – the father of renowned Punjabi singer Da Bharosa, Preneet Kaur". The event garnered substantial support, with approximately 12,000 people walking along-Sidhu Moosewala. Holding a copy of India's Constitution, side the convoy for over three

the pioneer

hours. Bathinda MP and former Union Minister Harsimrat also filed her nomination papers amidst a notable gathering, including SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, who filed his nomination as Harsimrat's covering candidate. Earlier, Harsimrat, accompanied by her husband and their children Anantbir, Gurleen, and Harleen — sought the blessings at Sri Damdama Sahib before proceeding to submit her nomation papers.

In opposition, retired IAS Pappi also filed his nominaofficer Parampal Kaur Maluka tions from Ludhiana Lok also filed her nomination Sabha seat. Before the nomipapers after leading a massive nation, Pappi paid his respects at a temple; after which he and roadshow, drawing participation from thousands of suphis son Vikas volunteered to porters. Gujarat's former Chief clean shoes at the Gurudwara. Minister and the party's Punjab Warring and Pappi are locked in-charge Vijay Rupani, along in a multi-cornered contest with several BJP leaders, joined against sitting MP and BJP's Parampal in the roadshow that Ravneet Singh Bittu, and SAD's commenced from Power House Road and concluded at the DC office. Before her nomination, Parampal visited



Punjab Congress President and candidate from Ludhiana, Amarinder Singh Raja Warring on his way to file his nomination papers on Monday. Pioneer Photo

AAP's Pavan Kumar Tinu made a bold statement by fil-In Ludhiana, state ing his nomination. Prior to Congress president Amrinder this, he orchestrated a spec-

Raja **Ballot Battle** tion to his cam-

paign. Although speculation swirled about Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's attendance, Tinu took the spotlight solo. Joined by key figures including Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema and Local Government Minister Balkar Singh, the Warring paid homage to the late Punjabi poet Surjit Patar by canceling his scheduled roadshow and show-ofroadshow transformed the cityscape from Kachahri strength rally. After the nomination Chowk to the DC office. With ministers and election officials in tow, Tinu confidently process, Warring proceeded to submitted his nomination, inaugurate the Congress' election office on Ferozepur road, marking the beginning of a Ludhiana, marking the begindynamic electoral journey.

In Amritsar, sitting MP ning of his electoral campaign with a commitment to and Congress nominee Gurjeet Singh Aujla filed his nominauphold democratic values, and vowing to deliver justice tion, accompanied by senior leader Harish Chaudhary. The AAP's Ashok Parashar contest in Amritsar is shaping up to be a three-way battle, with former IFS officer Tarunjit Singh Sandhu representing the BJP and Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal contesting on AAP's ticket.

In Sri Anandpur Sahib, Congress Vijay Inder Singla and BSP's Jasvir Singh Garhi filed their nominations. BJP candidate Anita Som

Ranjit Singh Dhillon, who also Prakash also filed her nomifiled his papers on Monday. From the streets of Jalandhar to the DC office, nation from Hoshiarpur parliamentary constituency after leading a roadshow along with

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, her husband tacular roadshow, Union Minister Som Prakash, and Tejashwi Sood. drawing atten-

SAD candidate Daljit Singh Cheema also submitted his nomination papers from Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency, in the presence of former MLA Gurubachan Singh Babbehali and other senior Akali leaders. AAP's Minister Dr Balbir

Singh also filed his nomination in Patiala, while another Cabinet Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal submitted his papers from Amritsar. Another AAP Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer filed his nomination from Sangrur, while his challenger Arvind Khanna also filed his papers in the presence of Sunil Jakhar. SAD nominee Virsa Singh Valtoha also submitted his papers for the Khadoor Sahib seat in Tarn Taran district.

As the election drama unfolds in Punjab, the political landscape promises to be dynamic and closely contested. With the deadline for filing ending on Tuesday, candidates

across party lines are leaving no stone unturned in their quest to secure victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The scrutiny of nomination papers

will take place on May 15, with the last date for withdrawal of candidature on May 17.

Wives surpassing their betterhalves in wealth and assets

Election affidavits reveal surprising wealth disparities between Punjab's political couples

MONIKA MALIK **–** CHANDIGARH

A s the political landscape in Punjab heats up with the filing of nomination papers, a captivating narrative of finan-cial dynamics unfolds, painting a picture of wealth disparities within prominent political famwithin prominent political families. Revelations from the affidavits submitted by candidates and their spouses have brought to light a fascinating twist the wives are flaunting significantly higher assets and income compared to their husbands

In Bathinda, Akali Dal candidate Harsimrat Kaur Badal has disclosed staggering details regarding her financial standing. Despite abstaining from purchasing any jewelry over the past five years, she boasts a jewelry collection valued at a whopping Rs seven crores. Additionally, her annual income has seen a substantial surge, rising from Rs 19 lakhs during the 2019 elections to a current figure of Rs 31 lakhs. In contrast, her husband Sukhbir Badal has recently

acquired a Land Rover worth Rs 1.5 crores. The Badal family's financial

disclosures don't stop there. Harsimrat's total movable assets stand at approximately Rs 30.49 crores, surpassing her hus-band's Rs 24.37 crores. Moreover, while Harsimrat owns properties worth Rs 19.96 crores, Sukhbir's property hold-ings amount to Rs 51.87 crores. However, both spouses share a collective debt burden of around Rs 38 crores, with Sukhbir Badal accounting for the majority of it.

Moving to another political household, BJP candidate Preneet Kaur from Patiala revealed her penchant for luxury cars and jewelry. With a jewelry collection worth nearly Rs 50 lakhs and assets totaling over Rs 3.7 crores, Preneet presents a formidable financial profile. Meanwhile, her husband, Patiala's scion, Capt Amarinder Singh, Punjab's former Chief Minister did not own a car, while Preneet owns an Innova, a high-end sedan, and a Scorpio car, with a market value of approximately Rs

50.68 lakhs. When it comes to jewelry, Capt Amarinder shows a greater inclination. While the Maharani possesses 601.6

grams of gold and precious gemstones, the former Chief Minister boasts jewelry embedded with 1946.46 grams of gold and precious gemstones. Additionally, the family under HUF holds 1931.87 grams of iewelry.

On the other hand, Preneet possesses assets worth Rs 2.71 crores, whereas Capt Amarinder holds movable assets worth Rs 1.52 crores. Similarly, under the HUF, the Patiala royal family holds movable assets worth Rs 4.95 crores Furthermore, Preneet holds assets worth Rs 3.70 crores, Capt Amarinder holds assets worth Rs 13.80 lakhs, and under the HUF, there are assets worth Rs 12.75 crores. Apart from this, the family also possesses separate properties

worth Rs 35 crores. In Ludhiana, Congress candidate Raja Warring's financial disclosures paint a similar picture of wealth asymmetry within political couples. His wife, Amrita, outshines him in both income and assets, earning 65 lakhs annually compared to his 34 lakhs. Amrita's assets amount to 4.16 crores, surpassing Raja's 3.64 crores, further highlighting the evolving financial dynamics in Punjab's political arena.

No member of Bhajan Lal, Bansi Lal families in fray this time in LS polls

switched over to the BJP

Ravi is the son of Devi Lal's

Shruti

son late Partap Singh Chautala. INLD leader Abhay Singh

Chautala is contesting from the

Choudhary, granddaughter of

former chief minister Bansi Lal,

has been denied the Congress

ticket from the Bhiwani-

The ruling BJP too did not consider fielding Kuldeep

Bishnoi or his son Bhavya Bishnoi from the Hisar seat.

Kuldeep is former chief minis-

ter Bhajan Lal's younger son.

The Congress has fielded sit-

ting MLA Rao Dan Singh from

Bhiwani-Mahendragarh while

the BJP went with Ranjit Singh

Kurukshetra seat.

However,

Mahendragarh seat.

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recently; JJP MLA Naina Chautala (57), who is wife of For the last almost six decades, ever since Haryana JJP chief and Devi Lal's grandwas carved out as a separate son Ajay Singh Chautala; and state in 1966, its politics has Sunaina Chautala (47), wife of revolved around four promi-INLD leader Abhay Singh nent political families — Devi Chautala's cousin Ravi Lal, Bhajan Lal, Bansi Lal and Chautala - are contesting the Hoodas. against each other from the Hisar parliamentary seat.

Earlier, Haryana's three famous 'Lals' — Devi Lal, Bansi Lal and Bhajan Lal — ruled the state by turn for decades. Before the BJP came to power on its own strength in 2014, it was the Hooda family which called the shots.

The kin of the two famous Lals — former chief ministers Bansi Lal and Bhajan Lal who over the years had been entering the fray during the parliamentary polls, have this time been sidelined and have not got the ticket from their respective parties.

However, four members of the family of former deputy prime minister Devi Lal, popularly known as 'Tau' Devi Lal, have entered the contest from the Hisar and Kurukshetra polls. Earlier, her late father Surender Singh and grandfather Bansi Lal held the Bhiwani seat on multiple occasions.

In 2009, Bhajan Lal was elected from Hisar as a candidate of his own outfit Haryana Janhit Congress (BL). After his demise, his son Kuldeep Bishnoi won the seat in the 2011 bypolls. In 2019, Kuldeep's son Bhavya Bishnoi unsuccessfully contested the Hisar seat when he was in the Congress. He was defeated by former Union minister Birender Singh's son, a bureaucrat-turned-politician Brijendra, a BJP candidate. Now, Kuldeep and Bhavya are in the BJP while Birender Singh and Brijendra Singh left the BJP

recently to join the Congress. From Rohtak, former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda's son Deepender Singh Hooda, at present a Rajya Sabha MP, has entered the contest from the family stronghold. Deepender is a three-time former MP from Rohtak and in 2019 he lost to BJP's Arvind Sharma, against whom he is

Chautala from Hisar. ed MP from Bhiwani-Mahendergarh in 2009, but BJP's Dharambir Singh defeated her in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha

Close vigil will be kept on those sending objectionable SMS: Hry CEO

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 $H_{\mathrm{said}}^{\mathrm{aryana}}$ Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Agarwal on Monday said that the cost of bulk SMS sent by the candidate during the campaign in Lok Sabha General Elections-2024 will also be

BJP did not accept demand for Ahir Regiment: Bhupinder Hooda

PNS REWARI

winnste Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Monday questioned the BJP and its leaders on why the BJP government rejected the demand for formation of the Ahir Regiment, emphasising that BJP has lost the right to seek votes

to Sidhu Moosewala family.

Class Congress Captain Ajay

On this occasion, Capt Ajay Singh Yadav, Congress State Yadav said there is a direct con-**D**ormer Haryana Chief President Chaudhary Udaibhan, test between the Congress, which

He said that the district administration and the Assistant Returning Officer concerned on getting the information about the use of bulk messages during the election campaign period, will assess the estimate of the expenditure incurred on it from the respective service provider and include the same into the expenditure account of the candidate.

The CEO said that as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India, there will be a complete ban on sending bulk SMS of a political nature during the period up to 48 hours before the end of polling. During the election campaign in all the districts, mobile service providers have given instructions to bring the information about such bulk SMS to the notice of the monitoring team. The Commission has also issued detailed instructions for the conduct of elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner. He said that the teams will also keep a close vigil on those sending objectionable SMS during the election campaign. During the course of the investigation, the sender of such SMS will be traced and appropriate action will be taken against him as per rules, he added.

BUZZ

PM Modi, Shah, Nadda, Yogi

to boost BJP's campaign in

Chandigarh: To ramp up

BJP's electoral presence in

Punjab, the saffron party on

Monday announced the

deployment of heavyweight

campaigners including Prime

Minister Narendra Modi,

Union Home Minister Amit

Shah, national president JP Nadda, and Uttar Pradesh Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath,

among 40 others. Aiming to

bolster the prospects of its can-

didates contesting in the

upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Punjab, senior BJP leader

Punjab

in this region. Hooda, who had reached Rewari on Monday to campaign with Congress candidate Raj Babbar, questioned why the BJP leaders could not fulfill this most important demand of Ahirwal, and asked why did BJP leaders not support the youth in the movement against Agniveer.

Hooda was accompanied by National President of Backward

and many senior leaders of the Congress.

Addressing the election meetings, Hooda said the BJP has lost the right to seek the votes of the people of Ahirwal because it has broken the hopes of the youth by implementing schemes like Agniveer and rejecting the demand for Ahir Regiment. "BJP leaders have maintained unfortunate silence on every important occasion, the entire Ahirwal is suffering the consequences of this. But this time Raj Babbar will become a strong voice of Gurugram Lok Sabha and Congress will fulfill all the demands of the youth of Ahirwal," he said

fighting Constitution, and the BJP, which intends to destroy the Constitution, this time. "In such a situation, people will vote for the Congress which protects the Constitution and democracy and

will make Raj Babbar win with a huge majority," he stated. On the occasion, Raj Babbar claimed a big victory for Congress from Gurugram. He said the BJP has ignored Gurugram on every front. "This government is neither able to provide a safe environment to the people of this Lok Sabha, nor employment to the youth, or clean water or air to the citizens, nor any confidence in the future.

Interestingly, three members of the Devi Lal family -Lal's son Ranjit Singh Chautala, an Independent MLA who

Polling for all the 10 seats in Haryana will be held in the sixth of the seven-phase elections on May 25.

Union Minister Anurag Thakur, Cong candidate Vinod Sultanpuri submit nomination Papers in Himachal

filed his nomination from

Shimla (SC) Lok Sabha seat.

The Congress candidate was accompanied by Chief Minister

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu,

party's state unit chief Pratibha

Singh and Cabinet Minister

Harshwardhan Chauhan,

Talking to media person

among others.

PNS SHIMLA

Union Minister Anurag Thakur and Congress candidate Vinod Sultanpuri filed their nominations for Hamirpur and Shimla (SC) Lok Sabha seat, respectively on Monday. Thakur was accompanied by senior BJP leaders and his brother Arun Dhumal, the chairman of the Indian Premier League as he submitted is nomination papers. The senior BJP leader is seeking a fifth term in the Lok Sabha from the Hamirpur seat in Himachal Pradesh.

Before filing his nomination, Thakur paid obeisance at the temple of Maa Awahdevi and addressed people at several places. Hundreds of party functionaries and locals greet-ed him with garlands and wished him luck. The Congress Congress candidates contesting Lok Sabha polls in the state have filed their nominations. This is not a normal election. has fielded Satpal Raizada, a It is an election to save democformer MLA of Una, as its canracy and give the politics of the country a direction," the chief minister said and alleged that didate against Anurag Thakur. In Shimla, sitting MLA from Kasauli Vinod Sultanpuri

the BJP used money power to try to topple the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh. Polling in all four Lok

Sabha seats in Himachal Pradesh will be held in the last of the seven-phase Lok Sabha elections on June 1. Bypolls to six assembly seats in the state, which fell vacant following the disqualification of rebel Congress MLAs, will be held

versy, Channi stated that Bibi

Jagir Kaur is like an elder sister

to him, and his actions were out

of respect. He clarified that he

after Sultanpuri submitted his papers, Sukhu said all four simultaneously. Punjab Women panel seeks report from DGP into

PNS CHANDIGARH

Taking a suo motu cognizance of a viral video purportedly showing former Chief Minister and Congress candidate from Jalandhar Charanjit Singh Channi touching the chin of former SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur, the Punjab State Commission for Women on Monday sought a detailed report into the matter from the state police chief.

In a letter addressed to the state's Director General of Police (DGP), the Commission's chairperson has requested a status report by May 14 regarding the incident captured in the video. The Commission emphasized that Bibi Jagir Kaur's status as a

former Cabinet Minister and former chief of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the apex

body governing Sikh shrines. The video in question depicts Channi meeting Bibi Jagir Kaur after filing his nomi-nation papers in Jalandhar, where she was accompanying Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) candidate Mohinder Singh Kaypee. In the clip, Channi is seen grabbing Kaur's hands, bowing, and engaging in banter, during which he touches her chin. Both leaders and their supporters are

Channi have begun circulating the video as memes on social media platforms.

Pioneer Photo

Vijay Sampla, who has been vocal about his dissatisfaction Sunil Jakhar, Hema Malini, Smriti Irani, Manoj Tiwari, over not receiving a ticket from Hoshiarpur, also found a place in the list of star campaigners. Alongside, prominent fig-

ures from neighbouring state Haryana, including Chief Minister nayab Singh Saini, Chugh, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hardeep Puri, Som his predecessor Manohar Lal Khattar; and Union Ministers Dr Jitendra Singh, Vijay Rupani, Narendra Singh Raina, Capt Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, and Anurag Thakur, feature prominently. These star campaigners will traverse the state in the coming days, rallying support for the party's candidates. The lineup includes BJP Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Shwet

Kejriwal, wife Sunita, 'jailed'

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann campaigned for AAP candidate Malvinder Kang in Nawanshahr on Monday. stalwarts like state BJP president Malik, Kewal Singh Dhillon, Jangi Lal Mahajan, Manpreet Singh Badal, Fatehjang Singh Bajwa, and Ashwani Sekhri.

Dinesh Lal Yadav (Nirahua), Preeti Sapru, and Manthiri Srinivasulu. Sisodia among AAP's star Additionally, the list includes Saudan Singh, Tarun campaigners for Punjab Chandigarh: Delhi Chief

Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal, his wife Sunita Kejriwal, Punjab Chief Prakash, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister Bhagwant Mann, Amarinder Singh, Manoranjan along with its two jailed lead-Kalia, Charanjit Singh Atwal, ers – Delhi's former Deputy Ashwani Sharma, Avinash Rai Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Khanna, Harjeet Singh Grewal, and former Minister Satyendar Jain — will be the Aam Aadmi

Party's star campaigners in Punjab for the June 1 Lok Sabha elections.

