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EC makes its presence felt

Underlines nation's inviolable socio-cultural milieu

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

With only two phases of the seven-phase Lok Sabha elections remaining, the Election Commission has now upped the ante against political parties particularly the BJP and the Congress asking them to desist from campaigning along caste, community, language, and religious lines, asserting that India's socio-cultural milieu cannot be made a casualty to elections.

The two phases will see polls on 115 seats including in Delhi on Saturday. The Election Commission on Wednesday in a stern warning to both the BJP and the Congress, the EC has also directed them to issue a formal notice to its "star campaigners" disallowing them from making statements that "divide the society" and may cause tension between different castes and communities. The EC had last month issued notices to JP Nadda on Opposition charges that Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a divisive speech in Rajasthan's Banswara. A similar notice had been issued to Mallikarjun Kharge, too, based on the complaints filed by the BJP against him and the main Opposition party's senior leader Rahul Gandhi regarding their remarks. The commission rejected the defence by Nadda and Kharge and asked them to instruct their parties' star campaigners to desist from campaigning along caste, community, language,



and religious lines. The EC also asked the Congress not to politicise defence forces and make potentially divisive statements regarding socio-economic composition of the armed forces. The EC had broken from norms when it issued notices to the BJP and Congress presidents on April 25 on complaints against Modi by the Opposition and against Rahul and Kharge by the ruling party. While the EC did not name Modi or Rahul, it asked Nadda and Kharge for their "comments" on the "star campaigners" alleged MCC violations. "Elections are periodic exercises, they come and go, but political parties like yours



endure; even more enduring preserve is India's socio-cultural milieu; political parties are in the task of nurturing leaders for the country for present and future," the commission said. It also asked the Congress to ensure that its star campaigners and candidates do not make statements which give false impression that the Constitution may be abolished or sold. The EC asked the presidents of the two national parties to issue formal notes to their star campaigners to correct their discourse, exercise care and maintain decorum. Referring to their respective replies to the notices issued to



Voter sympathy for Kejriwal ebbs

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Riding high on the electoral sympathy after the arrest of Arvind Kejriwal, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) seems to have lost its advantages after the alleged assault on Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal in the run up for the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi. The Maliwal incident has dented Kejriwal's image badly, who is facing corruption charges in the excise policy scam case, which is visible in the party's campaign. The saffron party seems to have an upper hand in all seven seats as this has not gone well among the women voters. Top BJP leaders are confident to repeat the 2019 results. The BJP, which is banking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's charisma and corruption free administration in his 10 years rule, has now focussed its strategy, utilising the alleged assault on Maliwal, to portray its top leadership, including Kejriwal, as responsible — first through "silence", acceptance, and then a "direct attack" on Maliwal — for "denigration" and "assault" of their own women colleagues. On the other hand, Kejriwal who has maintained radio silence, seems to be on back foot, hurting the party's electoral prospects. The BJP's campaign strategy to counter the INDIA Bloc in Delhi has been to target the AAP more than the Congress. Besides, the BJP has consistently raked up corruption allegations against the AAP, including the now-scrapped excise policy and 10 other alleged scams. AAP hopes Kejriwal's arrest will



generate sympathy for the party in the general elections and help it win maximum seats in Delhi and Punjab. The BJP hopes that Kejriwal's arrest has dented his image and the image of a party with a difference (AAP), and it would not get any sympathy votes in Delhi. BJP leaders in Delhi, however, are confident of retaining all the seven seats the party has held since 2014. According to political pundits, the election is being contested between two personalities — Modi and Kejriwal in Delhi. This is for the first time that an election is being fought without any issues. Interestingly, there is no anti-incumbency factor against the Modi Government at the Centre. The BJP has crafted its electoral campaign well planned to corner the Kejriwal Government. The BJP has also sought to balance the caste factor in announcing its candidates — fielding Harsh Malhotra a Punjabi from East Delhi against AAP candidate Kuldeep Kumar. Baniya leader Praveen Khandelwal from Chandni Chowk against Congress veteran Jai Prakash Aggarwal, MLA and Gujjar leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri from South Delhi and AAP candidate Saharaj Pehalwan, Jat leader Kamaljeet Sehrawat from West Delhi against AAP leader and former Congress MP Mahabal Mishra and Dalit leader Yogendra Chandolia from the reserved North West Delhi seat against Congress leader Udit Raj. It has retained sitting MP Manoj Tiwari from North East Delhi where Congress has fielded former JNU president Kanhaiya Kumar. Aggarwal and Mishra have posed some challenges to BJP candidates while Kumar is facing a financial crunch to run the campaign. Kumar is collecting money through crowdfunding. The alliance of AAP and Congress, which are fighting jointly in Delhi, also seems to have not worked. Insiders said AAP supporters do not want to revive the Congress. Similarly, Congress supporters are also against the AAP. Besides, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has also fielded seven candidates here with an aim for a stronger showing. In the early 2000s, the BSP emerged as a significant competitor to Delhi's established political parties. However, it gradually lost its support and voter share to the AAP and onwards. Despite this setback, the BSP's resilience and determination remained steadfast.

Modi rips into INDIA Bloc's Communal plank

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday tore into the INDIA Bloc accusing it of being extremely "communal, extremely casteist and extremely nepotistic" as he alleged that the Congress is to be blamed for the anti-Sikh riots. Addressing a rally in West Delhi's Dwarka sector 14, the Prime Minister said the BJP's development model is committed to 'nation first' but for the Congress and the INDIA grouping, the only agenda is 'family first'. Modi denounced the communal and casteist agendas of the INDIA Bloc, accusing them of prioritising vote-bank politics over the welfare of the nation. He criticised their divisive tactics and highlighted instances of communal violence and corruption under their rule. "The country also understands



Delihites throng Dwarka sector 14 to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

that if by mistake any vote is cast in favour of the INDIA alliance, that vote is not going to be of any use to the country. Every vote given to BJP will strengthen the resolve of 'Viksit Bharat'. That is why this huge sea of people is also

saying in one voice 'Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar', he said. He said, "The BJP's development model says, Nation First. On the other hand, Congress and the INDI alliance's only agenda is family first. This INDI alliance is a

symbol of every evil that exists in the country today. They are highly communal, casteist, and family-oriented. Our Delhi has been a direct witness to their communalism." Attacking the Congress and the INDIA Bloc, he referred

to 1984 riots when Sikhs were burnt alive. "It was in this very Delhi that my Sikh brothers and sisters were burned alive with burning tires around their necks. Whose crime was this? Congress. Today, every party standing under the Congress umbrella is guilty of the Sikh riots. It is Modi who is delivering justice to the victims of the Sikh riots. As soon as Modi came to power, an SIT was formed. Hundreds of cases were reopened. The Congress leaders who were roaming freely have been punished by us," he said. During his speech, Modi emphasised the stark differences between the governance models of the BJP and the Congress-led INDIA Bloc. He underscored the BJP's commitment to fast-paced

development and efficient governance, contrasting it with the slow progress and systemic injustice perpetuated by the Congress and its allies. Speaking about the Congress and INDIA Bloc's misrule and caste-based politics, Modi said, "Who doesn't know about the prestigious Jamia Millia Islamia, a Central University in Delhi? For 60 years, it remained a regular educational institution, even there, Dalits, backward classes, and tribals used to get reservations. But in 2011, the Congress Government played a trick. Suddenly Jamia was declared a minority institution. This imposed a 50 per cent reservation for Muslims in Jamia. Earlier, all SC/ST/OBCs used to get reservations in admissions. Now even that has been restricted based on religion."

SC slams Soren for half truths, he withdraws plea

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Jailed former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday failed to get any relief from the Supreme Court which pulled him up for "suppressing material facts" in his plea against his arrest in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam. A vacation bench of justices Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma allowed Soren's counsel Kapil Sibal to withdraw the pleas for interim bail for Lok Sabha poll campaigning and against his arrest after the apex court indicated that it would dismiss them as Soren has not approached the court with clean hands. The court pointed out that Soren did not apprise it of the April 4 order of the special



PMLA court taking cognisance of the prosecution complaint, which is the Enforcement Directorate's equivalent to a charge sheet, and also that his regular bail petition was filed on April 15 and dismissed on May 13. "... You had approached two courts for the same relief... We have doubts that your client (Soren) was acting in a bonafide manner..." it said.

WORST NOT OVER YET! Brace up for more fire from the skies

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

With the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issuing a red alert in Delhi forecasting the city to sizzle at 47 degrees Celsius on May 25, the day of the Lok Sabha polls, political parties are grappling with speculations about voter participation. A million dollar question is: Whether or not voter turnout in Delhi will surpass the 60 per cent mark recorded in 2019 general elections. This phase six involves 58 Lok Sabha constituencies across six States, including Delhi, Haryana, Odisha, and Bihar, as well as two Union Territories. All seven seats in Delhi and all ten seats in Haryana will be contested in this phase amid fear of blistering heat with temperature going up. According to senior IMD



scientist Naresh Kumar, the rising temperatures, particularly in Rajasthan, have prompted the issuance of red alerts, indicating extreme heatwave conditions. In Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, while there has been a slight decrease in temperatures due to a western disturbance, the mercury is expected to rise again in the

coming days. As per the IMD, heatwave to severe heatwave conditions are very likely in most parts of West Rajasthan, in many/some pockets over Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh, East Rajasthan and West Uttar Pradesh, in isolated pockets of northwest Madhya Pradesh and Delhi till Sunday.

Mahesh Palawat, vice president of Skymet Weather and a private Indian weather forecaster, was quoted by a media report that, "Our warning indicates that temperatures are likely to reach high heatwave levels in the national Capital." The apprehension surrounding voter turnout in Delhi's upcoming elections is likely to be compounded by the heat index, which measures the apparent temperature that people feel outside due to a combination of high temperature and humidity. For example on Wednesday Delhi faced scorching temperatures at 42 degrees Celsius, however, the heat index soared to a staggering 51.6 degrees Celsius, highlighting the severe heat stress and discomfort endured by residents.

Israel honours Kerala caregivers

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Noor Gilon, the Ambassador of Israel to India, while celebrating National Day of Israel in India said both the Government and the people of India stood on the side of Israel since October 7. Gilon thanked the Government of India and the people for standing with the Jewish nation in its hour of crisis. "From October 7, both the Government and the people of India stood on the side of Israel. And this we will never forget. The amount of support we get here is nothing short of amazing. It's a testimony of the extraordinary relations between the Indian and the Jewish people," said the Israeli Ambassador. Ambassador also paid tributes to two Keralites who risked lives to save aged couple during the attack by Hamas on October 7. "I take



this occasion to salute the heroism of people of Indian descent: Meera and Sabitha, caregivers from Kerala, who saved an elderly couple during the terror attack; and Romi (6), an Israeli child of Indian descent, whose parents were murdered in front of her, tried to protect her little sister — Lia (3) during the attack. They have shown extraordinary courage and a strong spirit, inspiring the

entire nation of Israel," said Gilon. The 76th anniversary of Israel was observed on Tuesday at New Delhi with a call to the Hamas to release the 128 citizens of Israel who were taken hostage by the Hamas on October 7, 2023. Israel's National Day was organised by the Embassy of Israel in India with Vinay Mohan Kwatra, the foreign secretary of India, gracing the occasion as chief

guest. Despite the deep wounds inflicted by the Hamas terrorists on Israeli people, the Ambassador paid glowing tributes to the two caregivers from Kerala who saved an aged couple from the jaws of death. He stated that this Independence Day was complicated and painful. "But our resolve is strong. While we mark this Independence Day, our thoughts are with the 128 loved ones who are still held captive. Their immediate release remains our sincere hope and ongoing mission. Speaking at the event, Foreign Secretary Kwatra said, "We join the people of Israel to celebrate this momentous occasion. It is deeply inspiring that the extraordinary journey of a nation that has not only survived and thrived against all odds, but also transformed itself into a flourishing landscape of innovation, advancement, and growth."

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Tara Wati W/o Late Sh. Het Ram, House No 50-C, Mauli Jagran, Part-2, Chandigarh Permanent R/O House No -14, Wadhawa Nagar Baltana NAC Zirakpur, District Mohali inform that my Son Ravi Kumar and Daughter-in-law Naina and 2nd Son Jabbi and daughter-in-law Kirti out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and immovable properties in India. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Rajinder Shekhar S/o Lachman Dass, Flat No. 6, 2nd Floor Green Field Homes Kishanpura Dhakuli, S.A.S Nagar, disown my son Rakesh Kumar and his wife Mansi from movable/ moveable properties as both are out of my control. Anybody deals with them at own risk/ responsibility, I and my family shall not be responsible.

I, Usha Rani W/o Late Sh. Bobby Kumar R/O Village Ramgarh Distt Panchkula, declare that my son Amit Kumar is out of my control, so I disown him from my moveable-immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

I, Ramesh Chander S/o Chhattar Singh R/O Village Ramkali Postoffice Shamlo Kalan, District Jind, have evicted my son Navdeep, His wife Seema, His Daughters Siya & Nayra, from all my movable immovable properties, as they are out of my control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Gurjit Singh S/o Choorh Singh R/O Karirwal (Faridkot) declare that my son Sikander Singh and his wife Shivani both are out of my control. So I disown them from my moveable-immovable properties. If anybody deals then any type in future shall be self responsible.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Jaspreet Kaur D/o Satnam Singh r/o Village Mehre PO Bhattian Distt Gurdaspur (Pb) declare that in my Matriculation certificate of CBSE year 2022 with Roll No. 13162237, name of my father wrongly written as Satnam Singh. His correct name is Satnam Singh. Concerned note.

I, Shantnu Bernard S/o Shalinder Bernard R/O Mission Hospital Road, Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur (PB) declare that in my passport No. H4539508 my father's name Shaliender Bernard is incorrect, ut my correct father's Name is Shalinder Bernard. Concern Note please.

I, Ranjan Devi w/o Suraj Parkash r/o Baba Badbag Singh Colony, Sarna Distt Pathankot (Punjab) declare that in Army Service record of my son Sivam, my name inadvertently entered as Ranjana. That Rajan and Ranjana Devi both names pertain to same lady i.e myself. Concerned note.

I, Ashwani Kumar S/o late Shri Ram Narangan, House No. 1541, Sector 20B, Chandigarh affirm that my name in my daughter Ms. Aashima Joshi's Matric certificate wrongly entered as Ashwani Kumar Joshi. I change the same as 'Ashwani Kumar' being the correct name.

I, Kulwant Singh S/o Gian Singh Resident of Village: Shah Wala, tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur, Punjab declare that my 10th and +2 Certificate in my father name wrongly written as Gyan Singh. I want to correct my Father name as Gyan Singh to Gian Singh.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Raju S/o Sular Ram Ro #917, Dadu Majra Colony Sector 38 West, Chandigarh have changed of the name of my minor Sou from Reeshan to Rishab.

I, Ashok Gupta S/o Khem Chand R/o H. No. 11, Vishkarma Mohalla, Behind Punjab National Bank, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar, Haryana 135001 declare that I have changed my name from Ashok Gupta to Ashok Kumar Gupta for future purpose.

I, Bhagirath Lal S/o Sh. Chhotu Ram R/O House No. 64, Phase-2, (Sector-54), SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab. I have Changed my name from Bhagirath Lal to Bhagirath Lal Goyal.

I, Preeti W/o Shailender Hooda R/o #77, Defence Colony, Hisar have changed my name from Preeti to Preeti Singh.

I, Poonam Bhoker W/o Mahipal Singh R/O 855/29, Gali No. 3, Kakroi Road, Vikas Nagar, Sonipat, Haryana declares that in my minor son's 10th Class & 12th Class educational documents, my name was wrongly entered as Poonam. My actual name is Poonam Bhoker. Poonam & Poonam Bhoker both are my names.

I, Naveen Kumar Gautam S/o Anand Sarup Gautam R/O 1085/4, Near GooV Shala, Jatswara, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Naveen Gautam for all future purposes.

I, Aditi Dash spouse of Aditya Vanka R/O 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name from Aditi Dash to Aditi Dash Vanka vide Affidavit dated 21 May 2024 before Notary Public Pawan Kumar Garg, Regd No 17787, Advocate, Panchkula, Haryana.

I, Anu Mehta Bajaj, D/O Lt. Sh. Tilak Prakash Mehta, R/O 869-A, Friends Colony, Yamunanagar 135001, Haryana, India do hereby change my name to Anu Mehta with immediate effect.

I, Jatinder Singh S/o Sh. Shamsher Singh R/O House No. 660, Milk Colony, Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name from Jatinder Singh to Jatinder Singh Chauhan.

I, Ishani W/O Himanshu Kumar R/O 135, Shiv Chowk, Fatehabad Tehsil Fatehabad, District Fatehabad, Haryana Have Changed My Name From Ishani To Ishani Rani.

I, Suleta Devi W/o Sube Singh R/O H.No.595/3, Mauli Jagran Village, Chandigarh have changed my name from Suleta Devi to Snehalata.

This is to inform you the concerned that the name of Aaromal H has been changed to Aaromal Nair. The changed birth certificate issued by Government of Chandigarh.

I, Monika w/o Dilawar singh R/O 506, Baba faridpur, West Patol Nagar, Delhi declared that Monika and jagwanti both name's are of the same person.

I, Guddi Devi W/o Late Sh. Murari Singh No.JC470291W Rank Subedar Honorary LT. R/O #48 Kishore Nagar, Damodarapura, Aurangabad, Mathura (UP) declare that my daughter name wrongly entered as Sangeeta instead of Sangeeta Kumari and also date of birth 14.10.1994 instead of 20.03.1995 in my husband's army record.

I am NO-JC-570664-N, RANK- (SUB), Name- Jasvir Singh. Residence of -VPO-Dher, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab declare that please amend my daughter name Narinder Kour to Narinder Kaur and date 01-02-2000 to 22-01-2000 in my Army Records. Due to erroneously recorded in my army record.

I, No. JC805772H SUB Pradip Kumar Sahu Unit HQWC GS (IW) Branch, Chandimandir Cantt, Haryana I have changed my name from Pradeep Kumar Sahoo to Pradip Kumar Sahu in my Army record.

I, Mewa Devi Spouse of Ranbir Singh Presently residing at Air Force Station, Sirsa, (Haryana) have changed my name from Mewa Devi to Meva Devi vide affidavit no. 4949 dated 20.05.2024 before Sirsa Court.

I, Shilochana W/o Vijender Singh R/O House No. 363, Village Mamera Khurd, Teh - Ellenabad, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Shilochana to Shilochana Dudi, in future my name is to be called as Shilochana Dudi.

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Choudhary Ram R/O H.No. 376, Street No. 6, Aggarasain Colony, Sirsa, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Pawan Kumar to Pawan Kumar Kochar, in future my name is to be called as Pawan Kumar Kochar.

I, Sarabjit Kaur W/o Jagir Singh R/O Ward No.10, Chogawan Road, Ajnala, Amritsar, Punjab 143102 have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur.

I, Renuka Mandal W/o Sandeep Kumar R/O Pethe Wali Gali, Old Tanda Road, New Shastri Nagar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Renuka Mandal to Renuka. Concerned note.

I, Sandeep Sharma S/o Sh. Rampal Sharma R/O 177, Sector-16, Near Indus Public School, Hissar have changed my minor son name from Shrasitha Sharma to Shreshtha Sharma for future purpose.

I, Yoginder Chaubey S/o Ramnet Chaubey R/O 16/3,Ward No. 17,Near Rana Dairy, Behind B.D. Flour Mill, Patel Nagar, Ambala declare that changed my Name from Yogendra Prasad Chaubey to Yoginder Chaubey. In future known to me as a name Yoginder Chaubey.

I, Asha Devi S/o Ram Singh R/O Village Jansuai Tehsil & Distt Ambala have changed my name from Asha Rani To Asha Devi. All concerned please note.

I, Puspha Rani mother of Army no 17041348H, Rank CFN, Ghanshyam S/o Suresh Kumar R/O talakaur tehsil Jagadhari Distt Yamunanagar Parsent working EME CORPS declare that my name Puspha Rani wrongly entered in my Son's army record. But my correct name is Puspha Rani vide affidavit by Notary Yamunanagar Court.

I, Prem Chand S/o Shri Raghu Nandan R/O H.No- 68 Parshu Ram Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Prem Chand to Prem Chand Sharma.

I, Pinky w/o Rajinder Kumar r/o Mankaur Singh, Gurdaspur (Punjab) declare that in ICSE Matric Pass Certificate and DMC of my son Ritik With Unique ID 7837059, my name wrongly written as Pinki. My correct name is Pinky. Concerned note.

I, Parminder Singh Sandhu S/O Raitan Singh Flat No.A-22 Dr.Ambedkar Co-op H/B Society Sec.-76 SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name to Parminder Singh. Concerned note.

I, No 3998542W Ex Nk Satish Singh S/O Sh. Hans Raj, resident of Village - Sionty, PO - Sionty, Teh & Distt - Pathankot (Pb) 145001 declare that change the name of my minor son from Shaksham Pathania to Saksham Pathania being wrongly mentioned in my Army Record.

I, Sarbjit w/o Nirmal Singh r/o Village Warrach PO Nainokot Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Sarbjit to Sarabjit Kaur. In future Kaur is my Surname and Sarabjit is my given name. Concerned note.

I Mrs Maya Davi W/o Shree Sajjan Kumar R/O Ward No. 9, Ganja Baag Hansi, Distt. Hisar have changed my name from Maya Devi to Maya Jadwal for all future Purposes.

I, Dilmehek Bhatti W/o Harcharan Singh R/O # B 34/1, 1st Floor Shalimar Enclave, Himmatgarh Dhakoli, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140603 have changed name of my minor daughter Harman aged 17 years to Hazel Dhillon.

I, Kashmir Kaur W/o Jit Singh R/O Mehrampur, Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar, Punjab-144518 have changed my name to Kaur Kashmir.

I, Sandeep S/o Baljeet Singh R/o 3056-2nd Floor, Eldeco County, Opposite Jurask Park, GT Road, Sector-19, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Sandeep Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Jayashri Ben W/o Sandeep Kumar R/O 3056-2nd Floor, Eldeco County, Opposite Jurask Park, GT Road, Sector-19, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Jayshree for all future purposes.

I, Khushi D/o Sandeep Kumar R/O 3056-2nd Floor, Eldeco County, Opposite Jurask Park, GT Road, Sector-19, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Khushi Dahiya for all future purposes.

I, Hardeep S/o Sandeep Kumar R/O 3056-2nd Floor, Eldeco County, Opposite Jurask Park, GT Road, Sector-19, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Hardeep Dahiya for all future purposes.

I, Ishu Singla w/o Sh. Ankit Kumar Singla R/O Begu Road, Lohia Basti, Gali no. -3, Sirsa have changed my name to Ishu.

I, Prince s/o Sh. Rajender Kumar r/o VPO - Maujgarh, Tashil -Mandi dabwali, District - Sirsa have changed my name to Prince Bishnoi. Concerned note.

I, Rohtash Kumar S/o Raja Ram R/o village Ahmadpur Darewala, sub tehsil Goriwala Distt. Sirsa declare that 10th marksheet of my son my name is registered as Rohtash, but my correct name is Rohtash Kumar.

I, Sharmila Devi w/o Rohtash Kumar R/o village Ahmadpur Darewala, sub tehsil Goriwala Distt. Sirsa declare that 10th marksheet of my son my name is registered as Sharmila, but my correct name is Sharmila Devi.

I, Suman D/O Ram Dass R/O H. No. 1210, Boota Pind, PO Model Town, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Suman Klair. Concerned Note.

I, Mukesh Kumar S/o Narata Ram R/O House No. 118/16, Outside Chandana Gate, Kaithal, District Kaithal (Haryana) declares that my mother is known with two names Nirmala and Nirmila. My mother's both names are correct and used for the same one lady. All concerned please note.

We, Rajni W/o Rakesh Yadav and Rakesh Yadav S/O Surjit Singh R/O Ward No. 02, Yadav Mohalla, Kalayat, District Kaithal (Haryana) declares that we have changed our minor daughter's name from Divya to Divya Yadav. In future, she will be known by the name of Divya Yadav for all purposes. All concerned please note.

I, Vandana Kathuria W/o Mukesh Kathuria R/O H.no.395, Sector 24, Huda, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Vandana to Vandana Kathuria, for all future purposes.

I, JC 182309P Sub Mehar Singh (Retd) S/o Late Sh. Gurdial singh R/O Village Hingakheri, P.O. Soodpur, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra declare that in my service record my wife's name is wrongly written as Gurmit Kaur instead of Gurmeet Kaur and D.O.B. 39 years instead of 01.01.1951. Note all concerns.

I, No. 3390173X NK Gurmakh Singh (Retd) S/O Late Sh. Jai Singh R/O V.P.O. Barwa, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra declare that in my service record my wife's name is wrongly written as Lakhbir Kaur instead of Lakhbeer Kaur and D.O.B. 31 years instead of 10.08.1970. Note all concerns.

I, Munish Kumar S/o Ramesh Kumar, H.No. 124 Ralla Distt Mansa (Punjab), have changed my name from Munish Kumar Goyal to Munish Kumar.

