



INDIA SHALL IDENTIFY, TRACK AND PUNISH EVERY TERRORIST

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi/Madhubani (Bihar)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday sent out a fierce message that perpetrators of Pahalgam terror attack will be pursued "to the ends of the earth" and promised to "identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers".

In his first reaction after the dastardly attack, which left 26 dead on Tuesday, Modi also vowed that terrorists and conspirators behind the attack will get a punishment beyond their imagination.

Addressing a public rally in Madhubani, Bihar, Modi suddenly switched from Hindi to English to reiterate his message. It was an apparent move to address the global community about India's intentions and resolve to bring the killers of Pahalgam to justice.

In his first speech after the attack in Pahalgam, the Prime Minister vowed to punish terrorists behind the strike and said

India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism.

Modi then spoke in English and said, "Friends, today from the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world India will identify, track, and punish every terrorist and their backers. We will pursue them to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished."

In the stern message, he said, "Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us in these times."

In a message to Pakistan without naming the country, Modi said he will state it categorically that the terrorists who carried out the attack and those who hatched the conspiracy, they will be punished beyond their imagination. "Punishment will definitely be served." The prime minister said the willpower of 140 crore

PM'S PLEDGE TO THE NATION



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at the National Panchayati Raj Day programme in Madhubani district of Bihar PTI

Indians will break the back of patrons of terrorism.

Paying condolences to the victims and their families, he said citizens across the country are in mourning over the brutal manner in which terrorists killed 26 innocent civilians in Kashmir on April 22. The nation stands with their families, he said. Modi, other leaders on the dais and the crowd observed silence to pay homage to the victims of the attack at the beginning of the prime minister's speech.

He said people lost their sons, brothers and husbands and noted that the victims belong to different parts of India, be it Bengal, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha and Bihar. "Our sorrow and anger are same from Kargil to Kanniyakumari," he said. Peace and security are the most necessary conditions for fast development, he added.

Earlier, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar condemned the terror attack at Pahalgam and told the prime minister that the entire nation was united against ter-

rorism. Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh said the entire nation had belief in Modi's strength and were confident he would give a befitting reply to the perpetrators of terror at an appropriate time. These strong assertions came a day after India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures, including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the horrific Pahalgam terror attack.

These decisions were taken in Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting chaired by Prime Minister. He had cut short his visit to Saudi Arabia and returned to New Delhi on Wednesday. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefed him about the situation at the airport.

Army Commando killed in Jammu and Kashmir

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ Jammu

An elite Para Commando of the Indian Army was 'killed in action' after an encounter broke out during an ongoing search operation in the forest area of Dudu Basantgarh in Udhampur district of Jammu region on Thursday.

A joint team of security forces were combing the area based on the receipt of information about the presence of terrorists in the area.

After the brutal massacre of tourists in Pahalgam, in which 26 tourists were killed and 17 others were wounded on Tuesday, this is the third encounter in the last 24 hours between terrorists and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Indian Army on Wednesday foiled an infiltration bid in the Uri Nala area of Baramulla, killing two terrorists amid an intense firefight.

The second encounter broke out after terrorists opened fire on security personnel

during a cordon and search operation in the Tangmarg area of Kulgam district of south Kashmir.

It is believed the forces were looking for the same group of terrorists who were earlier spotted in the Joffer area of Ramnagar tehsil on April 9.

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"Based on specific intelligence, a joint operation with Jammu and Kashmir Police was launched today in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur," the White Knight Corps said on X. Contact was established, and a fierce firefight ensued, it said.

"One of our bravehearts sustained griev-

ous injuries in the initial exchange and later succumbed despite best medical efforts," the Army said.

The deceased soldier has been identified as Havaladar Jhantu Ali Sheikh of 6 Para of the Special Forces.

"GOC White Knight Corps and all ranks salute braveheart Havaladar Jhantu Ali Shaikh of 6 PARA SE, who made the supreme sacrifice during a counter-terror operation," the Army said on X.

The Army said his indomitable courage and the valour of his team will never be forgotten. "We stand in solidarity with the bereaved family in this moment of grief," the Army added. The operation was still underway when the last reports came in from the spot, they added.

Four suspects were also picked up from the area for questioning.

In the last year, the area of Basantgarh has witnessed several incidents of terrorist violence.

Raksha Mantri holds All Party meet

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ New Delhi

The crucial All Party meeting convened by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh saw all the political parties including the Opposition extending full support to the Narendra Modi Government in its fight against terrorism. Sources said the Government admitted to security lapses in the recent Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 people and injured many others.

The Government briefed leaders of various political parties on the Pahalgam terror attack and heard their views at the All Party meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the attack.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh initiated the discussion at the meeting. Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka gave all leaders a 20-minute briefing on the attack and how it happened. Later, he answered the questions of sev-

eral leaders and Home Minister Amit Shah joined him in answering the queries. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman were also present at the meeting from the government's side.

During the closed door meeting which lasted for about 46 minutes, several Opposition parties asked questions about the apparent failure of security protocols. "Where were the security forces? Where was the Central Reserve Police Force?" several leaders asked, according to sources.

In response, the Government reportedly said local authorities did not inform security agencies before opening the Baisaran area near Pahalgam in Anantnag district, which traditionally remains restricted until the Amarnath Yatra in June. Concerns were also raised about the delayed response to the incident. According to sources, Government officials explained that the site was a 45-

minute uphill walk and that no standard operating procedure (SOP) was in place to handle such situations.

Leaders across party lines assured their support to the Government in taking decisive action against terrorism and destroying terror camps, even as they flagged security lapses in Pahalgam.

Sources said Government claimed it was taking all measures to ensure security. It noted that the attack was aimed at vitiating the atmosphere at a time when the economy was on the upswing and tourism was booming in Jammu and Kashmir.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said everyone agreed that India should fight terror united and all parties said that they are with the Government in this fight. All political parties have given this message and their leaders have said in one voice that whatever step the Government takes, they will support it.

The ByStander



Read the sign: No entry for Pakistanis

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

India on Thursday scaled up its hard stance in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack by suspending visas to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect. It also advised Indian nationals to avoid travelling to Pakistan and advised those currently there to return home at the earliest.

The account of 'Government of Pakistan' on X (formerly known as Twitter), meanwhile, was withheld in India on Thursday. A message appearing on the handle's X account read, "Account Withheld @GovtofPakistan has been withheld in IN in response to a legal demand."

The new measures came a day after India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 people. Announcing the fresh retaliatory steps, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said all existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from April 27.

It said medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till April 29. The MEA said all Pakistani nationals cur-



A security official walking past the entrance of the Pakistan High Commission on Thursday. RANJAN DIMRI

rently in India must leave the country before the expiry of visas.

It also strongly advised Indian nationals to avoid travelling to Pakistan and advised those currently in the neighbouring country to return home at the earliest.

The punitive measures against Pakistan were decided at a meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday called on President Droupadi

Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

The meeting comes in the wake of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam in which 26 men, mostly tourists and including a Nepalese citizen, were gunned down in cold blood.

"Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah and Minister of External Affairs, Dr S Jaishankar called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," the President's office said in a social media post along with a picture of the meeting.

Cricketer Gambhir fears for life

VAISHNAVI MISHRA ■ New Delhi

Team India head coach and former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament (MP) Gautam Gambhir has reportedly received a death threat from "ISIS Kashmir". The threats were allegedly received on April 22 - the same day terrorists gunned down 26 people, mostly tourists, in Kashmir's Pahalgam - from a suspicious Gmail account. The first email threat to Gambhir was sent at 1407hrs on April 22 from an e-mail ID named named jigneshsinhsohdhparmar14@gmail.com while the second mail was received at 1909 hrs from an ID named named chandrossodha3@gmail.com. Both containing the message, "IKillU." Cyber cell of the Delhi Police is currently working to trace the origin of the email and identify the sender.

Gambhir's secretary Gaurav Arora has filed an email complaint with the Delhi Police attaching screenshots of the threat mails. "Dear sir, Namaskar, As we spoke, please find below the "Threat Mails" received on the mail ID of Mr Gautam Gambhir (Ex- MP), Head Coach Indian Cricket Team. Kindly register the FIR accordingly and ensure the safety and security of the family," stated the complaint. Gambhir formally submitted a request for the registration of a First Information Report (FIR) too, according to the SHO Rajinder Nagar

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Police Station and the DCP Central Delhi.

"We have been informed about an alleged threat mail received on an email ID associated with Gautam Gambhir. Same is being investigated. We are verifying the email IDs," said Harsha Vardhan, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central).

When asked about if the threats have any connection with the Pahalgam terror attack, he said, "It is too early to say this." The former India cricketer recently returned with his family from a holiday in France after leading Team India to Champions Trophy success before the IPL 2025 began.

On Tuesday, Gambhir condemned the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, he posted on X platform, "Praying for the families of the deceased. Those responsible for this will pay. India will strike." This is not the first time Gambhir has received such threats, in November 2021, during his tenure as a sitting Member of Parliament, he had received a similar email.

India mourns its dead: From North to South, East to West

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Jaipur/Ahmedabad/Balasure

Flames leapt from funeral pyres, suppressed sobs and anguished cries mingled with the sound of mantras and the fragrance of flowers and incense lingered. It was the final adieu for the families of those killed in Pahalgam and also for a country in mourning with them.

On Thursday, the last rites of several of the 26 gunned down by terrorists in Baisaran in the upper reaches of Pahalgam were held - from Odisha to Gujarat and from Rajasthan to Karnataka. A snapshot as it were of the prime holiday destination that Kashmir has been for people across the country and indication of the belief that all was well in the volatile Valley.

The dead in Tuesday's terror strike were all men, 26 lives of promise that ended in a hail of bullets. And back in their homes, families grieved for the sons, fathers and husbands they had lost, some stoic and others inconsolable.

A hush fell over many villages and towns as funeral corteges wound their way to crematoriums and shops downed shutters.

In Ishani village in Odisha's Balasure district, nine-year-old Tanuj Kumar Satpathy

lit the pyre of his father Prashant.

It was just two days ago that the family - 41-year-old Prashant, an employee of the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology, his wife Priya Darshini and Tanuj - were in Pahalgam.

A distraught Priya Darshini did not allow anyone to touch the body of her husband, hugging it till she crumpled in a faint.

Hundreds of people gathered in Ishani to pay their respects to Prashant, lining up on both sides of the road as the funeral procession proceeded to the crematorium a kilometre away. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Balasure MP Pratap Chandra Sarangi were among those who accompanied Tanuj from his home to the crematorium.

Amid chants of "Jai Hind" and "Prashant Satpathy Amar Rahe", young Tanuj lit the pyre, a sight that seared the consciousness of everyone who was watching, whether in Ishani or on their mobile and television screens. The Satpathy family's story found tragic echo in many other parts of the country.

In Jaipur, the flower-bedecked bier of 33-year-old Neeraj Udhvani made its way down a quiet street with mourners walking silently behind and lining the streets.



Rajasthan deputy CM Diya Kumari pays tribute to Neeraj Udhvani, who was killed in the Pahalgam terror attack PTI

The chartered accountant had come from Dubai to attend a wedding and on an impulse decided to holiday in Kashmir. As his elder brother Kishore lit the funeral pyre at Moksh Dham in Jhalana, his wife Ayushi fought back her tears. He was shot dead right in front of her eyes.

The funeral was attended by large crowds. Political lines blurred as Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat as well as state Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra among others visited Udhvani's Model

Town residence. A woman in the crowd spoke out loudly. "This is your government's failure. What is the point of deploying security here now?" In response, Shekhawat was seen standing with folded hands, acknowledging the grief and anger of the people.

Gujarat saw three funerals - Yatish Parmar and his son Smit from Bhavnagar city and Shailesh Kalathiya, a resident of Surat. Everywhere, local residents and political bigwigs joined the families, an outpouring of grief and anger that united them all. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, who reached Bhavnagar on Wednesday night, paid floral tributes to Yatish and Smit Parmar at their residence in the Kaliyabid area before the bodies were taken for cremation on Thursday morning.

In Surat, Union minister CR Paatil along with Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghani were among the dignitaries who paid floral tributes to Kalathiya.

And in Hathipur village in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur district, 31-year-old businessman Shubham Dwivedi was given a tearful sendoff with full state honours.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Veena Devi, wife of Late Shri Rajendra Singh, resident of House No. L-151B, Railway Colony, Kalka, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula (Haryana), hereby declare that my son Ankit is no longer under my or my family's influence or authority. I hereby disown him from all my movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with him in the future shall do so at their own risk, and I shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

I, Sonmath S/O Kali Ram R/o 543/3, Gopi Vihar, New Hanuman Mandir, Tehsil-Shahbad Mar., Distt-Kurukshetra declare that I disown my son Ravi & daughter-in-law Sudesh from my all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future.

I, Sabir Ali S/O Sh. Kadri Baks R/O Village-Bataur, Barwala, District- Panchkula, Haryana, My son Md Firudsh Alam is out of my control, I disown him from my movable/immovable property. Those who deal or any court case with him in future will be responsible themselves.

I, Karambir S/O Sh. Hukamchand R/O Tajpur, Teh-Bhopoli, Panipat declare that my son Bitu and his wife Rakhi and their child Harsh & Ajay all are out of my control. So I disown them from my all movable/immovable property. Any body deals with them at own risk.

We, Bheem Singh S/O Malkhan Singh, Som Lata W/o Bheem Singh, H.No. 2635/1, Housing Complex, Maloya, Chandigarh, disown our son Anil Kumar, his wife Pooja for all movable/ immovable properties as both are beyond our control. Anybody deals them at own risk, we shall not be responsible.

I, Dinesh Kumar S/O Asarifikamat R/O Gandhi Nagar, Pehowa, Kurukshetra My Son Gourav Kumar is out of my control, I disown them from all my movable and immoveable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Their Own risk.

I, Baldev Singh S/O Mastan Singh R/O Vill helwa Tehsil Pehowa distt Kurukshetra, My Son Jitender Singh and his Wife Kamaljeet is out of my control. I disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with them at their own risk.

We Dhiraj Kumar S/O Sh. Shyam Kishore Parshad and Bina Sinha W/O Dhiraj Kumar R/O Vill. Dholram Teh. Sh. Chamkaur Sahib, Distt Roopnagar (Pb.) declare that our son Shashi Sourav and his wife Vinita Sinha are out of our control. We disown them from our movable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with them will do at their own risk.

I, Rammehar S/O Sh. Haridas R/O Bhatnagar Colony Gali No. 11 Jind, Tehsil and Distt. Jind (Hr.) declare that my son Ravinder and his wife are out of my and my family members control. So, I disown both of them from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with both will do so at their own risk, I and my family members are not responsible.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Hakam Singh S/O Pritam Singh R/O Village Chhat, sub tehsil Zirakpur, Distt.SAS Nagar, had disown my son Gurjeet Singh from movable and immovable property on 15-07-2024, as he was beyond my control. Now my son is under control hence I withdraw my disown notice and he will be entitled to my property.

I, D Ramanamma legally mother of No.16126245L Rank NK Name Devarakonda Chinna Anjaneyulu Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 3-48, VTC : Akaveedu, Distt. Prakasham State- Andhra Pradesh-523372 declare That I have changed my name from D Ramanamma to Devarakonda Ramanamma and DOB from 01.07.1976 to 01.01.1971 vide affidavit dated 24.04.2025

It Is For General Information That I, Krishan Kumar S/O Zile Singh Residing At Kheri Sikander, Post Office Pundri, Tehsil Pundri, Distt. Kaithal, Haryana-136026 Declare That The Name Of My Minor Daughter Has Been Wrongly Written As Anshu In My Minor Daughter Anshu Rani Aged 17 Years In Her Cbse Class 10th Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of My Daughter Is Anshu Rani Which May Be Amended Accordingly. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I, No.15152804L, EX GNR Rank. Sep. Balvir Chand S/O Sarwan Ram R/O Vill, Machhiana, Po. Daduwal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab declare that the correct date of birth 01-01-1948 is by my mother Swarn Kaur whereas the date of birth of 11-05-1947 is my mother Swarn Kaur as recorded in my service records (mentioned the incorrect date of birth recorded in sheet Roll) which is incorrect.