While Kejriwal, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a money-laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam, is currently out on bail till June 1, Sisodia and Jain are behind bars.

Among the 40 start campaigners are party's Rajya Sabha MPs Sanjay Singh; Raghav Chadha – who is currently abroad for eye treatment; Sandeep Pathak - party's national general secretary; Delhi Cabinet Ministers -Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Gopal Rai, and Kailash Gahlot.

The list also included the names of Punjab Cabinet Ministers Harpal Singh Cheema, Aman Arora, Anmol Gagan Mann, Chetan Singh Jauramajra, Bram Shanker Jimpa, Harjot Singh Bains, Balkar Singh, Harbhajan Singh ETO, Baljit Kaur, and Lal Chand Kataruchak. The remaining five Ministers, who are contesting elections, are not party's star campaigners.

Besides, Punjab MLAs Principal Budhram, Prof Baljinder Kaur, Kulwant Singh Pandori, Saravjit Kaur Manuke, Inderbir Singh Nijjar, Jagdeep

Dinesh Chadha are also AAP's start campaigners. Punjab BJP leader Swaran

Salaria joins AAP

Singh Goldy Kamboj, and

Chandigarh: Upset over denial of ticket from the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha seat, the businessman-turned-politician and senior BJP leader Swaran Salaria on Monday joined the ruling AAP. Notably, Salaria, after the BJP fielded former video showing Channi touching Jagir Kaur's chin MLA Dinesh Babbu from Gurdaspur the previous month, had raised a banner of revolt. An aspirant for the party ticket from the constituency, Salaria has unsuccessfully contested the 2017 bypoll from Gurdaspur seat on a BJP ticket following the death of the then MP Vinod Khanna. Polling more than three lakh votes, Salaria was defeated by the Congress' Sunil Jakhar, who is now the Punjab BJP

president. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann welcomed Salaria into the party fold. Meanwhile, Nitin Nanda

the Shiromani Akali Dal-Bahujan Samaj Party alliance candidate from Anandpur in the 2022 assembly elections also joined AAP.

the Jalandhar seat on a Congress ticket, has recently faced criticism for his remarks regarding the

seen sharing laughter. Poonch terror attack, where he However, political rivals of referred to it as a "stunt" intended to benefit the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections. This statement drew condemnation from vari-

Responding to the controous political quarters.

bowed as a gesture of respect when he met her.

Meanwhile, Congress MLA from Phillaur and Channi's rival Vikramjit Singh Chaudhary has demanded action against the former Chief Minister asserting that his behaviour towards a Sikh woman was "disrespectful". Channi, who is contesting



Plea in SC seeks review of EVM VVPAT verdict

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plea has been filed in the A Supreme Court seeking review of its April 26 judge-ment by which it had rejected the demand for reverting to the old paper ballot system and the complete cross-verification of votes cast using EVMs with a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). The review petition was filed by Arun Kumar Agrawal, who had filed the PIL on the issue earlier, through lawyer Neha Rathi.

The review plea filed on May 10 said, "There are mistakes and errors apparent on the face of the impugned order..., and as such there are sufficient reasons which require review of the impugned order/judgment...

"The petitioner respectfully seeks review on the following issues as have been dealt with in judgment dated April 26, 2024: i) Feasibility of count-

ing of all VVPAT paper slips in terms of time to be taken and additional manpower, ii) Vulnerability of SLU (symbol loading units) and iii) Percentage of VVPAT slips counted for tallying with

counted for tailying with EVM votes after C h a n d r a b a b u Naidu...Judgment." The plea dealt with the feasi-bility of counting of all VVPAT paper slips in terms of time to be taken and addiof time to be taken and additional manpower and referred to the relevant portion of the judgement. "During the course of hear-

ing, it was suggested that instead of physically counting the VVPAT slips, they can be counted by a counting machine. This suggestion, including the suggestion that bar-coding of the symbols loaded in the VVPATs may be helpful in machine counting, may be examined by the ECI, the top court had said in the judgement.

Seeking physical counting, the plea said the counting of all **VVPAT** slips can be done "accurately with a fraction of the employees and at a fraction of cost and within five to eight hours". It said the VVPAT paper is of

the same size as the thermal print out received when a credit or debit card is swiped

on making a payment. "The counting of the slips after they have been sorted candidate-wise, is in fact easier than counting normal paper because the VVPAT paper slip is sightly curled on account of being thermally printed from a roll. The curling makes the picking up of the paper slip from the sur-face of a table easy.

'Each slip can be counted while being picked to make bundles of 25 slips as mandated under instructions given in the ECI's Manual on EVM and VVPAT, 2023," the plea said.

votes have been accurately recorded. 'Furthermore, given their

circumstances of people: Sonia

It said EVMs do not allow very nature, EVMs are especially vulnerable to malicious voters to verify that their

changes by insiders such as designers, programmers, manufacturers, maintenance

Congress guarantees will change Seventh edition of exercise Shakti between

technicians, etc. Therefore, in light of the above there are apparent errors on the face of the impugned order dated April 26, 2024 and the impugned judgment, is liable to be reviewed," it said.

On April 26, a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta had termed the suspicion of manipulation of the EVMs "unfounded" and trashed the demand for reverting to the old paper ballot system.

The bench had said that the polling devices were "secure" and eliminated booth capturing and bogus voting.

However, the judgement had opened a window for aggriev-ed unsuccessful candidates securing second and third places in poll results and allowed them to seek verification of micro-controller chips embedded in five per cent EVMs per assembly constituency on a written request upon payment of a fee to the

Ît had directed that from May 1, the symbol loading units should be sealed and secured in a container and stored in a strongroom along with the EVMs for a minimum period of 45 days post-declaration of results.

By the judgement, the top court had dismissed the PILs which had also sought a direction to return to the ballot paper system.

"A voting mechanism must uphold and adhere to the principles of security, accountability, and accuracy. An over complex voting system may engender doubt and uncertainty, thereby easing the chances of manipulation. In our considered opinion, the EVMs are simple, secure and user-friendly. The voters, candidates and their representatives, and the officials of the ECI are aware of the nitty-gritty of the EVM system. They also check and

India, France begins in Meghalaya

ensure righteousness and integrity," the bench had said. It had said the possibility of hacking or tampering with the agnostic firmware in the burnt memory of EVMs to tutor or favour results is "unfounded".

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"Accordingly, the suspicion that the EVMs can be configured or manipulated for repeated or wrong recording of vote(s) to favour a partic-ular candidate should be rejected," the bench had said. It had said the incorporation of the VVPAT, an independent vote verification system which enables electors to see whether their votes have been recorded correctly, fortifies the principle of vote verifiability, thereby enhancing the overall accountability of the electoral process.

The seven-phase Lok Sabha polls began on April 19 and will conclude with the announcement of results on June 4.

SC notice to Himachal HC on plea of two district judges who question HC Collegium decision

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The Supreme Court on Monday sought a response from the Registrar General of the Himachal Pradesh High Court on a plea of two senior most district and sessions judges alleging that their merit and seniority were not considered by the High Court collegium in selection of names

for HC judgeship. A bench comprising justices Hrishikesh Roy and Prashant Kumar Mishra took note of the submissions of senior advocate Arvind Datar, appearing for the two district and sessions judges, that the judicial officers, who are junior to them, had been recommended for the high court judgeship under the inservice quota.

The petition was filed by Chirag Bhanu Singh and Arvind Malhotra, who are presently serving as the district and sessions judges at Bilaspur and Solan, respectively in the state, alleging non-consideration of their names by the high court collegium for the judgeship.

The senior lawyer referred to a collegium resolution of January

4, 2024 of the apex court and the subsequent communication of the Union Ministry of Law and Justice to the Himachal Pradesh High Court and said that as per these, the names of the petitioner judicial officers should have been considered by the high court collegium.

"The petitioners are the senior most judicial officers in the state and they have unblem-ished records," Datar said. The plea questioned the selection process of the judicial officers by the high court collegiums for elevation to as HC judges and said their merit and

seniority were ignored despite

the issue being specifically referred to in the apex court collegium's resolution. The plea said the apex court collegium's decision to send

their names for reconsideration by the HC collegiums was followed by a communication from Union law minister to the Chief Justice of the high court urging him to reconsider the names of the petitioner judicial officers.

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ongress Parliamentary Cparty chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Monday assured people that the "guarantees" listed by the party in its Lok Sabha poll manifesto will change their circumstances in this "difficult time".

In a video message, which was shared by the Congress on social media, she said women of the country are facing tough times in the wake of a "severe crisis" and the party's 'Mahalakshmi scheme' for them will help change their lives.

"My dear sisters, women have made a huge contribution, from the freedom struggle to the creation of modern India. However, today our women are facing a crisis amid severe inflation. To do justice to their hard work and penance, the Congress has come up with a revolutionary guarantee," Sonia Gandhi said.

"The Congress' 'Mahalakshmi' scheme guarantees that we will give Rs 1 lakh every year to a

literature and culture."

woman from a poor family," she said in her message, an

appeal to people voting in the ongoing fourth round of the seven-phase general elections to support the Congress.

Sonia Gandhi said the Congress' "guarantees" have already changed the lives of crores of families in Karnataka and Telangana, where it has also implemented the scheme. The Congress is in power in these two southern states.

"Be it MGNREGA, Right to Information, Right to Education or through schemes like Food Security, the Congress party has empowered millions of Indians. The 'Mahalakshmi' is the latest guarantee to take our work forward," Sonia Gandhi said.

"In this difficult time, I want to assure you that the hand of assure you that the hand of Congress is with you and this hand will change your cir-cumstances. Thank you. Jai Hind," the former Congress president said, referring to her party's symbol party's symbol.

Her appeal was shared by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, former party president Rahul Gandhi and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi

Vadra on their X handles. Rahul Gandhi, while sharing his mother's message, said "Women from poor families remember - your one vote is equal to Rs 1 lakh annually in your account." "The Congress' 'Mahalaxmi' scheme is going to be a lifesaver for women struggling amid terrible inflation and unemployment. With Rs 8,500 being deposited directly into bank accounts every month, women of India will become free from financial dependence and will be able to write their own family's destiny," he said. "So vote and change your circumstances,"

Rahul Gandhi said while sharing Sonia Gandhi's message.

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The seventh edition of the 'Exercise Shakti' between India and France began in Meghalaya on Monday with an aim to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake multi-domain operations in a sub-conventional scenario, the defence ministry said.

The joint military exercise also seeks to enhance the level of defence cooperation between the two friendly nations and boost their bilateral ties. Exercise Shakti, being held from May 13-26, will enable the two sides to share their best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures of conducting joint operations, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Tactical drills to be practiced during the exercise will include response to a terrorist action of capturing a defined territory, setting up of a joint command post, establishment of an intelligence and surveillance centre, securing a helipad or landing

"The joint exercise will facilitate developing inter-operabil-

ity, bonhomie and camaraderie between armed forces personnel of the two countries.

fostering bilateral relations between the two friendly nations," the statement said. The opening ceremony of the joint exercise was attended by Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India and Major General Prasanna Sudhakar Joshi, General Officer Commanding 51 Sub Area, the ministry said.

Indian masterpieces find place in UNESCO Measles jab single dose 2.6 times more likely register to be ineffective in kids born via C section: Study 40 observers and nominees, tionally attributed to writer

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said an official from the Vishnu Sharma is a collection

site, small team insertion and extraction, special heliborne operations, cordon and search operations besides employment of drones and counterdrone systems among others, it said.

Exercise Shakti is a biennial training event conducted alternatively in India and France. The last edition was conducted in France in November 2021

The seventh edition of the exercise commenced on Monday at Umroi, in a fully developed and modern foreign training node in Meghalaya.

This will also enhance the level of defence cooperation, further

ndia's literary masterpieces L'Ramcharitmanas 'Panchatantra', and 'Sahdayaloka-Locana' have earned a prestigious place in UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register, a significant acknowledgment of their cultural and historical importance. Authored by Kashmiri poet

Acharya Anandvardhan, Pandit Vishnu Sharma, and Hindu saint and poet Goswami Tulsidas respectively, these trio iconic Indian literary works have left an enduring impact on readers and artists in India as well as worldwide.

In what is a proud moment for India, their inclusion in prestigious UNESCI register also adds a feather in the cap of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) which had played a crucial role in securing their inclusion at the 10th meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP) in Ulaanbatar.

Significantly, this is the IGNCA's first achievement at

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the Regional Register since its inception in 2008.

Professor Ramesh Chandra Their inclusion in the register Gaur, Dean (Administration) highlights their transcendent and Head of the Department, Kala Nidhi Division at IGNCA influence, which extends beyond borders and generatold The Pioneer. He had pretions, shaping the moral fabric sented these three entries from and artistic expressions of India, effectively defending the diverse cultures. nominations at the UllanBatar "This achievement highlights convention.

At the gathering in Ulaanbaatar the timeless value and influence of these literary works, which 38 representatives from memhave deeply impacted Indian ber states convened alongside

After undergoing rigorous deliberations and receiving recommendations from the Register Subcommittee, all three nominations secured inclusion, highlighting their significance in India's literary legacy.

Gaur added that their inclusion in UNESCO's register reaffirms India's rich literary heritage and underscores the importance of preserving and promoting such cultural treasures for future generations. Authored by Goswami Tulsidas, 'Ramcharitmanas' is an epic poem that narrates the life of Lord Rama, a revered figure in Hindu mythology. It is written in the Awadhi dialect of Hindi, and is one of the most renowned works of devotional literature in India.

'Ramcharitmanas' is not only a religious text but also a cultural symbol, influencing art, music, and literature across India.

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and their adventures. The 'Panchatantra' has been translated into numerous languages and has had a profound impact on storytelling traditions worldwide.

Authored by Kashmiri poet Acharya Anandvardhan, 'Sahdayaloka-Locana' is a significant literary work in the field of aesthetics and literary criticism. It provides insights into the principles of Sanskrit poetics and analyzes various aspects of literary composition. It has contributed to the understanding and appreciation of Sanskrit literature and

aesthetics "By honouring these literary masterpieces, the world not only paying homage to the creative genius of their creators born via C-section. from India but also ensures that their profound wisdom and timeless teachings continue to inspire and enlighten future is linked to the development of generations," added Gaur. the child's gut microbiome —

more likely to be completely ineffective in children born by C-section, compared to those born naturally, a study has said, emphasising the importance of tailoring vaccination strategies to address the differences in vaccine effectiveness based Measles is a highly infectious disease preventable by vac-

cines. However, failure of the the vast collection of microbes jab can significantly increase that naturally live inside the gut. Vaginal birth is known to The study led by a team of researchers from the universitransfer a greater variety of microbes from mother to baby, ties of Cambridge, UK, and which can boost the immune system."We've discovered that Fudan in China, showed that a second measles jab is vital the way we're born — either by C-section or natural birth and induces a robust immunity against measles in children has long-term consequences on our immunity to diseases as The study, published in the we grow up," said Professor journal Nature Microbiology, Henrik Salje in the University found that the vaccine's effect of Cambridge's Department

of Genetics.

the ones we really want to be following up to make sure they get their second measles jab because their first jab is much more likely to fail," he added

At least 95 per cent of the population needs to be fully vaccinated to keep measles under control.

For the study, the team used data from previous studies of over 1,500 children in Hunan, China, which included blood samples taken every few weeks

"Infants born by C-section are

Over 9,600 children wrongly incarcerated in adult Indian prisons between 2016-2021: Study "This means an average of not all those who were juveon data obtained under

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

More than 9,600 children were wrongly incarcerated in adult prisons across India between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2021, a new study has found. The data for the study --"Incarceration of Children in Prisons in India" -- was obtained under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

The study by legal rights body iProbono sheds light on a deeply concerning issue affecting the juvenile justice system in India. The data indicates that at least 9,681 children were wrongly incarcerated in adult prisons between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2021.

over 1,600 children were niles at the time of their transferred out of prisons across the country every year," the study said, referring to the children identified by Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB) and moved to juvenile homes from adult jails. This figure was ascertained on

the basis of responses to RTI requests by 285 district and central prisons out of a total of 570. "This also does not include the 749 other prisons from which we did not request data, including sub jails, women's prisons, open prisons, special prisons,

alleged offence, including those identified by prison visitors, families or through self-identification," it said. Several states failed to adequately respond to enquiries, with notable non-compliance

from Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Nagaland and the Union Territory of Ladakh. Among the states that responded, the study said the figures reveal alarming patterns. With a response rate -- jails that provided data -- of 71 per

cent, Uttar Pradesh reported that 2,914 children were borstal schools and other prisons. It also, as previously transferred from prisons to mentioned, only includes juvenile homes. However, the those who were successfully data indicates discrepancies, identified and transferred, with some prisons showing

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dren were transferred out of high numbers of detained children despite no visits from adult jails. Instances were noted of more children being In Bihar, where 34 per cent of identified by JJBs than those prisons responded, 1,518 chiltransferred. Madhya Pradesh provided no data despite repeated appeals under the RTI Act. West Bengal also provided no data.

Responses from 35 per cent of prisons in Maharashtra revealed that only 34 children were transferred, significantly lower than those identified by JJBs. The study found that Delhi demonstrated a highly organised approach to juvenile justice, with clear direc-tives from Delhi High Court aimed at preventing the incarceration of children in adult facilities.

Haryana -- where data was provided by 90 per cent of prisons -- transferred 1,621 children, correlating well with the number identified during JJB visits. In Rajasthan, 108 children were transferred,

according to data from 51 per cent of its prisons, with a notable lack of information on children identified during JJB visits.