I, Subhash Chand Sharma S/o Vasdev Sharma H.No. 1454/23, Sector 29B, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Subhash Chand to Subhash Chand Sharma.

I, Kajal Kaur Nee Kajal D/o Avtar Singh R/O Vpo Khara Tehsil Pattdi District Tam Taran Have Changed My Name Kajal Kaur Nee Kajal To Kajal Kaur

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Gurnej Singh R/O Mehta Chowk, Teh Baba Bakala, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Gurpreet As Given Name And Singh As Surname All Concerned Note

I, Rahul Kumar R/O, Man Tengrahi, Basant Chhapra, Gopalganj, Dighwudubauli, Bihar - 841409, Have Changed My Son Name From Yesh Raj Singh To Yash Raj Singh, Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB17822883944505W, Dated 21-05-2024. Distt. Court, Place - Amritsar

I, Gurbans Singh S/O Bihar Singh R/O Village Jhandu Wala, Po Guru Har Sahai, District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Gurbans Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname

I, Dajjit Kaur W/O Gurbans Singh R/O Village Jhandu Wala, Po Guru Har Sahai, District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Dajjit Is My Given Name And Kaur Is My Surname

I, Ranjit Kaur W/O Piara Singh R/O Village Sekhwan Po Jaitu Sarja, Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name Ranjit Is My Given Name And Kaur Is My Surname

I Hitherto Known As Renuka Kohli W/O Shub Chintak Chadha, Residing At House No. 103, Urban Estate, Phagwara, District Kapurthala-144401, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Karuna Chadha.

I, Gurmit Singh S/O Pal Singh R/O Baba Deep Singh Colony, San Sahib Road, Chheharta, Amritsar Have Declare That My Father Was Known By Two Name's Pal Singh Malhi And Pal Singh One And Same Person

I, Satish Kumar Mahajan S/O Des Raj Mahajan R/O 12, Krishna Square 2, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Satish Kumar Mahajan To Satish Kumar

I, Kiren Mahajan W/O Satish Kumar R/O 12, Krishna Square 2, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Kiren Mahajan To Kiran Mahajan

I, No.15579805L L/Nk Bhosale Nagnath Sopan Unit 104 Eng. Regt. C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Wife's Name From Bhosale Meenakshi Nagnath To Bhosale Minakshi Nagnath Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb18357740280807w Dt.22.05.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.15579805L L/Nk Bhosale Nagnath Sopan Unit 104 Eng. Regt. C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Father's Bhosale Sopan Sambhaji Date Of Birth From 03-01-1960 To 03-03-1961 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb1835729555755w Dt.22.05.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.15579805L L/Nk Bhosale Nagnath Sopan Unit 104 Eng. Regt. C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Mother's Date Of Birth Bhosale Padminbai Sopan From 03-01-1964 To 25-06-1963 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb18358214662822w Dt.22.05.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I Gurpreet Singh S/O Balwinder Singh, R/O Vpo Dhariwal, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran, Punjab I Have Changed My Name Given Name As A Gurpreet And Surname As A Singh.

I, Baljeet Kaur W/O Baljit Singh R/O Village Sahzada Po Chawinda Devi District Amritsar Have Chagend My Name From Baljeet Kaur To Baljit Kaur

I, Rajiv Verma S/O Jagdish Lal R/O H.No.24, Guru Ram Dass Avenue, Area Wali Gali, Chahal Road, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Rajiv Verma To Rajiv Kumar

I, Ninder Kaur W/O Manjit Singh R/O Village Mudh Khokhar Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Ninder Kaur To Narinder Kaur.

I Reetu W/O Kishore Chouhan Resident Of H No. 2589/9, Gali Pahlwana Wali Bhagtan Wala Gate, Amritsar. I Have Changed My Name From Reetu To Ritu Chouhan.

I, Shaveta Khindri W/O Amit Puri R/O 31-A, Rani Ka Bagh Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Shaveta Khindri To Shaveta Puri

I Rajbir Kaur W/O Harmandeep Singh Saini Resident Of H No. 29, Vespahills Crescent, Brampton, Ontario L6p 2v2. I Have Changed My Name From Rajbir Kaur To Rajbir Kaur Saini.

I, Man Mohanjeet Singh S/O Surinder Singh R/O 2368/A, Gali No.1,Uttam Garh, Chowk Baba Bhouri Wala Distt Amritsar Change To Name Manmohanjeet Singh

I, Tajmunnahar Khatun Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. Village Magurali Satpai, Po Sayesta Nagar, Ps Baduria, Tehsil Barasat, District North 24 Pargana, West Bengal-743427 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Name From Tajmunnahar Khatun To Tajmunnahar Bibi And Date Of Birth From 04 May 1988 To 01 Jan 1990 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb18512616844893w Dated 22-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I, Firoza Bibi Is Mother Of No. Village Magurali Satpai, Po Sayesta Nagar, Ps Baduria, Tehsil Barasat, District North 24 Pargana, West Bengal-743427 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Name From Firoza Bibi To Firoja Bibi And Date Of Birth From 23 Oct 1964 To 04 Dec 1966 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb18511801291357 Dated 22-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I, No. 14930961H Hav Shankrappa Patroti Resident Of Nandikeshwar, Tehsil Badami, District Bagalkot, Karnataka-587201 Now At 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Son's Name From Prajwal Patroti To Prajwal Shankrappa Patroti Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb18516539106177w Dated 22-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I, No. Jc-423005Y Sub Asa Ram Resident At Plot No. 14-A, Near Tiranga Chauraha, Mangla Vihar-2, Po New Pac Lines, Tehsil Kanpur Sadar, District Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-208015 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Hemanshi To Himanshi Dixit Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb18515077133490w Dated 22-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I, No. Jc-423005Y Sub Asa Ram Resident At Plot No. 14-A, Near Tiranga Chauraha, Mangla Vihar-2, Po New Pac Lines, Tehsil Kanpur Sadar, District Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-208015 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Aakansha Devi To Akansha Devi Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb18514729149852w Dated 22-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I, No. 14936822P Hav Tejabadurpal Residing At Pura, Balua, Sakaldiha, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh-232109 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Guria Devi To Gudiya And Date Of Birth From 01 Jan 1987 To 01 Jan 1991 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb18513559950527w Dated 22-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I, Guria Devi Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 14936822P Hav Tejabadurpal Presently Residing At Pura, Balua, Sakaldiha, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh-232109 Now At 15 Mech Inf, Have Changed My Name From Guria Devi To Gudiya And Date Of Birth From 01 Jan 1987 To 01 Jan 1991 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb18513559950527w Dated 22-05-2024, Before Notary Public, Amritsar.

I Naina Bajaj W/O Deepak Kumar R/O #2433b, Near Pappu Juice , Rajpura , Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name From Naina Bajaj To Naina

I, Sachin Singhroha S/O Sh. Suresh R/O H.No. 09/09 Lane No. 7 Parvash Nagar, Gohana Road, Rohtak Declare That I Have Change My Name From Sachin To Sachin Singhroha. In Future I Will Be Called And Known As Sachin Singhroha.

I, Kamala Devi Legally Spouse Of No 14564245w, Rank: Hav, Name: Jaipal Singh (Retd) R/O H.No. 1190/A, Gali No. 05, Shivaji Colony, Hansi Road, Karnal, Distt-Karnal (Haryana)- 132001 Have Changed My Name From Kamala Devi To Kamla Devi Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 17 May 2024.

I Anil Chitkara S/O Sodagar Mal Mother Kauslaya Devi R/O 395, Huda, Sector -17 Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar That I Have Change My Name To Anil Kumar.

I, Aditya S/O Dharamveer Singh R/O House No 303 Loharu Road, Ward No 16, Charki Dabri Tehsil And Distt Charkhi Dabri, Haryana Have Changed My Name From Aditya To Aditya Singh For All Future Purpose.

I, Manoj Kumar S/O Harish Chander R/O #690/12, Krishana Colony, Jind-126102 Have Declared That My Passport No. L2967776 Wrongly Mentioned My Wife Name Sikku But Her Actual & Correct Name SICKU. Vide Affidavit Dated 22.05.2024 Attested By Notary Public.

I Karamjeet Kaur W/O Surinder Pal R/O Agwar Thara, Kotkapura (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Karamjit Kaur.

I, Rakesh Girdher S/O Ved Parkash R/O Street No. 4-C2, Guru Angad Dev Nagar, Kotkapura Road, Muktsar, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab - 152026 Have Changed My Name From Given Name Rakesh Kumar Girdhar To Rakesh Girdher For All Future Purposes And In Other Relevant Documents.

I, Deeksha Girdher D/O Rakesh Girdher R/O Street No. 4-C2, Guru Angad Dev Nagar, Kotkapura Road, Muktsar, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab -152026 Have Changed My Name From Given Name Deeksha To Deeksha Girdher For All Future Purposes And In Other Relevant Documents.

I Janardan Bhatt Parsad S/O Dayadhar Bhatt R/O House No. 1335/10, Phase 11, Sas Nagar Mohali Punjab Have Changed My Name From Janardan Bhatt Parsad To Janardhan Parsad

I Anil Arora S/O Sodagar Mal Mother Kauslaya Devi, R/O 395,Huda,Sector -17 Jagadhri, (Yamuna Nagar) That I Have Change My Name To Anil Kumari

I, Daviani Kumari Legally Daughter Of No. 10467841a, Hav Davinder (Retd), Resident Of Vpo- Baragaon, Teh-Karnal, Distt- Karnal (Haryana)- 132023 Have Changed My Name From Daviani Kumari To Devyani Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 20 May 2024 Sworn In Before Notary, Karnal.

I Anil Kumar S/O Sardari Lal, R/O B-6, 1757/2334 Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Name To Anil Sharma.

I, Ravikiran s/o Patole Tanaji Babaso r/o Waghapur, Khujagaon, Sangli (Maharashtra) PIN-416311 have changed my name from Ravikiran to Ravikiran Patole vide affidavit No IN-PB18265119245681W dated 22/05/2024.

I, Manisha w/o Patole Tanaji Babaso r/o Waghapur, Khujagaon, Sangli (Maharashtra) PIN-416311 have changed my name from Manisha to Manisha Patole vide affidavit No IN-PB1826235721586W dated 22/05/2024.

I, Rinku W/o Gulshan Babbar R/O House No. 3389, Sector 23-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rinku to Rinku Babbar.

I, Kalwant Kaur Mother of 14934612W Rank L/HAV Name Ravinder Singh R/O Vill. & PO Noushera Pattan, Teh. Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144211 have changed my name in army record from Kalwant Kaur to Kulwant Kaur vide affidavit dated 20-05-2024 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Sachin Singhroha S/O Sh. Suresh R/O H.No. 09/09 Lane No. 7 Parvash Nagar, Gohana Road, Rohtak Declare That I Have Change My Name From Sachin To Sachin Singhroha. In Future I Will Be Called And Known As Sachin Singhroha.

I, Kamala Devi Legally Spouse Of No 14564245w, Rank: Hav, Name: Jaipal Singh (Retd) R/O H.No. 1190/A, Gali No. 05, Shivaji Colony, Hansi Road, Karnal, Distt-Karnal (Haryana)- 132001 Have Changed My Name From Kamala Devi To Kamla Devi Vide Affidavit/Self Declaration Dated 17 May 2024.

I Anil Chitkara S/O Sodagar Mal Mother Kauslaya Devi R/O 395, Huda, Sector -17 Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar That I Have Change My Name To Anil Kumar.

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I, Manoj Kumar S/O Harish Chander R/O #690/12, Krishana Colony, Jind-126102 Have Declared That My Passport No. L2967776 Wrongly Mentioned My Wife Name Sikku But Her Actual & Correct Name SICKU. Vide Affidavit Dated 22.05.2024 Attested By Notary Public.

I, Mahavir S/o Sh. Chandgi Ram R/O Gali No. 2, Ram Nagar Narwana, District Jind (Haryana) have declared that in my documents my name mention is Mahavir but in my passport my name mention is Mahabir. Mahavir & Mahabir both are same & one person All concern not please.

I, Aditya Devi w/o Vikas Kumar r/o village Bir Sujra, Sub Tehsil Babain, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my minor son's name from Veer to Veer Saini. In future he should be known as Veer Saini.

I, Baljit Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/O Diwana, Teh Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Baljeet Singh.

Amid high alert and farmers protest, Modi to visit Patiala today

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In a politically charged atmosphere, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Patiala visit on Thursday is expected to be a high-stakes event, with security agencies ramping up measures to unprecedented levels. As intelligence agencies place the border state on high alert, the stage is set not only for a significant election rally but also for a showdown with protesting farmers. Their declaration to greet Modi with "peaceful" protest and black flags is likely to add a layer of tension and drama during his visit, ensuring that all eyes will be on Punjab for this potentially explosive intersection of politics and farmers' protest.

ADGP PK Sinha, Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) from four districts reviewed the security and barricading arrangements. Additionally, bomb disposal squads and dog units were actively inspecting the stage and sound systems. From midnight on Wednesday, access to the rally venue will be restricted, with only individuals carrying valid identification being allowed entry on the day of the rally. Surrounding areas, including markets, have been closed off to prevent unauthorized access, ensuring the safety of both the Prime Minister and attendees.

Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar, who visit the venue to oversee the preparations for mega event, expressed enthusiasm about the upcoming rally, noting the significant public interest and the party's thorough preparations. Jakhar, along with other senior leaders, has been overseeing the arrangements to ensure the rally's success.

Adding a layer of complexity to the event, Punjab's farmers have announced a peaceful protest against the Prime Minister's visit. Led by various factions of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), including the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) Ugrahan and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM), the farmers plan to greet PM Modi with black flags and farmers' flags. This protest is in response to what they perceive as unfulfilled promises made during the previous farmer agitations, particularly regarding the minimum support price (MSP) for crops and justice for the victims of the Lakhimpur Kheri incident.

SKM senior member Jagmohan Singh Patiala emphasized their intent to peacefully demonstrate at every rally venue. He highlighted the farmers' unity and their determination to question the Prime Minister on the unmet commitments he made

on December 9, 2021, when they ended their year-long protest at the Delhi borders.

Another senior leader and member of SKM Balbir Singh Rajwala assured that a large contingent of farmers and labourers would peacefully protest in Patiala. Despite the assurances of peaceful protests, there are concerns about potential preventive arrests of farmers to avoid any disruption.

During the Patiala rally, only a select group of leaders will join PM Modi on stage, including the state unit chief Jakhar, Gujarat's former Chief Minister and state party affairs' in-charge Vijay Rupani, and former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, alongside party's national leaders and candidates. Other senior state BJP leaders and officials will remain offstage, a decision influenced by security considerations as directed by the PMO.

Ballot Battle

Farmer leaders at the convention criticized the Central Government's policies and urged the farmers to channel their anger through their votes in the upcoming elections. They highlighted that despite the Government's promise to address their grievances after

repaling the three controversial farm laws in November 2021, many issues remain unresolved. The farmers planned to question Modi about the unfulfilled promises made when they called off their protests at the Delhi borders in December 2021.

Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee head Swarn Singh Pandher, expressing frustration, said: "Despite our requests to allow us to go to Delhi being denied and our plea to engage with Modi unanswered, the authorities continue to restrict our movements. We will proceed to Patiala tomorrow, pushing until they concede. Democracy must apply to us too; we have the right to voice our dissent."

Determined to make their voices heard, Pandher asserted that the farmers would greet Modi with black flags and farmers' flags, symbolizing their ongoing struggle and dissatisfaction. "We have asked the administration to let us hold talks with the Prime Minister...but they are not doing this, so we are left with no other option but to protest," he added.

During the convention, farmer leaders also decided to escalate their protests from May 28. They declared to gherao the residences of BJP leaders and set up pakka morchas (protest camps). On June 2, a large number of farmers with tractors and trolleys will march to the protest sites.

The farmers expressed their frustration over the government's lack of responsiveness to their plight, even after 100 days of continuous protest. They reminded the public that over 700 farmers had died during the initial phase of the agitation, and the struggle continues to take its toll.

Adding to the tension, farmers are angered by recent statements from BJP leaders Hansraj Hans and Ravneet Singh Bittu, who have challenged the farmers' resolve. Hans Raj Hans had reportedly said: "We will deal with the farmers after June 2," prompting the farmers to intensify

their protests starting May 28.

Pandher also reiterated the farmers' demands for a guaranteed minimum support price (MSP) on 23 crops and increased labour guarantees and wages for farmworkers. He dismissed allegations that the farmers were causing public inconvenience, stating that the security forces, not the farmers, had blocked the roads around the Shambhu protest site.

The government, Pandher alleged, is manipulating the narrative to weaken the farmers' movement, but the farmers remain steadfast in their resolve.

Khalistani Flag Found Hoisted in Patiala Ahead of PM's Visit

Just a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled rally in Patiala, tensions rose as a Khalistani flag was discovered hoisted atop an under-construction building along Mini Sachivalaya road on Wednesday. The building in question belongs to Bharat Inder Singh Chahal, former media advisor to former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh. Notably, a pro-Khalistani slogan was also found graffitied at a separate location within the city.

The incident gained attention after Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the founder of the banned outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), shared a video of the flag's presence, which quickly went viral. Prompt action followed the discovery, with local authorities removing the flag and scrubbing off the pro-Khalistan graffiti found on a bridge near the old bus stand. However, no official case has been registered in connection with the incident as of now.

INDIA bloc govt will throw Agniveer scheme in dustbin: Rahul Gandhi

Mahendragarh/Sonapat: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said Wednesday the Agniveer military recruitment scheme will be scrapped and thrown in the dustbin if the INDIA bloc comes to power, as he slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "turning India's jawan into labourers".

In his first election meetings in Haryana for the Lok Sabha polls, Gandhi also attacked Modi over the issue of farmers' debts. He claimed that the Modi government waived loans amounting to Rs 16 lakh crore for 22 "arabpatis (top industrialists)" but openly says it "won't waive farmers' debts as it will spoil them".

"We had brought the land acquisition bill to protect farmers and give them due compensation, but the Modi government scrapped it. They brought three black farm laws and farmers had to take to the streets," the former Congress president said at a rally in the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Lok Sabha constituency.

At another rally in the Sonapat parliamentary constituency, Gandhi claimed that the BJP would change the Constitution if it came to power again. "This fight and election is to save the Constitution and reservation and rights of the poor," he said.

Gandhi also claimed that in the 10 years of the Modi government, the country has been divided into two parts -- 'arabpatis' on one side and farmers, labourers and unemployed youths on the other. "The rich are growing richer, poor are getting poorer," he said.

Slamming the BJP government over the Agniveer scheme at the Mahendragarh rally, Gandhi said, "This is Modi's

scheme, not the Army's scheme. The Army does not want it. This scheme has been framed by the PMO (Prime Minister's Office)."

"When the INDIA bloc forms the government, we will chuck the Agniveer scheme in the dustbin, we will tear it up," he added. India's borders, Gandhi said, are secured by the youths of Haryana and the country. "There is patriotism in the DNA of our youth," he said, adding, "Modi has converted India's jawans into labourers."

Sharpening his attack on the BJP government, the Congress leader said, "They say there will be two types of martyrs -- normal jawans and officers who will get a pension, martyr status and facilities, and those from poor families who have been named Agniveer. Agniveers will neither get martyr status nor pension or canteen facility."

Gandhi also said when the INDIA bloc comes to power on June 4, debts of farmers in Haryana and other states will be waived, adding, "We will bring a 'karza maafi' commission." He also mentioned a legal guarantee on MSP. "Whenever Haryana farmers need their debts waived, the commission will tell the government and it will be done. When they can waive Rs 16 lakh crore for industrialists, why can we not help farmers, labourers and the poor," he asked.

Attacking the prime minister, the Congress leader said, "Modi's reputation has finished, the balloon has burst." "Today, I can make Narendra Modi say whatever I want... For 10 years, you (Modi) did not name Adani-Ambani and now you took their names in a speech. Modi said Adani-Ambani was giving money to the Congress. How could you know they were

sending money in a tempo," he asked. "If you knew about it, then why did you not initiate an inquiry," Gandhi added.

The Congress leader also claimed that the whole nation knew "Modi ji and Ambani's partnership was running" the government. Referring to the schemes proposed in the Congress' poll manifesto, he said a list of all the poor people in every state would be compiled. "One woman will be selected from each family. On June 4, the INDIA (alliance) government will be formed. On July 4, work will start. Rs 8,500 will be transferred into the bank account of one woman from each family," Gandhi added.

He said Haryana had shown the country the path of development. "A storm is brewing here. Congress ka toofan araha hai. Congress and INDIA alliance will get all the seats here," Gandhi claimed. The Congress leader accused Modi of spreading hatred and alleged that the BJP was "openly" saying it would "finish off" the Constitution and scrap reservation.

Waving a copy of the Constitution, he asserted, "Leave aside the BJP, there is no power in the world that can finish off this book." Gandhi also hit out at a section of the media and alleged that they were "friends of 2-3 industrialists" as they would either show Ambani weddings, Bollywood stars or Narendra Modi on their channels round the clock.

The Congress leader spoke about several of his party's poll promises. Voting for 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana will be held on May 25 in the sixth phase of the general election.

(Agencies)

21 pc of Punjab's candidates have criminal cases; 102 crorepati in fray

More than half, 56%, fall short of graduation level

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Politics and criminality in the border state go hand-in-hand. Nearly one-fifth of the candidates (21 per cent) have disclosed criminal cases against themselves, marking a troubling trend in the state's political fabric. Fourteen percent of the total 328 contesting candidates, that is 47, are facing "serious" criminal charges against them including murder, attempt to murder, criminal intimidation, violence, forgery, among others.

Out of total 328 candidates, 69 have declared criminal cases against themselves, including one having declared a case related to murder (IPC Section-302) against himself; besides six candidates declaring cases related to attempt to murder (IPC Section 307) against themselves.

Among these, Khalistani ideologue Amritpal Singh, who is contesting as independent candidate from panthic seat of Khadoor Sahib, is topping the list who is facing 12 different cases of 23 "serious" charges under the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Amritpal, currently lodged at Assam's Dibrugarh jail under the National Security Act (NSA), is facing total of 12 cases with total 23 "serious" charges and 27 other charges -- including seven charges related to punishment for criminal intimidation (Section-506); two related to promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony (Section-153A); two related to harbouring offender (Section-212); two related to extortion by putting a person in fear of death or grievous hurt (Section-386); one related to harbouring offender who has escaped from custody or whose apprehension has been ordered (Section-216); house-trespass in order to commit offence punishable with death (Section-449); attempt to murder (Section-307); voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty (Section-332); imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration (Section-153B); kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine person (Section-365); rioting, armed with deadly weapon (Section-148); among many others.

A gangster-turned-activist Lakhvir Singh Lakha Sidhana, who is contesting from Bathinda as Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) (Simranjit Singh Mann) candidate, is facing a total of 15 cases against him, including 21 "serious" charges of attempt to murder (Section-307); punishment for criminal intimidation (Section-506); attempt to commit culpable homicide (Section-308); dacoity (Section-395); house-trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrongful restraint (Section-452); attempt to commit robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapon (Section-398); cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property (Section-420); rioting, armed with deadly weapon; assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharging duty, among others. Lakha Sidhana has been convicted in two cases related to Arms Act.

Other than Amritpal and Lakha Sidhana, four other candidates -- Congress' Jeetmohinder Singh Sidhu from Bathinda; SAD (Amritsar-Mann) candidate from Firozpur Gurcharan Singh Bhullar; Akhil Bhartiya Parivar Party's Dharminder Singh Harman from Anandpur Sahib; and Independent candidate from Faridkot Kikkar Singh Dhaliwal are facing 'attempt to murder' charges.

Cabinet Minister and Aam Aadmi Party's candidate from Amritsar, Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, is the only candidate facing the charges of murder (Section-302), besides causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information to screen offender (Section-201); criminal conspiracy (Section-120B); among others.

Total 69 candidates, that is 21 percent, have declared criminal cases against themselves, which is higher than the previous figure of 14 percent -- 39 out of 278 contesting candidates -- in 2019; nine percent -- 23 out of 253 contesting candidates -- in 2014, and eight percent -- 18 out of 215 candidates -- in 2009.

Among the parties, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) is topping the list with its eight candidates emerging in the list, out of the total 13 it has fielded. Following it is the Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) (Simranjit Singh Mann) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) with seven and five candidates respectively, with three candi-

dates each by the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

If the data regarding candidate's criminal background, collected and analyzed by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)-National Election Watch, was not enough, the analysis of their educational qualifications indicated that more than half of the total 328 contesting candidates, who'll be trying their luck in 2024 Lok Sabha polls in Punjab, have not even reached to the graduation level.

In all 184, that is 56 percent, out of total 328 candidates have education up to Class XII, which includes five "literate" and 23 "illiterate" candidates, 20 who have studied up to the primary level (Class V), 32 up to middle (Class VIII),

while 73 of them have completed their matric (Class X), and 59 surpassed the senior secondary level (Class XII).

Among the rest, 46 are graduates, and another 23 are graduate professionals. Thirty-seven have done the post-graduate, while three of them have done their doctorate, and another six have done a diploma.