ਮੈਂ ਸੋਨੀ ਦਿਆਲ ਮਹੀਨਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਵਿੰਦਰ ਪਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਰਾਂਝੇ ਏ ਕੋਟੋ ਡਾਕਖਾਨਾ ਪਰਮਾਨੰਦ ਤਰਿਸੋਲ ਤੇ ਜਿਲਾ ਪਾਨਕੁਲਾ ਏ ਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਬਿਅਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਪੁਰਾਣਾ ਨਾਂ: ਸੋਨੀ ਦਿਆਲ ਮਹੀਨਾ ਸੁਵਿੰਦਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਵਿੰਦਰ ਪਾਲ ਬਿਅਨ ਦਿੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਬਾਕੀ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅਪਣਾ ਨਾਂ ਸੋਨੀ ਦਿਆਲ ਮਹੀਨਾ ਮਹੀਨਾ ਤੇ ਸੋਨੀ ਦਿਆਲ ਮਹੀਨਾ ਬਦਲ ਦਿੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ।

I, Gurjit Kaur w/o Gurvinderjit Singh R/O Shiv Enclave, Village Raipur Tehsil/ Distt. S.A.S. Nagar declare that in school certificate of my son Sahajpreet Singh my name is mentioned as Gurjeet Kaur. In my all Documents my name is mentioned as Gurjit Kaur. Gurjit kaur and Gurjeet Kaur one and same person.

I, Army No. 15330540Y Rank Hav Name Sanil K K of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt have changed my Mother PV SAVITHRI Date of birth from 01.07.1960 to 12.11.1957.

I, Army No. 15330540Y Rank Hav Name Sanil K K of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt have changed my Father KK NARAYANAN Date of birth from 01.07.1952 to 14.02.1951.

I, SONA DEVI Is Mother of No. 15791899K Rank Hav, Name Kanhaiya Kumar of Unit 408 Gun Msl Regt. C/O 56 APO Mathura Cantt, Residing at Shanti Mohalla Patratu, P.T.P.S., Distt. Ramgarh, State Jharkhand, 829119 Declare That my son service record in my date of birth years 1957 is wrongly, but correct my date of birth 01/01/1957.

I, Arun Kumar Jain S/O Sh. Ramesh Kumar Jain R/O Patnam Nagar, Narwana, Distt. Jind Haryana-126116 (India) in Adhar Card and Pan Card and Driving License my name is Arun Jain, but in my 10th Marksheet my name is written Arun Kumar Jain. I have changed my name Arun Kumar Jain to Arun Jain.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Lachmi W/o Ramu R/O House No. 5985, Maloya Colony, Chandigarh declare that in some document my name is wrongly written as Laxmi. Lachmi and Laxmi is one and the same person. My correct name is Lachmi.

I, Boota Singh S/O Gajjan Singh, Resident of Gazipur, PO Sultampur Lodhi, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab-144626 I have changed my Name From Boota Singh to Boota Singh Josan.

I, No. 14655513H Rank HAV Name Gaikwad Bapurao Mahadeo Unit 138(I) Wksp EME (Sig Gp) C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Gavthan, Karkhel Tal Man, Karkhel, PO Parayanti, Distt. Satara, State- Maharashtra-415009 declare That I have changed my minor son name from Abhiraj to Abhiraj Bapurao Gaikwad vide affidavit dated 25.03.2025

I, No. 14655513H Rank HAV Name Gaikwad Bapurao Mahadeo Unit 138(I) Wksp EME (Sig Gp) C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Gavthan, Karkhel Tal Man, Karkhel, PO Parayanti, Distt. Satara, State- Maharashtra-415009 declare That I have changed my minor son name from Aditya to Aditya Bapurao Gaikwad vide A affidavit dated 25.03.2025.

I, Anjalee Tyagi w/o Sachin Tyagi R/O H. No. 206/4, Kot Mohalla, Sonipat have changed my name from Anjali to Anjalee Tyagi for all future purposes.

I, Pankaj Kumar S/O Sh. Jaspal, R/O H.No. 27/14, Kailash Nagar, Gali No. 8, Near Ram Mandir, Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Pankaj to Pankaj Kumar.

I, Arvinder Singh S/O Piara Singh Rana R/O #106-A, Green Enclave, Daun, District SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Arvinder Singh to Arvinder Singh Rana.

I, Rekha Dhiman W/o Naresh Kumar R/O Saraswati Colony, Gali no. 3, Kheri Markanda, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra have changed my name from Rekha Dhiman to Rekha Rani.

I, Amertihm legally mother of No.16112458N Rank HAV Name Balakrishnan M Unit 4 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 3/65, Valangakulam, Thidian Post Usilai Thaluk, VTC : Thidian, Distt. Madurai, Tamil Nadu-625529 declare That I have changed my name from Amerthem to Amirtham M and DOB 29.07.1965 to 25.04.1965 vide affidavit dated 21.04.2025

I, Pitamber Singh S/O Balbir Singh R/O Lakhmar, district Kurukshetra (Haryana) INDIA have changed my minor son name Bhavish to Bhavish Singh.

I, A Malayarayan legally father of No.16112458N Rank HAV Name Balakrishnan M Unit 4 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 3/65, Valangakulam, Thidian Post Usilai Thaluk, VTC : Thidian, Distt. Madurai, State- Tamil Nadu-625529 declare That I have changed my name from A Malayarayan to Malaiyarayan Azhagumalai and DOB 29.07.1959 to 02.08.1964 vide affidavit dated 21.04.2025

I, Selvam Abinaya legally spouse of No.16112458N Rank HAV Name Balakrishnan M Unit 4 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 18/2, Middle Street, P Vaigaikulam, Thirumangalamtaluk, VTC : Vagaikulam, Distt. Madurai, State- Tamil Nadu-625706 declare That I have changed my name from Selvam Abinaya to Abinaya S vide affidavit dated 21.04.2025

I, Lakshmi legally mother of No.16127569H Rank L/NK Name Raji Nageswara Rao Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (H.No. 2-17, Kondakoppaka Veedhi, Ganesh Centre, Yelamanchilli, VTC : Eti Koppaka, Distt. Visakhapatnam, State- Andhra Pradesh-531082 declare That I have changed my name from Lakshmi to Raji Lakshmi and DOB 18.04.1979 to 01.01.1979 vide affidavit dated 19.04.2025

I, Appalanaidu legally father of No.16127569H Rank L/NK Name Raji Nageswara Rao Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of H.No. 2-17, Kondakoppaka Veedhi, Ganesh Centre, Yelamanchilli, VTC : Eti Koppaka, Distt. Visakhapatnam, State- Andhra Pradesh-531082 declare That I have changed my name from Appalanaidu to Raji Appalanaidu and DOB 26.06.1975 to 01.01.1972 vide affidavit dated 19.04.2025

I, Singupuram Ranganya legally father of No.16125654M Rank NK Name Singupuram Padmanabhaya Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Sanasahi, Saradhapur, VTC Ankudu, Distt. Gajapati, State- Odisha- 761210 declare That I have changed my name from Singupuram Ranganya to Singupuram Ranga Rao and DOB 01.01.1973 to 01.01.1964 vide affidavit dated 21.04.2025

I, Dinesh S/O Sh. Bharat Ram R/O Flat No. 20, C. Fio. Homes-2, Kishanpura Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar, Punjab, have changed my name from Dinesh to Dinesh Khan.

I, Birma Devi W/o Ramkumar R/O Dholu Sub-Tehsil Bhuna, Distt. Fatehabad state that my name has been wrongly written as Birma in my son Kamaljeet's 10th class mark sheet whereas my correct name is Birma Devi which is mentioned in my Aadhaar card and other documents. Now I want to get my correct name Birma Devi registered in my son Kamaljeet's 10th class mark sheet.

I, Neha Gandhi w/o Mohit Kumar R/O 373-A, Lalpat Nagar, Fatehabad Haryana (125050) vide affidavit dated 21.04.2025

I, Singupuram Tejjamma legally mother of No.16125654M Rank NK Name Singupuram Padmanabhaya Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Sanasahi, Saradhapur, Ankudu, Gajapati, State- Odisha- 761210 declare That I have changed my DOB from 09.03.1975 to 01.01.1982 vide affidavit dated 21.04.2025

I, No. 14655513H Rank HAV Name Gaikwad Bapurao Mahadeo Unit 138(I) Wksp EME (Sig Gp) C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Gavthan, Karkhel Tal Man, Karkhel, PO Parayanti, Distt. Satara, State- Maharashtra-415009 declare That I have changed my minor son name from Abhiraj to Abhiraj Bapurao Gaikwad vide affidavit dated 25.03.2025

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I, Sarita D/o Sub Maj & Honey Capt Sajjan Kumar Boora (JC-802958F) R/O House No. 3926, Urban Estate Jind Haryana have changed my name from Kumari Mamta to Mamta

I, Surinder Pal S/O Lachhman Dass R/O Village Moutian, PO Barian Kalan, Distt. Hoshiarpur 146101 Punjab have changed my name from Surinder Pal to Surinder Kumar. Concerned note.

I, Sharnjit Singh S/O Sh. Mohinder Lal resident of Village Sulehriyan Khurd, PO Tanda Ram Sahal, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed my name from Sharnjit Singh to Sharanjit Singh, Concerned Note.

I, Jitender Kumar S/O Sh. Badri Nath R/O House No. 1608, Sector-24, Panipat, declares that I have changed my name from Jitendra Kumar to Jitender Kumar, for all future purposes.

I, No.15743400Y HAV Shinde Mahesh Pandurang R/O Tehsil And Distt Pathankot Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sujata Babbar.

I, Anita Devi W/o V.S. Chaudhary, House No. 522, Sector - 11-B, Chandigarh. I have Changed my name from Anita Devi to Anita Chaudhary

I, Indu Arora W/o Ramesh Kumar and D/o Tek Chand, R/O H.No. 1233, Near N.T.C. School, Rajpura Town, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala, Punjab, have changed my name from Indu Arora to Indu Bala.

I, Rajinder Kaur alias Gurpreet Kaur w/o Gurtej Singh R/O Vill. Karhali Teh & Distt. Patiala Declare That Rajinder Kaur & Gurpreet Kaur Both Names are of one & Same Person. Plz. Noted.

I, Sunil Kumar Khanna S/O Dayal Chand khanna R/O Flat No. 31, MS Enclave, Dhakauli, Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Dinesh Khanna Khanna to Dinesh Khanna.

I, Ranju wife of Sunil Dev Singla resident of House No. B-XII/1095, Street No. 3, K. C. Road Barnala has changed my name to Ranju Rani. Concerned persons pay attention.

I, Santosh Rani Sehda, W/o Devinder Kumar and D/o Shiv Dyal, R/O H. No. 1235, Vikas Nagar, Rajpura, Tehsil Rajpura District Patiala, have changed my name from Santosh Rani Sehda to Santosh Rani.

I, Kuldeep Kaur W/O Ex-serviceman Hony Nb Sub Amrik Singh, Army No 1567893N R/O Vill Kalra, PO- Gardhivala, Tehsil- Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144207 declare that I have changed my name from Kuldip Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur and date of birth from 05 May 1966 to 01 Jan 1972 due to variation in my husband service documents. Concern notes.

I, Sunayana Devi W/o No.JC385402L SUB MAJ Krishna Murari R/O Unit 31 NSR Chandimandir Cantt, Distt- Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Ram Brikash Singh to Ramvriksha Singh and DOB from 01-07-1947 to 03-09-1950. Vide Affidavit no:- POW2025D218, Dated-23-04-2025

I, Sanjay Arora S/O Bhola Ram Arora R/O House No. 696, P.L.A., Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Sanjay Arora to Sanjay Kumar for all future purposes.

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I, Palash S/O Dhiren Biswas R/o near Kali Mata temple, Kuldeep Nagar, Tehsil & district Panipat have changed my name from Palash to Palash Biswas for all future purposes.

I, Mangai Kannamani, mother of Army no. 14844759L, Rank - NK/MT, Ramesh K, My Date of birth is wrongly mentioned in my son's army service record as 01/07/1964, but my correct Date of Birth 01/02/1958.

I, Rashid Kha, father of Army no. 6504248P, Rank NK, Shaharukh Khan, My name is wrongly mentioned in my son's army service record as Rasid Khan, but my correct name is Rashid Kha.

I, Nashim Bi Rashid Kha, mother of Army no. 6504248P, Rank NK, Shaharukh Khan, My name is wrongly mentioned in my son's army service record as Nasim Bee, but my correct name is Nashim Bi Rashid Kha.

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I, Pardeep Kumar Gupta S/O Ramswak Shah # 174, Badheri, Sector - 41D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar Gupta.

I, Pushpinder W/o Gian Singh # 1648, Near Kila Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Pushpa.

I, Akansha Kumari D/o Sh. Rana Randhir Kumar R/O Village Gangajol Tala Gangajal Sonepur Distt Saran , Bihar , Presently Resident House no 26, Shankar Colony , Jandli, Ambala City have changed my name from Aakanchha Kumari to Akansha Kumari.

I, Parveen Kumari (Aadhar No. 684020850783) W/o Ranbir Singh R/O Tangipur Ismailabad, Sub Tehsil Ismailabad, District Kurukshetra have changed my son's name from Krish Saini to Krish Saini Singh. In future my son may be known as Krish Saini Singh.

I, Narmal Singh is legally dependent Father of JC-357343N, Nb Sub Manbir Singh of Unit GE(AF) Adm Area Gwalior-474020 R/O Village Dhakwala Tehsil Chhachhrauli, Distt. Yamuna Nagar hereby declares that I have changed my date of birth from 13.02.1967 to 13.11.1963 and changed my name Narvail Singh to Narmal Singh due to wrongly entered in my son's service record vide affidavit No-338, dt 22 April 2025 attested at Teh Chhachhrauli.

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No.15743400Y HAV Shinde Mahesh Pandurang R/O 31 NSR C/o 56 APO, Chandimandir, Tehsil-Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Trishala to Trishala Pandurang Shinde and DOB from 20-05-1970 to 01-01-1965.

I, Shivata Singla W/O Saurabh Singh R/O 541, Sector 13p, Hisar Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shivata Singla To Shivata Singal For All Future Purposes.

I, Saurabh Singla S/O Shiv Kumar Singh R/O 541, Sector 13p, Hisar Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Saurabh Singla To Saurabh Singal For All Future Purposes.

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I, Anigrej Kaur W/o Rampal Singh, Balahra, Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed name to Kaur Anigrej

I, Awadhesh S/o Sh. Vansh Bahadur Kushwaha R/O House No. 195, Sector 56 (West), Chandigarh have changed my name to Awadhesh Kushwaha.

I, Baljinder Kaur W/o Ajit Singh R/o Bajaj Gupta Wala Amritsar, have changed my name to Balwinder Kaur

I, Ravinder Singh s/o Mohan Singh R/o #461-C Sector 33-A Chandigarh have changed my name to Ravinder Singh Gill

I, Urmila Singh W/o Late Indra Bahadur Singh R/o # 1709 Sector 39-B Chandigarh have changed my name to Urmila Devi .

I, Vijay S/O Satpal R/O VPO Khairindwa District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Vijay to Vijay Kumar.

I, Monika D/o Lakshmi Kant W/o Janak Raj R/O 34, 30Ft Road, Phase-I, White Enclave, Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name after marriage from Monika to Monika Sharma.