Chhattisgarh transferred 159 children, data from 44 per cent of its jails showed, revealing disparities in JJB visitation patterns across prisons. Iharkhand transferred 1,115 children, also highlighting discrepancies in JJB visitations and identification practices, with 60 per cent of its prisons responding to RTI queries for the study.

Prisons in Odisha and Tamil Nadu demonstrated extremely low response rates to the queries, with no children reported to have been transferred from prisons to juvenile homes. The report relied

Section 6 of the RTI Act, which pertains to the Request for Obtaining Information. Between April 2022 and March 2023, 124 RTI applications were filed across 28 states and two Union Territories, primarily directed to Prison Headquarters, except for Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, where applications were filed in each district and central jail at the directions of the Prison Headquarters. The data excludes the Union

Territory jurisdictions of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, and Lakshadweep due to the absence of district and central jails there.

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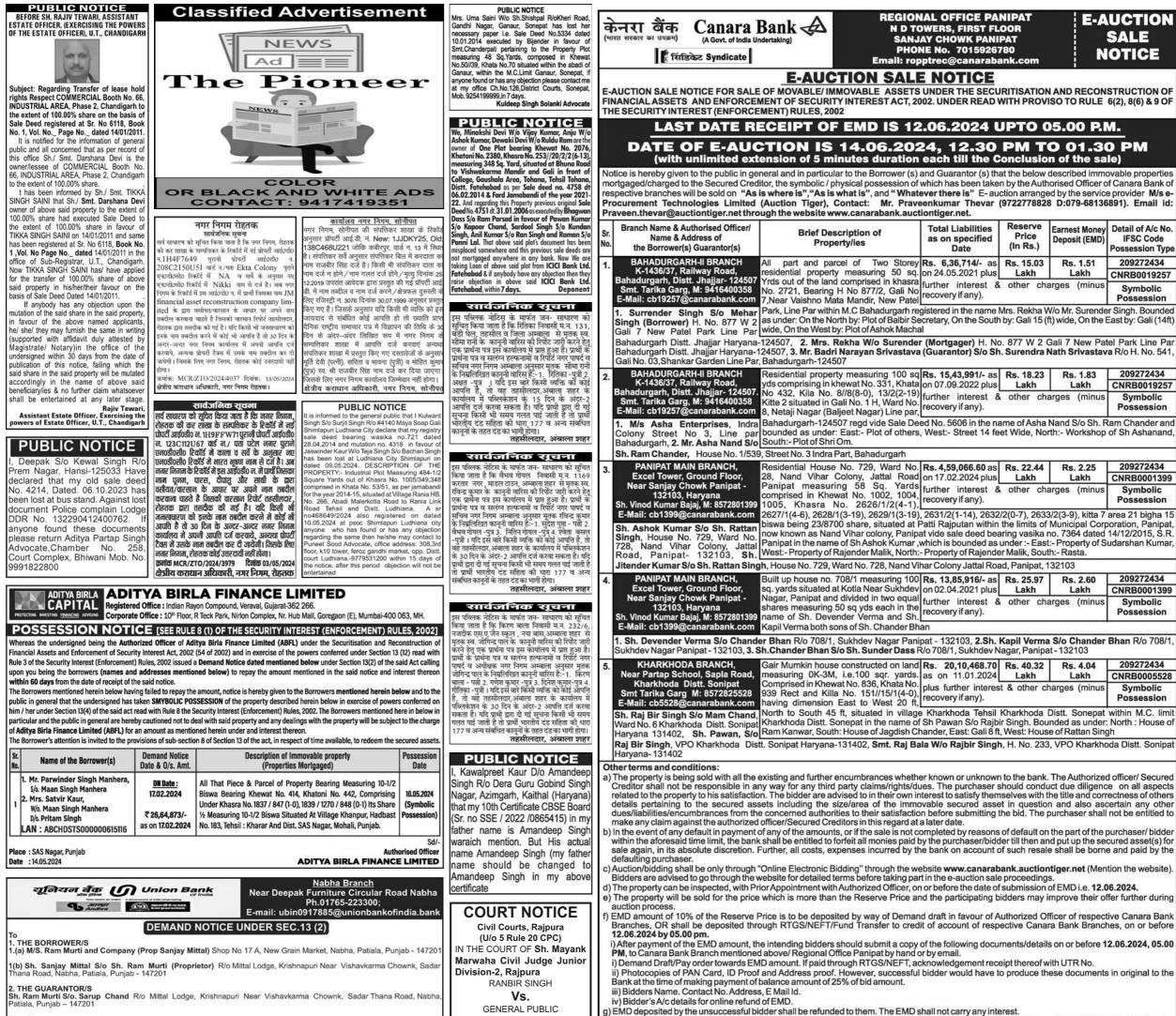


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PAPER WITH PASSION

Frenemies

India seeks to neutralise China's economic hold but it beats US to become India's biggest trading partner

In the realm of global economics, the dynamics of trade relationships often override geopolitics. India's growing trade affinity with China is a living example of that: China has become India's largest trading partner in 2023-24. This development brings little joy to the nation aspiring to become an alternative to China and striving to bolster its manufacturing sector, with the Prime Minister's 'Make in India' call. Despite the Indian Government's rhetoric urging caution in dealings with China, economic imperatives seem to be reshaping the contours of bilateral trade. Their trade relationship has long been characterised by a mix of competition and cooperation. Both nations are regional powerhouses with vast consumer markets and burgeoning manufacturing sectors, though China is much ahead of India in terms of economy and infrastructure size. Over the years, China has emerged as a crucial supplier of goods to the world, including India, ranging from electronics and machinery to pharmaceuticals and textiles. Concurrently, India



has also found a receptive market for its exports in China, particularly in sectors like raw materials, agricultural products and IT services. But the real problem is the lopsidedness of the trade. We are a net importer of Chinese goods, that too at the cost of our local industry.

Most traders take the easy import route, often substandard but cheap, and make decent profits. This leads to job losses and closure of several MSME manufacturing units. Besides, the nations are not the best of neighbours; relying on China in this scenario is indeed fraught with danger. But where wealth flows, interests follow and that explains India's rising trade ties with

China. The trajectory of bilateral trade has been influenced by several factors. One, the sheer size and harmony of their economies create natural synergies to drive trade volumes. Despite occasional border disputes and geopolitical issues, economic pragmatism often prevails, fostering trade ties. Two, China's manufacturing prowess and cost competitiveness have made it an attractive destination for Indian importers, especially in sectors where domestic production struggles to meet demand. Moreover, the persistent trade deficit with China underscores India's reliance on their goods and highlights the challenges in achieving more equitable trade ties. The geopolitical dimension of India-China trade cannot be overlooked either. The Indian Government must emphasise the need for strategic autonomy and self-reliance in key sectors. Initiatives such as 'Make in India' and Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) must be given further fillip. Additionally, efforts to diversify trade partnerships by nurturing ties with countries like the US, Japan and Australia must be accorded priority and a diversified trade portfolio maintained. Achieving a fundamental rebalancing of India-China trade dynamics is a multifaceted challenge that requires nuanced handling and necessitates a calibrated and pragmatic policy approach.



Regime change on cards in Nepal?

Amid strained India-Nepal relations, speculation swirls around a potential regime change in Nepal

epal's late Foreign Minister Rishikesh Shah would say that Kathmandu is the rumour capital of the world and also the fount of speculation. Our own Madhuri Dikshit once hailed Nepal as a beautiful country adding: "We're lucky it is part of India". This created a furore but the story appeared with tasteful embellishments in Nepal. Delhi's Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana waxed eloquent about the sterling qualities of Nepalis working in India and what great servants they made. This led to fireworks in Nepal and bush telegraphy produced several ugly distortions Hrithik Roshan never said he did not like Nepalese but Indian films were banned and other collateral damage followed. India is usually at the receiving end of Nepal's woes and wrath.

China has begun to feature negatively only recently. India-bashing was at its peak following the economic blockade in 2015 and the rekindling of border dispute when Kalapani, LipuLekh and Limpiyadhura were incorporated into Nepal's map after India included Kalapani in a new map. Chinese Ambassador Hou Yanxi who made her mark rough-shodding Nepalese politicians was targeted by the Indian media. Yanxi became central to a duel between Indian and Nepalese media. How poorly informed political class. celebrities and even the media about Nepal were apparent. This longish backgrounder is a necessary prelude to describe last week's rumour and speculation about another attempt at regime change in Nepal. The report about the split in JSP (N) took place when its supremo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health and Population Upendra Yadav was visiting the US. The story goes that NC leader Sher Bahadur Deuba attempted to topple the Left coalition led by Prachanda by drawing out Yadav (12 lawmakers) and Madhav Nepal of Unified Socialists (10 lawmakers). 20 plus awmakers are necessary for the

getting former colleague and lawmaker Ashok Rai to walk away from Yadav with seven of 12 lawmakers. The inside story is different: Yadav had plans to overwhelm numerically the Hill Nepalese with Madhesis in the approaching party nation-al convention. This upset the Hill and Madhesis members unhappy with Yadav. Rai approached the Election Commission and registered a new party JSP sans N for Nepal. Yadav has decided to fight the Rai faction in court. Rai has pledged support for Prachanda. Reports about Deuba's deal vary: offering Yadav Premiership and/or a shared term with Madhav Nepal. This deal too fizzled out as Unified Socialists were already divided between two former PMs, Nepal and Ihalanath Khanal. India figured in the regime change as having backed Deuba.Operation Topple requires either RSP (21 lawmakers) or JSP(N) and Unified Socialists together to desert the ruling dispensation. The kingmaker for this great game is the CPN Maoists with 31 lawmakers that both NC and UML would need to stay in power. The threat to the Prachanda-



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DIPLOMACY. WHILE NEPAL HAS DONE A TIT-FOR-TAT OVER THE MAP, licking its wounds but will not declare a truce to infuse a - it's part of the game. The latest setback in Indiamodicum of political stability. Nepal relations is the resurfac-It has been blocking parliaing of the festering border dismentary proceedings for more pute. Having incorporated it in its state emblem the governthan a month over the cooperative fund fraud in which ment has ordered the new map Home Minister Rabi to be printed on Rs 100 bank Lamichhane, RSP is involved. notes about which Jaishankar It has demanded a parliamenobserved that Nepal unilaterally took some measures but tary probe into the alleged wrongdoings of Lamichhane. they can't change reality on the Prachanda has agreed to an ground, adding 'discussions are enquiry in which others ongoing through an estabinvolved in the scam are also lished platform. As far as is investigated. Parliament known, no discussion has resumed after a short recess taken place. For Prachanda but NC is not allowing it to and Oli, nationalism is the magic mantra. When function. The budget has to be passed shortly and maybe the Prachanda came to India on an official visit last June during government will be forced to take the ordinance route.In the joint press statement, PM India too it is time for regime Modi said that the border dischange but through the world's pute would be resolved longest election process. The through a joint mechanism. BJP excels in toppling opposi-Strangely this fact was not tion governments with mentioned in the press release Operation Lotus. India has of the joint statement. Mind played a pivotal role in introgames are regularly played in both countries as unilateralism ducing democracy and its restoration in Nepal. Foreign Minister Jaishankar who has has crept into neighbourhood diplomacy. While Nepal has become a rock star in the elecdone a tit-for-tat over the map, China has unilaterally tion campaign is sharing pearls changed the LAC with India of wisdom on every conceivable subject, especially India's

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SC judgments have strengthened democracy



Democratic spectacle owes its strength and boldness to a series of landmark legal judgments that have fortified its foundations

Elections, serving as the cornerstone of democ-racy, offer a platform for citizens to voice their opinions, hold leaders accountable, and actively engage in shaping the future of their nation. In India, elections transcend mere political proceedings; they evolve into grand festivals, embodying the collective will and aspirations of over a billion people. India's electoral odyssey, marked by its vast scale, diversity, and intricacy, has been fortified by a series of seminal legal rulings. These decisions have been instrumental in shaping and reinforcing the democratic framework of India, ensuring fairness, transparency, and inclusivity in the electoral process. Among the plethora of cases that demonstrate the resilience of the legal system, five stand out as pillars that have fortified India's electoral journey. Fundamental Right to Vote:

At the core of India's electoral democracy lies the fundamental right to vote, enshrined in the Constitution. Over time, the judiciary has steadfastly upheld and safeguarded this right through



various legal pronouncements. In the landmark 1977 case of Mohinder Singh Gill v. The Chief Election Commissioner, the Supreme Court of India unequivocally affirmed that the right to vote is sacrosanct and any arbitrary deprivation of this right is unconstitutional. The crux of this case revolved around assessing the consti-

tutional validity of electoral laws that might encroach upon the fundamental right to vote.

Electoral Reforms and Transparency: Ensuring transparency and accountability in the electoral process has been an ongoing endeavour, guided by judicial interventions aimed at curbing

malpractices and fostering electoral integrity. The 2002 case of Association for Democratic Reforms v. Union of India marked a significant milestone in this journey.

lenge of reconciling the right to privacy of political candidates with the public's right to information, necessitating a delicate balance between transparency in electoral processes and individual privacy rights.

Inclusive Representation and Minority Rights: The diverse social fabric of India underscores the necessity for inclusive representation and safeguarding minority rights in the electoral arena. Legal judgments have played a pivotal role in upholding these principles and ensuring equitable participation for all segments of society. The 1991 case of Indra Sawhney v. Union of India, commonly known as the Mandal Commission case, stands as a testament to this commitment.

This case grappled with the challenge of affirmative action and reservation policies, striking a balance between equitable representation of marginalised communities and the principles of meritocracy enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The landmark judgment underscored the commitment to inclusive rep-This case presented the chal- resentation, empowering

marginalised communities and fostering social justice in the electoral process.

Effective Electoral Disputes Resolution: Efficient resolution of electoral disputes is indispensable for upholding the sanctity of elections and fostering public trust in the democratic process. This

judgment bolstered the credibility of the electoral process, ensuring expeditious and impartial resolution of disputes.

Safeguarding Electoral Rights and Freedoms: Preserving electoral rights and freedoms is paramount for the integrity of the electoral process. Legal judgments have been instrumental in protecting these rights and holding authorities accountable for any infringements. The 2015 case of Mohd. Sattar v. State of Rajasthan serves as a poignant example. The judgment reaffirmed the principle of universal suffrage, ensuring that every citizen's voice is heard.

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led coalition will lurk in the nooks and corners of Parliament posed by parties with double-digit strength. NC, the single-largest party is

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or down in the neighbourhood but India is regarded as a friend by the people. Later, he admitted that in diplomacy as in business there are setbacks

Neighbourhood First Policy.

He said that politics may go up

founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are personal)

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ELECTION GUARANTEES

Madam — This election season in India is filled with a plethora of extended guarantees from different political parties and their renowned leaders. Initially, it was only PM Narendra Modi who extended oral guarantees termed as 'Modi ki Guarantee'. Now, to compete with him, recently released Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has also presented his list of 10 guarantees to script a 'new India'. However, Mr. Arvind made it clear that he didn't want to be the Prime Minister of India. Nevertheless, his support for the INDIA bloc has grown stronger, especially after he was sentenced to Tihar Jail by the apex court.

Elections have a historic relationship with political guarantees and promises. But we all already know how many of these guar-antees are actually fulfilled. The irony is that people don't need guarantees to survive and ensure their well-being; instead, we need commitment and actions for the actual general welfare of every section of our society.Since Mr. Kejriwal is on interim bail until June 1st, considering the short duration of time he is outside the jail, he is trying his best to reach out to the maximum public with his statements, social media posts, press conference conversations, and other personal interactions with the countrymen to challenge the BJP in general and PM Modi in particular for his arrest during this peculiar time of elections.Now that it is a fight between the guarantees of the two biggest political parties, it is up to the people to decide whom they will choose in the tough fight of the Lok Sabha elections.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

CONTROVERSIAL CONTEST

Madam — The Eurovision Western Music Contest has been held in various countries across Europe for the last 68 years. The youth there enjoy this competition, and spectators and music lovers are often seen in a dancing mood throughout the event. However, this year's event, which concluded late on Saturday night, can be termed as the most political, controversial, chaot-



midst the dynamic political landscape where elections have been completed in some places and others are still pending, it's crucial to acknowledge that not all leaders hoist the banner of public welfare. Merely casting a ballot doesn't guarantee the orchestration of effective governance. Instead of succumbing to the illusion that voting alone resolves everything, let's dispel such notions. The real-

ic, discriminatory, and tense event in its history. For this, we have to thank the security personnel of Sweden and the officials of Malmö city, who were ultimately successful in bringing this event to its destination. As a result, Swiss singer Nemo was declared the winner for his song

'The Code'. Otherwise, as soon as people came to know that Israeli singer Eden Golan had also been included in this competition, a round of protests started in the venue.

It seemed as if Malmö, Sweden's thirdlargest city, had been divided into two parts, with 70 percent of people against Israel and 30 percent in favor of the Israeli singer. In the context of the ongoing war in Gaza, Dutch singer and contender Joost Klein was expelled from the competition due to a backstage dispute.

The world seems to be deeply divided due to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the Russian attack on Ukraine. England's daily 'The Telegraph' rightly ran the headline 'This is the most poisonous Eurovision in history

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

Every vote counts

ity often reveals a different narrative, where power dynamics favour those with deep pockets and guestionable tactics, leaving trust and resources in disarray. If you're still clinging to the belief that all politicians are solely motivated by altruism, it's a precarious innocence to maintain. However, rather than consigning voting to oblivion, let's approach it with discernment. Let's seek out candidates who sway to the tune of integrity and genuinely prioritize the welfare of the people. And let's not overlook the importance of advocating for electoral reforms. weaving a fabric of transparency, accountability, and fairness in the political sphere. Your vote, fellow citizens, carries weight, especially when interwoven with others who aspire to a more just and equitable society. Remember, in the intricate tapestry of democracy, every thread contributes to a brighter future for us all

Imdadullah | Hyderabad

KEJRIWAL'S ELECTIONEERING

Madam — This is with reference to your Editorial "Wild card" (May 13). The national convenor of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Arvind Kejriwal will campaign in favour of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) candidates across the country, Sandeep Pathak, the party's national general secretary said in a statement on Sunday, 12 May. Kejriwal will campaign in Lucknow on May 15, in Jamshedpur on May 16 and in Mumbai on May 17, he added. Kejriwal, who came out of Tihar Jail earlier this week, said he will work tirelessly and campaign across the country to end the "dictatorship' of the Modi government at the Centre.