Besides, a total of 102 crorepati, 31 percent of the total candidates, are in fray for the 13 parliamentary seats in June 1 polls. The number is seven percent higher than the 67 crorepati out of 328 contesting candidates in 2019; and 56 out of 253 crorepati candidates in 2014 polls.

The average assets per candidate contesting from Punjab this time is Rs. 3.21 crores,

Representation for 90 pc of population in India's progress and future is our vision: Rahul

MANOJ KUMAR ■ PANCHKULA

Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that whatever the backward classes, the Adivasis, Dalits, poor people from the general caste and the

minorities, farmers and labourers have got, is due to the Constitution of the country.

The senior Congress leader said that the Constitution is not only a book but is a process of transfer of power which started in 1947. "It is a transfer of power and a document of equality," he said. However, he said, it has failed to fulfill the expectations of its founding members since its benefits are not extended uniformly to all groups. "90 percent of the Indian population that fall under the categories of backward communities, Dalits, Tribals, minorities and economically weaker sections among the forward castes still do not have a corresponding share of representation in the Military, Media, judiciary, bureaucracy or the Corporate

World. In this backdrop, the caste census only seeks to establish "Hindustan ki sachai" (India's truth). Our vision for the next 10 years would be to ensure representation for 90 percent of the population in India's progress and future," the senior leader said.

Gandhi was speaking in Panchkula on Wednesday at Rashtriya Samvidhan Sammelan (National Constitutional Convention) organised by the Samruddha Bharat Foundation.

Gandhi further said that the BJP leaders are saying they will end reservation but the Congress will not allow it. "Reservation is the voice of 90 percent of India. I have got the clarity that I have to work to ensure representation for the

90% of our population. And this battle has to be fought with love, respect and strength," he said.

Targeting the media, Gandhi said the media does not have representatives from backward classes, that's why they never show real public issues, farmers' problems. In all the industrial and corporate houses, there is no representation of 90 percent of people. In Bureaucracy, Judiciary, Military also, backward representation is similar," he pointed out.

"I would like to tell all workers and leaders of the BJP -- no force in the world can touch this book (India's Constitution). If you try to tear and throw away this book (Constitution), watch what the country and Congress party do to you," he stressed throwing a challenge at the BJP.

POLL BUZZ

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh bats for 'one nation, one election' at Karnal rally

Karnal: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh batted for 'one nation, one election' and said that the BJP has initiated steps in this field and it

will implement it. While addressing a gathering at Gharanda grain market, he accused the AAP and Congress of betraying Anna Hazare and Mahatma Gandhi. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said that he would not form a party, but he did. Leaders of both parties are involved in corruption. "Our government has taken steps to

eradicate corruption and give powers to the Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation. Previously, these agencies were not permitted to use their power," he said, adding that Kejriwal would go to jail. The Defence Minister praised the former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for good governance.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as Komal Rani D/o Kewal Krishan (W/o Naresh Kumar Chhabra) R/o H.No.W.P.-86, Road Mohalla Near Bada Bazar, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Komal Chhabra.

I, **Rekha Devi** R/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Vill. Ghori, PO. Brauri, Teh. & Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my name from Rekha Devi to Dayawati.

I, **Tara** W/o Surender Singh R/o Vill. Pain Kufar, PO. Jadol Taproli, Teh. Rajgarh, Sirmour (HP) have changed my name from Tara to Satya Devi.

I, **Service No. 5459239H** Rank Hav/Clerk Sumit Kumar S/o Sh. Rajender Pal R/o Village Pundrak District Karnal, Haryana, state that in my service record name of my father is erroneously mentioned as Rajender Kumar and that of my mother Premwati. The correct name of my father is Rajender Pal and my mother is Premo.

I, **Anitha** W/O Ram Lal R/O village Rajpur Tehsil Bholath district Kapurthala have changed my name from Anitha to Anita. Please note.

I, **Paramjit Masih** S/O Kunan Masih R/O Village- Ram Nagar, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Have Changed my Name From Paramjit Masih To Paramjeet Masih.

I, **No. 15200597K** Rank Hav Lakshbeer Singh. R/O Village-Rodde Jalle Wala, Post Office- Malhuwallie Wala, Tehsil- Zira, District- Ferozpur, State- Punjab, Pin-152021. Declare That My Son Name Amrinder Singh And His Date Of Birth 28-04-2009 In Army Records Is Wrong. But My Son Name Maninder Singh Khara And His Date Of Birth 28-04-2010 Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb18443783163836w Dated 22-05-2024 Before Executive Magistrate Gurdaspur.

I, **Raj Kumar** Son Of Sardha Ram Residing At H.No. 220/20, Mohalla Islamabad, Gurdaspur, Punjab, 143521, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Mitali, Aged 16 Years, From Mitali To Mitali Atri.

I, **Gopal Chand** Dhingra S/o Late Khushi Ram Dhingra R/o H.No. 548/B-7, Krishna Nagar, Lahori Gate, Patiala have changed my name from Gopal Chand to Gopal Chand Dhingra.

I, **Gagandeep Kaur** D/o Bhupinder Singh Bhatia W/o Harvinder Singh R/o 142-1, Sarabha Nagar Ludhiana have changed my name from Gagandeep Bhatia to Gagandeep Kaur.

I, **Lachhman Dass** Father Of No.44902071 Nk Davinder Singh Resident Of Village-Pandori, Post- Lamin, Tehsil-Mukerian, District- Hoshiarpur, State- Punjab, Pin- 144205, Have Changed My Name & Dob From Lachhman Dass To Lachhman Dass And Date Of Birth From 16 March 1955 To 13 April 1953 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb18389933070571w Dated 22 May 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, **Savita** Spouse Of No.3207420P L/Nk Sushil Resident Of Village- Badbar, Post- Badbar, Tehsil- Buhana, District- Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin-333502, Have Changed My Name From Savita To Savita Kumari Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb17458863710865w Dated 20 May 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot.

I, **P. Thavasi** Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: 6497343w Rank: Nk Name: S. Sankara Narayanan Presently Residing At Unit: Hq Coy, 603 Asc Bn (Am) Pin-905603, C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Name From P Thavasi To Thavasi P .Vide Affidavit No:Rd 0021555320, Dated: 22-05-24

I, **Gaurav** Is Son Of Name- Satbir Singh Presently Posted At 12 Wing Airforce Chandigarh Permanent Address: Fire Station Airforce Station, Ambala, Ambala Gpo. Haryana,133001 Have Changed My Name From Gaurav To Gaurav Singh.Vide Affidavit No:Rd 0021555318, Dated: 22-05-24 Before Col. Aps Chahal (Retd.) District Court Panchkula Haryana

I, **Chado Devi** Is Mother Of Name- Satbir Singh Presently Posted At 12 Wing Airforce Chandigarh Permanent Address: H.No-86,Gram-Chandoli, Chandoli (6), Chandoli, Panipat, Haryana-132103 Have Changed My Name From Chado Devi To Chand Kaur. Vide Affidavit No:Rd 0021555319 Dated: 22-05-24 Before Col. Aps Chahal (Retd.) District Court Panchkula Haryana

We, **Najir** S/O Mustken And Mrs. Salma, W/O Najir R/O H.No- 1077/B, Indira Colony, Sector 17, Panchkula, Declare That Our Son Talib And His Wife Rahnuma Are Completely Out Of Our Control, Therefore, We Disown Both Of Them From All Our Movable - Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them Will Do At His/Her Own Risk And Cost. We Will Have Nothing To Do With Them.

I, **Service No. 15174326m** Rank Hav(Ds) Satish Kumar S/O Lal Singh Yadav Unit 1872 Rkt Regt C/O 56 Apo R/O Vill.Hingwaha Tehsil Tijara Dist.Alwar Rajasthan Pin 301411. That In My Service Record My Son's Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Dipansu But His Actual Name Is Dipanshu. Concerned Note

I, **Malavika Sameer** Wagle W/O Rishabh Dev Bhanot R/O Hn. 7 Sector 32-A Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Malavika Sameer Wagle To Malavika Wagle Bhanot .

I, **Karambir Singh** S/O Tek Ram R/O Village Bhni Amirpur Tehsil Narnaund Distt. Hisar Have Changed My Name From Karambir Singh To Karm Bir.

I, **Ajay Mehta** S/O Sh. Dina Nath R/O # 558 Sector 18-B Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Ajay Mehta To Ajay Kumar.

I, **Sikandar Singh** S/O Gurdur Singh R/O Tehsil Dhuri, Village Kaleran, Po Ghanaur Khurd, Distt Sangrur, Punjab, Declare That Sikandar Singh & Sikandar Singh Vaid Is One And Same Person.

I, **Gurcharan Singh** S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O Vpo. Kalie Wala (Moga) have changed my name to Gurcharan Singh Sran.

I, **Ramandeep Kaur** W/o Harjeet Singh Panesar R/O W.No. 13 Mohalla Kamboan Zira (Ferozpur) have changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur Panesar after my marriage.

I, **Chamkaur Singh** Dhillon S/O Kuldeep Singh R/o Bargari (Faridkot) have changed my name to Chamkaur Singh.

I, **Amarpal Singh** Thind S/o Mejar Singh R/O Ran Singh Wala (Faridkot) have changed my name to Amarpal Singh.

I, **Davinder Kumar** Arora S/o Subhash Chander R/O Arora Optical Company, Chandigarh Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) changed my name to Davinder Arora.

I, **Parminder Kaur** Baring D/o Baldev Singh R/o 942 W.No. 3 Kulla Patti Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Parminder Kaur.

I, **Avtar Singh** S/o Sikander Singh R/o Vill: Dangan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Avtar (name) Singh (surname)

I, **Lovepreet Singh** S/o Manjit Singh R/o H.No. 786 Gali Salag Ram Wali Mohalla Tank Kashi Ram Taran, Tehsil and Distt Tarn Taran, have changed my given name to Lovepreet and surname to Singh.

I, **Swaran Das** S/o Isher Dass R/o Vpo. Mutton Nawansahr (SBS Nagar) have changed my name from Swaran Das to Swaran Dass.

I, **Smt Sukhwinder** wife of No 14538716F Ex Hav Kuldip Singh Resident of VPO Kasel Teh & Distt Tarn Taran (PB) I have changed my name from Sukhwinder to Sukhwinder Kaur vide Affidavit dated 21 May 2024 before District Court Tarn Taran

I, **Angrej Kaur** Gill W/o Gurjant Singh R/o Village Boparai Khurd, Tehsil Raikot Raikot, Distt Ludhiana, Have Changed My Name To Angrej Kaur.

I, **Parmod Kumar** S/o Narotam Singh R/o Sham Baba Gali Factory Road Kotkapura (Faridkot) declare that my minor daughter Ashi @ Niharika known by two names. both names are her.

I, **Sandeep** S/o Chhinder Pal R/o W.No.29, Vinod Nagar, Samrala Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sandeep Ram, i.e. Sandeep as given name and Ram surname.

I, **Sukhwinder Singh** S/o Malkit Singh R/o Village Dhमत Kalan, Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) also known as Sukhminder Singh, these both names are mine, one & the same person.

I, **Hari Parshad** S/o Late Sh. Bhim Datt R/o # 40/1, W.No. 18, Prithvi Nagar, Farakpur, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamunanagar have Changed my name from Hari Parshad to Hari Parsad.

I, **Meenu Kalia** W/o Sourabh Kalia D/o Late Sh. Vijay Sharma R/o # 57, Jawahar nagar, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Meenu Sharma to Meenu Kalia.

I, **Mukesh Kumar** S/o Surinder Mohan Gulati R/o # 426-L, Model Town, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Mukesh Kumar to Mukesh Gulati.

I, **Surender Kumar** S/o Sh. Kashi Ram Gulati R/o # 426-L, Model Town, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Surender Kumar to Surinder Mohan Gulati.

I **Sonya Bindra** W/o Amarjit Singh Bindra R/o Ward No.-30, Gali No-4, Indira Colony, Tehsil: Pathankot, Distt:Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Punjab - 145001, have changed my name to Sonia Bindra.

I **Hira Singh** S/o Balwinder Singh R/o VPO. Thathi Bhai (Moga) have changed my name to Heera Singh.

I **Pardeep Kumar** Son of Om Parkash Resident of Village Nawa Purba Faridkot Road Ferozpur Cantt have changed my name to Pardeep.

I **Mander Singh** Son of Kirpal Singh Resident of Village Thandewala District Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Harmander Singh.

I **Pargat Singh** Son of Bohar Singh Resident of Village Malluwalla teh & Distt Ferozpur have change my name from Pargat Singh Sidhu to Pargat Singh.

I **Mandeep Kaur** Wife of Pargat Singh Resident of Village Malluwalla teh & Distt Ferozpur have change my name from Mandeep Kaur Sidhu to Mandeep Kaur.

I, **Nirmal Singh** Son Of Amar Singh Resident Of Village Rajjiwala, District Ferozpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name As Nirmal Singh Dhillon.

I **Subhash Kumar** S/O Om Parkash R/O House Number 27, Street Number 25, Basti Tanka Wali Ferozpur, Have Changed My Name Subhash.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक द्वारा तबदीक की गई है। नगर निगम के रिजर्व में सर्व प्रोपर्टी आई.डी. नं. 14160904 प्रती प्रोपर्टी आई.डी. नं. 257C1206U280 वर्ड नं 10 प्लॉट 3041/21, Rajendra Colony, Rohtak प्रती एनपीडीसीसी रिजर्व में Nasib W/o Rajender Singh व सर्व के अनुसार नये एनपीडीसी. रिजर्व में Nasib नाम से वर्ड है, अतः नगर निगम के रिजर्व में सर्व आई.डी. नं. में प्राचीन रिजर्व नाम Rajender Singh Husband of Nasib, Sunil S/o Nasib, Anil S/o Nasib, Meenu D/o Nasib के द्वारा तबदीक/वारस के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदीक करवाना चाहते हैं जिसकी वारसना रिजर्व तबदीक-लगा, रोहतक द्वारा तबदीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदीक करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिनों के अंदर-अंदर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स में उसके नाम तबदीक कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा।
क्रमांक: MCR/ZTO/2024/4096
दिनांक: 21/05/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sh. Yogender Singh S/o Sh. Balwant Singh wants to avail a loan from LIC Housing Finance Limited having its branch at Sonapat (PH) against property i.e. Residential Flat bearing Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor having super area 1715 Square Feet i.e. 158.38 Square Meter approx. situated in Tower Sareena(P-8), Ushay Towers, Sector 61, Village Rasou, Kundli, Tehsil Rai, Distt. Sonapat (PH). The current owner of the above said property is Sh. Yogender Singh S/o Sh. Balwant Singh and it is informed that one original documents i.e. Original Builder Buyer Agreement dated 07/08/2011 with regard to the above said property which was in the custody of current owner is missing somewhere. If any person/Entity/OSA/Financial Institution/Bank Gov. Department may have obtained or have issued any loan/Stay Order/Court Case against this property as well as this document or have any objection of any kind regarding the above said property or document. In that case they/ta can file an objection within 15 days (Fifteen Days) from the date of the present publication to above mentioned person and after 15 days no claim shall be entertained and it would be assumed that the property is free from encumbrances.
Ashish Kumar Sharma, Advocate
Office: Chamber No. 22, Lawyers' Chamber, Judicial Complex, Samalkha, Distt. Panipat - 132101 Cont. No. 9311909427

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SH. DIVJOT SINGH S/O SH. PRITPAL SINGH R/o House No. 165-B, Sector 51-A, Chandigarh, has approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of Duplicate Copy of Transfer Letter, in respect of Dwelling Unit No.165-B, Sector 51-A, Chandigarh due to loss of this document. **SH. DIVJOT SINGH S/O SH. PRITPAL SINGH** has furnished report from office of Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Chandigarh that "With reference to your complaint the enquiry has been conducted and it is found that the article has been lost at the end of Sec 22 Post Office, Chandigarh". Any person having objection, against the issuance of duplicate copy of Transfer Letter in respect of above said Dwelling Unit to the said **SH. DIVJOT SINGH S/O SH. PRITPAL SINGH** he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which, the documents shall be issued. Further, in case original document as mentioned above is found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the office of the undersigned.
Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before **Secretary, CHB** Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh. Subject: - Mutation/Transfer of the transferee in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 5168-2 of Category-1 in MODERN HOUSING COMPLEX, MANIMAJRA on the basis of Transfer Deed in the name of **DEWAL DE CHANDEL D/O SH. BHUPINDER SINGH CHANDEL**, from the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. MANJU CHANDEL W/O SH. BHUPINDER SINGH CHANDEL**. (FROM MOTHER TO DAUGHTER) It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 5168-2 of Category-1 in MODERN HOUSING COMPLEX, MANIMAJRA stands in the name of **SMT. MANJU CHANDEL W/O SH. BHUPINDER SINGH CHANDEL**. It has been reported by **DEWAL DE CHANDEL D/O SH. BHUPINDER SINGH CHANDEL** who has applied for transfer of ownership right in respect of said Dwelling unit on the basis of Transfer Deed in her name which was Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 19.12.2023. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9, CHANDIGARH - 160009

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for the Permission for the Sale/Purchase of Dwelling Unit in their names under Regulation of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Sr. No.	NAME OF THE PURCHASER	NAME OF THE SELLER	DU No.	CAT.	SECTOR
1.	SH. SHAILESH KUMAR S/O SH. RAM SAGAR SINGH	SH. RAVINDER SAINI S/O SH. RAMESHWAR SAINI & SMT. PREETI SAINI W/O SH RAVINDER SAINI	2840	LIG	47-C CHD

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said Dwelling units, he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned along with documentary evidence, if any.

SECRETARY CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD CHANDIGARH

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	M/s Shri Gopal Ji Industry/ Naresh Kumar/ Renu Bala As Alias As Renu Devi/ Anju/ 093205003862	Residential Property Measuring 0 Kanal 6 Marla i.e. 6/151 Share Of 7 Kanal 11 Marla, Comprised In Khewat No. 682, Khatoni No. 707 Bearing Khasha No. 148/1(7-11) Situated At Shiv Nagar Colony, Code No.0022 Under Municipal Corporation Of Fatehabad, Basti Bhiwan, Tehsil & District Fatehabad, Haryana./ May 20, 2024	January 25, 2024 Rs. 31,01,081.00/-	Fatehabad

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

Date: May 23, 2024 Place: Fatehabad

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

चुनाव सूचना

चुनाव तिथि: 09.07.2024

चुनाव कार्यक्रम दी सन्तनगर सहकारी गृह निर्माण समिति लि. सिरसा, तह. सिरसा, जिला सिरसा

क्र.	कार्यक्रम	दिनांक	समय	स्थान
1.	नियम 35 के उप पैरा (2) के अधीन यथा अपेक्षित मतदाताओं की सूची का प्रदर्शन	23.05.2024 to 28.05.2024	प्रातः 9:00 बजे से सायं 5:00 बजे	1. समिति के कार्यालय में 2. कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा। 3. कार्यालय निरीक्षक, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा-II
2.	पैरा 35 के उप पैरा (4) के अधीन यथा अपेक्षित मतदाताओं की सूची से संबंधित आशेयों की सुनवाई	29.05.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक	कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा।
3.	नामांकन पत्र दाखिल करने की तिथि, समय व स्थान।	20.06.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 02:00 बजे तक	....उपरोक्त....
4.	नामांकन पत्रों की जांच की तिथि, समय व स्थान।	21.06.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक	....उपरोक्त....
5.	योग्य उम्मीदवारों की सूची का प्रदर्शन।	21.06.2024	बाद दोपहर 2:00 बजे	....उपरोक्त....
6.	नामांकन पत्रों की वापसी की तिथि, समय व स्थान।	24.06.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 2:30 बजे तक	....उपरोक्त....
7.	उम्मीदवारों को चुनाव चिन्हों का आबंटन	24.06.2024	बाद दोपहर 3:00 बजे से सायं 4:00 बजे	....उपरोक्त....
8.	विधिमय्य नामित रूप से नामनिर्दिष्ट उम्मीदवारों की सूची का प्रदर्शन।	24.06.2024	सायं 4:00 बजे से सायं 5:00 बजे	....उपरोक्त....
9.	मतदान करवाना, यदि आवश्यक हो तो	09.07.2024	प्रातः 8:00 बजे से सायं 4:00 बजे	जय माता सरस्वती सेवा समिति सन्तनगर सिरसा

बूथ नं.	वोट संख्या	बूथ में पढ़ने वाले गांवों का विवरण	चुनाव स्थान
1	वोट सूची की क्रम. संख्या 01 से 276 कुल वोट 276	समिति का कार्यक्षेत्र	जय माता सरस्वती सेवा समिति सन्तनगर सिरसा

नोट: 1.सभी मतदाताओं द्वारा मतदान हेतु अपनी समिति का कार्ड व फोटोयुक्त पहचान पत्र लाना आवश्यक है। 2. कुल 7 प्रबंधक कमेटी सदस्य निर्वाचित होंगे, जिनमें से कम से कम एक अनुसूचित जाति, दो महिलायें निर्वाचित होंगी। समिति में पिछड़े वर्ग सदस्यों की संख्या कुल वोटों का 10% से अधिक है तो प्रबंधक कमेटी में कम से कम एक प्रबंधक कमेटी सदस्य पिछड़े वर्ग का चुना जायेगा।

संजीव रिटनिंग अधिकारी कम सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा

चुनाव सूचना

चुनाव तिथि: 05.07.2024

चुनाव कार्यक्रम दी शाहपुर बेगु बहुउद्देशीय प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि. शाहपुर बेगु तह. व जिला सिरसा

क्र.	कार्यक्रम	दिनांक	समय	स्थान
1.	नियम 35 के उप पैरा (2) के अधीन यथा अपेक्षित मतदाताओं की सूची का प्रदर्शन	23.05.2024 to 28.05.2024	प्रातः 9:00 बजे से सायं 5:00 बजे	1. समिति के कार्यक्षेत्र में आने वाले सभी गांवों/विक्री केंद्र 2. समिति के पंजीकृत कार्यालय 3. कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा। 4. कार्यालय निरीक्षक, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा-I
2.	पैरा 35 के उप पैरा (4) के अधीन यथा अपेक्षित मतदाताओं की सूची से संबंधित आशेयों की सुनवाई	29.05.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक	कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, सिरसा।
3.	नामांकन पत्र दाखिल करने की तिथि, समय व स्थान।	20.06.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 02:00 बजे तक	....उपरोक्त....
4.	नामांकन पत्रों की जांच की तिथि, समय व स्थान।	21.06.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक	....उपरोक्त....
5.	योग्य उम्मीदवारों की सूची का प्रदर्शन।	21.06.2024	दोपहर 3:00 बजे	....उपरोक्त....
6.	नामांकन पत्रों की वापसी की तिथि, समय व स्थान।	24.06.2024	प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर 3:00 बजे तक	....उपरोक्त....
7.(a)	उम्मीदवारों को चुनाव चिन्हों का आबंटन	24.06.2024	दोपहर 3:00 बजे से सायं 4:00 बजे	....उपरोक्त....
7.(b)	विधिमय्य नामित रूप से नामनिर्दिष्ट उम्मीदवारों की सूची का प्रदर्शन।	24.06.2024	दोपहर 4:00 बजे से सायं 5:00 बजे	....उपरोक्त....
8.	मतदान करवाना, यदि आवश्यक हो तो	05.07.2024	प्रातः 8:00 बजे से सायं 4:00 बजे	निम्न विवरण अनुसार

बूथ नं.	वोट संख्या	बूथ में पढ़ने वाले गांवों का विवरण	चुनाव स्थान
1	वोट सूची को क्रम. संख्या 01 से 809 कुल वोट 809	शाहपुर बेगु, बाजेका, कंगनपुर व खैरपुर	कार्यालय दि शाहपुर बेगु एम-पैक्स लि.
2	वोट सूची की क्रम संख्या 810 से 1518 कुल वोट 709	सिकन्दरपुर, कासनखेड़ा, थेड़ी व रसूलपुर, वेदवाला, खण्डीखेड़ा व मोरीवाला, सकरखेड़ा	पंचायत भवन गांव सिकन्दरपुर
3	वोट सूची की क्रम संख्या 1519 से 2371 कुल वोट 853	नेजिया, अरनियावाली व रंधावा	दि शाहपुर बेगु प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि. शाहपुर बेगु के विक्री केंद्र गांव अरनियावाली में
4	वोट सूची की क्रम संख्या 2372 से 3124 कुल वोट 753	धिंघतानिया, रंगडीखेड़ा, बकरियावाली व चौबुर्जा	दि शाहपुर बेगु प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि. शाहपुर बेगु के विक्री केंद्र गांव बकरियावाली में
5	वोट सूची की क्रम संख्या 3125 से 3488 कुल वोट 364	नटार, शहीदावाली व सलारपुर	दि शाहपुर बेगु प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि. शाहपुर बेगु के विक्री केंद्र गांव नटार में

नोट: 1.सभी मतदाताओं हेतु अपनी समिति की पास बुक व फोटोयुक्त पहचान पत्र लाना आवश्यक है। 2. कुल 10 प्रबंधक कमेटी सदस्य निर्वाचित होंगे, जिनमें से एक अनुसूचित जाति, दो महिलायें निर्वाचित होंगी। यदि कुल वोटों का 10% से अधिक पिछड़े वर्ग होगा तो कम से कम एक प्रबंधक कमेटी सदस्य पिछड़े वर्ग का चुना जायेगा।

संजीव रिटनिंग अधिकारी कम सहायक रजिस्ट्र

BRANCH : SAM LU DHIANA, 165-A, INDUSTRIAL AREA A, CHEEMA CHOWK LU DHIANA

Show Cause Notice for Declaring as Wilful Defaulter (Vide Reference No. SAMB/WFD/SRISHTI/2023-24/380 dated 05.03.2024)

- 1. M/s. Shrishti Agencies Pvt. Ltd. (Borrower Company), Address : Chowk Loha Mandi, Phagwara-144401.
2. Mr. Vishal Gupta (Promoter/Director), Address 1: B-56/169, Opp. Shiv Mandir, New Model Town, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144401.
3. Mrs. Divya Gupta (Promoter/Director), Address 1: B-56/169, Opp. Shiv Mandir, New Model Town, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144401.
4. Mr. Munish Gupta (Guarantor), Address 1: B-56/169, Opp. Shiv Mandir, New Model Town, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144401.
5. Mrs. Neeti Gupta (Guarantor), Address 1: B-56/169, Opp. Shiv Mandir, New Model Town, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144401.

