



Government answerable to the people: Centre to SC

J GOPIKRISHNAN ■ New Delhi

The Centre on Thursday assured the Supreme Court that it will neither denotify Waqf properties, including ‘Waqf by user’, nor make any appointments to the Central Waqf Council and State Waqf Boards till May 5. The assurance on the matter by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta came when he informed a bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justices Sanjay Kumar and KV Viswanathan that the Waqf law was passed by Parliament with “due deliberations” and it should not be stayed without hearing the Government. The Centre strongly opposed the Apex Court’s proposal to pass an interim order

against denotification of Waqf properties, including ‘waqf by user’, besides a stay a provision allowing the inclusion of non-Muslims in the Waqf Council and Boards. “During the course of hearing, the Solicitor General states that the respondent (Union of India) would like to put in a short response within seven days. He further states and assures that till the next date of hearing, no appointments will be made to the Council and the Boards under Sections 9 and 14 (of the Act),” the Bench said. The Bench noted that Mehta, appearing for the Centre, also said that Waqf properties, including ‘Waqf by user’ already registered or declared by way of notification, shall not be disturbed and denotified till the next

date of hearing. The Bench then granted a week’s time to the Centre to file a preliminary response to the pleas that challenged the validity of the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. It posted the matter for further hearing on May 5. “If your lordships will say something about ‘Waqf by user’, what will be the fallout?” Mehta said. He added, “We, as a Government, and Parliament, are answerable to the people.” The CJI said if the registration of any Waqf property had taken place under the erstwhile 1995 Act, then those properties can’t be denotified till further hearing. The Apex Court, while hearing the matter on Wednesday, proposed to stay certain key provisions of the Act, including the power to denotify properties declared as Waqf by courts and inclusion of non-Muslims in the Waqf Council and Boards. On Thursday, Mehta asked whether the Court might consider staying, directly or indirectly, the Act based upon some prima facie or tentative reading of some of the Sections. “If your lordships are going to stay a statutory provision,” Mehta said, “it by itself

is rare. We will have to take your lordships to the history of legislation, followed by amendment.” He said the Union Government received several representations, which ultimately resulted in the amended Act. Opposing the stay, the Central Law Officer referred to certain instances and said private properties were usurped as Waqf in several places. Terming it a “considered piece of legislation”, Mehta said the pleas were filed before the Presidential assent and taken up immediately by the Bench. “We are not deciding the matter finally,” the Bench quipped. Mehta argued that staying the Act’s provisions may be a “harsh step” and said the

Government should be allowed to place its preliminary reply. “Allow me to place within a week my preliminary reply with some materials, documents and statutes to show,” he said, adding “in one week, nothing will change.” Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, representing a State Government, said, “Heavens are not going to fall if the interim order is not passed for a week or so.” Mehta further assured on not making appointments in the respective Waqf Boards even if some of the States were not before the Apex Court. The CJI said, “We don’t want the position to change. Parliament makes laws, executive decides and judiciary interprets.”

Dhankhar flays SC timeline for Presidential assent to Bills

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday severely criticised the higher judiciary by questioning the three-month timeline set by the Supreme Court for the President of India on assent to State Bills, saying this tantamount to judiciary acting as a ‘super Parliament’. He also opined that Article 142 of the Indian Constitution was a ‘nuclear missile available with the judiciary 24x7 against democratic forces’. He also questioned absence of even an FIR in the alleged discovery of wads of burnt currency notes from the Delhi residence of a High Court Judge, wondering whether a “category beyond law” had secured immunity from prosecution. “If the event had taken place at his (common man’s) house, the speed would have been that of a rocket. Now it is not even a cattle cart,” Dhankhar said. He said while a committee of three Judges is probing the matter, an investigation is the domain of the executive and not the judiciary. Dhankhar’s strong words about the judiciary came during his speech to Rajya Sabha interns, days after the Supreme Court sought to fix a timeline for the President to grant assent to the Bills



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and others during the valedictory ceremony for the 6th Batch of Rajya Sabha Interns, at the Vice President Enclave, in New Delhi PTI

reserved for her consideration by a State Governor. “So, we have judges who will legislate, who will perform executive functions, who will act as super Parliament and absolutely have no accountability because the law

of the land does not apply to them,” Dhankhar remarked. The Vice President also said Article 142, which grants plenary powers to the Supreme Court, had become a nuclear missile against democratic forces (and

available to (the) judiciary 24x7. Article 142 gives the Supreme Court the power to issue orders that ensure “complete justice” in any matter before it. This power is also known as the Supreme Court’s plenary power. “There is a directive to the President by a recent judgment. Where are we heading to? What is happening in the country? We have to be extremely sensitive. It is not a question of someone filing a review or not. We never bargained for democracy for this day. The President being called upon to decide in a time-bound manner, and if not, (Bill) becomes law,” Dhankhar said. The Vice President said his worries were at the “very highest level” and he had never thought that he will have to see such a situation in his life. He pointed out that the Indian President was in a very elevated position. “(The) President takes an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. Others, including Ministers, the Vice President, parliamentarians and Judges take an oath to abide by the Constitution,” Dhankhar said. “We cannot have a situation where you direct the President. And on what basis? The only right you have under the Constitution is to interpret the Constitution under Article 145(3).

India goes for jugular vein: Pakistan should vacate PoK

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

India on Thursday brushed aside Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir’s remarks that Kashmir is Pakistan’s “jugular vein,” and asserted that the only link between Kashmir and Pakistan is Islamabad’s illegal occupation of part of the region (PoK) that it must vacate. Addressing a gathering of overseas Pakistanis in Islamabad on Wednesday, General Munir reiterated Pakistan’s long-standing rhetoric on Kashmir and defended the controversial two-nation theory that led to the Partition in 1947. Pakistan Prime Minister Shabbaz Sharif was present. “Our stance is absolutely clear, it was our jugular vein. It will be our jugular vein, we will not forget it. We will not leave our Kashmiri brothers in their heroic struggle,” General Munir said. He also claimed that Pakistanis are bound by a “superior ideology and culture” and urged the diaspora to pass down the story of Pakistan’s creation, rooted in the belief that “Muslims and Hindus were fundamentally different in

religion, customs, traditions, and ambitions”. Rebutting his remarks, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said here: “How can anything foreign be in a jugular vein? This is a Union Territory of India. It’s only relationship with Pakistan is the vacation of illegally occupied territories by that country.” **India’s reaction came as Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir reiterated his country’s rhetoric on Kashmir and defended controversial Two-Nation Theory** On Pakistan’s attempts to wash its hands off the 26/11 terror accused Tahawwur Rana, Jaiswal said, “Pakistan may try very hard but its reputation as the epicentre of global terrorism will not diminish.” The extradition of Rana serves as a reminder to Pakistan that it needs to bring to justice other perpetrators of the 2008 Mumbai attacks whom it continues to shield,” he said.

Will file CFSL report on authenticity of Biren tape shortly: Centre tells SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Centre informed the Supreme Court on Thursday that a forensic report on the authenticity of a leaked audio clip regarding the alleged role of former Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh in the ethnic violence in the northeastern State was ready and would be filed shortly in a sealed cover. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna took note of the submissions of the counsel appearing for the Centre and the State Government to this effect and deferred the hearing on a plea filed by Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust (KOHUR) in the week commencing May 5. The counsel said the report from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) will be filed by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and sought an adjournment, saying the law officer was unavailable at the moment. Singh resigned as the Chief Minister of Manipur on February 9, amid rumblings within the State BJP and growing demands for a change in leadership of the State. Earlier, the top court sought a sealed-cover report from the CFSL on the authenticity of the leaked audio clips that allegedly hinted at then CM Singh’s role in the ethnic violence that began in May 2023. KOHUR, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, had sought a court-

monitored SIT probe into Singh’s alleged role. “The State is gradually limping back to normalcy and we will keep it (the matter) on hold at the moment,” the CJI had said, adding he would see later whether the top court or the High Court should hear the case. The Solicitor General agreed with the observations. **A bench led by CJI Sanjiv Khanna noted submissions of counsel for the Centre and the State and deferred hearing on a plea filed by Kuki body KOHUR in the week commencing May 5** Bhushan termed the contents of leaked audio a “very serious matter” and said Singh was purportedly heard saying that Meitei groups were allowed to loot arms and ammunition of the State Government. “I have annexed transcripts of tape recordings,” he added. The Solicitor General said the petitioner had “ideological inclinations” and there was a report by a committee of three High Court Judges which stated that there were efforts to keep the “pot boiling”. “A truth lab confirmed that 93 per cent it is the voice of the (then) Chief Minister,” said Bhushan, “and truth labs are far more reliable than the FSL reports”. The law officer, however, ques-

tioned the veracity of the truth lab report. On November 8 last year, a bench headed by the then CJI DY Chandrachud directed KOHUR to produce material to indicate the authenticity of some of the leaked audio clips. Bhushan had said he would also file a copy of the tape in a CD format. Mehta, however, said the plea could be filed in the High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution. Bhushan said that the recorded conversation prima facie showed the complicity and involvement of the State machinery in the violence against the Kuki Zo community. He said the clips had “disturbing conversations” and Singh could be heard instigating the violence and protecting the attackers. KOHUR’s plea alleged that Singh was instrumental in “inciting, organising and thereafter centrally orchestrating the large-scale murder, destruction and other forms of violence against the Kuki-dominated areas in Manipur”. “The petitioner is praying for a court-monitored investigation by a Special Investigation Team into the leaked audio tape clips as there is clear and strong prima facie evidence showing involvement of the highest functionary, ie, the (then) Chief Minister. The investigation will need to unearth the conspiracy which appears to involve the highest functionary of the State,” the plea in the Apex Court said.

PM Modi directs Delhi to clean Yamuna

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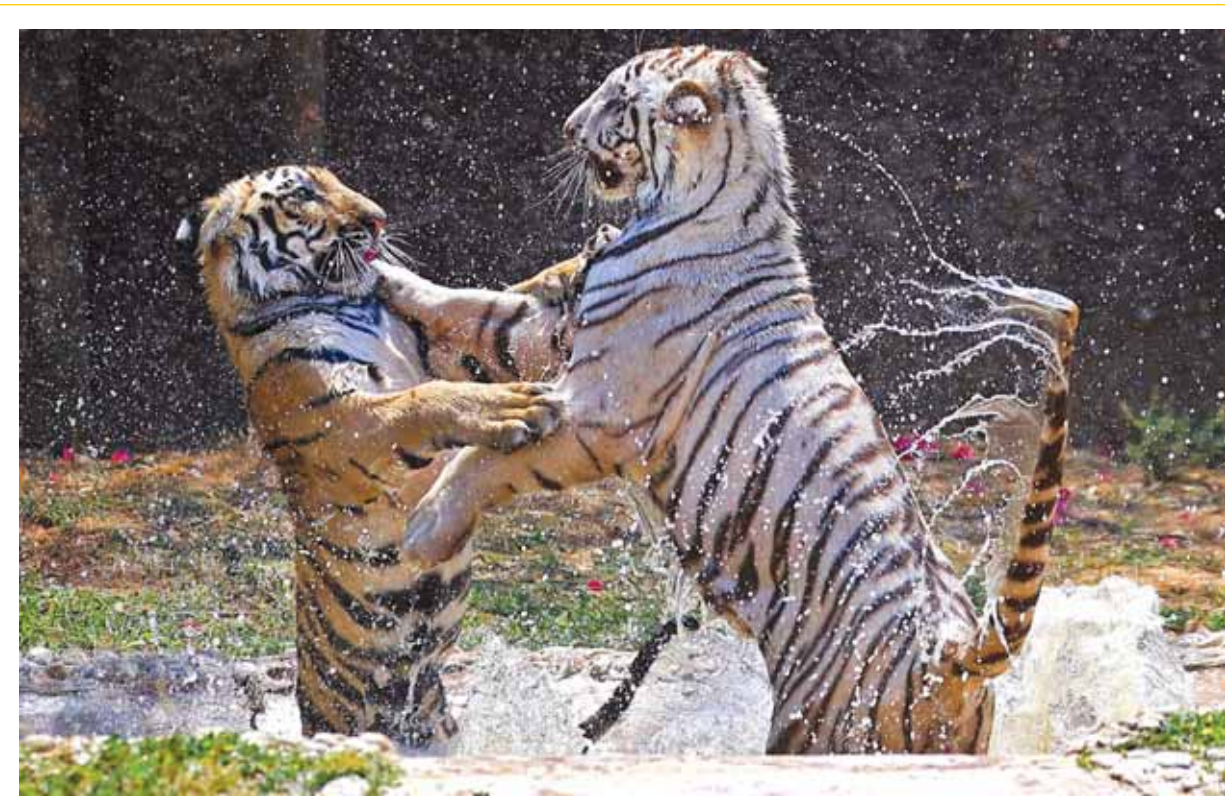
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday chaired a comprehensive review meeting on the Yamuna to assess the current status of the river and discussed the ongoing and future plans for its cleaning and rejuvenation. The agency-wise action plan to clean the river was reviewed in the meeting. It was also decided that Delhi will prepare an Urban River Management Plan for holistic water management, and integrate it with the City Master Plan. The meeting discussed steps like public participation and use of real-time data and space technology to revive the heavily polluted river. The Prime Minister emphasised that the experience of the Chhath Puja celebration by the people of Delhi should improve, it said. The meeting held at the PM residence here was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and senior Government officers. The meeting discussed short-term activities (of three months), mid-term activities (three months to one-and-a-half years) and long-term activities (one-and-a-half years to three years) related to the cleaning of the Yamuna along with management of drains, sewage, industrial waste and identification of gaps in wastewater treatment. Monitoring measures, improving the Yamuna flow, flood plain protection, green riverfront development and public outreach were all discussed with specific timelines. The urgent need to rehabilitate Delhi’s drinking water system to reduce leaks and non-revenue water was emphasised. The actions to be taken for Drain Management, Solid Waste Management,



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta during a review meeting on Yamuna cleaning, in Delhi PTI

Sewage Management, Septage and Dairy Waste Management, Industrial Waste Management, gap identification of wastewater treatment infrastructure and monitoring steps, improving the river flow, flood plain protection, green river front development and public outreach were all discussed with specific timelines. During the meeting, the river as a whole was discussed, including actions to be taken in the Haryana stretch of the river, the Delhi stretch as well as the stretch downstream of Delhi up to the Sangam at Prayagraj in UP. The current status of the wastewater treatment infrastructure, and the governance issues that impact the quality of the Yamuna waters were presented to the Prime Minister. Prime Minister Modi advised that the best available technology should be harnessed to gather micro-level real-time data to measure the flows in the drains as well as monitor the functioning of the sewage treatment plants. Agency-wise action plan to clean the river was reviewed in the meeting to assess the current status of the Yamuna and discuss ongoing and plans for its cleaning and

rejuvenation, the Delhi government statement said. Prime Minister Modi said the experience of the people of Delhi while celebrating Chhath Puja should improve and emphasised the need to create a people-river connection to inculcate respect for the river and make it a part of the lives of people living in the cities settled along the Yamuna, it said. A ‘Jan Bhagidari Movement’ enlisting volunteers for Yamuna rejuvenation and holding public events around the river were also emphasised. In addition to the Delhi stretch, special attention may also be paid to the culturally rich area around Braj, making the ‘Braj Yatra’ a part of the river-people movement, the statement said. The Prime Minister advised that the best available technology should be harnessed to gather micro-level real-time data to measure the flows in the drains as well as monitor the functioning of the sewage treatment plants. Further planning and implementation of pollution abatement infrastructure should be based on this data, it said.



White Bengal Tiger cub Bheem and female cub Skandi playing inside their enclosure at the Nahargarh Biological Park in Jaipur PTI

Poor potter gets I-T notice for ₹14 crore deal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Kota (Rajasthan)

A potter in Rajasthan with an annual income of ₹95,000 was left utterly dumbfounded after he received two back-to-back income tax notices last month for business transactions worth ₹13.55 crore in the 2020-2021 fiscal. It was later revealed that Vishnu Kumar Prajapat (32), a resident of Jhaliji Ka Barana in Bundi district, had possibly been a victim of identity theft. A case of cheating was registered by the police on Wednesday. According to police, the potter’s PAN and Aadhaar Card details were allegedly misused by a Mumbai-based firm to evade the tax scanner for two business transactions. Prajapat received the first notice on March 11 through email and speed post, saying no I-T return was filed for the transaction of over ₹10.61 crore in FY 2020-21. He was directed to file a reply by

March 19. He rushed to the local police station. From there, he was referred to the cyber police station in Bundi but there too nobody listened to his complaint, Prajapat claimed. The potter then took the help of a chartered accountant who, after some enquiries, discovered that his Aadhaar, PAN and other document details were “misused” for GST registration of a Mumbai-based firm owned by an individual. It was also revealed that the firm allegedly executed two business deals, one of ₹10.61 crore and another of ₹2.83 crore, using the potter’s details. Armed with the information, Prajapat, on March 23, visited the office of Bundi Superintendent of Police, where ASP Uma Sharma heard his grievances, took his complaint and sent it to the cyber police station for probe. Meanwhile, Prajapat received another I-T notice on March 30, this time for a

financial transaction of ₹2.83 crore in the same financial year. “Two police personnel visited my home on Wednesday and assured me that I will not be wronged,” said the potter, a graduate in Arts. He told PTI that he earns only around ₹95,000 each year by selling clay pots, a family business. A cheating case was registered at the Gendoli police station on Wednesday night and further investigation was underway, said Assistant Sub-Inspector Mukhendra Prasad Singh. The police official denied charges of delay in initiating a probe into the matter, saying the complaint was received just a few days ago and investigation into it disclosed fraud and tax theft. Prajapat had earlier submitted his documents to a private firm in Bundi, seeking work as a daily-wager and it was likely that his personal details were leaked from there, Singh added.