All the INDIA bloc constituents want Kejriwal to visit their states and campaign for them.

The Supreme Court has granted interim bail to the AAP leader to participate in the Lok Sabha poll campaigning.

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FIRSTCOLUMN THE RISE OF **ROBOTS**

Robots are emerging as the next frontier, but can they replace humans?



SHAINY SHARMA

arious research and studies have shown that the next frontier in Artificial intelligence is the Robots. Much more added to it are the big names- Jeff Bezos, Microsoft and many others who are investing in human robots according to people with knowledge of the situation, as part of a scramble to find new applications for the so-called AI Technology. Undoubtedly, robots have increasingly become an integral part of our lives in this century, impacting various aspects of society, industry and everyday activities. The robots have revolutionized in many key sectors be it industrial, healthcare, agricultural, transportation or any other. The science of robots is revolutionizing day by day and scientists are making innovations in robots. Research studies show that by 2050, robots will overcome human beings as they will develop strong intel-

Many developing nations are involving the use of robots. In the industrial sector robots are performing the tasks such as assembling, welding, painting and packaging in factories thereby increasing efficiency, precision and productivity. In the healthcare sector, robots can perform tasks such as surgery, patient care, rehabilitation and medication dispensing with great precision and even provide support and assistance to elderly or disabled individuals. Talking about the automobile industry, autonomous vehicles- including cars, drones and delivery robots, are transforming transportation and logistics while self-driven car makers are promising to make transportation safer, more efficient and accessible to people who are unable to drive. In the agricultural sector, agricultural robots such as drones



and automated harvesters can help optimise farming practices by monitoring crops, applying fertilizers and pesticides precisely and thereby harvesting crops efficiently which ultimately improves yields, reduces labour costs and minimizes environmental impact. Not only these but the robots are doing jobs and servings in restaurants too. The robots have taken down the responsibility of the pizza boy in pizza shops and even are performing tasks such as customer service, cleaning, and inventory management. They enhance operational efficiency and provide novel experiences for customers. Robots are indeed reshaping various aspects of everyone's lives from how individuals work to how they interact with technology and each other. Today, educational robots are gaining an advantage in classrooms over teachers, engineering, and other STEM concepts in a hands-on manner. Overall, robots are transforming the way we live, work and interact with the world around us. With advancements in robotics technology continuing to expand their capabilities and applications, the question of whether robots will replace humans in various tasks and roles is a complex one. While robots and automation have the potential to replace humans in some repetitive and routine tasks, they also create new opportunities and roles for humans in other areas. However, many tasks and roles require human creativity, empathy, and problem-solving skills, which are difficult for robots to replicate. There is no denying the fact that the evolution of robots will profoundly impact society, offering new opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and improving quality of life. However, it will also raise the important ethical, social and economic considerations that must be carefully addressed with time. As robotics technology continues to advance, it will further transform society and open new possibilities for innovation and human-machine collaboration.

ture, language, indigenous knowledge and matrilineal society. They reside predominantly in theYavatmal, Chandrapur, some parts of Amravati, Wardha and Nanded districts of Maharashtra and in some parts of Adilabad of Telangana. They have historical roots in Andhra Pradesh and later migrated to the regions of Vidarbha and Marathwada. This Proto- Australoid tribe is often highlighted for its unwed mothers. As per the reports of The Indian Express, there are at least 45 registered unwed mothers and over 450 unregistered unwed mothers only in the three blocks named Maregaon, Pandarkawada and JhariJamini of Yavatmal. Being a matriarchal society, the Kolams of Yavatmalhave always celebrated womanhood. They celebrate the first mensuration of girls; they worship "Gabhuri", the mother Goddess as their main deity to uphold their matriarchal ocietal roots. However, the situation is changing. Though the unwed mothers have been renamed as the "KumariMaata" due to their assimilation with mainstream society yet due to their rising inclination towards the male-dominated society, patriarchal tenets are growing in these traditions. Therefore, the position of women is also declining consequently and those unwed mothers who used to live a normal life previously are now considered "Bad character women". There are various case studies and stories of women of the Kolam tribe where the elite in the society or financially stronger like contractors, outsiders visit the areas for work purposes, establish physical interactions with the women in their communities and refuse to marry them when they are expecting a child. Women are frequently conned by marriage promises because they are socially, emotionally and economically vulnerable. The woman is held liable for the premarital pregnancy, whereas the responsible males are exclud-

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low-wage activities due to which it becomes very easy for the traders and other outsiders to abuse them physically. For exam-ple, according to Deshpande (2016) "border districts of Maharashtra, such as Chandrapur, Caddhirdli Physicalus, Puldhara Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Buldhana, Amravati, Nagpur and Gondia too THE KOLAM have unwed mothers, the numbers in Yavatmal are higher because of its proximity to the chilli fields of Telangana, where work (for the poor) is available throughout the year. A number of unwed mothers say they were lured by neighbouring state's men who promise marriage but left when they became pregnant."

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Some of them get pregnant while being a minor whereas others are due to their backwardness. A SIGNIFICANT Though in most tribal societies, giving birth to a child is a biolog-ical phenomenon and hence con-sidered pious but yet due to the **ISSUE OF UNWED** MOTHERS assimilation with the convention-EMPHASISING THE al societies they are also recognizing childbirth as a structural **URGENCY FOR** process where the consent of soci-INTERVENTIONS ety, kin and kith is necessary. These structural changes are push-TO TACKLE THEIR ing unwed mothers toward various other socio-cultural and eco-COMPLEX SOCIOnomic problems. The most important among these ECONOMIC AND is that unwed mothers are not CULTURAL accepted within the community nor do they find any other groom, STRUGGLES as they are considered obscene. As a result, for the entire period of life, they serve as a single mother due to which the pressure of childbearing increases among them. The problems are more serious as being unwed mothers they often face disgrace in the newly constructed norms of patriarchal society. Sometimes they need to

leave the village and stay in the Most of these Kolam women work outskirts whereas in many cases as agricultural labourers, conthe other women are not allowed struction labourers and other to talk to them or join them for any occasion, as they are believed to be malignant due to their premarital physical relations. The consequences are economic and occupational also. As a daily wage labourer, their leisure time is very little but being single mothers they need breaks for breastfeeding and childcare due to which they face pay cuts. Sometimes they need to pay a fine to the panchayats also for their "misconduct".

These unknown pregnancies among the women of Kolam are

These indicate the lack of awareness about contraceptive measures, education, economic weakness and social vulnerability that often attract these women to fake marriage conversations and other luring proposals. As per the report of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati (2018-2019) in University Yavatmal, "28.84 per cent Kumari Matas are in the age range of 26 to 30 years.36 per centKumariMatas having education up to Fourth standard, 67.30 per cent Kumari Matas are belonging to 'Kolam' caste, 82.69 per cent are homeless. 51.09 per cent are pregnant due to outsiders, 82.07 per cent children of Kumari Matas are admitted in the school by furnishing the name of mother only, 92.30 per cent had delivery at home,61.63 per cent getting help from Government schemes". The subject is more critical as many of them are uncounted because most of them do not come forward to speak due to socio-cultural stigma and thus their stories remain untold. This has again a negative impact on them as their complete family details are not mentioned in the Government records like ration cards, Aadhar

cards, etc. which deprives them of getting the benefits of many Government schemes that can make their life easier.

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As per the report of Pune Times Mirror, "a survey of such victims is conducted every year by a woman and child development (WCD) officer with the help of Anganwadi workers and a junior protection officer at the taluka level." Further, the Anganwadi workers help these unwed mothers by teaching them the methods of nutrition and hygiene. The Bombay High Court has already directed the state to the need for the rehabilitation of young unwed mothers among the Kolam tribe. The Government of Kerala is also running a similar kind of scheme called "Snehasparsham" which offers unwed mothers ?1000/per month to lessen the financial burden of these economically vulnerable unwed mothers. The need of the hour is to initiate some proects and schemes for them so the Kumari Matas of Yavatmala can be included in the parameters of Government benefits at a large scale. The infrastructural facilities like schools and primary health care centres, are the basic needs of these regions. Endeavours should also be taken to open basic schools and training centres for vocational courses like sewing, beautician, etc. The awareness about Self-Self-help groups can make them financially independent through various micro-level businesses like horticulture, bee-keeping, jelly-making etc. Further, documentation of unwed mothers can give them a social identity and make them live a life of dignity and self-respect. (The writer is Vice Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh; views *are personal)*

The plight of unwed mothers of Kolam tribe-

The stigmatisation of 'Kumari Matas' in the Kolam tribe highlights their struggle for social acceptance and economic empowerment



(The writer is an educator, views are personal)

Kejriwal's bail: Unveiling political prophecies post-release

The Delhi CM's release sparks controversy with ominous predictions and bold political statements, fuelling nationwide debate on democracy's future

Persons accused of criminal cases getting arrested and the courts granting them bail is nothing new. Even if the person happens to be the reigning chief minister of a State or a former union minister of finance, the bail does not absolve the accused of the charges. The Supreme Court order that released the Delhi Chief Minister on bail from the custody of the Enforcement Directorate says it is a provisional arrangement so that he could participate in the election campaign as the Lok Sabha poll comes once in five years

So far, so good. But what came after the Delhi Chief Minister was released on bail needs to be analyzed threadbare. On Saturday, he worshipped at Lord Anjaneya



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Temple and addressed a press meeting. What he said during the press meeting is shocking and capable of causing fear in the minds of the people. He said if the BJP wins the 2024 Lok Sabha election and comes back to power, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will send all Opposition leaders to jail. Kejriwal also claimed that Amit Shah is being groomed as the next Prime Minister as

when he turns 75. Yet another disclosure made by the Delhi Chief Minister was that Yogi Adityanath would be removed as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh within two months of the BJP coming back to power. The national and internation-

al media are celebrating Kejriwal's bail and his prophecies. A major section of the media forgot the fact that they were the ones to give running commentaries of Live events without joining the game as players. The media in Kerala and Tamil Nadu are on Cloud Nine reporting that there is going to be a change of Government at the Centre after 4 June 2024. Well, let's leave it to the voters who are in the process of electing their Modi is likely to retire in 2025 representatives. It is good to see blies that completed their

that doubts about tampering the electronic voting machines have taken a stage and the Opposition leaders have started working on the modalities of Government formation. Saturday's press meeting by the

Delhi Chief Minister took one to 2019 when the same had claimed that if the BJP wins the General Election and returns to power, there would not be any more elections in India. "The 2019 General Election would be the last poll the country will see if Narendra Modi returns to power," these were the words of Kejriwal in 2019

After the 2019 general election, Narendra Modi returned to power with a larger majority and the country saw regular elections to all the State assem-

Though the claim fell flat on all fours, neither the media that flashed Kejriwal's warning about the "last" general elections nor our political pundits remembered the same. Once the results were announced and the BJP was

returned to power, that became the news, and everything else was forgotten (at least till 2024).

Yet another battlefront has been opened by the Opposition and that is the One Nation, One Leader concept, the brand new slogan coined by Kejriwal. Wasn't it George Santayana, the Spanish-American philosopher who said in 1863 that "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"?

mandatory five-year tenure. does know this adage quite well and hence there is no possibility of following the slogan coined by Kejriwal.

The entire media in the country is unanimous in their opinion that elections are the festivals of democracy. But the festivals will certainly lose their charm if they are fueled by half-lies and full lies. One is at a loss to understand the logic behind the claim by certain leaders that the BJP government would subvert the Constitution!

Who derailed the Constitution much against the order of the Supreme Court that the basic structure of the Constitution should never be tampered with. It was in 1976 that then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi altered the preamble of the Narendra Modi, I am sure Constitution by incorporating

the words secularism, socialwas summoned eight or nine ism etc. India survived as a nation from 1947 to 1976 without the terms secularism and socialism in its Constitution. B R Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution, was totally against the inclusion of these terms when it was drafted for the first time. It was after the introduction of these terms that communal riots and terrorism peaked in India.

Accusations and allegations are fine because they add to the intensity of the campaigning. But baseless allegations rob the beauty of the election process. Interestingly, the leaders named by the Delhi chief minister as potential victims of the Modi regime are not saints or beatified ones. Reports from Delhi say that Kejriwal

times by the ED for questioning in connection with money laundering. The Chief Minister chose to ignore the same with contempt. He might not know the truth that the reigning Prime Minister cooperated with the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team under the chairmanship of R K Raghavan, a former CBI director to grill him about the Gujarat riots. For 19 hours, the then Gujarat Chief Minister sat through the grilling and answered all the queries they asked. That is what we call honesty and integrity. People still hope that Kejriwal too is honest.

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Pro-Palestinian protests dwindle on campuses Some US college graduations marked by defiant acts

AP CHICAGO

tiny contingent of Duke AUniversity AUniversity graduates opposed pro-Israel comedian Jerry Seinfeld speaking at their commencement in North Carolina Sunday, with about 30 of the 7,000 students leaving their seats and chanting "free Palestine" amid a mix of boos and cheers. Some waved the red, green,

black and white Palestinian flag. Seinfeld, whose namesake sitcom was one of the most popular in US television history, was there to receive an honorary doctorate from the university. The stand-up comic turned actor, who stars in the new Netflix movie "Unfrosted," has publicly supported Israel since it invaded Gaza to dismantle Hamas after the organization attacked the country and killed some 1,200 people in southern Israel on October 7. The ensuing war has killed more than

35,000 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants. The small student protest Sunday at Duke's graduation in Durham, North Carolina, was emblematic of campus events across the US Sunday after weeks of student protests resulted in nearly 2,900 arrests at 57

colleges and universities. Students at campuses across the US responded this spring by setting up encampments and calling for their schools to cut ties with Israel and businesses that support it. Students and others on campuses whom law enforcement authorities have identified as outside agitators have taken part in the protests from Columbia University in New York City to UCLA. Police escorted graduates' fam-

ilies past a few dozen pro-Palestinian protesters who tried to block access to Sunday



Smoke rises following an Israeli bombardment in the Gaza Strip as seen from southern Israel Monday AP/PTI

evening's commencement for Southern California's Pomona College After demonstrators set up an

encampment last week on the campus' ceremony stage, the small liberal arts school moved

a witness with such a checkered

past — Cohen pleaded guilty to federal charges related to the

payments and to lying to

Congress — could be a boon

for Trump as he fundraises off

his legal woes and paints the

case as the product of a taint-

Either way, his role as star pros

cements the disintegration of a

mutually beneficial relationship

that was once so close that

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ed criminal justice system.

the event 30 miles (48 kilometres) from Claremont to the Shrine Auditorium in downtown Los Angeles. Tickets were required to attend the event. which the school said would include additional security measures. In April, police wearing riot gear arrested 19 protesters who had occupied the president's office at the college with about 1,700 undergraduates.

Demonstrator Anwar Mohmed, a 21-year-old Pomona senior, said the school has repeatedly ignored calls to consider divesting its endowment funds from corporations tied to Israel in the war in Gaza. "We've been time and time again ignored by the institution," Mohmed said outside the Shrine on Sunday. "So today we have to say, it's not business as usual." At the University of California, Berkeley, on Saturday, a small group of pro-Palestinian demonstrators waved flags and chanted during commencement and were escorted to the back of the stadium, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. There were no major counterprotests, but some attendees voiced frustration.

"I feel like they're ruining it for those of us who paid for tickets and came to show our pride for our graduates," said Annie Ramos, whose daughter is a student. "There's a time and a place,

and this is not it? This weekend's commencement events remained largely peace-

At Emerson College in Boston, some students took off their graduation robes and left them on stage. Others emblazoned 'free Palestine" on their mortar boards. One woman, staring at a camera broadcasting a livestream to the public, unzipped her robe to show a kaffiyeh, the black and white checkered scarf commonly worn by Palestinians, and flashed a watermelon painted on her hand. Both are symbols of solidarity with those living in the occupied territories. Others displayed messages for a camera situated on stage, but the livestream quickly shifted to a

different view, preventing them from being seen for long. Chants during some of the speeches were difficult to decipher. Protests at Columbia University, where student uprisings inspired others at campuses across the country, led the school to cancel its main graduation ceremony in favour of

> smaller gatherings. The University of Southern California told its valedictorian, who publicly backed Palestinians, that she could not deliver her keynote speech at its graduation ceremony because of security concerns. İt later cancelled its main graduation cer-emony. At DePaul University in Chicago, graduation is more than a month away. But as the academic year closes, school leaders said they had reached an "impasse" with the school's pro-Palestinian protesters, leaving the future of their encampment on the Chicago campus unclear.

3 charged under UK's National Security Act London (PTI): Three men in

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the UK have been charged under the National Security Act with assisting the Hong Kong intelligence service and foreign interference. All three will appear in custody at Westminster Magistrates' Court later, the BBC reported on Monday. The Metropolitan Police said the Hong Kong investigation was not related to a separate case involving Russia.

As part of the investigation, 11 people were detained under Section 27 of the National Security Act.