At your request, Bank through its Mai Hiran Gate Jalandhar branch has sanctioned Rs. 3.78 Crore for distribution of Commercial LPG as associate of BPCL under Sole banking arrangements to the M/s. Shrishti Agencies Pvt. Ltd where 1st is Borrower Company, 2nd and 3rd are promoter directors and 4th and 5th are guarantors and executed documents/agreements.

Borrower has defaulted in meeting its payment/repayment obligations to the Bank as per terms of sanction. Despite of our best efforts the borrower has failed to regularise the account deliberately and at last as per RBI guidelines the above accounts has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on 16.09.2019 w.e.f. 31.07.2018. Bank has also observed number of misconducts in the operation of account & non-compliance of terms & conditions of sanction and more specifically undornoted ones which is/are out of four actions set out by Reserve Bank of India for declaration as Wilful Defaulter.

Action of the unit/company, which is/are out of the four actions set out by Reserve Bank of India for Declaration as Wilful Defaulter

Table with 2 columns: Clause No. and Reason & evidence which proves the action of the unit/company & also support justification for declaration as Wilful Defaulter

The above evidence of wilful default on the part of the Borrower company, its directors and guarantors has been examined by the Bank's Wilful Defaulter Screening Committee headed by the Executive Director. The committee has concluded that an event of Wilful Default has occurred.

Take Notice that in view of RBI guidelines the names of the Borrower Company M/s. Shrishti Agencies Pvt. Ltd. and its Director, Mr. Vishal Gupta, Mrs. Divya Gupta and guarantor Mrs. Munish Gupta and Mrs. Neeti Gupta have been proposed to declare as wilful defaulter by the Bank due to the above reasons.

Branch Manager For Wilful Defaulter Screening Committee (WDSC)

ICICI Bank PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Table with 7 columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/Loan Account No., Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any, Amount Outstanding, Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date & Time of E-Auction

The online auction will take place on website of e-auction agency C1 India Pvt Ltd (URL Link https://www.bankauctions.com). The Mortgages/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till July 04, 2024 before 05:00 P.M failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132 133 134, Sector-9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh-160017 on or before July 04, 2024 before 5:00 P.M. And thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above-mentioned website only on or before July 04, 2024, before 5:00 P.M., along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132 133 134, Sector-9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh-160017 on or before July 04, 2024, before 5:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit/DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Chandigarh.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 8355859934/8584874809. Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt. Ltd. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s Date: May 23, 2024 Place: Haryana (Kaithal) Authorised Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Cooperative Bank FULLY COMPUTERIZED BANK HEAD OFFICE: TARN TARAN

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Tarn Taran Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the date mentioned against accounts calling upon the borrowers / guarantors to repay the Amount mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the date mentioned against each account.

The borrowers / guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of The Tarn Taran Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. for an amount of mentioned below and further interest / other charges accrued thereon. The borrower attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the Secured Assets.

Table with 5 columns: Name of the NPA Account / Branch, Description of the Immovable Properties, Date of the Demand Notice, Date of the Possession, Amount Outstanding

शुद्धि पत्र

हर आम व खास को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 14.02.2023 को दी गई पंजीकरण के पेज नं. 2 व दैनिक जागरण के पेज नं. 11 में हरियाणा शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण, गुरुग्राम की सार्वजनिक सूचना प्रकाशित हुई थी। जिसमें गलती से सम्पदा अधिकारी, गुरुग्राम प्रकाशित हो गया था, जबकि इसमें सही सम्पदा अधिकारी-11 गुरुग्राम है। भविष्य में सम्पदा अधिकारी-11 गुरुग्राम (Estate Officer-II) ही पढ़ा जाए।

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF SH GURSHER SINGH Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Garhshankar

Randeep Singh s/o Hans Raj s/o Sada Ram resident of Village Bhambian, Tehsil Garhshankar and District Hoshiarpur (Co-Borrower and Legal heir of Hans Raj deceased) and others. Mortgage Suit under Order 34 CPC CNR No.:PBHO80-000145-2023 Next Date:-16-07-2024 PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: 2. Hardeep Singh s/o Hans Raj s/o Sada Ram resident of Village Bhambian, Tehsil Garhshankar and District Hoshiarpur (Legal heir of Hans Raj deceased).

4. Tarochan Singh s/o Hans Raj s/o Sada Ram resident of Village Bhambian, Garhshankar and District Hoshiarpur (Legal heir of Hans Raj deceased). In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 16-07-2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice & district=Hoshiarpur Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Garhshankar Dated, this day of 21-05-2024

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF Manpreet Singh AD and SJ, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Ambala

BALBIR SINGH SON OF SH. UJJAGAR SINGH, RESIDENT OF VILLAGE ISMAILPUR, P.O. CHAURMASTPUR, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT AMBALA

Vs. JYOTI WIFE OF SH. BALBIR SINGH D/O SH. RAM KUMAR, RESIDENT OF V.P.O. FATEHPUR, TEHSIL PUNDRI, DISTRICT KAITHAL

CNR No.:HRAM01-013167-2022 Next Date:-04-07-2024 PETITION U/S 13 (1) (a) OF THE HINDU MARRIAGE ACT, 1955 AS AMMENDED UPTO DATE FOR GRANT OF DIVORCE BY DISSOLVING THE MARRIAGE OF THE PARTIES.

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: JYOTI WIFE OF SH. BALBIR SINGH D/O SH. RAM KUMAR, RESIDENT OF V.P.O. FATEHPUR, TEHSIL PUNDRI, DISTRICT KAITHAL. In above titled case, the defendant (s) / respondent (s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant (s) / respondent (s) should appear in person or through counsel on 04-07-2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice & district=Ambala AD and SJ, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Ambala Dated, this day of 03-04-2024

ATTENTION 15 Years Old Ayurveda Institute in North India is available for take over.

Interested person/ Society/Trust/ Firm may send their particulars with contact detail at: vkk610438@gmail.com

Public Notice

It is brought to the Notice of the Public at large that the Sale deed No.2833 dated 5.9.2013 executed by Sunny son of Pawan Kumar in favor of Anita Rani AND Sale deed No.633 dated 17.5.2021 executed by Kamta Rani in favor of Anita Rani has been lost and is informed by the party to have not been mortgaged with any Bank or Financial Institution and the same has been lost if anybody has any objection regarding the mortgaging of the same, may respond within Seven days, to the undersigned. After the expiry of the stipulated period of Seven days, no claim whatsoever shall be entertained. The detail of the property is as under:- Detail of property: Property measuring 0-4 Marlas i.e. 4/519 share of land measuring 25 kanal 19 Marlas, comprised in Kharsa Nos. 139/11/102/19, 20/2/1(0-18), 140/11/102(1-15), 12/2(3-11), 13/2(3-11), 14/2(3-11), 15/2(3-11), 16/1(3-4), 17/1(3-4), 20/1(11-15), Situated within the revenue limits of Muktsar-III stading in the name of Rishu Kumar Kalra son of Vandiver Kumar son of Om Parkash Kalra

KULDEEP SINGLA, ADVOCATE, CHAMBER NO.646, DISTRICT COURTS, BATHINDA-151001, M.NO.335645777

Notice

Through this information, the general public is informed that Panipat. Deed of Conveyance of Plot No. 1335P of HUDA, Sector 25 Part-2 Vasika No. 13691 (11.03.2008) which is registered in name of Rajesh Goyal S/o Sh. Chaliya Ram Goyal, has gone missing in Panipat HUDA Sector 11-12 on date 08/05/2024. Whose missing report has been lodged in Chandni Bagh Police station, Panipat - Deponent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for that the original Sale Deed no 1807 dated 16.3.1971 House No. 1132, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh, in favour of Harbans Singh has been lost. DDR has been lodged. DDR No. is 132350732400270. If anybody found please contact Ravinder Singh S/o Harbans Singh, Mob-7696227515.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Surinder Kumar R/o H. No. 382, Near Mohan Lala Bhatta, Gandhi Nagar, Yamuna Nagar declare that Original Sale deed no. 4570 dated 15.03.1978 as executed by Sh. Kundan Lal Kohli S/o Sh. Mela Ram in favour of Sh. Surinder Kumar S/o Radha Krishna has been lost at Yamuna Nagar, Haryana on dated 13.05.2024. It has not been mortgaged with any Person/ Bank / Financial Institution.

नगर निगम रोहताक सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम रोहताक की ओर शाका के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकार्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आई.डी.नं.1HF0KEV8E वृत्ती प्रोपर्टी आई.डी.नं.7252C104148 का नं.7/703 है। M/s. Jai Kisan Shamsher Singh, Rtd. अपने पत्र की शर्तों पर, रिफरेंस नं. NA व सर्वे के अनुसार नए प्लन की शर्तों में NA नए से दे रहे हैं। उक्त नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इन आई.डी. नं. प्रोपर्टी विवरण नाम लेकार (पत्नी), शेरवल (पुत्र), अनुपम (पुत्री), मन्नु (पुत्री) के द्वारा वसोहत/वासना के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते हैं, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन अन्दर अपने नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स चार्ज नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। रिफरेंस लिख नगर निगम, रोहताक को उलटावणी नहीं होगा।

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF Manpreet Singh AD and SJ, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Ambala

AJAY S/O SH. BADRI PARSHAD R/O H.NO.85, NIRMAL COMPLEX BABYAL, AMBALA CANTT.

Vs. ARCHNA JAISWAL D/O SHIV PARASAD R/O VILLAGE SAHABUDDINPUR, BILARIYAGANJ AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH

CNR No.:HRAM01-013217-2022 Next Date:-22-08-2024 PETITION UNDER SECTION 13 OF HINDU MARRIAGE ACT 1955, FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE OF THE PARTIES BY WAY OF DIVORCE. PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: ARCHNA JAISWAL/ SHIV PARASAD R/O VILLAGE SAHABUDDINPUR, BILARIYAGANJ AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH. In above titled case, the defendant (s) / respondent (s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant (s) / respondent (s) should appear in person or through counsel on 22-08-2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice & district=Ambala AD and SJ, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Ambala Dated, this day of 18-05-2024

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH. PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration D.U. No. 202 of Category-II in Sector 44-A Chandigarh in the name of SMT. SHASHI RAMPAL W/O SH. SATISH RAMPAL S/O SH. ANKUR RAMPAL & SH. ANKUR RAMPAL S/O SH. SATISH RAMPAL on the intestate Demise of allottee/ transferee SH. SATISH CHANDER SHARMA S/O SH. DURGA DASS SHARMA.

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that the above mentioned allotment of Dwelling Unit No. 37 (Ground Floor) of Category- TWO BED ROOM in Sector 51-A, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SMT. REKHA W/O SH. PANKAJ from the name of allottee/transferee MR. GURPREET SINGH KOCHHAR S/O SH. MANJIT SINGH KOCHHAR.

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that the above mentioned allotment of Dwelling Unit No. 202 of Category-II in Sector 44-A, Chandigarh in their name on the intestate Demise of SH. SATISH CHANDER SHARMA S/O SH. DURGA DASS SHARMA owner of Dwelling Unit No. 202 of Category-II in Sector 44-A, Chandigarh expired on 02.09.2022 at CHANDIGARH as informed by his legal heirs SMT. SHASHI RAMPAL W/O SH. SATISH RAMPAL S/O SH. ANKUR RAMPAL S/O SH. SATISH RAMPAL have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 202 of Category-II in Sector 44-A, Chandigarh in their name on the intestate Demise of SH. SATISH CHANDER SHARMA S/O SH. DURGA DASS SHARMA. She/he has further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of SMT. SHASHI RAMPAL (wife) & SH. PANKAJ RAMPAL (son) & SH. ANKUR RAMPAL (son) he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH. PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer/Mutation of 50% share of Allotment/ Registration D.U. No. 2945/2 of Category LIG, in Sector 47-C, Chandigarh in the names SH. SUBHASH CHANDER S/O SH. SUNDER DASS (HAVING 50% SHARE) on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee SMT. RAM MURTI W/O SH. SUBHASH CHANDER (HAVING 50% SHARE).

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that SMT. RAM MURTI alias SUNITA BHALLA D/O KUNDAN LAL W/O SH. SUBHASH CHANDER (HAVING 50% SHARE) owner of Dwelling Unit No. 2945-2 of Category LIG, in Sector 47-C, Chandigarh expired on 24.10.2022 at NEW DELHI as informed by his/her legal heir SH. SUBHASH CHANDER S/O SH. SUNDER DASS (HAVING 50% SHARE) have requested for transfer of 50% share of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 2945-2 of Category LIG, in Sector 47-C, Chandigarh in his name on the basis of intestate demise of SMT. RAM MURTI alias SUNITA BHALLA D/O KUNDAN LAL W/O SH. SUBHASH CHANDER (HAVING 50% SHARE). They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of SH. SUBHASH CHANDER (HUSBAND) he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

MARKET COMMITTEE FATEHABAD PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the General Public that a piece of land of Sh. Mukesh Kumar S/O Kishan Chand was acquired for establishment of Additional Grain Market Fatehabad & Annuity for the same was to be disbursed to Sh. Mukesh Kumar as per rehabilitation & Resettlement policy of Government. Sh. Mukesh Kumar has been expired on Dt. 02-03-2022. After the demise of Sh. Mukesh Kumar his legal heirs namely Sonu Rani (widow), David Madaan (son) & Kanika Rani (Daughter) has presented a legal heir certificate of demise issued by Tehsildar Fatehabad for transfer of Annuity in their names in equal proportion as per legal heir certificate. If anybody, by whatsoever name called, has any objection regarding Annuity transfer in the name of aforesaid persons, then he/she/they may submit his/her/their objection with valid proof before undersigned within 30 days of publication of this notice. If no objection is received within stipulated time, then the Annuity for the due balance period will be paid to the above said heirs.

Secretary-Cum-E.O., Market Committee Fatehabad.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के माफ़े जन-साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नलिखित नामों के निम्नलिखित प्लानों में 175, सेक्टर-7, अर्बन प्लॉट, अम्बाला शहर से मुक्त व, स्वयं सेवी के कानूनी वारिस को रिफरेंस जारी करने हेतु एक पत्रिका प्रस्तुत की जा रही है। M/s. Jai Kisan Shamsher Singh, Rtd. अपने पत्र की शर्तों पर, रिफरेंस नं. NA व सर्वे के अनुसार नए प्लन की शर्तों में NA नए से दे रहे हैं। उक्त नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इन आई.डी. नं. प्रोपर्टी विवरण नाम लेकार (पत्नी), शेरवल (पुत्र), अनुपम (पुत्री), मन्नु (पुत्री) के द्वारा वसोहत/वासना के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते हैं, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन अन्दर अपने नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स चार्ज नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। रिफरेंस लिख नगर निगम, रोहताक को उलटावणी नहीं होगा।

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF Manpreet Singh AD and SJ, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Ambala

ARCHNA JAISWAL D/O SHIV PARASAD R/O VILLAGE SAHABUDDINPUR, BILARIYAGANJ AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH

CNR No.:HRAM01-013217-2022 Next Date:-22-08-2024 PETITION UNDER SECTION 13 OF HINDU MARRIAGE ACT 1955, FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE OF THE PARTIES BY WAY OF DIVORCE. PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: ARCHNA JAISWAL/ SHIV PARASAD R/O VILLAGE SAHABUDDINPUR, BILARIYAGANJ AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH. In above titled case, the defendant (s) / respondent (s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant (s) / respondent (s) should appear in person or through counsel on 22-08-2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice & district=Ambala AD and SJ, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Ambala Dated, this day of 18-05-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform and seek objections, if any, from the general public that Sh. Joginderpal Singh S/o Late Kartar Singh and Smt. Harcharan Kaur w/o Sh. Joginderpal Singh are owners of Property/Plot situated at Village Hassarpur Phahola Tehsil and District Patiala and as per jambhandi for the year 2022-2023, corresponding Khata No. 98, Khata No. 690, Kharsa No.573mi(05-10.00), 573mi(05-10.10), Kite 3 total area measuring 1 Bigha 14 biswas and out of which the share of owner are 0-12% biswas purchased vide Sale deed no. 2118 dated 05-05-2005. As the Sale deed no. 2118 dated 05-05-2005 in favour of Sh. Joginderpal Singh s/o Late Sh. Kartar Singh and Smt. Harcharan Kaur w/o Sh. Joginderpal Singh in original of mentioned property was lost. The DDR in respect of the same was lodged vide GD No. 41 dated 22-09-2023, at Station Kurda, Distt. Udhham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand). That in case any person having any claim, right, title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, encumbrance, attachment otherwise whatsoever, shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence within a period of 15 days from the date of this notice failing which such claim if any, shall be considered to be waived, abandoned and it shall be presumed that no person has any claim or any nature in respect of the above said land and any subsequent claim shall not be bind us or our successors/nominee/assignees in any manner whatsoever.

Sh. Joginder Pal Singh S/o Late Kartar Singh, Smt. Harcharan Kaur w/o Sh. Joginder Pal Singh R/o Garhi Negi Udhham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand. Mob. No. 97818-17474.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH. PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 37 (Ground Floor) of Category- TWO BED ROOM in Sector 51-A, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SMT. REKHA W/O SH. PANKAJ from the name of allottee/transferee MR. GURPREET SINGH KOCHHAR S/O SH. MANJIT SINGH KOCHHAR.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the above mentioned allotment of Dwelling Unit No. 37 (Ground Floor) of Category- TWO BED ROOM in Sector 51-A, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee MR. GURPREET SINGH KOCHHAR S/O SH. MANJIT SINGH KOCHHAR. Now, MR. GURPREET SINGH KOCHHAR S/O SH. MANJIT SINGH KOCHHAR has sold the above said dwelling unit to SMT. REKHA W/O SH. PANKAJ vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh 21.03.2024. SMT. REKHA W/O SH. PANKAJ has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Dikshant Mittal S/o Kuldeep Mittal R/o 607/6, New Colony, Patil Nagar, Railway Road Kurukshetra, inform that I have lost/misplace my Sale Deed No. 4124 dated 07.07.2014, No. 2346 Dated 04.06.2014, No. 8104 dated 28.10.2014, No. 9833 dated 26.02.2016, of our property somewhere near Railway Road Kurukshetra. We have put the best to find out the location of the said missing report is lodged through application No. 12322072400553. Anybody finds it, please contact, return us at above address. Ph. 7404380894.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

HOUSING BOARD HARYANA PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of General Public that Sh. Ved Parkash S/o Sh. Balbir Singh R/O V.P.O. - Bhaggi, District- Charkhi Dadr (Hr.) has applied for transfer of his/her Flat No. K-656/FF, Warehouse Colony, Sector- 26 & 28, Rohtak in favour of Miss. Sunita Devi D/o Sh. Mahender Singh Malhan R/O 57/33, Ward No.- 7, Warden G.H.- 7, M.D.U., Rohtak (Hr.). Any person regarding transfer of this flat has any objection he/she should file objection with documentary proof in writing, in person, to this office within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within stipulated period, the Permission for transfer of flat will be granted in favour of Miss. Sunita Devi D/o Sh. Mahender Singh Malhan R/O 57/33, Ward No.- 7, Warden G.H.- 7, M.D.U., Rohtak (Hr.) on the basis of documents submitted as per policy of the Board. No claim/objection after that shall be entertained in this regard.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

NAME CHANGE

I Sunita Rani W/O Late Sh. Arjun Dass R/O-H. No.304/19 (old) and new 57/20 Preme Nagar, Rohtak behind Police Line, Rohtak declare that Sunia Rani and Ved Kumar both names are mine as in the service record my name is Sunita Rani and in the sale deed no.4591 dated- 26/10/1987 my name is recorded as Ved Kumar. That I am known by both names Sunita Rani and Ved Kumar.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

नगर निगम रोहताक सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम रोहताक की ओर शाका के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकार्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आई.डी.नं.1HBSU147 वृत्ती प्रोपर्टी आई.डी.नं.125C676181 का नं.7/नया 5706, Gulariis, Chhinyot Colony पुरे एकावलीत रिफरेंस नं. Krishna W/O Ashok Kumar व सर्वे के अनुसार नए प्लान की शर्तों में NA नए से दे रहे हैं। उक्त नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में इन आई.डी. नं. प्रोपर्टी विवरण नाम लेकार (पत्नी), शेरवल (पुत्र), अनुपम (पुत्री), मन्नु (पुत्री) के द्वारा वसोहत/वासना के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते हैं, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन अन्दर अपने नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टैक्स चार्ज नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। रिफरेंस लिख नगर निगम, रोहताक को उलटावणी नहीं होगा।

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Krishna Budhiraja W/O Baldev Raj R/O Prahlad Colony, Panipat do hereby declare I have lost Sale Deed Vastika No. 5182 dt. 20/10/1986 Sub Registrar, Panipat at Red Light Chowk, Panipat on dated 15/05/2024. I want to obtain loan against property mentioned in sale deed from SBI, hotel God, Panipat, if anyone have any objection please contact the Bank.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to general public at that Sh. Karan Singh S/o Sh. Dilla Ram R/o Village Nainawala, Tehsil Partanagar, District Yamuna Nagar, Haryana- 135106, has acquired Secured loan on property from Exclusive Leasing and Finance Pvt.Ltd. For Rs. 541424 vide B/L No. LAF-PMW-373 Having its branch office at Yamuna Nagar, Haryana on there on their Residential house, measuring area 3-2-0, 2-27sq Mtr., U. I. D. No. 385/4141800900004. Situated in Village Nainawala, Tehsil Partanagar, District Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135106. That the said Sh. Karan Singh S/o Sh. Dilla Ram is an owner of above said land and mortgage certificate No. 144 Date 05-04-2022 Executed by Gram Sachiv and Sanparch issued by SRO Partap Nagar, Said, Sh. Karan Singh S/o Sh. Dilla Ram is sole owner of above property and there is no co-sharer in this property. If anybody have any right/ title/ litigation/claim or claiming any prior rights/ interest in manner in above mentioned property and in exercise of the powers conferred on



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Project Udbhav celebrates India's rich heritage in military statecraft and makes it citizen-inclusive

The adage, "If you want peace, be prepared for war," reflects a longstanding philosophy in India. Historically, India has maintained peace while staying strong, refraining from warmongering unless provoked. This approach stems from ancient Indian wisdom, emphasising the importance of advancement in warfare to deter any potential threats. India's rich and ancient heritage in military statecraft, rooted in the Vedas, Puranas and the Mahabharata, forms a significant yet often overlooked aspect of its cultural legacy. The Army's Project Udbhav aims to bring this historical wealth into the public eye, engaging citizens in the defence domain and fostering a deeper understanding of India's strategic and military traditions. The Vedas, among the oldest sacred texts, provide early references to warfare, strategy and the ethical dimensions of combat. The Puranas, a genre of ancient Indian literature, elaborated on the principles of statecraft and warfare. Texts like the Vishnu Purana and Agni Purana offer insights into military organisation, the roles and responsibilities of warriors and the strategic use of resources. The Mahabharata, one of the greatest epics in world literature, is a treasure trove of military wisdom. The epic not only narrates the Kurukshetra war but also delves into detailed discussions on strategy, the art of war and the moral dilemmas faced by warriors.