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I Jagminderpal S/o Sukhdev Singh R/O House Number 15/196 ,Gali No 02, Bansal Colony Sirsa Tehsil Sirsa District Sirsa Haryana Have Changed My Name To Jagminder Singh.

I, Harmanneet Kaur W/o Sartajdev Singh Josan R/o H.No. 52 Shri Guru Ram Dass Enclave Saibo Bhulana Distt. Kapurthala Pb. have changed my name to Harmanneet Kaur Josan after my marriage.

I Jaspal Singh S/O Baldev Singh Village Talwandi Tehsil Tapa, District Barnala Have Changed My Name Jaspal Singh Dhalwal.

I, Amarjit Singh Sidhu W/o Prem Singh R/o Vill: Chaminda (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amarjit Singh.

I, Rajwant Kaur Sidhu W/o Amarjit Singh R/o Vill: Chaminda (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Rajwant Singh.

I, Dharampal S/O Karam Singh R/o Halwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Dharampal Singh.

I Hitherto Known As Jasvinder Kaur W/O Sh. Preet Singh Residing At Vill Gahliaran, P.O. Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jasbinder Kaur.

I Hitherto Known As Ravinder Singh S/O Sh. Sarvjit Singh Residing At Village Pandori, Po Lamin Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab 144205 Have Changed Name Of My Minor Daughter Devanshi Aged About 06 Years And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Devanshi Bihal.

I Hitherto Known As Devika W/O Sh. Rajvir Singh Residing At Village Pandori, Po Lamin Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab 144205 Have Changed Name Of My Minor Daughter Aditi Aged About 06 Years And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Aditi Thakur.

I, hitherto known as Ravinder Kumar S/o Raj Kumar R/o Vpo. Lasara Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar Pb-144410 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kumar Parveen.

I, hitherto known as Ravinder Kumar S/o Raj Kumar R/o Vpo. Lasara Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar Pb-144410 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kumar Ravinder.

I, Sarbjit Kaur W/o Mandeep Singh Panag R/o Vill: Salana Dulla Singh Wala Teh- Amloh Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name to Sarbjit Kaur Panag.

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I Balwant Singh S/O Lt. Sadhu Singh, R/O Vpo. Toosa, Tehsil Raikot, Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Balwant Singh Gill.

I Santosh Kumari W/O Chanchal Singh Village Saggal PO Panwan Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Santosh Kumari To Charanjit Kaur.

I Karandeep Kaur is legally wedded spouse of Army No.14403225X Ex Hav Palwinder Singh R/o Village Rurka PO Dehlon Tehsil and District Ludhiana (Punjab) have changed my name from Karandeep Kaur to Kirandeep Kaur, my correct date of birth is 11-10-1971.

I, Riya Jindal W/O Ayush Bansal R/O H.No.427-B, Sector 3-C, Mandi Gobindgarh (Fatehgarh Sahib) Have Changed My Name To Riya Bansal.

I, Sonita Devi W/O Parveen Kumar R/O W.No.13, Khanna Khurd, Khanna (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name After Marriage As Jyoti, These Both Names Are Mine, One & Same The Lady.

I, Army No 4478686L Ex Haviladar / Hony Nb Sub Simerjit Singh Son of Garib Singh resident of VPO Talwandi Bhai Tehsil and Distt Ferozepur, (Punjab) 142050 have changed my son's name from Sihbaaj Singh to Shehbaz Singh in my army service records as per affidavit 17 Apr 2025 Before notary public Ferozepur.

I, M Neeraja Is Spouse Of No.Jc-706244w Rank Nb/Sub Name Manigiri Ramesh Babu Residing At Vtc Yalluru, Teh Allagadda, District Kurnool, State Andhra Pradesh Pin 518573 Have Chaged My Name From M Neeraja To Manigiri Neeraja Vide Affidavit Dated 17 April 2025 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

I, Chand Devi Is Spouse Of No.2706474w Rank L/Hav Name Bhanwar Lal Of Unit 2 Grenadiers C/O 56 APO Residing At Ward No.15, Village Dhani, Bhambhuaan, Teshil Nohar, Dhansiya, District Rajasthan, Pin 335523 Have Changed My Name From Chand Devi To Chand Vide Affidavit Dated 17 April 2025 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

I Simmi W/o Rajan Narang R/o Sikhian wala road, Heera Singh Nagar, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Simmi Narang.

I Prina W/o Rahul Paul R/o Krishna Nagar, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Prina Paul.

I Harjinder Singh S/o Buta Singh R/o Village-Budhanwal, PO-Sandanwal, Tehsil-Shahkot, Distt-Jalandhar, Punjab-144702, have changed my name to Harjinder Singh Josan.

I Madhu Gill D/o Sohan Lal and W/o Kashiim Singh R/o VPO-Nadala, Tehsil-Bholath, Dist-Kapurthala, Punjab-144624, have changed my name to Kiran Sahota.

I, Surinder Virdi W/O Late Sh. Bachan Lal Viridi resident of 92, 2, Nehru Nagar, College Road Pathankot, Punjab, Pin-145001, have changed my name from Surinder Viridi to Surinder Kaur Vide affidavit No.IN-PB26998045769670X dated 17 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot.

I, No.14867624W Sep/MT Jayswal Ankit Mukeskumar resident of Village- Vastral, Post- Vastral, Tehsil- Daskroi, District- Ahmedabad, State- Gujarat, Pin-382418, have changed my Mother name from Jayswal Poonam to Jaiswal Poonam Mukeshkumar. Vide affidavit No.IN-PB27052678280749X dated 17 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.14867624W Sep/MT Jayswal Ankit Mukeskumar resident of Village- Vastral, Post- Vastral, Tehsil- Daskroi, District- Ahmedabad, State- Gujarat, Pin-382418, have changed my Father name from Jayswal Mukeskumar to Jaiswal Mukeshkumar Kailashnath Vide affidavit No.IN-PB27051904204312X dated 17 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Parvinder Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o Village Madpur, District Rupnagar, Punjab, India declare that as per my other documents i.e. Adhar card, Pan card, voter card etc. my Name is Parvinder Singh. But my Indian Passport i.e. F3907622 which is valid upto 26/06/2015. My name is written Ravinder Singh i.e. wrong.I want to be changed my name in my passport Parvinder Singh from Ravinder Singh.

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I, No. 10199607Y Rank Nk Vijay Singh of112 Inf Bn (TA) Dogra, R/o Village Bastali, Post-Office Bastali, Tehsil Nissing, District Kamal (Haryana) declare that my service record my mother name is wrongly mentioned Kela Devi. My mother Aadhaar card and all other documents my mother name mentioned Kela. My service record my mother name should be mentioned Kela.

I, Army No:15579994A Rank-Hav Name: Boota Singh Presently Serving in Unit: 105 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO, Permanent Address: Lakho Ke Behram, Lakho Ke Behram, Firozpur, Punjab, 152023 declare that I have changed my Son's name from Gurbhage Singh to Gurbhej Singh. Vide Affidavit No:48AA 901520,Dated: 17/04/2025

I, Sukhdeep Kaur is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No:15579994A Rank-Hav Name: Boota Singh Presently Serving in Unit: 105 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO,Permanent Address: Lakho Ke Behram, Lakho Ke Behram, Firozpur, Punjab, 152023declare that I have Correct My Date of birth from 23/12/1989 to 28/01/1989. Vide Affidavit No:48AA 901519,Dated: 17/04/2025

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NOTICE TO:- MANOJ SINGH R/o LAXMAN TALAIYA SHABD PRATAP ASHRAM, LASHKER S.P ASHRAM, GWALIOR-474012 (MADHYA PRADESH)
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KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
V/S
SAID KHAN
COMA/44730/2022
CNR No.:PBLD03-066288-2022
U/S:- 138 OF N.I.ACT
POLICE STATION:-
NEXT DATE:-07-05-2025
NOTICE TO:- SAID KHAN R/o WARD NO.- 26 TAWDA MOHALLA GRAM CHHOTI SAGUR PITHAMPUR DISTT DHAR-454775 (MADHYA PRADESH)
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KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
V/S
M/S RADHA RANI CONSTRUCTION ETC
COMA/43683/2022
CNR No.:PBLD03-064065-2022
U/S:- 138 OF N.I.ACT
POLICE STATION:-
NEXT DATE:-08-05-2025
NOTICE TO:- 1. M/S RADHA RANI CONSTRUCTION THROUGH ITS PROP/AUTH. SIGN. MANVENDRA SINGH SIKARWAR SHYAM ENCLAVE INDRAMANI NAGAR GOLAKA MANDIR GHWALIOR-474005 (MADHYA PRADESH)
2. MANVENDRA SINGH SIKARWAR PROP/AUTH SIGN OF M/S RADHA RANI CONSTRUCTION R/O NEAR SLP COLLEGE, C 59 SURI NAGAR CP COLONY MORAR GHWALIOR-474006 (MADHYA PRADESH)
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V/S
HARENDRA SINGH SIKARWAR ETC
COMA/44733/2022
CNR No.:PBLD03-068268-2022
U/S:- 138 OF N.I.ACT
POLICE STATION:-
NEXT DATE:-08-05-2025
NOTICE TO:- HARENDRA SINGH SIKARWAR R/o LG 583 WATER TANK NR OLD HOUSING BOARD MORENA-476001 (MADHYA PRADESH)
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I, Bhimsen Tantia am Father of Army No: 15348469Y Rank: Spr Name- Monuj Tanti Presently Posted At Unit: 70 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Gohainbari Bagan, Paraliguri, Sibsagar, Assam, 785671 declare that I have changed My Name from Bhimsen Tantia to Bhimsen Tanti. Vide Affidavit No:48AA 901656, Dated: 17/04/2025

I, Binu Tantia am Mother of Army No: 15348469Y Rank: Spr Name- Monuj Tanti Presently Posted At Unit: 70 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Gohainbari Bagan, Paraliguri, Sibsagar, Assam, 785671 declare that I have changed my name from Binu Tantia to Binu Tanti. Vide Affidavit No:48AA 901654, Dated:17/04/2025.

I, No.15785838W Hav (DVRMT) Kanganee Arun Sahebrao resident of Village-Godegaon, Post- Godegaon, Tehsil- Niphad, District- Nashik, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 422305, have changed my Son name from Atharv to Athary Arun Kanganee Vide affidavit No.IN-PB25666320764799X dated 12 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sohni Devi (old name) wife of Sh. Ram Singh, Resident of Muslimani pur, Post Office Raipur Rani, Village Dakra, Distt. Panchkula Haryana-134204 have change my name from Sohni Devi to Sohani Devi.

I, Damayanthi is Mother of Army No: JC343325A Rank: NB Sub Name- Lokanadham Palia Presently Posted At Unit: CME, Pune Maharashtra-411031 Permanent Address: 4-16, Kotabommali Mandalam, Vill: Udikalapadu, Post: Nimmada, District: Sriakulam, State: Andhra Pradesh, Pincode: 532430 declare that I have changed my name from Damayanthi to Paila Damayanthi and Also Correct my Date of birth from 09/12/1975 to 01/01/1967. Vide Affidavit No:48AA 901521, Dated: 17/04/2025

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on the underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security with respect to a Housing Loan facility granted, pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in the exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) (DHFL Old LA & ICICI New LA)	Description of Property/ Date of possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Daljit Singh/ Gurdeep Kaur (16500002173 & Qzja00005003829) & Goli No. 65, Babu Atar Singh Colony, Sofi Pind, Jalandhar -144001	Plot No. 65, Khata No. 131/197, Kharsa No. 21/6, 7, 8/1, 13/2, 14, 15, 16/1, 17, 18/1, 23/2, 24/2, As Per Jamabandi Year 2008-2009, Sofi Village, Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab./ April 15, 2025	September 30, 2024 Rs. 20,05,988/-	Jalandhar
2.	Surinder Kumar/ Vipran Kumar (16500002727 & QZJAL00005039292) & Goli No. 2, Kamal Vihar, Nr Railway Crossing, Jalandhar, Punjab- 144001	Property House Measuring 4 Marla, Comprised In Kharsa No. 71, 73, 2082/72, 2083/2055, 1912/85-86, Situated At Village Chogitti, Abadi Kamal Vihar, Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab-144009. Standing In The Name of Surinder Kumar & Vipran Kumar Vide Sale Deed No. 1847, Dated 18/05/2017./ April 15, 2025	November 26, 2024 Rs. 17,11,828.18/-	Jalandhar

The above-mentioned borrowers(s) / guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Date : April 17, 2025
Place : Jalandhar
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Nambardar Trading Co/ Jasvinder Singh/ Naresh Gill/ Gurjinder Kaur/ 073105002328/ 073155000015	Plot/Shop No.12, Size- 1700 Sq.ft Situated In New Grain Market, Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, Haryana/ April 16, 2025	February 22,2024/Kurukshetra, Rs. 78,08,839.00/-	Shahbad

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: April 17, 2025
Place: Kurukshetra & Ambala Cantt, Shahbad
Sincerely Authorised Signatory,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Vinod Daniel/ Salomi/ LBJAL00005585002/	Portion of Semiconstructed House No. 537, Comprised In Kharsa No. 429, 430, 545, 546, 549, 550, 554, 547, As Per Jamabandi Year 2017-2018, Hadbast No. 225, Situated at Village Paragpur, Abadi New Defence Colony Phase-1, Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab/ April 15, 2025	December 07, 2023 Rs. 22,62,425/-	Jalandhar

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Date: April 17, 2025
Place: Jalandhar
Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

KUNDLI BRANCH: District Sonapat (Haryana) 131001
Mobile No. 8572803236
Email ID : cb3236@canarabank.com
DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned **Non Performing Assets (NPA)**. The notice under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 were issued to Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) at their last known addresses by registered / speed post. However the notices have been returned un-served and the Authorised Officer has reasons to believe that the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) are avoiding the service of notice, as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name of the Borrower / Guarantor	Details of properties/ address of secured assets to be enforced	Date of Demand Notice	Date of NPA	Amount as per demand notice
1. Smt. Poonam W/o Om Dutt Pal, H. No. 454/3 Kundli, Sonapat- 131028, 2. Sh. Om Dutt S/o Sh. Mangru Ram, H.No. 294 Village Kundli, Sonapat- 131028, 3. Mr. Pal Generator Work- Near Shankar DhamKanta, Kundli, Sonipat- 131028	SCHEDULE-A: (Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower) SI. No. 1: Loan No. 323661900001, Nature of Loan/ Limit: Housing Loan, Date of sanction: 19.12.2016, Nature of Loan/ Limit: Rs 15,00,000/- SI. No. 2: Loan No. 323662100002, Nature of Loan/ Limit: MSME-OD/OCC, Date of sanction: 21.06.2016, Amount of sanction: Rs. 6,00,000/-	15.04.2025	11.04.2025	Rs. 20,87,179.97 together with interest & incidental expenses & costs thereon.
SCHEDULE- B: Immovable: SI. No. 1. Plot measuring 125.00 sq. Yards i.e. OK-4M situated at Khatwast No. 165, Khata No. 225, Killa No. 66/25(4/-), 9/1/1(0/-11) Raksha Village Kundli Tehsil Rast District. Sonapat vide Sale Deed No. 762 dated 21.05.2014 in the name of Smt. Poonam W/o Om Dutt Pal. The said plot and same is bounded as under: East: Plot of others, West: Plot of others, North: Rasta 24.9 ft Wide, South: Rasta 24.9 ft Wide. Cersal Asset Id: 200053846506. Name of the Title holder: Smt. Poonam W/o Om Dutt.				
SCHEDULE- C: SI. No. 1: Loan No. 323661900001, Nature of Loan/ Limit: Housing Loan, Liability with Interest as on date: Rs. 14,75,981.19, Rate of Interest: 8.80% +2.00% Penalt Interest. SI. No. 2: Loan No. 323662100002, Nature of Loan/ Limit: MSME-OD/OCC, Liability with Interest as on date: Rs. 6,11,198.78, Rate of Interest: 11.00% +2.00% Penalt Interest.				

TATA CAPITAL LIMITED

Registered Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Panel, Mumbai-400013 (India)

Branch Address: Branch Address: 01st Floor, SCO A, Sector 16, Faridabad - 121001 And 09th Floor, Videcon Tower, Jawaharlane Extension, New Delhi- 110055

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMovable PROPERTIES (Under Rule 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

LOAN ACCOUNT NO. - 7280161: Mr. MANOHAR ARORA

This is to inform that Tata Capital Ltd. (TCL) is a non-banking finance company and incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Peninsula Business Park, Tower A, 11th Floor, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Panel, Mumbai-400013 and a branch office amongst other places at Haryana (Branch).

Notice is hereby given in public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/ Co-Borrower that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to Tata Capital Limited (Secured Creditor/TCL), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on 27th Day of May, 2025 "As is where is basis" & "As is what is and whatever there is & without recourse basis".

Description of Secured Asset	Type of Possession Constructive/ Physical	Reserve Price (Rs)	Earnest Money (EMD) (Rs)
(1) Plot No. 25/8, Office Space Ground Floor (Without Roof Rights) New Colony, Palwal, Haryana-12102.	Physical	Rs. 26,68,000/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs) Sixty Eight Thousand Only	Rs. 2,66,800/- (Rupees Two Lakhs) Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Only
(2) Plot No. 25/8, UGF (Without Roof Rights), New Colony, Palwal, Haryana-12102.	Physical	Rs. 50,41,500/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs) Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Only	Rs. 5,04,150/- (Rupees Five Lakhs) Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Only
(3) Plot No. 25/8, 3rd Floor (With Roof Rights), New Colony, Palwal, Haryana-12102.	Constructive	Rs. 39,08,500/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs) Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only	Rs. 3,90,850/- (Rupees Three Lakhs) Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Only

The description of the property that will be put up for sale is in the Schedule. Movable articles/House hold inventory if any lying inside and within secured asset as described above shall not be available for sale along with secured asset unless and unless specifically described in auction sale notice. The sale will also be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the 'Authorized Officer' or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid. Any sale, the public generally is invited to submit their tender personally. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale, shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The tender shall be subject to the rules/conditions prescribed under the SARFAESI Act, 2002. The E-auction will take place through portal <https://BidDeal.in> on 27th Day of May, 2025 between 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 minutes each. All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL LIMITED" payable at Faridabad. As inspection of the property may be done on 09th Day of May, 2025 between 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Notice: The intending bidders may contact to Tata Capital Limited at Authorized Officer Mr. Ayan Bhattacharya, Email id: ayan.bhattacharya@tatacapital.com and Mobile No. 91-9289724441. For detailed terms and conditions of Sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's website. i.e. <http://www.tatacapital.com/content/dam/tata-capital/pdf/e-auction/tcsl01st-E-auction-Sale-NewsPaper-Publication-Mr-Manohar-Arora-7280161.pdf>

Place: Faridabad Date: 18/04/2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Tata Capital Ltd.

THE RCS PUNJAB EMPLOYEES COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING (FIRST) SOCIETY LTD., Plot No. 15, Sector 49A, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of general public and all the concerned that the following member/person have applied for issue of NOC/Permission/Transfer of Share/Fat for enrollment of member, before the Administrator of the Society / RCS, U.T., Chandigarh, as per notification issued by Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration:-

Name of Transferor/Owner	Name of Transferee	Flat No.	Category	Remarks
S. Dalbir Singh	Mrs. Gurdeep Kaur W/o Late S. Dalbir Singh	742 (First Floor)	"A"	On account of death cash/nomination basis

If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flat of the Society in favor of the applicant, then, he/she may submit the objections in writing along with relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favor of the applicant. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on. (Administrator)

Mata Gujri Memorial College of Education, Balwanda, Gurdaspur

Invites online applications for the post of Assistant Professor on regular basis in Pedagogy of Education-7, on Clege website Portal <https://www.mgmclegeofeducation.com/career> (kuldip.mgm@gmail.com). Qualifications and Grades, as per UGC/NCTE/Punjab Govt./GNDU Amritsar norms. Reservation policy will be as per Punjab Govt. rule. Candidates must submit online application within 07 days from the date of the publication of the advertisement. Candidates must fill up the Score card Performance (as per Annexure-IV) available in CDC Portal on University Website (www.gndu.ac.in) and submit it along with the application.

Bank of Maharashtra Zonal Office - 1st Floor, Jai Kartar Bawan, Near Circuit House, Ludhiana - 141001, Ph.: 0161-275883, M. 89565-99883

WANTED PREMISES ON LEASE BASIS FOR BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

Bank of Maharashtra requires suitable premises on Ground Floor with appropriate frontage and sufficient parking space for Opening of New Branch & ATM on lease basis. The details of premises required are as below:-

Centre Name	City/ Distt.	UT / State	Status of Branch	Area Required
Toph Sherkhania / Paloura	Jammu	J&K	New Branch	1100-1400 Sq. Ft.
Lal Chowk Amira Kalad / Batmaloo	Srinagar	J&K	ATM Premises	60-100 Sq. Ft.
/ Dal Gate / Regal Chowk / Sonwar / Baghat / Parnay Pora Airport Road / Near Railway Station				

The premises should be in an approved building conforming to the conditions stipulated by the Govt. Authorities for commercial use. Interested owners having clear title to the premises may submit their sealed offers in the prescribed format in two bids system i.e. (1) Technical Bid (2) Commercial Bid in two separate sealed envelopes to ZONAL OFFICE, BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, 1ST FLOOR, JAI KARTAR BHAWAN, NEAR CIRCUIT HOUSE, LUDHIANA - 141001 on or before 24.04.2025 at 04:00 P.M. Technical Bids will be opened on 24.04.2025 at 04:30 P.M. Format of Technical Bid and Commercial Bid can be downloaded from our Banks Website www.bankofmaharashtra.in-Tender Section. Offers with incomplete details / information and received after last date and time are liable for rejection. Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason what so ever. Sd/- Date: 18/04/2025 Place: Ludhiana ZONAL MANAGER

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shame Singh S/o Sh. Dhram Singh S/o Sh. Lalchand Singh R/o VPO Kilo Khari, Distt. Rohtak declare that my two sales deed No. 6591 Dt. 27.03.1986 Bahi No. 3040 and sale deed No. 2564 Dt. 02.06.2014 Bahi No. 1, Page No. 45 measuring 100 sq yards being MC id number 1HF2PB873 situated in Surya Nagar, Near Basant Vinay, Rohtak, are VKGSA terred at office of Sub Registrar Rohtak has been lost. A Police Report has also been Registered vide application no. 132370312500204 with Haryana Police. If anybody found mentioned sale Deed be informed to undersigned if any body has any Objection then files replied along with the proof of ownership within 7 days before the undersigned. After lapsation of the Stipulated period no claim shall be accepted.

Notice

It is informed to public at large that We, Anuradha Wo Sh. Kuldeep R/o Mahviya Nagar Durgam Mandir Rishi kesh Samalkha Distt. Panipat owned and possessed one House/Property measuring area 75 Sq. yds. Situated at Gandhi Colony Samalkha Tehsil Samalkha Panipat vide Sale deed bearing vaska no.4424 dt.26-03-2015 registered in the office of S.R. Samalkha. Before us, Suman Wo Sh. Naveen R/o Railway Road Samalkha Distt. Panipat was owner in possession of the aforesaid property vide Sale deed no. 2433 dt.29-09-2014 S.R. Samalkha. Before Suman, I, Neelem Wo Sh. Dharambar R/o Krishna Colony Samalkha 2. Smt. Sneh Wo Sh. Naveen R/o Adarsh Nagar Samalkha was owner in possession of the aforesaid property vide Sale deed no. 3248 dt.11-12-2012 S.R. Samalkha. Before I, Neelem, 2. Smt. Sneh, Smt. Anita Wo Sh. Jagbir Singh R/o Sahapur Hardwar was owner in possession of the aforesaid property vide Sale deed no. 4134 dt.22-02-2012 S.R. Samalkha. Aforesaid Sale deed no. 4134 dt. 22-02-2012 has been lost from me and in this regard DDR No. 132340712500639 has been lodged with police station SAMALKHA, Panipat by me. Now D/KS24 W/O/ANJISH wants to avail loan facility from RBL Bank Limited, Panipat on above said property Anuradha Wo Sh. Kuldeep had already agreed to sell of above said property with Diksha Wo Rajnish if any person, legal heir, institution/financial institution have any kind of objection mortgaging of above said property with RBL Bank Limited, Panipat may file his/her/their objection within 7 days of publication of this notice at below mentioned address.Surender Singh Advocate, Ch.No.9-10, Ground Floor, Lawyers Chambers Complex, Distt. Courts Panipat.

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COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh. Supinder Singh Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana

SUKHDEV SINGH V/s PIARA SINGH

CNR No.:PBLD02-003968-2024 Next Date: 20-05-2025

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:- JASWINDER SINGH Father:- S. AJAIB SINGH RESIDENT OF VILLAGE LOHARA, DISTRICT LUDHIANA

In above titled case, the defendant (s)/ respondent (s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant (s)/ respondent (s) should appear in person or through counsel on 20-05-2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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Sh. Supinder Singh, PCS, Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana

Dated, this day of 16-04-2025

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Editor's TAKE

Preserving the past for the future's sake

World Heritage Day is all about protecting the identity, values and creativity of humanity

Every year on April 18, countries around the globe come together to celebrate World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites. This important occasion, established by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in 1982 and later approved by UNESCO, serves as a reminder of the value of our cultural heritage — and the responsibility we all share to protect it.

Heritage — both tangible and intangible — is the collective memory of civilisations. It tells stories of who we are, where we came from, and how our societies evolved. While time, climate, and natural weathering have always been enemies of ancient structures and traditions, a more immediate and insidious threat today comes from political ideologies and regimes. Around the world, we have witnessed deliberate destruction of heritage as acts of dominance, revisionism, or retaliation. In trying to erase the past, these regimes destroy not just structures, but identity itself.

One of the most tragic and symbolic examples was the destruction of the Bamiyan Buddhas by the Taliban in 2001. Carved in the 6th century, these towering statues were not just monuments of religious and artistic significance — they were irreplaceable pages of Afghan history. Their demolition was a stark message: the regime rejected not only the statues, but the entire cultural lineage they represented.

In Russia, we have seen another kind of heritage demolition. After the fall of the Soviet Union, statues of Lenin and other Communist-era icons were removed or destroyed by the new regime. While many saw this as necessary to move forward from a dark period, these relics were also historic markers — powerful reminders of an era that, like it or not, shaped the modern state. Similar stories play out in other regions. In post-colonial Africa and Latin America, monuments to colonisers have been toppled by newly empowered governments or protest movements. These acts are often cathartic for communities, but they also risk oversimplifying history by erasing it altogether.

India, a country with millennia of layered history, offers a complex example. On one hand, India has shown tremendous commitment to preserving its ancient temples, forts, and cities. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) manages thousands of monuments, and sites like the Taj Mahal, Hampi, and Khajuraho receive not just national, but global attention and protection. On the other hand, certain political narratives have led to the neglect, distortion, or even destruction of heritage. Mughal-era structures and other Islamic sites have sometimes been portrayed as symbols of foreign oppression rather than integral parts of India's pluralistic history. Controversies like the Gyanvapi Mosque case or the renaming of historic cities (e.g. Allahabad to Prayagraj) show how heritage is being rewritten to fit modern ideologies. India's heritage, like its culture, is layered and syncretic. To dismantle one layer in favour of another is to misunderstand the very nature of its identity.

When a regime destroys heritage, it isn't just erasing the past — it is destroying a mirror to itself. History cannot be undone. No matter how uncomfortable, the past lives in us. Monuments are not merely stones or statues; they are vessels of memory, cautionary tales, achievements, failures, and everything in between. Their destruction is a loss to humanity, not just a nation. As political tides shift, there is a growing need for governments to adopt a more mature approach to heritage. Recognise its value beyond ideology. Understand that history, in all its complexity, must be preserved, studied, and remembered — not sanitised or destroyed. Ultimately, heritage is not just about the past — it's about continuity. In destroying it, we are only severing ourselves from what could teach us, ground us, and guide us into the future.

Leaderspeak



Harvard has set an example for other higher-ed institutions – rejecting an unlawful and ham-handed attempt to stifle academic freedom, while taking concrete steps to make sure all students at Harvard can benefit from an environment of intellectual inquiry, rigorous debate and mutual respect. Let's hope other institutions follow suit.

FORMER US PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

India's market resilience shines

Madam — Indian equities soared as markets reopened after an extended weekend, with the NSE Nifty 50 Index rallying by up to 2.4 per cent on Tuesday in Mumbai, surpassing its 2 April closing level. According to Bloomberg, this rebound positions India as the first major global market to recover from losses triggered by reciprocal tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump earlier this month. Investors continue to place confidence in India's large, domestic-driven economy, which appears better equipped to weather a potential global slowdown than markets more exposed to US tariffs.

Amid the escalating US — China trade war, India has emerged as a viable alternative manufacturing hub. Unlike Beijing's combative stance, India has maintained a conciliatory approach and is actively working towards a provisional trade agreement with Washington.

This recovery is indeed a positive sign for India's economic resilience. India's steady performance amidst global volatility reflects the strength of its domestic consumption, robust financial systems, and prudent policy measures.

As geopolitical tensions and protectionist policies unsettle other economies, India's focus on self-reliance, infrastructure development, and investor-friendly reforms offers a competitive edge. This rebound is not just a short-term surge — it signals long-term confidence in India's growth trajectory.

Beneath the surface-level diversity lies a profound truth: the core principles that govern human relationships are remarkably consistent. These shared values — truth, respect and fairness — form the bedrock of civil society

The fundamentals of all personal dealings and individual relationships, all over the world, are remarkably similar. Anywhere in the world, truth is upheld as a cardinal principle, and everywhere in the world, a line is considered drawn between proper and improper. It has nothing to do with which religion one follows, what is the colour of one's skin, or what are one's social norms. Similarly, killing is considered wrong, and so is taking something that does not belong to you. The list can be multiplied, and in all cases, there is a universal value system that brooks no distinction on account of language, creed, or anything else.

Put simply, the unifying principles of humanity are many and have withstood the test of time through millennia, and no one has found it worth his time to negate or contradict these principles.

It, therefore, does not follow that there are no differences between one part of the globe or another, or for that matter, all humanity agrees on everything.

There are differences of belief in matters of religion, creed, and values of behaviour. In certain communities, polyandry is accepted. In others, monogamy is considered desirable.

The enforcement of these values is sometimes through written laws enforceable by courts and, in certain cases, by social practices and beliefs, none of which go to a court.

The varieties are many, and the practices often differ sharply. It is this that makes the processes of legislation important, and the norms must be known to hold credence.

This is the birth of a civil society that has taken the form of nation-states and various national and international legislations that make up the world order.

In reasonable reality towards this end, some important steps have been taken, and certain important steps are yet to be undertaken to complete the cycle of total cohesiveness of the civil variety. This may take time to emerge.

For the present, it is important to register that one must agree to accept differences as a natural and essential part of global existence. The nation-states present one type of governance, and within the nation-states, there can be differences in ethnicity, practices, and norms.

The seeming diversity within an otherwise unifying framework is the experience of many nation-states.

It is therefore essential to recognise that tolerance, communication, and respect for each other's practices are essential to cohesive collective living.



VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

There are, even among nation-states, variations from monarchy and more, across relatively vast territories to small existences of island states.

There are many variations, and one must learn to agree to disagree and yet remain tolerant.

This takes one back to the fundamental beliefs of accepting mutual dignity as a human being and recognising that one must not inflict one's values on others.

What can be stated so simply can become comparatively complicated to practise, and these are the roots of much conflict which takes place even in civil states.

Understanding the anatomy of conflict, therefore, requires a need for a concurrent understanding of the practice of the principles of 'live and let live'.

Perhaps this should be made a part of each

child's learning before the child grows into adulthood. The present stage of learning through different stages of school and colleges emphasises knowledge acquisition. There is nothing wrong with that. What is needed, however, is the recognition that one has to let others live to be able to live oneself peacefully and happily.

These are lifestyle learnings and not knowledge learnings. It is, therefore, necessary to keep re-examining the fundamentals of educational systems and values which make coexistence not only desirable but feasible.

Put simply, a recognition of individual identities is useful, but a recognition of the other person's right to that living is also a must. For the physically powerful, adopting a stance of dominance, assertion, and compulsion is easy.

There has to be self-restraint in recognising how this is a must if the other person also needs to have the same spaces for life as one wants for oneself.

The long and short of it is not just the development of the mind, not just the devel-

opment of one's might, but also the development of one's patience, one's understanding, and how necessary it is to respect each other's identity.

A marriage, and a family, are the basic unit of the constitution of a civil society, and it is important to inculcate these values at the core of these institutions.

This can be best done by example and by reflection that the other person has the same right as one wants for oneself.

It is a happy truth that civilisational values have progressively advanced in that direction. That there are notable exceptions is understandable.

Perhaps dealing with it with patience and purpose is the way forward. It takes time but can be done with positive practices in the family and positive values in collective places like schools and elsewhere. The direction is non-negotiable, and the attempt is worth its effort.

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Why we must learn to laugh at ourselves again

SECOND Opinion

BY ASHA IYER KUMAR

Once upon a time, we laughed without offence or guilt. We laughed at power, at politics, at bureaucracy, and most of all, at ourselves. It was a laughter steeped not in mockery but in a shared understanding of the absurdities of life. Remember R. K. Laxman's Common Man?

The bespectacled, bewildered figure who stood silently witnessing the nation's daily dramas was our collective conscience drawn in ink. His was the lens through which middle-class India smiled at its foibles. No one was spared, and yet no one was wounded. His cartoons, which ran for decades under the banner You Said It, didn't merely capture the socio-political temperature — they made us laugh through the chaos, without cynicism, without rage, and it inspired us to gauge ourselves on the scale of changing times. How far we've come — and not for the better! Just the other day, The Times of India reported that Western Railway in Mumbai asked for the removal of a hoarding that humorously depicted Mumbai's famously crowded local trains.

Everyone who knows the city even remotely will vouch that the depiction wasn't far from reality. But even reality now seems too irreverent to tolerate. Our thresholds have shrunk. Satire is suspect. Irony is an offence. And humour — a great salve to wounded hearts — has become a minefield. It is as though

we have forgotten how to laugh without hurting, or how to be the subject of a joke without taking it personally. The public frame has grown brittle. Everything is either an insult or an agenda. Our collective skin has thinned, and with it, our ability to process humour as a mirror rather than a missile. We have become sensitive to our peril, for laughter now is no more a medicine but an action to be indulged in stealth. We now laugh at our own risk, for not all out there are amused. But let us pause here. What does it mean to laugh at oneself? And why is it so crucial to the health of a society, and to the sanity of the individual? To laugh at oneself is acknowledging one's imperfections without shame or embarrassment. It is to accept the human comedy in which we are all actors, fumbling, contradicting, faltering and having great falls like Humpty-Dumpty.

It is an act of humility. And humility, unlike humiliation, does not diminish. It enlarges us. It softens the ego, smoothenes the sharp edges of pride, and allows us to be more forgiving — towards others, yes, but especially towards ourselves. We are not meant to take ourselves too seriously. The capacity to see one's absurdity, to smile at it, and even to share it with others, is a mark of inner strength.

In that laughter is a quiet wisdom — the wisdom to know that life is far too unpredictable to be lived in perpetual indignation. And as creatures, we are too tiny and insignificant in the canvas of the cosmos. Philosophers from every tradition have hinted at this. In Zen, the enlightened monk is often depicted laughing. In ancient Greece, Socrates was known for his irony, and his capacity to deflate pomposity through

humour. Closer home, the Bhakti poets gently mocked dogma and orthodoxy. Their irreverence was rooted in love, not spite. They knew that humour could illuminate truth in ways solemnity never could, and it was taken in its true spirit. But today, we confuse being offended with being right. And so, we silence the comedian, the cartoonist, the satirist, and slowly, we silence ourselves. We build fortresses around our fragility and call it righteousness. We seek apology where we should seek perspective.

This is not a defence for vulgarity or cruelty masquerading as humour, which too has become abundant in these indiscreet times. We know the difference between crassness and coolness. And we must always be vigilant against humour that punches down, that mocks the marginalised, that cloaks prejudice in punchlines or masks depravity in insensitivity. But the answer to bad humour is not humourlessness. It is better humour. Finer irony. Truer satire. And most of all, a thicker skin. As a society, we need to grow up. We need to rediscover the art of laughing together and at ourselves.

The Common Man did not need to speak because the society around him understood the language of the silent chuckle. That silent chuckle is now endangered. Let us then re-learn the ability to look at ourselves with a smile, not a scowl. Let us not fear humour; let us fear the day when we lose our humour. When people can no longer laugh at themselves, they are no longer free.

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ILAYARAJA'S LEGAL FIGHT FOR CREATIVE RIGHTS IN FILM MUSIC

Veteran music composer Ilayaraja has taken legal action against the makers of Ajith's recent film Good Bad Ugly for using three of his iconic songs without prior consent. The songs in question — Illamai Idho Idho from Sakalakala Vallavan, En Jodi Manja Kuruvi from Vikram (1986), and Oththa Roova from Nattupura Pattu — were used without permission.

Ilayaraja has demanded a formal apology and ₹5 crore in compensation from the production house. This case highlights Ilayaraja's unwavering commitment to protecting his creative legacy and reinforces the importance of respecting intellectual property rights. In the past, he has repeatedly defended his works against unauthorised usage. Gone are the days when filmmakers collaborated extensively with composers to create original music. Today's trend of remixing and reusing old songs might offer short-term appeal but erodes originality and often

leads to copyright violations. It is high time that filmmakers prioritised creativity over gimmicks and ensured legal compliance in music usage.

This incident underscores the growing menace of piracy and blatant copyright violations in the Indian film industry. Using a creator's work without consent not only disrespects their artistry but also sets a dangerous precedent — one that undermines intellectual property rights. Ilayaraja's legal stand is a reminder that creativity must be protected, not exploited.

In an era where originality is often overshadowed by remixes and recreations, strict enforcement of copyright laws is crucial. The industry must foster a culture that values artistic integrity, ensures rightful compensation, and deters infringement — to safeguard the future of creative expression in India. The government must take strict action against any violations.

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Letters to the Editor

A bold step towards social justice

Madam — The Telangana Government's decision to divide Scheduled Castes (SCs) into three categories is a commendable move towards social justice. It's important to note that the Supreme Court, in its August 2024 verdict, permitted such classification. There are undeniable disparities within the SC community. While some groups have benefited from government schemes, others remain marginalised. By dividing SCs into three groups — each comprising various sub-castes — the Government aims to ensure that the most disadvantaged are not left behind. Other states should take inspiration from Telangana's initiative.

However, while categorisation is a step forward, much remains to be done for the overall development of the SC community. Education must be made accessible to all members of the community, as it is the most effective tool for empowerment. Additionally, self-employment opportunities and skill development programmes must be introduced to boost economic independence.

After all, inclusive human resource development is essential for national progress. To truly uplift the SC community, this categorisation must be followed by sustained policy action. Holistic measures in education, employment, and skill training are vital. Only through inclusive development can we bridge internal disparities and ensure that every section of society participates equally in the nation's progress.

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JAYANTHY SUBRAMANIAM | MUMBAI

A defining moment for Congress

Madam — Referring to the headline 'National Herald Case: ED Chargesheet Sonia, Rahul' (16 April), the Enforcement Directorate's chargesheet marks a serious escalation in the money laundering case involving the Gandhi family and the Congress party.

The allegations of financial irregularities in the Young Indian case are grave. Rather than presenting legal rebuttals, the Congress appears to be adopting a political counter-narrative, blaming the Government.

Moreover, Rahul Gandhi has yet to clarify his citizenship status amid ongoing allegations by Subramanian Swamy. The ED's chargesheet details ₹988 crore in alleged misappropriation, with market valuations of assets pegged at approximately ₹5,000 crore.

This is one of the most significant financial scandals to implicate a political family at the national level. The Congress must focus on proving its innocence in court rather than politicising the issue. It is essential that the judiciary ensures speedy justice, especially when such a high-profile case is involved. The seriousness of the charges demands transparency, accountability, and a fair legal process.

As public trust in institutions is at stake, both the Congress party and the Gandhi family must prioritise legal clarity over political rhetoric. Swift and impartial judicial proceedings will not only uphold the rule of law but also strengthen democratic credibility.

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River ecosystems in the shadow of sand mining

As illegal mining alters the riverbeds and drains life from these once-thriving arteries, the need for sustainable management becomes urgent. To preserve rivers as living, life-giving entities, we must shift from exploitation to stewardship, write **BKP SINHA** and **AJAY JHA**

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Rivers are more than just flowing water — they are living archives of the Earth’s memory, coded in sediment, speed, erosion, and the contours of their valleys.

Each river carries within it a unique story of origin, shaped by the terrain it traverses and the climates it endures.

Their courses mark the pulse of the land, shifting over centuries, yet always finding a path forward. In their constant motion, rivers mirror the rhythms of nature — cyclical, adaptive, and ever-evolving.

The flow of a river is driven by the force of gravity, which is counteracted by the resistance of the terrain it flows through.

The characteristics of the surrounding environment, such as the landscape’s shape, soil type, vegetation, and factors like climate, land use, and geological play a significant role in determining the river’s flow rate, the course it follows, and the sediments it carries. As rivers flow through diverse landscapes, they expose the layers beneath the surface, providing a glimpse into the Earth’s geological history

The sediments they carry — from fine silt to large boulders — reveal rock types, erosion patterns, and the entities that give shape to the terrain they have crossed. As rivers leave steep slopes for gentler terrain, their speed drops, reducing erosion.

They begin depositing transported sediments, with coarser materials giving way to finer silt, clay, and sand. The river may meander, forming curves and oxbow lakes, while sediment builds up along banks and floodplains, creating a more stable course and aquatic ecosystems.

Continuous erosion and deposition, however, cause these river channels to change course, often leading to braided river patterns with multiple interconnected streams.

Naturally developed embankments do help contain the river during high flows, prevent erosion of floodplains, and check disruption of ecosystems including any significant alterations to the river’s path. The floods, however, deposit fertile silt on floodplains, enriching soil for agriculture like in the Indo–Gangetic plain. Again, as they approach larger water bodies, intricate deltas are formed, creating biodiverse ecosystems as exemplified in the vast Ganges–Brahmaputra Delta.

As the rivers flow, they provide a variety of resources and life-supporting services. Securing their ecological health is essential for the survival of humanity. River sand, apparently a relatively innocuous item made available by rivers, is in great demand, especially for construction activity. The extraction of river sand is regulated by the Government.

With increasing focus on construction in recent times, however, almost all the states in the country are facing an acute problem of illegal mining of river sand. Major lengths of the rivers being in non-forest areas, the newspapers abounded with journalistic accounts regarding assaults by illegal sand miners on the revenue department’s enforcement agency. Indicating, however, that the sand mafia is entering forest areas too in the current construction season, there are reports of several assaults on foresters too.



Sand is abundantly available in deserts, but the sand particles created by wind erosion are rounded and hence are less suitable for construction. Construction-grade sand should be angular and with a certain mineral composition.

The proportion of fine particles (e.g. sand) and coarse particles (e.g. gravel), along with the cost of mining and transport, lead the extraction agencies to select the favourable spots. Indiscriminate sand mining, whether in the active channel or floodplain terraces, however, impacts the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of the riverscape apart from the human populations.

There are strong reasons for regulating river sand extraction. Depending on the type of mining, the riverbed’s morphology changes, the groundwater table of the surrounding area is lowered, the stability of the riverbank is affected, and the flow regime of the river and the dynamic equilibrium of erosion and sedimentation gets permanently affected. They make way for disasters to happen.

As regards the chemical impact, the sand excavation and transport machinery severely degrade water and air quality through fuel/oil spills and exhaust

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fumes. Extraction of river sand removes sediment-bound nutrients from the mining site which are then deposited on downstream sandbars. While these nutrient-rich deposits support green floodplains as seen along India’s Periyar River, the process signifies a loss of nutrients from the river system but a reduced nutrient flow from land to marine environments.

Continuous removal of a sand layer of the riverbed can lead to the destruction of the habitat of microorganisms maintaining the river’s biological health and endanger ecosystem services. Increased turbidity due to sand mining in active channels can block sunlight, hinder photosynthesis, and exterminate aquatic life like diatoms, macroinvertebrates, benthic algae, and fish eggs.

The shallow and braided flow impedes fish migration between flows and pools, disrupting the entire food web. Studies show that rampant sand mining has threatened species like the Ganges River dolphin and Chambal River’s gharial. Further, unregulated sand mining results in the loss of aquatic flora and also riverside vegetation due to lowered water table, damaging the ‘Shaded Riverine Aquatic Habitat’ (SRA), which provides shade, bank stabilisation, and

nutrients to numerous organisms.

Again, the disturbed ecosystem creates conditions favourable for the proliferation of invasive species, such as the water hyacinth, in many Indian riverscapes. The repercussions of ecological instability are cumulative and far-reaching.

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The lowering of groundwater tables due to sand extraction is reported in the Achankovil and Manimala river basins in Kerala, where wells have dried up and agricultural productivity dropped as irrigation structures became ineffective. The decline in fisheries productivity has been reported in the Ganges River and other basins, impacting local livelihoods directly.

Meeting the ever-increasing demand for sand while adhering to sustainable sand mining practices in the interest of the river’s survival is a formidable challenge today. With the Government’s will to ensure the conservation and sustenance of our river systems as the non-negotiable premise, a range of responsible approaches must be adopted.

They should include creation of inventory of the available sustainable resources based on scientific study, carefully selected locations for extraction, pre- and post-mining baseline surveys, controlled extraction volumes, phased mining with concurrent or subsequent reclamation of mined areas through measures like refilling and revegetation, no extraction during seasons of aqua fauna’s high biological activity, and third-party monitoring and evaluation as well as social audit of mining activities involving villagers and using GPS and drone surveillance as in Kerala.

Simultaneously, a concerted effort be made to diminish reliance on natural river sand by promoting the recycling of construction and demolition waste and the adoption of alternative materials like manufactured sand (M-sand), which is being promoted in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

While the ideal scenario involves widespread adherence to the above-suggested action points, developing a well-grounded strategy for effective enforcement has no alternative so far as a balanced and environmentally sound approach to sand management and riverscape conservation is concerned. Rivers have long been revered as symbols of life and spirituality.

To truly understand our rivers, we must see them as a part of the ecosystem that sustains humanity, and not just as resources to be exploited.

They deserve to be approached with cultural humility, legal innovation, and ecological wisdom. In the face of climate change and environmental degradation also, rivers stand as an eternal reminder that revival is always possible — if we learn to listen, respect, and align ourselves in harmony with nature.

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India’s startup surge: A new innovation powerhouse

In less than ten years, India has transformed from a budding startup landscape into the world’s third-largest startup ecosystem, behind only the United States and the United Kingdom, write **VINAY PATHAK** and **SANDEEP JOSHI**

In just a decade, India’s startup ecosystem has emerged as a powerful driver of innovation, employment, and national competitiveness. From a nascent startup scene, India has exploded into one of the world’s most dynamic and rapidly expanding startup ecosystems.

The numbers tell a dramatic story, where from approximately 500 Government-recognised startups in 2016, the count surged to over 1.59 lakh by 15 January 2025.

This is not just development, but represents a fundamental change in India’s economic structure, making the country the world’s third-largest startup hub, after the United States and the United Kingdom. The presence of over 100 unicorns depicts the scale and value being created within this vibrant ecosystem.

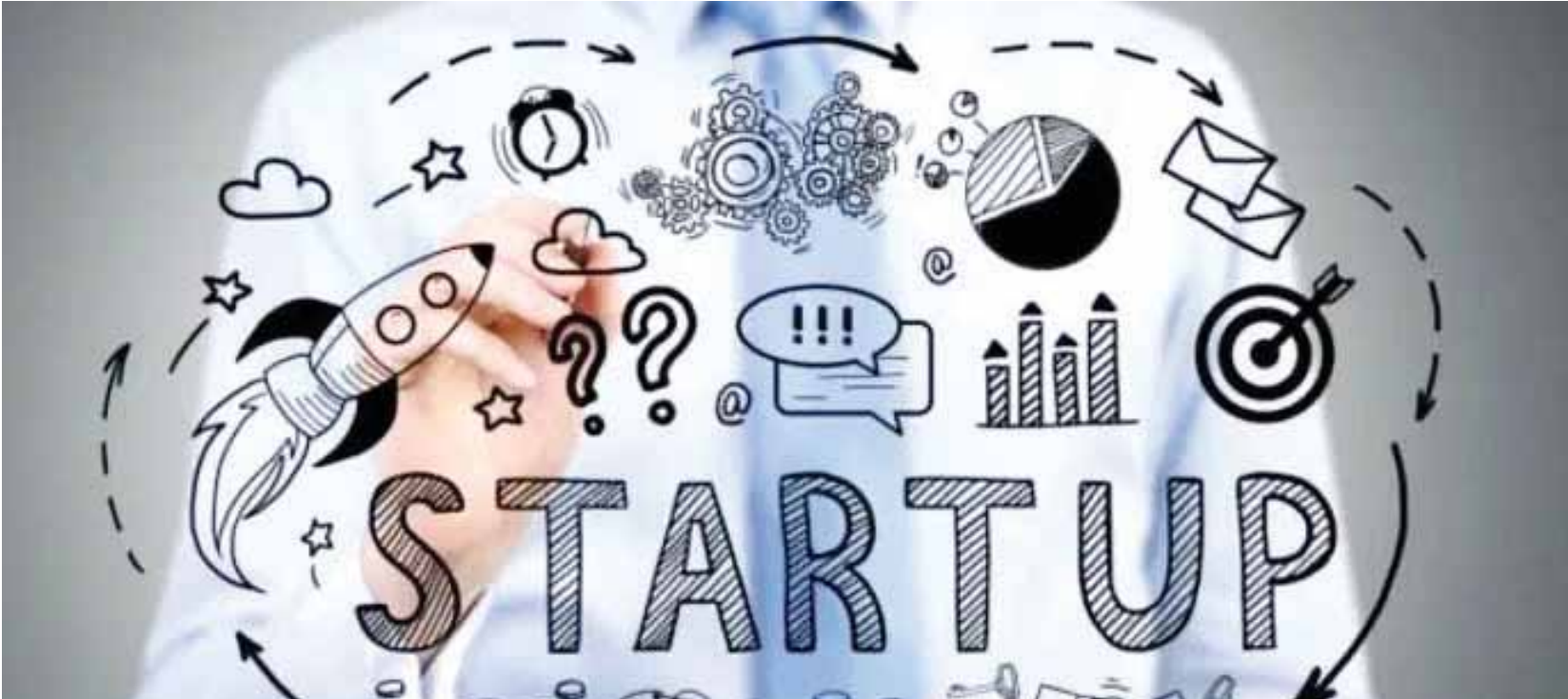
India’s startup boom, from 2014 to early 2025, is not just a result of entrepreneurial spirit but the outcome of a powerful convergence — the drive of Indian entrepreneurs coupled with proactive government policies designed to nurture a thriving ecosystem.