The three men charged are Chi Leung (Peter) Wai, 38, of Staines-upon-Thames; Matthew Trickett, 37, of Maidenhead; and Chung Biu Yuen, 63, of Hackney Commander Dominic Murphy, head of the Met's Counter Terrorism Command, said, "I want to reassure the public that we do not believe there to be any wider threat to them.

Trump's hush money trial arrives at pivotal moment

AP 📕 NEW YORK

The star prosecution wit-ness in Donald Trump's hush money trial, Michael Cohen, took the stand on Monday, and his testimony could help shape the outcome of the first criminal case against an American president.

Cohen, Trump's former lawyer and personal fixer, is by far the Manhattan district attorney's most important witness in the case, and his appearance signals that the trial is entering its final stretch. Prosecutors say they may wrap up their presentation of evidence by the end of the week.

Cohen is expected to testify about his role in arranging hush money payments on Trump's behalf during his first presidential campaign, including to porn actor Stormy Daniels, who told jurors last week that the USD 130,000 that she received in 2016 was meant to prevent her from going public about a sexual encounter she says she had with Trump in a hotel suite a decade earlier. He also matters because the

reimbursements he received form the basis of the charges -34 felony counts of falsifying



business records - against Trump. Prosecutors say the reimbursements were logged as legal expenses to conceal the payments' true purpose. Defence lawyers have teed up a bruising cross-examination of Cohen, telling jurors during opening statements that the fixer-turned-foe is an "admitted liar" with an "obsession to get President Trump". The testimony of a witness with

such intimate knowledge of Trump's activities could heighten the legal exposure of the pre-sumptive Republican presidential nominee if jurors deem him sufficiently credible. But politically, prosecutors' reliance on praising him as a "fine person with a wonderful family" and predicting — incorrectly

that Cohen would not "flip". Months later, Cohen did exactly that, pleading guilty that August to federal campaignfinance charges in which he implicated Trump. By that point, the relationship was irrevocably broken, with Trump posting on the social media platform then known as Twitter: "If anyone is looking for a good lawyer, I would strongly suggest that you don't retain the services of Michael Cohen!

Cohen later admitted lying to Congress about a Moscow real estate project that he had pursued on Trump's behalf during the heat of the 2016 Republican campaign. He said he lied to be consistent with Trump's "political messaging".

Prosecutors are expected to elicit detailed testimony from ecution witness further Cohen about his past crimes in hopes of blunting the impact of defense lawyers' questioning and showing that they're not trying to hide his misdeeds. But Cohen famously said he'd "take After Cohen's home and office it's unclear how effective that were raided by the FBI in will be, given that defence 2018, Trump showered him lawyers will be prepared to exploit all the challenges that

accompany a witness like Cohen.

Besides painting Cohen as untrustworthy, they're also expected to cast him as vindictive, vengeful and agenda-driven. Since their fallout, Cohen has emerged as a relentless and sometimes crude critic of Trump, appearing as recently as last week in a live TikTok wearing a shirt featuring a figure resembling Trump with his hands cuffed, behind bars. The judge on Friday urged prosecutors to tell him to refrain from making any more statements about the case or Trump. "He has talked extensively

about his desire to see President Trump go to prison," Trump attorney Todd Blanche said during opening statements. "He has talked extensively about his desire to see President Trump's family go to prison. He has talked extensively about President Trump getting con-

victed in this case No matter how his testimony unfolds, Cohen is indisputably central to the case, as evidenced by the fact that his name was mentioned in the jury's presence during opening statements more than 130 times — more than any other

person Other witnesses, including for-mer National Enquirer publish-

er David Pecker and former Trump adviser Hope Hicks, have testified at length about the role Cohen played in arranging to stifle stories that were feared to be harmful to Trump's 2016 candidacy. And jurors heard an audio record ing of Trump and Cohen discussing a plan to purchase the rights to a story of a Playboy model, Karen McDougal, who has said she had an affair with Trump.

During a massive rally on Saturday in the southern New Jersey resort town of Wildwood, Trump revived his criticism of the case, wrongly blaming President Joe Biden for orchestrating the New York charges, calling the case a "Biden show trial". That argument ignores the reality that the hush money case was filed by local prosecutors in Manhattan who do not work for the Justice Department or any other White House office. The Justice Department has said the White House has had no involvement in the two criminal cases against Trump brought by special counsel Jack Smith.

False narratives being created about India in West: Barai PTI WASHINGTON

Misinformation and false nar-ratives are being created about Indian democracy in the West in the middle of an election cycle in India, a prominent Indian-American oncologist has said, observing that some people in the West continue to have a colonial mentality. Chicagobased Dr Baharat Barai, in an interview on Sunday, hit out at Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for not taking action against Sikh separatists who are "openly planning and supporting violence inside India and Indian

leaders" The Khalistan problem is only in Canada, maybe a little bit in the US. If the US government wants to give them a piece of land, let them be happy. After all, they're foreign citizens. They're either citizens of the US or citizens of Canada. What right do they have to interfere in what is happening in India?" Dr Barai told PTI in an interview here. "If they want a separate land for them, let (Canadian Prime Minister Justin) Trudeau give it to them. If the US thinks that that's a good idea (let them do



so)...we are standing right in front of Abraham Lincoln (memorial in Washington DC). What did he do when the South (US) wanted to secede? We had a civil war. In Washington DC, he is being celebrated as the father of the nation," he said. "This (Khalistan) is not a problem of India. Indian Sikhs don't want to have anything to do with it. It is the foreign-born or foreign-living Sikhs and only a very tiny fraction of them," Dr Barai said. Referring to the number of news articles and commentaries appearing in the Western press, including that of the US, raising questions about democracy, free dom of expression, and human rights in India.

More bodies found after flash floods kill dozens in Indonesia Judge lifts ban on video of church stabbing

'Fires used as weapon of war in Sudan destroyed 72 villages'

AP PADANG

 $R^{\text{escuers recovered more}}_{\text{bodies Monday after mon-}}$ soon rains triggered flash floods on Indonesia's Sumatra Island, bringing down torrents of cold lava and mud, leaving 43 people dead and another 15 missing. The heavy rains, along with a landslide of mud and cold lava from Mount Marapi, caused a river to breach its banks.

The deluge tore through mountainside villages along four districts in West Sumatra province just before midnight Saturday. The floods swept away people and submerged hundreds of houses and buildings, while forcing more than 3,100 people to flee to temporary government shelters in Agam and Tanah Datar districts, said National Disaster Management Agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari.

Cold lava, also known as lahar, is a mixture of volcanic mate-



rial and pebbles that flows watched rescuers pull a mud down a volcano's slopes in the rain. Rescuers on Monday caked body from a devastated hamlet. It was placed in an orange and black bag and taken away for burial. Authorities recovered more bodies, mostly from villages that were worst hit in Agam and Tanah Datar struggled to get tractors and other heavy equipment to the area over washed-out roads districts, bringing the death toll to 43, Muhari said in a statement. At least 19 people were injured in the flash floods and after flash floods brought mud and rocks onto the hilly ham-lets, said Abdul Malik, who rescuers were searching for 15 villagers reported missing, he heads the search and rescue said. Television reports showed office in Padang, the provincial relatives wailing as they capital.

Melbourne (AP): An Australian judge Monday lifted a ban on the social media platform X showing Australians a video of a bishop being stabbed in a Sydney church.

The temporary ban was put in place April 22, but the judge rejected the application from Australia's eSafety Commission to extend the court order that would have expired Monday. Australian Federal Court Justice Geoffrey Kennett said he would publish his reasons for imposing and lifting the order later. The decision was a win for the company rebranded by billionaire Elon Musk when he bought Twitter last year. X was alone among social media platforms in refusing to remove video of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel being stabbed. Musk has argued that he is standing up for a freedom of speech principle. Australian lawmakers have accused him of arrogance and of lacking a sense of social responsibility.

"Not trying to win anything. I just don't think we should be suppressing Australian's rights to free speech," Musk posted on X after the ruling.

X is also taking a separate court action against eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant, a former Twitter employee, that challenges the validity of her notice requiring the platform to remove video of the April 15 attack in an Assyrian Orthodox church. The judge is expected to consider setting a hearing date Wednesday

Assistant Treasurer Stephen Jones said the government might consider changing Australian law after reading Kennett's reasons for removing his order that required X to hide the video from users. "There's a fundamental principle at stake and that is, if you're a company or anybody operating in Australia, then you've got to abide by Australian laws," Jones said.

AP CAIRO

Fighting in Sudan destroyed or damaged 72 villages and settlements last month, a UKbased rights group said Monday, highlighting the use of fire as a weapon of war in the conflict in the African country.

Investigators from Sudan Witness, an open-source project run by the non-profit Center for Information Resilience, say that more blazes than in any other month since the war started in mid-April 2023. The number also brings to 201 the total number of fires in Sudan since fighting broke out between Sudan's military and the rival paramilitary force.

The analysis didn't provide any casualty figures from the fires. In the war in Sudan, the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces have often used fire, setting

been returned," he said.

"facilitate the well-being of crew

Baltimore

airstrike the next day that hit entire villages ablaze, especiallv in Sudan's western Darfur region.The war has wrecked the country and pushed its population to the brink of famine. More than 14,000 people have been killed and thousands have been wounded. mated that 31 settlements -Hundreds of thousands have

been displaced. The Center for Information Resilience said the number of fires surged particularly in the north and west of el-Fasher, the capital city of North Darfur state that faces an imminent attack.

El-Fasher saw intense fighting on Friday between the Sudanese military and the paramilitary RSF and their allies. At least 27 people were killed and dozens injured, said the United Nations Office for Coordination the of Humanitarian Affairs, or OCHA. More than 800 were displaced.

close to a pediatric hospital in el-Fasher, killing two children and a caregiver, according to Doctors Without Borders. In its analysis, the Center for Information Resilience esti-

villages and towns - were affected by fires in April, with an over 50 per cent destruction rate. "We've documented the patterns of numerous fires and the continuing devastation to settlements around western Sudan, large and small,' Anouk Theunissen, Sudan Witness project director, said

in a news release. When we see reports of fighting or airstrikes coinciding with clusters of fires it indicates that fire is being used indiscriminately as a weapon of war. The trend is worsening and continues to lead to the mass displacement of Sudanese people," Theunissen said.

Suðan's military launched an

Amazon's self-driving robotaxi under investigation

Detroit (AP): Amazon's self-dri ving robotaxi unit is being investigated by the US government's highway safety agency after two of its vehicles braked suddenly and were rear-ended by motor-cyclists. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in documents posted on its website Monday it will evaluate the automated driving system developed by Zoox. Both crashes happened during the daytime hours and the motorcyclists suffered minor injuries. In both cases, the agency confirmed that each of the Amazon vehicles was operating in autonomous mode leading up to the crashes.

Thousands protest in Georgia

AP TBILISI

eorgia's parliament green-lit Ga final vote on a proposed law that critics see as a threat to media freedom and the country's aspirations to join the European Union on Monday, a day after police dispersed the latest protests against it. The bill would require media and non-governmental organisations and other non-profits to register as "pursuing the interests of a foreign power" if they receive more than 20 per cent of their funding from abroad

The opposition denounces the bill as "the Russian law" because Moscow uses similar legislation to crack down on independent news media, non-profits and activists critical of the Kremlin. The bill is nearly identical to one that the governing Georgian Dream party was pressured to trying to destabilise it.



withdraw last year after street protests. Renewed demonstrations have rocked Georgia for weeks, with demonstrators scuffling with police, who used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the crowds. The government says the bill is necessary to stem what it deems as harmful foreign influence over the country's politics and to prevent unspecified foreign actors from

Huge crowds marched through Europe Square in the capital Tbilisi, on Saturday, with demonstrators wrapped in Georgian and European Union flags and chanting "Georgia!" On Sunday, the protesters gathered in front of parliament for an overnight rally and tried to block entrances into the building, where a committee of lawmakers were expected to discuss the bill once again on Monday.

Cellphones of Indian crew on board seized as part of probe: Non-profit organisation

PTI – NEW YORK

The FBI has seized the cell-I phones of the mostly Indian crew on board a crippled cargo ship in Baltimore as part of the investigation into the deadly bridge accident in the US city, a non-profit organisation in touch with the personnel said. The 2.6km-long, four-lane Francis Scott Key Bridge over the Patapsco River came crashing down on March 26 after the 984-foot ship 'Dali' collided against it. The crew on board Dali included 20 Indians and one Sri Lankan. The crew has been on the ship since the accident and has been cooperating with the investigation. Executive Director of the Baltimore International

Seafarers' Centre The Rev. Joshua Messick told PTI that he is members by offering transportation ashore," according to inforworking with all of the relevant mation on its website. organisations to make sure the Last month, US authorities

opened a criminal investigation crew has what they need and that their rights are being upheld. into the Baltimore bridge col-'They are well cared for with the lapse incident that killed six sole exception that their cellconstruction crew workers, who phones were seized as part of the were repairing potholes on the bridge when the collision occurred. The Washington Post FBI's investigation and have not had said that the FBI opened the Messick said he is in "contact criminal investigation "focuswith the crew to purchase some SIM cards for them and to plan ing on the massive container ship trips ashore when they are able to have shore leave". The that brought down the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore International last month — a probe that will Seafarers' Centre is a non-proflook at least in part at whether it organisation serving seafarers the crew left the port knowing that call on the Port of Baltimore the vessel had serious systems problems". from all over the world. The mission of the organisation is to

The Key Bridge Response Unified Command is sched-

uled to use precision cuts made with small charges to remove a large section of the Francis Scott Key Bridge wreckage from on top of the Dali.

For safety reasons, the controlled demolition to remove the bridge section resting on the deck of the Dali has tentatively been scheduled for Monday. Due to weather conditions producing lightning within 10 miles of the M/V Dali, remaining daylight, and rising tide, Unified Command has moved the demolition to Monday. The Key Bridge Response Unified Command said in a statement that the safest and swiftest method to remove the bridge piece from on top of the Dali is "precision cuts made with small charges.



Situation remains tense in PoK as strike enters fourth day

Pak PM allocates Rs 23-bn grant to quell protests

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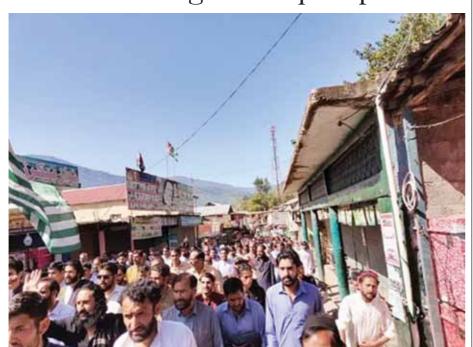
The situation remained tense in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir as the total strike against high prices of wheat flour and inflated electricity bills and taxes entered its fourth day on Monday, forcing the Pakistan government to allocate Rs 23 billion for immediate release to the region to quell a simmering unrest.

The disputed region witnessed clashes on Saturday between the police and activists of a rights movement, leaving at least one police officer dead and injuring over 100 people, mostly policemen. A complete strike has also been observed in the territory since Friday, bringing life to a halt.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who said he was "deeply concerned" about the situation, on Monday approved Rs 23 billion for immediate release to the region after the negotiations between the protesters and the regional government ended in a deadlock. Ruffled by the unexpected protest and its sensitivity, Prime Minister Sharif chaired a special meeting here on Monday which was attended by PoK "prime minister" Chaudhry Anwarul Haq, local ministers, and top political leadership, the PM's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

Prime Minister Sharif approved the immediate provision of Rs23 billion to solve the problems of the people of PoK, it said. Federal ministers and leaders of the coalition parties also took part in the meeting, where a detailed review of the situation was taken, it added. Kashmir leaders and all participants appre-ciated Shehbaz for his decision, the PMO said

The protest is let by the Jammu Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), which has traders at the forefront in most parts of the region, who have been seeking the provision of electricity as per hydropower generation cost in the region, subsidised wheat flour and an end to the privileges of the elite class. strations on Saturday. current situation and offered A long march led by the JAAC Expressing deep concern over condolences over the unfortu-



calm down tensions, President

The situation remained tense as strike in PoK entered fourth day

left for Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, on Monday as the wheel-jam strike entered its fourth day. The movement announced its taking the law into one's own hands

march on Muzaffarabad after the talks between the JAAC core committee and Chief Secretary of the region Dawood Bareach ended in a stalemate. A protest leader from Rawalakot accused the government of resorting to said. As part of his efforts to evasive tactics. Protestors have already staged

Asif Ali Zardari urged all the closing sit-ins, stakeholders to exercise Kohala–Muzaffarabad Road at restraint and resolve the issues several locations, the Dawn through dialogue and mutual newspaper reported. The road consultation He stressed that the political stretches 40 kilometres and links Kohala town with parties, state institutions and the people of the region should Muzaffarabad in PoK. Heavy contingents of police have act responsibly so that hostile elements could not exploit the been posted at roundabouts and sensitive locations, situation to their benefit. The Markets, trade centres and president highlighted that the educational institutes remain demands of the people in the region should be addressed as closed, while transport is suspended, reports said. The soper law, adding that he would called government called in the take up their grievances with Prime Minister Sharif to find a Rangers after clashes between the police and protesters eruptway out of the current situation. The president regretted the ed in Mirpur during demon-

nate death of the police officer the violent clashes between the police and the protesters, and prayed for the swift recovery of all those who were Prime Minister Sharif on Sunday said that there should injured in recent clashes. be "absolutely no tolerance for

On Saturday, the violent protesters damaged multiple vehicles, including a magistrate's car 'I urge all parties to resort to a on the Poonch-Kotli road peaceful course of action for Moreover, markets, trade cenresolution of their demands. tres, offices, schools, and Despite the best efforts of restaurants remained closed detractors, the matter will across the region. hopefully be settled soon," he Police also launched a crack-

down against the protesters after the violence, arresting dozens of individuals in Muzaffarabad.

A day earlier, the government also suspended mobile phone and internet services in differ-ent parts of the region. According to a report by Dawn, on May 9 and 10, around 70 activists were arrested by police in a bid to prevent a long march - announced by the JAAC to press the government to comply with an agreement reached between the two in February this year - triggering serious clashes in Dadyal and a "shut-ter-down strike" call.

In light of the protests, government offices and educational institutions remained closed on Monday

Dar set to meet top Chinese leaders in Beijing

Beijing (PTI): Pakistan's newly-appointed Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar on Monday reached here for a four-day offi-cial visit during which he will meet top Chinese leaders and co-chair a bilateral strategic dialogue between the two all-weather friends. Dar, who is also the foreign minister, was received by Director General Ambassador Wang Fu Kang and Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi, state-run Associated Press of Pakistan reported. Dar will meet top Chinese leaders and compre-hensively review bilateral relations, including the upgrada-tion of the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement before his visit. He will co-chair the 5th Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, it said. The two foreign ministers are expected to discuss the possibility of Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing.

Shehbaz quits as PML-N chief; Nawaz set to assume post

PTI ISLAMABAD

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday resigned as the President of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), paving the way for his elder brother and former premier Nawaz Sharif to retake the helm of the ruling party amid internal strife.

In his resignation letter addressed to the PML-N secretary general, Shehbaz cited the tumultuous events of 2017, which resulted in the "unjust" disqualification of Nawaz from the Prime Minister's Office and the presidency of the party, and said he was entrusted with the responsibility of assuming the presidency of the party

Shehbaz said that his brother had entrusted him with the responsibility of assuming the party presidency in the face of adversity and added that it was a duty he had "upheld with utmost dedication and sincerity"

"However, I am cognisant that this role has always been viewed as a trust ... bestowed upon me by our revered leader," the 72-year-old said. Nawaz, 74, returned to Pakistan in October last year, ending nearly four years of selfimposed exile in London.

'I am heartened by recent developments that have exonerated our leader with dignity, affirming his unblemished integrity and commitment to the service of our nation," he said, referring to the Islamabad High Court ruling on November 29 that acquitted Nawaz in the Avenfield reference. The next month, on December 12, the PML-N supremo was acquitted in the Al-Azizia reference by the high court.

"In light of these develop ments and the steadfast guidance of our beloved leader, I believe the time has come for Mohammad Nawaz Sharif to resume his rightful place as the president of the PML-N," Shehbaz said. "It is with a deep sense of duty and reverence for our party's principles that I tender my resignation as the president," he said.

In 2017, the Supreme Court disqualified Nawaz as premier and party president for his alleged corruption in cases related to the Panama Papers revelations about his illegal wealth stashed abroad.

He relinquished his position within the party following his disqualification, which also led to his departure from the prime minister's office. Nawaz was all set to become prime minister for the fourth time but his party failed to get a clear majority in the National Assembly on its own in the February 8 general elections. In a surprise move, he allowed his younger brother and the incumbent party president Shehbaz — who is considered the favourite of the military establishment — to lead a sixparty coalition government at the Centre.

India extend USD 50 million budgetary support to Maldives as goodwill gesture

In a goodwill gesture, India has decided to extend vital budgetary support to the Maldives with the rollover of a USD 50 million Treasury Bill for another year at the Maldivian government's special request, it was announced on Monday

The State Bank of India has subscribed for one more year to the USD 50 million Government Treasury Bill, issued by the Ministry of Finance of Maldives, upon maturity of the previous sub-High scription, the Commission of India said in a brief statement on Monday.

The Indian government took this decision despite the bilateral ties experiencing turbu-lence since Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, a pro-China leader, assumed office six months back. These Government Treasury Bills are subscribed by SBI under gov-

unique arrangement at zero cost (interest-free) to the Government of Maldives. The continuation of subscription has been made at the special request of the Government of Maldives to secure budgetary support from the Government of India, the statement said. Under the terms of special government-to-government arrangement, SBI has been subscribing to these government treasury bills at zero cost to the Maldives government. This means the Maldives incurs no interest expense on the borrowed amount, the Edition.mv news portal reported. The first treasury bill, valued at USD 50 million, matured in January 2024, which the Maldives had repaid. The second treasury bill, also valued at USD 50 million, is set to mature in May 2024. In response to a special request from the Maldives, SBI has opted to extend its subscription for another year. ernment-to-government, a The third treasury bill is due to

mature in September, the report said. The Maldivian gov-ernment on Monday thanked India for its support. "I thank EAM @DrSJaishankar and the Government of #India for extending vital budgetary support to the Maldives with the rollover of USD 50 million Treasury Bill. This is a true gesture of goodwill which signifies the longstanding friendship between #Maldives and #India," Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer tweeted.

The Government of India has provided budget support of USD 50 million to the Maldives. The support was in the form of a rollover of USD 50 million Treasury Bill, for an additional year, through the State Bank of India, Male, from May 13, 2024, the Maldivian Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "Government of India's decision to rollover the T-Bill came following a request to that effect made by Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer to India's External Affairs Minister

Dr S Jaishankar, during the official bilateral visit to India from May 8-10, the statement said. The Government of Maldives is highly appreciative of the generous support that the Government of India has been providing to the Maldives in the form of budgetary support. A large number of infrastructural developmental projects and High Impact Community Developmental projects are underway with assistance from the Government of India, which consists of a notable part as grant assistance, the statement said. The Government of Maldives looks forward to continuing this collaborative partnership for the mutual benefit and prosperity of their people, it said. Zameer after coming back from the visit said that significant strides have been made in expediting India-assisted projects in the Maldives, as he underscored the government's commitment to prioritising the resumption and completion

of these projects.

Putin replaces Sergei Shoigu as defence minister Ukraine army locked in

AP MOSCOW

Pussian President Vladimir Sergei Shoigu as defence minister in a Cabinet shakeup that comes as he begins his fifth term in office. In line with Russian law, the entire Russian Cabinet resigned Tuesday following Putin's glittering inauguration in the Kremlin, and most members have been widely expected to keep their jobs, while Shoigu's fate had appeared uncertain. Putin signed a decree on Sunday appointing Shoigu as secretary of Russia's Security Council, the Kremlin said. The appointment was announced shortly after Putin proposed Andrei Belousov to become the country's defence minister in place of Shoigu. The announcement of Shoigu's new role came as 13 people were reported dead and 20 more wounded in Russia's border city of Belgorod, where a 10-story apartment building partially collapsed after what Russian officials said was Ukrainian shelling. Ukraine hasn't commented on the incident.

It reported uncil

Belousov's candidacy will need deputy prime minister, is the cil. Medvedev has served as the right fit for the job. Belousov, 65, body's deputy chairman since house in parliament, the held leading positions in the finances ar nomic department of the prime minister's office and the Ministry of Economic Development. In 2013, he was appointed an adviser to Putin and seven years later, in January 2020, he became first deputy prime minister. Peskov assured that the reshuffle will not affect "the military aspect," which "has always been the prerogative of the Chief of General Staff," and Gen Valery Gerasimov, who currently serves in this position, will continue his work. Tatiana Stanovaya, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center, said in an online commentary that Shoigu's new appointment to Russia's Security Council showed that the Russian leader viewed the institution as "a reservoir" for his "former' key figures people who he can't in any way let go, but doesn't have a place for." Figures such as former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev have also been appointed to the security coun-

2020. Shoigu

highly visible in the

agency, which eventually barrage of artillery and mortar became the Ministry of shelling, officials said Sunday. Emergency Situations. He The intense battles have forced at least one Ukrainian unit to

'fierce' border battles amid Russian assault

Sunday that Putin introduced proposals for other Cabinet positions as well but Shoigu is the only minister on that list who is being replaced. Several other new candidates for federal ministers were proposed Saturday by Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, reappointed by Putin on Friday.

Shoigu's deputy, Timur Ivanov, was arrested last month on bribery charges and was ordered to remain in custody pending an official investigation. The arrest of Ivanov was widely interpreted as an attack on Shoigu and a possible precursor of his dismissal, despite his close personal ties with Putin.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Sunday that Putin had decided to give the defence minister role to a civilian because the ministry should be "open to innovation and cutting-edge ideas." He also said the increasing defence budget "must fit into the country's wider economy," and Belousov, who until recently served as the first

Security Council instead of Nikolai Patrushev, Putin's longterm ally. Peskov said Sunday that Patrushev is taking on another role, and promised to reveal details in the coming days. Shoigu has been widely seen as a key figure in Putin's decision to send Russian troops into Ukraine. Russia had expected the operation to quickly overwhelm Ukraine's much smaller and lessequipped army and for Ukrainians to broadly welcome Russian troops.

Instead, the conflict galvanized Ukraine to mount an intense defence, dealing the Russian army humiliating blows, including the retreat from an attempt to take the capital, Kyiv, and a counteroffensive that drove Moscow's forces out of the Kharkiv region. Before he was named defence minister in 2012, Shoigu spent more than 20 years directing markedly different work: In 1991, he was appointed head of the Russian Rescue Corps disaster-response

post. The job also allowed him to be named a general even though he had no military service behind him as the rescue corps absorbed the militarised Civil Defence Troops

Shoigu does not wield the same kind of power as Patrushev, who has long been the country's top security official. But the position he will take - the same position that Patrushev worked to transform from a minor bureaucratic role to a place of sizable influence - will still carry some authority, according to Mark Galeotti, head of the Mayak Intelligence consultancy. High-level security materials intended for the president's eyes will still pass through the Security Council Secretariat, even with changes at the top. "You can't just insti-tutionally turn around a bureaucracy and how it works overnight," he said. Thousands of civilians have fled Russia's renewed ground offensive in Ukraine's northeast that has targeted towns and villages with a

withdraw in the Kharkiv region, capitulating more land to Russian forces across less defended settlements in the so-called contested gray zone along the Russian border.

By Sunday afternoon, the town of Vovchansk, among the largest in the northeast with a prewar population of 17,000, emerged as a focal point in the battle. Volodymyr Tymoshko, the head of the Kharkiv regional police, said that Russian forces were on the outskirts of the town and approaching from three directions. An Associated Press team, positioned in a nearby village, saw plumes of smoke rising from the town as Russian forces hurled shells. Evacuation teams worked nonstop throughout the day to take residents, most of whom were older, out of harm's way. At least 4,000 civilians have fled the Kharkiv region since Friday, when Moscow's forces launched the operation, Governor Oleh Syniehubov said in a social media statement.

Ukrainian troops are locked in intense battles with the advancing Russian army in two border areas, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, while the death toll from a Russian apartment building collapse blamed on Ukrainian shelling rose to 15.

Zelenskyy said "fierce battles" are taking place near the border in eastern and northeastern Ukraine as outgunned and outnumbered Ukrainian soldiers try to push back a significant Russian ground offensive. "Defensive battles are ongoing, fierce battles, on a large part of our border area," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address on Sunday. The Kremlin's forces are aim-

ing to exploit Ukrainian weaknesses before a big batch of new military aid for Kyiv from the US and European partners arrives on the battlefield in the coming weeks and months, analysts say.

That makes this period a window of opportunity for Moscow and one of the most dangerous for Kyiv in the twoyear war, they say.

The new Russian push in the northeastern Kharkiv region, along with the ongoing drive into the eastern Donetsk region, come after months when the about 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line barely budged. In the meantime, both sides have used longrange strikes in what largely became a war of attrition. The Kharkiv incursion may be collapsed following what authorities said was Ukrainian shelling. Fifteen bodies were pulled from the rubble, Belgorod regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov said, and 27 other people were wounded. Another three people in the city of Belgorod were killed by shelling late Sunday, he said. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday replaced Sergei Shoigu as defence minister in a Cabinet shakeup. Shoigu was widely seen as a key figure in Putin's decision to send Russian troops into Ukraine in February 2022. Russia had expected the oper-ation to quickly overwhelm Ukraine's army and for

an attempt to create a "buffer

zone" to protect Belgorod, an

adjacent Russian border region

battered by Ukrainian attacks.

Russian emergency services

on Monday finished clearing

the rubble in the region's cap-

ital city of Belgorod, where a

section of a residential building

come Russian troops. Zelenskyy said fighting in the Donetsk area is "no less intense" than in Kharkiv. He said the Kremlin aimed to "spread our forces thin" by opening a second active front in Kharkiv. He described the area around Pokrovsk region, just inside the Ukrainian border in Donetsk, as "the most difficult". Pokrovsk was a town of around 60,000 people before the war and was until recently a two-hour drive from the front line. Now it is less than half that.

Ukrainians to broadly wel-

Nepal DyPM quits in setback Pillai named state minister in to Prachanda-led govt **Singapore PM Wong cabinet**

prime minister. He will also

take over as the chairman of the

Singapore, the de facto central

bank, and assume responsibil-

Currently, Deputy Prime

Minister Heng Swee Keat, 63,

Heng was first named to suc-

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Loong but he has declined to

Wong, 51, also announced

other promotions and appoint-

ments on Monday, but there

were no major changes to the

ministers helming each min-

For example, Wong will remain

at the helm of the Finance

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PTI SINGAPORE

Indian-origin Member of Parliament Murali Pillai will be appointed the Minister of State for Law and Transport in the new incoming cabinet of Singapore's new Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, it was announced on Monday. Pillai, 56, will be appointed and sworn in on July 1, according to a report by The Straits Times newspaper while others

will be sworn in on May 15. Pillai, a member of the ruling People's Action Party, is a lawyer.

Among other Indian-origin politicians, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan will remain as Foreign Affairs Minister, K. Shanmugam will continue as

Minister of Home Affairs and Law, and Indranee Rajah as the Minister in the Prime Minister's Office.

The new cabinet line-up was announced by the Singapore Prime Minister's Office on Monday

It will be led by Wong, who will be sworn into the highest executive office on Wednesday after incumbent Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, 72, announced that he will step down on Wednesday after leading the country for 20 years. Gan Kim Yong, 65, will be pro-moted to Deputy Prime

Minister as part of a cabinet reshuffle and will remain as Trade and Industry Minister. He will be the acting prime minister in the absence of the PTI KATHMANDU

Monetary Authority of ity for the strategy group with-in the Prime Minister's Office. on Monday tendered his resig-

> Health and Population, submitted his resignation to Prime Minister "Prachanda" on Monday morning, according to sources close to the Madhesi leader. Along with Yadav, Minister of State for Forest and Environment Dipak Karki, from the same party, has also submitted his resignation. The resignation by Yadav, the

Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister and senior Madhesi leader Upendra Yadav nation and his party pulled out of the government, a setback to Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda-led coalition government.

Yadav, also the Minister for

Chairman of Janata Samajwadi Party Nepal (JSP-Nepal), comes a week after his party split into two groups with senior leader Ashok Rai forming a new party named Janata Samajwadi Party. The new party has been recog-nised by the Election Commission. "This morning, I submitted my resignation to Prime Minister Dahal. Given the current political situation, I find it untenable to continue my cooperation with the government," Yadav said. The JSP-Nepal had altogether

12 lawmakers in the House of Representatives (HoR). Now the party's strength has been reduced to 5 in the HoR as Rai and six other lawmakers and 30 central committee members joined the new party.

The ruling coalition led by Prime Minister Prachanda still holds a majority with 77 seats of the CPN-UML, 32 of the Maoist Centre, 21 of the Rastriya Swatantra Party, seven of the newly formed Janata Samajbadi Party and 10 seats of the CPN-Unified Socialist (CPN-US). The coalition requires at least 138 seats in the 275-member House of Representatives to prove a majority.

The party's pull out from the government will not have an immediate impact on the Prachanda-led coalition government," said Sunil Manandhar, former environment minister and central committee member of the ruling CPN-Maoist Centre.

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I. Rahul S/o Boota Ram R/o H.No.184, Hakim Chak Phagwara (Kapurthala) have changed my name from Rahul to Rahul Kumar

I, Uma Bai is mother of No 15626746X Lhav Ramkrishn Recce, serving in unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) C/o 56 APO have change my name from Uma Bai to Hira Bhai.

I, No 2501700P LNk Kulwinder Singh father of Sehajpreet Singh , serving in unit HQ 11 Corps Camp C/o 56 APO have change my son name from Sahejpreet Singh to Sehajpreet Singh I. Hariinder Kumar Kainth

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I, Parvinder Kaur W/o Harbhajan Singh r/o Vill. Bhagwan Khera, Po. Nangal Mazza, Teh, Phagwara, Distt, Kapurthala have changed my spelling name from Parvinder Kaur to Parwinder Kaur.

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I, Bal Krishan S/o Bhagwan Dass r/o H.No. 488, Khalwara Gate, Bedia Mohalla, Phagwara, Kapurthala have changed my name from Bal Krishan to Balkrishan Sharma.

I, Inderjeet Kaur W/o Kulvir Singh R/o Patti Maana Wali, VPO, Jamsher Khas, Distt, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed the spelling of my name from Inderjeet Kaur to Inderjit Kaur.

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I, Prabhjeet Singh S/O Palwinder Singh R/O Vill-

Kamalpur, Po- Lakhan Kalan, Tehsil-Kalanaur, District-Gurdaspur, 143512, Punjab, India. That, I Want To Change My Name Prabhjeet Singh To Singh Prabhjeet, And My Surname As Singh And Given Name As Prabhjeet. I, Suman W/o Sh. Khushi

Ram R/o VPO Staundi, Teh Gharaunda, District Karnal have changed my name from Suman to Suman Devi.

I. Rakde Kashinath Mahadu resident of Village Palshi, Post- Palshi, Tehsil-Sillod. District-CH State-Sambhaginagar, Maharashtra, Pin-431135, have changed my Mother name from Kadubai to Kadubai Mahadu

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No.2812164W L/NK Phad Narayan resident of Village-Arbuiwadi Post- Isad Tehsil-Gangakhed District- Parbhani Maharashtra Pin-State-431514, have changed my name from Pooia to Pooia Naravan Phad Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14338799139173W dated 10 May 2024 before

notary public Pathankot I, Balwinder Kaur spouse of Sukhwinder Singh resident of Pangdour, Post-Village-Pangdour, Tehsil- Samba, District- Samba, State- Jammu & Kashmir, Pin-184121, have changed my name from Balwinder Kaur to Balvinder Kour Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14576383196890W dated 11

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PB14336627750182W dated 10 May 2024 before notary public Pathankot I, No.2802701H CHM

Suryawanshi Shahaji Shivaji resident of Village- Kalkutwadi Post- Amble, Tehsil- Patan, Satara, District-State Maharashtra, Pin-415014, have changed my Father name from Shivaji to Shivaji Baburao Suryawanshi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB14362335786882W dated 10 May 2024 before

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I Manpreet Kaur Chohan W/O Balwinder Singh R/O H.No.-B-VI-48, Amarpura Mohala Barnala Have Changed My Name To Manpreet Kaur.

I Balwinder Singh Chohan S/O Krishan Singh R/O H.No.B-VI-48, Amarpura Mohala Barnala Have Changed My Name To Balwinder Singh.

I Mandeep Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/O Vill. Phide P.O Kot Karor Kalan Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Singh Brar.

I Jaspreet Kaur W/O Mandeep Singh Brar R/O Vill.

I Rajinder Singh Darshan Singh R/O Vpo Chohla Sahib Tarn Taran Punjab I Have Changed My Name From Rajinder Singh To Rajwinder

I, Manjeet Kaur Gill W/o Harnaib Singh, R/o Burj Fatehgarh, Distt. Barnala, have changed my name as Manjeet Kaur

I Beant Kaur Barring W/O Pardeep Singh R/O Vill. Bhotna Tapa(Barnala) have changed my name Beant Kaur.

I Raghvir Singh S/O Dev Singh R/O Vill. Chhana Gulab Singh Teh. Tapa(Barnala) have changed my name Raghvbir Singh

I, Ramandeep Kaur W/o Baltej Singh Brar R/o Vill: Virkan Wali Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur Brar.

I Hitherto Known as Sukhdev S/o Sh. Ishar Singh Residing at Vill. Bhattian Rajputtan, PO. Purika, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur Puniab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sukhdev Singh.

I. Joti Kaur W/o Balvir Singh R/o Saidoke (Moga) have changed my name to Harjot Kaur

I, Rajni W/o Rajesh Sharma R/o Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Rajni Sharma after marriage.

I, Rajveer Singh Matharu S/o Gurtej Singh R/o Vpo. Thathi Bhai Teh-Baghapurana (Moga) have changed my name to Raiveer Singh.

I. Shiv Pal Vashisht S/o Prem Parkash R/o Partap Nagar Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Shiv Pal.

I, Vishal S/o Malkit Singh R/o Kaloya Po. Bainch Baja Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Punjab, have changed my name to Vishal Singh these both names are mine one & same person.

I. Daliit Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o H.No.214, W.No.21, Officer Colony, MK Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Daljeet Kaur.

I, Mandeep Kaur Benipal W/o Jaskarn Singh Benipal R/o Bhadal Village Thuha (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Mandeep Kaur.

I Satnam Singh Aulakh S/o Amar Singh R/o Village Aulakh (Faridkot) have changed my name to Satnam Singh.

I Perminder W/o Manjeet Singh R/o Mohalla Harnampura, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Perminder Kaur.

I. Harwinder Singh Marok S/o Sukhdev Sinah R/o Vill: Fatehabad (Tarn Taran) have changed my name from Harwinder Singh Marok to Harwinder Singh.

I, Sukhwinder Kaur Marok W/o Harwinder Singh R/o Vill: Fatehabad (Tarn Taran) have changed my name from Sukhwinder Kaur Marok to Sukhwinder Kaur.

I, Harwinder Singh Marok S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o Vill: Fatehabad (Tarn Taran) have changed my minor son name from Gurvanshpreet Singh Marok to Gurvanshpreet Singh.

I Sukhbir W/o Sh. Sant Kumar R/o Vill-Berkheri. Teh-Naraingarh, Distt, Ambala, has changed my name from Sukhbir to Sukhbir Kaur.

I Rashmi Keshla W/o Rajdeep Sahota and D/o Madhu Keshla R/o H.No.9 Majithia Enclave Phase-2 Patiala 147001 have changed my name to Rashmi.

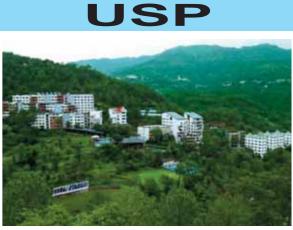
I Jewan Kumar S/o Tarsem Singh R/o Bhullar Bet. Kapurthala, Punjab- 144804, have changed my name to Jeevan Kumar

I, Anita Kumari W/o Ramjatan Prasad R/o Chomon, Post office Adampur Doaba Distt. Jalandhar-144103 have changed my Name Anita Kumari to Anita Prasad after marriage.

I Anu Bala D/o Vidhi Singh and W/o Vinod Kumar R/o PO Dhaddar, Gag Jallo, Dasuva Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 144205 have changed my name to Poonam Jasrotia

I Tanvi Gupta D/o Vinay Gupta R/o House No-344/2 National Road, Ghumar Mandi, Bharat Nagar Chowk, Ludhiana, Puniab-141001, have changed my name to Kavya Mittal.

I Amit S/o Sh. Chand Ram R/o Vill Dumarkha Kalan Distt Jind I Declared That I Have Changed My Son (minor) Name From Aryan To Aryan Sheokand.



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BoB Q4 profit rises 2.3% to Rs 4,886 crore

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NEERAJ CHOPRA, KISHORE JENA TO COMPETE DIRECTLY IN FED CUP FINALS

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tar Indian javelin throwers Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Jena have been given direct entry into the Federation Cup finals here on May 15, having already bettered the minimum qualification mark of 75m multiple times in their careers. Olympic and world champion Chopra is coming off a fairly good outing at the Doha Diamond League last week where he finished second with a throw of 88.38m. Asian Games silver-winner Jena's Diamond League debut, however, ended in disappointment as he was eliminated after three rounds

with 76.31m being his best. DP Manu, who finished sixth in the 2023 World In the 2023 World Championships and who is looking to qualify for the upcoming Paris Olympics by breaching the 85.50m mark, will also compute directly in will also compete directly in the finals.

"All those who have crossed 75m will not compete in the qualifying round on Tuesday.

There are nine of them from among those who had made entries, including Neeraj and Jena. They will directly compete in the final on Wednesday," Indian athletics head coach Radhakrishnan Nair said, quoting the Athletics Federation of India's qualification rules.

"The remaining who have below 75m mark will compete in the qualifying round and the top three will join the nine above-75m throwers in the final."

The AFI is quite looking forward to 26-year-old first **Chopra's** home competitive outing in three

years. "The AFI is not at all surprised at Neeraj taking part in the Federation Cup. His participation in domestic event is no doubt a very good thing for Indian athletics," a top official of the AFI told PTI. It is learnt that the AFI wanted Chopra to compete in a domestic event after he won gold in Tokyo Olympics and

before the Paris Games. He did not take part in any



domestic event in 2022 and athletes have qualified for Paris 2023 as he was training or competing abroad. His last domestic event was the Federation Cup in March 2021. It is learnt that Chopra has reached India from Doha but reached India from Doha but will land here only on Tuesday. Asian Games medallist Jena is arriving here later on Monday. Nair played down the injury to men's 4x400m relay squad member Rajesh Ramesh who pulled out midway during the second leg of the first round qualifying heat in Bahamas earlier this month. Ramesh was replaced by

Ramesh was replaced by Arokia Rajiv, who was also not fully fit, in the second round of the Olympic qualifying heat and the Indian team booked a Paris ticket.

"Ramesh's injury is not a hamstring pull, it's related to tendon in thigh. So, it is not a major injury. He is expected to start training in 10-15 days. Rajiv will also be alright soon," Nair said.

"There should not be any problem in preparation." Olympics

A total of 19 track and field



Shyaamnikhil ends 12 years wait, becomes India's 85th GM

2012.

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 $P_{India's \ 85th \ Grandmaster}^{Shayaamnikhil} \ became$ by completing his third and final GM norm in the justconcluded Dubai Police Masters chess tournament, ending a 12-year-wait for the player who took to the sport as an eight-year-old.

Shyaamnikhil needed just one opportunities led to a long and

Whoa Nelly! Rose Zhang wins Founders Cup to end Korda's record tying LPGA Tour winning streak

AP CLIFTON (US)

 G_{Rose} Zhang from the moment the two-time NCAA champion won in her professional debut last year and joined the

professional debut last year and joined the LPGA Tour the following week. The 20-year-old finally delivered again Sunday, birdieing four of the final five holes to win the Cognizant Founders Cup. She beat Madelene Sagstrom by two strokes while putting an official end to Nelly Korda's record-tying LPGA Tour winning streak winning streak.

"I was able to grow so much throughout the journey in this past year," Zhang said. "I don't know, it's crazy to come out here. Didn't have any expectation of having to win because I realize that it's all just noise and I really just have to be able to work at it myself and try my best to put myself in positions like this.

^tBut no matter what happened this week, I would've been very satisfied and it reignited my passion for the game once again," she added after winning on Mathema Daw Mother's Day.

Zhang, who was talking to her mom coming into the media room, actually had a funny start to her round. The Stanford product almost fell on her rear end taking a shot from an ackward stance on the first hole. The shot could have gone anywhere. It hit the pin and she made par.

will join her and Hall of Famers Nancy "I just thought to myself, wow, I mean, at 24 under 264. Rookie Gabriela Ruffels of Australia was today is probably going to be a lucky day," Lopez and Annika Sorenstam in winning said Zhang, who played with Sagstrom in five straight or even more. a stroke-play duel with the rest of the field far back. "Maybe I can get something "But just to do that with all the tition out here is super super Yin and



going. Would not have imagined myself being who are now, especially after 12. Sagstrom birdied that hole to take a threeshot lead and things did not look good for Zhang. It got better in the event that honors the 13

founding members of the tour.

Zhang, who shot a 6-under 66, birdied Nos. 14, 15, 17 and 18 at Upper Montclair Country Club, while Sagstrom bogeyed the 16th in finished two back.

Korda, who struggled the final two days after playing magnificently in winning the five straight events she entered, began the day 11 strokes back and shot her second straight 73 to tie for seventh at 7 under. She had no regrets. She hopes someone

rewarding with how much work that I've put in," the 25-year-old Korda said. "So I think to get a streak like that in any sport in general is amazing with the amount of talent that I feel like every athlete has in their enert like an amazing feeling and

their sport. Just an amazing feeling and hopefully one day it'll sink in." It was a heart-breaking end for Sagstrom, the 31-year-old Swede who started the day with a one-shot lead and was looking for her first victory since 2020 and second second overall on tour.

"I struck it so nicely this week. I've worked really hard for a long time," Sagstrom said. "I putted incredible. It's really high up there. That's probably why it hurts more. Nothing against Rose. She played incredible. I kind of wish I gave myself a few more chances at the end there. Didn't want it to and that way. This is probably want it to end that way. This is probably the best golf I played in years."

Sagstrom led by three after 13, but Zhang curled in a birdie putt at 14 and made an 8footer on the next to draw within one. They were tied after after 16, with Sagstrom missing a 10-foot par putt after a bad chip from the back fringe.

After Sagstrom saved par at the par-3 17th with a fast, downhill 25-footer, Zhang took the lead with a short birdie putt and she closed things out on the final hole with Sagstrom waiting to make a birdie attempt. Zhang, who won last year at nearby Liberty National in her pro debut, finished

third at 9 under, her best finish. She shot 71. Peiyun Chien of Taiwan and Ruoning Xivu Lin of China tied at 8 unde

and Nair said the team will train in Spala in Poland for four weeks before travelling to Paris for the Olympics. Track and field events starting on August 1. The team will train in Spala before Olympics and we will reach Paris three or four days

before the competition starts," he said. Indian athletes have trained in Spala many times in the past.

Nair also said the AFI is still hopeful of the mixed 4x400m relay team's Paris qualification despite its failure in Bahamas during the World Relays. Only two slots remain up for grabs. "Our mixed 4x400m team will take part in the Asian Relays (May 20-21 in Bangkok) and we can qualify for Paris if we run below 3 minutes 14 seconds and we feel can do

that." Meanwhile, it is learnt that the AFI will shortly come out with a strategic plan with the target of winning multiple medals in the 2036 Olympics. The target is irrespective of India winning

the right to host the Games.



Wanted to be a doctor but opted for athletics due to father passion: Olympic bound Jyothika

PTI BHUBANESWAR

An academically-inclined child is a dream realised in most Indian households and that's why Olympic-bound runner Jyothika Sri Dandi aspired to be a doctor before she realised that her father would be happier seeing her excel in sports.

The 23-year-old from Tanuku town in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, secured 97 per cent in Class X while studying at the Montessori School at her home town.

But, her father Srinivasa Rao, a body-builder in his younger avs nudged her into tak interest in sports as he wanted to see her in the Olympics some day. That dream is going to be a reality in less than three months' time. Jyothika was part of the Indian women's 4x400m relay team that qualified for the Paris Olympics during the World Relays in Bahamas earlier this month. "I got 97 per cent in class X and when I was in school I actually wanted to be a doctor. But, once I started doing sports, I could not go back and think about becoming a doctor," Jyothika, who is taking part in the Federation Cup here, told PTI in an interview. "My father felt I have the talent to do well in athletics and bring laurels for the country in the Olympics. Seeing his sacrifice and passion to mould me into a successful athlete, I decided to follow his dreams. "I did not tell him that I wanted to be a doctor because I want to make him happy. Till 2017, I did not have interest in sports but around 2020 I began taking interest.

Her mother is a home-maker and she has an elder sister who got married recently. "My father was a bodybuilder when he was young but stopped as there was no support from family. Now he is a businessman. He is very much interested in sports and he pushed me a lot and he wants

me to be in the Olympics. "Because of him, I did not have to struggle much. He takes care of everything. So, now I want to fulfil his dream of seeing me do well in the Olympics," said Jyothika who has a personal best of 52.73 seconds in individual 400m.

complete the long-overdue GM title which he achieved in the tournament. The 31-year-old conjured the

requisite 2500 ELO rating points, the minimum requirement to be a GM, way back in 2012 with two Grandmaster norms but for the third one, he had to wait for 12 years.

"I started playing at the age of eight, my parents taught me but I could not play any tournament for three years. Winning the under-13 State championship opened up opportunities for me as I could play Asian and age group world championship," recalled Shayaamnikhil.

Hailing from Nagarcoil in Tamil Nadu this was not an easy ride for the player, who was known as one of the finest talents of his time.

"He shifted his base to Chennai to pursue chess despite coming from a modest background and stayed with me," said his former coach K Visweswaran.

Making his first GM norm in

"It was only in 2017 that I played tournaments in Europe, till then I was trying to play in Vietnam or UAE trying to make the final norm

Mumbai Mayors Cup 2011

and the second one some time later during the Indian

championship as a 19-year-old, Shayaamnikhil completed

the rating requirement in early

It was Dubai open in 2012 where Nikhil missed a big

chance to score his final norm

and then a series of missed

ight in his career

but these places are not so easy as the tournaments are very strong," he said. The 2022 Commonwealth champion said that he had

come here prepared and missed a norm again in a tournament in France just before the Dubai Police Masters. "I needed a win in the last

round but I drew again and missed the norm again," he said when asked about how he felt about three missed opportunities. "I wanted to

"I wanted to play Chess as enjoyment, I like Mikhail Tal and Garry Kasparov. I would like to dedicate this to my parents, who have waited a long time for this title, my trainer Visweswaran sir also helped a great Shyaamnikhil added. deal," "Now that the title is done, I can play more freely," he

concluded

Wonder goal for Ella Toone as Manchester United wins Women FA Cup with 4-0 rout of Tottenham AP LONDON

Manchester United won its first major trophy by routing Tottenham 4-0 in the Women's FA Cup final at Wembley. Ella Toone's Wembley. Ella Toone's stunning long-range strike in first-half stoppage time set up victory for Marc Skinner's team. United cruised to victory after the break through two goals from Lucia Garcia and another from Rachel Williams. United quickly made up for defeat to Chelsea in last year's

Williams doubled United's final by lifting the trophy 12 lead with a powerful header Toone's wonder goal broke nine minutes after the break. Tottenham's resistance when United effectively sealed she curled the ball into the top victory three minutes later, corner from around 20 yards this time through Garcia, who (meters) in the third minute of was named player of the time added on in the first half. match.

Seizing on a weak clearance from Spurs goalkeeper Becky Spencer, Garcia pounced to score from close range She added her second and United's fourth in the 74th minute by lifting a shot into the top corner from inside the

It is the first time since Birmingham's victory in 2012 that the cup hasn't been won by one of Arsenal, Chelsea or

Manchester City. Victory eases the pressure on Skinner, who guided the club to second place in the Women's Super League last season but has endured a difficult campaign this time round with United set to finish fifth. Skinner's contract is set to expire this summer. Asked if he expected to carry on next season, the 41-year-old Skinner said: "I hope so ... But we've created history and I have got to live in that

"I believe in myself fully and I am still only a baby in terms of my career.

It all started after I races in school meets and that was when her father realised the talent of his daughter.