Other ancient Indian texts offer timeless wisdom adaptable to modern defence strategies, such as intelligence, psychological warfare and ethical conduct. Launched last year, Project Udbhav delves deep into these ancient texts and aims to promote indigenous discourse in the Army by integrating India's ancient strategic acumen

into contemporary military domain, ensuring that the force remains future-ready. It is also an endeavour to involve our citizens and educate them about warfare for any eventuality. Involving citizens in understanding warfare and being prepared is crucial for several reasons. It fosters national pride and identity by highlighting India's intellectual and strategic achievements, countering one-dimensional portrayals of its history. Under Project Udbhav, workshops, seminars and online courses will educate citizens about ancient Indian military texts and their modern relevance. Collaborations with universities and research institutions will ensure academic rigour and accessibility. Additionally, a series of books, documentaries and articles will highlight various aspects of Indian military statecraft, including translations and commentaries on key texts for a broader audience. Project Udbhav is laudable as it represents an endeavour to weave a strategic vocabulary and conceptual framework deeply embedded in India's philosophical and cultural heritage. This initiative underscores the importance of understanding and valuing the rich military heritage that has shaped India's strategic culture, offering invaluable lessons for contemporary and future defence strategies. It is indeed a praiseworthy effort to revive ancient wisdom lest it is lost.

PICTALK



Weaver birds build a nest on a tree, in Nadia

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Fighting age fraud for Indian football's integrity

From local matches to the big leagues, age falsification distorts fair play and erodes the essence of sportsmanship

The issue of age fraud has plagued Indian football for decades. This persistent dishonesty has not only undermined the integrity of the sport but has also stunted the growth of genuine talent, ultimately leading to India's poor performance at the senior team level.

For the last 50 years, age fraud has been an open secret within the football community. Players, coaches and officials are all aware of it, yet the problem persists unchecked. From local tournaments to State, district and national leagues, age fraud is rampant. Shockingly, it even extends to the national team, where overage players take the field under pretences. This systemic dishonesty is a national disgrace. The lack of genuineness and honesty in our footballing ecosystem is a national embarrassment.

My personal experience highlights this issue vividly. When I was 14, I shared accommodation with much older players—some even 24—yet they possessed fake birth certificates claiming



they were my age. These older players competed alongside me in national leagues, creating an uneven playing field and undermining the credibility of the competitions. This personal encounter opened my eyes to the widespread nature of this fraud.

The impact of age fraud is profound. Young, talented players who play by the rules find their careers destroyed by those who cheat the system. Genuine athletes are overshadowed by older players who dominate youth categories through sheer physical C cognitive advantage. This not only robs honest play-

ers of opportunities but also skews the development pathway, leaving India with a senior team that lacks the authentic experience and growth needed to compete internationally.

Cases of age fraud emerge regularly from all corners of the country, yet there is little action from authorities. Until the Government takes decisive measures to eradicate this issue, Indian football will remain stagnant. The current State of affairs ensures that we will never achieve success on the international stage. It is a profound shame and it undermines the spirit of the sport. The rigged system favours deceit over talent

and honesty, leaving the sport in shambles. It is time for a rigorous overhaul, strict enforcement of age verification processes and a zero-tolerance policy towards fraud. Only through a genuine commitment to integrity can Indian football hope to reclaim its lost potential and earn respect on the global stage.

Until then, we must acknowledge this harsh reality: as long as we continue to cheat, we will never truly win. The future of Indian football depends on our ability to foster a culture of honesty and fairness, giving every player a fair chance to shine based on merit, not deception. The future of Indian football hinges on our commitment to integrity. We must give every player a fair chance to succeed based on their true abilities. Until we do, our dreams of footballing glory will remain just that—dreams. The time for change is now, for the sake of our sport and the generations of players to come. (The writer is a football coach; views are personal)



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Epic election battle enters decisive phase

The ultimate battleground is UP, where Yogi Adityanath's unwavering leadership is crucial in the BJP's fight to maintain its stronghold



SIDHARTH MISHRA

Another 10 days to go and the two-month-long election process would be over. These elections would be remembered for the spearhead of the ruling party, Narendra Modi and of the opposition, Rahul Gandhi battling the heat and dust of the famed Indian summer to spur their cadres to give the best performance.

In the national media, what's being discussed is the punishing schedule of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda trying to match him with almost equal vigour. From the opposition side, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has ensured to create the perspective that the campaign just did not rest on the shoulders of the Gandhi family.

In any war, there always is a clinching battle that decides who won and who lost. In World War II, the Battle for Berlin proved to be the most crucial. It's the image of the Soviet soldiers putting the flag of the USSR on the Reichstag in Berlin in May 1945 which marked the defeat of Germany under Adolf Hitler.

Similarly, the general elections of 2024 will always be remembered and will be decided on who wins the battle of Uttar Pradesh. With 80 seats, Uttar Pradesh is the citadel of the BJP monolith, which has a dominant presence in the Hindi heartland States of Bihar, UP, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Haryana. Unlike MP, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Haryana, in Uttar Pradesh the BJP is not in a direct contest with the Congress but a strong regional outfit — Samajwadi Party. UP also cannot be compared to Bihar, where it's fighting another strong regional party — the Rashtriya Janata Dal but in the companionship of another strong regional outfit — the Janata Dal (United).

Thus in Uttar Pradesh, the BJP is completely on its own with nowhere else to look forward to but its cadres and leaders. Here the role of Uttar Pradesh chief



minister Yogi Adityanath becomes crucial. The Mahanth of the Goraknath Math has been in campaign mode ever since he retained power with a thumping majority in 2022.

He first delivered the Ram temple at Ayodhya. The consecration of the idol at Ramlalla temple in January this year has been the biggest-ever achievement of the right-wing schema in the country. This would not have been possible but for the determined, firm and passionate execution of the construction plan by the Uttar Pradesh Government of not just the temple complex but the whole of the city of Ayodhya.

The second has been to galvanise the cadres and keep them functioning for a full two months to ensure that the rivals are stopped and checked in their determined assault. He started the polls campaign with the Prabudh Jan Sammelan on March 27 and would continue it till May-end the last phase of polling.

Prime Minister Modi's campaign has been faulted several times and has also caused concern among his supporters for allowing the achieve-



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ments of the past ten years to be pushed to the background in pursuing a very polarising agenda. The campaign has not aligned with Modi's espousal of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" (Collective Efforts, Inclusive Growth, Everyone's Trust) slogan, which encapsulates an inclusive approach aimed at fostering economic growth and social cohesion.

Prime Minister's initiatives, such as Make in India, Digital India and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission), which underscore his commitment to modernising India's economy and infrastructure, have seldom found space in his speeches. This has somewhere allowed the opposition to attack the Government. On the other hand, Yogi Adityanath, who in the past seven years has combined his vision with a strong emphasis on law and order and cultural nationalism (Hindutva), has continued to keep his campaign on the same track. His leadership in Uttar Pradesh is characterised by a drive to restore cultural heritage and end minority appeasement, as seen in initiatives like the grand celebration of Diwali in Ayodhya and the renam-

ing of places to reflect their historical Hindu significance.

The lynchpin of his governance has been the emphasis on strict law enforcement, aiming to improve safety and reduce crime, which resonates even with many of his non-Hindu constituents. His determined perusal of anti-crime drives has found a fan following that goes beyond the traditional Hindutva admirers. Coming back to the battle of Uttar Pradesh, it would take the collective strength of the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Uttar Pradesh chief minister to make the BJP bandwagon have a safe journey to the national Capital. Modi and Yogi are both distinct personalities and both have significantly impacted Indian politics and governance, albeit in different ways. On June 4, in the event of the BJP unfurling its flag, the contributions of the Uttar Pradesh chief minister would as much be accounted for as that of the Prime Minister.

(The writer is the author and president of The Centre for Reforms, Development & Justice; views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMOEBIA KILLS

Madam — Strange are the ways of meeting death for a young soul. A five-year-old girl has died of brain-eating amoeba after taking a bath in a pond in Malappuram district of Kerala. She was undergoing treatment at the Kozhikode Medical College of Institute of Maternal and Child Health. She had taken a dip in the pond on May 1 and started showing symptoms of fever, headache and vomiting on May 10. The girl, afflicted by amoebic meningoencephalitis, a rare brain infection caused by a free-living amoeba found in contaminated waters. Still waters are dangerous. Don't let go.

This is not the first case reported. Amebiasis is an intestinal (bowel) illness caused by a microscopic (tiny) parasite called Entamoeba histolytica, which is spread through human feces (poop). Often there are no symptoms, but sometimes it causes diarrhoea (loose stool/poop), nausea (a feeling of sickness in the stomach) and weight loss. The main symptoms of the disease are fever, headache, vomiting and seizures. All infected patients have lost their lives due to the disease so far, as the mortality rate for this rare brain infection is 100 percent.

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DRONES IN AGRICULTURE

Madam — Apropos the article, "Promise and challenges of drones in agriculture", published on May 20, this is my response. Drones, or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are becoming increasingly popular in India's agricultural sector. Drones offer a range of benefits to farmers, like improved efficiency and enhanced crop yields. However, some challenges may hinder the adoption of drone technology such as fear of job loss, lack of knowledge and training and regulatory barriers. Drones can capture high-resolution images and provide information on crop health, growth and yield.

Leadership vacuum in Iran



Apropos to the front page article, "Iran Presidies in chopper crash after stinging Israel," published on May 21. The shocking death of the President in a helicopter crash had left Iran in the lurch and uncertainty from

all sides. For the last three years; after he took the Presidential position in 2021, Mr Raisi has managed to frame Iran as a Shia Muslim leader block of the world with his conservative cleric ideology.

His sudden death had created a leadership vacuum in Iran in the devil's time. The US and Israel are among the direct culprits of Tehran's current situation, despite their denial on personal grounds respectively. Iran needs time to cope with all the big losses it has suffered recently, according to the according to the President, Foreign Minister and other key authorities. The recent death incident had scratched the old scars of Iran when it lost its Revolutionary Guard General Qasem Soleimani. Iran has been a victim of targeted killings especially for VVIPs, ever since its bitter relationship with the US over the last two decades. Time will heal everything itself, the domestic and international uncertainty will shed away for Iran with time and normalcy will be restored.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

This can help farmers to identify issues early and take corrective measures to optimise their inputs and outputs. But, drones are expensive and many farmers may not have the financial resources to invest in this technology. Hence, there is a need for more subsidies incentives and economical financing options to make drones more affordable and attractive to farmers. It requires a coordinated effort from the Government, the industry, farmers and the civil society to create a conducive and supportive environment for the use of drones in agriculture. There is little doubt that drones can be a powerful tool for transforming Indian agriculture and ensuring the country's food security and prosperity.

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MUSEUMS PRESERVE HISTORY

Madam — Apropos of the article "Museums are pillars of culture and education," published on May 21. Museums

are an inevitable part of our lives as they depict culture, history and artefacts. They tell us about the evolution of man and let us get familiar with the historical and scientific facts as well. But these days, people, especially children, hardly show interest in visiting museums as they find it boring. The educational institutions must include visits to museums in the curriculum to enable students to broaden their horizons and get valuable knowledge. Museums are a great source of understanding our civilisation, culture and heritage and help explore various branches of research work. The Government should take the initiative to help the masses visit museums as they are the storehouses for preserving our ancient history and heritage.

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DELETERIOUS EFFECTS OF WORKPLACE GASLIGHTING

It is a menace that undermines individuals' perceptions, beliefs and reality



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In the network of modern workplaces, emerges a shadowy spectre, threatening the very fabric of organisational culture and well-being - Gaslighting, a form of psychological manipulation in which one person seeks to undermine another person's perceptions, beliefs or reality often done regularly or subtly making the victim doubt their perception, memories or sanity by shifting blame or responsibility onto the victim.

Gaslighting can create a hostile work environment where employees feel anxious and confused and at times even question their competence causing a detrimental effect on themselves, their teams and organisational culture. It is a form of psychological manipulation that can have serious consequences for the well-being and productivity of those involved. When talked about the workplace, the term Gaslight can manifest in myriad forms, often subtle and insidious. It may begin with seemingly innocuous comments undermining an individual's contributions or abilities and may gradually lead to dealing with small instances of manipulation that escalate over time. Gaslighting tactics often target an individual's sense of self-worth, competence and confidence resulting in significant emotional distress, including feelings of anxiety, depression and confusion. It even isolates victims from their support networks by undermining their relationships with coworkers, friends and even family members.



It is often believed that toxic workplace gaslighting can stem from various causes that are often rooted in systemic issues, interpersonal dynamics or individual motivations such as power imbalances, insecure leadership, lack of accountability, interpersonal conflicts and many more. When communication breaks down, tensions escalate, egos clash and employees/individuals start resorting to gaslighting as a means of gaining leverage or inflicting harm.

Addressing the toxic workplace gaslighting requires a comprehensive approach that involves raising awareness, fostering a culture of respect and accountability and providing support for those impacted. Promoting transparency, accountability and psychological safety in organisations is crucial to recognise toxic gaslighting behaviour effectively.

Undoubtedly, workplace gaslighting thrives on power imbalances and psychological manipulation. Victims of gaslighting suffer immense stress, anxiety and identity erosion. Prolonged exposure leads to physical health issues like headaches, GI problems and sleep disturbances, weakening immunity and increasing illness risks.

It becomes crucial for the victims to first recognise and validate their experiences, refusing to internalise the gaslighter's manipulations. The use of assertive communication techniques, such as "I" Statements and boundary-setting, can help individuals confront gaslighting behaviour while preserving their self-esteem and dignity. Additionally, fostering a culture of accountability and transparency within organisations empowers employees to speak out against gaslighting tactics without fear of reprisal. Remember, when personal gain takes precedence over ethical conduct, gaslighting may become a tempting strategy. The only way that may benefit the victims of gaslighting is by seeking support from trusted colleagues, mentors or mental health professionals. By creating a workplace culture that promotes open communication, respect and accountability can the organisation help prevent gaslighting and other forms of manipulation from taking hold as left unchecked, it can inflict lasting psychological harm, exacerbating issues of mental health and well-being in the workplace.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

Do not withdraw capital support for oil PSUs



UTTAM GUPTA

The Government slashes equity infusions for three major oil sector CPSUs by 50 per cent, contradicting its 2023-24 budget commitments



In the Budget for the financial year 2023-24 (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024) presented on February 1 last year, the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an equity infusion of Rs 30,000 crore in three Central public sector undertakings (CPSUs) viz. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), are majority-owned by the Government of India (GOI). She had also proposed Rs 5,000 crore for buying crude oil to bolster its strategic reserves (SRs) in underground storages at Mangalore in Karnataka and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The equity infusions in IOCL/BPCL/HPCL were meant to support their capital investment plans for the transition to 'Green Energy' and achieve 'Net Zero' objectives. Net zero refers to a situation where the emissions of polluting gases such as carbon dioxide due to human activities and their removals are in balance over a given period. On the other hand, the allocation for SRs was meant to guard against the possibility of any disruption in its supply.

Under the above, IOCL and BPCL had done necessary spade work including approval by their respective boards for coming up with 'rights issues' of requisite amounts to enable the Union Government to give effect to its capital contribution (albeit by way of equity) promised in the budget. In the case of HPCL, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) having acquired majority equity shares from the GOI in FY 2017-18 was to come up with the issue of the preferential issue to give effect to the latter's budgetary intention. However, in a big climb down, in November 2023, the Government reduced the amount of equity infusion to the trio by 50 per cent to Rs 15,000 crore even while deferring implementation of the budgetary announcement on the SRs. Meanwhile, the Interim Budget for FY 2024-25 presented by Sitharaman on February 1, 2024, didn't show any allocation for equity infusion for FY 2023-24. The said amount has been earmarked for the FY 2024-25. This was confirmed by Finance Secretary T V

Somanathan at a post-budget press conference. As for SRs, the budget documents do not provide any funds either in the revised estimate for FY 2023-24 or during FY 2024-25.

Why did the Government climb down?

Even as the Ministry of Finance (MoF) hasn't given any reason, it seems the decision was prompted by a significant boost to their profitability during 2023-24. The IOCL posted a standalone net profit of close to Rs 40,000 crore as against a profit of a little over Rs 8000 crore during 2022-23. The BPCL posted a net profit of around Rs 26,500 crore in 2023-24, compared to about Rs 1,850 crore profit during 2022-23. The HPCL posted a profit of around Rs 14,500 crore during 2023-24 against a loss of about Rs 9,000 crore in 2022-23.

When the companies can generate good profits hence, a good investible surplus for meeting their investment commitments, why do they need the Government's budgetary support? But, there is much more than what meets the eye on a plain reading of the profit numbers. First, out of the net profit, a substantial amount is paid as dividends to the shareholders. For instance, in case IOCL @Rs 7 on a share of Rs 10 each, the payout during 2023-24 on a total of 1,412 crore outstanding shares would be around Rs 10,000 crore.

Second, these undertakings are engaged in the business of refining crude oil to produce a range of finished products such as petrol, diesel, LPG etc besides importing them to meet their demand. That makes their operations highly capital-intensive. Consequently, their investment requirements for expansion and growth are heavy. This is exacerbated by their commitments regarding the transition to 'Green Energy'. While IOCL has decided to

achieve 'Net Zero' by 2040, BPCL and HPCL intend to reach this goal by 2045.

Third, the most potent reason as to why the Government shouldn't backtrack on the capital support once promised to oil PSUs has to do with the loss the latter had suffered during FY 2022-23, courtesy of directions given by the former regarding setting retail prices of petrol and diesel. To understand the full ramifications of such orders, let us look at some basics.

Petrol and diesel were deregulated long back in June 2010 and November 2014 respectively. As a result, oil PSUs got the freedom to fix their retail prices. The price is fixed as refinery-gate price or RGP (import parity price or IPP and export parity price or EPP of the fuel in the ratio of 80:20) plus freight, marketing costs, marketing margin, dealers' commission taxes and duties. Considering that over 85 per cent of India's crude oil needed for making refined products is imported (the balance 15 per cent is sourced from domestic companies such as ONGC, Oil India Limited or OIL) etc, an increase/decrease in its international price should lead to corresponding increase/decrease in the retail price of petrol and diesel but only if the marketing PSUs are allowed to fix the price strictly as per the formula. But, this is rarely done. The Government issues tacit instructions to IOCL/BPCL/HPCL (together, they account for around 90 per cent of the domestic fuel retail network in the country) to fix the retail price. This is driven by extraneous considerations. Ever since the start of the Ukraine war in February 2022, the international price of oil has been on the boil. The average of the basket of crude oil that India imports during April-September 2022 was \$ 103.7 per barrel against the \$90 per barrel that prevailed before the war started. But,

these PSUs were told to keep the price of petrol and diesel unchanged for six months. This led to substantial under-recovery from the sale of these products.

For instance, in June 2022, the price of petrol in Delhi remained at Rs 97 per litre corresponding to the pre-war crude price of US\$ 90 per barrel. This was despite the price of crude jumping to US\$ 116 per barrel which would have required the price to be set at Rs 112 per litre. Consequently, on the sale of petrol during June 2022, the PSUs suffered under-recovery of Rs 15 per litre (112-97).

Cumulatively, the three PSUs incurred a loss of around Rs 40,000 crore during the first half of FY 2022-23. As the crude price started to decrease from October 2022 onward, their finances became a shade better during the second half. For the whole year, they posted a meagre profit of Rs 850 crore. The capital infusion of Rs 30,000 crore proposed in the budget for 2023-24 was meant to help them offset the losses incurred in the previous year.

Just because during FY 2023-24, they have improved their profits due to continuing moderation in the price of crude oil, it won't be logical to trim the promised budgetary support. Moreover, they need some cushion to guard against crude prices moving north yet again; that possibility is not ruled out considering the continuing tense geo-political situation. For the same reason, the Government shouldn't defer bolstering the strategic buffer of crude oil.

In sync with its emphasis on 'predictability' and 'stability' of the policy, having deregulated petrol and diesel, the Government shouldn't interfere in the process of setting prices by the oil PSUs.

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Is AI a game changer or a disruptor in the communication landscape?

Artificial Intelligence has introduced complex dilemmas, balancing data-driven insights with human ingenuity and profoundly impacting various sectors

The growing tentacles of AI have become a push factor for change, innovation and disruption in the borderless world that we live in today. AI tools, processes and its vast architecture have been billed as game changers, influencing a vast range of stakeholders including policymakers, Governments, multi-lateral bodies, agencies and institutions, which are responsible for carving out the road ahead. The debate today hovers around whether AI has become a disruptor or a transformative catalyst leading to a new normal, which is unpredictable, tech-driven and bereft of the necessary human connection. It has disrupted the communication engagement matrix to a terrain that at



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times is daunting, unpredictable, spontaneous and instant. In the given context, it is important to understand that AI has truly created layers of dilemma, a tug-of-war related to ideas, content, data analysis and the conflict between human minds and data-driven mindsets. We are in a situation perhaps where we over-depend on machines, their learning tools & predictability leading to an

ecosystem that is technology savvy, the behaviour of stakeholders being driven by data metrics and accompanying models and influenced by the power of prediction. The impact of AI has been profound in several areas, as the search for the unknown has grown bigger. A report on India's media and entertainment sector published by EY #Reinventin 2024 mentions that AI can provide an Rs 450 billion boost to the Indian M&E sector by 2027. The report also mentions AI and especially Gen AI - gives it the tools the sector has always dreamed of and can result in a 10 per cent revenue growth and 15 per cent cost efficiency. AI is now used for measuring the effectiveness of campaigns, the growth of cus-

tomised solutions for addressing issues, analysing data for data-driven narratives and stakeholder engagement and changing equations in the context of the client-agency relationship. There is a need to balance human competence with tech tools and the fear of the unknown in the future. For AI to succeed its performance indicators must be based on open, transparent and inclusive. Its tools are re-engineered to reflect the spirit of "Oneness", and "The World is One Family" and the social and economic impact is studied and analysed. As far as outreach is concerned, the need is to balance the technology push that characterises AI outlining its operational efficiency and the creative quotient of human

beings. As a tool for outreach AI supplements outreach with data-focused audience insights which provide practitioners with a feel of audience preferences and behaviours leading to focused and targeted communication strategies. The data processing of the medium also leads to a better and more comprehensive understanding of stakeholder demographics, dynamics, strategy protocols and audience behaviour. There is an urgent need to integrate the communication matrix with the broad themes to ensure a seamless operation of both verticals. AI being futuristic commands the means to create a positive perception of the AI architecture. Some of the themes to be discussed are AI and Machine

Learning in communication networks, AI-powered communication networks: Shaping a greener digital future and including other sectors such as health, environment and education. In all such discussions, the process of communicating the theme will be critical for both policymakers and practitioners. It is also critical that in the era of change, the continuity of technology is weaved with access that is open and democratic. The benefits of positive change must be beneficial to all through the principle of open sourcing; tools, processes, opportunities and community participation. There must be standard operating procedures and processes that ensure the standardisation of algorithms, address

the frailties of human behaviour and integrate the machine and human mind. Technological advancement is only possible if the gap is bridged between the haves and have-nots. AI as a tool for policy formulation and information dissemination should be based on the strong foundations of adaptability, cohesiveness, inclusivity, access and a proper understanding of the complex and diverse social ecosystem of which we are its key constituents. As the impact of AI grows across different terrains, the evolution has to be in sync with human abilities and the irreplaceable human trait that characterises outreach. To ensure a sustainable process, AI needs to follow the five mantras of outreach commu-

nication: Being Receptive, Responsive, Responsible and Reciprocal and Reconcile to the needs and requirements of an ecosystem that believes in equity, equal participation, mutual recognition and collaboration. The success of communication depends on the balance between perception, tools and trust i.e. positioned across different platforms and sectors. A model of this nature will certainly ensure a perfect symphony between AI and the communication landscape bringing forth an effective and lasting communication process.

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Norway, Ireland and Spain give recognition to Palestinian state

AP ■ TEL AVIV

Norway, Ireland and Spain said on Wednesday they are recognizing a Palestinian state, in a historic but largely symbolic move that deepens Israel's isolation more than seven months into its grinding war against Hamas in Gaza. The announcements came as the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is seeking arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his defense minister and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) is considering allegations of genocide that Israel has strenuously denied.

Palestinians welcomed the announcements as an affirmation of their decades-long quest for statehood in east Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — territories Israel seized in the 1967 Mideast war and still controls. Israel recalled its ambassadors to the three countries and summoned their envoys, accusing the Europeans of rewarding the militant Hamas group for its October 7 attack that triggered the war. Netanyahu's government, which is opposed to Palestinian statehood, says the conflict can only be resolved through direct negotiations, which last collapsed over 15 years ago.

As if to underline the point, Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir paid a provocative visit Wednesday to a flashpoint holy site in Jerusalem sacred to Jews and Muslims in a move that could escalate tensions across the region. Ben-Gvir said the visit was a response to the move by the three European countries. "We will not even allow a statement about a Palestinian state," he said.

The Al-Aqsa mosque compound is the third holiest site in Islam, and the hilltop on which it stands is the holiest site for Jews, who refer to it as the Temple Mount. With their formal recognition, planned for May 28, the three countries will join some 140 — more than two-thirds of the United Nations — that



Demonstrators display Palestinian flags and chant slogans while marching Tuesday in Boston. AP/PTI

have recognized the state of Palestine over the years. The United States and Britain, among others, have backed the idea of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel but say it should come as part of a negotiated settlement. The announcements from Europe came in a swift cascade. Norway, which helped broker the Oslo accords that kicked off the peace process in the 1990s, was the first to announce its decision, with Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store saying "there cannot be peace in the Middle East if there is no recognition."

