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WORLD 8 BODIES OF 3 MORE HOSTAGES RECOVERED FROM GAZA

MONEY 10 MARKETS END LOWER AFTER SCALING RECORD PEAKS

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DELHI ON KARTAVYA PATH

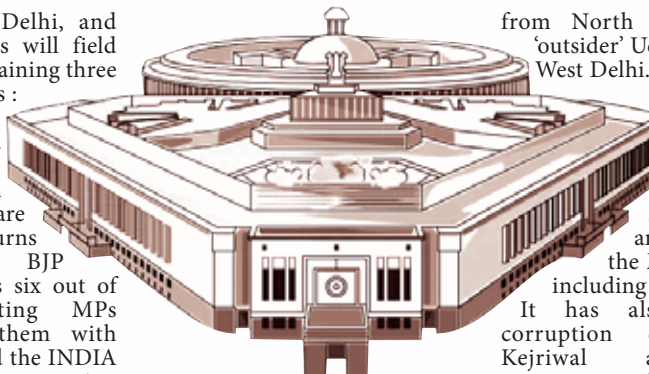
Unique affair as CM on bail; Cong, AAP fight in sync

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A sort of history will be created when the national Capital votes in the Lok Sabha elections on Friday...

polling booths in 2,627 places across the seven seats. The weather department has sounded a yellow alert on the polling day...

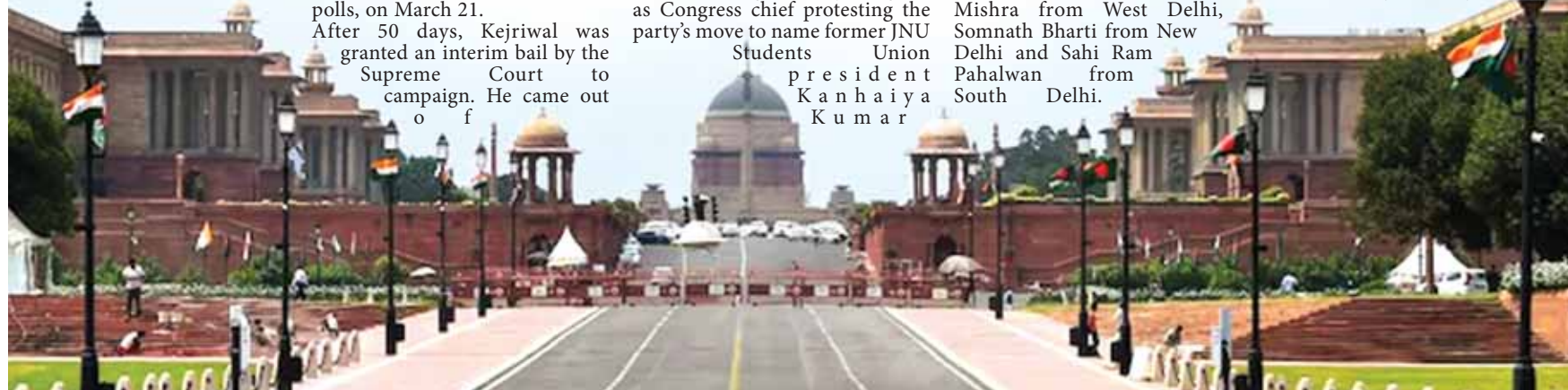
West Delhi, South Delhi, and New Delhi. Congress will field candidates in the remaining three constituencies: Chandni Chowk, North East Delhi, and North West Delhi.



from North East Delhi and 'outsider' Udit Raj from North West Delhi.

BJP is banking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's charisma and works done by the Modi Government including national security.

Tihar on May 10 energising his party cadre and supporters with a whirlwind tour of the city in the road shows and public meetings...



The Congress has fielded JP Agarwal from Chandni Chowk, Kanhaiya Kumar from North East Delhi and Udit Raj from North West Delhi constituency.

among others; Chief Ministers of BJP ruled States including Yogi Adityanath of UP, Himanta Biswa Sarma of Assam, Pushkar Singh Dhami of Uttarakhand, Pramod Sawant of Goa and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis among others.

Poll preparations reach fever pitch

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

With urban apathy continuing through the first five rounds of polling, the Election Commission (EC) on Friday reminded urban voters of their right and duty to vote...

Table with 3 columns: CONSTITUENCY, CANDIDATE, PARTY. Lists candidates for various constituencies like North East Delhi, New Delhi, Gurgaon, etc.

witnessed a voter turnout of approximately 62.19 per cent. In the corresponding phase during the 2019 polls, a voter turnout of 64.16 per cent was recorded...

Fitness first for Chardham Yatra

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

More than 50 pilgrims have died so far since the start of the Chardham Yatra in Uttarakhand nearly a fortnight ago on May 10.

Three devotees died in Gangotri, 12 in Yamunotri, 14 in Badrinath and 23 in Kedarnath, he said.

screening is being done en route to the Himalayan temples, and pilgrims are being advised not to travel if they are not found medically fit enough, he said.

efforts are being made to further improve the Chardham Yatra arrangements, he said, adding that so far nine lakh 67 thousand 302 devotees have visited the Chardham.

Youth offer a distinct outlook

SAUMYA SHUKLA/SAMAR PANDEY ■ NEW DELHI

During the election season, The Pioneer spoke with youngsters from various parts of the country, who flock to the national Capital, to study at the prestigious Delhi University.



educational institutions or even roads for that matter." Two 20-year-old boys from Rajasthan's Bharatpur said they will vote for NOTA since they don't like any candidate.

shared. Explaining what her issues are, she said, "The issues for me this election will be lack of infrastructure when it comes to our legal system and in education too. I think if we build more courts and have more vacancies, so many lawyers and advocates can get jobs."

Yadav has taken over, his father is still there. They still do caste politics. The JD(U) and NDA Government has done some good work. For example, my mother benefitted from the loan women self help groups get with no interest for work.

An analysis of turnout shows that of the 409 seats where data can be compared with 2019, nearly two-thirds, or 258, have witnessed a lower percentage turnout this year and 88 (more than one in five) have seen even the absolute number of votes drop from five years ago.

the poll panel said the India Meteorological Department has predicted "no adverse impact" of cyclone in poll-going constituencies. But it gave no details.



So far, polling has been completed in 428 constituencies across 25 States and Union Territories. Phase V

PUNJAB & SIND BANK JANDIALA GURU, AMRITSAR
PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
Whereas, the Undersigned being the "Authorised Officer" of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notices on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice.

Public Notice
It is brought to the Notice of the Public at large that At the time of handing over the title deeds of the property it has been found that Original Sale deed No. 2823 dated 5.9.2013 executed by Sunny son of Pawan Kumar in favor of Kamal Rani AND Original Sale deed No. 633 dated 17.5.2021 executed by Kamal Rani in favor of Anita Rani in original of are missing/lost from the property owner. It is informed by the party, the same has not been used for other purposes by the property owner and the same has been lost. If anybody has any objection regarding the mortgaging of the same, my objection 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 house measuring 00 Kanal 4 Marla i.e. 46519 Share of land measuring 25 Kanal 19 Marla comprised in Khazra No. 139/11/12(0-19)20/21(0-18), 140/11/3/2(1-15), 12/2(3-11), 13/2(3-11), 14/2(3-11), 15/2(3-11), 16/1(3-4), 19/1(3-4), 20/1/1(1-15) Khewat No. 1616 Khatuni No. 2243 as per jamabandi for the year 2015-16, Situated within the revenue limits of Muktsar-3, Tehsil & District Sri Muktsar Sahib standing in the name of Rishu Kumar Kalra son of Davinder Kumar son of Om Parkash Kalra.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to put the General Public on notice that Jaswinder Kaur w/o Rajinder Singh r/o Moga Distt Moga is owner of O K 6 M bounded by:- North:- Jarnal Singh, South:- Rasta, East:- Tota Singh, West:- Mohinder Singh situated in the Red line area of Municipal limits Moga Distt Moga which she has got Transferred from her husband Rajinder Singh vide vaska no 2021-22/2/12042 dated 27-8-2021. Jaswinder Kaur has Original sale deed vaska no 4263 dated 24-9-1991 and Jaswinder Kaur has approached my client SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited Branch Moga with a request to extent Loan against the mortgage of the above property. Jaswinder Kaur has got lost Original sale deed vaska no 4263 dated 24-9-1991 and she has also got registered DDR no 473632/2024 dated 24-5-2024 a PS City Moga. If anybody have objection in respect of the said Property or regarding creation of mortgage with my client, may raise their objections within 7 days from the date of this Publication, to the below mentioned address. Dinesh Kumar Gang Advocate, Distt court Moga, Chamber No 156, 6284831792, 9888378077

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Ravinder S/o Satbir Singh in respect of property i.e., Part of bearing Khewat No. -26/24, Khatoni No. -40, Kite 2, Rakba -110K-19M, measuring 0K-5M 15/22/19 Share Out of 110K-19M), situated at Loharu, Tehsil Loharu and District Bhatinda as per Transfer Deed No. -3184 dated 03.03.2022. I have lost Sale Deed No. -1460 dated 23.02.2005 anywhere in Loharu. A DDR also registered at Loharu. I also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit on the said property. If anybody found and any concern with in this property, please contact Advocate Bhupander Kumar, Ph no. 8295949981 # 1591, SECTOR 16-17, HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Jaswinder Kaur Chohan W/o Jinderjit Singh R/o Kabir Vihar, New Shamsan Ghat, Jalandhar. Affirming that I have lost Special Power of Attorney No.2019-20/1874/360 dated 28-06-2019 on 18-04-2024 in favour of Gurwinder Singh Baweja S/o S. Randhir Singh of the property situated at Plot No. 1, Village Basti Bawa Kheh, Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar. I have lodged the online complaint SR No.473250/2024 dated 23-05-2024 at Police Div. No.5, Jalandhar. Though if any person find the same kindly return me on above noted address & contact me Vikas Sood Advocate Mob.No.98140-94356.

THE BATALA COOP. SUGAR MILLS LTD., BATALA DISTT. GURDASPUR (PUNJAB)
BCSM/Molasses/2023-24
Website: www.smbatala.com Email: batalacsm@rediffmail.com
E-Tender Notice for Sale of Molasses
Online tenders are invited for sale of Molasses of 2,00,000 Qtls which is lying at all CSM of the State of Punjab. E-Bids will be opened on 14.06.2024 at 02.00 PM. in the presence of bidders who wish to be present.
The Earnest Money is @ Rs.50.00 per quintals. The details for submission of e-bids will be available on the e-tender portal http://eproc.punjab.gov.in. The Batala Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd., Batala reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids without assigning any reason.
For participation in the above e-tendering process, the bidders shall have to get themselves registered with the website http://eproc.punjab.gov.in and get user ID, Password, Class-2 or Class-3 digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification or difficulty regarding e-tendering process, please contact us on 98885-12169, 89686-22017 and 94650-92961.
In this regard any corrigendum, correction, appendix, time extension/postponement if any, will be uploaded on http://eproc.punjab.gov.in. All tenderers are requested to go through the said website on regular basis.
General Manager CSM Batala

OFFICE OF THE MARKET COMMITTEE, GOHANA (SONIPAT)
Public Notice
It is informed to all in general that Shop No. 177 size 20x50 situated at New Grain Market, Gohana was allotted to Sh. Ramdhan S/o Sh. Chandgiram R/o Gudha Road, Gohana by this office vide allotment No. 481 dated 01/06/2007. Now Smt. Maya Devi W/o Ramdhan has given an application that her husband expired on 27.11.2023. So ownership of above said Shop may be transferred in her name. Detail of legal heirs of Late Ramdhan S/o Sh. Chandgiram is given below:-
Sr. Name Relation with No.
1 Maya Devi Wife/Widow
2. Kishan Lal Allottee
3. Abhimanyu Son
4. Shyam Sunder Son
5. Monika Daughter
All the above legal heirs had requested by giving affidavits to transfer above said shop of their father in the name to their mother Smt. Maya Devi. Therefore, if any person or any legal heirs of Late Sh. Ramdhan S/o Sh. Chandgiram has any objection in this transfer than he/she must submitted his/her objection in written to this office within 30 days of publication of this public notice otherwise the process of the change of the ownership in the name of the Maya Devi W/o Ramdhan will be initiated and after the time prescribed as above no objection will be considered in this regard.
Secretary-cum-E.O. Market Committee, Gohana

Format C-1
Declaration about the criminal cases
(As per the judgment dated 25 September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundations & Ors. Versus Union of India & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate : Ritu Singh S/o Late. Sh. Ajay Singh. B-13111, B-Block New Amritsar, Distt. Amritsar
Name of Political Party : Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
Name of Election : Lok Sabha Election 2024
Name of Constituency : Chandigarh
I, Ritu Singh, a candidate for the above-mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases
Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., Name of Court, Case No. and dated, Status of case (s), Section(s) of acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1 Not Known FIR no. 22 dated 26-02-2024 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Not Known U/s 188/34 IPC and 3 PDPP Act
2 Not Known FIR no. 10 dated 06-02-2024 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Not Known U/s 279, 186 IPC and 188(3) CMVR/177 Mv Act
3 Not Known FIR no. 04 dated 09-01-2024 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Not Known U/s 188/34 IPC
4 Not Known FIR no. 17 dated 10-02-2024 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Not Known U/s 354(A), 506, 509, 34 IPC
5 Not Known FIR no. 25 dated 04-03-2024 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Not Known U/s 283/34 IPC
6 Not Known FIR no. 11 dated 06-02-2024 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Not Known U/s 188/34 IPC
7 M M - 0 1 / Central / THC/Delhi Case No. CIS/2089/2022 In FIR no. 73 of 2020 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Pending U/s 188/34 IPC
8 M M - 0 1 / Central / THC/Delhi Case No. Cr. Case/7769/2022 in FIR no. 71 of 2020 PS. Maurice Nagar North Dist New Delhi 110007 Pending U/s 188/34 IPC

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences
Table with 4 columns: Sl. No., Name Of Court & Date (s) of Order(s), Description of offence (s) punishment imposed, Maximum Imposed Punishment
1 N/A N/A N/A
2 N/A N/A N/A
3 N/A N/A N/A
4 N/A N/A N/A
5 N/A N/A N/A
6 N/A N/A N/A
7 N/A N/A N/A
8 N/A N/A N/A
Ritu Singh S/o. Late Sh. Ajay Singh. B-1311, B-Block New Amritsar, Distt. Amritsar

चुनाव प्रोग्राम
चुनाव प्रोग्राम प्रबंधक कमेटी दौ बाढड़ा M- प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि., बाढड़ा
क्र. सं. विवरण तिथि व समय स्थान
1. उपनियम 35 के उप 2 के अधीन यथा आपेक्षित मतदाताओं की सूची का प्रदर्शन 21.05.2024 से 23.05.2024 तक 1. कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां च. दादरी 2. निरीक्षक, सहकारी समितियां, बाढड़ा 3. कार्यालय दौ बाढड़ा M-प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि., बाढड़ा 4. सी.बी. ब्रांच बाढड़ा
2. उपनियम 35 के उप पैरा 4 के अधीन यथा आपेक्षित मतदाताओं की सूची से संबंधित आक्षेपों की सुनवाई 24.05.2024 प्रातः 10 बजे से सायं 1:00 बजे तक कार्यालय सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, च. दादरी
3. नामांकन पत्र दायर करना 03.06.2024 को प्रातः 10:00 बजे से सायं 2:00 बजे तकउपरोक्त.....
4. नामांकन पत्रों की समीक्षा 04.06.2024 को प्रातः 10 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तकउपरोक्त.....
5. नामांकन पत्र वापिस लेना 06.06.2024 को प्रातः 10 बजे से सायं 3 बजे तकउपरोक्त.....
6. उम्मीदवारों को चुनाव चिन्हों का आवंटन और विधि मान्य नामित रूप से नाम निर्दिष्ट उम्मीदवारों की सूची का प्रदर्शन 06.06.2024 को सायं: 03:00 बजे के बादउपरोक्त.....
7. मतदान कराना यदि आवश्यक हो तो 02.07.2024 को प्रातः 8:00 बजे से सायं 04:00 बजे तक निम्नलिखित स्थानों पर चुनाव होगा
क्र. सं. मतदान केन्द्र पोलिंग स्थान गांव जिनके मतदान होने हैं मतदाता सूची की कम संख्या कुल मत
1. कार्यालय, दौ बाढड़ा M- प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि., बाढड़ा कार्यालय दौ बाढड़ा M- प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी समिति लि., बाढड़ा हंसावास खुर्द, 01 से 1019
2. पंचायत भवन भांडवा पंचायत भवन श्यामकलां पंचायत भवन भांडवा भांडवा, हाणी सूरजगढ़ श्यामकलां, कारीआड, कारीतोखा, शिरसली, भोपाली 1020 से 1656
4. पंचायत भवन जीतपुरा पंचायत भवन जीतपुरा जीतपुरा, भारीवास, काकड़ौली सरदार 2386 से 3423 1038
नोट: मतदान के समय मतदाता अपना कोई वैध पहचान पत्र साथ लेकर आएँ। चुनाव अधिकारी-कम-सहायक रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियां, च. दादरी

सेन्ट बैंक होम फायनेंस लिमिटेड
Cent Bank Home Finance Limited
Branch Office:- SCO 43, First Floor, Sector - 4, Panchkula, Haryana-134112, Ph.: 0172-3115728
APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the CENT BANK HOME FINANCE LTD., Branch Office SCO 43, First Floor, Sector 4, Panchkula, UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (Act. No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to mentioned borrowers, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the rule 8 of the said rules on the below mentioned dates. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of CENT BANK HOME FINANCE LIMITED, Branch Office SCO 43, First Floor, Sector-4, Panchkula, Haryana - 134112.
Table with 4 columns: Name & Address of the Borrower(s), Description of the Property, Date of Demand Notice, Amount in Demand Notice (₹)
Mrs. Hema Devi W/o Late Sh. Narendar Kumar and Mr. Kanuj Narol S/o Late Sh. Narendar Kumar. Flat No. 13B (3 BHK), Second Floor, 1/3 Share of measuring size 110 Sq. Yards, bearing Khata / Khatoni No. 53/71, comprised under Khazra No. 378(4-0), 382(4-0), 383(3-14) Kite 3, Land measuring 11 Bigha 14 Biswas, situated at Dashmesh Nagar (Dev Bhooni Elite Homez), Village Nabha, Hadbast No.290, MC & Sub-Tehsil Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. Boundaries:- East: Road, West: Flat No. 36-B, North: Flat No. 14-B, South: Flat No. 12-B.
Loan Account No.: 0180301000280
Place: Panchkula, Dated: 24.05.2024 Authorized Officer, Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd., Panchkula

Format C-2
Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name of Political Party : Bahujan Samaj Party
Name of Election : Lok Sabha General Elections 2024- Phase 7
Name of the State/UT : Chandigarh
Table with 8 columns: S. NO., Name of Candidate, Name of Constituency, Name of Court Case No. & Status of the Case(s), Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s), Name of Court & date(s) of Order(s), Description of offence (s) & punishment imposed, Maximum Punishment Imposed
1 RITU SINGH 1-CHANDIGARH FIR No. 22 Dated 26.02.2024 PS Maurice Nagar ND (Pending) Section 188/34 of IPC
FIR No. 10 dated 06.02.2024 PS Maurice Nagar ND (Pending) Section 279, 186 of IPC & Section 188(3) CMVR/177 of MV ACT
FIR No. 4 dated 09.01.2024 PS Maurice Nagar ND (Pending) Section 188/34 of IPC
FIR No. 17 dated 10.02.2024 PS Maurice Nagar ND (Pending) Section 354(A), 506,509,34 of IPC
FIR No. 25 dated 04.03.2024 PS Maurice Nagar ND (Pending) Section 283/34 of IPC
FIR No. 11 dated 06.02.2024 PS Maurice Nagar ND (Pending) Section 188/34 of IPC
MM-01 Central/THC Delhi. Case No. 7769/2022 (Pending) Section 188/34 of IPC
MM-01 Central/THC Delhi. Case No. CIS 2089/2022 (Pending) Section 188/34 of IPC



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Market's thumbs-up

There is jubilation in economic circles, signalling positive investor sentiment in Govt fate

It is not every day that the market breaches new records just days ahead of the Lok Sabha poll results. Both Sensex and Nifty are shooting northwards, especially since the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) declared a huge dividend bonanza for the Government. The stock market has witnessed a historic surge, with the benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty hitting lifetime highs two consecutive days. With the RBI also recently announcing a record dividend for the Government, this confluence of events has fostered an atmosphere of positive investor sentiment, largely driven by optimistic expectations from election outcomes. The RBI's decision to transfer a record dividend of Rs87,416 crore to the Government has been a crucial factor in this financial upturn. This move not only bolsters the Government's fiscal position but also signals robust economic health and prudent management by the Central bank. Such a hefty dividend payout is expected to provide the Government with additional fiscal space to boost public spending, invest in infrastructure projects and support social welfare programmes. The substantial RBI dividend is seen as a sign of economic stability and strong fundamentals, encouraging both domestic and foreign investors to pour capital into the market. Following the dividend announcement, both Sensex and Nifty have experienced unprecedented highs. Sensex soared past the 62,000-mark while Nifty breached the 18,600-level.



This surge reflects investor confidence in Indian economy's resilience and growth potential. The interplay between the RBI's dividend announcement and the buoyant stock market creates a positive feedback loop. Another critical driver of this market exuberance is the

anticipation of favourable election outcomes. Investors often view political stability as a key determinant of economic policies and growth trajectories. This growth prospect attracts more investment, driving the stock markets higher and creating a cycle of optimism and financial prosperity. The prevailing sentiment suggests that the election results will lead to a continuation of pro-business and market-friendly policies. Historical trends indicate that markets typically react positively to clear and stable election results, which are seen as conducive to consistent and predictable economic governance. The interplay between the RBI's dividend announcement and the buoyant stock market creates a positive feedback loop. The additional fiscal resources enable the Government to undertake more significant developmental initiatives, which in turn stimulate economic growth. This alignment of fiscal prudence, economic strategy and political expectations bodes well for the nation's future. As the election comes to an end shortly and a new Government takes over, a positive sentiment among investors is likely to reinforce market stability and growth. However, the market does not reflect the state of the economy. The indices are more speculative and driven by positive sentiments rather than actual ground realities.

PICTALK



Buddhist devotees stand in a queue to light butter lamps during Buddha Jayanti, in Kathmandu

Ambedkar's warning on democracy rings true



BHOPINDER SINGH

India backslides on global democracy indexes and exhibits resistance to internal party democracy, starkly contrasting with the political culture of the UK

In 1936, Dr BR Ambedkar wrote an undelivered speech, Annihilation of Caste, where he forewarned, "Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment. It has to be cultivated. We must realise that our people have yet to learn it. Democracy in India is only a top-dressing on an Indian soil which is essentially undemocratic." This sharp but sage observation was well before the Constitution of India was formally framed and adopted under his leadership. Eighty-eight years since the speech that was considered too controversial to be delivered, the issues of caste, constitutional impropriety and his controversial but astute insistence that "Democracy in India is only a top-dressing on Indian soil which is essentially undemocratic" resonates loud and clear with the proceedings (rather, regressions) in the ensuing Lok Sabha elections.



Amongst the most invoked, galvanising and feared concerns in the ongoing election pitch are still, caste and religion. Beyond the trumpeting label of 'world's largest democracy' which we proudly accept and acknowledge, is the damning backsliding on various Democracy 'indexes' - which we equally readily slam as vested, unfair, or even 'anti-national'. An unmistakably think-skinned spirit and hypersensitivity about the unflattering reportage abounds, which does not help build credentials of a mature, confident and progressive democracy. The 'mother of democracy' simply cannot be selectively entertaining of all praise and simultaneously small-spirited against criticism. However, beyond the multiple and well-known afflictions like dynastic tendencies, majoritarianism, ethnic-casteist-regional assertions, muscle power, money power et al, lies yet another serious curse of the complete lack of, or even any pretence of an 'internal democracy' in any political party, national or regional. We seem to be partaking in the exercise of democracy with a rather regrettable set of undemocratic parties. Beyond the obvious threats of the 'carrot-and-stick' nature (with murmurs of the infamous 'wash-

ing machine' phenomenon) that may have made many opposition politicians jump ships - there is yet another loud concern expressed of unapproachability, remaining essentially unheard, or even of inaccessibility attributed to political leadership that leads to members to leave political parties for greener pastures. All Indian political parties have their exclusive leadership cocooned, isolated and protected from lesser leaders - this seemingly helps build leadership aura, mystique and even fear of the respective 'high commands'. The top leadership is only for taking the 'final call' and all others must robotically comply with the same, as described in the uniquely Indian expression of subservience, 'as disciplined soldiers of the party'. Such obsequious and diktat-filled frameworks are more suggestive of autocracies rather than participative democracies. This suffocating, intolerant and illiberal normalcy of Indian political culture is in stark contrast to that of its progenitor, British Westminster politics. In the UK, there have always been divisions within party ranks (on issues), expressed ambition for top roles and public expression of dissenting positions e.g., Brexit. All these individualistic or non-conformist positions do not warrant the automatic



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expulsion or diminishment of an individual from party ranks. The ruling Conservative Party has many active and known 'camps' that may or may not agree with the policies and decisions of their Partyman as the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak. It has always been so with divides amongst social liberals and social democrats, modernisers and traditionalists and Brexiters of various sides and shades etc., Therefore, even though the Conservative Party has ruled uninterrupted since 2010 (then by David Cameron), it has since had five different Prime Ministers i.e., David Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson, Liz Truss and now, Rishi Sunak. Even now the jostling within the Tories continues with apparently Boris Johnson planning a comeback to David Cameron having staged a dramatic comeback as the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, under Rishi Sunak! It is the same concept of 'internal democracy' that has seen a similar leadership change in the principal opposition party i.e., the Labour Party. Since 2010 under Gordon Brown, it has seen a constant change in leadership Harriet Harman, Ed Miliband, Jeremy Corbyn to now Sir Keir Starmer. Each of these individual leaders has

reflected the topical preference of the party cadres and leaders. Now with Keir Starmer sure to get elected as the Prime Minister of the UK, he couldn't be more unlike his party predecessor, Jeremy Corbyn, both in person and policies. Starmer continues to consult both the former Labour Prime Minister i.e., Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, though neither has any outsized political relevance. In short, there are no permanent Gods in British political parties, unlike the Indian context where a few individuals rule the roost without getting subjected to any internal challenge, questioning or change. The rules and circumstances for leadership can be made to change overnight to suit certain individuals or dynasties which essentially seek to perpetuate the leadership composition, that has existed for years. As Winston Churchill once said, "The opposition occupies the benches in front of you, but the enemy sits behind you" implying in his party ranks - that such internal competition can never be a sign of weakness but of ensuring that only one with the most competitive, compelling and winning credentials leads the party. (The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONTROL PLASTIC USE

Madam — Although the central and State Governments have imposed a complete ban on polythene covers of thickness less than 125 microns in the State, it is not seen in practice. The viscosity of polythene bags is too high. 75-micron-thick bags, which were once banned, are still being used today. A large number of polythene covers are used in vegetable, tiffin, grocery, big shops and wholesale shops. As authorities have failed to ban polythene covers, they are seen everywhere on roads and canals. Cattle are falling sick by eating the wastes dumped in these covers in front of the houses and on the road. Criticisms are being heard that even though so many mishaps are happening, the concerned authorities are not paying attention. The authorities should clamp down on the sale of banned polythene bags which harm the environment and take strict action against those selling them. The authorities should make an effort to inform the people about the disadvantages caused by the use of banned polythene bags and to organise awareness programmes to encourage people to use eco-friendly clothing as an alternative.

Appanna Gonapa | Visakhapatnam

WORKPLACE GASLIGHTING HARMS

Madam — It refers to 'Deleterious Effects of Workplace Gaslighting' (May 23). Gaslighting within the organisational setting presents a significant threat to employee well-being and overall organisational effectiveness. This form of psychological manipulation, characterised by the deliberate undermining of an individual's perceptions, beliefs and reality, fosters a detrimental work environment with far-reaching consequences. The erosion of employee confidence and self-esteem, heightened anxiety and paranoia, social isolation and withdrawal and manifestations in physical health are some of the critical impacts of gaslighting in the workplace. Gaslighting through denial, blame-shifting and criticism erodes employees' self-worth and competence, causing isolation, stress,

Recognise Palestinian sovereignty



Apropos the news article, "Norway, Ireland and Spain give recognition to Palestinian State", published on May 23, this is my response. Palestine should be treated as a sovereign country as per the partisan plan of Great Britain's Palestine in 1947. Israel has been ignoring the two-State solution as per the 1993 Oslo Accord for decades and now it has engaged in genocidal violence in response to the October 7 Hamas attack. The United Nations secretary-general António

Guterres said that the Hamas attack did not take place in a vacuum. His comment was as right as the observation that the Indian Rebellion of 1857 did not take place in a vacuum. There were acts of terrorism against British civilians like Kennedy ladies during the British Raj in India. Khudiram Bose and his friend Prafulla Chaki threw a bomb at a carriage thinking that the district magistrate of Muzaffarpur, Douglas Kingsford, was in the carriage. However, Kingsford was seated in a different carriage and the bomb killed two British women. Can such attacks on the British civilians justify the Jallianwala Bagh massacre? Had the British still been ruling India, would the world have lent moral support to the colonial regime against the freedom fighters? Gaza massacre put Jallianwala Bagh to shame. More than 35,000 Palestinians, including nearly half of them children and elderly, have been killed in Gaza.

Sujit De | Kolkata

decreased productivity and physical health issues like headaches and sleep disturbances. Address gaslighting by documenting interactions, building support, prioritising self-care, limiting exposure and seeking intervention. Organisations must cultivate a supportive work environment through awareness campaigns, clear reporting mechanisms, robust anti-bullying policies, respectful communication practices and training for managers to identify and address gaslighting. By empowering employees and fostering a supportive culture, organisations can combat gaslighting effectively and build a healthier workplace for all.

Amarjeet Kumar | Hazaribagh

MAKE STRESS YOUR FRIEND

Madam — In a world where stress is often demonised, reframing it as a friend can transform your relationship with it. Most people think that stress makes them sick; it increases the risk of everything from the common cold to cardiovascular disease. Basically, we have turned stress into our enemy. One study found that people who

experienced a lot of stress in the previous year had a 43 per cent increased risk of dying, but that was only true for people who believed that stress was harmful to their health. The researchers estimated that the people who died prematurely died not from stress but from the belief that stress was bad for them. Cultivate a mindset shift: view stress as a sign that your body is energised and ready to tackle tasks. Embrace the physiological changes, like an increased heart rate, as your body gears up for action. If you're breathing faster, there is no problem; it's getting more oxygen to your brain. Over a lifetime of stressful experiences, this one biological change could be the difference between a stress-induced heart attack at age 50 and living well into your 90's. Ultimately, by reframing stress as a friend rather than a foe, you no longer need to get rid of your stress; instead, make yourself better at it.

Harshita Dhakad | Ujjain

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New-to-credit users drive financial inclusion

New-to-credit users have become one of the fastest-growing segments over the past three years but they also present challenges



MANISH SHARA

New-to-credit (NTC) users or first-time users of credit products were one of the fastest-growing consumer segments in the lending category in the last three years, driving sustainable financial inclusion and economic growth in India. Industry data suggests that India currently has around 200 million active credit users and around 800,000 NTC consumers are being added to this pool every year. Over the last few years, these consumers driven by easy access to credit cards and short-term-personal loans (STPL) grew the retail credit category at a rapid pace. Rapid digitisation of the lending process gave a boost to the rise in NTC customers but also resulted in challenges in background checks and client's repayment capacity. It took the RBI to step in by increasing risk weightage to control the uncontrolled growth in this category. As a result, the supply has been curtailed with first-time users increasingly finding it difficult to get easy access to credit products. However, there are



some specially co-created credit cards for first-time users, helping them to build a good credit history before getting access to other credit products. In such a situation, managing debt smartly has become important for first-time consumers. For them, using a credit card responsibly is crucial for building a positive credit history and avoiding debt. Here are some financial tips: **Understand your need for a credit card:** For new users, it is very important to understand the terms and conditions of your credit card. These include interest rates, fees, grace periods and rewards programs if applicable. We often make the mistake of activating the

credit card without understanding the finer details of credit card usage. This mistake may cost you a bad debt and a bad financial history, limiting your access to credit in the future. **Start small:** There is always a temptation to overspend with a credit card, especially if you are a first-time user. So, it is advisable to begin with a low credit limit to avoid overspending and to ease into managing credit responsibly. **Always pay on time and in full:** Always pay your credit card bill on time and in full to avoid late fees and interest charges. Setting up automatic payments can help ensure you never miss a due date. **Monitor your spending:** Keep track of your credit card transactions to stay within your budget and avoid overspending. Many credit card companies offer online or mobile banking apps to help you monitor your spending in real time. **Keep utilisation low:** Aim to keep your credit utilisation ratio—the amount of credit you're using compared to your total credit limit—below

30 per cent. This shows lenders that you're using credit responsibly and can help improve your credit score. **Avoid cash advances:** Cash advances often come with high fees and interest rates, so it's best to avoid using your credit card for cash withdrawals unless necessary. **Regularly check your credit report:** Monitor your credit report for any errors or unauthorised activity. You're entitled to a free credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) once a year. **Build an emergency fund:** Having an emergency fund can help cover unexpected expenses without relying solely on credit cards, reducing the risk of accumulating debt. **Having a financial discipline is very important towards a good financial future.** For NTC consumers the early they start is good for a healthy future but with a bit of discipline and consciousness. (The writer is a co-founder Zet-fintech platform; views are personal)



FIRST COLUMN

TRUST IN THE SUPREME BEING!

The writer ponders the true nature of belief and the role of religion in our lives



SANJAY CHANDRA

I am not an atheist! But I do believe that there is a supreme power that guides us through the journey that we call life. Yet, there are questions that the rational mind refuses to subdue. One such dilemma that I have not been able to resolve is that we cannot be the only living beings in this vast universe. There have to be others. Would they also look like us?

Probably not my mother was a firm believer in the Gods of the faith that I was born in. She would make it a point to visit the nearby temples every week, accompanied by our father and the three of us children. We would watch her from outside the temple folding her hands in supplication before each God, praying for our wellbeing. I never asked my father the reason that he would stand at the entry to the temple, not accompanying his wife inside. Maybe it was to keep a watch on my mother's footwear, which had to be left outside.

Even a temple was not immune to missing slippers or sandals or shoes — others were more in need of the accessory. It also might have been because it was a little difficult to untie and then retie the laces on our shoes. As I grew up, I was intrigued by the increase in traffic at the temples, particularly at examination times. Young boys and also girls, could be seen touching the holy steps and then bowing to the deities, sometimes even putting their books reverentially at the feet of the Gods. I asked a friend, who smirked at my naiveté, before explaining that this helped in securing good marks. I also saw young unmarried women fasting and then visiting the temple on specific days of the week in the hope of getting a suitable husband.



I do not know if they lived a happily thereafter life. As I grew older, I too felt the need to visit the temple, particularly when facing a difficult time — initially when I was a student and then during my professional life. And then I realised the power of trust in a supreme being. It was this implicit faith, that the Lord above will not forsake me in my tough times, that gave me the confidence. It was a trust in my capabilities, reinforced by faith, that kept me going and kept me working. It sounds clichéd, but I also understood that my God resides within me; I do not need to visit a temple to pray to my God. I can do it wherever I am, whenever I need to. There was an interesting episode in my life recently. I got trolled on the WhatsApp group of my society by the same people who had only in the morning appreciated my writing. My fault — I had sinned opposing the construction of a temple inside the gated community. I felt there were more pressing issues to be attended. I smiled as I was called an elitist — the gentleman probably wanted to call me a pseudo-intellectual. These are the persons who have chosen, like me, to live out their lives in this complex — and hence, by default, they are the extended family. Relationships went for a toss. Which brings me to the query of the rational me. If there is a life after death and if there is life on many distant planets, then, I might be reborn in another form somewhere else. In that other life, I might pray to the supreme being in another form or shape. Then, is it really important for us to wear our religion on our sleeves or even to let it divide?

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Political messaging in Indian elections



SAIDEEP KAR

The current election cycle witnesses a proliferation of digital misinformation campaigns, presenting new challenges for the authorities and citizens alike



A prominent film programmer and writer David Schwartz has rightly quoted, "Political commercials pretend to be like documentaries, but they use all the techniques of fiction filmmaking, including scripts, performances and music." This could be quite apt to ponder on the current general election and political communication in India. The use of technologies including deep fakes is attempting to make this election distinct from the 2019 general election. Political communication is the production and influence of persuasive political messages, campaigns and advertisements, often involving the mass media. It is an interdisciplinary field that uses communication, journalism and political science. Political communication concerns ideas such as information flow, political influence, decision-making, news and impact on citizens. Since the advent of the World Wide Web, the amount of data to be analysed has increased and researchers are turning to computational methods to study the dynamics of political communication. This can be quite relevant in the light of Parliamentary elections, 2024 in India.

The parliamentary elections in India have started from 19 April and will continue up to 1 June in seven phases to elect all 543 members of the Lok Sabha. This is the longest election in history, surpassing the previous election of 44 days, second only to the Indian general election of 1951-52. Approximately 970 million of the 1.4 billion people are eligible to vote, that is 70 per cent of the total population. In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim, parliamentary elections will be held simultaneously with general elections and by-elections to 25 constituencies in 12 legislative assemblies. The votes will be counted and the results announced on June 4. Current Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has completed his second term, is running for a third consecutive term.



THE FRAUD PULSE HAS FOUND A NEW, MORE ENTHUSIASTIC CHANNEL IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE WARNING LOUDER THAN EVER THAT THE AVERAGE INDIAN VOTER IN 2024 IS MOST AT RISK OF BEING MISINFORMED ABOUT THE ELECTION.

Social media in the political domain

Social media has become an increasingly important tool for political communication. For certain demographics, it is one of the main platforms where people get their news and interact with it by commenting and sharing. Social media has dramatically changed the way modern political campaigns are run. As more and more digitally native citizens vote, social media has become an important tool for politicians to establish themselves and communicate with voters.