"I used to finish first in annual school sports competitions in 200m and 400m and even in some races organised by clubs. "He took me to the school PET teacher when I was in seventh class (around 12 years of age). I ran on the mud tracks at a college ground in my place. I started taking part in district and state meets when I was in ninth class in 2014."

Between 2014 and 2021, Jyothika trained under Sports Authority of India coach Vinayak Prasad in Vijaywada. In 2021, she trained under Ramesh Nagpuri, current national junior team head

coach, in Hyderabad for one year during which she ran her then personal best of 53.05 seconds after which she was called for the national camp.

"I got national medals, I went to World School Games and Asian Youth Championships but interest in sports, I did not have. Till 2017, I did not have interest in sports.

Djokovic follows Nadal to early exit at Italian Open in first match after being hit by water bottle

AP ROME

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Djokovic put on one of his worst displays at one of his favorite tournaments as he was 29th-seeded upset Aleiandro Tabilo in the third round of the Italian Open. It was Djokovic's first match

since accidentally getting knocked on the head by a water bottle while signing autographs after his opening win on Friday.

"I managed to sleep okay. I had headaches. The next day or yesterday was pretty fine, so I thought it's okay. Maybe it is okay. Maybe it's not," Djokovic

the court today was just completely like a different player entered into my shoes. Just no rhythm, no tempo, no balance whatsoever on any shot. It's a bit concerning."

Djokovic started off with a double-fault and it didn't get much better for the six-time Rome champion The top-ranked Djokovic lost

his first two service games and went on to lose the match 6-2, 6-3 in just 68 minutes, handing Tabilo the victory when he double-faulted - his fifth of the match - amid boos at the Foro Italico.

"I'm trying to soak it all in and wake up right now," Tabilo said after the biggest win of his 6-3 on Saturday. career. "I was just trying to While Djokovic had said he keep my nerves in and keep was "fine" after the water

said. "I mean, the way I felt on swinging. Towards the end my arms were getting tired but I was trying not to think about

months on.

"It's crazy, I just can't believe what's happened. I can't believe it right now. I don't think anyone can believe it." The third-round loss marked Djokovic's worst performance at the Italian Open. He had lost only once before to an opponent outside the top 10 in Rome, where he had never gone out before the quarterfinals.

Djokovic followed Rafael Nadal to an early exit after the record 10-time Rome champion lost his third-round match to Hubert Hurkacz 6-1,



bottle incident, it was an off-key unusually performance from the Serb as he tries to step up his game on clay before attempting to defend his title at the French Open, which starts on May 26. "I was going for kind of easy training yesterday. I didn't feel anything, but I also didn't feel the same," Djokovic said.

'Today under high stress, it was quite bad - not in terms of pain, but in terms of this balance. Just no coordination. Completely different player from two nights ago ... I don't know. I have to do medical checkups and see what's going on." Djokovic had 12 unforced errors to Tabilo's four and produced 14 winners to his opponent's 22. It was also a rare occasion when he had

zero break point chances. He was broken four times in the match, including in the final game, and Djokovic could only shake his head when another unforced error handed Tabilo match point. Djokovic is still without a title this year - the first time he's reached May without a trophy since 2018, when he was returning from a right elbow iniury. Tabilo next faces 16th-seeded

Karen Khachanov, who beat Francisco Cerundolo 6-2, 6-4. Third-seeded Alexander Zverev advanced after the 2017 Rome champion beat Luciano Darderi of Italy 7-6 (3), 6-2. Grigor Dimitrov and Thiago Monteiro also advanced, while Taylor Fritz beat American compatriot

Sebastian Korda 6-3, 6-4 American, Ben lost to Zhang Ben Another Shelton, Zhizhen. In the women's tournament, second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka eased through to the fourth round with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Dayana Yastremska. American Sofia Kenin, who won the Australian Open in 2020 and also reached the final at Roland Garros the same year, was upset by Slovakian qualifier Rebecca Sramkova 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

American Danielle Collins is safely through after beating Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-3. Also advancing in third-round matches were Maria Sakkari, Irina-Camelia Begu, Jelena Ostapenko, Victoria Azarenka and Elina Svitolina.

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Focus on KL Rahul as LSG face DC in playoff battle

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Functional sector of the secto Delhi Capitals in a must-win game here on Tuesday.

There has been a lot of speculations about Rahul's future as LSG skipper after his "public reprimand" by team owner Sanjiv Goenka 10-wicket following their hammering by Sunrisers Hyderabad last Wednesday. Speculations are rife that Rahul

may step down as captain or perhaps he will do his duties for the remaining two games before leaving LSG. In either case, the India batter would look to answer with his bat and end things on a high.

Rahul hasn't been in the best of form and it's not only cost him a place in India's T20 squad but also left LSG at the seventh spot with 12 points with RCB

and DC, who are fifth and

sixth respectively. Five days is a lot of time to introspect and Rahul and Co. Will look to come out all guns blazing when they face DC, who are also on 12 points and are coming into the match after a loss against RCB on Sunday night. Besides Rahul, Quinton De Kock's poor form this season has left LSG struggling in the powerplay, putting pressure on the likes of Marcus Stoinis and Nicholas Pooran, who haven't got the freedom to who haven't got the freedom to unleash their big shots. Although Pooran and Ayush

Badoni managed to rescue the team in the last match, the bowlers failed miserably against the formidable SRH pair of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma, who racked up 167 in 9.4 overs, a T20I record by any team.

The loss of tearaway pacer Mayank Yadav to injury has left a big hole which Yash Thakur and Naveen-ul-Haq haven't been able to fill. Also



Mohsin Khan picked up an injury and didn't play last match The spin duo of Krunal Pandya and Ravi Bishnoi too have been to do a lot of soul

quick-fire half-centuries.

"His aggressive approach has

searching after being punished by SRH. Delhi Capitals, on the other hand, will hope the return of skipper Rishabh Pant after a one-match suspension due to slow overrate against

Rajasthan Royals will help them to end things on a high. Delhi sans Pant paid the price for their fielding lapses as those drop catches and misfields came back to haunt them

against RCB on Sunday night. While the bowlers let RCB off the hook after a good start, the batting once again came unstuck as they lost four wickets inside 4 overs to be bowled out for their lowest innings score this IPL.

But this is the same team which scored four 200 plus totals this season and they will have to find their mark in their last game to salvage any slim hopes of a top four.

Jack Fraser-McGurk, with 330 runs from seven matches at an impressive strike-rate of 237.41, has been their most impactful batter. While impactful batter. While Abhishek Porel (269, 156.39), Pant (413, 156.43) and Tristan Stubbs (321, 185.54) too have been among runs this season. In the bowling department, the spin duo of Kuldeep Yadav (15) and Axar Patel (10) have shared 25 wickets, while pacers Khaleel Ahmed (16 wickets) and Mukesh Kumar (16) too have got them the breakthroughs.

Going forward, players will be selected in playing XI on basis of impact and not averages: Miller



PTI NEW DELHI

 $F_{ability \ to \ deliver \ maximum \ impact, \ South \ African \ batter$ David Miller reckons averages in T20 cricket will gradually lose relevance and strike rate will be the only barometer of success. Over the past couple of years, Miller has performed the finisher's role with distinction both for Gujarat Titans and his national team. With seven scores in excess of 250 plus this IPL season, the batters have taken the power game to the next level, fuelling the strike rate debate.

"We've seen some high scores this year. And it's been incredible batting by a few teams and few individual players in this IPL. And look, I always see everyone judges a batter on the average," Miller told PTI Videos.

"But in T20 cricket, it can be difficult to judge someone purely on that. The top three batters, definitely you can because of the number of overs they get to bat. When it comes to the middle order it has to the middle order, it has always been the strike rates and what kind of impact the batter has had in the game. "I suppose as we move forward, it becomes more and more about impact. How impactful are you in the game? Depending on the situation. If we're needing 15 an over, can you do it? And

on their match-winning ability," said the 34-year-old. Talking about the T20 World Cup next month, Miller is looking forward to intense battles with likes of Jasprit Bumrah. "There are so many good Indian players. But me being a batter facing the bowlers, Bumrah is bowling well at the moment. And he has been a world-class bowler for many years. He's a threat to me, as well as every other batter in the

that's, I think, what guys are going to have to select teams

World Cup," said the southpaw. He also showered praise on fellow Titans' batter Sai Sudharsan, who is in the middle of his most productive season in the IPL. "He's an incredibly talented player. Still got a long career ahead of him. I've enjoyed

watching him play. I love the way that he preps. And just the build-up to games and how he goes about it. He's a very level-

headed young boy that's got a lot of talent," said Miller. The World Cup in the Americas will provide Miller and South African opportunity to get their hands on an elusive global trophy. The hard-hitting batter is excited about the challenge.

'This team that we have at the moment has played a lot of cricket together the last couple of years and has a lot of confidence and a lot of success. "We've got a lot of experience, guys that have been under pressure before and come through successfully. So, putting all the individuals together in a T20 World Cup, I have no doubt that we most certainly going to give it our best shot. We have the players to do it, the skill to do it."

RCB have demonstrated ability PBKS' Livingstone returns to England to to deliver when it counts: Moody

PTI NEW DELHI

Challengers $R^{oyal}_{\text{Bengaluru have shown the}}$ ability to perform when it matters most, said former Australian all-rounder Tom Moody after their fifth straight win in the IPL.

Languishing at the bottom of the points table 10 days ago, Virat Kohli and Co have found their mojo back. Their winning streak has given them a fighting chance to make the knockout stage.

RCB has "Once again, demonstrated their ability to deliver when it counts, setting the stage for what promises to be a thrilling encounter between the two teams,"

Moody said on Star Sports. They will take on MS Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings, who are also in contention for a playoff berth, in their final league game at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday. "It's iconic for the entire IPL,

truly. You've got two colossal names in cricket here in India and in world cricket-Dhoni Any team could clinch a spot added.



and Kohli. "They're both in that coveted top four," dominant figures, leaving a Moody said. After a sedate start to the season, RCB batter Rajat huge legacy wherever they've been. And the interesting thing Patidar has found his groove, is anything can still happen on that table scoring five fifties in the last Barring Kolkata Kinght Riders, seven innings at a quick pace. "Patidar, in particular, has been

who have already qualified, as many as seven teams are still in a revelation in the past five or contention for a playoffs berth. six games, notching up several "After the weekend, I was assuming that a couple of results will sort of fall the way consistently put pressure on the opposition's bowling attack, they should fall and then we'll making it incredibly challenging for them to get back into the contest," Moody have a clear idea who's going to end up in that top four. "Yet, it's still anyone's game.

VPTI NEW DELHI

Punjab Kings' all-rounder Liam Livingstone on Monday returned to England from the ongoing IPL to undergo a knee recuperation ahead of the next month's T20 World Cup.

The Kings are already eliminated from this IPL after managing just four wins from 12 matches and they are currently at the bottom of the table with eight points.

"IPL done for another year, had to get my knee sorted for the upcoming World Cup," Livingstone wrote on his Instagram wall.

Thanks once again to the Punjab Kings fans for all their and love support. Disappointing season as a team and personally, but as always, I loved every minute of playing in the IPL," he added. Hence, Livingstone will not be available for PBKS' last two matches of the tournament against Rajasthan Royals (May 15) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (May 19).



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three wickets. Meanwhile, other England players in the IPL who are part nature but the England ESPNCricinfo, decided to give of their World Cup squad —` Moeen Ali (CSK), Sam Curran, Jonny Bairstow (PBKS), Jos Buttler (RR), Will against Pakistan, beginning on

Jacks, Reece Topley (RCB) and Phil Salt (KKR) - will be home-After that series, the defending

bound the coming weekend. **AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMIT** (A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK) Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381) APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

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(A/c No.) L9001060124993057 Inder Singh (Borrower), Smt.Manju (Co- Borrower), Tejveer (Co-Borrower)	12-Dec-23 Rs. 744650/- Rs. Seven Lac Forty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Only 11-Dec-23	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khewat/Khata- 168/179, Mustail No- 96, Killa No- 23, Mustil No- 121, Killa No- 02, Village- Andua Patti Hodel, Dist-Palwal, Haryana. Admeasuring 150 Sq.Yds, East: VACANT PLOT, West: RASTA, North: HOUSE OF SMT. RANI, South: VACANT PLOT	09-May-24
(A/c No.) L9001060730201058 Harmukh (Borrower), Smt. Meena (Co- Borrower)	14-Dec-23 Rs. 1142121/- Rs. Eleven Lac Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Only 11-Dec-23	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khewat No 53/50 Khatoni No 64/65 Mu No 20 Killa No 3 4 5 6/1 Mu No 13 Killa No 6 7/2 13 18 23 26 Mu No 14/10/2 20/7/2 8/1 15/1, Plot No 22 23 25 29 59 66 75 77 79 81 82 85 91 92, Waka Mauja Baselva, Dist-Faridabad, Haryana Admeasuring 30 Sqyds.	

address knee niggle ahead of T20 WC West Indies for their T20 World Cup engagements, starting on June 4 against Scotland in Bridgetown,

The injury is not of serious management,

him more time to get it treated prior to their home T20I series May 22.

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We have switched on the attacking mode: RCB pacer Dayal

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PTI BENGALURU

Pace bowler Yash Dayal attributed the renaissance of Roval Challengers Bengaluru in the second half of the IPL to them "switching on the attacking mode."

After six consecutive defeats, Royal Challengers won five matches on the bounce to remain in contention for a playoff berth.

In the last game, RCB defeated Delhi Capitals by 47 runs here on Sunday to leap to fifth spot on the table with 12 points from 13 matches.

"Our performances have markedly improved in the last few matches. I think we have switched on that attacking mode in the last few matches. It has been a big positive for us," said Dayal, who took three for 20 against DC, during the post-match press meet.

The left-arm quick said even while RCB were going through a losing streak, the dressing room remained a thickly-knit unit.

"When you lose matches continuously, like it happened with us, morale will come down a bit. But we took it in our stride and bounced back well

"But even when we were losing, fingers were not pointed at anyone. We have remained positive throughout

the season," he added. The resurgence of RCB is directly linked with the improved performance of their bowling unit, which was all over the place in the first half of the season

Dayal credited team bowling coach Adam Griffith for that turnaround.

"The credit goes to our bowling coach. He engages us in specific drills, visualising particular opposition batsmen



and we discuss this a lot. "When I go out to bowl, I just think about how to get the batter out or save some runs. All of us think the same way,"

he added. "GAVE TOO MANY RUNS":

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James Hopes, the DC bowling "They got one too many and coach, said dropped catches allowed RCB to add a few we dropped four catches and had we taken them we could have probably restricted them more runs and reach an overto 160-165.

Rajat Patidar, who made a "But that's fine and if you are quick fifty, and Will Jacks, who not going to put it together scored a fluent 41, were with the bat you are not going dropped multiple times on to win too many games in this tournament," said Hopes.



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[See rule 8 (1)] **POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)**

Nhereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. nder the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 29-01-2024 u/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers/legal heirs [1] M/s Sriyansh Knitters (Rep. by its partners) 380, Industrial Area A, Ludhiana, Punjab – 141003 [2] Rakesh Jain (Partner - M/s Sriyansh Knitters) 1335, B-13, Sukhram Nagar, Clock wer, Central Post Office, Ludhiana - 141008 [3] Rita Jain (Partner - M/s Sriyansh Knitters) 1335, B-13, Sukhram Nagar, Clock Tower, Central Post Office, Ludhiana – 141008 [4] Samridhi Jain (Partner - M/s Sriyansh Knitters) 1335, B-13, Sukhram agar, Cl ock Tower, Central Post Office, Ludhiana -141008 [5] Manish Jain (Partner - M/s riyansh Knitters)(Legal heir of late Mr.Dinesh Jain) 1335, B-13, Sukhram Nacar lock Tower, Central Post Office, Ludhiana-141008 [6] Mrs. Meenakshi Gupta D/O Mr.Dinesh Jain (Legal heir of late Mr.Dinesh Jain) 1335, B-13, Sukhram Nagar, Clock Tower, Central Post Office, Ludhiana-141008 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 28,24,18,810.21(Rupees Twenty Eight Crores Twenty Four Lakhs Eighteen housand Eight Hundred Ten and Paisa Twenty One Only) as on 28-01-2024 with further terest, applicable penal interest/penal charges and costs within 60 days from the date of eceipt of the said notice with regard to the facilities extended in the Account M/s Sriyansh Knitters with Branch: Ludhiana.

he borrower/legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the orrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of e property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 3 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this the 09th day of May, 2024.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the roperty and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South ndian Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs. 29,59,75,739.33/- as on 08.05.2024 in the Account -M/s Sriyansh Knitters with Branch: Ludhiana along with further interest, applicable pena terest/penal charges and costs thereon.

The attention of Borrowers/legal heirs are invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Sarfaesi Act, 2002 entitling you to redeem the property prior to publication of Notice of Sale.

Description of Immovable Properties

All that part and parcel of Plots bearing No.s 57 and 58 together admeasuring 1000 Sq. yards (500 Sq. yards + 500 Sq. yards) along and all other constructions improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Khata No 33/33 Kahsra No. 11//24-25-12//21-22//10-11-12-19-20-21-22-10-23//4-5-6-15 as entered in Jamabandi for the years 2006-2007 of Village Malakpur Hadbast No. 147, Ludhiana Tehsil & District, owned by Rakesh Jain and late Mr Dinesh Jain(Now represented by legal heirs) morefully described in Sale Deed nos. 2427/2011 dated 23-05-2011 and Sale Deed nos. 2428/2011 dated 23-05-2011 both of Sub Registrar Office - Ludhiana bounded together on North: Other's Property, South: Other's Property, East: Other's Property, West: Road Date: 09.05.2024 Place: Ludhiana

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
The South Indian Bank Ltd.