Irish Prime Minister Simon Harris called it an "historic and important day for Ireland and for Palestine," saying the announcements had been coordinated and that other countries might join "in the weeks ahead."

The international community has long viewed the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel as the only realistic way to resolve the conflict, and in past weeks several European Union countries have indicated they plan to recognize a Palestinian state to further those efforts. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, who announced his country's decision before parliament, has spent months touring European and Middle Eastern countries to garner support for recognition, as well as for a possible cease-fire in Gaza.

'Israel addresses Biden's concerns over Rafah op'

Cairo (AP): Israel has addressed many of President Joe Biden's concerns over its long-simmering plan to carry out a wide-scale military operation in the southern Gaza city of Rafah aimed at rooting out Hamas, a senior Biden administration official said Tuesday.

The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly and requested anonymity, said that in talks over the weekend with White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan, Israeli officials incorporated many changes into their planning that seem to meet concerns about deepening an operation in an area that has been flooded with Palestinian refugees during the seven-month war. Biden had previously said he opposed a wide-scale operation in Rafah that did not prioritize the safety of innocent Palestinian civilians.

The official said the administration stopped short of green-lighting the Israeli plan but said Israeli officials' altered planning suggested they were taking the American administration's concerns seriously. About 900,000 Palestinians have fled Rafah in recent weeks after the population swelled to about 1.5 million.

occupation of our land." Hamas, which Western countries and Israel view as a terrorist group, does not recognize Israel's existence but has indicated it might agree to a state on the 1967 lines, at least on an interim basis.

The announcements are unlikely to have any impact on the ground. Israel annexed east Jerusalem and considers it part of its capital, and in the occupied West Bank it has built scores of Jewish settlements that are now home to over 5,000,000 Israelis. The settlers have Israeli citizenship, while the 3 million Palestinians in the West Bank live under seemingly open-ended Israeli military rule.

Singapore Airlines cooperating in severe turbulence probe

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

Singapore Airlines on Wednesday said it is fully cooperating with relevant authorities in the investigation into the London to Singapore flight which encountered severe turbulence, leading to the death of one passenger and injuring nearly 60 others. Geoffrey Kitchen, a 73-year-old British passenger, died likely due to a heart attack on the Singapore Airlines (SIA) flight SQ321, operating from London (Heathrow) to Singapore on Tuesday, said Kittipong Kittikachorn, General Manager of Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok, to where the flight was diverted under emergency. Nearly 60 passengers were injured after the flight on May 21 encountered "sudden extreme turbulence over the Irrawaddy Basin at 37,000 feet about 10 hours after departure". The carrier said the remaining

passengers aboard the Boeing 777-300ER aircraft carrying 229 people were examined and treated at the airport.

The SIA is fully cooperating with the relevant authorities in probing this incident, the flag carrier's Chief Executive Officer, Goh Choon Phong, said.

As many as 58 people are still receiving medical treatment in three hospitals in Bangkok, Channel News Asia reported, citing officials at the Samitivej Srinakarin Hospital.

At least 20 injured passengers are being treated in intensive care units, while 38 passengers are receiving in-patient care, the report said.

The Samitivej Srinakarin Hospital has 41 patients, while 15 patients are in the Samitivej Sukhumvit Hospital, and two are in Bangkok Hospital, it said. Of the patients in Samitivej Srinakarin Hospital, nine successfully underwent surgery on Tuesday and five more are

expected to undergo surgery on Wednesday, it added.

As many as 131 passengers and 12 crew members, who earlier arrived in Singapore via a relief flight on May 22, were received at Changi Airport by Goh. The SIA, in its latest update, confirmed an additional five passengers and one crew member on board the SQ321 flight will return to Singapore on Wednesday.

Another 74 passengers and six crew members, including those receiving medical care and their family members and loved ones who were on the flight, were still in Bangkok.

"For passengers with onward connections, we have rebooked them on alternative flights. We have also arranged hotel accommodation or lounge access for them to rest until their next flight," Singapore's flag carrier said. "On behalf of the Singapore Airlines Board, I extend my deepest condolences to the family and loved

ones of our passenger who passed away on May 21, 2024, in the SQ321 incident. I assure all passengers and crew members who were on board the aircraft that we are committed to supporting them during this difficult time," said Peter Seah, Chairman of Singapore Airlines.

"I also wish to express my gratitude to everyone in Singapore, Thailand, and around the world who are assisting those affected by this incident," Seah said. The nationalities of the passengers are as follows: 56 from Australia, three Indians, two from Canada, one from Germany, two Indonesians, one from Iceland, four from Ireland, one from Israel, 16 from Malaysia, two from Myanmar, 23 from New Zealand, five from the Philippines, 41 Singaporeans, one South Korean, two from Spain, 47 from the United Kingdom, and four from the US.

UK hails drop in visas as stranded Indian workers appeal for help

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK government on Wednesday hailed a significant drop in healthcare visa applications following its restrictions on family dependants, even as hundreds of Indian care workers who find themselves unfairly stranded in the country appeal for help.

Latest Home Office statistics reveal a 76 per cent drop in overseas workers applying for jobs in the UK's care sector and a 58 per cent fall in family dependents in the Health and Care visa category in the first full month since restrictions were in place, compared with April 2023. Indian nationals topped the Health and Care visa grants last year. The number of dependants, or spouses and children, in the student visa category, also registered a significant drop of 79 per cent over the same period since those new rules came into force earlier this year. "This monthly data is the most

up-to-date picture of visa levels, showing that on current trajectories legal migration continues to fall across key routes," said UK Home Secretary James Cleverly.

"The British people deserve an immigration system that puts their interests first. Our approach is about control and fairness; to the highly skilled coming here who deserve a decent wage, to taxpayers who shouldn't be relied on to support them, and to British workers who shouldn't be undercut," he said.

The monthly data was released to reflect the impact of changes by the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak-led government, which is keen to show falling immigration numbers ahead of a general election later this year. Since March, previously unmonitored care providers in England acting as sponsors for migrants are required to register with industry regulator Care Quality Commission (CQC) — a move the govern-

ment said will address worker exploitation and abuse within the sector.

Indian nationals have topped the Health and Care visa grants, with 38,866 given out last year, and are now facing the brunt of these previously lax rules governing dubious recruitment agencies. "Some of these victims had borrowed thousands of pounds to get the visas and now face deportation for no fault of theirs," said the National Council of Gujarati Organisations (NCGO) UK, which is lobbying on behalf of these workers, many of whom are from Gujarat.

"Some of these agencies are bogus and operate from a hired desk at serviced offices. The majority of them were not checked for their genuineness by the Home Office and were issued with quotas like confetti," said Kanti Nagda of the NCGO UK, which is now seeking a meeting with the Home Secretary to appeal on behalf of these workers.

Four accused of killing Nijjar appear before Canada court

Ottawa (PTI): Four Indian nationals accused of killing Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar last year in Surrey were ordered by a Canadian court to have no contact with several people in the community, as they made their first joint appearance before it in the case that has severely strained ties between India and Canada.

Three of the four suspects — Karan Brar (22), Kamalpreet Singh (22) and 28-year-old Karanpreet Singh — appeared in person for the first time in B.C. Provincial Court in Surrey. The fourth suspect — Amandeep Singh, 22, — appeared by video link. Amandeep Singh remains in custody in Ontario where he was facing unrelated weapons offences before being arrested on May 10 for Nijjar's killing. Judge Mark Jette spoke to the men through an interpreter as he placed them under a no-contact order, before adjourning until the suspects' next appearance on June 25, CBC News reported.

Prosecutor Marcel Daigle said the time until the next hearing will allow the Crown to fulfill its evidentiary disclosure obligations to the suspects' lawyers. Those appearing in person wore red prison sweatsuits as they entered the courtroom.

Richard Fowler, the lawyer representing Karan Brar, told the Vancouver Sun, "it's completely understandable given the context why there is an enormous amount of community interest in this case. That level of community interest makes me...to ensure that those charged with these offences have a fair trial." Attendees at the latest hearing for the men were searched before entering the courthouse, while the supporters of Nijjar held a protest outside.

Sheriffs at the hearing placed peoples' phones in plastic zipper bags and kept them outside the courtroom in plastic bins, with the judge warning observers that recording audio and taking pictures was prohibited, the report added. Nijjar, 45, was killed outside Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia on June 18, 2023.

Iran's supreme leader prays for late president, others

AP ■ DUBAI

Iran's supreme leader prayed Wednesday over the coffins of the country's late president, foreign minister and other officials who were killed in a helicopter crash earlier this week. Later, hundreds of thousands of people followed a procession honouring the dead down Tehran's main boulevard.

Iran's Shiite theocracy views mass demonstrations as crucial evidence of its legitimacy and the people's support. Still, Wednesday's funeral service for President Ebrahim Raisi and others saw a turnout that onlookers described as noticeably lower than the 2020 procession honouring Revolutionary Guard general Qassem Soleimani, who was killed in a US drone strike in Baghdad. Many of the participants said they came to Tehran for the ceremony from other cities and towns across the Islamic Republic, an indication of how those in Iran's capital viewed Raisi, who won the presidency in a record low turnout and later oversaw repeated crackdowns on all dissent — including in the



Iranians follow a truck carrying coffins of the late President Ebrahim Raisi and his companions who were killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday in a mountainous region of the country's northwest, during a funeral ceremony for them in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday. AP/PTI

wake of the 2022 death of Mahsa Amini that sparked street protests over Iran's mandatory hijab, or headscarf. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who openly wept for Soleimani, also remained composed while reciting the stan-

dard prayer for the dead. "Oh Allah, we didn't see anything but good from him," Khamenei said in Arabic, the language of Islam's holy book, the Quran. He soon left and the crowd inside rushed to the front, reaching out to touch the

coffins. Iran's acting president, Mohammad Mokhber, stood nearby and openly cried.

The death of Raisi, Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and six others in the crash on Sunday comes at a politically sensitive moment for Iran, both at home and abroad.

Raisi, who was 63, had been discussed as a possible successor to the position among Iran's political elite — particularly one who is a Shiite cleric, like Raisi. During Raisi's term in office, Iran launched an unprecedented attack on Israel last month as its war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip rages on. Iran has supported Hamas through-

out the war and provided weaponry to the militants.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh attended the prayers Wednesday morning, just two days after the International Criminal Court's prosecutor said he'd seek an arrest warrant for him and others over the October 7 attack that sparked the latest Israel-Hamas war. In the unprecedented assault on southern Israel, Hamas-led militants killed 1,200 people and seized 250 hostages. The ICC prosecutor is also seeking arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant for their conduct in the war, which has seen more than 35,000 Palestinians killed in the Gaza Strip and also hundreds in the West Bank.

Haniyeh recounted meeting Raisi earlier this year in Tehran during Ramadan, the holy Muslim fasting month, and heard the president say the Palestinian issue remains the key one for the Muslim world. He also described Raisi calling the October 7 attack an "earthquake in the heart of the Zionist entity."

Nepalese climber Kami Rita climbs Everest for 30th time

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal's veteran summiteer Kami Rita Sherpa made history on Wednesday by scaling Mt Everest for the 30th time, breaking his own record that he made 10 days ago for the highest number of ascents on the world's highest peak.

The 54-year-old legendary mountaineer reached the 8,849-metre peak at 7:49 am local time, according to Tashi Lakpa Sherpa, Chief Executive Officer at the 14 Peaks Expedition high-altitude sports company.

Kami submitted the peak for the 29th time only 10 days ago. "He has scaled Everest on May 12 for the 29th time," The Himalayan Times newspaper quoted Tashi Lakpa as saying.



Kami, a senior mountain guide at the 14 Peaks Expedition and Seven Summit Treks, climbed Mt Everest for the first time in May 1994, the report said. He was born on January 17, 1970, and his mountaineering journey began in 1992 when he joined an expedition to the highest peak as a supporting staff. Kami developed a deep passion for climbing from a young age and has been scal-

ing mountains for over two decades, Tashi Lakpa said.

Besides Mt Everest, he has also conquered Mt K2, Cho Oyu, Lhotse, and Manaslu.

Last year, he successfully scaled Mt Everest for the 27th and 28th times in the same season.

His closest rival, 46-year-old Pasand Dawa Sherpa of Solukhumbu, also completed his 27th summit of Everest last year. Altogether, 414 climbers from 41 expeditions have acquired permission to scale Everest this season. Official data from 2023 showed that since 1953's Hillary-Norgay summit, around 7,000 mountaineers have successfully scaled Mt Everest while over 300 have lost their lives.

Trump hush money trial concludes without his testimony

AP ■ NEW YORK

Donald Trump's hush money trial moved into a new phase Tuesday, drawing closer to the moment when the jury will begin deciding his fate after testimony concluded without the former president taking the stand in his own defense.

"Your honor, the defense rests," Trump lawyer Todd Blanche told the judge. Trump's team ended with a former federal prosecutor who was called to attack the credibility of the prosecution's key witness, one of two people summoned to the stand by the defense. The Manhattan district attorney's office called 20 witnesses over 15 days of testimony before resting its case Monday.

The jury was sent home for a week, until May 28, when closing arguments are expected, but the attorneys returned to the courtroom to debate how the judge will instruct jurors on deliberations, a sort of road map meant to help them apply the law to the evidence and testimony. The two sides haggled over word choices, legal phrases and how to describe various campaign-related issues.

Trump, the first former American president to be tried criminally, did not answer questions about why he did not testify.

Trump had previously said he wanted to take the witness stand in his own defense, but there was no requirement or even expectation that he do so. Defendants routinely decline to testify. His attorneys, instead of mounting an effort to demonstrate Trump's innocence to jurors, focused on attacking the

credibility of the prosecution witnesses. That's a routine defense strategy; the burden of proof in a criminal case lies with the prosecution. The defense doesn't have to prove a thing.

Yet even as Trump denounces the trial as a politically motivated travesty of justice, he has been working to turn the proceedings into an offshoot of his presidential campaign. He's capitalized on the trial as a fundraising pitch, used his time in front of the cameras to criticize President Joe Biden and showcased a parade of his own political supporters.

Prosecutors have accused the presumptive Republican presidential nominee of a scheme to scoop up and bury negative stories in an illegal effort to influence the 2016 presidential election. Trump has pleaded

not guilty to falsifying business records to conceal the alleged scheme and denied any wrongdoing. It's the first of Trump's four criminal cases to go to trial, and quite possibly the only one before the 2024 presidential election.

"They have no case," Trump said outside court. "There's no crime."

He also again attacked the prosecutor, despite repeated warnings from Judge Juan M. Merchan not to violate a gag order that bars him from publicly commenting on witnesses, prosecutors, court staff or the judge's family.

Jurors have been given a lesson on the underbelly of the tabloid business world, where Trump allies at the National Enquirer launched a plan to keep seamy, sometimes outrageous stories about Trump out of the public

eye by paying tens of thousands of dollars to "catch and kill" them. They watched as a porn actress, Stormy Daniels, recounted in discomfiting detail an alleged sexual encounter with Trump in a hotel room. Trump says nothing sexual happened between them.

And they sat intently in the jury box as Trump's former-lawyer-turned-foe Michel Cohen placed Trump in the middle of the scheme to buy Daniels' story to keep it from going public in the waning weeks before the 2016 presidential election. During that time, Republicans were wringing their hands in distress over the potential political fallout from the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape, where Trump bragged about grabbing women sexually without asking permission.

Russian attacks on Ukraine power grid hit Kyiv with blackouts

AP ■ KYIV

Sustained Russian attacks on Ukraine's power grid in recent weeks have forced leaders of the war-ravaged country to institute nationwide rolling blackouts. Without adequate air defences to counter assaults and allow for repairs, though, the shortages could still worsen as need spikes in late summer and the bitter-cold winter.

The Russian airstrikes targeting the grid since March have meant blackouts have even returned to the capital, Kyiv, which hadn't experienced them since the first year of the war. Among the strikes were an April barrage that damaged Kyiv's largest thermal power plant and a massive attack on May 8 that targeted power generation and transmission facilities in several regions.

In all, half of Ukraine's energy system was damaged, Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said. Entire apartment blocks in the capital went dark. The city's

military administration said at least 10 per cent of consumers were disconnected.

For many, it is a taste of what might be in store if Ukraine doesn't find other electricity sources before winter. With no end in sight to the attacks on the power grid and without a way to adequately defend against them, there are no quick fixes to the electricity shortages, Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko explained. Ukraine is appealing to Western allies for more air defence systems and spare parts to fix its Soviet-era plants.

"With each attack we lose additional power generation, so it just goes minus, minus, minus," Halushchenko said on Tuesday while standing outside a coal-fired plant in central Ukraine that was destroyed in an April 11 attack.

Any efforts to repair the plant would be futile until the military can defend it from another attack. "Should we repair (power stations) just for them

(Russians) to renew strikes while we are unable to defend ourselves?" the minister asked.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock's joined him on the plant visit, underscoring Ukraine's desperation to close the power gap as quickly as possible.

The first major test of the grid will come in July and August, when consumption can mirror levels in the sub-freezing winter months, the minister said. By mid-May, Kyiv's residents began to feel the consequences of Russia's attacks. A cold snap drove up consumption, forcing Ukrrenerg, the main transmission system operator, to introduce controlled blackouts throughout the country. Ukraine can't generate enough power to cover evening peaks, and the shortage is greater than the country's ability to import electricity from Poland, Slovakia and Romania.

The April 11 attack on the plant destroyed generators, transformers and turbines — every

necessary part to generate electricity, said Yevhen Harkavyi, the technical director of Centerenergo, which operates the plant.

Five missiles hit the facility that day, and workers were still clearing away rubble on Tuesday as snow-like tufts of poplar cotton fell through a hole in the roof.

The plan for winter is to restore power generation as much as possible, said Harkavyi. How that will happen isn't clear, he conceded. "The situation is already too difficult."

Ukraine is hoping to acquire parts from long-decommissioned German plants. Harkavyi said Ukrainian teams recently went to Germany to evaluate the equipment, which was taken offline because it doesn't meet European Union environmental standards. It remains to be seen how willing European allies will be to invest in Ukraine's coal-fuelled energy sector given their own green goals.

Pak court rejects plea to disqualify Imran for concealing alleged daughter's name in 2018 nomination papers

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani court has rejected a petition seeking the disqualification of former prime minister Imran Khan for concealing his alleged daughter Tyrian White while submitting his nomination papers for the 2018 general elections.

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) took up the petition on Tuesday after a gap of almost a year, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The petition alleged that the 71-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party founder had not disclosed his alleged daughter — Tyrian White — in his nomination papers for contesting the 2018 general elections.

Khan's PTI party won the 2018 general elections, and the former cricketer-turned-politician served as the prime minister of Pakistan from August 2018 to April 2022. The IHC rejected the petition after noting that a three-judge bench had previously dismissed it, the



report said. Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri read the opinion of the two judges given last year and ruled that the case has already been dismissed.

On May 10, 2023, a three-member bench of the court

hearing the case was dissolved by IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq after the opinion of two of the three judges — supporting the petition's dismissal — was uploaded on the court's website.

The majority judgement was

deleted from the website minutes after it was uploaded, and the IHC chief justice dissolved the bench.

Khan's party welcomed the judgement, saying that the two judges had already decided the case, but the IHC chief justice "tried to keep it alive on technicalities".

Senior lawyers questioned the constitution of a fresh bench when the case had been decided earlier, according to the report.

The petition said that even though Khan had three children, he had mentioned only two in the papers and concealed the existence of his third child.

It also alleged that Khan did not marry his alleged girlfriend Sita White, mother of Tyrian, because her father told Khan that he would not get a "penny" from his wealth if he married Sita.

The PTI founder initially joined the proceedings but later backtracked after he was asked to undergo a blood test, it added.

Vietnam's top security official confirmed as president

AP ■ BANGKOK

Vietnam's top security official To Lam was confirmed on Wednesday as the nation's new president. He oversaw police and intelligence operations over a period when rights groups say basic liberties have been systematically suppressed, and its secret service was accused of violating international law.

Lam was confirmed by Vietnam's National Assembly after his predecessor resigned amid an ongoing anti-corruption campaign that has shaken the country's political establishment and business elites and has resulted in multiple top-level changes in government.

Vietnam's presidency is largely ceremonial, but his new role as head of state puts the 66-year-old in a "very strong position" to become the next Communist Party general secretary, the most important political position in the country, said Nguyen Khac Giang, an analyst at Singapore's ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong



was elected to a third term in 2021, but at age 80, he may not seek another term after 2026. Trong is an ideologue who views corruption as the gravest threat facing the party. As Vietnam's top security official, Lam has led Trong's sweeping anti-graft campaign. Lam spent more than four decades in the Ministry of Public Security before becoming the minister in 2016. His rise took place while Vietnam's politburo lost

of six of its 18 members amid the expanding anti-graft campaign, including two former presidents and Vietnam's parliamentary head.

Lam was behind many of the investigations into high-profile politicians, said Giang. Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh is seen as the other major contender to possibly succeed Trong, Giang said.

The current vice-speaker of Vietnam's parliament was con-

firmed on Monday as the National Assembly speaker after his predecessor, Vuong Dinh Hue, resigned amid the anti-graft campaign. Until his resignation, Hue was also widely seen as a potential successor to Trong.

This unprecedented instability in Vietnam's political system has spooked investors as the country tries to position itself as an alternative for companies looking to shift their supply chains away from China.

A flood of foreign investment, especially in manufacturing of high-tech products like smartphones and computers, raised expectations it could join the "Four Asian Tigers" — Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan, whose economies underwent rapid industrialization and posted high growth rates.

But the scandals and uncertainty — including the death sentence for a real estate tycoon accused of embezzling nearly 3 per cent of the country's 2022 GDP — have brought with them uncertainty and bureaucratic reticence to make decisions. Economic growth slipped to 5.1 per cent last year

from 8 per cent in 2022 as exports slowed.

During Lam's years heading the Public Security Ministry, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and other watchdog organisations have strongly criticised Vietnam for its harassment and intimidation of critics. In 2021, courts convicted at least 32 people for posting critical opinions about the government and sentenced them to multiple years in prison, while police arrested at least 26 others on fabricated charges, according to Human Rights Watch.

Under Tam's watch as Vietnam's top security boss, civil society faced further curbs, foreign aid restrictions introduced in 2021 were tightened in 2023, the country jailed climate activists, and laws were introduced to censor social media, said Ben Swanton of The 88 Project, a group that advocates for freedom of expression in Vietnam. "With To Lam's ascent to the presidency, Vietnam is now a literal police state," said Swanton, adding that the Vietnamese ruling Politburo was now domi-

nated by current and former security officials. He said he expected further intensification of repression and censorship.

While Vietnam was under a COVID-19 lockdown in 2021, a video surfaced showing Turkish chef Nusret Gokce, popularly known as Salt Bae, feeding Tam a gold-encrusted steak in London. Despite efforts to censor it, the video went viral, stoking widespread anger from people enduring virus lockdowns that exacerbated economic deprivations.

Meantime, a Vietnamese noodle vendor named Bui Tuan Lam, who followed the video with a parody of Salt Bae, was arrested on charges of spreading anti-state propaganda and sentenced to five years in prison.

It was also under Lam's tenure as public security minister, in 2017, when German authorities say Vietnamese businessperson and former politician Trinh Xuan Thanh and a companion were abducted and dragged into a van in downtown Berlin, in what officials there called "an unprecedented and flagrant violation of German and international law".

India, China agree to cooperate in paying in local currency for imports: Maldives

PTI ■ MALE

The Maldives on Wednesday said both India and China have agreed to cooperate in efforts to pay for imports in their respective countries' currency instead of the US dollar, which is likely to help Male save almost 50 per cent of the annual USD 1.5 million imports bill from the two countries.

Maldives' Economic Development Minister Mohamed Saeed said he met with the Indian High Commissioner Munu Mahawar two weeks ago, who in turn, said that New Delhi would support and cooperate in arranging for the settlement of import payments in Indian Rupee. Similarly, Saeed said, he received a letter from China's Commerce Ministry, two days ago, in which Beijing provided assurance it will cooperate in allowing the option to settle import payments in Yuan, the Chinese currency, as requested by President Mohamed Muizzu.

Annually, Maldives imports goods worth USD 780 million and USD 720 million from India and China respectively, the minister had said in April when he had first announced that the Maldives was discussing with India and China if the island nation can make payments for its imports from the country in Maldivian Rufiyaa.

International trade between two countries in local currency is a mutually beneficial mechanism as it helps in saving each other's foreign exchange reserves. Moreover, the move will mark a significant shift away from the dominant use of the US dollar in international transactions.

In July 2023, the Government of India declared that Maldives was among the 22 countries that were permitted by the Reserve Bank of India to open Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) as part of efforts to promote bilateral trade in local currencies.

News portal Sun.mv on

Wednesday quoted Saeed as speaking with state-run PSM Media: "Maldives imports between USD 600-700 million in commodities from both India and China, each year. Therefore, we import around USD 1.4 billion to USD 1.5 billion in commodities annually, from both markets combined."