I, Prince Kumar Marwaha S/O Indrjeet R/O 222, Ward No. 9, Gali Bhallian Vill, Main Bazar, Majitha, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Prince Kumar Marwaha to Prince Kumar.

I, hitherto known as Ashurin Nisha wife of Manjur Alam residing at Jamokhar, PO Chandauli, District Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh-232104 have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Amrurun Nisha

I, hitherto known as Amanjeet Singh son of Jaspal Singh residing at 61, Anand Avenue, Near Manav Public School, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Amanjeet Nagi

I, hitherto known as Amarjit son of Yaqub residing at Old Market Committee, Talwandi Bhai, Tehsil and District Ferozepur-142050 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Amarjit Gharu.

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Punjab MLAs to Get Rs 5-cr Annually to Boost Local Development

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government on Thursday took a decisive leap towards grassroots transformation as Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann-led Cabinet approved the ambitious 'Rangla Punjab Vikas Yojana', earmarking Rs 585 crore for critical district-level development projects in the 2025-26 financial year. Under this, each of the state's 117 MLAs will receive Rs five crore annually for grassroots development projects.

In another major move, the Cabinet cleared the formation of an appellate authority to address grievances related to the cancelled industrial plots by PSIEC — providing long-pending relief to entrepreneurs. The government also approved third-party clearances for factory building plans, aimed at streamlining industrial development, and gave the nod to merge eight villages of Patiala into Mohali, paving the way for planned urban expansion.

In a major step to catalyse constituency-level development, the Cabinet gave nod to the scheme, announced by the Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema in this year's budget. The scheme, with a total allocation of Rs 585 crore for the current fiscal, aimed at addressing the day-to-day infrastructural and civic needs of the people, ensuring equitable and need-based progress across all Vidhan Sabha constituencies. The Cabinet gave its nod to the guidelines of the scheme, which were finalized during a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister at his official residence.

A spokesperson from the Chief Minister's Office said that funds under the scheme will be administered by the Deputy Commissioners, who will act upon recommendations made by MLAs, community organizations, citizen groups, and public-spirited individuals. These proposals will be vetted and approved by a District Level Committee, headed by the Deputy Commissioner and including the Minister in-charge for the district, as appointed by the Chief Minister.

The Deputy Commissioner will also hold powers to grant both administrative and financial sanctions, ensuring seamless execution and timely completion of development

works. Describing the scheme as a "landmark initiative", Chief Minister said that it reflected the government's commitment to "transform Punjab into a vibrant, inclusive, and developed state, from the grassroots up".

FAST-TRACK BUILDING APPROVALS WITH SELF-CERTIFICATION MODEL

To cut red tape and expedite the factory setup process, the Cabinet gave a green signal to the introduction of third-party certification and self-certification for approval of factory building plans. Under the new model, approved architects can now certify building plans in line with existing building byelaws, after which the Labour Department will conduct a re-verification based on defined parameters such as land use compliance, ground coverage, setbacks, building height, road width, and parking provisions. This reform, applicable to factories located outside municipal limits, will significantly reduce the plan approval time from 45 days to just 30 days. Until now, the process, governed under the Factories Act, 1948, involved complex and time-consuming inspections that often deterred investors due to delays and procedural bottlenecks. The new framework is expected to eliminate unnecessary delays, reduce costs, and encourage faster project execution—key factors for attracting industrial investments. Spokesperson highlighted that this progressive move would also conserve administrative resources, while reinforcing the Government's commitment to a transparent and business-friendly environment in Punjab.

APPELLATE AUTHORITY FOR CANCELLED PSIEC PLOTS TO ADDRESS INVESTOR GRIEVANCES

In another major relief for the state's industrialists, the Cabinet approved the formation of an appellate authority to address grievances related to cancelled plots by the Punjab State Industrial Export Corporation (PSIEC). The authority will provide a formal mechanism for affected allottees to appeal cancellations that occurred due to various reasons. The decision addresses long-standing demands from industry associations and will also help de-escalate litigations between the govern-

ment, PSIEC, and plot holders. The new appellate mechanism ensures due process, upholding legal principles such as Audi Alteram Partem (right to be heard), thereby promoting transparency and stakeholder trust. As per the new policy, appeals against previously cancelled plots can be filed by September 30, 2025, while future cancellations will have a six-month appeal window from the date of cancellation. The appeals can be submitted in a prescribed format either physically or via email. In exceptional cases, delays may be condoned by the PSIEC Board of Directors, provided valid reasons are furnished. Only those plots which have not been re-allotted or resumed will be eligible under this scheme. The move is expected to unclog the dispute resolution system, provide relief to genuine stakeholders, and unlock industrial potential trapped in procedural complexities.

CABINET PAYS TRIBUTE TO MARTYRS OF PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

In a deeply emotional and solemn gesture, the Punjab Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, on Thursday began its meeting by paying heartfelt tributes to the martyrs of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. The Council of Ministers observed a two-minute silence to honour those who laid down their lives in the barbaric assault.

Describing the attack as a "wound on the collective conscience of the nation", the Ministers expressed deep anguish over the loss of innocent lives and called the incident an unprovoked and inhuman act of terror. Calling terrorism an enemy of humanity, the Cabinet unanimously condemned the violence, stating that no faith or ideology justifies such brutality. "Terrorists have no religion. Their only motive is to instill fear and cause irreparable loss," the Cabinet noted, emphasizing that this cowardly act must be denounced unequivocally by all.

Reaffirming solidarity with the victims and their families, the Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers expressed their commitment to peace and unity, urging the nation to stand strong in the face of such heinous acts that seek to disrupt harmony and human values.

Punjab to Recruit 5,500 Home Guards to Strengthen Border Vigil, Combat Drug Smuggling

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a significant move to tighten border security and curb the menace of cross-border drug smuggling, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday approved the recruitment of 5,500 jawans in the border wing of the Punjab Home Guards. These personnel will serve as a second line of defence across the state's 553-kilometre-long international border with Pakistan, particularly in seven border districts.

The decision, announced during a high-level security review meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, comes in the wake of recent terror incidents, including the attack in Pahalgam (Jammu and Kashmir). Mann emphasized the urgent need to plug any gaps left by the primary defence forces and declared that the new Border Wing will work in close coordination with the Border Security Force (BSF).

"This additional layer of security will be crucial to intercept threats that may slip through the BSF's primary net," said Mann, adding, "Punjab Police is well-trained, committed, and equipped with the courage to handle any challenge, but for infrastructure and operational reinforcement, I will soon meet the Union Home Minister to seek support from the Centre."

In addition to these border deployments, the Chief Minister announced the recruitment of 400 more jawans to bolster internal security forces like the Sadak Surakhya Force (SSF) and the State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF). These measures, Mann said, are aimed not only at improving public safety but also at creating employment opportunities for the youth. The initiative is being seen as a proactive step in response to the escalating concerns over drone-based narcotics delivery, smuggling routes, and terror infiltration attempts across Punjab's porous border. With this expansion of the Home Guard force, the state aims to build a resilient and multi-layered defence apparatus.

"Punjab is committed to peace, but not at the cost of preparedness," Mann affirmed, calling it a "bold step towards securing the state's future from both internal and external threats."

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MC COMMISSIONER LAUNCHES MISSION "STRAY CATTLE-FREE CHANDIGARH"

Chandigarh: Taking serious note of the increasing issue of stray cattle on city roads, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Amit Kumar on Thursday launched an aggressive campaign under the mission "Stray Cattle-Free Chandigarh." Under this mission, the Commissioner directed the officers concerned to intensify cattle-catching operations across all sectors, with a special emphasis on the areas near villages and urban colonies. The commissioner said that stray cattle will not be tolerated on city roads beyond the next three months. He has issued strict instructions to all concerned officials dealing with the cattle catching unit to ensure continuous and effective drives to remove stray animals from public areas. In a firm message to violators, the Commissioner stated that any cattle caught by the MCC will not be released under any condition, and legal action will be initiated as per law against those responsible for letting their animals roam freely in the city. He said, "Stray cattle pose a serious threat to traffic, public safety, and the overall discipline of the city."

STATE-LEVEL BHAGWAN PARSHURAM JAYANTI TO BE CELEBRATED IN ROHTAK

Chandigarh: Haryana Cooperation Minister Arvind Sharma on Thursday said that the state-level celebration of Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti will be held on May 17 in Pahrwar, Rohtak, under the Sant Mahapurush Vichar Samman evam Prasar Yojana implemented by the state government. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will attend the event as the Chief Guest. Representatives from the Brahmin community and all other communities across the state will participate in this celebration.

NO GAZETTED HOLIDAY FOR AKSHAY TRITIYA ON APRIL 30 IN HARYANA

Chandigarh: There will be no gazetted holiday for Akshay Tritiya on April 30 in Haryana, a government statement said on Thursday. An order issued by the Human Resources Department stated that in partial modification of the government notification issued on December 26, 2024, it is notified that the Gazetted holiday declared for Akshay Tritiya stands withdrawn because the same was written inadvertently.

RBI HOLDS FINANCIAL AWARENESS SESSION

Chandigarh: To sensitize urban youth, particularly regarding digital financial frauds, the Office of Reserve Bank Integrated Ombudsman, Chandigarh on Thursday organised a financial awareness session for the students of Rayat-Bahra University. The event was primarily addressed by Rajeev Dwivedi, Reserve Bank Ombudsman, Chandigarh and Amit Sharma, Zonal Operation Head, IndusInd Bank, where faculty members of the University also participated. In the session, the participants were sensitized about do's and don'ts of digital banking. The participants were requested not to share OTPs, account / card details, PIN, internet banking passwords, etc. The participants' attention was specifically invited to 'sancharsathi' website (<https://www.sancharsathi.gov.in>) launched by Government of India, as a facility for citizens to report details of suspicious calls / phishing links. It was urged that only official apps, websites and call centre numbers of the service providers should be used and messages received on mobiles or emails like updation of KYC details, disconnection of electricity bill, blocking of sim cards, redemption of reward points in credit cards, investment offers, job offers through Telegram, etc. whether by downloading any link or otherwise should be handled with extreme care. Similarly, it was urged that any message seeking remittance of funds to overseas relatives should be acted upon only after due confirmation.

230 BLAS APPOINTED IN PUNJAB/CEO

Chandigarh: The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, has informed that a total of 230 Booth Level Agents-1 (BLA-1) have been appointed so far across the state, as a step towards ensuring transparency and preparedness for the upcoming elections. Booth Level Agents play a crucial role in the electoral process as they serve as the direct link between political parties and the booth-level electoral machinery, assisting in the verification of electoral rolls, raising objections if required, and ensuring that the polling process is conducted fairly and efficiently. Appealing to political parties, Punjab Chief Electoral Officer, Sibin C, said, "We urge all political parties to expedite the appointment of Booth Level Agents. Their active participation is essential for ensuring the integrity of the electoral rolls and the overall fairness of the election process."

Panchayati Raj Institutions accelerate grassroots development: Hry CM



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Thursday said that Panchayati Raj Institutions are a vital link in democracy that gives a new momentum to development. "When the Panchayati Raj system was granted constitutional status, the objective was to empower villages and ensure their development through panchayats," he added.

Addressing the State-Level Gram Uththan Samaroh on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day in Panchkula, Saini said, "The soul of this nation lies in its villages. Haryana has had a proud tradition of panchayats since Vedic times, where 'Panchs' have been given the status of 'Panch Parmeshwar'. Hence, their responsibility is immense. Panch Parmeshwar must work with this spirit to ensure the holistic development of villages."

The Chief Minister said that 50 percent of the panchayat representatives present at this programme are women, which is a symbol of women empowerment—an empowerment that will give a new boost to the development of our villages.

Saini further said, "Villages are the foundation of our culture, tradition, and a self-reliant India. A strong village leads to a strong nation. When panchayats are empowered, democracy thrives. Therefore, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure the development and self-reliance of our villages. Once our villages are developed, the state will progress, and we will surely fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of Viksit Bharat well before 2047."

Saini said that everyone in the village should have access to proper healthcare facilities. He urged the representatives to commit themselves to advancing villages on parameters like education, healthcare, sanitation, women empowerment, and overall socio-economic development.

The Chief Minister appealed to panchayat representatives to pledge for a drug-free village. He urged that every representative

should take a vow to eliminate drug use from their respective villages.

He said that during the Panchayat Conference held on July 12, it was announced that there would be no shortage of funds for development in the panchayats. Since then, Rs 3,566 crore has been transferred to the accounts of panchayats. He assured that there will be no dearth of funds for development works in the future as well. He further said that in the direction of making every village self-reliant, the government has connected each village with the internet. Initiatives like tap water in every home, Har Khet ko Pani, 24-hour electricity under the 'Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon' scheme, and health facilities for every individual under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana have been implemented.

Saini said that some 'sarpanches' had informed him that they did not have sufficient funds, and taking swift action on the same he had directed the department officers that panchayats with a total grant of less than Rs 20 lakh should be provided with additional funds as a 'gap fund,' so that each panchayat has at least Rs 21 lakh available. As a result, Rs 583 crore was directly transferred to panchayat accounts last year.

He further shared that the government has established 948 e-libraries, 281 indoor gyms, 453 street lights in villages, and 349 Mahila Chaupals to improve the quality of rural life. Additionally, the 'Phimis' (village lanes) of 316 villages have been paved. He also said that Rs. 118.47 crore has been directly transferred to the accounts of panchayats for the repair of 2930 AC and BC chaupals in the state.

On the occasion, Saini announced a development bonanza worth Rs 368 crore to the state's panchayats. He inaugurated 923 development works worth Rs. 233 crore and laid the foundation stones for 413 works worth Rs. 135 crore. Further strengthening grassroots governance, the Chief Minister also transferred Rs. 573 crore to 22 Zila Parishads, 142 Panchayat Samitis, and 5,388 Gram Panchayats as their share of stamp duty revenue. In addition, the Chief Minister released Rs. 18.28 crore for the construction of Mahila Chaupals in 511 Gram Panchayats.

He also released an honorarium amount of Rs. 1.45 crore to 411 Zila Parishad members and 3,081 Panchayat Samiti members.

Saini also launched the Mukhyamantri Jagrit Gram Puraskar Yojana. Under this scheme, awards will be given to Panchayats that demonstrate outstanding performance across various socio-economic parameters such as education, healthcare, sanitation, women empowerment, agricultural productivity, digital connectivity, and sustainable infrastructure. Based on population criteria, Gram Panchayats securing the first position will receive an incentive of Rs 51 lakh, second position Rs. 31 lakh, and third position Rs. 21 lakh. The prize money is to be utilized for local development initiatives.

EXPLORE CSR OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY BEAUTIFICATION: CM SAINI ASKS OFFICERS

Reiterating his commitment to make the cities clean and beautiful, the Chief Minister instructed the officers to implement door-to-door garbage collection using advanced technology across all Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Committees so that accurate information about the vehicles and manpower engaged in this work can be available based on live location. He also called for exploring the use of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for urban beautification projects such as wall paintings. He further directed that in cases where the tender deadline is approaching, all related processes should be completed at least 15 days in advance to avoid any delays.

Presiding over a review meeting of the Urban Local Bodies Department, Saini directed officials to establish a dedicated feedback cell within the Urban Local Bodies Department to collect public input on garbage collection services in municipalities. He said that the feedback cell should be integrated with the CM Dashboard to enable real-time monitoring and continuous improvement of cleanliness initiatives so that cities can be made cleaner and more beautiful.

Punjab Govt Hikes Sarpanches' Honorarium to "highest-ever"; Announces Incentives for Drug-Free Villages

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a move aimed at empowering grassroots governance and promoting rural development, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday announced a slew of measures, including a monthly honorarium of Rs 2,000 for Sarpanches across the State.

Calling the honorarium a "token of respect" for the vital role that village heads play in rural administration, Mann said that the amount would be disbursed from the date of oath-taking. Mann, addressing the state-level Panchayat Diwas celebrations at Tagore Theatre in Chandigarh, also hinted at a potential future increase, stating, "This is just the

Rs. 2000 crore to be spent on strengthening Agriculture and Horticulture sectors: Himachal CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday said that the state government was committed to boost the rural economy by strengthening the agriculture and horticulture sectors, adding that an amount of Rs. 2,000 crore would be spent during the present financial year for this purpose.

Presiding over a meeting with the senior officials of departments of Agriculture, Horticulture and other allied sectors, he said that the state government was working to develop the most favourable infrastructure for the processing and marketing of agricultural and horticultural produce. He said that in alignment with this vision, innovative measures were also being undertaken with a positive outlook to enhance the dairy sector.

Sukhu emphasized the significant contribution of livestock in strengthening the rural economy and said that the state government launched the 'Him Ganga Yojana' on a pilot basis in the districts of Hamirpur and Kangra. Apart from this, Milkfed had established 120 automated and 32 digital milk collection units in the districts of Mandi, Kullu and Shimla.

The Chief Minister said that to promote natural farming, the government had fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of turmeric, wheat and maize produced under natural farming at Rs. 90, Rs. 60, and Rs. 40 per kilogram respectively for this financial year. The government also aims to bring one lakh new farmers under natural farming this year, and all such farmers would be linked with the 'Him Parivar Register'.

Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar, Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi, MLA Ashish Butail, Chairman, Milkfed Bhdhi Singh Thakur, Secretary, Animal Husbandry Ritesh Chauhan, Managing Director, Milkfed Vikas Sood and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

beginning. Soon, another zero will be added to this figure."

The decision reverses the 2019 move that had scrapped the previous Rs 1,200 pension scheme due to legal complications. "Our predecessors only promoted nepotism — it was all about 'my brother-in-law, my son, my relative.' We are here to reward merit and service," said Mann, in a veiled dig at opposition parties.

Reiterating his government's commitment to eradicate drug menace from the state, Mann announced that villages declaring themselves drug-free would be rewarded with a special development grant of Rs one lakh. These villages will also be prioritized for infrastructural upgrades and modernization.

"The fight against drugs isn't just the government's battle — it's a people's movement," said Mann. "Panchayats must play a proactive role. The villages that achieve this milestone will be developed into model villages with state-of-the-art facilities," he said.

Asserting that Panchayats are the "foundation of democracy", the Chief Minister urged Sarpanches to function with neutrality and fairness. "You are not just heads of your factions — you are leaders of your entire villages," he emphasized. Mann also lauded Panchayats that were elected unanimously, calling them beacons of harmony and unity. Such Panchayats were awarded Rs five lakh cheques for setting an example of consensus-driven democracy. He cautioned against groupism, saying that it hampers development. "Let us move beyond divisions. Once elected, a Sarpanch belongs to the entire village, not just to those who voted for them."

Among other significant announcements, Mann detailed an overhaul of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme. Under the revised policy, work under the scheme will be allotted during lean periods when other



employment opportunities are scarce. Panchayats will also be given the authority to approve contractor payments only after certifying the quality of infrastructure, like village roads. The Chief Minister also highlighted the ongoing success of canal water restoration projects. "When I took office, only 21 percent of the state used canal water. Today, 75 percent of our irrigation is canal-based. This not only boosts crop yields but also eases the burden on underground water reserves and electricity consumption," he said.

In a strong pitch for environmental consciousness, Mann asked Panchayats to pass resolutions mandating the plantation of at least four trees near every motor pump. "Let's stop fighting nature. Ganganagar, a desert, has more trees than us. We must change that," he said.

Further boosting rural employment, the CM announced plans to issue permits for mini-bus services to village youths. Each permit will be allotted to four youths, with 30-kilometer fixed routes designed to generate local employment without political favouritism. "We want our youngsters to become job creators, not job seekers," he said.

Himachal CM discusses border development and collaboration with ITBP

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday held a meeting with Sanjay Gunjyal, Frontier Commander of the Northern Frontier Headquarters of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Dehradun and had a detailed discussions regarding the role of ITBP in the border districts of Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti and issues concerning security along the India-China border.

Apart from this, various topics were deliberated upon, including a roadmap for promoting border tourism in the frontier regions of the state, procurement of local produce for ITBP supplies, and provision of medical services to local communities through ITBP healthcare facilities.

The Chief Minister said that to strengthen disaster management the state government would establish improved coordination with ITBP's regional response centre, adding that helpads located in ITBP-controlled zones could be utilized to promote tourism

in remote areas. All formalities in this regard would be completed in consultation with the force, which would also help enhance connectivity.

Sukhu said that the state government was taking several steps to strengthen the rural economy and if ITBP procures food products directly from local residents, it would create employment opportunities and benefit farmers and horticulturists. He urged ITBP officials to prioritize the involvement of local residents in construction projects after completing all requisite formalities.

He also directed the state officials to expedite all procedures for establishing communication towers in border areas and lauded the developmental efforts and other initiatives undertaken by the ITBP in frontier regions.

Commander Sanjay Gunjyal briefed the Chief Minister about steps taken under the Vibrant Village Programme for the construction of three proposed roads in the Sangla Valley and Kaurik area. He also shared details of 15 additional roads proposed in remote and forward border regions of the state.

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SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA HOME LOAN CENTRE, 1ST FLOOR, DHANGU ROAD, PATHANKOT. DEMAND NOTICE SUB: NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HERE IN AFTER CALLED ACT)

Table with 5 columns: Name of the Borrower/Guarantor, Description of the Immovable Property, Date of NPA, Date of Demand Notice, Amount Outstanding. Includes details for Sh. Tarlok Singh Lalli S/o Sh. Kishan Singh Lalli, House No. 332, Kharsa No. 16R/1/2/1, 1/2, 10/1, 10/2, Total 9 Kanal out of which having 8/180 share to extent 8 Marla, Vasika No. 2089, Friends Colony, Dhangu Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 3079, Page No. 1315 dated 18.07.2020, Situated at Co., Pathankot-145001, Village Sailli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.

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Terror in Pahalgam shatters India's diplomatic high

As world leaders lauded India's geopolitical ascent, the attack marked a chilling reminder that terror in Kashmir remains a calculated lever in the regional and international balance of power

FIRST Column

JD Vance, the Vice President of the United States, arrived in India on 19 April, following a solemn stop at the Vatican, where he became the final high-ranking official to meet the late Pope Francis — an emblematic rebel of the modern Church whose death this week marked the end of a transformative papacy.

Vance's arrival was framed as an endorsement of India's ascendant geopolitical status, punctuated by public tributes to Prime Minister Modi and the deepening of the Indo-American strategic alliance. This diplomatic spectacle was further amplified by the April 9 extradition of Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a Pakistani — origin Canadian linked to the 2008 Mumbai attacks, representing a rare convergence of legal triumphs between the two nations in their fight against terrorism.

Yet, this orchestration of diplomatic victories quickly unravelled, as within days of these high-profile engagements, Kashmir — a region central to India's evolving image — was once again thrust into global headlines, not by progress, but by tragedy. On April 22, a massacre in the idyllic meadows of Baisaran near Pahalgam once heralded as the face of Kashmir's resurgence, accentuated a brutal paradox: the strategic narrative of peace and prosperity was violently interrupted by terror, forcing the world to confront the enduring volatility of the region at a moment when India appeared poised for diplomatic consolidation.

On April 22, 2025, a massacre unfolded in the meadows of Baisaran near Pahalgam, often romanticised as "India's Switzerland." What had become a symbol of India's Kashmir renaissance — a picturesque site of family vacations, film shoots, and summer retreats — was reduced to a field of carnage as unidentified gunmen opened fire on a group of tourists. At least twenty-eight civilians, mostly men, were methodically executed, while women and children were reportedly spared.

The attack was not merely an act of terror, but a deeply choreographed intervention in India's domestic and international narrative regarding Kashmir. It sought not just to kill, but to provoke, destabilise, and symbolically mutilate the emerging image of a peaceful, integrated, and economically flourishing region. The timing of the attack is far too conspicuous to be dismissed as arbitrary. Beyond coinciding with the visit of the American Vice President and coming a few days after the extradition of a high-profile terrorist suspect, the attack occurred against the backdrop of growing international recognition of India's Kashmir policy post the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Since that constitutional transformation, Jammu and Kashmir have experienced what some argue is the beginning of a socio-economic metamorphosis. The region recorded a significant uptick in tourist arrivals, over 3.5 million in 2024 alone — and notable improvements in infrastructure, per capita income, and public order, especially relative to other northern Indian states. Critics of New Delhi's policy feared a resurgence of insur-



gency post-2019, but such forecasts had not materialised at the scale predicted. Instead, the Indian Government appeared to have successfully restrained militant mobilisation through strategic military presence, economic incentives, and political integration. In this context, the Pahalgam attack functions as a violent punctuation — an abrupt and bloody interruption in a gradually stabilising narrative. Its deliberate orchestration, selective targeting of non-Muslim male tourists, and execution-style killings point to a calculated act of psychological and political warfare. Intelligence sources have attributed the operation to The Resistance Front (TRF), a group often described as a proxy of Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Pakistan-based organisation responsible for the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. Although the Pakistani state has officially denied any involvement, the attack bears the hallmarks



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of asymmetric warfare, characteristic of entities that, though ostensibly autonomous, often operate under the shadow and sanction of foreign state apparatuses. This week, newly declassified US intelligence documents, released by the National Security Archive, highlight a chilling historical continuity with the current crisis.

FROM THE CHATTISINGHPORA MASSACRE IN MARCH 2000, WHERE 36 SIKH VILLAGERS WERE EXECUTED DURING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT, TO THE 2001 JAMMU AND KASHMIR ASSEMBLY BOMBING, THE 2003 NANDIMARG MASSACRE OF KASHMIRI PANDITS, THE 2017 AMARNATH YATRA AMBUSH, AND NOW THE 2025 PAHALGAM KILLINGS, THE PATTERN IS UNMISTAKABLE

A 1981 memorandum warned of catastrophic consequences from an Indian strike on Pakistan's Karachi Nuclear Power Plant, with up to 20,000 latent cancer cases in Karachi due to Iodine-131 exposure. The document reflected Washington's concerns about how quickly a conventional South Asian conflict could escalate to nuclear war. This was echoed in a 1989 report by the US State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, which deemed a full-scale war between India and Pakistan "improbable," yet stressed the high risk of escalation through miscalculation, especially in the event of strikes on Pakistan's nuclear sites. By 1993, a National Intelligence Estimate suggested a one in five chance of war, noting that nuclear rivalry, cross-border militancy, and rising extremism could turn even minor skirmishes into a regional disaster. What emerges from these archival assessments is a grim continuity: terror

in Kashmir has consistently been a strategic tool wielded not merely to express ideological dissent but to force geopolitical recalibration. This is not a theatre of mindless extremism; it is a crucible of meticulously calibrated violence. From the Chattisinghpura massacre in March 2000, where 36 Sikh villagers were executed during President Clinton's visit, to the 2001 Jammu and Kashmir Assembly bombing, the 2003 Nandimarg massacre of Kashmiri Pandits, the 2017 Amarnath Yatra ambush, and now the 2025 Pahalgam killings, the pattern is unmistakable. Civilian targeting escalates in moments of diplomatic progress, suggesting an ideological commitment by militant actors to challenge not only the Indian state but also its evolving position within the global order.

The present attack comes at a moment when India is enjoying heightened diplomatic engagement with the Arab Countries and the West. Saudi Arabia, traditionally a close ally of Pakistan, has in recent years pivoted towards India as a key economic and strategic partner. The United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and even Iran have signalled similar recalibrations.

This realignment was most visible during the 2019 India-Pakistan standoff when the Gulf states played a critical role in de-escalation, and again when they muted their responses to India's abrogation of Kashmir's autonomy. The Kashmir issue, once a central rallying cry in Islamic internationalism, has lost its salience in the Gulf's strategic calculus. For militant organisations and their state backers, this diminishing global sympathy poses an existential challenge. Reinvigorating the Kashmir discourse through acts of horror appears to be the chosen mode of revival.

It would be naïve to view the Pahalgam massacre in isolation. The possibility of future attacks targeting soft civilian clusters — tourists, religious pilgrims, migrant workers — across other regions in South Asia cannot be discounted. Nepal's porous borders, Sri Lanka's post-conflict fragilities, and India's Northeast remain potential theatres for replication.

In the wake of this attack, Prime Minister Modi faces a dilemma reminiscent of Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's conundrum following the Hamas assault in October 2023. A tempered response could be construed as weakness, emboldening adversaries and fuelling domestic political critiques of failed security assurances. Conversely, a muscular retaliation — especially if aimed at Pakistan or its proxies — risks internationalising the Kashmir dispute once again, undoing years of diplomatic effort to position it as an internal Indian matter. Moreover, in the context of escalating global multipolarity and emergent regional axes, a misstep could precipitate a broader crisis, pulling in actors far beyond South Asia.

(The writer is a columnist based in Colombo. Views are personal)

Mental Health: A silent crisis demanding urgent action

Mental well-being can no longer be treated as secondary to physical health. As Government initiatives take shape and public awareness grows, the time has come for a collective, compassionate response to protect our nation's mental health and with it, our future

There is an old saying that a healthy mind leads to a healthy body — I could not agree with it more! Ever since the pandemic, we are witnessing a steep rise in mental health related conditions. It's a matter of grave concern that a large number of people are today suffering from what is termed as unmanageable stress, depression and anxiety. It is equally concerning to note that these ailments are impacting across the age spectrum, be it students, young adults or the elderly.

When we look at the data pertaining to mental health, it is like being hit by a ton of bricks. Such is the extent of this issue that one student is committing suicide every hour in India.

Taking note of the growing suicide deaths in higher educational institutions across the country, the Supreme Court recently formed a National Task Force for a mechanism to prevent student suicide deaths on campuses and address their mental health issues.

The bench said that the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2021 highlights the grim reality that over 13,000 students lost their lives by committing suicide in the country.

According to the World Health Organisation, depression affects over 300 million people globally, and it is predicted to be the leading cause of disability by 2030.

In 2024, studies in India continue to reveal a significant burden of depression, with estimates indicating that over 56 million people are affected and research points to a rising trend, particularly in rural areas and among certain demographics.

Factors like rapid urbanisation, economic pressures, social isolation, and the pandemic have contributed to the increase. The Bipolar disorder landscape in India is also quite serious, about 1 in 150 persons in the country suffer from it, and quite disturbingly, 70 per cent remain untreated.



as depression or bipolar disorder. This finding is significant as it points to a series of progressions before this most tragic final step.

When we look deeper into the mental health scenario in India, multiple issues that have a profound impact on mental health — come to the fore.

In the case of the students and the young, many are too busy searching for material things as the entire space for them has become extremely competitive, there is reduced focus on relaxation and unwinding, and as a result burn outs and depression encircle their lives.

In all this, the impact of the internet and social media in aggravating pressures

and setting unattainable and overambitious goals — courtesy of peer pressure, is also creating a havoc in the lives of the youth.

In the case of the elderly, we are witnessing the rise in loneliness as their children are either not living with them, due to studies or jobs, or spending much less time because of preoccupations and inability to detach from their busy schedules. There is therefore, a fear of growing old, along with increasing insecurities — about who will take care of them, when they reach their physical limits due to advancing age.

Since the pandemic, we are witnessing a renewed focus and much greater emphasis on mental health issues. They are now being increasingly considered as much of a priority as many physical issues.

The Indian Government has launched several initiatives to address mental health, including the National Tele Mental Health Programme (Tele

MANAS) and the Ayushman Bharat, HWC Scheme.

Tele MANAS provides free, 24/7 mental health support through a toll-free helpline, while the Ayushman Bharat scheme integrates mental health services into primary healthcare. Additionally, the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) and the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) are key components of India's mental healthcare services. For the elderly, the Government has launched the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) and the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY).

The NPHCE provides comprehensive healthcare, including mental health services, to senior citizens. AVYAY supports various welfare initiatives for senior citizens, including grant-in-aid for mental health services and awareness programs. Additionally, the National Helpline for Senior Citizens (Elderline) offers support and guidance, including emotional sup-

port for those struggling with mental health issues.

It is extremely reassuring that the highest levels of our nation — are aware and alive, to the seriousness of the situation. In fact, our hon'ble Prime Minister has led from the front with his views and possible solutions that can go a long way in addressing this critical subject. In his popular monthly program 'Mann Ki Baat', he highlighted the importance of mental health, especially among the youth in the current era, and spoke with crystal clarity about the role of physical activity, diet, yoga, along with the use of technology like artificial intelligence to elevate mental health.

This should be seen as a nudge, and it requires a collective approach that involves the families, academia and the community to create an enabling ecosystem that safeguards our students and the generations to follow. These guardrails should both protect and strengthen against the perils of social media,

the pressure that it can unleash on the young and innocent, strengthen the two-way communication (candid and unreserved) between the students and their parents/families, strengthen the role of the friends, peers and the community in creating a positive environment that accepts average performance as not the end of the world, and instils the spirit of optimism.

All of these, will ensure, that the dejection from failure or pressure of excelling, are dealt with most effectively. The educational institutions and their leadership also have to provide an environment where students feel motivated, encouraged and appreciated. Grades and excellence alone are not what life is all about — it's about an honest to self and best possible effort.

It's for all this, that suitable conditions have to be created. This can include counselling, dedicated presence and round the clock availability of experts who can spot the red flags and identify those who need psychological support and guidance in a timely manner, thereby, ensuring that a decline in mental faculties of the students in their institutions is drastically reduced.

This will play an impactful role in the creation of a quintessential complete establishment — one that focuses not just on the studies but also creates avenues of growth for the all-round development of its students.

In the end, we have to be mindful of the ground realities. Our journey has just started on this very long and arduous path, and it will take multiple approaches to address this key health aspect, that has a huge bearing on our country.

Mental health is a significant component of a 'Swastha Bharat' dream, and has a direct and crucial impact on national creativity and productivity. While factors that contribute to mental ailments will only increase in the coming times, it's our proactive and head-on engagement, that will ensure effective remedies.

I do believe, that well begun is half done, and that we are indeed headed in the right direction — one of hope and promise of a bright future!

(The writer is President — Corporate Affairs, ITC. Views are personal)

Pakistan top brass meet, discuss India's response

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Islamabad

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday held a meeting with key ministers and the three services chiefs to formulate the country's response on India's move to suspend the Indus Water Treaty and downgrade diplomatic ties after the Pahalgam terror attack.

The decisions taken at the National Security Committee meeting were not immediately known.

India on Wednesday suspended the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and announced downgrading diplomatic ties with Pakistan, including expulsion of its military attaches, in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26

people on Tuesday.

Earlier, Dawn reported that deputy prime minister Ishaq Dar, while speaking to a private television channel late on Wednesday, lashed out at India's approach, calling it "immature" and "hasty".

"India has not given any evidence. They have not shown any maturity in their response," Dar said. "This is a non-serious approach. They started creating hype immediately after the incident."

Pakistan's Foreign Office, in a separate statement earlier on Wednesday, expressed regret over the loss of life. Diplomatic observers warn that the Indian response and Pakistan's counter-messaging could push bilateral relations to new lows, further widening a rift that has persisted since the 2019 Pulwama-Balakot crisis.

The treaty suspension, in particular, risks sparking long-term water disputes, while the downgrading of diplomatic ties could hinder any future de-escalation efforts, Dawn reported.

A day after the Pahalgam attack, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) met in New Delhi on Wednesday evening under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and firmed up the responses to the terror attack.

The CCS also decided to close the Integrated Check Post at Attari with immediate effect. Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) and any such visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are deemed cancelled, it was announced.

China successfully launches three new astronauts to its space station

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Beijing

China has successfully launched three astronauts to its space station on Thursday to replace their colleagues manning the station for the past six months.

The Shenzhou-20 crewed spaceship carrying the astronauts blasted off at 5:17 pm (Beijing Time) from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.

Minutes after the launch an official in the mission control centre announced that the launch was a "complete success." The launch was telecast live by the state-run CGTN.

The spaceship is carrying three astronauts — Chen Dong, Chen Zhongrui and Wang Jie.

It will dock with the space station later tonight.

Shenzhou-20 is the 35th flight mission of China's manned space programme, and the fifth crewed mission during the application and development stage of China's space station.

The crew is scheduled to return to the Dongfeng landing site in north China in late October this year.

China rotates a three-member crew manning the space station named Tiangong every six months.

After the new set of crew members enter the station, the other three are expected to return to earth on April 29.

The crew will conduct new life science experiments involving zebrafish, planarians and streptomyces, the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) spokesman Lin Xiqiang told the media on Wednesday.

These experiments will mark China's first space-based investigation into the regeneration of planarians, a new organism introduced to China's space station and known for their extraordinary ability to regrow organs, Lin said.

This project will enhance our understanding of fundamental mechanisms of regeneration at the individual level and could provide insights into human health issues related to space-induced injuries, Lin said.



Chinese astronauts for the Shenzhou-20 mission Chen Dong, right, and Chen Zhongrui wave during a send-off ceremony for their manned space mission at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern China

The CMSA also said on Wednesday that two Pakistani astronauts will be selected to receive spaceflight training in China to take part in a joint mission to the country's space station.

One of the two Pakistanis will participate as a payload specialist, state-run Xinhua quoted a CMSA spokesperson as saying.

China built its space station after it was reportedly excluded from the International Space Station (ISS) over concerns that China's space programme is manned by its military, the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

It is currently the only country to have a space station while the ISS is a collaborative project of several countries.

Observers say China's space station may become the only one of its kind in orbit once the ISS retires in the coming years.

The two robotic arms of the station, especially the long one which has the ability to grab objects including satellites from space, drew international concerns.

The launch day coincided with China's 10th Space Day. China had designated April 24 as its Space Day in 2016 to mark the successful launch of its first satellite,

Dongfanghong-1 on April 24, 1970.

Separately, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) announced on Thursday that scientists from institutions in France, Germany, Japan, Pakistan, the UK and the US have been granted the opportunity to borrow lunar samples collected by the Change-5 mission for scientific research.

At a ceremony for China's Space Day in Shanghai, the agency announced that seven institutions from six countries have been authorised to borrow the lunar samples, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

In 2020, China's Change-5 mission retrieved samples from the moon weighing about 1,731 grams.

Shan Zhongde, head of the CNSA, said China's lunar exploration programme has always adhered to the principles of equality, mutual benefits, peaceful utilisation and win-win cooperation, sharing achievements with the international community.

By the end of December 2023, CNSA had received 24 applications from 11 countries and international organisations, the report said.

Korean leader indicted for alleged bribery

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Seoul

South Korean prosecutors indicted former liberal President Moon Jae-in on bribery charges Thursday, saying that a budget airline gave his son-in-law a lucrative no-show job during Moon's term in office.

Moon's indictment adds him to a long list of South Korean leaders who have faced trials or scandals at the close of their terms or after leaving office.

Prosecutors allege that Moon, who served as president from 2017-2022, received bribes totalling 217 million Won (USD 151,705) from Lee Sang-jik, founder of the budget carrier Thai Eastar Jet, in the form of wages, housing expenses and other financial assistance provided to Moon's then-son-in-law from 2018-2020.

South Korean media reported that Moon's daughter and her husband were divorced in 2021.

The Jeonju District Prosecutors' Office said in a statement that Lee was also indicted on charges of paying bribes to Moon and committing breaches of trust.

The prosecutors' office said Moon's former son-in-law was hired as a director-

level employee at Lee's company in Thailand even though he had no work experience in the airline industry.

The office said he spent only brief periods at the company's office in Thailand and carried out only minor duties while claiming to be working remotely from South Korea.

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The prosecutors' office said it had not found evidence that Moon performed political favours for Lee, who worked on Moon's campaign, but that Lee likely expected his assistance to be repaid.

Lee was later named the head of the state-funded Korea SME and Startups Agency and was nominated by Moon's party to run for parliament while Moon was in office, but the prosecutors' office said that it hasn't found any evidence that Moon helped Lee win those positions.

There was no immediate response from Moon.

Moon's indictment comes before South Korea elects a new president on June 3 to succeed conservative President Yoon Suk Yeol, who was ousted over an ill-fated imposition of martial law. It's unclear if Moon's indictment will influence prospects for liberals to win back the presidency.

Observers say liberal presidential aspirant Lee Jae-myung is heavily favoured to win the vote as conservatives remain in disarray over Yoon's ouster, although Lee also faces criminal trials on allegations of corruption and other charges.

Most past South Korean presidents have been embroiled in scandal in the final months of their terms or after leaving office. In 2017, Park Geun-hye, South Korea's first female president, was removed from office and arrested over an explosive corruption scandal.

Park's conservative predecessor Lee Myung-bak was also arrested on a range of crimes, years after leaving office. Moon's friend and former liberal President Roh Moo-hyun jumped to his death in 2009 amid corruption investigations into his family.

South Korean truth commission halts probe into adoption fraud, cases in limbo

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Seoul

The South Korean government's fact-finding commission suspended its groundbreaking investigation into the extensive fraud and abuse that tainted the nation's historic foreign adoption program, a decision stemming from internal disputes among commissioners regarding which cases warranted recognition as problematic.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission confirmed human rights violations in just 56 of the 367 complaints filed by adoptees before suspending its investigation Wednesday night, just one month before its May 26 deadline.

The fate of the remaining 311 cases, either deferred or incompletely reviewed, now hinges on whether lawmakers will establish a new truth commission through legislation during Seoul's next government, which takes office after the presidential by-election on June 3.

After a nearly three-year investigation into adoption cases across Europe, the United States, and Australia, the commission concluded in a March interim report that the government bears responsibility for facilitating a foreign adoption program riddled with fraud and abuse, driven by efforts to cut welfare costs and carried out by private agencies that often manipulated children's backgrounds and origins.

However, some adoptees, and even

members of the commission, criticised the cautiously-worded report, arguing that it should have more forcefully established the government's complicity.

Disputes also arose after the commission's nine-member decision-making panel, dominated by conservative-leaning members appointed by recently ousted President Yoon Suk Yeol and his party, voted on March 25 to defer the assessments of 42 adoptee cases, citing insufficient documentation to conclusively prove the adoptions were problematic.

Commission officials haven't disclosed which documents were central to the discussions. However, they suggested that some commissioners were hesitant to recognize cases where adoptees couldn't definitively prove falsification of biological details in their adoption papers, either through meeting their birth parents or verifying information about them.

On Wednesday, the panel resolved the standoff by unanimously agreeing to suspend, rather than completely drop, the investigation into the 42 cases. The approach leaves open the door for the cases to be reconsidered if a future truth commission is established. The panel also agreed to suspend investigations into the remaining 269 cases, citing insufficient time to complete the reviews before the deadline, according to three commission sources who described the discussions to the Associated Press.

The ruling triggered a snap presidential election set for June 3. Park Geon Tae, a senior investigator who led the probe into adoptions, said the truth commission would be unable to produce any further



investigation reports on adoptions before the end of its mandate, after the terms of five of the nine commissioners ended following Wednesday's meeting.

This potentially paralyses the decision-making process, which requires the support of at least five members. Most Korean adoptees were registered by agencies as abandoned orphans, even though many had relatives who could have been easily identified or located. This practice has often made it difficult - or even impossible - for them to trace their roots.

The reluctance of some commissioners

to accept cases in which adoptees have been unable to find information about their birth parents reflects a lack of understanding of the systemic problems in adoption and contradicts the commission's broader findings, which acknowledged the manipulation of children's origins, said Philsik Shin, a scholar at South Korea's Anyang University.

Shin's analysis of government, law enforcement, and adoption records concludes that more than 90 per cent of Korean children sent to the West between 1980 and 1987, when adoptions peaked, almost certainly had known relatives.

The commission's findings released in March broadly aligned with previous reporting by The Associated Press. The AP investigations, which were also documented by Frontline (PBS), detailed how South Korea's government, Western countries and adoption agencies worked in tandem to supply some 200,000 Korean children to parents overseas, despite years of evidence that many were being procured through questionable or outright unscrupulous means.

Military governments implemented special laws aimed at promoting foreign adoptions, removing judicial oversight and granting vast powers to private agencies, which bypassed proper child relinquishment practices while shipping thousands of children to the West every year.

Western nations ignored these problems

and sometimes pressured South Korea to keep the kids coming as they focused on satisfying their huge domestic demands for babies.

South Korea's government has never acknowledged direct responsibility for issues related to past adoptions and has so far not responded to the commission's recommendation to issue an official apology.

Modeled after the South African commission established in the 1990s to expose apartheid-era injustices, South Korea originally launched the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2006 to investigate past human rights violations. That ended its work in 2010.

Following the passing of a law that allowed for more investigations, the commission was relaunched in December 2020 under South Korea's former liberal government, with a focus on cases that occurred during the country's military dictatorship from the 1960s to 1980s.

Foreign adoptions were a major subject of the second commission, along with the atrocities at Brothers Home, a government-funded facility in Busan that kidnapped, abused and enslaved thousands of children and adults deemed as vagrants for decades until the 1980s. In January, the commission confirmed at least 31 cases in which children from Brothers Home were adopted abroad, which came years after The AP exposed adoptions from the facility as part of a vast, profit-driven operation.

SA scraps proposed tax increase after pushback

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Johannesburg

The South African government on Thursday cancelled a proposed tax increase that had threatened to collapse the unity government after a pushback from various political parties.

Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana announced that the government would no longer implement a 0.5 per cent increase on value-added tax (VAT), payable on goods and services including food and electricity, that would have increased it to 15.5 per cent.

The decision to forgo the increase follows extensive consultations with political parties, and careful consideration of the recommendations of the parliamentary committees

FINANCE MINISTER ENOCH GODONGWANA

The proposed VAT increase is the latest contentious issue faced by the unity government that was formed after the African National Congress party lost its parliamentary majority for the first time since coming to power in 1994.

"The decision to forgo the increase follows extensive consultations with political parties, and careful consideration of the recommendations of the parliamentary

committees," said Godongwana in a statement early Thursday.

The government was looking to increase tax revenues through the VAT increase, and Godongwana said the estimated revenue would fall short by around USD 4 billion.

The Democratic Alliance, the second-biggest political party in the country and the coalition government, opposed the VAT increase and voted against the annual budget which initially proposed it.

The DA subsequently challenged the matter in court this week and claimed victory on Thursday, saying the cancellation of the tax increase was a win for all South Africans.

"We will continue to fight for all South Africans, especially the poor and the marginalised, in seeking responsible public spending so that the government does not keep on raising taxes to fund unlawful expenditure, corruption and sheer waste," said DA federal chairperson Helen Zille. Opposition parties and civil society have also criticised the proposed increase as anti-poor.

More than 20 million people in South Africa rely on welfare grants, with the unemployment rate at over 32 per cent, according to official statistics.

This is the latest disagreement between the two main parties after the formation of the unity government last year.

Ancient Taiwan jawbone is of human ancestors: Scientists

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Taipei

An ancient jawbone discovered in Taiwan belonged to an enigmatic group of early human ancestors called Denisovans, scientists reported Thursday. Relatively little is known about Denisovans, an extinct group of human cousins that interacted with Neanderthals and our own species, Homo sapiens.

"Denisovan fossils are very scarce," with only a few confirmed finds in East Asia,

said study co-author Takumi Tsutaya at the Graduate University for Advanced Studies in Japan.

So far, the only known Denisovan fossils include partial jawbones, a few teeth and part of a finger bone found in caves in Siberia and Tibet. Some scientists believe fossils found in a cave in Laos may also belong to Denisovans.

The probable identification of the jawbone from Taiwan as Denisovan expands the region where scientists know these

ancient people once lived, said Tsutaya.

The partial jawbone was first recovered when a fishing operation dredged the seafloor in the Penghu Channel near the Taiwan Strait. After it was sold to an antique shop, a collector spotted it and purchased it in 2008, then later donated it to Taiwan's National Museum of Natural Science. Based on the composition of marine invertebrates found attached to it, the fossil was dated to the Pleistocene era. But exactly which species of early human

ancestor it belonged to remained a mystery.

The condition of the fossil made it impossible to study ancient DNA. But recently, scientists in Taiwan, Japan and Denmark were able to extract some protein sequences from the incomplete jawbone. An analysis showed some protein sequences resembled those contained in the genome of a Denisovan fossil recovered in Siberia. The findings were published in the journal Science.

Istanbul residents spend night outdoors after earthquake

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Istanbul

Many Istanbul residents spent the night outdoors, too fearful to return to their homes, following a strong earthquake and over 180 aftershocks.

The magnitude 6.2 quake tremor that struck on Wednesday deeply impacted the city of 16 million residents, leaving many inhabitants shaken and wary of a possible more destructive tremor. There were no reports of serious damage but the tremor, the strongest felt in Istanbul in recent years, prompted widespread panic and scores of injuries.

The earthquake had a shallow depth of 10 kilometers (about 6 miles), according to the United States Geological Survey, with its epicentre about 40 kilometers (25 miles) southwest of Istanbul, in the Sea of Marmara. It was felt in several neighbouring provinces. At least 236 people were treated for injuries they suffered while trying to jump from buildings or for panic attacks. Most of the



injuries were in Istanbul, where residents remain on edge because the city is considered at high risk for a major quake. In fear of a stronger earthquake that could demolish homes, residents sought refuge by sleeping in their

cars or setting up tents in parks and other open spaces. Many lit camp fires to keep warm after the temperature dipped. Turkey is crossed by two major fault lines, and earthquakes are frequent. For many, the memory of a devastating earthquake that struck 11 southern and southeastern provinces two years ago, remains vivid.

The 7.8-magnitude earthquake on February 6, 2023, claimed more than 53,000 lives and destroyed or damaged hundreds of thousands of buildings. Another 6,000 people were killed in the northern parts of neighbouring Syria. The Turkish disaster and emergency management agency, AFAD, said Wednesday's earthquake was followed by 184 aftershocks - seven of them of a magnitude 4 or stronger.

Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change Minister Murat Kurum stated that authorities had received 378 reports of structural damage in various buildings. At least 12 buildings had been evacuated as a precautionary measure, he said.

US officials, lawmakers condemn Pahalgam attack

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New York

Top Trump administration officials and US lawmakers continued to condemn the Pahalgam terror attack, expressing solidarity with India and stressing that there is no place for terrorism in the world.

Representative Brian Fitzpatrick strongly condemned the horrific terrorist attack and offered prayers for the victims, their families, and all those affected by this senseless act of evil.

immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the terror attack.

World leaders, including US President Donald Trump and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also condemned the attack. In response to a question on whether the attack could lead to more tensions, Stephane Dujarric, Spokesman for the UN Secretary-General, said, "We're not going to predict or analyse what may happen. I think we're just looking at that incident, that horrific terror attack in which more than 20 people were killed, which we strongly condemn. But I will leave it to analysts as to if that would lead to a rise in tensions."

in the strongest terms. My heart goes out to the victims & families who have suffered this tragedy & I hope the authorities will bring the perpetrators to justice."

of the deadliest civilian attacks in the region in years." He added that New Jersey's Indian American community, many with ties to Kashmir, is mourning. "I stand with you and with India which is grieving this awful tragedy."

Vatican keeps St Peter's open all night for public viewing of Pope Francis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Vatican City

So many mourners lined up to see Pope Francis lying in state in a simple wooden coffin inside St Peter's Basilica that the Vatican kept the doors open all night due to higher-than-expected turnout, closing the basilica for just an hour Thursday morning for cleaning.

respect that I have for him and the great person he was, it's worth the wait." The last numbers released by the Vatican said more than 20,000 people had paid their respects during the first 8 1/2 hours of the public viewing on Wednesday.

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The basilica is bathed in a hushed silence as mourners from across the globe make a slow, shuffling procession up the main aisle to pay their last respects to Francis, who died Monday after a stroke.

Like many others, the Scorpatti family from Calabria is in Rome on an Easter vacation, only to be met with the news of Francis' death on Easter Monday. Out of devotion to the pope and his message of inclusion, the grieving faithful joined the procession of mourners that wended from St Peter's Square through the basilica's Holy Door, with the repentance among them winning an indulgence, a form of atonement granted during the Jubilee Holy Year.

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'India Inc revenue growth to remain flat'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

India Inc's revenue growth will remain flat at about 5 per cent to 6 per cent in the March quarter, but profitability will widen, a domestic rating agency said on Thursday.

An arm of Crisil Ratings said the operating profit margins are seen at 8 per cent, a widening of up to 0.60 per cent, when compared with the year-ago performance. The agency analysed over 400 companies accounting for over 50 per cent of NSE's market capitalisation to arrive at its estimates. Some companies, especially in the information technology sector have already announced their earnings.

Improved showing by the consumer-driven sectors excluding staples will be a key contributor for the topline growth, while the bottom line will benefit from a mixed set of aspects which are unique to a sector, it said. Crisil Intelligence's director Pushan Sharma said consumer discretionary products, services and staple services segment is expected to see 8 per cent to 9 per cent on-year increase in revenue.

"This would be led by an expected 15 per cent surge in telecom services revenue resulting from significant tariff hikes implemented in the second quarter and the introduction of premium 5G plans by telecom operators.

"The retail segment likely saw a robust

17 per cent growth, led by demand in the value fashion, and food and grocery segments, as well as an expansion of store networks," Sharma said.

The automobile sector's revenue likely grew 6 per cent as retail momentum for passenger vehicles picked up and realisations rose owing to a change in the product mix and increasing share of exports, Sharma said. The fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) segment is expected to see

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4-6 per cent revenue growth led by price hikes amid subdued volume growth, it said, adding that rural demand has been resilient and urban demand has stayed subdued.

Overall exports revenue is likely to grow 4 per cent, including 2-3 per cent growth in IT services revenue following a marginal improvement in demand and project pick-ups and 8 per cent in the pharmaceutical sector. In the agriculture sector, including fertilisers, revenues are likely to grow 17-19 per cent with consumption improving, following a stable summer crop acreage and higher disposable incomes

stemming from better yields and remuneration for kharif paddy. In construction-linked sectors, revenue growth is seen limited to 1-2 per cent as cheaper steel imports throughout the year resulted in lower prices.

However, steel prices have improved sequentially after the announcement of safeguard duty, it noted.

On the profitability front, its associate director Elizabeth Master said, "the top 10 sectors, which collectively account for over 70 per cent of revenue, showed a mixed trend in EBITDA margins."

Five sectors including export-driven ones such as pharmaceuticals, investment-linked ones such as power, and consumer discretionary such as telecom services, likely saw margin expansion, Master said. Five other sectors — automobile, IT services, FMCG, cement, and steel — saw margins decline in the March quarter. The automobile sector's EBITDA margin fell by 1 percentage point following a 25 per cent increase in aluminium prices driven by inventory decline and supply concerns in various global regions.

The margin in IT services is estimated to have fallen by up to 0.40 per cent on-year owing to higher marketing and travel spends. The FMCG sector margin likely slipped 0.50-1 per cent on increased cost of essential inputs such as palm oil, tea and dried coconut kernels, the agency said.

Shyam VNL unveils Cyber Solutions

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Shyam VNL, a trailblazer in innovation-led security and communication technologies, reaffirmed its leadership in the Homeland Security (HLS) with the launch of next-generation solutions focused on empowering the HLS, CAPF (Central Armed Police Forces) & Security Agencies at the MILIPOL India 2025 exhibition being held at the Yashobhoomi India International Convention & Expo Centre. The event featured a keynote presentation by Rajiv Mehrotra, Chairman of Shyam VNL, highlighting the company's unwavering commitment to national security.

At the Center of attention is Shyam VNL's cutting-edge solution designed to counter the increasing threat of mobile devices covertly embedded in everyday electronic appliances. As spying from homes and offices using concealed devices becomes a rising concern, Shyam VNL introduced its proprietary "Secure Meeting Guard" and "Secure Ops Room Guard" - advanced systems that neutralize all RF transmissions within a specified area. These solutions ensure that no mobile device can operate in sensitive spaces, creating 100% secure, Mobile free zones. Also drawing significant interest was the com-



pany's comprehensive Counter-Drone portfolio, tailored to meet varied operational needs across borders, critical infrastructure, VVIP security, and more. On display were Drone Detection Systems, Networked Directional Drone, Detectors and Jammers, Backpack and Hand Held Drone Detectors & Jammers, Handheld Drone Guns in multiple configurations and Wearable Drone Detection and Jamming Systems - for individual Soldiers. These solutions address the increasing threat of

short-range drone attacks, moving away from traditional long-range surveillance models. By integrating AI and machine learning, Shyam VNL enhances real-time situational awareness and operational responsiveness for ground forces.

Further reinforcing its commitment to the 'Made in India' innovation ecosystem, the company also showcased a range of tactical solutions designed for use by various security agencies, including the Defence sector.

SEBI facilitates ease of doing business for SM REITs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

To facilitate ease of doing business for Small and Medium REITs (SM REITs), markets regulator Sebi has standardised disclosures in draft scheme offer document and simplified public issue processes for such schemes.

In its notification, the regulator has standardised disclosures in scheme offer document by splitting the document into two parts — Key Information of the Trust (KIT) that contains information about the SM REIT, its investment manager, Trustee, and overall structure and Key

Information of the Scheme (KIS) that includes details specific to the individual scheme and its assets.

On processing of KIT and KIS, Sebi said that for the first scheme, KIT and KIS will be filed together for its review. For subsequent schemes, only the new KIS needs to be submitted, while KIT is updated for records, and the regulator will review only the KIS. Sebi said any material changes in the KIT will be disclosed through an addendum on the SM REIT's website and reported to the regulator and stock exchanges within seven days.

Stock market decline after 7-day rally, HUL drops

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended lower on Thursday amid profit-taking after a seven-day rally and disappointing earnings from Hindustan Unilever.

Selling in blue-chips ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel and a largely muted trend in Asian and European equities also dragged the markets lower. The 30-share BSE benchmark declined 315.06 points or 0.39 per cent to settle at 79,801.43. During the day, it dropped 391.94 points or 0.48 per cent to

79,724.55. The NSE Nifty went down by 82.25 points or 0.34 per cent to 24,246.70. In the past seven trading days, the BSE benchmark gauge zoomed 6,269.34 points or 8.48 per cent and the Nifty jumped 1,929.8 points or 8.61 per cent.

From the Sensex firms, FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) dropped 4 per cent after the firm reported a decline of 3.35 per cent in consolidated net profit at Rs 2,475 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2025 on lower margins. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng settled lower.

'Regulations alone can't save you if you don't protect yourself': BSE CEO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Kolkata

Stressing the need for investor awareness and responsibility, BSE Managing Director and CEO Sundararaman Ramamurthy on Thursday said that regulations alone cannot protect investors if they do not take adequate precautions while investing.

"You trade what you understand, and you understand what you trade - if you don't do that, you have a problem," Ramamurthy said, urging investors to be vigilant and informed. He criticised the tendency of investors to rely on hearsay rather than due diligence. "You scan a vegetable before you buy it, but when you invest your life's earnings, you go by hearsay - that's not how it should be," he said.

On regulatory expectations, the BSE chief remarked that there is a general perception that regulators are blamed when investors lose money, but when markets do well the same person praise their own knowledge. "If you don't want to safeguard yourself, no amount of regulation can save you. Be alert," he stressed.

Addressing the issue of retail participation while speaking at the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, Ramamurthy advised that small investors who are not market experts should opt for the mutual fund route - and even then, they should avoid thematic funds and instead choose broad-based mutual funds or large-cap funds to diversify risk. He also encouraged women and the youth to begin investing early in their careers. Highlighting the potential of India's SME sector, the BSE CEO pointed out that only about 40 companies from this region are currently listed on the stock exchange, while the actual potential could be well over 1,000.

He urged more small and medium enterprises to consider listing as a viable route to raise funds and grow their business and unlock their potential. Responding to a question on possible manipulation in SME listings, Ramamurthy acknowledged that frauds such as pump-and-dump schemes could not be ruled out entirely even if regulators and stock exchanges are vigilant.

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as Pooja wife of Jatinder Kumar residing at Talwandi Bhai, Tehsil and District Ferozepur-142050 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Anu Bajaj

I, hitherto known as Pinki Mahajan wife of Pawan Mahajan residing at House No 285 Modern Sandeepni School Mamoon, Pathankot-145001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sarishta Mahajan

I, hitherto known as Gyanmati wife of Nand Kishor residing at Village Nath Di Khui, Baba Bakala District Amritsar-143114 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Radhika.

I, hitherto Known as Beena Devi wife of Rajinder Kumar residing at Village Pahloo, PO Jhiralri, Tehsil Barsar, District Hamirpur-176041 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Veena Devi

I Harbhajan Singh S/o Kundan Singh R/O Vill. Mal Chak Po Kang Teh Khadar Sahib Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Harbhajan Singh Kang.

I Balwinder Kaur W/o Harbhajan Singh Kang R/O Vill. Mal Chak Po Kang Teh Khadar Sahib Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Balwinder Kaur Kang.

I Navjot W/o Karan Kakkar R/O Flat No.13 Gf Near Govt Middle School Palki Hills Apartments PO Grain Market Jalandhar have changed my name to Navjot Kakkar

I Satweer Kour Lakhanpal W/O Jaswinder Singh R/O H.No.L-13/824 Kot Baba Deep Singh Gali No 2 Sultanwind Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Satweer Kour Lakhanpal To Satweer Kaur

I Gurpreet Singh S/O Darshan Singh R/O Village Valtho, Pati Mate Ki Tehsil Patti Distt Tarn Taran That Declare Singh Is My Surname And Gurpreet Is My Given Name

I Kirpal Singh S/o Raghbir Singh R/O Village Jhander Amritsar have declare that my father was known by two names Lakhbir Singh and Raghbir Singh one and same person

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Gulzar Singh R/O H.No.3, Gali No.107-B, Ganda Singh Colony Bhalayi Kender Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar have Changed my mother's Rajinder Kaur date of birth from 03.11.1971 to 01.01.1971

I, Subeg Bansal S/o Vijay Kumar R/O 1486-C, 2nd Floor, Block-H, Sector - 57, Wazirabad (75) Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name from Subeg Bansal to Gautam Saini.

I, Darshna Devi W/o Suneel Kumar R/O VPO Paniar, Gurdaspur Pin: 143531, Punjab, India declare that in my Passport (Passport No. N3494513) my husband name mentioned wrongly as a Sunil Kumar instead of Suneel Kumar. kindly correct it.

I, Bimla Devi, Aadhar Card No. 9806 2890 7561, wife of late Shri Ishwar Singh, resident of village Bhanderi, Tehsil Gohana, District Sonapat, Haryana, declare that my husband Ishwar Singh was serving in the Army as Regimental No. 1490071m Rank HAV, who was martyred on 01/08/2002. My husband's name in the pension record is Vimla Devi, which is wrong. Whereas my name in my Aadhar card, PAN card and all documents is Bimla Devi, which is correct. Now I declare that in future I should be known and identified by the name of Bimla Devi and in my pension record, Vimla Devi should be replaced by Bimla Devi.

I, Naina Saini W/O Raman Kumar R/O Village Mastpur PO Chaurmastpur Distt Ambala Haryana have changed my name to Naina

I, Vikram Son of Labh Singh resident of H No 140 Vill Mastpur Distt Ambala have changed my name to Vikramjeet Singh.

I, Chandra Bahadur S/O Hast Bahadur R/O 4/12 Partap Nagar Ambala City Distt ambala have changed my name to Chandar Bahadur

I, Kamalpreet Kaur W/O Surinder Singh R/O 185 Near Shiv Mandir Village Nadiali Distt Ambala have changed my name to Komal Kaur

I, Ravinder Kumar Mittal S/O Jagdish Parshad Mittal R/O House No 116/2 Pahalwan Chowk, Prem Nagar, Hisar, Haryana Have Changed My Name From Ravinder Kumar Mittal To Ravinder Mittal.

I Akashdeep Singh Karnaul S/O Major Singh R/O Village Said Jalalpur Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Akashdeep Singh.

I Sandeep Kaur Karnaul W/O Major Singh R/O Village Said Jalalpur Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Kaur.

I Major Singh Karnaul S/O Amar Singh R/O Village Said Jalalpur Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Major Singh.

I Ajay Kumar S/O Gyan Singh R/O Vpo. Baghana Tehsil Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name Ajay As Given Name And Kumar As Surname.

I Vaani Goel W/O Vishav Mohan Goel R/O Rose Enclave H.No.-82 Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Reema Gupta.

I Surinder Pal Singh S/O Jagdish Singh R/O Vpo. Jaura Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Surinder Pal And Surname As Singh.

I, Akashdeep Singh S/o Manjit Singh R/o VPO Makowal Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar have changed my name from Akashdeep Singh to Akashdeep Singh Bhanu

I, Tejinder Garg S/o Ramesh Garg R/O H No. 76, Gurdarshan Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Tejinder Kumar to Tejinder Garg.

I, Jadhav Archana Shyam, Legally Wedded Wife of Army No. 6948268W Rank: Nk. Name: Jadhav Shyam Baliram Unit: 2 CZW C/o 56 APO, Resident of at Post Patharwadi, TA Renapur, Patharwadi, Latur, Maharashtra Pin- 413527, have changed my name from Jadhav Archana to Jadhav Archana Shyam.

I, Meenal W/o Sh. Jitin Kumar Sardana R/o 536, Sector-20, Huda Colony, Sirsa, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Meenal to Meenal Sardana, in future my name is to be called as Meenal Sardana.

I, Sudesh Pahal spouse of Ex-Sgt Hawa Singh resident of H.No. 299, Sec-23 Sonipat have changed my name from Sudesh pahal to Sunita Devi, in future my name is to be called as Meenal Sardana.

I A.K. Malhotra S/o Sh. Mulkh Raj R/O H.No. 1133, Sector 42B, Chandigarh, have changed my name from A.K. Malhotra to Ashwani Kumar Malhotra.

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I, Charan Singh S/o Bhulla Singh, vill Harigarh Bhorakh, teh Pehowa, distt Kurukshetra, have changed the name of my father Bhulla Singh Kharsaria and mother Ravel Kaur Kharsaria to Bhulla Singh and mother's name to Ravel Kaur

I, Bhupinder Pal Singh Randhawa S/O Balkar Singh R/O 12-D, Scheme No-5, Improvement Trust Colony Jail Road Gurdaspur, Punjab. Declare That My Name Was Incorrectly Spelled As Bhupinder Randhawa In My Son's Gurman Singh Randhawa 10th Class Marksheet And Migration Certificate Of Cbse Board. My Correct Name Is Bhupinder Pal Singh Randhawa.

I, Malkit Singh Vashisht S/o Nonehal Singh R/O C-729, VPO. Jandu Singha Patti Moga, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Malkit Singh Vashisht to Malkit Singh. All concerned please note.

I, Sheela legally Mother of Simesh Singh Gurjar presently residing at Vill - Jaloni, PO - Ambah, Distt - Morena, State (MP) - 476111 have changed my name from Sheela to Sheela Devi and date of birth from 01-02-1977 to 01-01-1982 vide Affidavit dated 21/04/2025 before executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB), e-Stamp No. IN-PB27968481176960X

I, Ram Preet legally Father of Simesh Singh Gurjar presently residing at Vill - Jaloni, PO - Ambah, Distt - Morena, State (MP) - 476111 have changed my name from Ram Preet to Rampreet Singh and date of birth from 01-01-1975 to 12-02-1975 vide Affidavit dated 21/04/2025 before executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB), e-Stamp No. IN-PB27966546570733X.

I, Joginder Paul S/o Harnam Dass R/O H.No. 164, Mohan Vihar, P.O. Ladewali, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Joginder Paul to Joginder Paul Bhatia. All concerned please note.

I, Lalita Devi spouse of JC258703W Sub Maj (Hony Lt) Ramesh Chand (Retd) resi of Vill - Ladoh, PO - Panchrukhi, Teh - Palampur, Distt - Kangra, (HP) hereby declare that my date of birth 01-03-1966 erroneously recorded in service documents of my husband. My correct date of birth is 01-04-1965 vide Affidavit dated 24/04/2025 before executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Parveen Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/o Kartarpur Road, Sannidhiana, Adoration Convent, Kishanganr, VPO. Naugajja, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to given name as Parveen & Surname as Kaur.

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Joginder Pal R/O H.No. NJ-478, Sheelta Mandir, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Kashyap.

I, Sukhbir Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/O Vill.Dulla Nangal, Po. Bangowani, District Gurdaspur, Punjab, India Pin Code 143511, I Have Changed My Name From Sukhbir Singh To Singh Sukhbir, Surname As Singh And Given Name As Sukhbir.

I, Urmila Devi W/o Pal Chand R/O Vill. Manjhiari, PO. Bhiyunkhari, Teh. Ramshahar, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my minor daughter's name from Veena Kumari to Beena Kumari.

I, Vidhi Chand S/o Nand Lal Verma R/O Vill. Jiawala, PO. Kharahatti, Teh. Arki, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my name from Vidhi Chand to Bidhi Chand.

I, Baljeet Kaur W/o Manpreet Singh R/O # 107 Beant Singh Aman Nagar, Rupnagar Tehsil and District Rupnagar (Punjab) have changed my name from Baljeet Kaur to Baljit Kaur.

I, Mahuya Maity is legally wedded spouse of Army No:17009746W Rank: NK Name: Deb Kumar Maity Presently residing at: Village-Lapuria (Mayrakata), Post- & Police Station: Garhbeta, Teh-Garhbeta, Dist- Paschim Medinipur, State-West Bengal, Pin-721127 declare that I have changed my name from Mahuya Maity to Mahuya Mandal Maity.

I, Kitabo Devi w/o JC-22050L Hony Capt Late Balbir Singh (Retd) presently resident of H.No.3402 Rani Bagh, Mahindra Park S.O. North West Delhi, PIN 110034 need to correct my name & DOB from Kitabo Devi to Kitab Kaur and date of birth from 01 Jan 1942 to 03 Nov 1942 vide affidavit No.IN-PB28709429034207X dated 23 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Madhumita Chowdhury spouse of No.JC-391851W NB/Sub Siddhartha Chowdhury resident of Village-Bural, Post- Barjagu, Tehsil-Kharagpur, District- Paschim Medinipur, State- West Bengal, Pin- 721144, have changed my name from Madhumita Chowdhury to Madhumita Maity Chowdhury Vide affidavit No.IN-PB28661715446626X dated 23 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Ashoke Chowdhury Father of No.JC-391851W NB/Sub Siddhartha Chowdhury resident of Village-Bural, Post- Barjagu, Tehsil-Kharagpur, District- Paschim Medinipur, State- West Bengal, Pin- 721144, have changed my name from Ashoke Chowdhury to Ashok Chowdhury Vide affidavit No.IN-PB28661715446626X dated 23 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Harvinder Singh Nandha S/O Balwant Singh R/O H.No. 410 W.No. 2 Sanher Road Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Harvinder Singh.

I, Gurcharan Singh Chahal S/O Gura Singh R/O Chohla (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Gurcharan Singh.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Ravinder Singh Rangli R/O Raunta Teh-Nihal Singh Wala Distt-Moga, Punjab, 142045, have changed my name to Amandeep Kaur Rangli.

I, Phulwanti Devi is legally Mother of Army No. JC-562249X Rank Sub Name Vijay Kumar Singh of Unit 7th Bihar Regiment C/o 56 APO Residing at Ward No.3, Majhewla, Majhewla, West Champaran, Majhewla RS, State Bihar, Pin-845454 Declare that My Name Shrimatee kulbantee Devi Wrongly mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Phulwanti Devi.

I, No. 04009843N, Rank TS/NK, Name Kamal Dev S/o Bidhi Singh Unit 20 Dogra C/O 56 APO, Ferozepur Cantt, Residing at Village Khal, Po. Saloa, Teh. Shri Naina Devi Ji, Distt. Bilaspur (HP), Pin-174201 have changed my Daughter name from Arpita to Arpita Thakur Vide Affidavit Dated 23 April 2025 before at Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

I, No. 04009843N, Rank TS/NK, Name Kamal Dev S/o Bidhi Singh Unit 20 Dogra C/O 56 APO, Ferozepur Cantt, Resident at Village Khal, Po. Saloa, Teh. Shri Naina Devi Ji, Distt. Bilaspur (HP), Pin-174201 have changed my Son name from Kartik to Kartik Thakur Vide Affidavit Dated 23 April 2025 before at Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

I, No. 04009843N, Rank TS/NK, Name Kamal Dev S/o Bidhi Singh Unit 20 Dogra C/O 56 APO, Ferozepur Cantt, Resident at Village Khal, Po. Saloa, Teh. Shri Naina Devi Ji, Distt. Bilaspur (HP), Pin-174201 have changed my Son name from Kartik to Kartik Thakur Vide Affidavit Dated 23 April 2025 before at Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

I, Smita Yadav, Spouse of No. 17007260M Rank NK Name Sandeep Kumar Pal, Resident at Giram Kathotiya Tehsil Kareli District Narsinghpur State M P Pin 487001 have changed my name from Smita Devi to Smita Yadav Vide Affidavit Dated 24 April 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I Smt Kamaljit Kaur W/o Daljit Singh R/O Vill-Jailanpur, PO-Harion Kanan, Teh-Samrala, Distt-Ludhiana, Punjab-141417, have changed my name to Sukhdev Kaur.

I Santosh Kumar S/o Shiv Kumar R/O #E-104, Omaxe City, Sirhind Road, Patiala, Patiala, Punjab - 147001, have changed my name to Santosh Jindal.

I, Smt. Ravinderjit Kaur Wife No. 14387270X Ex GNR (Operator) Surjit Singh R/O Vill: Manpur Teh-Tanda Distt. Hoshiarpur, Pb, declare that I have changed my name from Ravinder Kaur to Ravinderjit Kaur.

I Parampreet Singh Arneja S/O Gurbakshish Singh R/O Balaji Enclave, Jaitu Road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Parampreet Singh.

I Satwant Kaur Arneja W/o Parampreet Singh R/O Balaji Enclave, Jaitu Road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Satwant Kaur.

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INBRIEF

IGNOU CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, and Geological Society of India, Bangalore celebrated Earth Day on April 22, 2025, with "Our Power, Our Planet" programs to raise awareness and promote sustainability. The event was sponsored by India's Ministry of Earth Sciences. Earth Day promotes resource conservation for future generations. Earth Day addresses global environmental concerns. It promotes sustainable living to protect the





INDIA'S SEGMENT IN THE BOOK EMPHASISES ON THE STAMPS OF YELLOW-CRESTED COCKATOO ISSUED IN 2016, ENDANGERED SUN CONURE ISSUED IN 2016 AND MANY MORE

PARROTS: Species SHOWN IN PRINT

A blend of nature, art and numismatics, the book is a visual and knowledgeable journey into the lives of parrots at risk, says **ABHI SINGHAL**

The **Endangered Parrots of the World on Stamps, Coins and Banknotes**, by Sushilkumar Agrawal, published by Mintage World is an eye-catching coffee table book that brings together to you the world of stamps, coins and currency notes with the important subject of parrot conservation. The coffee table book has been published by Mintage World, the world's first online museum for vintage and modern coins, stamps and notes. The book is both a collector's treasure and an informative guide for nature lovers and bird enthusiasts.

The colourful book offers a journey through the lives of some of the world's most at-risk parrot species. Based on the latest data from the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (July 2024), it shares useful information about the challenges these birds face around the world. Through its pages, readers can learn about the wide variety of parrot species and why it is so important to protect their natural homes.

The find special in this book for the reader's is its rare collection of over 459 stamps, 37 coins and 12 banknotes released by different countries like India, Ajman, Cuba, Dominica, Mauritius and so many more. Each item features a parrot species that is either threatened or endangered.

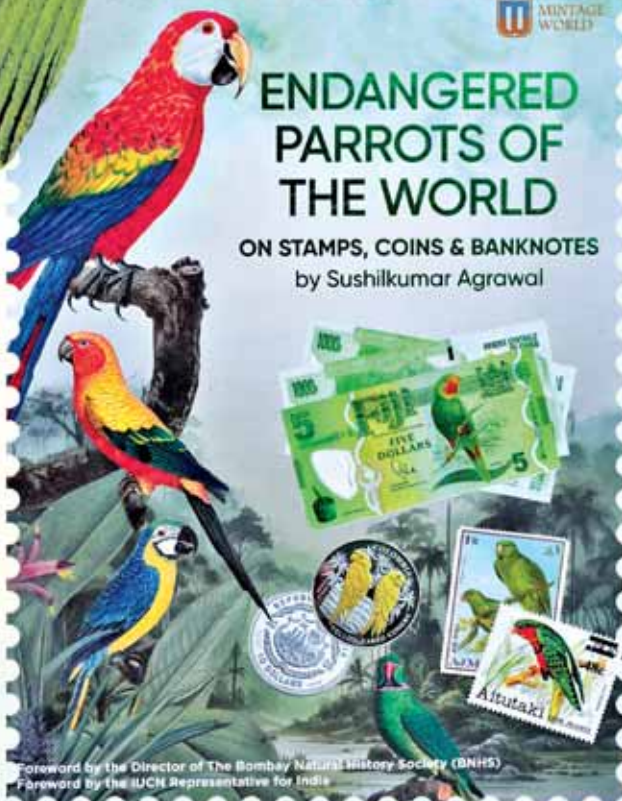
From the colourful Imperial Amazon in Dominica and the clever African Grey Parrot, to the Cockatoo from the Philippines and Brazil's Lear's Macaw, every entry includes background on where the bird is from and why it is at risk. These items are not just shown as collectibles, but as a way to help raise awareness about protecting birds and nature.

Visually, the book is full of bright images and attractive designs. The stamps, filled with detail and colour, show the beauty of each bird. The coins, made from metals like silver, gold, copper and bronze, display detailed artwork of parrots in their natural surroundings. The banknotes offer another level of interest,

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ENDANGERED PARROTS OF THE WORLD

ON STAMPS, COINS & BANKNOTES
by Sushilkumar Agrawal



GLOBAL CATALOGUE

Parrots have accompanied humans since ancient times. They are found on every continent except Antarctica. Some parrot species have exceptional intelligence and mimicking ability, making them great human companions and pets. This book is meant to bring together and catalogue legal stamps, coins, and banknotes issued on parrots. The information is sourced from the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as of July 2024.

showing how countries use these birds to highlight nature and conservation on their currency.

The book also sorts the parrots into five main groups for their readers based on their risk of extinction — Extinct (EX), Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN), Vulnerable (VU) and Nearly Threatened (NT).

This gives readers a clearer picture of the danger each bird is in and the issues they face, such as the illegal pet trade, cutting

down of forests, loss of habitat and climate change.

Talking about the part of India which lies at Page 66 of the book, emphasises on the stamps of Yellow-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua sulphurea*) issued in 2016, endangered Sun Conure (*Aratinga solstitialis*) issued in 2016 and many more. A buy to fact is that the book also has many interesting facts which will make a good read.

The Parrots on Coins part of the book is equally amazing and visually appealing. This section showcases the parrots on coins issued by different countries like Australia (10 Dollar with Palm Cockatoo — Page 144), Bahamas, Cameroon, Cayman Islands-Cuba, Indonesia, Jamaica (the 10 Jamaican Dollars with Black-billed Parrot- Page 157), Liberia and more.

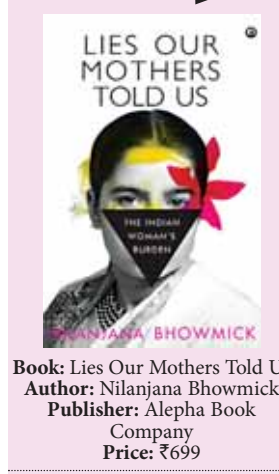
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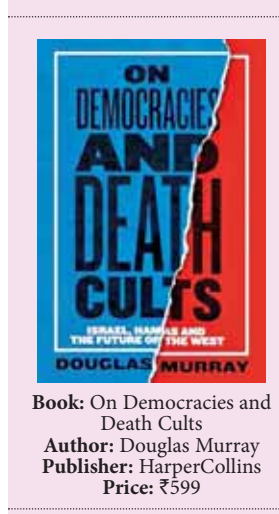
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The Erasure of Truth from Our Classrooms

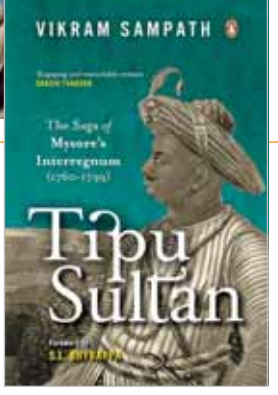
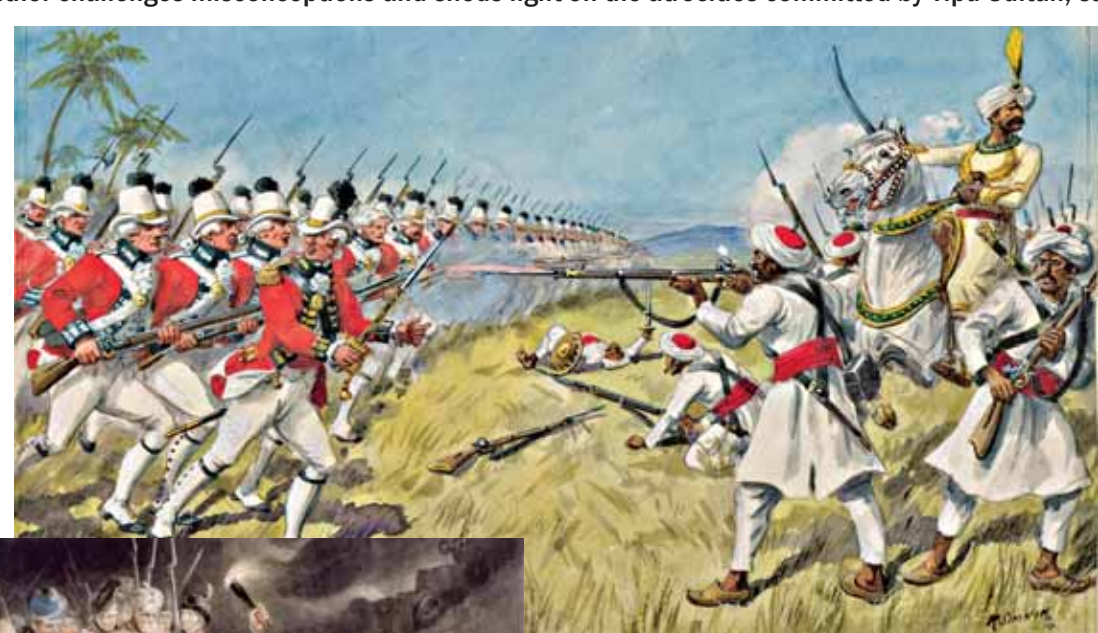
A powerful book revisits distorted narratives and uncovers the legacy of Tipu Sultan's reign, presenting a thought-provoking account of a lesser-known chapter in Indian history, the author challenges misconceptions and sheds light on the atrocities committed by Tipu Sultan, says **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN**

Most of us have heard about the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), formed in 1972 by the Government of India to foster objective and scientific writing of history and to inculcate an informed appreciation of the country's national and cultural heritage.

The ICHR, since the day it was formed, has been jam-packed with Leftist intellectuals who decide what the true history is and what should be told to the world about the history and tradition of the subcontinent. It was the Marxists who constituted the think tank and determined the quality of Indian history. The organisation publishes a journal *Indian Historical Review* (IHR) twice a year and it is said that the publication has a list of historical research undertaken by the eminent historians in the country whose are the last words in history.

The IHR is published by a foreign agency with a dubious track record. The old issues are sold across the counters in ICHR's stalls during book fairs and exhibitions. It is priced at ₹800/- per issue to make sure that ordinary mortals do not buy or read these reviews. Neither Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, nor other members of the ICHR could give an answer to the query why this review is being published by an outside agency while the Council itself is flush with funds. A top official, when asked and pointed out this discrepancy, told this writer, "Dekhenge" (Let's see). The reasons behind the mystery associated with the ICHR are not much to seek. The organisation has a lot to hide from the public eye.

If you have any doubts, please read what has been written by S L Bhyrappa, that wonderful scholar from Mysore, as foreword to **Tipu Sultan — The Saga of Mysore's Interregnum (1760-1799)** authored by Vikram Sampath, the young historian who created a storm with his earlier book on Savarkar. Since 1969, what we read and learn as history in schools and universities in the country is manufactured history and tampered chronicles. The series Yes, Prime Minister, authored by Jonathan Lynn and



ABOUT THE BOOK
Book: Tipu Sultan
Author: Vikram Sampath
Publisher: Penguin
Price: ₹1499/-

Antony Jay and telecast as a series by Doordarshan way back in the 1980s, is a good example. There was this cabinet minister in Britain, Right Hon. James Hacker, who was elevated as Prime Minister of the country by accident. Hacker wanted to leave an indelible track record about his tenure and asked Lynn and Jay to edit his memoirs. "We were astonished to discover that, at times, Hacker seems to have de-

ated and rearranged past events in order to present himself in a favourable light... We cannot believe that any politician would rearrange past events deliberately in order to distort the historical record and so we have had to assume that Hacker had some strange defect of mind that frequently led him to ask not "What did I do?" but "What is the most impressive explanation of my actions that cannot be disproved by published facts?"

Bhyrappa says that a meeting of educationists was convened by G Parthasarathy, an acolyte of Indira Gandhi, and asked them to rewrite Indian history to integrate the nation through education. For that to happen, Parthasarathy wanted the educationists to remove the unpalatable truths from Indian history and fill it with half-lies and full lies so that students would

remain ignorant of the cruelties meted out by the likes of Aurangzeb, Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan, all Islamic zealots. What the then government wanted was to black out the cruel deeds and genocides of Hindus by Aurangzeb and others. When Bhyrappa objected to this diktat, he was quickly eased out of the committee and replaced with a Marxist ideologist.

Since then, we have been hearing about Akbar the Great, Aurangzeb the Mighty, and Tipu Sultan the Lion, etc. What Sampath has done in this 904 — page volume is a chronicle of events launched by Hyder Ali and his son Tipu Sultan as rulers of Mysore and the treachery committed by the duo to cleanse the region free of infidels. During Tipu's campaign in the Malabar province, he took into custody thousands of Hindus and asked them: "Sword or Islam?"

Those who refused to get converted to Islam were slaughtered instantly.

The Malabar campaign of Tipu stands out for the murder and mayhem unleashed by him in the region. Not only Malabar, the entire stretch of area from Kasaragod to Kochi bore the brunt of his savage deeds.

Tipu Sultan, portrayed as the embodiment of secularism, had destroyed, demolished, desecrated and plundered thousands of temples spread across Karnataka, Malabar and Kochi. But there are certain forces out to whitewash him as an angel. His father, Hyder Ali, too was a barbarian and had murdered the Wodeyar King who had appointed him as a commander in the Mysore Army.

In yet another book *It Happened Along the Kaveri*, authors Padma Seshadri and Padma Malini had recounted with proof that Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan were the founding fathers of scams and corruption.

Sandeep Balakrishna, in his compendium *Tipu Sultan: The Tyrant of Mysore*, buried Tipu, while Vikram Sampath has erected his gravestone with this work. A moviemaker like Vivek Agnihotri has enough material in this book for a widescreen film. If you miss this book, you are the loser.

In Step with a Republic's Journey

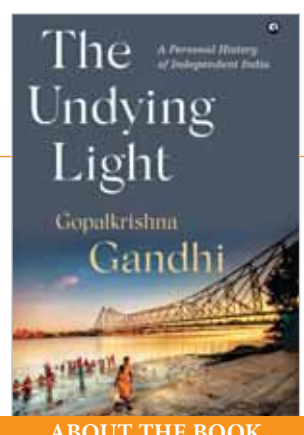
BY TEAM VIVA

The **Undying Light** by Gopalkrishna Gandhi is a deeply personal and panoramic account of India's journey from Independence to the present. With the quiet dignity and precision that characterise his public life, Gandhi weaves together memoir, political commentary, and historical reflection into a work that is both intimate and illuminating.

The book begins with the tragic memory of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, which the author witnessed as a three-year-old—a haunting prelude that sets the emotional tenor for what follows. Across eight distinct sections, he traces the milestones and missteps of independent India through the lens of one who has served at the highest echelons of government, from secretary to two Presidents to governor of West Bengal and Bihar.

The volume moves through the seismic shifts in India's post-Independence trajectory — Partition, the framing of the Constitution, the Emergency, communal violence, the rise of coalitions, and the emergence of majoritarian politics. Gandhi filters these moments through a moral and reflective lens. His writing is meditative and grounded, offering a perspective shaped by first-hand observation and an enduring faith in democratic values. The Emergency is dissected with the same rigour as the demolition of the Babri Masjid; the idealism of the Nehruvian era is weighed alongside the complexities of the present. His reflections on federalism, secularism, and democratic ethics serve as poignant reminders of the principles upon which modern India was built—and the forces now testing their resilience. The book was recently launched by Sharmila Tagore, who described it as a profound reflection on India's rich history and values. The launch also featured a panel discussion with Aruna Roy, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, and Rudrangshu Mukherjee, who shared insights that added depth to Gandhi's perspective.

The **Undying Light** does not aim to dazzle with dramatic flourish, but to illuminate the path of a nation that continues to evolve. It is a considered work-layered, compassionate, and quietly urgent. For readers seeking a deeper engagement with modern Indian history through the lens of a scholar — statesman, this book offers a compelling narrative rooted in lived experience and thoughtful observation.



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CSK vs SRH: Battle of survival



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Chennai

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) will eye a crucial turnaround at home when they face an equally desperate Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in a battle of survival in the Indian Premier League here on Friday. Both sides have endured a turbulent season, notching just four points from eight games, and must now win all remaining fixtures to keep their slim qualification hopes alive.

Known to make the most of home conditions, five-time champions CSK find themselves in uncharted territory as they have not been able to read the wickets well at the Chepauk.

They started strong at their fortress, dominating Mumbai Indians as Noor Ahmad spun a web around the visitors. But the early promise fizzled out quickly, with three successive losses at home.

The also endured the ignominy of posting their lowest-ever IPL total at home — 103/9 against Kolkata Knight Riders.

Head coach Stephen Fleming has also voiced frustration over the Chepauk surface, which has offered more to seamers than CSK's usual spin-heavy attack.

There away form has not been any better either, with just one win in four attempts.

CSK have lacked firepower in the batting department and captain Ruturaj Gaikwad's absence due to an injury has only made it worse for the storied outfit.

MS Dhoni has returned as full-time captain. While his knee continues to limit mobility, the former Indian captain's leadership remains invaluable.

His death-overs batting, field placements, and ability to recalibrate the bowling attack could be key in CSK's revival.

In encouraging signs, 17-year-old Ayush Mhatre made a promising debut against MI with the bat. The franchise has also roped in South Africa's Dewald Brevis in a bid to strengthen their power-hitting department.

SRH, meanwhile, have endured an equally erratic campaign. A bright start gave way to inconsistency, with their ultra-aggressive, attack-at-all-costs strategy falling flat.

The explosive opening pair of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma, so vital last season, have failed to hit the same heights this year.

While Sharma's brilliance secured a win against Punjab Kings, Head is yet to truly make his mark.

The heavy dependence on their top two has exposed the frailty of the middle order, which has struggled to absorb pressure, something head coach Daniel Vettori also conceded after the seven-wicket loss to Mumbai Indians.

"When Head and Abhishek don't succeed, then it's the responsibility of the other batsmen. Potentially that's what we haven't had this season around. The ability for partnerships, for one or two guys to step up," Vettori said.

Boult backs Rohit Sharma, calls him world-class player

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Hyderabad

Mumbai Indians' pacer Trent Boult has backed "world-class" Rohit Sharma to play a pivotal role in the team's pursuit for a record-extending sixth IPL title, following back-to-back half-centuries that signalled his timely return to form.

The Kiwi left-arm pacer was instrumental in dismantling Sunrisers Hyderabad's famed top order, returning with a match-winning spell of 4/26 to cap MI's fourth straight win in emphatic style. After SRH collapsed to 143/8, MI, powered by Rohit's commanding 46-ball 70, chased down the target in just 15.4 overs. The emphatic win not only boosted their net run rate but also propelled them to third place on the points table.

"I think the whole side, the whole Mumbai Indians squad possesses some world-class players and obviously Rohit needs no introduction in that regard," Boult said at the post-match media interaction. "I am sure everyone wants to be contributing at some points, but Rohit's doing a fantastic job of late and playing nicely just at the right time. So he's going to play a huge role for us in the remaining part of the season. I think you just need to be prepared for any role," he added. Boult also praised captain Hardik Pandya for his leadership style, calling it a refreshing experience.

"Hardik's a passionate cricketer, obviously very skillful. He's a great leader, I think. He leads from the front.

"He's a great communicator. He's one of my favourite Indian cricketers, so to get the chance to play underneath him is a great experience." Boult, who has adjusted seamlessly into a new role after shifting from Rajasthan Royals to MI, emphasised the importance of adaptability in a long tournament like the IPL.

"At Rajasthan I was prepared to bowl at any stage of the match. I've been lucky enough to play 10 IPL seasons where it hasn't always been the same recipe every time. So I think the first thing is you've got to always want the ball. "There's some great players in there. Obviously, (Jasprit) Bumrah needs no introduction either, so it's great to be having ball back in hand with him."

Mumbai Indians had just one win in their first five matches, and now they have four on the trot, keeping them firmly placed for a playoff berth. But Boult is not looking too far ahead.

"Momentum wasn't on our side to start with, but to turn it around to have four wins in a row was the focus, just to get a bit of momentum, a bit of rhythm. Guys playing nice cricket at certain points. We're not going to look too far ahead.

"It can quickly change. Looking forward to getting back home, playing in some conditions that we know pretty well, but there's a long way to go in this tournament," he added.

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