The experience of using social media depends largely on the user, as the platform's algorithms tailor the consumer experience to each user. This leads to each person seeing more like-minded people due to increased digital social behaviour. In addition, social media changed politics because it gave politicians a direct way to inform their constituents and people to speak directly to politicians. This unofficial nature can lead to misinformation because it is not subject to the same "fact-checking processes as institutional journalism". Moreover, social media platforms serve as democratising agents, empowering individuals to participate in political conversations irrespective of geographical or socio-economic barriers. Citizens can voice their perspectives, amplify marginalised narratives and mobilise collective action, thereby enriching the democratic fabric of society. Concurrently, social media's interactive nature engenders heightened transparency and accountability within political institutions, as public scrutiny intensifies and feedback mechanisms proliferate.

AI Deepfakes: A new era

Technological implications are increasingly becoming imperative in the current election in India about political communication. This election season, misinformation has a new face. This time, India smiles, talks and woos the voters with a wisdom that is hard to start and harder to regulate. The 2019 election was no stranger to hate and misinformation campaigns, but the technology that enables this ecosystem has changed the rate of misrepresentation. The fraud pulse has found a new, more enthusiastic channel in the last five years. Law enforcement agencies are warning louder than ever that the average Indian voter in 2024 is most at risk of being misinformed about the election. There are gaps in people's ability to distinguish between real and artificial intelligence, leaving them vulnerable to fraud and unauthorised access. Social media companies struggle to curb fake news and propaganda; The Indian Government is updating existing legislation to better address the spread of online counterfeiting. The 2019 election took place on social media. Researchers identified sophisticated campaigns that used WhatsApp messaging and massive deployment of IT bots to distribute cropped photos, post coordinated content and publish fake videos on Facebook during the 2024 general elections. The pressing question now is how digital platforms tag, identify and contextualise such media. Even in the era of generative AI, such enforcement measures were nascent or seasonal at best. Now, cheap or free tools allow even amateurs to create deep fakes without content filters to prevent fake or illegal content from

spreading. This means that technology platforms have to act stronger against criminals and break the chain of disinformation faster than they do. One of the biggest changes in social media after the 2019 elections in India is the absence of Twitter (Now X), the platform used by India's controlled politicians and Government agencies to broadcast official information to the country's media.

A way forward

In today's world, understanding politics means delving into how political actors communicate and navigate various media channels. These channels not only reflect but also shape political messages and images. Just as political systems influence media through policies and decisions, media structures profoundly impact political communication processes. Easy-to-make AI videos with near-perfect shadows and hand gestures can sometimes confuse even the digitally literate. But the risks are greater in a country where many of its 1.4 billion people are technologically challenged and where manipulated content can easily stoke sectarian tensions, especially during elections. The Election Commission of India recently warned political parties against using artificial intelligence to spread misinformation, issuing seven provisions of IT and other laws that carry up to three years in prison for offences including forgery, rumour and hostility. Looking forward to a free and fair election this time!

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Millennium City says 'no development, no vote'

Frustrated by poor infrastructure despite high taxes, Gurgaon residents are shunning election candidates

This month Gurgaon has seen protests in several localities with frustrated and disillusioned residents announcing 'Election candidates not welcome, no development, no vote'.

Gurgaon residents are piqued that despite paying taxes (the highest share in the State), they are getting a raw deal. Sensing the mood of the public, both BJP stalwart and five-time MP, Rao Inderjit Singh and Congress candidate Raj Babbar, have made development their poll plank. Interestingly though it is a national election, focus remains on local issues, especially in the absence of a central national poll theme. Gurgaon may have fancy



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tags of 'Millennium City' and 'Cyber City' but the city which has made a global mark, lacks badly on physical and social infrastructure. It presents an ugly face with city waste besides construction debris lying all over, posing a serious health hazard.

It is not just Gurgaon, even the new sectors of the city which are grappling with poorly maintained roads (leading to accidents and dust pollution), inadequate drinking water, power and sewerage infrastructure. In the absence of proper drainage. Failure of civic authorities has made matters worse. The lack of an adequate metro network in the city has created a traffic mess on



the roads. The lack of proper parking infrastructure has only made matters worse. A lot of the city's civic woes are because of the flawed development model of real estate development preceding infrastructure

development. Moreover, unlike in neighbouring Noida where there is a single development authority, Gurgaon lacks on this front. GMDA (Gurgaon Metropolitan Development Authority) constituted to

put an end to a multiplicity of development authorities, has proved to be an eyewash with MCG (Municipal Corporation Gurgaon) and HSVP (Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran) around. Seeking vote on development, Rao Inderjit Singh takes credit for initiating the mega infrastructure and connectivity projects like KMP Expressway, Delhi-Mumbai Expressway (passing through Gurgaon), Sohna Elevated Expressway, Dwarka Expressway, Metro Expansion, Gurgaon Railway Station upgradation. In rural and Muslim-dominated Nuh, he is telling voters about the development gains of key infrastructure projects like the Delhi-

Mumbai Expressway and Orbital Rail. Raj Babbar, on the other hand, is also playing the development card to counter Rao Inderjit, pointing to shoddy development with several civic issues plaguing the city, turning it into a slum. Long delays in metro expansion, Lack of an Inter-State Bus Terminus and the absence of a suitable Civil Hospital are among the issues he has been raking up among the voters, demanding a fair share of development. He is promising the transformation of Gurgaon. Though Rao Inderjit Singh may be facing anti-incumbency he has an obvious advantage of a well-oiled organisation besides the Modi factor. On the other

hand, Raj Babbar faces the challenge of being an outsider. Besides he has the disadvantage of being a late starter due to a delay in announcing his nomination. The Gurgaon electorate seems to be in a mood to give another chance to the BJP, banking on the strong pro-development credentials of Modi. However, they have also shown their displeasure with the political parties. Indeed Gurgaon's infrastructure is not up to the mark and needs an immediate attention. Besides, their anger has led politicians to take notice of their woes and have now started showing interest in infrastructure upgradation. (The writer is a senior journalist; views are personal)

Bodies of 3 more hostages recovered from Gaza

AP ■ TEL AVIV

The bodies of three more hostages killed on October 7 were recovered overnight from Gaza...

prisoners held by Israel during a weeklong cease-fire in November. Israel says around 100 hostages are still captive in Gaza...

urgent plea by South Africa to order Israel to cease operations. Israel is unlikely to comply with any such order.

Top UN court opens hearing on Israel; seeks to halt military operation

The Hague (AP): The top United Nations court opened a hearing Friday to rule on a request to order Israel to halt its military operation in Gaza...

sought shelter from fighting elsewhere. And this week alone, three European countries announced they would recognise a Palestinian state...

tions calling on the government to reach a deal to bring the hostages home, fearing that time is running out. While the International Court of Justice has broad powers...

'More aid getting from US pier to people in Gaza after troubled launch'

AP ■ WASHINGTON

A six-day-old U.S. pier project in Gaza is starting to get more aid to Palestinians in need but conditions are challenging, U.S. officials said Thursday...

but gave no details. A deepening Israeli offensive in the southern city of Rafah has made it impossible for aid shipments to get through...

SIA to continue review of safety processes after turbulence incident

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

In-flight meal services will remain suspended when the seatbelt sign lights up on a Singapore Airlines plane...

SQ006 crash in Taiwan in October 2000. Meanwhile, SIA has apologised to the injured passengers who say they had no information from the airline...

More than 100 people believed killed by landslide in PNG

AP ■ MELBOURNE

More than 100 people are believed to have been killed Friday in a landslide that buried a village in a remote, mountainous part of Papua New Guinea...

"I am yet to be fully briefed on the situation. However, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the landslide disaster in the early hours of this morning..."

Videos on social media showed residents pulling out bodies buried under rocks and trees. Elizabeth Laruma, who runs a women's business association...

and plants, trees. The buildings collapsed," Role said. "These things are making it hard to find the bodies."

UK general elections to delay FTA with India

PTI ■ LONDON

As the campaign for the UK general election gathers momentum after British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak surprised many this week with a snap summer poll on July 4...

King Charles III to limit public appearances during six weeks of election campaign

London (AP): King Charles III won't be out and about much over the next six weeks — and it's not because of his ongoing cancer treatments...

unifying head of state during the election, without violating a constitutional ban on interfering in politics. While the king's role in government is largely ceremonial...

to dissolve Parliament early. Technically, the king still has the power to refuse a dissolution request if he believes an election would be detrimental to the nation.

Joe Biden wins Idaho Democratic caucuses

Boise (US) (AP):

Idaho Democrats on Thursday selected Joe Biden as their nominee for the White House, giving the president more delegates after he already clinched his party's 2024 nomination.

The caucus was structured a bit differently than previous Democratic caucuses. Instead of listening to speeches and moving to various parts of the room to show their support for a candidate...



A couple take photograph outside the Houses of Parliament in London, Thursday.

Two men to go on trial for aiding HK authorities in UK intelligence gathering

AP ■ LONDON

The office manager of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London and another man will go on trial in February for allegedly helping Hong Kong authorities gather intelligence in the UK...

office manager of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London. A third suspect, Briton Matthew Trickett, was also charged in the case...

Research Fellow for South Asia, Asia-Pacific Programme at Chatham House, described the FTA as a "key watchpoint" for its broader strategic significance in terms of deepening the bilateral relationship.

Wang Wenbin said Friday that the charges were "an act of political manipulation in the name of national security". "It seriously infringed on the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese nationals in the UK..."

Both the Republican and the Democratic parties had to caucus this year, however, after state lawmakers inadvertently scrapped the state's primaries during the 2023 legislative session.

Taiwan tracks Chinese warplanes and navy vessels during drills

AP ■ TAIPEI

Taiwan tracked dozens of Chinese warplanes and navy vessels off its coast on Friday on the second day of a large exercise China's People's Liberation Army held in response to the inauguration of the island's new leadership.

China has issued elaborate releases to media showing Taiwan being surrounded by forces from the ruling Communist Party's military wing, the People's Liberation Army. A new video on Friday showed animated Chinese forces approaching from all sides and Taiwan being enclosed within a circular target area.

Despite that, there was little sign of concern among Taiwan's 23 million people, who have under threat of Chinese invasion since the sides divided during a bitter and bloody civil war in 1949. Taiwan's parliament was mired in a dispute between its political parties over procedural measures on Friday and business continued as usual in the bustling capital of Taipei.



In this photo released by the Taiwan Ministry of National Defense, Chinese vessels are seen near Taiwan on Thursday. Taiwan tracked dozens of Chinese warplanes and navy vessels off its coast Friday on the second day of a large exercise China's People's Liberation Army held in response to the inauguration of the island's new leadership.

The defense ministry said it tracked 49 warplanes and 19 navy vessels, as well as Chinese coast guard vessels, and that 35 of the planes flew across the median of the Taiwan Strait, the de facto boundary between the sides, over a 24-hour period from Thursday to Friday.

Marine and coast guard vessels, air and ground-based missile units have all been put on alert, particularly around the Taiwan-controlled island chains of

Kinmen and Matsu located just off the China coast and far from Taiwan's main island, roughly 160 kilometers (100 miles) across the Taiwan Strait. "Facing external challenges and threats, we will continue to maintain the values of freedom and democracy," Taiwan's new President Lai Ching-te told sailors and top security officials on Thursday as he visited a marine base in Taoyuan, just south of the capital, Taipei. In his inauguration speech on Monday, Lai had called on Beijing to stop its military intimidation and said Taiwan was "a sovereign independent nation in which sovereignty lies in the hands of the people."

China's military said its two-day exercises around Taiwan were punishment for separatist forces seeking independence. It sends navy ships and warplanes into the Taiwan Strait and other areas around the island almost daily to wear down Taiwan's defences and seek to intimidate its people, who firmly back their de facto independence.

Putin on two-day Belarus visit

AP ■ BELARUS

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived Thursday in Belarus for a two-day visit as part of several foreign tours to kick off his fifth term in office, underscoring close ties with a neighboring ally that has been instrumental in Russia's war effort in Ukraine.

Putin traveled to China earlier this month, and is expected in Uzbekistan on Sunday. Earlier on Thursday, the Russian president hosted Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in the Kremlin.

In Belarus, Putin is to hold talks with his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko. Lukashenko greeted him on the tarmac, and then the two sat down for a "short conversation" at the airport, the Kremlin reported. Lukashenko promised to discuss "security issues at the forefront, and tomorrow we will discuss economic issues together with our colleagues from the governments."

The Belarusian leader on Thursday appointed a new chief of the country's military general staff in a move that analysts say is aimed at showing the Kremlin the utmost loyalty of its neighbor and ally.



Russia used Belarus, which depends on Russian loans and cheap energy, as a staging ground in the war in Ukraine, deploying some of its troops there from Belarusian territory. In 2023, Russia also moved some of its tactical nuclear weapons to Belarus.

Maj. Gen. Pavel Muraveyka, who was appointed as chief of Belarus' General Staff and as first deputy defense minister, is known for publicly threatening neighboring NATO members Poland and Lithuania.

In October 2023, he said that Belarus could seize the so-called Suwalki Gap — a sparsely populated stretch of land running about 100 kilometers (60 miles) along the Polish-Lithuanian border. It links Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia with the rest of the NATO alliance and separates Belarus from Kaliningrad, a heavily militarized Russian exclave on the Baltic Sea that has no land connection to Russia. Military analysts in the West have long viewed the Suwalki Gap as a

potential flashpoint in any confrontation between Russia and NATO. They worry that Russia might try to seize the gap and cut off the three Baltic states from Poland and other NATO nations. "Muraveiko's appointment is an open challenge to the West and a desire to show Putin Minsk's complete loyalty and willingness to maintain a strategic partnership with Russia," independent Belarusian analyst Valery Karbalevich told The Associated Press.

"The deployment of Russian nuclear weapons in Belarus does not leave Lukashenko a strategic choice, turns him into a hostage of the Kremlin and firmly binds Minsk to Moscow's policies," Karbalevich said. Both Russia and Belarus began military drills involving tactical nuclear weapons earlier this month. Moscow said its drills, announced publicly for the first time on May 6, were a response to statements by Western officials signaling possibly deeper involvement in the war in Ukraine. Belarus launched its maneuvers involving missiles and warplanes capable of carrying tactical nuclear weapons on May 7; Russia's exercises began this week.

B'desh court remands 3 suspects in MP murder case for 8 days

PTI ■ MALE

Dhaka (PTI): A Bangladesh court on Friday sent three suspects to an eight-day police remand for their alleged involvement in the brutal murder of the ruling Awami League lawmaker Anwarul Azim Anar while he was in India.

Anar, a three-time parliamentarian from the Jhenaidah-4 segment in Bangladesh and also the president of Awami League's Kaliganj sub-district unit, had made a personal visit to West Bengal's capital city Kolkata on May 12 to undergo medical treatment. He went missing from Kolkata on May 13.

According to the Kolkata police, circumstantial evidence indicated that the MP was first strangled and killed after which his body was chopped into pieces and dumped at different areas. Traces of his body or body parts are yet to be found. Bangladesh Police had arrested three persons in connection with his murder. On Friday, police produced the three accused identified as Tanvir, Shimul Bhuiyan and Siliti Rahman before the Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Dilruba Afroz Tithi and sought their 10-day remand.

After the hearing, the court sent the trio to an eight-day police remand. According to Bangladesh police, Bhuiyan, a leader of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party, changed his name to Amanullah and obtained a fake passport to facilitate the killing of the lawmaker in Kolkata and evade law enforcement agencies. The murder was planned two to three months ago, with multiple meetings held at two houses in Gulshan and Bashundhara areas which are owned by mastermind and the MP's close friend Akhtaruzzaman Shahin. Akhtaruzzaman, a Bangladeshi-born American citizen, fled to Nepal after the murder, police said. A team of the West Bengal CID visited Bangladesh on Thursday to interrogate the three accused. Earlier on May 23, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mahubul Haque set a July 4 deadline for submitting the probe report in the case.

China sends second consignment of glacial water from Tibet to Maldives

PTI ■ MALE

China has gifted 1,500 tonnes of water from the Tibetan glaciers to Maldives, the second such donation in less than two months, a media report said on Friday.

This is the latest in the multiple grants and aid that China has promised the Maldives, especially since pro-China Mohamed Muizzu took over as the President in November 2023.

China's Xizang Autonomous Region has gifted 1,500 tonnes of mineral water to the Maldives government on Thursday. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the donated water will be distributed to island communities, for use during times of drinking shortage, news portal Sun.mv reported. Earlier on March 27, the Maldives government had announced that it had received a similar consignment of 1,500 tonnes of water from China.

Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer, while speaking at a ceremony where Wang Lixin, the Chinese Ambassador to the Maldives, handed over the donation, said that China continues to remain a "good friend to the Maldives," especially during the challenging times and crisis.

The minister also expressed his gratitude to the people of Xinjiang Autonomous Region for the kind gesture and to the government and people of China for their continued support and goodwill. "Grateful to receive 1,500 tonnes of mineral water from the people of Xizang



Autonomous Region, PRC. This generous donation will greatly support our island communities during water shortages. Thank you for your support and friendship," Zameer said on his official X handle late on Friday and tagged Wang while posting photos from the ceremony.

The Maldives has 26 atolls and its 1,192 islands are mostly composed of coral reefs and sandbars, a combination that makes groundwater and freshwater extremely scarce, and the problems are exacerbated due to climate change.

The country has tried between 2011 and 2015, a UN-funded 'Increasing Climate Resilience through an Integrated Water Resources Management Programme' but with limited success.

In December 2014, India carried out 'Operation Neer' during one of its worst water crises following a massive fire in the Male Water and Sewerage Company complex on December 4, 2014.

While announcing the earlier consignment in March, the government had said that the decision to provide Maldives with drinking water was reached during the official visit in November 2023 of China's Tibet Autonomous Region's Chairman, Yan Jinhai to the Maldives, when he met President Muizzu.

At that time, it was deliberated to donate water that is produced out of frozen water procured from glacial regions which are highly clean, clear, and rich in minerals. Moreover, Tibet (Xizang in Chinese) Autonomous Region is known to produce high-cost premium brands of water, the Maldives Foreign Ministry said then.

Previously, China had been exclusively known for its assistance in the urban and economic development of the Maldives. But since Muizzu assumed office, China has been helping the country with the supply of defence equipment too.

Philippines to hold drills despite China's opposition

AP ■ MANILA

The Philippines will continue to build security alliances and stage joint combat drills in disputed waters to defend its territorial interests, Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro said Friday, dismissing China's criticisms of such moves as paranoia.

Teodoro bluntly criticised Beijing's increasingly aggressive actions in the South China Sea, without citing China by name, in a speech before the military's top brass at a ceremony marking the anniversary of the Philippine navy's founding in Manila. The Philippines, he said, would not tolerate aggression and provocative moves.

Since territorial hostilities with China surged last year in the South China Sea, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr's administration has taken steps to forge new security alliances with a number of Asian and Western countries and allowed a US military presence in more Philippine

bases under a 2014 defence pact.

In April and May, the Philippine military staged annual live-fire combat exercises with US forces in and near the disputed waters. China has said such actions by the US and its allies, including the Philippines, were provocative, aimed to contain Beijing and were endangering regional security.

"Terming these cooperative activities with like-minded nations as a containment or a provocation is disinformation and evidence of paranoia of a closed political system," Teodoro said in a clear reference to China. "The ultimate intent is to get what they want by the threat or the use of force. This we cannot allow to continue." The Philippines is the US's oldest treaty ally in Asia. Washington has warned that it is obligated to help defend the Philippines if its forces, aircraft and ships come under an armed attack, including in the disputed South China Sea. The Philippines has defense pacts

allowing American and Australian forces to enter the country for annual combat-readiness and disaster-response training and is negotiating a similar agreement with Japan and considering another pact with France. It has held joint maneuvers with the US, Australian and Japanese navies this year. In their largest and boldest annual military exercises last month, thousands of US and Philippine forces staged the retaking of an island and sank a warship in combat drills focusing on territorial defence in or near the South China Sea. They carried out aerial reconnaissance and logistical transport drills and secured an airfield during mock combat in a Philippine town near Taiwan. "For the first time we have evolved a realistic training scenario with evolutionary hypothetical scenarios where we can actually test our capabilities," Teodoro said. "There will be more maritime cooperative activity between us and like-minded nations."

'Hungary will seek to opt out of NATO efforts to support Ukraine'

AP ■ HUNGARY

Hungary will seek to opt out of any NATO operations aimed at supporting Ukraine, Prime Minister Viktor Orban said on Friday, suggesting that the military alliance and the European Union were moving toward a more direct conflict with Russia.

Orban told state radio that Hungary opposes a plan NATO is weighing to provide more predictable military support to Ukraine in coming years to repel Moscow's full-scale invasion, as better armed Russian troops assert control on the battlefield. "We do not approve of this, nor do we want to participate in financial or arms support (for Ukraine), even within the framework of NATO," Orban said, adding that Hungary has

taken a position as a "non-participant" in any potential NATO operations to assist Kyiv.

"We've got to redefine our position within the military alliance, and our lawyers and officers are working on ... how Hungary can exist as a NATO member while not participating in NATO actions outside of its territory," he said.

Orban, considered Russian President Vladimir Putin's closest partner in the EU, emphasised NATO's role as a defensive alliance, and said he doesn't share the concerns of some other Central and Eastern European countries that Russia's military would not cease its aggression if it wins the war in Ukraine. NATO's strength cannot be compared to that of Ukraine," he said.

"I don't consider it a logical proposition that Russia, which cannot even deal with Ukraine, will come all of a sudden and swallow up the whole Western world."

Hungary has refused to supply neighbouring Ukraine with military aid in contrast to most other countries in the EU, and Orban has vigorously opposed the bloc's sanctions on Moscow though has ultimately always voted for them.

The nationalist leader is preparing for the European Parliament election on June 6-9, and has cast his party as a guarantor of peace in the region.

He has characterised the United States and other EU countries that urge greater support for Ukraine as "pro-war" and acting in preparation for a global conflict.

Russia smashes train tracks in Ukraine

AP ■ KYIV

A nighttime Russian attack destroyed train tracks and rolling stock in Ukraine's north-eastern Kharkiv region, officials said Friday, and authorities organised the evacuation of children from the area that is being pumelled by the Kremlin's forces in a powerful new offensive.

The overnight strike also damaged buildings and freight cars, according to Ukraine's national railway operator Ukrzaliznytsia. No injuries were reported. Authorities have evacuated more than 11,000 people from the Kharkiv region since Russia launched an offensive there on May 10, regional Gov Oleh Syniehubov said. Officials on Friday announced the mandatory evacuation over the next 60 days of 123 orphans and children living without their parents in the area.

Russia's Kharkiv push appears to be a coordinated new offensive that includes testing Ukrainian defences in the Donetsk region further south, while also launch-



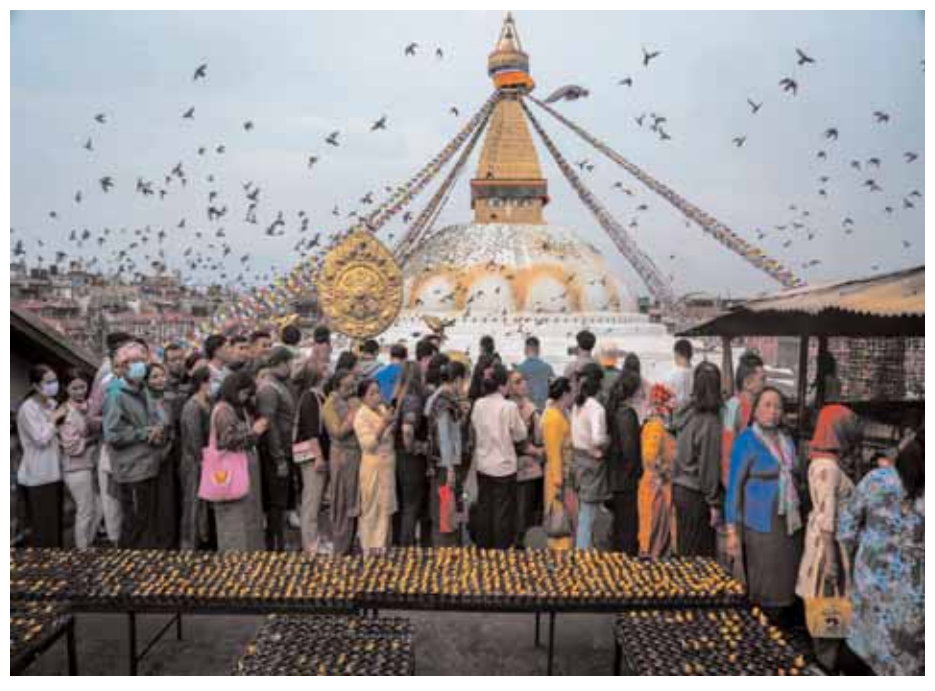
A rescuer recovers a lifeless body from under the rubble after a Russian missile hit a large printing house in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Thursday

ing incursions in the northern Sumy and Chernihiv regions. Ukraine's problems have been mounting in recent months as it tries to hold out against its much bigger foe, and the war appears to be at a critical juncture.

The new Russian offensive is stretching thin Ukraine's depleted ranks, exhausted by more than two years of war. Destroying the train network puts further pressure on the already overstretched Ukrainian army.

Crucial Western aid for Kyiv,

especially air defence systems to stop Russia's targeted destruction of the power grid, isn't arriving quickly enough. Also, most Western donors won't let Ukraine use the sophisticated long-range weapons they are providing to strike targets on Russian soil. That allows Moscow to assemble virtually unimpeded its troops for cross-border assaults, as well as deploy missile launchers to bombard Ukraine. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said those limitations made possible an attack on the city of Kharkiv, the region's capital, on Thursday that killed seven civilians and wounded 21 others. Zelenskyy said on social media that Ukraine has "a shortage of air defence systems that are actually available in the world" and a "lack of long-range capabilities for our warriors and the complete inability to destroy the very source of Russian terror near our borders, including the missile launchers that actually hit Ukraine and the lives of our people."



Buddhist devotees stand in a queue to light butter lamps during Buddha Jayanti or Buddha Purnima festival at the Boudhanath Stupa in Kathmandu in Nepal on Thursday.

'Progress in talks with Pak on new bailout package'

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The IMF has said that "significant progress" has been achieved during talks with Pakistani officials towards reaching a staff-level agreement for an extended fund facility for the cash-strapped country.

Pakistan has made a formal request for a fresh bailout package between USD 6 and USD 8 billion under the EFF, with the possibility of being augmented through climate finance.

If successful, it would be the 24th International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout programme for the country.

An IMF team led by Nathan Porter, the IMF's Mission Chief to Pakistan, visited Islamabad between May 13 and May 23 to discuss the country's plans for a home-grown economic pro-

gramme that can be supported under the IMF's Extended Fund Facility. The visit was undertaken on Islamabad's request.

The global lender has emphasised that prioritising reforms to revitalise the Pakistani economy outweighs the size of the new loan package being negotiated. The mission and the authorities will continue policy discussions virtually over the coming days aiming to finalise discussions, including the financial support needed to underpin the authorities' reform efforts from the IMF and Pakistan's bilateral and multilateral partners," Porter said in a statement.

Ahead of the discussions, the IMF had warned that downside risks for the Pakistani economy remained exceptionally high. The official said that building on the economic stabilisation

achieved through the successful completion of the 2023 Stand-by Arrangement, the global lender and the Pakistani authorities made "significant progress" toward reaching a Staff Level Agreement (SLA) on a comprehensive economic policy and reform programme that can be supported under an EFF. "The authorities' reform programme aims to move Pakistan from economic stabilisation to strong, inclusive, and resilient growth. To achieve this, the authorities plan to continue to strengthen public finances to reduce vulnerabilities by improving domestic revenue mobilisation through fairer taxation while scaling up spending for human capital, social protection, and climate resilience; secure energy sector viability, including reforms to reduce the high cost

of energy; continue progress towards low and stable inflation by appropriate monetary and exchange rate policies; improve public service provision through state-owned enterprise (SOE) restructuring and privatisation; and promote private sector development, by securing a level-playing field for investment and stronger governance," the statement said.

Shortly after the statement's release, the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) gained 556.5 points to stand at 75,670.97 points at 9:41 am on Friday from the previous close of 75,114.47.

The Washington-based lender opened discussions with Pakistan on a new loan programme after the cash-strapped country last month completed a short-term USD 3 billion

programme, which helped stave off a sovereign debt default. Ahead of the discussions, the IMF had earlier this month warned that downside risks for the Pakistani economy remained exceptionally high. Pakistan narrowly averted default last summer, and the economy has stabilised after the completion of the last IMF programme, with inflation coming down to around 17 per cent in April from a record high of 38 per cent last May.

The country is still dealing with a high fiscal shortfall, and while the external account deficit has been controlled through import control mechanisms, it has come at the expense of stagnating growth, which is expected to be around two per cent this year compared to negative growth last year.

USP



NHPH conferred with 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'

NHPH, India's premier hydropower company has been conferred with the prestigious 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'. The Award was received by Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPH along with Shri Lucas Guria, Executive Director (HR) and a team of NHPH officers at a glittering Awards Ceremony held in Mumbai on 23rd May 2024. The Award has been given to NHPH in recognition for its future preparedness in the areas of upskilling of its employees, ESG interventions, DE&I initiatives, constant technological upgradations, Employee Engagement processes, robust Corporate Governance strategies etc.

Trident Limited announces interim dividend of INR 0.36 per share for FY 2024-25

Chandigarh: Trident Limited, one of the largest vertically integrated Textile (Yarn, Bath & Bed Linen) Paper (Wheat Straw-based) and Chemical manufacturer has reported financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended March 31, 2024. Commenting on the results, Mr. Deepak Nanda, Managing Director, Trident Limited, said, "As we reflect on Trident Limited's Q4 and FY24 results, it is evident that amidst challenging macroeconomic conditions, our company has showcased year-on-year growth. The transformation journey started in the last quarter of FY 23 is continuing. Textiles saw price pressure due to subdued cotton prices, whereas Paper prices were under pressure due to heavy imports.

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Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of the Candidate: **Arvind Khanna** r/o H.No. 255, Agar Nagar, Sangrur Punjab 148001.
Name of Political Party: **Bharatiya Janata Party**
Name of Election: **General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024**
Name of Constituency: **(12) Sangrur**

I, **Arvind Khanna**, a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

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| | Name of Court/Police Station | Case No. & status of the case(s) | Sections of Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s) | Name of Court & date of order(s) | Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed |
| 1. | Ld. ACMM-04Rouse Avenue Dist. Courts, N. Delhi | CC No. 37 of 2022 | U/S 23(1) r/w S.4(1) Of FCRA Act | N/A | N/A |
| 2. | Ld. Special Judge (PC Act)(CBI), Rouse Avenue District Courts, New Delhi. | CC No. 39 of 2023 | U/s 8 of the PC Act r/w 120B IPC. | N/A | N/A |

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Name of the Candidate: **Ravneet Singh Bittu** r/o Vill. Kotla Afgana, Teh. Payal, Distt. Ludhiana Punjab.
Name of Political Party: **Bharatiya Janata Party**
Name of Election: **General Elections to the House of People-2024 (Lok Sabha)**
Name of Constituency: **(7) Ludhiana**

I, **Ravneet Singh Bittu**, a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

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| 1. | P.S. Ladhuwal, Ludhiana | FIR No. 25. Charges have not been framed. | U/S 323, 341, 506, 452, 148, 149 IPC | N/A | N/A |
| 2. | P.S. Div.No. 1, Ludhiana | FIR No. 14. Charges have not been framed. | U/s 353, 186, 149 IPC | N/A | N/A |
| 3. | P.S. Civil Lines, Bathinda | FIR No. 156. Charges have not been framed. | U/s 332, 353, 186, 148, 159 | N/A | N/A |

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Name and address of candidate : **JASVIR SINGH**
Name of Political Party : **BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY**
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election : **LOK SABHA**
* Name of Constituency : **06- SHRI ANANDPUR SAHIB**

I, **JASVIR SINGH** (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

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INDIA SQUAD FOR FIFA WC QUALIFIER AGAINST KUWAIT: GOGOI, HAMMAD MISS OUT DUE TO INJURIES

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR
Forward Parthib Gogoi and defender Muhammad Hammad were left out due to injuries as India announced a 27-member squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Kuwait on June 6 which would mark the end of long-serving captain and ace striker Sunil Chhetri's international career. The squad for the game to be held in Kolkata was announced by head coach Igor Stimac.

A total of 32 players had been camping in Bhubaneswar, out of which five — Phurba Lachenpa, Parthib, Imran Khan, Hammad and Jithin MS — have been released from the camp.

"All of them were very professional and hard-working. The competition is really strong amongst them, especially in the positions of Jithin and Parthib," Stimac said in a media release.

"Parthib and Hammad suffered minor injuries a few days back and will need 7-14 days of rest," he added without specifying the nature of injuries. The remaining players will



continue to train in Bhubaneswar until May 29 when they will travel to Kolkata. The Blue Tigers will face Kuwait at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan on June 6. Following the match against Kuwait, India will travel to take on Qatar on June 11 in their last two matches of Group A. India are currently placed second in the group, with four points from four matches. The top two teams in the group will qualify for Round 3 of the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers and book their berth at the AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027.

Chhetri, 39, announced his decision to retire from international football on May 17. The match against Kuwait will bring the curtains down on a glittering 19-year career during

which he became India's top goal-scorer with 94 strikes. He will leave the scene as India's most-capped player after competing in 151 matches at the end of his swansong contest. Chhetri will bow out third in the list of goal scorers among active players behind Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi. He currently sits fourth in the all-time list of international goal-scorers.

THE SQUAD:
Goalkeepers: Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Amrinder Singh, Vishal Kaith.
Defenders: Amey Ranawade, Anwar Ali, Jay Gupta, Lalchungnunga, Mehtab Singh, Narender, Nikhil Poojary, Rahul Bheke, Subhasish Bose.
Midfielders: Anirudh Thapa, Brandon Fernandes, Edmund Lalrindika, Jeakson Singh Thounaojam, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Liston Colaco, Mahesh Singh Naorem, Nandhakumar Sekar, Sahal Abdul Samad, Suresh Singh Wamiam.
Forwards: David Lalhlansanga, Manvir Singh, Rahim Ali, Sunil Chhetri, Vikram Partap Singh.



Indian lose 1-4 to Belgium in FIH Pro League

PTI ■ ANTWERP (BELGIUM)
goalkeeper Loick van Doren. Two minutes later, India secured back-to-back penalty corners but an off-colour Harmanpreet failed to utilise the chances. Belgium eventually took the lead in the 22nd minute when captain Denayer guided the ball into the goal after Sreejesh blocked the first shot from Florent van Aubele. Belgium doubled their lead four minutes into the third quarter from a blistering counter-attack from Tanguy Cosyns, Denayer and Nicolas de Kerpel to eventually win a penalty corner, which was converted by Hendrickx through Sreejesh's feet. Charlier made it 3-0 in favour of Belgium in the 49th minute after receiving a long cross-field pass from Denayer, finding the bottom-right corner of Sreejesh's goal. India drew one back five minutes from the final hooter with a superb reverse hit strike from Abhishek to beat Van Doren. It was not to be India's day as they conceded a penalty stroke just before the hooter for not being 5m away when a Belgian player was receiving the ball inside the circle, and Hendrickx stepped up to seal the deal. India skipper Harmanpreet was understandably disappointed with the performance. "We did some good things, but the finishing wasn't there. Defensively we need to improve, man-to-man marking needs to get better. Excited to play them again on Saturday, looking forward to improve game-by-game," he said after the match on Thursday night.

AP ■ PARIS
If this is, as expected, Rafael Nadal's final French Open, it will be one that everyone — the 37-year-old Spaniard included — surely will remember vividly. No matter how healthy the guy everyone calls "Rafa" might be. No matter how long his stay in Paris lasts. No matter whether he somehow adds another championship at Roland Garros to the record 14 he owns. Narrator: Not even Nadal truly believes that is possible. Indeed, it wasn't even certain that he would be in the field until his name was placed in the bracket on Thursday - and he was drawn to face No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev - although Nadal has been practicing all week on site. "I am not negative," he explained. "I am just realistic." Think back just a couple of years ago to Serena Williams' farewell at the U.S. Open. That's the sort of atmosphere and adoration likely to be on display whenever Nadal swings a racket or simply strolls around the compact-for-a-Grand-Slam-grounds in the southwest section of the

If this is Rafael Nadal's last French Open, it should be similar to Serena Williams last US Open

French capital where the clay-court tournament begins Sunday. "I cannot predict what kind of emotions I am going to have there," said Nadal, who has been saying for a while that he thinks 2024 will be his final season before retirement. "I just want to enjoy every day." That's been difficult lately because of hip and abdominal muscle injuries that limited him to 20 matches, and a 9-11 record, over the past 20 months. Nadal missed nearly all of 2023 after hurting his hip during a loss at the Australian Open that January. He had surgery almost exactly a year ago and sat out the French Open for the first time since making his debut there in 2005, when, naturally, he claimed the trophy at age 19. A torn hip muscle this January forced Nadal to miss the Australian Open; an ab problem sidelined him later. He returned in April, but in three places he's won a total of



27 titles — Barcelona, Madrid, Rome — Nadal made it no further than the fourth round anywhere and called himself "unpredictable." That stretch was capped by a 6-1, 6-3 loss to Hubert Hurkacz at the Italian Open, a result so demoralising that Nadal wondered aloud whether he should bother showing up at Roland Garros, although did say he was reluctant to skip "the most important event of my tennis career." The 22-time major champion

is not able to run at full speed or compete with full force. He does not have the match-readiness required to succeed. "For him to feel like he's going in with his C' game - not B' game; C' game - and maybe fearing almost that he could lose first or second round?" said Chris Evert, who won seven of her 18 Grand Slam titles in Paris. "He's been such a perfectionist on that surface, why would he want to expose himself at that level?" No man has won even half as many French Opens as Nadal. His winning percentage there is .974. He had streaks of five championships in a row, four in a row and three in a row. This says it all: There's already a statue of him near the main stadium. "It's really a paramount challenge to play him in Roland Garros," said Novak Djokovic, whose 24 major trophies make him the only man with more than Nadal. "He's an incredible athlete. The tenacity and intensity he brings on the court, particularly there, is something that was very rarely seen, I think, in the history of this sport." Djokovic - who formed, with Nadal and the now-retired Roger Federer, the so-called Big Three - and Iga Swiatek are the defending champions in France and both are ranked No. 1. Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner are the emerging stars of men's tennis; Aryna Sabalenka and Coco Gauff have that status in the women's game. But all eyes — of spectators and of other athletes — will be on Nadal for however long he stays in the field. "He's probably the only player that when I practice on the court next to him, I would literally zone out of my practice to watch him," said Gauff, the 20-year-old American who won last year's U.S. Open. "The way he carries himself is just great. His legacy is going to be something that is almost unmatched when it comes to just the intensity in which he approaches everything. That's something that the players will miss and the fans will miss." So this represents a chance to say "Merci" and "Au revoir." No one — maybe not even Nadal himself - knows how many more times he will play, whether at Roland Garros, which also is set to host tennis at the Summer Olympics (he already owns singles and doubles golds), or anywhere else.

Indian compound mixed team enters final

PTI ■ YECHON (SOUTH KOREA)
Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Priyansh advanced to the compound mixed team final, confirming India's second medal, while Deepika Kumari brightened the country's gloomy recurve campaign, reaching to her second successive Archery World Cup semifinals after her comeback in the Stage 2 of the event, here on Friday. The compound women's team of Jyothi, Parneet Kaur and Aditi Swami had assured India's first medal by making the final on Wednesday. Young compound archer Prathamesh Fuge is also eyeing a medal as he advanced to the semifinal in the individual category. The Indian compound mixed team, No. 2 in world rankings, dropped just two points from 16 arrows to eliminate the host country's duo of Han Seungyeon and Yang Jaewon 158-157 in a tight semi-final. Jyothi and Priyansh will face USA's Olivia Dean and Sawyer Sullivan in the gold medal match on Saturday in a clash of the top-two world ranked nations. The fourth-seeded Indian duo earlier ousted Vietnam 159-152 in the first round of 16, missing the target only once from 16 arrows. India then thwarted some strong resistance from formidable Mexico, seeded fifth, to win 156-155 in an intense quarterfinal. Former world number one Deepika, who is making a return to the International circuit after embracing motherhood in December 2022, secured four back-to-back wins to enter the last-four stage and remained the only



DEEPIKA IN SUCCESSIVE ARCHERY WC SEMIFINALS AFTER COMEBACK
Indian recurve archer in the medal hunt. Deepika will face home favourite and world No. 2 Lim Sihyeon in Sunday's semi-final, four weeks after the rising South Korean 20-year-old won the Shanghai Stage 1 gold by in a ruthless straight set victory. Starting at fourth in the qualifications, Deepika overcame early jitters when she pipped Slovenian teenager Tinkara Kardinar in the shoot-off after 1-3 down in a dramatic first round clash. Deepika started out shooting twice in the red ring (8-8) to total 26 and lost the first set by two points. She drew level in the second set, shooting 27, and came on her own in the third where she dropped just a point to win the set 29-25. Deepika won the fourth set 28-24 as pressure began to mount on the 18-year-old opponent. But there was more drama as Tinkara won the fifth set 28-27 to force a shoot-off that the Indian won 9-8. Deepika then went on defeat Loc Thi Dao of Vietnam (6-2), Lisa Barbelin of France (6-0), Elif Berra Gokkirk of Turkey (6-

Sindhu enters semifinals of Malaysia Masters, Ashmita loses

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR
Double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu took a giant stride towards securing a title at the Malaysia Masters after progressing to the semifinals with a hard-fought win over top seed Han Yue of China here on Friday. World No. 15 Sindhu recovered from a mid-game slump to outwit Han, ranked sixth, 21-13 14-21 21-12 in a 55-minute quarterfinal battle to avenge her loss to the Chinese in their last meeting at the Asia badminton Championships in Ningbo last month. Sindhu, a former world champion, will now square off against either Indonesia's Putri Kusuma Wardani or Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunphan in the last



four stage. In other results, Ashmita Chaliha's fine run ended in the quarterfinals with a 10-21 15-21 loss to sixth seed Zhang Yi Man of China. Sindhu, who last won the Singapore Open

in 2022, gave a good account of herself during the 55-minute match as she broke off from 3-3 in the opening game to take a 11-5 cushion at the break. The Chinese slowly made her way to 13-16 but Sindhu reeled off the remaining five straight points to take the opening game. Stung by the reversal, Han zoomed to a 5-0 lead after the change of sides. She continued to dominate the proceedings as Sindhu struggled. The result was she jumped to a massive 15-2 advantage and despite some fightback from the Indian, Han comfortably took the match to the decider. Sindhu gathered her wits in the third game to open up a massive 11-3 lead at the break, which proved decisive as Han just couldn't bridge the gap.



Nagal drawn against world number 18 Khachanov in French Open 1st round

PTI ■ PARIS
India's top-ranked singles player Sumit Nagal was handed a tough opening round at the French Open as he is set to face world number 18 Karen Khachanov of Russia here on Sunday. World No. 94 Nagal earned a direct entry into the main draw of the Grand Slam after his consistent performances on the tour. He became the first Indian male player to qualify for the French Open main draw since Prajnesh Gunneswaran in 2019. Nagal, though, has not been in the best of form leading up to the clay Grand Slam. He lost to Holger Rune in the third round of the Monte Carlo Masters, before missing the Madrid and Rome Masters. The 26-year-old then made first round exits from the Bordeaux Challenger and Geneva Open earlier this month. On the other hand, Khachanov who has been seeded 18th, had reached the quarterfinals last year. He won the Qatar Open 250 in February and enjoys an impressive 21-7 record this season.

Record breaking gymnast Oksana Chusovitina bid for ninth Olympics ends with injury

AP ■ TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)
Record-breaking 48-year-old gymnast Oksana Chusovitina says an injury has ended her attempt to qualify for what would have been her ninth Olympics. Chusovitina said in a statement on Instagram that she had been injured while practicing her floor exercise ahead of the Asian championships in her home country of Uzbekistan. That was Chusovitina's last opportunity to qualify for the upcoming Paris Olympics. "I will not be able to take part and I am very upset as I have been preparing for this competition for a long time," Chusovitina said in the statement Thursday. The competition was starting



Friday, and Chusovitina said she would be there to support the rest of the Uzbekistan team. Chusovitina's long career is all the more striking in gymnastics, a sport where medalists are often in their teens and elite-level careers rarely last long. She has previously competed alongside gymnasts a third of her age. Chusovitina won an Olympic gold medal in 1992 with the Unified Team of athletes from post-Soviet nations and a silver in the vault in 2008 representing Germany, where she lived at the time. Chusovitina is one of the last remaining active athletes in any sport to have represented



DK BOOSTED ME WHEN I STRUGGLED IN IPL 2022: KOHLI

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Premier India batter Virat Kohli has paid tribute to Dinesh Karthik after his retirement at the end of RCB's IPL campaign, describing the veteran wicketkeeper-batter as a wise and honest person who lifted his spirits during a phase of struggle in the league's 2022 season. The 38-year-old, who joined Royal Challengers Bengaluru from Kolkata Knight Riders in 2022 for his second stint after 2015, played his last IPL match on Wednesday when RCB were eliminated by Rajasthan Royals in the playoffs. "Off the field, I have had some really nice and interesting conversations with him. He is a wise man, and has great knowledge about a lot of things, not just cricket," Kohli said in a special tribute video posted by RCB. The little over 11-minute video features tributes from Karthik's wife, Dipika Pallikal Karthik; his personal mentor, Abhishek Nayar; RCB assistant coach, Malolan Rangarajan; and fitness coach, Shanker Basu. Kohli recalled the 2022 season when he averaged just 22.73 scoring 341 runs from 16 matches as they missed the final but losing to Rajasthan Royals in the second qualifier. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my conversations with him.



Even in that phase in 2022 when I did not have a great IPL season, I was really struggling for confidence," he recalled. "He sat me down a couple of times and just gave me a very honest explanation of how he saw things and maybe I am not able to see them myself," Kohli added. A veteran campaigner in the IPL, Karthik has been involved in all the editions of the league since the inaugural

2008 season and has represented six franchises, including leading KKR to the playoffs in 2018. He ended with 4,842 runs in 257 matches with 22 fifties. "I just like his honesty, his courage to go and speak to anyone about things that he really feels about. And that, I think, is the most special thing for me when it comes to Dinesh. "And that's something that I've always cherished about him. And

that's why we get along really, really well." "A CORRECT PLAYER": Kohli also hailed Karthik as a technically "correct" and versatile batter. "I always looked at Dinesh and felt like he was such a

correct player technically that he could adapt to any kind of role that's been given to him, and I remember watching him in the 2013 season where he got 600 runs or something and he batted brilliantly at three.

"I saw him play shots which were like 'wow'. I think he's done brilliantly to switch and become a renowned finisher. "...I wish him all the very best for all his future endeavours

moving forward." Kohli hoped that Karthik would stay connected to the RCB franchise in some capacity. "...Because his expertise when it comes to cricket is priceless. I think he's of great value to this franchise," he said. "HYPERACTIVE, CONFUSED PERSON": Recalling his first meeting with Karthik during India's tour of South Africa in 2009, Kohli said at first, he found him to be a hyperactive and confused person moving all over the place. "The first time I met him, I remember we were playing in South Africa if I am not wrong in the Champions Trophy 2009. It was the first time I shared the change room with Dinesh, and I found him to be very amusing, very... I would say hyperactive, confused person. "Most of the time, he was moving all over the place, never stopping. That was my first impression of Dinesh. "He is an outstanding talent, brilliant batter to watch and my first impression and the present-day impression are not far — just that he has become wiser and calmed down a lot," Kohli added.



No reason for Dhoni to stop playing: Kaif

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former India batter F.Mohammad Kaif feels there is no reason why Mahendra Singh Dhoni should not play the next season of the IPL, given his form, fitness and ability to play big shots with ease. Speculation has been rife that Dhoni, who has led CSK to five IPL titles, could have played his last IPL season. The former CSK skipper, who had undergone surgery to treat a knee injury issue last year, scored 161 runs in 73 balls at a strike rate of 220.55 this season. He was also good behind the stumps. Kaif thinks Dhoni has enough left in the tank to keep playing. "Personally, I don't think he's done, he could not win the game (last league match against RCB). In the last over after hitting a six, he got out. You could make out seeing his body language that he seemed very disappointed not winning the game for CSK," Kaif, a cricket expert with Star Sports, told PTI Videos. "Why he should not come back? He is fit, he is scoring runs and hitting sixes, and there's no reason to stop playing... It's up to him, we can't say with Dhoni what's his plan," added Kaif, regarded as one of India's greatest fielders. The 43-year-old also said that Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Shreyas Iyer had been a revelation with his calm demeanour, and attributed the team's success this year to his leadership qualities. Two-time IPL champions KKR entered their fourth final with a thumping eight-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in Qualifier 1. They had also topped the league stage with 20 points. "He (Iyer) missed the whole IPL last year and KKR probably missed his captaincy in 2023. The way he is changing the bowlers, and picking his playing XI, he looks very calm under pressure. "In a tournament like the IPL, you have to be very composed, you have to know what's happening in the game and Iyer has come a long way. He has become a much better captain now," opined Kaif.

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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.) L9001060123593526 Jeevanpal Kaur (Borrower), Sukhpal Kaur (Co-Borrower), Gurjeet Singh (Co-Borrower) | 13-Oct-23 Rs. 271899/- Rs. Two Lac Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Only | All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated at KHEWAT NO. 122, KHATA NO. 261, Vill & TH: Dabwali DIST- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 5 MARLA, East: VALENT PLOT, West: BHOLAGURE WALA, North: ROAD, South: ATMA SINGH | 21-May-24 |
| (A/c No.) L9001060118441847 Sunder Kumar (Borrower), Smt. Chandro Devi (Co-Borrower) | 04-Dec-23 Rs. 221590/- Rs. Two Lac Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Only 02-Dec-23 | All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures A House Being 15/10866 Share of 27% Kan 13 Marla Comprised in Khewat No. 1691, Khatta No. 3279 To 3275 Kite 53, Bounded As East- Ramesh Kumar, West- Other Sharan, North- Ram Singh, South- Gali, Wide Sale Deed No. 2586 Dated 24-07-2006 Owned by Chandro Devi Situated at Naidabwali, (Sunder Nagar, Mandidabwali) Tehsil Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa, haryana Admeasuring 226 Sqyds I.E O Kanal 7-1/2 Marla (33 * 62) | 20-May-24 |
| (A/c No.) L9001060123424375 Malik Singh (Borrower), Smt. Pal Kaur (Co-Borrower), Smt. Akwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower) | 04-Dec-23 Rs. 602845/- Rs. Six Lac Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Five Only 02-Dec-23 | All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Gair Mumkin Property Being 1/3 Share Of O Kanal 6 Marla Comprised Khasra No. 1516/1(0-6) In Khewat Khatuni No. 7232/8432, Situated At Village Rania, Tehsil Rania, Distt. Sirsa Wide Transfer Deed No. 3614 Dated 04-02-2021 Duly Registered In The Office Of Sub-Registrar Rania, Distt. Sirsa, haryana Admeasuring 0K.02 Marla | 22-May-24 |
| (A/c No.) L9001060123613516 Smt. Seema Rani (Borrower), Vijay Kumar (Co-Borrower) | 12-Jan-24 Rs. 283902/- Rs. Two Lac Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only 10-Jan-24 | All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Measuring 0K-13M-06S (413 Sqyds), Behing 1/18 share of 12 Kanal 6 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 1631 min, Khatta No. 2208, Khasra No. 774(2-10), Khasra No. 1069(9-16); Kite 2; as per jamabandi 2017-18, & vide registered sale deed no. 81 dated 28-05-2020 read with mutation no.9821, situated at Village Ganga, Sub Tehsil-Goriwala, Tehsil- Dabwali, District- Sirsa, haryana Admeasuring 413 Sqyds | 21-May-24 |
| (A/c No.) L9001060115981991 Darshan Kumar (Borrower), Smt. Achal Rani (Co-Borrower) | 12-Jan-24 Rs. 533370/- Rs. Five Lac Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Only 10-Jan-24 | All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures A Shop cum House measuring 20 * 60' i.e. O Kanal 5 Marla being 5/1339 share of area measuring 66 Kanal 19 Marla comprised in Khewat No 1279, vide jamabandi for the year 1998-99 situated at Takhtmal Road Chungi Within Revenue Estate Of Kalandwala, vide sale Deed No. 1591 dated 07-01-2003 duly registered in the office of sub Registrar Kalandwala mutation no 17804, Khewat no. 1566, vide jamabandi for the year 2012-13, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 1200 Sqft., East: House of Gurnam Singh, West: Street, North: Street, South: Street | 20-May-24 |
| (A/c No.) L90010601718677350 Baghel Bantari Bhandar (Borrower), Joginder Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt. Basanti (Co-Borrower) | 13-Feb-24 Rs. 217556/- Rs. Five Lac Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Only 12-Feb-24 | All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures A Residential House Measuring 303 Sqyds Size 42 * 65' i.e O Kanal 10 Marla, 10/80 Share of land measuring 4 Kanal 0 Marla comprised in Khewat/Khatoni no. 6/8, Khasra no 392(4-0)vide Sale Deed No. 3621 dated 06-01-2004 & Sale Deed No. 2259 Dated 28-08-2009, both registered in the Sub Registrar Dabwali & Mutation no. 2725, 3028, Situated At Village Goriwala, Tehsil Dabwali, District- Sirsa, Haryana, Bounded As East - Plot, West - Street, North Property Bala Ram, South - Property Ramesh Admeasuring 303 Square Yard | 21-May-24 |
| (A/c No.) L9001060130697295 Vicky Kirana Store Through It's Proprietor Vicky Kumar, Tarsem Chand (Co-Borrower), Vicky (Co-Borrower) | 17-Feb-24 Rs. 638108/- Rs. Six Lac Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eight Only 17-Feb-24 | All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Area Measuring 0K-4-1/2 Marla being 4-1/2/124 Share Of 06K-4 Marla Comprising In Khewat No. 144 Kitta 13 Vide Sale Deed No. 267 Dated 15-05-2002 & Jamabandi For The Year 1998-99 & Mutation No. 20632 Situated At Kalandwala Tehsil- Kalandwala, District Sirsa, Haryana. Now New Khewat No. 191 Kitta 13 Jamabandi For The Year 2017-18 Admeasuring 0K-4-1/2 Marla | 20-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(14) 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. -sd- Place: HARYANA Date: 24-May-2024 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

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Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the borrowers/co-borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore, the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4) and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor. Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

| Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Loan A/c No. | Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2) | Description of Mortgaged Property |
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| (A/c No.) L9001060118977027 Vinod Kumar (Borrower), Smt. Vimla Devi (Co-Borrower), Subhash Chander (Co-Borrower) | 03-Apr-24 Rs. 633776/- Rs. Six Lac Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Only As on 03-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Plot No. 198/2(1-3) Part Of Bearing Khewat No. 239-Min, Khatoni No. 283-Min, Situated At Chinder, Teh & Dist- Fatehabad, Haryana Admeasuring 6261.75 Sq. Ft |
| (A/c No.) L9001060121625140 Ganpati Sales Corporation Through It's Proprietor Narender Kumar, Narender Kumar (Co-Borrower), Ajit Singh (Co-Borrower) | 12-Apr-24 Rs. 607486/- Rs. Six Lac Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Khewat No- 62, Khatauni No- 82, Vill- Hudina, Tehsil- Narnaul, Dist- Mahendragar, Haryana Admeasuring 211.75 Sqyds |
| (A/c No.) L9001060119496308 Radha Krishna Industries Through It's Proprietor Smt. Anita, Smt. Anita (Co-Borrower), Gajanan Yadav (Co-Borrower), Devender Kumar (Co-Borrower) | 12-Apr-24 Rs. 1518806/- Rs. Fifteen Lac Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Six Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At Khatouni No. 86/1, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, Khewat No. 82, Mauja- Seka, Te- Narnaul, Dist- Mahendragar, Haryana Admeasuring 605 Sqyds |
| (A/c No.) L9001060827833022 Durga Trading Company Through It's Proprietor Narender, Narender (Co-Borrower), Ajay Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt. Anju (Co-Borrower) | 12-Apr-24 Rs. 1507558/- Rs. Fifteen Lac Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Eight Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At KHEWAT NO 1325/1274, KHATA NO 1538, MUSTAIL NO 62, KILLA NO 12/2(2-6), MAUJA - BHAKLI, TEHSIL- KOSLI, Dist- Rewari, Haryana Admeasuring 40.5 Sqyds |
| (A/c No.) L9001060121246685 Durga Trading Company (Borrower), Ajay Singh (Co-Borrower), Narender (Co-Borrower), Smt. Anju (Co-Borrower) | 12-Apr-24 Rs. 1714626/- Rs. Seventeen Lac Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At Gram Pancharaj Kh1198 Kh1410 M62 K12 2 Bhakli Kanina Road Kosi, Dist- Rewari, Haryana Admeasuring 40 Sqyds |
| (A/c No.) L9001060118994562 Laksh Computer Center (Borrower), Vikram Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt. Kausalya (Co-Borrower), Smt. Vidya Devi (Co-Borrower), Surender Kumar (Co-Borrower) | 12-Apr-24 Rs. 705945/- Rs. Seven Lac Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Kh No 175, Khewat No 53 Khatoni No 70, Khewat No 42 Min Khatoni No 60 Min, Vill- Rajpura, Tehsil- Goriwala, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 4860 Sqft. |
| (A/c No.) L9001060125472530 Shree Shyam Nishika Garments (Borrower), Sunil Kumar (Co-Borrower), Karnal (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 636772/- Rs. Six Lac Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Two Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Khewat No 825/688 Khatoni No 944, Plot No 573 D-8, Village Rohad, Tehsil- Bahadurgarh, Dist- Jhajjar, Haryana Admeasuring 80 Sqyds |
| (A/c No.) L9001060128979973 Hemraj Hardware (Borrower), Smt. Kamla Devi (Co-Borrower), Hemraj (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 1349412/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twelve Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At-Property Id No 71rrp6J0, Ward No 10 Ward No 6 Near Shan Mandir, Vill- Nangal Chaudhary, Narnaul, District- Mahendragar, Haryana Admeasuring 188 SqYrd |
| (A/c No.) L9001060134419460 Sangam Band (Borrower), Kuldeep Kumar (Co-Borrower), Surender Kumar (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 1042420/- Rs. Ten Lac Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At-Deed No.1848 House Tax No. Ran-5W-03-414-2, Nakora Bahar Ward No. 03, Village- Rania, District-Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 236 Sq.Yrd |
| (A/c No.) L9001060134790118 Yadav Tailor (Borrower), Ram (Co-Borrower), Smt. Raj Bala (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 526309/- Rs. Five Lac Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Nine Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Khewat Khatuni No 434-544 Sq No 64 Killa No 10-1-2-0-19, Vill- Mammerkhara, Rania, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 287 Sqyds. |
| (A/c No.) L9001060129821477 Shri Balaji Farm (Borrower), Deepak Kumar (Co-Borrower), Chhote Lal (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 1330913/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Khewat No.24 Khatouni No.24 Mustail No.88 Killa No.6/3 2-8, Mauja- Padtal Kanina, Tehsil-Kanina, Dist- Mahendragar, Haryana Admeasuring 332.75 Sqyds. |
| (A/c No.) L9001060726920580 Nain Dairy Farm (Borrower), Dilibag (Co-Borrower), Naresh Kumar (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 1049803/- Rs. Ten Lac Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Three Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Khasra No 625 1-4, Kitta 1, Khewat Khata No 810 873, Near Govt. School Narwana Jind, Haryana Admeasuring 2722.5 Sq.Ft. |
| (A/c No.) L9001060130170344 Guru Nanak Beej Bhandar (Borrower), Raj Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt. Pooja Rani (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 535723/- Rs. Five Lac Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Lgd Id 603090045, Uid No 603090Wpds1000R0054A, Lal Dora Village Chando Khurd, Bus Stand, Ratia, Dist- Fatehabad, Haryana Admeasuring 175.5 Sq. Mtr. |
| (A/c No.) L9001060122734171 Jai Bhimeshwari Enterprises (Borrower), Neeraj (Co-Borrower), Mahender (Co-Borrower), Sudesh (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 232525/- Rs. Twenty-Three Lac Twenty-Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At Khewat No 447Min, Khasra No 703, Waka Village - Badsha, Tehsil - Badli, Dist - Jhajjar, Haryana Admeasuring 15 Marla |
| (A/c No.) L9001060127241782 Veera Piza Cafe (Borrower), Smt. Savitri Devi (Co-Borrower), Praveen Kumar (Co-Borrower), Naveen Saini (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 696640/- Rs. Six Lac Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Killa No 22 2-4 O And 23 7-8 Killa No 1 2 1-14 And 3 7-8 9 1 4-0 2-4 O And 12 2-4-12, Khewat No 150 And 40 Khatouni No 164 And 45, Mustakill No 9, Near Mata Mandir, Narnaul, Dist- Mahendragar, Haryana Admeasuring 356.66 Sq. Yds. |
| (A/c No.) L9001060126715518 Paras Dairy & Vita Milk Center (Borrower), Rakesh Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt. Murti Devi (Co-Borrower), Himanshu Singla (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 849179/- Rs. Eight Lac Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Kh No 234/3, Khewat No 160, Khatoni No 279, Bhatia Colony, Dist- Fatehabad, Haryana Admeasuring 126.4 Sqyds. |
| (A/c No.) L900106012671612 Akansha Cosmetic & Parlour (Borrower), Smt. Phulvi Devi (Co-Borrower), Krishan Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt. Sumitra Devi (Co-Borrower), Rattan Lal (Co-Borrower) | 15-Apr-24 Rs. 237978/- Rs. Twenty-Three Lac Seventy-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At Shop House Tax Unit No. 286, Khasra Town Plan No. 8632, Ward No. 6, Mohalla -Nalaur, Dist -Nrnaul, Haryana Admeasuring 22.75 Sq.Yrds. |
| (A/c No.) L9001070134795992 Sandeep Kumar (Borrower), Smt. Reema Devi (Co-Borrower) | 16-Apr-24 Rs. 2331187/- Rs. Twenty-Three Lac Thirty-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Seven Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At-Khewat No 157/110, Khatoni No.165, Khasra No. 14/4(3-10), Waka Before Narayana Road Phata, Naryan Road, Samalkha, Dist- Panipat, Haryana Admeasuring 2 Marla 8 Sersai |
| (A/c No.) L900106012499516 Amar Aata Mill (Borrower), Mukesh (Co-Borrower), Ram Kumar (Co-Borrower) | 16-Apr-24 Rs. 749892/- Rs. Seven Lac Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Khewat No 120 Khatoni No 130, Tehsil - Uchana, Village- Narvana, Dist- Jind, Haryana Admeasuring 161 Sq. Yds. |
| (A/c No.) L9001060131386406 Nikhil Internet Cafe (Borrower), Randhir S Mani Ram (Co-Borrower), Nikhil Yadav (Co-Borrower), Smt. Nirmila Yadav (Co-Borrower) | 16-Apr-24 Rs. 841828/- Rs. Eight Lac Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Only As on 12-Apr-24 | Property Situated At- Khasra No 473 0-2 And Khasra No 481 0-2, Khewat No 418 421 422 597 598, Village Nandrampur Baas, Khatouni No 435 438 439 647 648, Mustail No. 50 38, Dhruhera, Rewari, Haryana Admeasuring 262 Square Yard |

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