"We are negotiating with both sides to make arrangements for us so that, for example, for imports from China, the shipping company can bring the invoice and the payment can be settled by converting Maldivian Rufiyaa to their local currency through the banks, instead of US dollar," Saeed said, adding, it will save up to 50 per cent from the annual USD 1.5 million in imports from the two countries.

"If we can arrange up to USD 300 million from each country, that means USD 700 million. This means we can eliminate the reliance on US dollars by that amount in the future. That will reduce the demand for dollars. And the future demand for dollars will continue to fall," Saeed was quoted as saying by Sun.mv. Saeed blamed the poor state of finances on the former administration and agreed that challenges persist as foreign countries are still skeptical about the Maldives but "it is slowly improving."

The new Maldivian administration has said that the country's economic situation was "alarming", but that the government was implementing strong fiscal reforms to rectify the issue, including stopping printing money.

Earlier in April, during campaigning ahead of the parliamentary polls, Saeed had said that if the ruling party was able to secure a majority in Parliament, they would be able to bring "the dollar rate back down to official market values within approximately two years."

President Muizzu-led People's National Congress (PNC) secured a clear majority in the 87-member People's Majlis.

'Lanka's presidential election first, parliamentary polls later'

PTI ■ COLOMBO

President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday reiterated his intention to hold the next presidential election this year ahead of the parliamentary election. Sources confirmed that he told the Cabinet meeting earlier in the day that financial allocations have only been reserved so far for the conduct of the presidential poll.

Despite speculation that a General Election will precede a parliamentary election, Wickremesinghe informed the Cabinet that the Presidential election will be held first this year.

According to the Election Act, the presidential election should happen first. The next parliamentary election is not due before August 2025.

The Elections Commission earlier this month said the presidential election would be conducted at a date between September 17 and October 16. The ruling Sri Lanka People's Front, commonly known by its Sinhalese name Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP),



which has the current parliamentary majority, had pressed Wickremesinghe to hold the parliamentary election ahead of the presidential poll.

Wickremesinghe, 75, is yet to announce his candidacy despite declarations by two other main opposition leaders: Sajith Premadasa the main opposition leader, and the Marxist JVP leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

Wickremesinghe, from the arch-rival party United National Party (UNP), succeeded SLPP-elected president Gotabaya Rajapaksa to become president for the rest of Rajapaksa's term when the lat-

ter was ousted, after the island nation declared first international default, during street protests which lasted between April and July of 2022.

Rajapaksa gave in to calls for his resignation due to his inability to handle the unprecedented economic crisis.

The Rajapaksa administration announced Sri Lanka's first-ever sovereign default as forex shortages caused long queues for essentials and fuel.

Wickremesinghe since taking over has steered the economy to safety by securing an IMF bailout. Analysts, however, feel that Sri Lanka is not completely out of the woods yet.

Pak govt forms committee to probe attack on PTI leader

Islamabad (PTI): Pakistan's Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar on Wednesday said an inquiry committee has been formed to investigate an attack on a senior leader of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party a day earlier.

Terming the attack as "regrettable and sad", the law minister while speaking in a Senate session today said such attacks should not happen. "The government is seriously investigating the attack on Raouf Hasan," Tarar said, according to Geo News. An FIR on charges of murder and attempted murder concerning the attack on Imran Khan's party's Information Secretary Raouf Hasan has been registered at Islamabad's Abpara police station, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

Hasan was allegedly attacked by a group of around four apparently transgender persons in the capital. It drew strong condemnation from his party, however, it remains unclear why the politician was attacked.

UK lawmaker returns to work as 'bionic MP' after losing his hands and feet to sepsis

London (AP): Britain's fractious politicians shared a rare moment of unity on Wednesday, when a Conservative lawmaker returned to work six months after sepsis put him in a coma and forced the amputation of his hands and feet. As Conservative legislator Craig Mackinlay walked unaided into the House of Commons before the weekly Prime Minister's Questions session, government and opposition lawmakers alike rose in a standing ovation. "As you know, we don't allow clapping," Speaker Lindsay Hoyle said as Mackinlay's wife and 4-year-old daughter watching from the public gallery. "But this is an exception." Mackinlay, 57, said he wants to be known as "the bionic MP." He plans to campaign for greater awareness of the signs of sepsis, and for Britain's state-funded National

Health Service, which treated him and saved his life, to offer better treatment and prosthetics to people who have lost more than one limb.

Addressing his fellow lawmakers in the Commons chamber, Mackinlay thanked Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Hoyle for visiting him while he was in hospital. Referring to the speaker's formal black tailcoat, he joked that "the rest of the hospital thought I must be dreadfully ill, because they said that guy's got the funeral director in already."

He asked Sunak to ensure the health service would "embed recognition of early signs of sepsis." "If we can stop somebody ending up like this, I would say that is a job well done," Mackinlay said.

He also called on health ministers to ensure the "provision of appropriate prosthetics."

Chinese journalist released from prison after 4 years

AP ■ BANGKOK

Zhang Zhan was released from prison after serving four years for charges related to reporting on the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, according to a video statement she released Tuesday, eight days after her sentence ended.

Zhang was sentenced to four years in prison on charges of "picking quarrels and provoking trouble," a vaguely defined charge often used in political cases, and served her full term. Yet, on the day of her release, her former lawyers could not reach her or her family. Shanghai police had paid visits to activists and her former lawyers in the



days leading up to her release. In a short video, Zhang said she was taken by police to her brother Zhang Ju's home on May 13, the day she finished her sentence.

"I want to thank everyone for their help and concern," she said in a soft voice, standing in what

appeared to be a hallway of an apartment building. The video was posted by Jane Wang, an overseas activist who launched the Free Zhang Zhan campaign in the United Kingdom and is in contact with one of Zhang's former lawyers. However, Wang said in a state-

ment that Zhang still has limited freedom.

They became concerned that Zhang would be kept under further control by police even if she was no longer in prison. The United States Department of State also issued a statement of concern over Zhang's status in the days after she was due to be released.

Ren Quanniu represented Zhang before being stripped of his license in February 2021. He said he confirmed the video was true by speaking with Zhang's family. During her detention at Shanghai's Women Prison, Zhang staged a hunger strike and was hospitalised at one point in 2021. Zhang's family,

who could often only speak to her by phone, faced police pressure during her incarceration, and her parents refused to speak to news outlets.

Zhang was among a handful of citizen journalists who travelled to the central Chinese city of Wuhan after the government put it under total lockdown in February 2020, in the early days of the pandemic.

She walked around the city to document public life as fears grew about the novel coronavirus.

Others spent time in jail for documenting the early days of the pandemic, including Fang Bin, who published videos of overcrowded hospitals and bodies

during the outbreak. Fang was sentenced to three years in prison and released in April 2023. Chen Qiushi, another citizen journalist, disappeared in February 2020 while filming in Wuhan.

Chen resurfaced in September 2021 on a friend's live video feed on YouTube, saying he had suffered from depression. He did not provide details about his disappearance.

The coronavirus remains a sensitive topic in China. In the first week of May, the Chinese scientist who first published a sequence of the COVID-19 virus protested authorities barring him from his lab, after years of demotions and setbacks.

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Markets climb on buying in Reliance, Infosys



PTI ■ MUMBAI
Equity benchmark indices ended with gains on Wednesday amid buying in blue-chips Reliance Industries and Infosys amid mixed cues from global markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 267.75 points or 0.36 per cent to settle at 74,221.06. During the day, it jumped 354.48 points or 0.47 per cent to 74,307.79. Similarly, the NSE Nifty advanced 68.75 points or 0.31 per cent to finish at 22,597.80. "Despite mixed global market sentiments ahead of the US Fed minutes, Indian markets exhibited a subtle positive trend. Investors are optimistic about stable Q4 earnings and easing election jitters that had previously increased volatility. "Interest in the FMCG sector has risen due to the potential for an early onset of monsoon. Nevertheless, markets may underperform in the short term as they wait for the election outcome, with FIIs staying on the sidelines,"

Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said. Among the Sensex firms, Hindustan Unilever, Reliance Industries, Infosys, Asian Paints, ITC and UltraTech Cement were the major gainers. State Bank of India, JSW Steel, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Tata Steel and Tata Motors were among the laggards. In Asian markets, Shanghai settled in the positive territory while Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading lower. Wall Street ended in the green on Tuesday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.84 per cent to USD 82.18 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,874.54 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. The BSE benchmark declined 52.63 points or 0.07 per cent to settle at 73,953.31 on Tuesday. The Nifty, however, ended higher by 27.05 points or 0.12 per cent to 22,529.05.

Rupee rises 3 paise to close at 83.28 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee appreciated by 3 paise to settle at 83.28 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday amid softening crude oil prices. Forex traders said the local unit consolidated in a narrow range weighed down by foreign fund outflows. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 83.29 and moved in the range of 83.22 and 83.29 against the greenback during the session. The local unit finally settled at 83.28 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a rise of 3

paise from its previous close. The Indian rupee gained on positive domestic markets and a decline in crude oil prices. However, mixed to positive US Dollar and FII outflows capped sharp gains, said Anuj Choudhary — Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias as the US Dollar may recover from lower levels if the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting minutes are hawkish," Choudhary said. FII outflows may also weigh on the rupee. However, a



positive tone in the domestic markets and weakness in crude oil prices may support the rupee at lower levels, Choudhary added. Investors may remain cautious ahead of PMI data from the US this week. USDINR spot price is

expected to trade in a range of Rs 83 to Rs 83.55, Choudhary added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.09 per cent to 104.75, as most Fed officials warned of cutting interest rates too early and need more data to cut rates. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, slipped 0.69 per cent to USD 82.31 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex advanced 267.75 points, or 0.36 per cent, to settle at 74,221.06 points, and Nifty

rose 68.75 points, or 0.31 per cent, to close at 22,597.80 points. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Tuesday, as they offloaded shares worth Rs 1,874.54 crore, according to exchange data. On the macroeconomic front, according to an article in the RBI's May Bulletin released on Tuesday, India is likely to grow by 7.5 per cent in the first quarter of the current financial year, driven by rising aggregate demand and non-food spending in the rural economy.

Mahindra Finance gets IRDAI nod to sell insurance products as corporate agent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services on Wednesday said it has received corporate agency licence from insurance regulator IRDAI, which will enable it to sell life and general insurance policies offered by various insurers. The registration shall be valid from May 21, 2024 to May 20, 2027, Mahindra Finance said in a regulatory filing. The registration as 'Corporate Agent (Composite)' will enable the company to undertake supplemental business activity of soliciting and procuring insurance business in the areas of life, health and general insurance — both group and individual, it said. The process would augment the company's existing sources of revenue and profits as it would deploy its common infrastructure of branch network and feet on street. Mahindra Finance Managing Director & CEO Raul Rebello said, "This diversification will open new revenue models for us while delivering personalized services to customers across Mahindra Finance's 1360+ branches, thereby enhancing their experience." The corporate agency licence will enable Mahindra Finance to solicit, procure and carry on the business of selling, distribution, advertising, marketing of all kinds of insurance products/ services, including life insurance, health insurance, and general insurance, on behalf of various insurance companies as a corporate agent as permitted by IRDAI, it said.

Suzlon bags new orders of 402 MW wind energy from Juniper Green Energy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Renewable energy solutions provider Suzlon Group on Wednesday said it has bagged new orders for the development of 402 MW wind energy projects from Juniper Green Energy. Suzlon will install a total of 134 wind turbine generators (WTGs) with a Hybrid Lattice Tubular (HLT) tower and a rated capacity of 3 MW for both projects at the Suzlon proposed site at Fatehgarh in Rajasthan, a company statement said. As part of the agreement, Suzlon will supply the wind turbines and execute the project including foundation, erection, and commissioning. Suzlon will also undertake comprehensive operations and maintenance services post-commissioning. "Juniper Green Energy has been a long-term, repeat



customer for us, and we are delighted to partner with them again. This order helps us expand our footprint in Rajasthan," Girish Tanti, Vice Chairman, Suzlon Group, said in the statement. The electricity generated from these projects will help realise the vision of the Rajasthan government to serve the people of the state with green energy, he added. The generated power will be provided under FDRE (Firm and Dispatchable Renewable Energy) Hybrid and Merchant projects. Projects of this size can provide electricity to 3.31 lakh households and curb 13.07 lakh tonnes of CO2 emissions per year.

Paper, paperboard imports up 34 per cent in FY24: IPMA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Imports of paper and paperboard in the country rose by 34 per cent to 19.3 lakh tonnes in 2023-24, driven by higher shipments from ASEAN countries, an industry association said on Wednesday. The Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) in a statement said that the increasing imports of these products are hurting the domestic industry. Paper and paperboard imports, as per the commerce ministry data, were 14.3 lakh tonnes in the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, the IPMA said. "ASEAN has come to account for the largest chunk in the paper import pie in the country accounting for 27 per cent share. Paper imports from ASEAN, which enter the country at zero import duty under the ASEAN-India free



trade agreement, doubled to 5.1 lakh tonnes during the year from 2.7 lakh tonnes in FY23," the association said citing commerce ministry data. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a 10-member bloc. The members include Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. In value terms, paper imports

doubled to Rs 13,248 crore in FY24 from Rs 6,140 crore in FY21, the body said. "The unprecedented imports of paper and paperboard pose a significant threat to India's Make-in-India initiative Aatmanirbhar Bharat," IPMA said. The major paper grades which are coming from these nations include printing paper, coated paper, and paperboard. IPMA said that this surge comes despite substantial investments by the domestic industry in recent years to upgrade technology, improve product quality, and enhance agro / farm forestry practices. "These investments are now at risk due to the influx of duty-free imports," it claimed. IPMA has urged the government to increase the basic customs duty (BCD) on the import of paper and paperboard from 10 per cent to 25 per cent.

Housing prices near peak level, nominal growth seen in coming years, says C&W India head

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Growth in housing prices is expected to be nominal in short to medium term after rising sharply over the last two years due to surge in demand post the COVID pandemic, according to Cushman & Wakefield India head Anshul Jain. In a video interview with PTI, Jain, the Chief Executive India & South East Asia and APAC Tenant Representation, Cushman & Wakefield, said the housing demand would continue to be strong in view of high economic growth and a growing desire to own homes among consumers especially, young population. "Housing demand in India



was quite muted from 2013-2014, all the way to 2019. The prices were stagnant. There was a wave at that point in time, where people, particularly youngsters did not want to own anything. We were talking about Uberisation of the residential sector where people wanted to rent and did not want to sort of

make a commitment," Jain said. However, he noted that the COVID pandemic changed that mindset. "People realised the stability of having their own house. Plus people wanted larger houses, and combining that with one of the lowest interest rate regimes India had seen for a

while really spurred the demand for housing," he said. Jain noted that housing sales and prices went up driven by end-user demand. "Seeing the prices going up, the investors came into the market. So, a combination of that became a perfect cocktail, for a very strong demand post COVID from a housing perspective," Jain observed. Going forward, he said there would be nominal growth in prices. "... Clearly there has been a very significant price rise in the last two years. But if you normalize that, over about 10 odd years, 2013-2014 to now, I think the price rise has still been strong, but not abnormal.

India exports over 45,000 tonnes onion after lifting ban



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India has exported more than 45,000 tonnes of onion since the ban on outbound shipments was lifted early this month, a top government official said on Wednesday. These exports provided relief to farmers after curbs were imposed to keep domestic supplies steady ahead of general elections. The world's biggest vegetable exporter banned exports of the bulb last December and then extended it in March, after a rise in prices triggered by sluggish production. "Since the ban was lifted, more than 45,000 tonnes of onions have been exported, mostly to the Middle East and Bangladesh," Nidhi Khare, Secretary of the Consumer Affairs Ministry, told PTI. To keep onion prices affordable during the election

period, the government on May 4 lifted the ban but imposed a minimum export price (MEP) of USD 550 per tonne. Khare said the forecast of a good monsoon this year will ensure better sowing of kharif (summer) crops, including onion from June onwards. State-owned agencies have started procuring onions from the recent rabi (winter) harvest to build a targeted 5,00,000-tonne buffer stock for the current year, she added. The country's onion production is expected to fall 16 per cent from a year earlier to 25.47 million tonnes in the 2023-24 crop year due to lower output in key growing regions like Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, according to the Agriculture Ministry's first estimates.

Paytm net loss widens to ₹550 crore in Q4

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fintech firm One97 Communications, which owns the Paytm brand, on Wednesday said its loss in the fourth quarter of the financial year 2023-24 has widened to Rs 550 crore following the ban imposed by the RBI on transactions related to its payments bank. The company had posted a loss of Rs 167.5 crore in the same period a year ago, the company said in a regulatory filing. "Our fourth quarter FY24 results were impacted by temporary disruption on account of UPI transition etc. And permanent disruption because of the PPBL embargo. Paytm reported a revenue of Rs 2,267 crore, a modest decline of 3 per cent Y-o-Y (year-on-year). Our contribution margin was 57 per cent including UPI incentives, and 51 per cent excluding UPI incentives," Paytm said in a statement. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) from accepting deposits, credit transactions or top-ups in any customer accounts, wallets, and FASTags, keeping in view the interest of customers, including merchants from March 15 onwards. "PPBL products like the Paytm wallet and FASTag were distributed by Paytm. Due to the current embargo on these products, we anticipate the steady state annualised direct impact on EBITDA to be around Rs 500 crore, as previously disclosed. Most of this impact will be in the first quarter as these products were operational during most part of the fourth quarter of FY24," the statement said. The company during the reported quarter wrote off Rs 227 crore investment for a 39 per cent stake in PPBL following future uncertainties associated with the bank's business operations including the uncertainty of any other regulatory development etc. "PPBL, the management, on a prudent basis, has determined that the value of the company's investment in PPBL is impaired and, accordingly, has recorded an



impairment provision of Rs 2,271 crore, representing the carrying value of its investment in PPBL and disclosed the same as impairment of investment in associate," the company said in an audit note. Paytm Founder and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma holds 51 per cent in PPBL. The company for the first time posted operational profit before Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) cost for the full year. "FY24 has been a landmark year for the company as we achieved our first full year of EBITDA before ESOP profitability (since IPO) of Rs 559 crore. We demonstrated strong revenue momentum (up 25 per cent) and continued our disciplined focus on profitability (EBITDA before ESOP margin up by 8 per cent), in spite of regulatory action on our associate entity, Paytm Payment Bank Ltd," Sharma said in a letter to shareholders. The revenue from operations of Paytm declined by 2.8 per cent to Rs 2,267.1 crore during the reported quarter from Rs 2,464.6 crore in the corresponding quarter of the financial year (FY) 2023. Paytm said that there were temporary disruptions in operating metrics like Monthly Transacting Users (MTU), merchant base, and Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) during February and March. "This is expected to have an incremental EBITDA impact of Rs 100-150 crore, in the first quarter of FY25 and should start recovering from the second quarter as we are seeing stabilisation or growth in consumer and merchant base metrics from April/May," the statement said.

NHPC organises Shramdaan programme under Swachhata Pakhwada 2024

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

NHPC organised a Shramdaan programme for cleanliness campaign under 'Swachhata Pakhwada 2024' on 21st May 2024. RP Goyal, CMD, NHPC, Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC and RK Chaudhary, Director (Technical & Projects), NHPC, senior NHPC officers and employees performed Shramdaan by running a cleanliness drive in Mughal Bridge over Budhia Wala Nala (a monument), in Faridabad. During the Shramdaan programme local people also took part



enthusiastically along with the NHPC employees. NHPC is observing 'Swachhata Pakhwada 2024' at its Corporate Office and all its Regional Offices, Projects and Power Stations across the country from 16th May to 31st May 2024 as per guidelines issued by the Government of India. During this Pakhwada, NHPC is organising various activities as cleanliness awareness programmes, tree/ sapling plantation, skit presentation, cleaning kit/ sanitary pad distribution, awareness programmes on hygiene, drawing and painting competitions etc. across all its locations.

NTPC secures third rank at ATD BEST Award 2024

New Delhi: NTPC has achieved an impressive milestone by securing the 3rd rank globally at the ATD BEST Award 2024, the highest ranking among all Indian companies. Notably, NTPC is the only PSU to have received this prestigious award seven times in the past eight years. The accolade was accepted by Rachana Singh Bhal, CGM (Strategic HR & Talent Management), at a distinguished ceremony held in New Orleans, USA, on May 21. PNS

Government needs to further expand scheme to make India global drone hub, says report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government needs to expand the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme and develop an ecosystem to realise the goal of making India a global drone hub, a report said. An incentive of Rs 120 crore spread over three financial years was provided for Indian manufacturers of drone and drone components under the PLI Scheme notified on September 30, 2021. As per the Ministry of Civil Aviation projections, the Indian drone manufacturing industry is expected to reach Rs 900 crore by 2025 from just Rs 60 crore in 2020-21, according to a study conducted by Nexgen Exhibitions. It also noted that the Indian drone market is expected to grow at 22.15 per cent CAGR



(compounded annual growth rate) during the 2024-30 period. With innovation and expansion of its application portfolio, India has the potential of becoming the global drone hub by 2030, it stated. The study highlighted that the key to realising India's vision lies in boosting the domestic drone ecosystem. Other major factors are the expansion of the PLI scheme, government procurement, and pushing the Make in India initiative, it stated. The application of drones is already proven in the fields of

Border Surveillance, Rescue Disaster Management, and COVID management etc. The drone services industry's operations in logistics, data processing, and traffic management etc are far bigger in scale and will outshine the other related sectors very soon, the report highlighted on Tuesday. Around 250 drones and unmanned systems manufacturers, anti-drone radar, guns and jammers innovators, component, wires, motors, sensors, CCTV suppliers, software developers for drones and unmanned systems, drones as service providing companies, GPS and Geospatial solutions providers participated in the survey. Institutes developing drones, defence research labs manufacturing drones, and aerospace companies like flight

control, and simulator developers were also part of the survey. The survey was conducted across 10 states - Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The survey also reached out to foreign companies from the Middle East, Europe, the UK, the US and Australia. Drone International Expo 2024, which will be held on July 4-5, is a premium expo for drones unmanned systems (land and water), counter drones, LiDAR geospatial, artificial intelligence and air taxi. It is one of Asia's biggest drone sector platforms for buyers, industry representatives and stakeholders from across the board to connect.

POWERGRID wins prestigious award for third time



Gurugram: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSE under Ministry of Power, Government of India, has been conferred the prestigious ATD BEST Award 2024 for strategic approach to talent development driving business results. The award was conferred by the world's leading Learning and Development (L&D) body, Association of Talent Development (ATD), USA. PNS

Sindhu sails to Malaysia Masters second round

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR
Returning from a break, two-time Olympic medalist P V Sindhu progressed to the women's singles second round with a straight-game win over Scotland's Kirsty Gilmour at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament here on Wednesday.
World No. 15 Sindhu, who had skipped the Uber Cup and Thailand Open, notched up a 21-17 21-16 win over Gilmour, who is ranked 22nd, in the opening-round match that lasted 46 minutes.
The fifth-seeded Indian, who last won a title in 2022 Singapore Open, will next face Korea's Sim Yu Jin.
In mixed doubles, B Sumeeth Reddy and N Sikki Reddy, world No. 53, also advanced to the second round after outlasting Hong Kong qualifiers Lui Chun Wai and Fu Chi Yan 21-15 12-21 21-17 in 47 minutes.
The husband-wife duo will have the task of taming the top



seeds Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei of Malaysia next.
For Sindhu, it was her third win over Gilmour, a two-time medallist in the Commonwealth Games.
The 28-year-old Sindhu was quick to open up a 7-1 lead but Gilmour managed to claw back at 14-14 and 15-15. The Indian, however, dashed her hopes of a challenge as she grabbed six of the next eight points to take the first game.
After the change of sides, Sindhu was more ruthless as she didn't allow her opponent to make any comeback after once again gaining an early 3-0 lead. Sindhu was 11-6 at the break and kept moving ahead to grab eight match points. To her credit, Gilmour saved four match points before Sindhu sealed the match comfortably.
Sindhu, a former world champion, has endured a series of narrow losses ever since returning from a knee injury early this year. She is eyeing a good show here to boost her confidence ahead of the Paris Olympics.