This remarkable growth highlights the synergy between intentional policy and organic innovation, unleashing hidden potential across the nation. It demonstrates how focused efforts have transformed ideas into successful businesses, paving the way for India’s emergence as a global startup hub.

The exponential growth trajectory of India’s startup ecosystem coincides directly with the rollout of key government programmes and visionary leadership that removed roadblocks and actively fostered innovation. Launched in 2016, these initiatives provided a structured framework that catalysed the entrepreneurial surge. Pivotal to this transformation was the launch of the Startup India initiative in January 2016.

Envisioned as a flagship programme, its core objective was to cultivate a startup culture, build a robust and inclusive ecosystem, and fundamentally transform India into a country of “job creators instead of job seekers.”

India’s visionary leadership has transformed the nation from job-seekers to job providers, reflecting its entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to building a self-



reliant, job-generating economy. It wasn’t just a slogan; it was backed by a comprehensive Action Plan focusing on Simplification, Funding, and Incubation. This framework offered tax exemptions, simplified compliance, and financial support to help early-stage ventures overcome funding and regulatory challenges.

Simultaneously, the Government launched the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in 2016, which fostered a culture of innovation through initiatives like the Atal Tinkering Labs and Atal Incubation Centres. These programmes not only nurtured young talent but also created a robust infrastructure that supported startups across diverse sectors, including technology, healthcare, and manufacturing. AIM’s focus on nurturing creativity and research has played a crucial role in strengthening the ecosystem and preparing it for the future.

In 2024, the Indian Government made a transformative decision by abolishing the angel tax in the Union Budget. Introduced in 2012, this tax had acted as

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a significant obstacle for investors, discouraging investment by imposing levies on capital raised above fair market value, often hindering critical funding at vital stages. This step has cleared the way for a more investor-friendly environment, fostering growth and opportunity for startups across the nation.

The removal of this tax has been celebrated as a major step towards creating a more investor-friendly environment, helping startups access the funding they need to scale and succeed.

The decision to abolish the angel tax, alongside other reforms, showcases the Government’s commitment to providing a conducive atmosphere for entrepreneurship to thrive. The growth of India’s startup ecosystem has been far from centralised. While traditional tech hubs like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Gurugram remain significant, a noticeable shift has occurred as entrepreneurs from smaller cities and towns have begun to make their mark.

This democratisation of innovation has been facilitated by the Government’s push

for a more inclusive startup ecosystem that is accessible to a broader pool of talent.

Sectors like fintech, healthcare, and agritech have emerged as hotspots for innovation, with over 1,300 active tech startups added in 2022 alone. The Government has played a vital role in fostering growth within these sectors, encouraging investment and providing specialised support to startups that address critical societal needs.

For instance, fintech startups have revolutionised access to financial services, healthcare ventures have improved healthcare delivery, and agritech innovations have brought efficiency to the agriculture sector. Despite facing challenges like funding slowdowns and hiring freezes, the ecosystem demonstrated resilience. In 2023, India added over 1,000 startups, including 400 in emerging areas, underscoring the sector’s adaptability.

The journey of our nation from ancient to modern India is a saga of remarkable achievements and milestones. It begins with the wisdom of great saints, progresses through the profound teachings of Swami

Vivekananda and the Upanishads, and extends to the strides of modern innovation like the upagrah (satellite) and the evolution from the traditional Kumbh Mela to the Startup Kumbh Mela. Each chapter of this journey stands as a powerful testament to our nation’s relentless hard work, groundbreaking innovation, and unwavering self-reliance.

India is now rapidly emerging as a global leader in fostering sustainable, innovative, and thriving startups. As reported by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on 16 January 2025, the country commemorates nine years of Startup India, a game-changing initiative launched in 2016. National Startup Day marks a key milestone in India’s entrepreneurial journey.

Startup India, launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has become a cornerstone of national innovation and growth. It has championed the entrepreneurial spirit across the country, empowering thousands to explore creativity and innovation. As a result, India has become the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world.

India’s startup story is a testament to the indomitable entrepreneurial spirit of New India. Since 2016, our vision has been to drive innovation, provide financial support, and nurture budding businesses. In just under a decade, ideas have evolved into industry giants, and dreams have become tangible realities.

Today, India stands tall, not only as a hub for technology but as a beacon of progress across diverse sectors. Our achievements in areas like vaccination further reflect our scientific prowess and societal resilience.

Inspired by the principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) and Na Phaleshu Kadachana (focus on action, not results), India continues to grow with values at its core. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s push for “Vikas bhi, Virasat bhi” (growth and heritage, hand in hand) defines today’s India — which is modern and aspirational, yet deeply rooted in its rich traditions and culture. India’s story is not just one of economic expansion, but a journey of purpose, passion, and progress.

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Trump joins tariff talks with Japan as US seeks deals amid trade wars

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Washington

President Donald Trump on Wednesday inserted himself directly into trade talks with Japanese officials, a sign of the high stakes for the United States after its tariffs rattled the economy and caused the administration to assure the public that it would quickly reach deals.

The Republican president attended the meeting alongside Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, top economic advisers with a central role in his trade and tariff policies.

“Hopefully something can be worked out which is good (GREAT!) for Japan and the USA!” Trump wrote in a social media post ahead of the meeting.

Afterward, he posted: “A Great Honour to have just met with the Japanese Delegation on Trade. Big Progress!”

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba told reporters Thursday in Tokyo that his chief trade negotiator, Ryosei Akazawa, told him from Washington that the talks were “very candid and constructive.”

“Of course the talks are not easy, but President Trump stated his intention to make this negotiation a top priority,” Ishiba said. “I believe we had talks that lead to a next step.”



Ishiba said he will closely watch how ministerial talks go and plans to visit Washington to meet with Trump at an appropriate time.

Trump's choice to get directly involved in negotiations points to his desire to quickly finalise a slew of trade deals as China is pursuing its own set of agreements. It's an open test of Trump's reputation as a dealmaker as countries around the world seek to limit the potential damage unleashed by his import taxes.

The sweeping tariffs that Trump announced on April 2 triggered panic in the financial markets and generated recession fears, causing the US president to quickly put a partial 90-day hold on the import taxes and increase his already steep tariffs against China to as much as 145per cent.

The pause temporarily spared Japan from 24per cent across-the-board tariffs, but there continues to be a 10per cent baseline tariff and a 25per cent tax on import-

ed cars, auto parts, steel and aluminum exports.

With Japan charging an average tax rate of 1.9 per cent on other countries' goods and having a longstanding alliance with the US, the talks on Wednesday are a crucial indicator of whether the Trump administration can achieve a meaningful deal that reassures the markets, American voters and foreign allies.

US economic rival China, meanwhile, is trying to capitalise on the turmoil around Trump's announcements, with its leader, President Xi Jinping, touring nations of Southeast Asia and promoting his country as a more reliable trade partner.

Japan is among the first countries to start open negotiations with the US Trump and other administration officials have said the phones have been “ringing off the hook” with dozens of countries calling, eager to strike deals with a president who views himself as a master negotiator to avoid tariffs when the 90-day pause ends.

Israel and Vietnam have offered to zero out their tariff rates, but Trump has been noncommittal as to whether that would be sufficient. On Thursday, Trump is scheduled to meet with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, who will likely be carrying messages on behalf of the European Union about how to resolve the tariffs Trump placed on the 27-state group.

India-UK Defence group agrees to enhance collaboration

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

A review of Defence ties, with a particular focus on enhancing defence industry collaboration and boosting the 'Make in India' initiative, were on the agenda of the 24th India-UK Defence Consultative Group discussions here this week.

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and his British counterpart Permanent Secretary David Williams co-chaired the dialogue, which was aimed at deepening bilateral defence cooperation. The successful completion of the regular dialogue was confirmed by the Defence ministries on both sides in social media updates.

“The 24th India-UK Defence Consultative Group meeting in London saw Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and UK counterpart David Williams co-chair discussions, aimed at deepening bilateral defence cooperation,” the Indian Ministry of Defence said.

“Key focus areas included expanding defence industry collaboration and promoting the 'Make in India' initiative, especially in niche and emerging technologies,” the statement added.

It comes as the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence announced the final preparations for aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales to sail from Portsmouth on April 22 for its Indo-Pacific deployment, including planned port visits in India.

The upcoming deployment of the Carrier Strike Group, named Operation Highmast, is described as an opportunity for the United Kingdom's armed forces to conduct a major global deployment and a chance to exercise complex operations alongside partners and allies such as India.

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“The group will transit through the Indian Ocean, conducting exercises and port visits with partners including the US, India, Singapore and Malaysia, before joining 19 partner nations for Exercise Talisman Sabre near Australia, and then training alongside the Japanese Self-Defence Forces and conducting a port visit to India,” stated the UK Ministry of Defence.

The Indo-Pacific is seen as a “critical region” for United Kingdom trade, with imports and exports in the region worth billions of pounds for the United Kingdom economy.

The deployment will also provide a chance for United Kingdom companies to take part in trade events during port visits.

US threatens Harvard's foreign enrollment criteria

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New York

The Donald Trump administration has threatened to revoke Harvard University's eligibility to enrol international students if it doesn't submit detailed records of its foreign students' “illegal and violent activities.”

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem on Wednesday wrote a “scathing letter” demanding detailed records on Harvard's foreign student visa holders' illegal and violent activities by April 30, or face immediate loss of Student and Exchange Visitor Programme (SEVP) certification, a DHS news release said.

“Harvard bending the knee to anti-semitism — driven by its spineless leadership — fuels a cesspool of extremist riots and threatens our national security.”

“With anti-American, pro-Hamas ideology poisoning its campus and classrooms, Harvard's position as a top institution of higher learning is a distant memory. America demands more from universities entrusted with taxpayer dollars,” Noem said.

DHS said since Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack on Israel, Harvard's foreign visa-holding rioters and faculty have spewed antisemitic hate, targeting Jewish students.

“With a \$53.2 billion endowment, Harvard can fund its own chaos — DHS

won't. And if Harvard cannot verify it is in full compliance with its reporting requirements, the university will lose the privilege of enrolling foreign students,” it said. Earlier this week, Harvard had said the Trump administration issued an

updated and expanded list of demands, “warning that Harvard must comply if we intend to maintain [our] financial relationship with the federal government.”

Harvard President Alan Garber said the “unprecedented demands” being made by the federal government to control the Harvard community include requirements to “audit” the “viewpoints of our student body, faculty, staff, and to “reduc[e] the power” of certain students, faculty, and administrators targeted because of their ideological views.

“We have informed the administration through our legal counsel that we will not accept their proposed agreement.

China President Xi Jinping arrives in Cambodia to wrap up 3-nation Asia tour

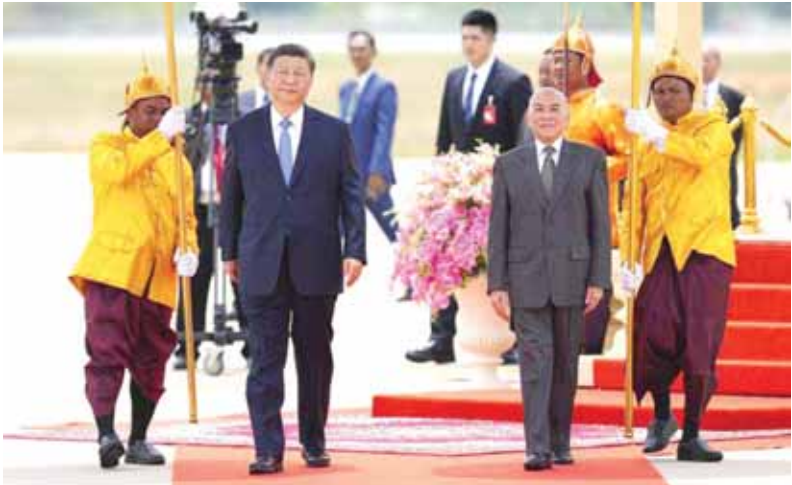
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Cambodia on Thursday for a two-day state visit that serves as an opportunity to further strengthen already robust relations. The visit, Xi's first since 2016, will conclude a three-nation Southeast Asian tour that included stops in Vietnam and Malaysia. China has been increasing its influence in the region over the past decade, largely by exercising its substantial economic leverage.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet recently described Beijing as “an important and indispensable friend of Cambodia that has helped support the country's economic and social development.” Xi was formally greeted at the airport in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh by head of state King Norodom Sihamoni. During his visit, Xi is also scheduled to meet Prime Minister Hun Manet and Senate President Hun Sen, who is Hun Manet's father and predecessor as prime minister. In a statement at Phnom Penh International Airport after his arrival on his presidential aircraft, an American-made Air China Boeing 747, Xi said he was “delighted” to visit again.

“Cambodia is a priority in China's neighbourhood diplomacy. China will unswervingly support Cambodia in upholding strategic autonomy and in pursuing a development path suited to its national conditions,” he said according to a transcript of his remarks distributed by the Chinese embassy. Trade will likely be a major topic of Xi's discussions in Cambodia, which faces among the highest tariff rates proposed by Washington. In addition to Trump's universal 10 per cent tariff, the country faces the threat of a 49 per cent tax on exports to the US once his 90-day pause expires.

In addition to discussions on strengthening bilateral ties and regional and international issues, several agreements are expected to be signed on cooperation in



various sectors. In both countries, Xi emphasised strengthening ties, particularly in trade and investment, amid global economic uncertainties and the backdrop of trade tensions with the United States. He underscored the need to oppose unilateralism and protectionism and uphold the multilateral trading system. China is presenting itself as a source of stability and certainty as Southeast Asia scrambles to respond to tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump, which threaten the region export-oriented economies whose largest markets are generally the United States.

Bangladesh, Pakistan hold talks after 15 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dhaka

Bangladesh and Pakistan on Thursday held a foreign secretary-level Foreign Office Consultation here after a gap of nearly 15 years and discussed the entire range of bilateral issues focusing on trade ties.

The meeting took place days ahead of Pakistan's Deputy PM and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar's visit to Dhaka. Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Jashim Uddin and Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Amna Baloch led their respective sides during the Foreign Office Consultation held at the state guest house Padma, state-run news agency Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha said. During the meeting, the two sides discussed the entire range of bilateral issues between the two nations, the BSS said.

Baloch, who arrived here on Wednesday, is scheduled to pay courtesy calls on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus and Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid Hossain later in the day.

The last FOC between Bangladesh and Pakistan was held in 2010. Dar's scheduled visit to Dhaka later this month, will be the maiden visit to Bangladesh since 2012.

Israeli strike kills family of 10 in Gaza

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Deir Al-Balah (Gaza Strip)

Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip overnight into Thursday killed at least 23 people, including a family of 10, local health officials said.

The United Nations meanwhile raised alarm over the mounting impact of Israel's six-week-old blockade preventing all food and other supplies from entering the territory. Israel ended its ceasefire with Hamas last month and renewed its bombardment, killing hundreds of people and seizing large parts of the territory to pressure the militants to accept changes to the agreement.

A strike in the southern city of Khan Younis killed five children, four women and a man from the same family, all of whom suffered severe burns, according to Nasser Hospital, which received the bodies. Strikes in northern Gaza killed 13 people, including nine children, according to the Indonesian Hospital. The Israeli military says it tries to avoid harming civilians and blames their deaths on Hamas because it operates in residential areas. There was no immediate comment on the latest strikes.

The UN humanitarian office, known as OCHA, said that almost all of Gaza's more than 2 million people now rely for food on the only 1 million prepared meals produced daily by charity kitchens supported by aid groups.

Other food distribution programmes have shut down for lack of supplies, and the UN and other aid groups have been sending their remaining stocks to the charity kitchens. The only other way to get food in Gaza is from markets. But most cannot afford to buy there because of spiralling prices and widespread shortages, meaning humanitarian aid is the primary food source for 80 per cent of the population, the World Food Programme said in its monthly report for April on Gaza's markets. “The Gaza Strip is now likely facing the worst humanitarian crisis in the 18 months since the escalation of hostilities in October 2023,” OCHA said.

Most people in Gaza are now down to one meal a day, said Shaina Low, a



spokesperson for the Norwegian Refugee Council. “It's far lower than what is needed,” she said. Water is also growing scarce, with Palestinians standing in long lines to fill jerry cans from trucks. Omar Shatat, an official with a local water utility, said people are down to six or seven litres per day, well below the amount the UN estimates is needed to meet basic needs.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said Wednesday that preventing humanitarian aid is one of the “central pressure tactics” used against Hamas, which Israel accuses of siphoning off aid to maintain its rule.

Israel is demanding that Hamas release more hostages at the start of any new ceasefire and ultimately agree to disarm and leave the territory. Katz said that even afterward Israel will continue to occupy large “security zones” inside Gaza.

Hamas is currently holding 59 hostages, 24 of whom are believed to be alive. It says it will only return them in exchange for the release of more Palestinian prisoners, a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and a lasting truce, as called for in the now-defunct ceasefire agreement reached earlier this year. Hani Almadhoun, co-founder of Gaza

Soup Kitchen, said his kitchen has food for about three more weeks. “But food is loosely defined. We have pasta and rice but nothing much beyond that. No fresh produce. There is no chicken or beef. The only thing we have is canned meat,” he said. He said 15-20 per cent of the people who come to his kitchen for food leave empty-handed.

The war began when Hamas-led militants attacked southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting 251. Most of the hostages have since been released in ceasefire agreements or other deals. Israel has rescued eight and recovered dozens of bodies. Israel's offensive has killed over 51,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which does not say how many of the dead were civilians or combatants. Israel says it has killed around 20,000 militants, without providing evidence.

The war has destroyed vast parts of Gaza and most of its food production capabilities. The war has displaced around 90 per cent of the population, with hundreds of thousands of people living in tent camps and bombed-out buildings.

Iran confirms second round of nuclear talks with United States set in Rome

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

Iran confirmed on Wednesday that the next round of nuclear talks with the United States this weekend will be held in Rome after earlier confusion over where the negotiations would be held.

The announcement by Iranian state television came as Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian formally approved the resignation of one of his vice presidents who served as Tehran's key negotiator in its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

The head of the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, Rafael Mariano Grossi of the International Atomic Energy Agency, also arrived in the Islamic Republic on Wednesday. His talks may include negotiations over just what access the IAEA inspectors can get under any proposed deal. The state TV announcement said Oman will again mediate the talks on Saturday in Rome. Oman's foreign minister served as an interlocutor between the two sides at talks last weekend in Muscat, the sultanate's capital.

Officials initially on Monday identified Rome as hosting the negotiations, only for Iran to insist early Tuesday they would return to Oman. American officials so far haven't said publicly where the talks will be held, though Trump did call Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq on Tuesday, while the ruler was on a trip to the Netherlands.

The stakes of the negotiations couldn't be higher for the two nations closing in on half a century of enmity. US President Donald Trump repeatedly has threatened to unleash airstrikes targeting Iran's nuclear program if a deal isn't reached. Iranian officials increasingly warn that they could pursue a nuclear weapon with their stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels.

Pezeshkian praises former vice president while acknowledging his resignation

The former vice president, Mohammad Javad Zarif, served as a key supporter of Pezeshkian in his election last year but

drew criticism from hard-liners within Iran's Shiite theocracy, who long have alleged Zarif gave away too much in negotiations. In March, Zarif tendered his resignation to Pezeshkian. However, the president did not immediately respond to the letter. Zarif has used resignation announcements in the past in his political career as leverage, including in a dispute last year over the composition of Pezeshkian's Cabinet. The president had rejected that resignation.

But on late Tuesday, a statement from the presidency said Pezeshkian wrote Zarif a letter praising him but accepting his resignation.

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“Pezeshkian emphasised that due to certain issues, his administration can no longer benefit from Zarif's valuable knowledge and expertise,” a statement from the presidency said.

The president in a decree appointed Mohsen Ismaili, 59, to be his new vice president for strategic affairs. In Iran's political system, the president has multiple vice presidents. Ismaili is known as a political moderate and a legal expert.

Grossi visit comes as Iran has restricted IAEA access

Grossi arrived in Tehran for meetings with Pezeshkian and others. He met Wednesday night with Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, writing on the social platform X after the meeting: “Cooperation with (the IAEA) is indispensable to provide credible assurances about the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme at a time when diplomacy is urgently needed.”

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency described Araghchi as briefing Grossi on

the first round of talks with the US, while also urging the IAEA to “adopt a clear and transparent stance regarding threats against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities.” Both Israel and the US have threatened to attack Iran's nuclear sites if a deal can't be reached to limit Tehran's programme.

“As variety of spoilers are gathered to derail current negotiations, we need a Director General of Peace,” Araghchi wrote on X. “Our predisposition is to trust Grossi in mission to keep the Agency away from politics and politicisation, and to retain focus on its technical mandate.”

Since the nuclear deal's collapse in 2018 with Trump's unilateral withdrawal of the US from the accord, Iran has abandoned all limits on its programme, and enriches uranium to up to 60 per cent purity — near weapons-grade levels of 90 per cent.

Surveillance cameras installed by the IAEA have been disrupted, while Iran has barred some of the Vienna-based agency's most experienced inspectors. Iranian officials also have increasingly threatened that they could pursue atomic weapons, something the West and the IAEA have been worried about for years since Tehran abandoned an organised weapons programme in 2003.

Any possible deal between Iran and the US likely would need to rely on the IAEA's expertise to ensure Tehran's compliance. And despite tensions between Iran and the agency, its access has not been entirely revoked.

Iran's foreign minister questions contradictory responses from US envoy

Meanwhile, Araghchi on Wednesday warned the US about taking contradictory stances in the talks.

That likely refers to comments from US Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff, who this week initially suggested a deal could see Iran go back to 3.67 per cent uranium enrichment — like in the 2015 deal reached by the Obama administration. Witkoff then followed up with saying “a deal with Iran will only be completed if it is a Trump deal.”

Gandhi's bust unveiled in South Africa

PROSS TRUST OF INDIA
Johannesburg

A larger-than-life bust of Mahatma Gandhi has been unveiled at the Anglo-Boer War Museum in the Free State province of South Africa, where apartheid legislation banned Indians for over a century. The bust in bronze by Padma Bhushan Awardee Ram Vangi Sutar was donated to the museum by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

It was unveiled on April 11 by Indian High Commissioner Prabhat Kumar alongside a documentary and a book on the hitherto untold story of the Indian involvement in the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902. Until Nelson Mandela was elected the first democratic


president of South Africa in 1994, the province previously known as Orange Free State debarred Indians by statute.

Even those travelling through the province to reach the coastal city of Durban, where their forebears first landed as sugarcane farm indentured labourers, had to secure advance permits.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Yandendra Kumar S/o late Shyam Sundar Sharma and his wife Bobby Sharma R/o Resident-IX/6089 Kashyap Mohalla, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-31, have severed all the relations with their two sons Nitin Sharma @ Lucky and his wife Renu Kaushik and younger son Puneet @ Gagan Sharma due to their misbehaviour and wrong conduct. My client shall not be responsible for any act and conduct done by him.
Pradeep Mahajan (Advocate)

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice	
The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMC/Line, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tender under One Packet System for the under noted work:-	
Name of work and location	POH (Periodic Overhauling) of TRT-2 machine at Track Machine Maintenance depot over Northern Railway including Mechanical, Pneumatic, Electrical/Electronic, Cabin repairing, Testing & commissioning.
Completion period of the work	06 Months
Approx cost of work	₹ 6917661.59
Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	₹ 138400.00
Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online)	Rs. Nil
Date & Time for submission of E-Tender and opening of tender	Tender document remain available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 17.04.2025 upto 15:00 Hrs on 08.05.2025 Tender Bids may be uploaded from 24.04.2025 & upto 15:00 hrs on 08.05.2025 on IREPS web site. The tender will be opened soon after 15:00 hrs on 08.05.2025.
Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in Above tender notice will be available for online submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 24.04.2025 to 08.05.2025. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.
Tender Notice No. 1-W-DY.CETMCL-POH-03-25-26 Dated: 17.04.2025 1165/2025 Serving Customers With A Smile	



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CAUTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public as well as the, Originally, vide Sale Deed pertaining to the property Bearing No.F-4, executed by Urban Improvement Housing and Construction Company through their Director and General Manager Mr. Mohan B. Lakhania in favour of Mr. Govind Prasad durg regd. as Doc. No.5461 Book I Vol. No.844 on pages 86-87 dated 26.07.1962 with SR-New Delhi. Thereafter Occupancy Certificate dated 27.07.1965 issued by MCD pertaining to the captioned property.

Whereas thereafter, Death Certificate of Mr. Govind Prashad issued by Govt. of National Capital Territory Delhi dated 25.10.1985, Whereas thereafter, Mutation Letter dated 31.12.1987 issued by MCD to Mr. Amrish Kumar Garg S/o Late Mr. Govind Prasad.

Seller: Mr. Amrish Kumar Garg S/o Late Govind Prasad.

Buyer: Dr. Kanwal Preet Gandhi, Dr. Balbir Singh Gandhi (Husband), and Dr. Rashmika Nanda (Married Daughter).

Address of the Buyer: Dr. Kanwal Preet Gandhi and Dr. Balbir Singh Gandhi - B-1/43, Block B-1, 2nd Floor, Safdarjung Enclave, South West Delhi-110029.

Address of Buyer: Dr. Rashmika Nanda- H. No.B-5, Anand Niketan, South Motibagh, South West Delhi-110021.

Purchase of "Residential Independent Building situated at F-4 Block-F, Situated at Green Park Extension situated in the Village of Yusuf Sarai Jat, Delhi Kutub Road, New Delhi-110016"

We are being finance housing loan for purchase of above mentioned resale property to the buyer. If anybody is having any objection may contact within 7 days of this publication.

DATE: 17/04/2025
PLACE: NEW DELHI

Branch Head, Central Bank of India, Safdarjung Branch, New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg. Vacant Plot of land area measuring 50 sq.yds., falling in Kharsa No. 244, mm., situated at Village Sadulabad in the abadi of New Anand Vihar Colony, Pragana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad (UP) (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property").

Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Bhure Singh & Mrs. Seema Devi (hereinafter called the "Purchasers") intends to purchase the said property from Mr. Khursheed, Attorney of Mr. Harendra Kumar (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder"). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute attorney holder in respect of the said property vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 21.05.2001 executed by Mr. Harendra Kumar. And Mr. Harendra Kumar owned the said property vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 18.05.2000 executed by Mr. Ajmuntilla. The Attorney holder has also informed the purchaser that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said property.

Any person including Bank's, Financial Institution's, relatives/ having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said property is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the attorney-holder in respect of the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

Shivkant Arora, Advocate
M/s Integre Law Offices
A-74, LGF, Defence Colony,
New Delhi-110024

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vikram Kumar @ Vipin Sharma S/o Manbahadur, R/o N-21/B-90, Mouji Wala Bagh, Lal Bagh Azadpur, North West Delhi- 110033 has changed my name from Vikram Kumar @ Vipin Sharma to Vikram Kumar, vide affidavit dated 17/04/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1884)C

I, Krishna Devi, Mother of- No.10136768M NK Vijay Yadav, R/o- Vill- Dinod Gate, Ahiri Ki Dhani, PO/Teh/Dist- Bhiwani, Haryana, have changed my name from Krishna Devi to Krishna, vide affidavit dated 17/04/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

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FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow

SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Dated: 25th March, 2025

Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 14 of 2025
ICICI Bank Ltd.
V/s
Sanchay Arya & Another

To,
1. Sanchay Arya
S/o. Shri Subhash Arya
R/o A-810, Anjora Integrity, Rajnagar Extension, Shiv Mandir, Ghaziabad-201017
...Defendant No. 1

2. Kiran Arya
W/o. Shri Subhash Arya
R/o. A-810, Anjora Integrity, Rajnagar Extension, Shiv Mandir, Ghaziabad - 201017
...Defendant No. 2

In the above noted Original application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 29/05/2025 at 10.30 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow

SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

Dated:- 21/03/2025

Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Original Application No. 1268 of 2024
ICICI Bank Ltd.
V/s
Neha Enterprises & Others

To,
1. Neha Enterprises
Through its Proprietor - Mohd. Aslam Khan
Address- Plot No. 55 A, Khosra No. 279, Navaly Green Colony, Village Jalpura, Post - Kuleshra Tehsil, Gautam Bhudh Nagar - 201306
...Defendant No. 1

2. Mohd. Aslam Khan
S/o. Mr. Iblay Hasan R/o. Flat No. 20B, Tower B 2, Sector-4, Ummed Garden, Greater Noida, Gautam Bhudh Nagar- 201009
...Defendant No. 2

3. Islam Ali S/o. Mr. Ible Hasan R/o- Flat No. 20B, Tower B 2, Sector-4, Ummed Garden, Greater Noida, Gautam Bhudh Nagar- 201009
...Defendant No. 3

In the above noted Original application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 23/05/2025 at 10.30 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Anuj Aggarwal is purchasing the Built-Up Entire Second Floor, (Without Terrace Right), Built-on freshhold Property Bearing No. K-17, area measuring 200 Sq. Yds., Situated at Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014 from Mrs. Indira Sawhney and Mr. B.B. Sawhney who became owners vide Sale Deed dated 21.05.2007 (Doc.No. 10457) and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. Thel. (1) Original Partition Deed dated 26.07.2004 (Doc. No.9279) executed among Mr. Savinder Pal Singh, Mr. Charan Pal Singh & Ms. Bindu, (2) Original Sale Deed dated 02.08.2004 (Doc. No.9698) executed by Ms. Bindu in favour of Mr. Jasvinder Singh & Mr. Amarjit Singh, (3) Original Regd. GPA dated 28.10.2004 executed by Mr. Pawanjit Singh Chawdhary in favour of Mr. Kavinder Singh are not available. So, to comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/right/interest/mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucern Legal LLP B-33B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2, Noida, UP-201301>Contact#0120-42689379

PUBLICATION
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow- 226007

DRC No. 356/2023

NOTICE UNDER RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH SECTION 29 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBT DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993.

ICICI BANK LTD.
V/s
Mr. NAVEEN KUMAR & OTHERS

1. Mr. Naveen Kumar,
100 Ground Floor, Shakari Nagar, Ghaziabad- 201001.
Also at:-
Flat No. 2101, 21st Floor, Block K1, Imperial Greens, Plot No Gh01 B, Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201307.
2. Mrs. Amita Rani,
100 Ground Floor, Shakari Nagar, Ghaziabad- 201001.
Also at:-
Flat No. 2101, 21st Floor, Block K1, Imperial Greens, Plot No Gh01 B, Sector 16, Greater Noida- 201301.
3. M/s. Ketavay Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Registered Office:
7, I. P. Building, UGF- 2 & 3, E 109, Pandav Nagar, NH 24, Delhi- 110092.
4. M/s. Dreamland Promoters & Consultants (P) Ltd., Registered Office:
7, I. P. Building, UGF- 2 & 3, E 109, Pandav Nagar, NH 24, Delhi- 110092
...Defendants

This is to notify that a sum of 35,18,350/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lacs Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Only) together with pendentile and future interest @9% per annum with monthly rest from the date of filing 26.09.2019 Original Application till is fully liquidated and costs success and with cost jointly severally till its realization is made has become due from you as per the Certificate bearing No. 356/2023 dated 13.06.2022 in Original Application No. 1405/2019 passed against you by the D.R.T., Lucknow.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the sum within 15 days of the receipt of this Notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institution Act, 1993.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on Affidavit the particulars of asset on or Before 22/07/2025

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 22/07/2025 at 10.30 A.M.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid you will also be liable to pay the following Costs:-
Details of costs:-
Application fee Rs. 39,000/-
Advocate fees Rs.
Publication charges Rs.
Miscellaneous Expenses Rs.
Under given my hand and seal at Lucknow this 10th day of Feb., 2025.

Recovery Officer II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

PUBLIC NOTICE

Indoor Medical Records of the patients admitted during period of 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022 financial year (2021-2022) are scheduled to be disposed of as per hospital policy.

Any patient requiring his/her Medical Records may approach the undersigned within 30 days failing which the records will be disposed of without further notice.

Medical Record Officer
Kailash Hospital
Plot No. 203,
Wazidpur G.T. Road NH-91, Khurja

PROPOSAL INVITED From Chartered Accountants/ CA firm for conducting Statutory Audit of Shrija Srishri Apartment Owners Association, 15, Ahinsa Khand-I, Indrapuram, Ghazabad, U.P.-201014 for the Financial Year 2024-25 interested Chartered Accountants or CA firms may submit their proposals with quotations on or before 30/04/25 Wednesday at the email aas.srishi@gmail.com Ph 9953310671 CA/firms must have post qualification experience of more than 5 years. Audit experience of Apartment Association under UP Apartment Act will be preferred. Individual CAs or any CA firm, SHOULD NOT have any association/interfere with the accountant, internal auditor, AOA board members or any of the Apartment Owner of Shrija Srishri Apartment. SCOPE OF WORK: The Apartment Association is managing the affairs of the common area and facilities of the Multi Story Apartment having 74 Flats & the primary source of revenue is the collection of common area monthly maintenance charges from the Apartment Owners. Auditor shall be required to undertake the statutory audit of the books of accounts maintained by the board of association. The Audit fee will be minimum Rs 50000/- excluding Govt. taxes. Sd/-Secretary

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-II, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

S. No.	NIT-02	Name of work: Improvement of Civil infrastructure at freight train examination yard,sick line & associated maintenance setup at Ghaziabad under ADEN/GZB jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-II	Qty.	Closing Date
1.		Approx. Cost of work: As per NIT or IREPS Earnest Money to be Deposited: As per NIT or IREPS		
2.		Date & Time of opening of tender	13.05.2025	15:00 Hrs
3.		Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen.	www.ireps.gov.in	

• The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. 128-W/2806 Tender Notice/NIT-02-25-26-W/1 Dated: 17.04.2025

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Tender Notice No. 05/2024-2025 Date : 17.04.2025

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	09252541	CROSS BAR	3192 NOS	12.05.25
02	15245237A	DIESEL GENERATING SET 750 KVA	01 NOS	13.05.25
03	02255022	SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF AEROSOL FIRE	578 SET	13.05.25
04	19250344	IOH REPLACEMENT KIT	69 SET	13.05.25
05	02255021	STRIPPING OF SWITCH BOARD	300 NOS	19.05.25
06	07241553	PACKING RING-26MM THICK	26470 NOS	19.05.25
07	07240085B	WATER TANK ASSEMBLY	230 NOS	20.05.25
08	15245006A	COMPLETE PAINTING SYSTEM	01 NOS	03.06.25

NOTE -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.
2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

1145/25
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MORE SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS

For the convenience of Rail Passengers, Railways have decided to run the following additional Summer Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

04098/04097 Anand Vihar Terminal - Sitamarhi - 48				Anand Vihar Terminal Reserved Special Express Train				Trips			
Train No. 04098		STATIONS		Train No. 04097		Trips					
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.						
----	05:00	Anand Vihar Terminal		01:30	----						
02:30	----	Sitamarhi		----	03:45						

Days of Run: 04098 from Anand Vihar Terminal from 22.04.2025 to 11.07.2025 (Tuesday & Friday) and 04097 from Sitamarhi from 23.04.2025 to 12.07.2025 (Wednesday & Saturday). **Stoppages:** Govindpur, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Chhapra Jn., Sonpur Jn., Hajipur Jn. & Muzaffarpur Jn. Stations. **Accommodation:** Sleeper & General.

04504/04503 Chandigarh - Patna Jn. - Chandigarh				Reserved Special Express Train				12			
Train No. 04504		STATIONS		Train No. 04503		Trips					
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.						
----	23:35	Chandigarh		23:10	----						
22:10	----	Patna Jn.		----	22:45						

Days of Run: 04504 from Chandigarh from 24.04.2025 to 29.05.2025 (Thursday) and 04503 from Patna Jn. from 25.04.2025 to 30.05.2025 (Friday). **Stoppages:** Ambala Cantt., Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara Stations. **Accommodation:** 1stAC Cum AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Economy, Sleeper & General.

04030/04029 Anand Vihar Terminal - Muzaffarpur Jn. -				Anand Vihar Terminal Reserved Special Express Train				16			
Train No. 04030		STATIONS		Train No. 04029		Trips					
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.						
----	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal		03:10	----						
04:30	----	Muzaffarpur Jn.		----	06:15						

Days of Run: 04030 from Anand Vihar Terminal from 22.04.2025 to 17.05.2025 (Tuesday & Saturday) and 04029 from Muzaffarpur Jn. from 23.04.2025 to 18.05.2025 (Wednesday & Sunday). **Stoppages:** Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Jaunpur City, Jaunpur Jn., Aunrihar Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra Jn., Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations. **Accommodation:** Sleeper & General.

04012/04011 Delhi Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. - Delhi Jn.				Reserved Special Express Train				48			
Train No. 04012		STATIONS		Train No. 04011		Trips					
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.						
----	19:30	Delhi Jn.		22:40	----						
20:30	----	Darbhanga Jn.		----	22:00						

Days of Run: 04012 from Delhi Jn. from 22.04.2025 to 11.07.2025 (Tuesday & Friday) and 04011 from Darbhanga Jn. from 23.04.2025 to 12.07.2025 (Wednesday & Saturday). **Stoppages:** Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Sultanpur Jn., Jaunpur City, Varanasi, Aunrihar Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra Jn., Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn. & Samastipur Jn. Stations. **Accommodation:** Sleeper & General.

Days of Run: 04094 from Anand Vihar Terminal from 24.04.2025 to 10.07.2025 (Thursday) and 04093 from Jogbani from 26.04.2025 to 12.07.2025 (Saturday).	
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BluSmart cab services suspended in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi-NCR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Electric cab-hailing platform BluSmart remained non-operational on Thursday across Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, and Mumbai, as the market regulator cracked down on its co-founder over alleged misuse of funds at an affiliated company.

BluSmart app, that offered more than 8,000 taxis in the three metros, stopped taking bookings on Wednesday evening and remained unoperational on Thursday as well. The sudden suspension puts the livelihood of thousands of drivers at risk and has led to customers venting out their frustration on social media.

The company, backed by BP Ventures - an arm of the global energy giant BP - did not immediately offer any comments on the issue.

“We’ve decided to temporarily close bookings on the BluSmart app,” the firm said in an email to customers without giving any reasons.

Earlier this week, Sebi (securities and exchange board of India) banned brothers Anmol and Puneet Jaggi from the stock market and ordered a forensic investigation into their listed renewable energy company Gensol. The investigation focuses on allegations that they used funds intended for procuring electric vehicles to purchase luxury apartments.

“I have almost 20K balance in BluSmart and today morning got this mail that BluSmart services are suspended. What is this???When can get the refund of BluSmart is getting closed,” said a customer in a post on X on Wednesday and attached the screenshot of the company’s e-mail.

BluSmart in the e-mail assured to initiate a refund to customers within 90 days.

“We truly appreciate your support. While we strive to be back soon, we will initiate a refund within 90 days if services do not resume before that,” the e-mail said.

Another customer wrote on X: “I loved BluSmart. More than the money in the



FILE PHOTO

wallet, I am more concerned about driver partners who will be out of job until the saga plays out...”

Meanwhile, Delhi Airport on Tuesday evening issued a passenger advisory, stating that “BluSmart has temporarily suspended its operations at Delhi Airport”.

Apart from providing services in the three Indian cities, BluSmart also offers premium all-electric limousine services in the UAE, which it launched last June.

The company, as on January 9, had a fleet of over 8,500 electric vehicles and a charging network of 5,800 stations across 50 hubs in Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru, and was supported by 10,000-plus active driver partners.

Sebi on Tuesday barred Gensol engineering and promoters — Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi — from the

securities markets till further orders in a fund diversion and governance lapses case.

The regulator has also debarred Anmol and Puneet Singh Jaggi from holding the position of a director or key managerial personnel in Gensol until further orders.

Further, the markets watchdog directed Gensol Engineering Ltd (GEL) to put on hold the stock split announced by it.

The order came after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) received a complaint in June 2024 relating to the manipulation of share price and diversion of funds from GEL and thereafter started examining the matter.

According to Sebi’s order, Gensol Engineering secured a total of ₹977.75 crore in loans from IREDA and PFC, of which ₹663.89 crore was meant specifi-

cally for the purchase of 6,400 electric vehicles (EVs). EVs were procured by the company and subsequently leased to BluSmart, a related party.

However, in a response submitted to Sebi in February, Gensol admitted that it had procured only 4,704 EVs till date — far less than 6,400 for which it had received funding.

This was corroborated by Go-Auto Private Limited, the EV supplier, which confirmed delivering 4,704 units to the company for a total consideration of ₹567.73 crore.

Given that Gensol was also required to provide an additional 20 per cent equity contribution, the total expected outlay for the EVs was around ₹829.86 crore. By that calculation, ₹262.13 crore remains unaccounted for.

Gensol hits circuit limit as investors dump stock

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Shares of Gensol Engineering dropped 5 per cent on Thursday to hit the lower circuit limit after Sebi barred the firm and its promoters — Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi — from securities markets till further orders in a fund diversion and governance lapses case.

The stock tanked 4.97 per cent to Rs 117.50 — its lower circuit limit as well as record low — on the BSE.

At the NSE, it slumped 5 per cent to Rs 116.54 — the lowest trading permissible limit for the day as well as an all-time low.

Shares of Gensol Engineering had tumbled 5 per cent to hit the lower circuit limit on Wednesday as well.

From its 52-week high of ₹1,125.75, the stock is now down 89.56 per cent.

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In a 29-page interim order, Sebi said on Tuesday, “The prima facie findings have shown mis-utilisation and diversion of funds of the company (GEL) in a fraudulent manner by its promoter directors, Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi, who are also the direct beneficiaries of the diverted funds”.

“The company has attempted to mislead Sebi, the CRAs (credit rating agencies), the lenders and the investors by submitting forged conduct letters purportedly issued by its lenders,” the regulator said.

Gensol Engineering is engaged in providing solar consulting services, Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) services, leasing of electric vehicles, etc.

Shares of the firm have been falling for the seventh straight session on Thursday.

Gensol Engineering on Wednesday said the company will fully cooperate with

GENSOL ENGINEERING DIRECTOR RESIGNS

New Delhi: Gensol Engineering, the beleaguered firm that came under market regulator Sebi’s lens for fund diversions and governance lapses, said that its independent director Arun Menon has resigned with immediate effect.

In his resignation letter addressed to Anmol Singh Jaggi, one of the promoters of the company, Menon said, “There was growing concern on the leveraging of GEL balance sheet to fund the capex of other business’s; and the sustainability of servicing such high debt costs by GEL.” Menon’s resignation came a day after Sebi on Tuesday barred Gensol Engineering and its promoters - Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi — from the securities markets till further orders in the fund diversion and governance lapses case.

The markets watchdog also directed Gensol Engineering Ltd (GEL) to put on hold the stock split announced by it and restrained the promoters from holding the position of a director or a Key Managerial Personnel in any listed firm.

The order came after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) received a complaint in June 2024 relating to the manipulation of share price and diversion of funds from GEL and thereafter started examining the matter. Arun Menon has tendered his resignation as the independent director of the company, with immediate effect, GEL said in a regulatory filing on Wednesday. “Consequently, he shall also cease to be a member of various committees of the company,” it stated.

Menon has cited restrictions from his present employer as well as “adding limited value to the company” as reasons for his resignation.

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the forensic audit to be conducted at the behest of Sebi.

As directed in the interim order, Sebi will appoint a forensic auditor to thoroughly examine the books of accounts of the company and its related entities, Gensol Engineering said in an exchange filing.

Meanwhile, the company has informed the stock exchange that its independent director Arun Menon has resigned with immediate effect.

‘Telangana Rising’ delegation visits Sony headquarters in Japan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Hyderabad

The official ‘Telangana Rising’ delegation led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy visited the headquarters of Sony Corporation in Japan on Thursday, according to a Press release by the Telangana Congress.

Officers of the Sony Corporation showcased several new initiatives at Sony, and detailed their workings, including new products, to the delegation. The delegation also held detailed discussions on the animation subsidiary of the company, Crunchyroll.

The delegation explained the strengths of Hyderabad in the animation, Vfx and Gaming sectors. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy outlined his vision on the setting up of a modern film city, which would have the capability of end-to-end production, said the release.

On the first day of the visit, Reddy met senior leadership of Marubeni Corporation, a leading Japanese industrial conglomerate with interests in energy, transport, real estate, industrial infra, metals, medical services, trading etc., in Tokyo.

Following discussions, Marubeni Corp conveyed their interest to establish a state-of-the-art next generation industrial park in the Future City and both sides



signed and exchanged a Letter of Intent (LoI).

With a proposed initial investment of Rs 1,000 crore, a world-class, next-generation

industrial park will be developed in 600 acres in a phase-wise manner in the Future City.

The industrial park will be dedicated for Japanese companies and other multinational companies to set up their manufacturing plants in Hyderabad and will attract major investments of over Rs 5,000 crore.

Telangana has emerged as a preferred investment destination due to its progressive policies, robust infrastructure, and focus on fostering innovation. The state attracts global leaders, reinforcing its reputation as a leading hub for manufacturing.

Speaking on the occasion and welcoming Marubeni to the Future City being developed in Hyderabad, Reddy, said, “The Marubeni industrial park will be among the first of its kind to be developed in the proposed ‘Future City’. It is expected to create 30,000 direct and indirect jobs, enriching livelihoods and enhancing the skill ecosystem in Telangana.”

Welcoming the Chief Minister and the delegation to Japan, Dai Sakakura, Executive Officer and COO, Next Generation Business, Marubeni, said, “We are delighted after listening to CM Revanth Reddy’s vision for Telangana and Hyderabad, and wish to be amongst the earliest to explore possibilities there.”

Shrimp exporters seek Government intervention as Tariffs stir uncertainty

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Indian shrimp exporters are keeping their fingers crossed as the US is set to begin its review of anti-dumping and countervailing duties on shrimp next month, and are seeking Government intervention to help secure relief amid stiff global competition, industry experts say.

The exporters said that the formula of the US to calculate these duties is incorrect, and the Indian Government should take up the issues with them bilaterally, as domestic traders are facing tough competition from Ecuador and Vietnam in the American market.

“The US authorities consider India’s RoDTEP and duty drawback schemes as incentive schemes, which is not the case. Both are WTO-compliant duty refund schemes only,” Kolkata-based seafood exporter and MD of Megaa Moda Yogesh Gupta said.

He added that the US uses a ‘zeroing’ method to impose anti-dumping duty on shrimp, which is not correct and needs to be re-looked as it distorts the calculation of the margin of dumping.

He said that exporters are concerned and the Government should come forward to support them by re-introducing the Transport and Marketing Assistance

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(TMA) scheme.

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Besides these duties, Indian shrimp exporters face a 10 per cent baseline tariff imposed by the US on April 2. Giving a big relief, America has suspended the additional 26 per cent duty on India.

Currently, Indian shrimp exports to the US face an effective customs duty of 17.7 per cent, including 5.77 per cent in countervailing duties and 1.8 per cent in anti-dumping duties. Seafood Exporters Association of India Secretary General K N Raghavan has recently urged the Government to focus on securing a “level-playing field” for the country’s seafood exports during upcoming trade talks before the tariff pause expires.

Another exporter said Ecuador is India’s

biggest competitor in the sector, as it faces lower duties and enjoys a major advantage in shipping due to its proximity to the US market.

Odisha-based exporter Rajen Padhi said the anti-dumping duty has been in place for two decades, and it’s time the US sets a uniform rate for India.

“As per an international agreement, no taxes should be exported. So now we can convince the US that the RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme is not an incentive scheme as we have a mechanism in place to do the verification,” said Padhi, Commercial Director, B One Business House Pvt Ltd.

The US is the largest market for the domestic shrimp industry. Out of India’s total shrimp exports, the country ships 40 per cent to America.

Ecuador and Indonesia are major competitors of the domestic exporters in the US market. There are around 1 lakh shrimp farms in India, most of which are in Andhra Pradesh.

The export of frozen shrimps during 2023-24 was 7,16,004 tonnes. The US imported 2,97,571 tonnes last fiscal year, followed by China (1,48,483 tonnes), the European Union (89,697 tonnes), and Japan (35,906 tonnes).

Markets surge for 4th day, Sensex reclaims 78k-level

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty surged nearly 2 per cent on Thursday, registering their fourth day of rally, as investors turned buoyant after foreign investors returned to domestic equities amid expectations of a breakthrough in US-Japan trade negotiations over reciprocal tariffs.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex jumped 1,508.91 points or 1.96 per cent to reclaim the 78,000 level. It finally settled at 78,553.20. During the day, it soared 1,572.48 points or 2.04 per cent to 78,616.77. The NSE Nifty surged 414.45 points or 1.77 per cent to 23,851.65.

From the Sensex firms, Eternal, ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel, Sun Pharma, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finserv, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Reliance Industries were among the biggest gainers. Tech Mahindra and Maruti were the laggards.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 3,936.42 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data. On Tuesday, FIIs bought equities for Rs 6,065.78 crore.

In Asian markets, South Korea’s Kospi index, Tokyo’s Nikkei 225, Shanghai SSE Composite index and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng settled higher.

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negative territory. US markets ended significantly lower on Wednesday.

The US and Japan are currently holding trade talks over reciprocal tariffs, with an aim to strike a deal soon.

“A strong rally in large-cap stocks was observed today, primarily driven by financials, amid expectations of improved margins stemming from changes in savings deposit interest rates. Positive sentiment was further supported by a reversal in FII flows, although the sustainability of this trend remains uncertain.

“Nonetheless, optimism surrounding the domestic market persists, bolstered by the expectation of a favourable outcome from US-India trade negotiations and a relatively minimal disruption from the US-China trade tensions. Additionally, a moderating inflation trajectory towards more comfortable levels is further enhancing market sentiment,” Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

Rupee ends 27 paise up at 85.37 against US dollar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

The rupee strengthened for the fourth consecutive session and closed 27 paise higher at 85.37 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, hitting the April 3 closing level, on the back of foreign fund inflows in domestic equities and broad weakness in the greenback.

The unit has pared all its losses since April 2, when US President Donald Trump announced sweeping reciprocal tariffs on multiple countries. On April 2, the rupee was quoted at 85.52 against the US dollar.

According to forex traders, a positive trend in domestic equities following a reprieve from the US tariffs boosted overall investor sentiment even though some recovery in crude prices weighed down on the Indian currency.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 85.48 and moved between the high of 85.31 and the low of 85.62 against the greenback during intraday. The unit ended the session at 85.37 (provisional) against the dollar, logging a gain of 27 paise from its previous closing level.

The rupee closed Wednesday’s session with a gain of 16 paise at 85.64 against the

dollar.

In the preceding four sessions, the Indian currency has added 131 paise, or over 1.5 per cent, since its April 9 closing mark of 86.68 against the greenback.

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee gained on surge in the domestic equities and FII inflows.

However, importer buying of dollars and recovery in crude oil prices may cap sharp gains, he said, adding “Traders may take cues from weekly unemployment claims and housing data from the US. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 85.20 to 85.70.”

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading marginally higher by 0.10 per cent at 99.24.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.88 per cent to \$ 66.43 per barrel in futures trade.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex surged 1,508.91 points or 1.96 per cent to settle at 78,553.20, while the Nifty climbed 414.45 points or 1.77 per cent to 23,851.65.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 3,936.42 crore on a net basis on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

Campa Cola to open new bottling plant in Bihar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Campa Cola, the soft drinks brand owned by Reliance Consumer Products Ltd, the FMCG arm of Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries, will open a new bottling plant in Bihar.

According to reports, Reliance Consumer Products Ltd (RCPL)-owned brand will have a new plant on 35 acres of land in the Begusarai district of Bihar, where it will invest around Rs 1,000 crore. Confirming the development, the state Government’s agency, Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) through a post on social media platform ‘X’ informed that the plot has been allotted to EPIC Agro Product Ltd, a company that produces and distributes Campa Cola.

The upcoming facility will integrate both bottling and manufacturing operations. This marks a significant milestone in Campa Cola’s aggressive growth strategy, with a sharp focus on expanding its footprint in eastern and northeastern India.

The move comes just two months after the launch of a similar plant in Assam.

This year in February, RCPL inaugurated a new plant in Guwahati, Assam, strengthening the presence of Campa Cola in Northeast India.

Reliance, which has entered into the fast-growing beverage market in August 2022 after acquiring Campa Cola, is expanding its presence across the country by setting up required infrastructure as supply chain, logistics network and bottling plants.

Campa, which is directly competing with Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, leading players in the cola segment, has disrupted the segment with its aggressive pricing and higher margin to retailers. It has forced players to reduce prices in the select markets where it is available.

On January 16, in its Q3 results, Reliance, which has ambitions to become a relevant player into the FMCG segment, said its Campa brand is now getting to cross Rs 1,000 crore turnover in FY25.

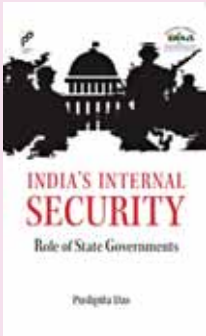
Commenting on the development, Nuvama Institutional Equities Executive Director (Research) Abneesh Roy said this indicates Campa is now getting more aggressive in the eastern and northeastern parts of the country.

“We expect these investments to continue and expect that eventually Campa will have a pan-India manufacturing and distribution presence,” he said.

Under the Campa brand, RCPL has launched a range of beverage variants including cola, orange, lemon, and energy drinks.

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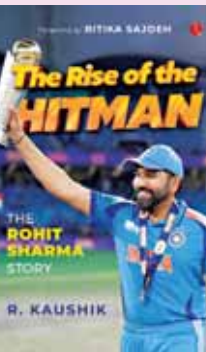
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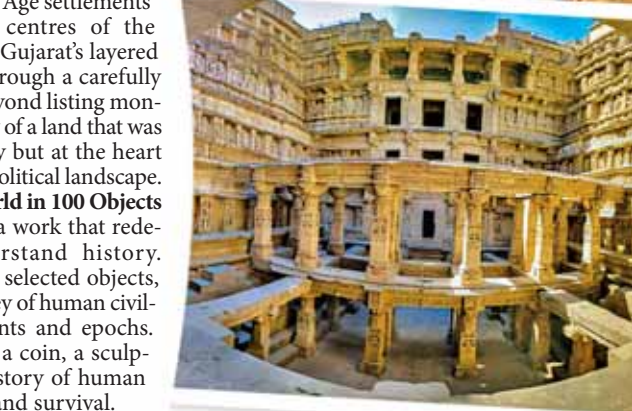
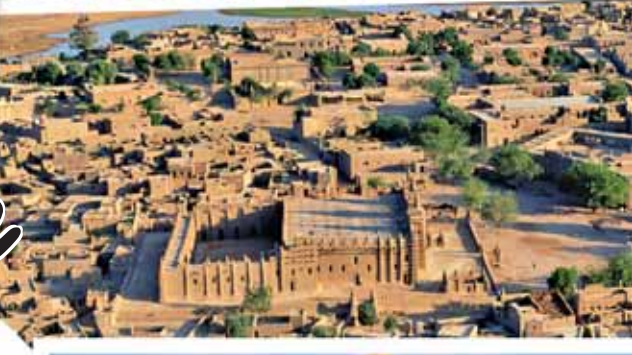
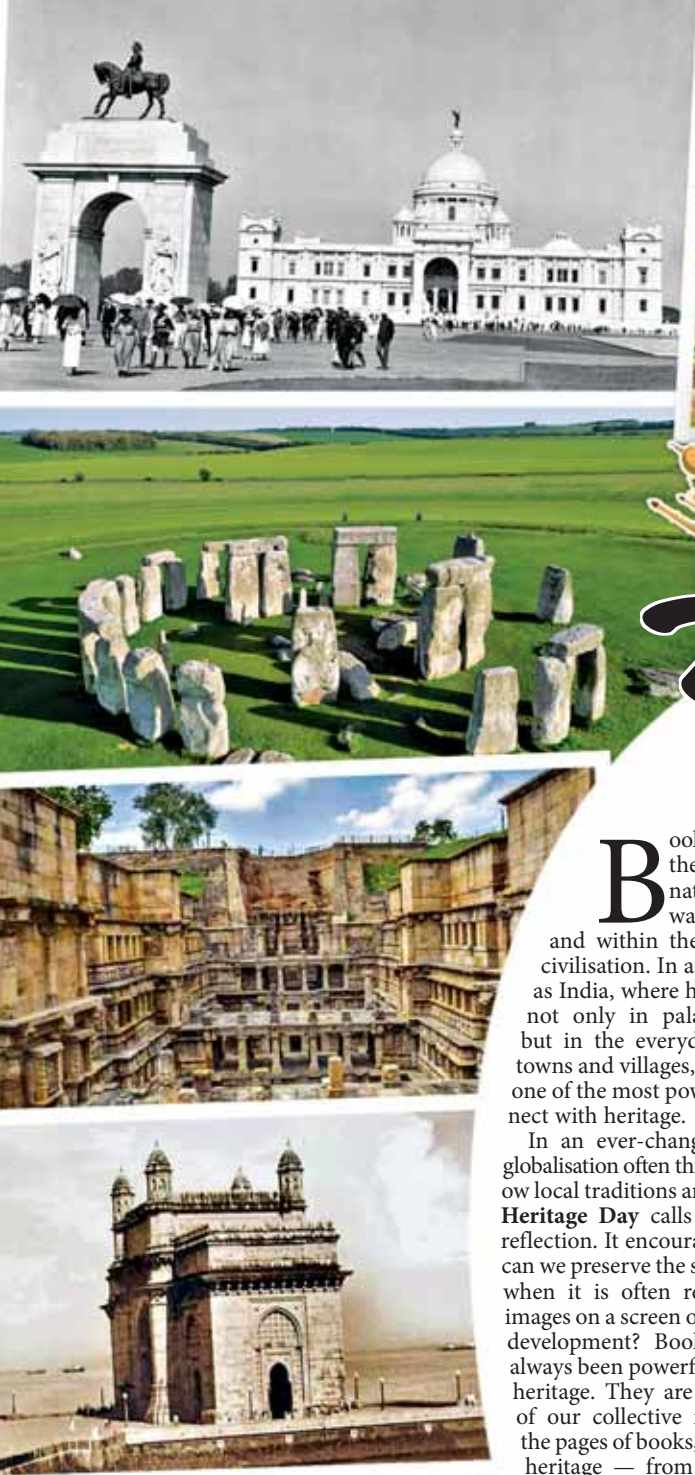
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Books that Celebrate Heritage

Books provide an immersive journey into monuments, linking the past with the present, says SAKSHI PRIYA

Books open pathways to the past. They illuminate what lies behind walls, under domes, and within the foundations of a civilisation. In a country as layered as India, where history reveals itself not only in palaces and temples, but in the everyday architecture of towns and villages, literature becomes one of the most powerful ways to connect with heritage.

In an ever-changing world, where globalisation often threatens to overshadow local traditions and histories, **World Heritage Day** calls for a moment of reflection. It encourages us to ask: how can we preserve the soul of a civilisation when it is often reduced to fleeting images on a screen or lost amidst urban development? Books, however, have always been powerful guardians of our heritage. They are the silent keepers of our collective memory. Through the pages of books, the world's diverse heritage — from the awe-inspiring

architecture of ancient cities to the forgotten melodies of indigenous tribes — continues to live on. Let's explore a few remarkable books that have dedicated themselves to preserving the essence of our world's heritage:

Lost Kingdoms of Africa by Gus Casely — Hayford's is a stunning exploration of Africa's forgotten kingdoms, those that flourished long before colonial powers arrived on the continent. This book is a reclamation of it. Casely-Hayford delves into the hidden histories of powerful kingdoms that were once central to global trade, culture, and politics.

Care and Administration of Heritage Monuments in India by Dharendra Kumar Pant is a revelation. This book volume is an academic chronicle and a story of awakening. Drawing deeply from the archives of British India, Pant traces a fascinating evolution: from the neglect of monuments to the shaping of a definitive policy under the East India Company and later the British Crown. Why did the

British feel compelled to preserve India's monuments? Was it genuine admiration, administrative necessity, or a political move to legitimise their rule?

The Heritage Sites of Gujarat: A Gazetteer by Sanjay Deshpande, Shweta Sinha Deshpande and Vasant Shinde is a treasure map in every sense. From the earliest Stone Age settlements to the grand urban centres of the Harappan civilisation, Gujarat's layered history is presented through a carefully curated lens. It goes beyond listing monuments; it tells the story of a land that was never on the periphery but at the heart of India's cultural and political landscape.

A History of the World in 100 Objects by Neil MacGregor is a work that redefines how we understand history. Through 100 carefully selected objects, author traces the journey of human civilisation across continents and epochs. Each object, whether a coin, a sculpture, or a tool, tells a story of human endeavour, creativity, and survival.

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A Saint, A Folk Tale and Other Stories
Author: Rana Safvi
Publisher: Rupa
Price: ₹295

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HERTIAGE MOSAIC
Taking a more localised yet lively approach is H for Heritage: Mumbai by Fiona Fernandez. Through an engaging A-to-Z format, this book criss-crosses Mumbai and its suburbs, uncovering a treasure trove of forgotten facts, curious anecdotes, and urban legends. Fernandez blends humour and research to celebrate Mumbai's layered past — from colonial architecture and Art Deco façades to unsung neighbourhoods and civic champions. Illustrated by Sumedha Sah, the book brings heritage to young and old readers alike, making the city's landmarks and lesser-known sites vivid and memorable. Its part travelogue, part trivia, and wholly a love letter to a city bursting with character.

H for Heritage: Mumbai
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Quietly, She Changed Everything

Sigma Woman is a candid and quietly compelling memoir that chronicles the journey of Sangeeta Gupta — a woman who has lived many lives, each shaped by courage, creativity, and conviction. A bureaucrat, poet, artist, and filmmaker, Gupta offers her story not as a retrospective of accolades, but as an exploration of selfhood, strength, and solitude.

The book spans 350 pages and reads like an unfolding of a life where each chapter reflects a choice to stay true to oneself despite odds, to pursue passions beyond professional boundaries, and to rebuild after every fall. It presents her experiences across the corridors of power and the world of art, all woven together by an underlying spirit of quiet rebellion and inner clarity.

At its centre is the idea of the 'Sigma woman' — a personality that thrives outside traditional hierarchies. She is not defined by how the world sees her, but by how she sees herself. "Failures and adversity have not broken me," Gupta writes. "I've faced them with courage and grit and always bounced back." This sense of resilience is not worn like a badge but flows through the narrative with understated strength.

Gupta reflects on how her life has been shaped by interactions with people, travels to distant places, and long periods of solitude. These weren't grand epiphanies, but moments that mirrored her evolving sense of identity. She doesn't claim to have all the answers, but her journey offers insights into how one can stay grounded and grow simultaneously.

Sigma Woman speaks particularly to readers standing at life's crossroads, those asking questions about who they are and where they're headed. The memoir doesn't preach or promise transformation. Instead, it provides companionship, a voice

ABOUT THE BOOK
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Author: Sangeeta Gupta
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A Century of India's voice and Cultural Impact

This book explores Akashvani's rich legacy, highlighting its cultural and informational impact, says KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

There are certain institutions across the world the names of which arouse in the mind a sense of respect and dignity. Pan Am, BOAC, Qantas, international airlines headquartered in the US, Britain and Australia are known for safety, security, punctuality and courteousness to the customers. Automobile giants like General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Mercedes-Benz, and Rolls-Royce too evoke adulation. These feelings are rooted in decades of immaculate track record. Such institutions with top global ratings are very few in India. The licence-permit raj in vogue from 1947 to 1998 had blown out the spirit of entrepreneurship from the minds of Indians. "Chalta hai" was the hallmark of the country's average citizen.

Despite these shortcomings, there are few institutions based in India which have done the country proud. All India Radio is one such organisation respected all over the world for its credibility, clarity and reliability. All India Radio, the Hindi name of which is Akashvani, is the voice of India and is the largest radio network in the world. What started as a broadcast of a small music programme from Bombay in November 1922 underwent many transformations over the decades and has become the nation's pride.

The history of Akashvani is not without blemishes. The days of internal emergency (June 1975-March 1977) saw the reputation of Akashvani suffering a setback thanks to the craving for the then Prime Minister to somehow hang on to office. The AIR network earned the not-so-good reputation as IndiraVani, as the news, features and even cultural programmes held at it were paeans in honour of Indira Gandhi. I do remember a radio commentator by name Ravi Chaturvedi weeping during the live commentary of the 1975-76 cricket Test match between India and West Indies which was won by India. The whole cricket fraternity who were tuned

ABOUT THE BOOK
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Author: Thomas Mathew
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Price: ₹399/-

state-owned AIR is beaming myriad programmes catering to the tastes and requirements of the population. Akashvani has played a major role in popularising the folklores and tribal music which are aired as Lok Sangeet. The National Programme of Music featuring Hindustani, Carnatic and Rabindra Sangeet has become an essential ingredient in daily life. The archives of AIR are a repertoire of presentations by the Great Masters.

This is said to be the world's biggest collection of music recordings. The Farm and Home programmes (Krishi Darshan) of AIR have survived the test of time, while private operators are yet to tap this significant segment. The Green Revolution that elevated India to be a country that exports foodgrains has been supplemented to a great extent by the Farm and Home programmes. As the saying goes, a rut has set in the way Akashvani is functioning. It is time for rebooting the radio in tune with the changed times. Mann Ki Baat, the monthly programme aired by AIR in which the PM shares with listeners various topics, proves that radio is here to stay.

What Akashvani lacks is an exclusive national channel broadcasting round-the-clock news, music, newsreels, discussions and debates. Though there is a medium wave relay station at Nagpur, the programmes broadcast through this transmitter are hardly audible outside Maharashtra. The launching of a channel exclusively for news and current affairs should be given top priority. An institution with the motto "Bahujan Hitaya: Bahujan Sukhaya" can easily set up a two-channel system. Kudos to Pande and Kulkarni for this work which is a must-read for all those who are associated with mass media. I still remember the care with which AIR engineers set their clock in sync with the master clock maintained in New Delhi AIR at 4 PM every day for accuracy and sharpness.