Archery World Cup Stage 2

Compound women team in final, men miss bronze medal

PTI ■ YECHON (SOUTH KOREA)
World number one Indian women's compound team stormed into the final of the archery World Cup Stage II but the men's team will return empty-handed from the tournament after losing the bronze medal clash to Australia here Wednesday.
The trio of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur and Aditi Swami, that had clinched gold medal in World Cup Stage I in Shanghai last month, knocked out world number four USA 233-229 in the semi-final.
India will now clash with world number seven Turkey in the gold medal clash on Saturday. Turkey had stunned top-seed and local favourites South Korea 234-233 in the other semi-final.
It was an overall easy sailing for the Indian women's team, which got a bye into the quarters after finishing second in the qualifying round. They eliminated Italy 236-234 in the last-eight.
The world number one men's team of Priyansh, Prathamesh Fuge and veteran Abhishek Verma, who had slipped to fourth in the qualifying round on Tuesday, lost to lowly-ranked Australia 133-133 (10-10*) in a shoot-off.
The Aussies, who are world ranked 21st, took the Indian trio by surprise starting with a 59, dropping just one point.
The Aussies team of Bailey Wildman, Brandon Hawes and Jonathon Milne continued its fine run and overcame a one-point deficit after the second round to make it 233-all after the regulation four ended.
The two teams were 30-all in the ensuing shoot-off but the Aussies edged out the inconsistent Indians by shooting two Xs (arrows closer to centre) to secure the bronze medal.
Having started their campaign with an easy 235-212 win over lowly-ranked Vietnam, India overcame tough competition from Denmark and top seed USA, winning both the matches in shoot-off.
Meanwhile, the veteran duo of Tarundeep Rai and Deepika Kumari finished fourth and sixth in their respective qualifiers as recurve competition got underway.
The 2010 Asian Games silver medalist Rai shot 681 points for a sixth spot in rankings, while Dhiraj Bommadevara narrowly missed a top-10 finish on X (closer to centre) count after five archers shot 678 with the Indian finishing 11th.
The Army duo's solid finish ensured Indian recurve men's team No 2 seeding in their title defence. India and top-seeded South Korea will begin their campaign at the opposite ends of the draw.
Indian men's team shocked the world champions South Korea for the first time in a World Cup to take the gold in Stage I of the event in Shanghai last month.
Deepika missed the top-three finish in the rankings by just one point, shooting 677 as the Korean duo of Lim Sihyeon (685), Jeon Hunyoung (680) and Li Jiaman (678) took the 1-2-3 seedings.
The other Indians however fell way short with Bhajan Kaur (653 points) and Ankita Bhakat (646) were the next best Indians at lowly 34th and 49th places respectively. As a result, the women's team seedings could not be better than six. Rai and Deepika combined to get a cumulative 1358 points for the second spot behind South Korea in the recurve mixed team category.



Concussion replacements added for Copa America under the pink substitution pass system

AP ■ LUQUE (PARAGUAY)
Coaches at next month's Copa America will be able to make a 6th and extra substitution in cases of suspected head trauma or concussion.
South American soccer's governing body CONMEBOL announced the decision Tuesday, making it valid for all its competitions once the Copa America starts in the United States on June 20.
CONMEBOL issued a statement saying coaches will need to notify the referee or the 4th match official of the concussion replacement through a pink substitution pass. A similar method was implemented in Major League Soccer in 2021 as part of a FIFA pilot program.
The player who leaves the pitch under those conditions will have to go to the locker rooms or a hospital for assessment.
"The substitution for concussion will take place regardless of the number of substitutions until the moment it happens," CONMEBOL said. "When the concussion substitution takes place, the opposing team will automatically be allowed to make an additional substitution."
Team doctors who detect a suspected concussion or head trauma on the pitch will have up to 24 hours to send a medical report to CONMEBOL, the South American body said.

Brazil's Vasco da Gama and 777 Partners in legal battle for control of soccer club

AP ■ SAO PAULO
Brazil's Vasco da Gama and 777 Partners are intensifying their legal battle after the American company went to court Tuesday to reclaim its rights over the top-flight soccer club.
Last week, a Rio de Janeiro judge preemptively removed 777 Partners from Vasco's soccer department's administration after a series of complaints from the club. Brazilian law allows foreign entities to buy the rights to soccer sections of multi-sport clubs, in an operation known as SAF.
The preliminary ruling is yet to be confirmed, but the American group stepped up the fight in court and accused the club of not making image rights payments to its players on Monday, as scheduled.
"It was the first time that wages or image rights payments have been delayed since we took over 18 months ago," 777 said in a statement Tuesday. "The injunction that momentarily pushes us out of the command of Vasco's SAF stopped us from making a bridge payment, as we did last year in the same period of the year, when soccer revenues are lower."
Image rights are part of the payment for footballers.
Vasco executives have said the payment of wages is up to date for all players.
The tug of war in Brazil adds to the pressure on the Miami-based company, which has recently faced setbacks in court over its ownership of Belgium's Standard Liege plus other financial problems.
A court in Liege last week ruled in favor of Standard's former owner Bruno Venanzi and shareholders of the company holding the club's stadium. They claimed 777 had defaulted on a payment.
The legal woes for the 777 add to its period of financial turmoil. The Miami-based investment company has also seen its airline in Australia grounded in recent weeks. It also faces a fraud lawsuit in New York.
777's other clubs include Genoa in Italy's top tier and Hertha Berlin in Germany's second division.



Playing Carlsen in his home turf not a challenge for me: Praggnanandhaa

PTI ■ STAVANGER (NORWAY)
Having beaten Magnus Carlsen several times in the last couple of years, young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa feels he will be under no pressure when he takes on the multiple-time world champion in his home turf during the Norway Chess tournament, which gets underway here on May 27.
Praggnanandhaa last beat the 33-year-old Carlsen in the Superbet rapid and blitz tournament, a part of the Grand Chess Tour, in Warsaw earlier this month.
"I don't think playing Magnus in his home turf is a challenge for me. Usually, it matters to the player playing in his home but it won't matter so much for me," said Praggnanandhaa, who will also have his sister R. Vaishali playing the Norway Chess Women's Tournament for the first time.
The 11-day tournament will see a very strong field including the likes of world champion Ding Liren and Hikaru Nakamura besides home favourite Carlsen.
Reflecting on his contest with Carlsen at last year's FIDE World Cup where Praggnanandhaa gave the Norwegian a tough challenge, the Indian GM said the experience here would help him in future competitions.
"I always enjoy a good challenge. After the World Cup last year, this will be my first classical game with him. I am quite excited to play him and equally excited to play the others. No doubt the experience here will help me in future tournaments," said Praggnanandhaa in a Norway Chess release.
"I am very happy and excited to play in Norway Chess. The field is extremely strong. This is perhaps the strongest field I have played and I see this as an opportunity and a challenge to give my best."
"I am also looking forward to play in this time control which I have not played anywhere else," added the 18-year-old.
The tournament will be played in a double round-robin format with a time control of 120 minutes.
The teenaged Indian GM also expressed happiness with the growth of chess worldwide.
"It is a busy schedule this year. After the Norway Chess, we move to Budapest for the Chess Olympiad and I will also be playing the Global Chess League later this year. It is really good to have such an exciting league which I think will definitely help grow the game. "As a chess fan, I'm happy to see this league grow. For now, my focus is on Norway Chess and I am physically and mentally well-prepared to do my best there."
With sister Vaishali competing in the women's category, Praggnanandhaa said he will also be tracking her progress in the tournament.
"I am happy to see an exclusive women's tournament being introduced in Norway Chess. It is a very good initiative because there are not many tournaments for women. This will encourage other organizations to come up with women's tournaments too."



AP ■ PARIS
Vanessa Peltier got up at dawn and traveled 500 kilometers (310 miles) to Paris from the Creuse region of central France just so she could watch Rafael Nadal practice on Tuesday.
Along with thousands of other fans, she lined up outside the main court to catch a glimpse of the Spanish champion at what's expected to be his final appearance at the French Open, a tournament he's won a record 14 times.
"I woke up at 6 a.m. And drove from the middle of France to be here," said Peltier, 50. "Nadal has always had my support, and the support of France."
The line stretched for 200 meters (yards) as fans queued up for Nadal's second day of practice at Roland Garros. Morgan Chevallier said he waited for 45 minutes to get inside the tennis stadium.
"I could not pass on this opportunity. He is almost bigger than the tournament itself," he said.
The 37-year-old Nadal was sidelined with injuries for nearly all of last year and much of this season. His loss in the third round of the Italian Open two weeks ago left questions about his fitness. He hasn't yet said whether he's ready for the clay-court tournament.
The fans know this may be their last chance to see him at Roland Garros.
"I skipped work for Nadal," said Sergiu Popa, 26.
Nadal started with low-intensity ball exchanges before playing two sets against his sparring partner for the day, Sebastian Korda of the United States. The crowd erupted in cheers and chants of "Rafa, Rafa" after the Spaniard hit a winning shot.
Outside the court, fans took photos in front of the Nadal statue at the entry gate and lined up to pose with a life-size cardboard cutout of

Thousands of fans come to see Nadal practice ahead of the French Open

him, with a hole where they could put their own faces.
"This way I can imagine what it's like to have the same biceps as him," joked Philippe Charvet as his friend took his picture.
In the Roland Garros gift shop, an entire section is dedicated to Nadal merchandise. Frédéric Caubert and his son Gaspar elbowed their way to buy a hat with Nadal's signature for 28 euros (\$30).
"It's not cheap, but it will be a nice memory once Nadal leaves us," Caubert said. "It's like he is part of our family. When he's gone, family dinners won't feel the same," he said with a smile.

Emma Hayes' first roster as coach of the US women team includes two first time call ups

AP ■ NEW YORK
Coach Emma Hayes has selected her first roster for the United States ahead of a pair of friendlies as she prepares to lead the women's national team at the Paris Olympics.
Hayes, named U.S. Coach last November, finished her final season as coach of Chelsea on Saturday, winning the team's fifth straight Women's Super League Title with a 6-0 rout of Manchester United.
Her first U.S. Roster announced Tuesday includes two National Women's Soccer League players called up to the national team for the first time, Chicago Red Stars defender Sam Staab and Washington Spirit midfielder Hal

Hershfelt. A notable omission from the roster is veteran goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, who injured her left thigh while playing in a match for the Chicago Red Stars on May 12.
The team will play South Korea on June 1 in Commerce City, Colorado, before a rematch on June 4 in St. Paul, Minnesota.
The 23-player roster is Hayes' last chance to look at players before she names an 18-player roster for the Olympics. The United States will play a pair of sendoff matches in July.
"I expect complete commitment from everyone to absorb very quickly the things that I value as the most important so that we can compete this summer. I know they are a highly coachable group and



"I'm looking forward to challenging them," Hayes said in a statement. "It's time to go to work. I can't wait to meet the fans and it's really time to get behind the team as we get closer to putting a roster together for the Olympics."
Hayes is expected to announce her Olympic roster in late June.
Former coach Vlatko Andonovski resigned from the U.S. Team following last year's disappointing finish in the Women's World Cup. Twila Kilgore led the team in the interim while Hayes finished the season with Chelsea. Kilgore, who went 10-1 with the team, will now serve as an assistant coach under Hayes.
Captain Lindsey Horan, among five players from European teams on the roster, will join training camp after her club, Lyon, faces Barcelona for the Champions League title on Saturday.
Alex Morgan and Jaedyn Shaw were included on the squad despite missing recent matches with the San Diego Wave because of injuries. Lynn Williams, who was left off the team that played in the SheBelieves Cup, was not on

the latest roster.
Crystal Dunn, who has played mostly at outside back for the national team in recent years, was listed by Hayes as a forward.
Hayes also added three training players to the roster: Olivia Moultrie of the Portland Thorns and Croix Bethune and Kate Wiesner, who both play for the Washington Spirit.
The players are due to report to camp in Colorado on Monday.
The U.S. Roster by position with club affiliation:
GOALKEEPERS: Jane Campbell (Houston Dash), Aubrey Kingsbury (Washington Spirit), Casey Murphy (North Carolina Courage).
DEFENDERS: Tiarna Davidson (NJ/NY Gotham), Emily Fox

(Arsenal), Naomi Girma (San Diego Wave), Casey Krueger (Washington Spirit), Jenna Nighswonger (NJ/NY Gotham), Emily Sonnett (NJ/NY Gotham), Sam Staab (Chicago Red Stars).
MIDFIELDER: Korbin Albert (Paris Saint-Germain), Sam Coffey (Portland Thorns), Hal Hershfelt (Washington Spirit), Lindsey Horan (Lyon), Rose Lavelle (NJ/NY Gotham), Lily Yohannes (Ajax).
FORWARDS: Crystal Dunn (NJ/NY Gotham), Catarina Macario (Chelsea), Alex Morgan (San Diego Wave), Trinity Rodman (Washington Spirit), Jaedyn Shaw (San Diego Wave), Sophia Smith (Portland Thorns), Mallory Swanson (Chicago Red Stars).



It's hard to leave ailing mother in hospital but KKR is family too, says Gurbaz

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Afghanistan wicketkeeper-batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz has revealed that he made the difficult choice of leaving his ailing mother in hospital when his IPL franchise Kolkata Knight Riders sought his services ahead of the playoff clash against Sunrisers Hyderabad here as the team is also his "family".

Gurbaz, in his maiden game of the season, played a vital role in KKR's win over SRH by taking two vital catches and giving his side a blazing start with a 14-ball 23 on Tuesday. He replaced Englishman Phil Salt at the top and hit the ground running to help the two-time champions enter the IPL final with their comfortable eight-wicket victory here on Tuesday.

"As a cricketer, you (should) know, what to do. (In) League cricket, only a few players can play. If there is opportunity for you, you should do best. If there's no

opportunity for you, you should be prepared, well prepared for the opportunity," Gurbaz told the media here after the match.

"My mom is still sick. I went (back) there and the call from here was (that) Phil Salt was leaving. They called and they messaged me that 'Gurbaz, we need you, and what is your feedback for us?'," he revealed.

"I said, 'yes, I will come'. My mom is still in hospital, and I'm always talking to her, but this is also my family. I should manage both of that, my mom and my KKR family. It's hard, it's tough, but still, I need to manage it," he added.

SRH skipper Pat Cummins' decision to bat first backfired. Gurbaz said KKR had planned to bowl first had they won the toss.

"We all (had) decided that we should go and we should bowl first, because in this kind of moment, and team likes Sunrisers that have a strong batting side and you should know what (is) the total and then you go for it," he said.



"We bowled really well, actually. (To get a) team likes Sunrisers all out on 160, that was bowling effort. And then once we come to the batting end, we also not just try to, we should win the circle (powerplay)."

"(In) my mind was (the) only (thought) that I should win the circle, because sometime in low total like this, you need to have a good circle, otherwise, match can be difficult in the end."

Gurbaz said it was the best he had seen KKR pacer Mitchell Starc bowl after the left-arm pacer took three wickets in the powerplay to set up the game for his side.

"He was just unbelievable. The way he bowled today, he's one of the best, he has a lot of experience, he knows how to manage the big games. I saw him today totally different than other games," he said.

Gurbaz said Afghanistan players are preparing well for the T20 World Cup next month. He said

franchise cricket is something that comes second and doing well for their country is always their priority.

"It's all about hard work. It doesn't mean that you come from Afghanistan, you come from India, you come from Australia, whatever. It's all about hard work, I think. If you work hard, if you know what to do, and it's help you in every situation."

"Afghanistan is not the same Afghanistan. We know what to do and how can we represent our country. Everything is good for cricket there, and we played really well, the last World Cup, and from the last six-seven years, Afghanistan is doing great," he said.

"Our mindset (is) not (just) to play for league cricket, our mindset is always to do something better for our country, and then come the leagues. If you do good for your country, all leagues will pick you, and that's the point that we play all the leagues," he added.



Till I play Tests, I will limit franchise appearances to only two events a year: Travis Head

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Travis Head might have taken this year's IPL by storm but Test cricket remains his top priority and till the time he is playing the format, the Australian big-hitter would like to limit his participation in T20 leagues to just two events per year. Head, who has enjoyed an incredible last 10 months, has been a nemesis for India with centuries in both the World Test Championship and the ODI World Cup finals. Currently, he has blazed to 533 runs for Sunrisers Hyderabad, forging a fabulous opening partnership with uncapped Indian Abhishek Sharma.

Needless to say he is sought after and asked how he plans to manage the lucrative T20 offers with his commitment for the 'Baggy Green', Head said it's a no-brainer. "This has been the first year in IPL for me in quite a while (since 2017). I would put all my eggs in Test basket for the moment, I will continue to do that," Head told PTI during an exclusive interview organised by Prime Video ahead of their upcoming docu-series, 'The Test Season 3', featuring the Australian team's tour of England last year.

"After Tests, I will pick formats, and see in which different ways I am available for selection."

T20 events have mushroomed across the world with some like West Indies' Andre Russell and Sunil Narine appearing in multiple events, adding up to more than five a year.

Having had a great run for the 'Orange Army' this season, Head is keen on coming back to IPL next year too.

"At this stage, I would like to be back here in IPL next year. Like I will play Major League Cricket (MLC) in USA) this year right after the World T20 but next year might just look a lot different.

by World T20 in the Americas. But the southpaw doesn't want to make a big deal about workload management.

"I will be home in a couple of days' time once we are done with IPL. Be home for two-three days and make the trip to the West Indies with family and start all over again.

"Look, we are very fortunate to do what we do and I am not going to do it forever. So try and make the most of it as we can, we are lucky that we are well looked after."

He then tried to put things in perspective.

"I know in a few years, I can retire and do nothing, I will have plenty of time to look back and wish I was back on tour, I would like to be in the moment, keep batting through and stay in the moment, enjoying the moment."

CRACKING THE 'INDIA CODE': The performance that Head has delivered over the past few months, he believes that the seeds of it were sown early in 2023 when he came with the Test team, a hard-fought series that Australia lost 1-2. "I think a lot of that has come from the Test tour last year, spending time here and working on things and also being a bit older, understanding my game and its blueprint and how you want to go about it and being content and my family being around, all those things," he explained.

"In IPL, I have evolved continuously while getting better but I still have some work to do," he seemed confident. His national team skipper Pat Cummins has been his SRH skipper and he says they have developed a chemistry where both know what to expect of each other.

I could not have made better choices: Former RCB owner Mallya on Kohli

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former Royal Challengers Bengaluru owner Vijay Mallya on Wednesday said he couldn't have made a better choice when he bid for Virat Kohli in the inaugural IPL auction as he lauded the superstar batter for his brilliant run in the ongoing season.

RCB have made a tremendous comeback after losing seven out of their first eight games to qualify for the playoffs with six straight victories, riding on Kohli's sublime form which

has so far fetched him 708 runs from 14 innings.

RCB will face Rajasthan Royals in the Eliminator on Wednesday night.

"When I bid for the RCB franchise and I bid for Virat, my inner instinct told me that I could not have made better choices," Mallya, who currently lives in the United Kingdom and is trying to avoid extradition to India, wrote on 'X'. "My inner instinct tells me that RCB have the best chance to go for the IPL Trophy. Onward and Upward. Best of luck."

Kohli was bought by RCB for USD



30,000 ahead of the 2008 IPL following his title-winning run with India's U19 World Cup.

RCB, however, hasn't been able to lift the trophy despite reaching the final three — in 2009, 2011 and 2016.

Mallya is accused in a bank loan default matter of over Rs 9,000 crore involving his defunct Kingfisher Airlines.

He has been living in the United Kingdom since March 2016. The same year he had to forego his ownership of RCB due to the legal proceedings against him.

Sunrisers Hyderabad batting approach was puzzling: Gavaskar

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Legendary Sunil Gavaskar has questioned the "puzzling" batting approach of Sunrisers Hyderabad during the powerplay in the first IPL Qualifier, suggesting their reckless strategy may have cost them the match against Kolkata Knight Riders.

Having cleaned up his fellow Australian Travis Head with a peach of a delivery with his second ball, Mitchell Starc blew away the SRH top-order in his opening spell of 3-0-22-3.

SRH lost four wickets inside the powerplay to be dismissed for a paltry 159, a target KKR shot down in 13.4 overs to storm into the Sunday's summit clash in Chennai.

"It was a terrific performance, no question. Such an impressive display with both the bat and the ball. They took four wickets in the power play,

and that's where the Sunrisers were pushed onto the back foot, really on the ropes. They couldn't recover from that," the former Indian captain told Star Sports Cricket Live.

"There was a partnership of sorts, but to me, the approach of the SRH batters in those first six overs was puzzling."

With Vaibhav Arora dismissing the in-form



cautiously. Instead, they continued to play aggressively, which led to further losses and ultimately cost them the match.

"When you've lost two wickets and the two who have been scoring runs for you, a certain amount of caution is required. Sure, don't miss out on scoring opportunities, but don't look to throw your bat at everything. That's what we saw."

"They lost those four wickets, and losing four top batters means you can't really expect numbers five, six, seven, eight, and nine to get you to 200. So, that is where they may have lost it. But full credit to Kolkata for the way they attacked and took advantage of that pitch as well," Gavaskar said.

The former India opener was all praise for Venkatesh Iyer and emphasised his value as a versatile player, a top left-handed batter and a capable medium-pace bowler, even if

he hasn't bowled much recently.

Venkatesh struck a 28-ball 51 not out in an unbroken partnership with his skipper Shreyas Iyer (58 not out; 24b) to seal their eight-wicket win with 38 balls to spare.

"He's been a very good player for such a long time. His first season, a couple of seasons ago, was outstanding. Then, as it happens to everybody, the second season is harder because opponents have a better idea of how to bowl to you," Gavaskar said.

"But Venkatesh is the kind of cricketer you want in your team. He's a top batter, a left-handed batter, and he can bowl medium pace. We haven't seen him bowl much recently, but he's a very good medium-pace bowler. He might not always pick up wickets, but he can bowl those few overs that can make a significant difference," he added.

OTHER SPORTS

Hina, Kanika strike as India juniors beat Dutch hockey club 2-0

PTI ■ BREDA (NETHERLANDS)

Hina Bano and Kanika Siwach scored a goal each as the Indian junior women's hockey team began their tour of Europe with a 2-0 win against Netherlands club Bredase Hockey Vereniging Push here.

After a goalless first half on Tuesday, which saw both sides testing each others' strengths, India broke the deadlock with Hina scoring off a penalty corner after three failed attempts with the set-pieces in the second quarter.

Bredase Hockey Vereniging pushed aggressively for the equaliser but success eluded



them despite the hosts earning three PCs in the third quarter.

Kanika Siwach found the back of the net to double India's lead in the fourth quarter following which the defenders did well to ward off several spirited attacks from the opponents in the last few minutes.

The Indian junior team will play their next match against Belgium in Breda, Netherlands later on Wednesday.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WORKS

Tender Notice No. : Sr. DEE/LMG/07 of 2024-25, dtd. 20-05-2024, E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; Tender No.: EL/LM/24-25/05; Name of Work : Comprehensive Annual Maintenance (CAMC), operation and round the clock monitoring of Tunnel no.-9 through SCADA system under the jurisdiction of SSE/P/New Halfong including, indoor & outdoor electrical assets in connection with Tunnel no.-9 for a period of 3 years (1095 days). Tender Value: ₹ 89,78,603.66; Earnest Money: ₹ 1,79,600/- . Date & time of closing of tender at 11:00 hrs. and opening at 11:30 hrs. on 04-06-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available up to 11:00 hrs. on 04-06-2024 in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

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The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) the loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	60799964	LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY	1. KULDEEP SINGH 2. SHEELA DEVI	25.04.2024	9,88,892.79/-	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 544.5 SQ. YARDS, OR OK-18M, WHICH IS 1/225 SHARE OUT OF KHEWAT NO.618, KHATONI NO.717, KHASRA NOS. 208/11(8-0), 209/4/2(1-6), 5/2(5-7), 6(8-0), 7/30(1-17), 15(8-0), 383/12(7-11), 13(7-0), 18(7-8), 19(8-0), 22(8-0), 23(7-8), 394/12(5-16), 2(8-0), 3(7-8), 8(7-8), 9(8-0), 10/1(5-16), 13(7-8), 16(8-0), 17(8-0), 18(6-16), 24(7-11), 25(7-11), 395/20(2(5-8), 21(1(6-5), 21(2(1-6), 402/1/1(6-12), 1/2(1-6) 1/3(0-2), 403/4(8-0) 5(8-0), 5(8-0) KITTA-32, MUTATION NO. 10579, AS PER JAMBANDI FOR THE YEAR 2017-18, SITUATED AT VILLAGE: DANODA KALAN, TEHSIL: NARWANNA, DISTRICT: JIND, HARYANA-126152, AND BOUNDED AS EAST: PLOT OF LEELA WEST: PLOT OF MANOJ KUMAR NORTH: PLOT OF HOSHAYAR S/O MANGERAM SOUTH: GALI AAM

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited). Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 23.05.2024
Place : JIND

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(i)] POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060120116657 Parmod Singh (Borrower)	24-Nov-23 Rs. 500538/- Rs. Five Lac Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Only 24-Nov-23	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kheawat No 148 Kh No 235 Rect No 58 Killa No 3 8 0, Village- Kamaspur, Dist- Sonapat, Haryana Admeasuring 100 Sq.Yds	18-May-24
(A/c No.) L9001060120320770 R B Jewellers Through Its Proprietor Aminuddin Khan, Aminuddin Khan (Co-Borrower), Smt. Rubina Yasmin (Co-Borrower)	12-Dec-23 Rs. 1658376/- Rs. Sixteen Lac Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six Only 11-Dec-23	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At: First Floor House No. 1532, Ward No 5 ,Railway Road Rohtak, Dist-Rohtak Haryana , Bounded as East- Way, West - Flat Of Other, North Property Of Joshi Sharma , South- Dhan Laxmi Jewellers Admeasuring 110 Square Yard	18-May-24

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

Place: HARYANA Date: 22-May-2024 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited