



RAKSHA MANTRI BRIEFS PRIME MINISTER

RAHUL DATTA ■ New Delhi

Amidst the preparedness to fight against terror, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. Rajnath arrived at PM's residence and he was joined by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, top brass of the defence and ministry bureaucrats. The crucial meeting came a day after Singh met the Chief of General Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan to discuss the key decisions taken up by the military to counter Pakistan following the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Sources said General Chauhan briefed the Defence Minister on critical military decisions to counter Pakistan following the attack. Singh had also chaired an all-party meeting three days ago to discuss the security situation in the region.

There was however no official word on Singh's meeting with PM Modi however sources said the meeting was scheduled following the briefing by Chief of General Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan to the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. A Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence also met on Monday afternoon to further review preparedness and the Government's response to the situation while the Opposition demanded a Special Parliament Session to be convened to discuss the current situation prevailing in country following the terror activities.

Since the attack, teams from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) have been stationed in Pahalgam, intensifying evidence collection and investigations. The Indian Army remains on high alert, launching extensive search operations to neutralise the terrorists behind the assault. The teams, led by an IG, DIG, and SP from the anti-terror agency, are questioning eyewitnesses who observed the April 22 attack.

On April 23, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Modi, held an emergency meeting, strongly condemning the attack and expressing condolences to the victims' families. The CCS noted the cross-border linkages to the attack and pointed out that it came amid successful elections and growing development in Jammu and Kashmir.

Citing "cross-border linkages" to the horrific attack, India has promised severe punishment to those involved in the strike that triggered wide-spread outrage

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As a security measure, India has decided to withdraw its own Defence, Navy, and Air Advisors from the Indian High Commission in Islamabad. These posts in the respective High Commissions are deemed annulled. Five support staff of the Service Advisors will also be withdrawn from both High Commissions. The overall strength of the high commissions will be brought down to 30 from the present 55 through further reductions, to be effective by 1 May 2025.

On Sunday, the prime minister said the "perpetrators and conspirators" of the Pahalgam attack will be "served with the harshest response". "The whole world

stands with 140 crore Indians in our fight against terrorism. I once again assure the affected families that they will get justice, and justice will be done. The perpetrators and conspirators of this attack will be served with the harshest response," Modi said in his 'Mann Ki Baat' address.

Meanwhile Opposition MPs on Monday called for convening a special session of Parliament in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. Rajya Sabha RJD MP Manoj Jha wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while Communist Party of India (CPI) MP P Sandosh Kumar sent a letter to Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju, urging them to convene a special session of Parliament to express the will of the nation and send a message of unity.

Independent Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal too requested political parties to urge the Government to convene a special session of Parliament as early as possible in May.

The former Union minister has called for passing a resolution condemning the Pahalgam terror attack to convey the message to the world that the country is united.

Jha, in his letter addressed to the prime minister, said the Parliament of India stands as the cornerstone of the republic and the highest forum for democratic expression. "At this time of grief and testing, the Parliament must come together to pay heartfelt homage to the victims of the Pahalgam attack, honour their memory, and reaffirm our shared commitment to the ideals of unity, justice and peace," Jha said.

Kumar, a CPI MP from Rajya Sabha, in his letter addressed to Rijju, said the special session would allow members across party lines to come together to mourn the loss and express the will of the nation. He said the attack did not only cause immense sorrow to the victims' kin but also shook the "collective conscience of our nation."

Nervous Pakistan continues to play dirty

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ Jammu

Sensing the mood of the Indian establishment in the aftermath of the horrific killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam, the troops of the Pakistan army remain on their tenterhooks, anticipating 'punitive strikes' on the 'terror factories' located along the line of control to launch heavily armed infiltrators inside the Indian territory.

For the last four days, the Pakistan army has been resorting to 'unprovoked' ceasefire violations across different sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a Defence Spokesman, late Sunday night Pakistan army resorted to unprovoked firing in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and Kupwara districts. A defence spokesperson in Jammu said, "During the night of April 27-28, Pakistan Army posts initiated unprovoked small arms fire across the LoC in areas opposite Kupwara and Poonch districts." Indian troops responded swiftly and effectively, he added. There were no reports of any casualties, he added.

According to field reports, the army has been keeping a close eye on the cross LoC activities especially along the possible routes of infiltration.

A fresh assessment was made by the security forces, suggesting that despite remaining on high alert, the Pakistan army is also providing cover fire to a small group of infiltrators to sneak into the Indian territory. It is for the same reason, local villagers in the border areas of Rajouri and Poonch districts have spotted the presence of suspicious men in the forward areas and alerted the security forces to launch searches to capture them before they could launch a fresh strike targeting Indian security personnel. The local villagers living in the direct line of fire in the frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch are also spending sleepless nights amid heightened tensions in the region.

At several places, the farmers have started harvesting their maize crop to prevent heavy losses in the wake of escalating tensions in the region.

The local villagers have also started

cleaning the community bunkers to ensure the safety of their loved ones. The Indian army is maintaining a close liaison with the villagers and, wherever necessary, providing training to the members of the Village Defence Guards to maintain a tight vigil during the night. The army has advised these VDG groups to assist the local police during the night to maintain a tight vigil in the area.

agencies are carefully scanning the details to identify the perpetrators behind the attack. Several tourists present on the spot on April 22 have shared images and videos with the investigating agencies as responsible citizens to provide clues.

Meanwhile, a massive hunt is going on in the South Kashmir district of Anantnag to capture the group of terrorists behind the attack. The security



Security personnel keep vigil in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terrorist attack in Srinagar PTI

Meanwhile, the teams of Jammu and Kashmir police and the National Investigations Agency have widened the scope of investigation by detaining a large number of service providers, active over-ground workers, pony wallahs, and others to gather vital clues about the Pahalgam terror attack.

The exact number of people questioned so far could not be ascertained immediately, as the local police authorities are still collecting vital clues.

With a series of amateur videos surfacing on social media, the intelligence

forces have been combing the entire area for six days but have failed to hunt them down.

The security forces remain deployed at various locations in the adjoining areas bordering the Anantnag district. The local villagers in the region have been directed to share information about any suspicious movement in their areas in real time with the local police and army authorities. On the other hand, the Baisaran valley and other local getaways remain out of bounds for tourists arriving in Pahalgam.

The Bystander



At least 24 arrested for objectionable posts following J and K terror attack

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ Lucknow

The Uttar Pradesh Police have registered a case against noted folk singer and poetess Neha Singh Rathore, accusing her of making provocative social media posts that allegedly threatened national unity and incited communal disharmony in the aftermath of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

The complaint was lodged by Abhay Pratap Singh at the Hazratganj police station in Lucknow. In his statement, Singh alleged that Rathore, through her Twitter (now X) handle @nehafolksinger, made several objectionable remarks targeting a particular religious community at a time when the nation was mourning the brutal killing of 26 individuals, most of them tourists. According to reports, the assailants had selectively targeted victims based on their religious affiliation.

Folk singer Neha Rathore has been charged for endangering the sovereignty and integrity of India, and promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion

The complainant asserted that while the entire country was grappling with grief and outrage over the Pahalgam incident, Rathore's posts sought to "incite one community against another," thereby undermining national integrity and public tranquility. The remarks, Singh contended, had the potential to disturb the peace and endanger the sovereignty and unity of India. In one of her posts, Neha Singh Rathore wrote:

"Why this selective outrage? Are the lives of people from a particular faith less valuable? Hatred has no religion, but unfortunately, some are using religion to spread

hate openly. Justice for all innocent lives lost - not just slogans, but actions." In a subsequent post, she further criticised perceived selective condemnation of violence, stating:

"Silence in the face of such tragedies deepens divisions. Hypocrisy and hate crimes must be called out, regardless of the faith of the victims or the perpetrators." Following the complaint, the police registered a First Information Report (FIR) against Rathore under several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the new criminal code that has replaced the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC). She has been charged under Section 152 of the BNS, which pertains to acts endangering the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India, as well as sections related to promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion and disturbing public order.

ABVP gets a foot in the door in JNU red fortress

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Left-backed candidates secured three of the four key posts in the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) elections, maintaining their stronghold over the premier university even as the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS)-affiliated Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) broke a nine-year drought to win the post of joint secretary.

According to the results announced by JNUSU election commission early on Monday, Nitish Kumar of the All India Students' Association (AISA) secured 1,702 votes to win the post of president. His closest competitor, Shikha Swaraj of the ABVP secured 1,430 votes, while the Students' Federation of India (SFI)-supported Tayabba Ahmed polled 918 votes. Manisha of the Democratic Students' Federation (DSF) won the post of vice-president by securing 1,150 votes, ahead of the ABVP's Nittu Goutham who polled

1,116 votes. The DSF also bagged the general secretary's post, with Munteha Fatima polling 1,520 votes, ahead of the ABVP's Kunal Rai, who secured 1,406 votes.

The ABVP clinched the post of joint secretary, with Vaibhav Meena polling 1,518 votes, ahead of AISA's Naresh Kumar (1,433 votes) and Progressive Students' Association (PSA) candidate Nigam Kumari (1,256 votes). Vaibhav Meena's win marked the first time the ABVP has bagged a central panel post since Saurav Sharma's victory on the same post in 2015-16. The last time the ABVP won the post of president was in 2000-01 when Sandeep Mahapatra had emerged victorious.

This year's election saw a split in the Left alliance, with the AISA and the DSF contesting as one bloc while the SFI and the All India Students' Federation (AISF) formed a coalition with the Birsra Ambedkar Phule Students' Association (BAPSA) and the PSA.

Honour killing must get strong punishment: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday said upheld the conviction of 11 accused for the "dastardly murder" of a young couple in Tamil Nadu in July 2003 and said honour killing must get a strong measure of punishment. A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Prashant Kumar Mishra refused to interfere with the Madras High Court's June 2022 verdict that upheld the conviction and sentence of the accused persons, including two police officers.

The bench said the victims — Murugesan and Kannagi — who were in their early twenties were killed by administering poison in full view of a large number of villagers. The masterminds and the main perpetrators of this "macabre act" were none other than the father and brother of the woman, it added. The top court observed the reason behind the murder was that Kannagi belonged to the "Vanniyar" community whereas Murugesan was a Dalit from the same village in Cuddalore district. The couple secretly married in May 2003.

"So, at the root of this crime is the deeply entrenched hierarchical caste system in India, and ironically, this most dishonourable act goes by the name of honour-killing," the bench said in its 73-page verdict. Advocate Priyadarshini Rahul appeared for Murugesan's family.

"A crime is an act against the State. But a wicked and odious crime, as the one we have just dealt with, is the ugly reality of our deeply entrenched caste structure. Honour-

killing, as these are called, must get a strong measure of punishment," it said.

The bench awarded a compensation of ₹5 lakh to Murugesan's kin and said the amount was liable to be paid by Tamil Nadu Government. On the role of the police officers, the bench said both committed the offences under Section 217 of IPC and the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 as they

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neglected their duties and disobeyed the law by not registering the FIR at the first instance with the intention to save the culprits.

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The bench directed those on bail in the case to surrender within two weeks to undergo their remaining sentence. Of the total 15 accused who faced trial in the case, 13 were convicted.

Cases against CWG scam accused closed

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

Bringing down curtains on a 13-year-old case, a special court on Monday accepted the Enforcement Directorate's closure report in a money laundering case against Suresh Kalmadi, the former head of the organising committee of 2010 Commonwealth Games and then secretary general Lalit Bhanot and others. The acceptance of the closure report brings to end the money laundering angle in the alleged scam, which took place 15 years ago.

The allegations of corruption in conducting the 2010-Commonwealth Games (CWG) triggered a huge political uproar in the country, leading to filing of several criminal and money laundering cases, including the present one. Kalmadi and others were accused of misconduct in award and execution of two important contracts for the games.

Special judge Sanjeev Aggarwal noted the CBI had already closed the corruption case, based on which the ED started its money laundering probe and accepted the report, which also named CWG OC's then COO, Vijay Kumar Gautam, its then treasurer, A K Matto, Ewent Knowledge Service (EKS), Switzerland, and CEO, Craig Gordon McLatchey.

The judge noted ED's submission that the offence of money laundering was not found during its investigation. "Since during the investigations, the prosecution has failed to make out an offence under section 3 (money laundering) of the PMLA...



As no offence under section 3 of the PMLA has been made out or has been committed, despite discreet investigations by the ED, therefore, there is no reason to continue with the present ECIR, as a consequence, the closure report filed by the ED stands accepted," the judge held.

The sole money laundering investigation was initiated by the ED based on the case lodged by the CBI. According to the CBI, the works contracts related to Commonwealth Games were Games Workforce Service (GWS) and Games Planning, Project & Risk Management Services (GPPRMS). An undue pecuniary gain was caused by the accused persons to the consortium of EKS and Ernst and Young, by way of awarding the two contracts in a deliberate and wrongful manner and caused corresponding loss of ₹30 crore to OC, CWG, the CBI alleged.

The CBI later filed a closure report in January 2014, saying "no incriminating evidence surfaced during the investigation in the matter" and the allegations in the FIR could not be substantiated against the accused persons. The Games took

place in Delhi from 3 to 14 October, 2010. Even before the event, the collapse of a new pedestrian bridge near the CWG main venue-Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium-made international news.

The event changed the face of Delhi but ultimately unseated the Congress Government, led by Sheila Dikshit. Every aspect of the city beautification and games management-from upgrading street lighting to renovation of stadiums-was marred by allegations of mismanagement and irregularities. A CAG audit report pointed out that Government procedures had not been adhered to meet the delay in the timelines. "Inexplicable delays in decision making-which put pressure on timelines, and thereby, led to the creation of an artificial or consciously created sense of urgency. Since the target date was immovable, such delays could only be overcome by seeking, and liberally granting, waivers to laid down Governmental procedures," the report noted.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered at least 19 FIRs. However, in the last 15 years, nobody has been able to fix the responsibility for the 'scam'. At least 11 FIRs have been closed, so far. These included FIRs related to the construction of badminton and squash courts at Siri Fort Stadium and another related to the upgrade and renovation of the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex. The first conviction came five years after the 'scam' in August 2015 on an FIR that pertained to the upgradation of street lighting in Delhi.

PIONEER IN SHORT

India, France sign ₹64,000 crore deal for 26 Rafale jets

India and France signed an intergovernmental agreement on Monday for the acquisition of 26 Rafale-Marine fighter jets, valued at approximately ₹64,000 crore, to bolster the Indian Navy's air power. The deal includes setting up production and maintenance facilities in India, technology transfer for integrating indigenous weapons, and delivery of the jets by 2030. The aircraft, to be deployed on INS Vikrant, will enhance joint capabilities with the Indian Air Force. Signed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his French counterpart Sebastien Lecornu, the pact also covers weapons, spares, and training, marking a major step in Indo-French defence cooperation.

PIB debunks false claims of Indian Army document leak

The Press Information Bureau (PIB) has flagged false claims by pro-Pakistan social media accounts alleging a leak of confidential Indian Army preparedness documents. PIB Fact Check confirmed on X that the documents are fake, urging the public to avoid spreading unverified information and rely on official sources. The disinformation follows a terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22, where 26 people were killed. In response, the Cabinet Committee on Security, led by PM Modi, ordered heightened vigilance. The Defence Ministry also warned against a fraudulent WhatsApp message claiming the Government is seeking donations for army modernisation, calling it misleading and fake.

Classifieds

BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Som Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh # 22, Badmajra Colony Village Badmajra Tehsil & District SAS Nagar Mohali my son Gurjant Singh out of my control So I disown my all movable/immovable property anybody deal with him at their own risk.

I, Sunder Lal S/o Satpal # 317, Gali no.-13, Near Union Bank, Juhar nagar, Behlohpur Mohali, my son Akshay Kumar out of my control. I disown him my all moveable/immovable property, anybody deal with them at their own risk.

I, Bhuri W/o Ramesh Kumar R/o House no 6, singha Devi colony Naya Gaon inform that my son Harsh is out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with him will do at their own risk.

I, Babli W/o Ramesh Kumar R/o House no 1179, Singha Devi colony Naya Gaon Tehsil Kharar SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab inform that my son Bhuraj and his wife Jyoti are out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them will do at their own risk.

I, Jag Raj S/o Dilip Singh R/o House 24, Village Mouli Jagran, Chandigarh inform that my son Amrajit and his wife Arushi are out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them will do at their own risk.

I, Lali, W/o late Shri Charan, resident of Chaudhri, Post, Ganj Dundaara, Chaudhari, Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh, currently residing at Gopal Colony, Kabdi Road, Panipat, Haryana, hereby declare that my son, Vikas, is beyond my control. I hereby disown my son from my movable and immovable properties. In the future, if he enters into any transactions or engages in any unlawful activities, he will be solely responsible, and we will not be liable.

I, Manu Kamboj W/O Late Sh Sudeep Kamboj and D/o Late Sh. Surinder Kumar Kamboj resident of House No-30, Dehradun G.P Uttarakhand Presently residing at House No 17-A, 1st Floor, Silver Creeks-2, Sigma City Extn. Zirakpur Distt SAS Nagar Mohali, declare that my son and Daughter-in-law namely Abhijeet Kamboj and Ridham Kamboj are out of my control, so I disown them from my moveable and immovable properties, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I Pradeep Kumar S/o Sh Sathu Ram R/o H. No 1795 Sector 12, HUDA, Panipat, I Break all my relation with my brother Amit Kumar & his wife Meenakshi Rani. any body deals with amit kumar & his wife Meenakshi deals at own risk & responsibilities.

I, Yogesh S/o Shoraj R/o Gali no.1, Mahadev Nagar, Ganaur, Sonipat declare that my son Ashutosh Tyagi and his wife Poonam is out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immovable property any body deals with them at their own risk.

We, Om Parkash S/o Kehar Singh And Ramrati W/o Om Parkash Vill Dhulgaur, Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra, Our Son Mandeep Singh And His Wife Soniya Are out of Our control. We disown them from all Our moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deal with them he will be responsible.

We Satpal Taneja S/o Sh. Madan Lal and Sh. Asha Rani W/o Sh. Satpal Taneja R/o House No. 856, New Char Chaman, Karnal declare that our son Vinay Taneja and his wife Sonia and their son are out of our control. We disown them from our movable and immovable property. They will be responsible for their transaction, Good-bad legal and illegal activities.

I, Parmjit kaur w/o Ramkaran r/o house no. 67 Village Sunderpur, Jalouli PO: Jalouli distt Panchkula Haryana declare that my son Banty and his wife Anjali both are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties anybody dealing with her at their own risk.

I, Gorakh Nath S/o Mewa Ram, R/o H.No. 2052, Sector 25 Chandigarh, declared that my daughter Ragni is out of my control, so I disown her from my all moveable/immovable properties, anybody dealing with her at their own risk.

We Mahipal S/o Dhare and Pinky w/o Mahipal r/o 2239/25 Street No. 8, Vishal Nagar Sonipat Tehsil and District Sonipat declare that our son Jatinder Singh and his wife Anjali are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Som Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh # 22, Badmajra Colony Village Badmajra Tehsil & District SAS Nagar Mohali my son Gurjant Singh out of my control So I disown my all movable/immovable property anybody deal with him at their own risk.

I Surjit Singh S/o Ram Singh resident of Vpo. Bhadaur Tehsil Tapa District Barnala declare affidavit. That my daughter Amandeep Kaur Gondara W/o Bhupinder Singh R/o USA is out of my control. So we disown her from my all movable/immovable property. Anybody deal with them at their own risk.

हम ओम प्रकाश पुत्र जगन नाथ और पारवती पत्नी ओम प्रकाश निवासी मकान नंबर 23 सिसल होटल अम्बाला छावनी जिला अम्बाला के रहने वाले है कि हमारा लड़का अरुण कुमार उसकी पत्नी सीमा और इनका बेटा कनिष्क और हमारे बेटे अरुण कुमार और उसकी पहली पत्नी स्वामी सुन्दारा के दो बेटे सुनील और विनीत ये सभी हमारे कहने सुनने से बाहर है हम इन्हें अपनी तमाम चल-अचल सम्पत्ति से बे-दखल करते है इनसे ले-दने करने वाला नुकसान का खुद जिम्मेवार होगा हम या हमारा परिवार जिम्मेवार नहीं होगा। नोट करे।

मै जनीन सिंह पुत्र सतपाल निवासी वार्ड नंबर 12, रैतिया जिला फतेहाबाद बयान हॉस्टेलिया करता है कि मेरा भाई अजय मेरे परिवार के कहने सुनने से बाहर है। मैं अपनी भाई से अपने सम्पत्ति विक्रेत करता हूँ भविष्य में मैं तथा मेरा परिवार उसके किसी भी कार्य/लेनदेन का जिम्मेवार नहीं होगा।

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I, Kashish Gosain D/o Sh Sanjay Gosain R/o House no. 2582 C, Sunny Enclave, Near Regal Homes-2, Sector 125 Kharar, District Mohali - 140301, declared that my 10th certificate my name mentioned as Kashish, whereas my correct name is Kashish Gosain and in my old birth certificate my father's name mentioned as Sanjay, and my mother name mentioned as Meenakshi, whereas my father correct name is Sanjay Gosain, and mother correct name is Minakshi Rani.

I, Yashika Gosain D/o Sh Sanjay Gosain R/o House no. 2582 C, Sunny Enclave, Near Regal Homes-2, Sector 125 Kharar, District Mohali - 140301, declared that my 10th, 12th certificate my name mentioned as Yashika, whereas my correct name is Yashika Gosain, and in my old birth certificate my father's name mentioned as Sanjay, and my mother name mentioned as Meenakshi, whereas my father correct name is Sanjay Gosain, and mother correct name is Minakshi Rani.

I, Sujauddin Malik S/o Shokat Ali Mallik R/o House No. 696, Dadu Majra Colony, Sector 38-West, Chandigarh. U.T., I have Changed the Spelling of my name / Surname as Sujauddin Malik instead of Sujauddin Malik. All Concerned Please note.

I, Amj Chand Jakhodiya S/o Duni Chand R/O # 262/1 Gali No- 5 Shanti Nagar Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ami Chand Aggarwal.

I, Jasbir Singh Heer S/O Gurdial Singh R/O Dev Nagar Tibri Road, Ghurala Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Jasbir Singh Heer To Jasbir Singh.

I, Ram Kumar S/O Kartar Singh R/O Vill. Dau Majra, Teh. Shahabad (M.), Distt. Kurukshetra, declare that I have changed my name Ram Kumar Saran to Ram Kumar. All Concerned please note.

I, Salochna Devi W/o Ram Kumar S/O Kartar Singh R/O Vill. Dau Majra, Teh. Shahabad (M.), Distt. Kurukshetra, declare that I have changed my name Salochna Saran to Salochna Devi . All Concerned please note.

I, Reeta Devi W/o Lal Sahab R/o # 399, Phase-2, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Rita Devi.

I, Rash Paul Singh S/o Ami Chand R/O 694 (693-A), Shyam Sunder Puri, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rash Paul Singh to Rashpal Singh.

I, Rakesh Chand Nanger S/o Sh. Bhagat Ram, R/o # 1054, Sector 18-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Rakesh Chand Sharma.

I, Rekha Garg, W/o Shri Narendara Kumar Garg, R/O H.N. 30, Sector-14, Hisar (Haryana), hereby declare that Rekha Garg, Rekha Devi, and Rekha Devi Aggarwal are all my names. I am known and recognised by these three names.

I, Gurcharan S/o Jaipal R/o VPO Samehri, Sub Tehsil Saha, Distt Ambala have changed my minor son's name from Reyant to Riyansh Saini.

I, Ritu Kamboj W/o Late Ashwani Kumar, R/o village Chamrori, Yamuna Nagar. Haryana have Changed my name to Ritu Devi and my date of birth from 13.11.1980 to 03.02.1980.

I, Iqbal S/o Wali Mohamad R/o Village Telipura, PO Jaroda, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Iqbal to Iqbal Husain.

I, Anitaben Rameshchandra Pal Mother of Army No. 15783455L Kumar L/Hav Name Pal Sushil Kumar Rameshchandra of Unit 408 Gun Msl Regt. C/o 56 APO Mathura Cantt, residing at 125, Rappur Mill Housing, Rakhial, Nr. D-21, Davakhana, Ahmadabad City, Rakhial Udyog Vistar, Ahmadabad State Gujarat Pin-380023 Declare That my Date of birth 01.07.1963 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but My correct Date of Birth is 01.01.1963.

I, Rajalaksmi is wife of Army No. 16116015K Rank SPR Name Jayabhath A of Unit 22 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Residing at # 111, Mannuthi, Maladumparai, Theni, State Tamil Nadu Pin-625579 Declare That my Name V Rajalaksmi and date of birth 11.05.1994 Wrongly Mentioned in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct Name is Rajalaksmi and Correct date of birth is 11.05.1996.

I Army No. 15334301F Rank HAV Name Chengappa C U of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, today camping at Ferozepur have Changed my mother name from Parvathi to Parvathi C U & Date of birth 01.07.1954 to 02.08.1952.

I, Balbir Kaur Spouse of Army No 2466165Y Ex Havildar Dial Singh Resident of Village Nizamwala PO Arif Ke Tehsil and Distt Ferozepur, (Punjab), -152021 have changed my name from Balbir Kaur to Balvir Kaur and also change my date of birth from 20 Mar 1960 to 01 Jan 1955 in my husband Army Service Records and shall hereafter be known as my new name Balvir Kaur as per affidavit 28 Apr 2025 Before notary public Ferozepur.

I, Radhika Singal w/o Abhishek Goyal R/o House No. 106, Triveni Bhawan, Near DN college, Bhamashah Nagar, Hisar-125001, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Radhika Singal to Radhika for all future purposes.

I, Nisha Aggrwal w/o Nareish Aggarwal R/o H. No. 33, Sector 16-17, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Nisha Aggrwal to Nisha Aggarwal for all future purposes.

I, Neetu Jain W/o Sh. Vinay Jain R/O H. No. 605A/19, Old Kachari Chowk, Hansi, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Neetu Aggarwal to Neetu Jain. I will be known with my new name Neetu Jain in future.

I, Shani Devi W/O Amar Singh R/O H.No. 18, Block-D, Shivalik Vihar, Nayagaon Distt Mohali Punjab declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sahni Devi To Shani Devi And Dob From 11/08/1956 To Dob 10/08/1956 (As Per Service Record Of My Husband) For All Purpose.

I, Balwan Singh S/o sh.inder Singh R/O Vill. Gagsina, Teh. Gharaunda, Distt.karnal, I have changed my name from Balwan Singh to Balwan Sandhu. All concerned may note.

I, Varinder kumar Sharma S/O Ram Lal Sharma R/O 35, Mewa singh Colony, G.T Road, Buleppur, khanna, Ludhiana have changed my name from Virinder kumar to Varinder kumar Sharma.

I Sandeep Kumar S/6. Nasib Chand R/O. Loharan Mohalla Samana, Tehsil. Samana Distt. Patiala (Punjab) Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Sunaina To Sunaina Dhiman

I, Army No 15578308P, Hav Parmajit Singh, Unit 111 Engr. Regt. C/O 99 Apo Declare That I Have Changed My Mother's Name From Reshma Kaur To Resham Kaur And Date Of Birth From 17 Feb 1960 To 01 Jan 1955 Due To Variation In My Service Documents. Concern Note.

I Mohit S/O Manjit Singh, R/O Vill Sunderpur, Bhagran, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144205, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mohit Singh.

I, Champaneri Avni Bhupendra W/O Satinder Pal Singh R/O Village Gharuan, Mohali, Tehsil Kharar, District S.A.S Nagar, Have Change My Name From Champaneri Avni Bhupendra To Avneet Kaur.

I, Jasvir Singh Gill S/O Sukhdev Singh Gill R/O 202, Bharat Nagar Bathinda Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Jasvir Singh Gill To Jasbir Singh.

I, Army No. 18013327M Rank NK, Name Sukhpreet Singh S/o Palwinder Singh R/o Village Mandiala PO Ghoman Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, PIN- 143514 declare that in my Army Service record, date of birth of my mother Parmjit Kaur, wrongly mentioned as 19.02.1967. Her correct DOB is 19.07.1966. Concerned note.

I, Bimla Rani mother of Service No: 3998969A EX-MACP HAV Ganesh Parshad Resident of Village and PO-Bharath Qazi Cak Tehsil and Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab That I declare changed my name from Bimla Devi to Bimla Rani and date of birth from 12/01/1955 to 30/08/1955 in my son army record.

I, Sumit Thukral S/O Surinder Kumar R/O Flat No. 148B/1, Sector 45-A, Chandigarh, have changed my minor son's name from Parinay Thukral to Purav Thukral. Concerned Note.

I Kanta W/O Late Raj Masih, R/O Village: Suchanian, Post Office: Nushera Majja Singh, Teh And District: Gurdaspur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Kanta To Kanta Gill, Concerned Note.

I Rachpal Singh s/o Rattan Singh r/o VPO Naushhehra Majja Singh Teh/Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Rachpal Singh to Rashpal Singh. Concerned note.

I, Bala Devi W/o Raj Kumar R/O 331, Buria Chowk, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Bala Devi to Rajbala.

I Samir S/o Rajman Rasali R/O House no. 1727, Sector 33D, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Samir to Samir Rasali.

I, Kavita Aggarwal W/o Parveen Kumar R/O H. No. 679, Sector 14, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Kavita Aggarwal to Kavita for all future purposes.

I, Parveen Kedia S/O Chhabil Dass R/o H. No. 679, Sector 14, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Parveen Kedia to Parveen Kumar for all future purposes.

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I, Vishal Sharma S/o Late Sh. Hari Krishan Resident of Municipal Colony, Near Naag Mandir, Dhaki Road Pathankot, Tehsil and District Pathankot, -145001 declare that I have changed my son's name from Sanchit to Sanchit Sharma vide Affidavit dated 28-04-2025

I, Sujauddin Malik S/o Shokat Ali Mallik R/o House No. 696, Dadu Majra Colony, Sector 38-West, Chandigarh. U.T., I have Changed the Spelling of my name / Surname as Sujauddin Malik instead of Sujauddin Malik. All Concerned Please note.

I, Amj Chand Jakhodiya S/o Duni Chand R/O # 262/1 Gali No- 5 Shanti Nagar Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ami Chand Aggarwal.

I, Jasbir Singh Heer S/O Gurdial Singh R/O Dev Nagar Tibri Road, Ghurala Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Jasbir Singh Heer To Jasbir Singh.

I, Ram Kumar S/O Kartar Singh R/O Vill. Dau Majra, Teh. Shahabad (M.), Distt. Kurukshetra, declare that I have changed my name Ram Kumar Saran to Ram Kumar. All Concerned please note.

I, Salochna Devi W/o Ram Kumar S/O Kartar Singh R/O Vill. Dau Majra, Teh. Shahabad (M.), Distt. Kurukshetra, declare that I have changed my name Salochna Saran to Salochna Devi . All Concerned please note.

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I, Salochna Devi W/o Ram Kumar S/O Kartar Singh R/O Vill. Dau Majra, Teh. Shahabad (M.), Distt. Kurukshetra, declare that I have changed my name Salochna Saran to Salochna Devi . All Concerned please note.

CHANGE OF NAME I, LALITHA IS MOTHER OF YALLARADDI PRESENTLY RESIDENT AT VILL- YAMANUR, POST OFFICE- YAMANUR, THE- NAVALGUND, DIST- DHARWAD STATE- KARNATAKA, PIN- 582208. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM LALITHA TO LALITHA RAMARADDI KURAHATTI VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO-IN-PB29692654131184X DATED 26-04-2025 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT COURT GURDASPUR PUNJAB.

PUBLIC NOTICE I No 4481150A Rank HAV Name Jaswinder Singh of 12 Sikhli Presently residing at Village Mulyabaha Po Buralwal Tehsil Sultanpur Lodhi Distt Kapurthala PB Pin- 146228 declare that in my Army record my son name and my daughter name entered wrongly Ashdeep Singh and Amarpreet Kaur. But my son correct name is Ashdeep Singh and my daughter correct name is Amandeep Kaur. My son DOB also entered wrongly 11/12/2004 in my Army record. But my son correct DOB is 13/11/2004. And Daughter name Amandeep Kaur DOB wrongly Entered 16/01/2007 in my Army Record but my Daughter correct DOB is 10/10/2007. So amended my son and daughter name DOB and my son DOB in my Army record.

प्रायःपत्र जारीकर्ता का कम सचिवरद्वारा साक्षि चिह्न। मक के सुविध पुत्र श्री सुरेश द्रव निवासी मकान नं 61327 रहनी नगर, रोहताक रोड जींद जिला नगर पंचिकद्वारा इस्तरार के माध्यम से हर आम व खास को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे पिताजी श्री सुरेश द्रव पुत्र श्री देवि निवासी मकान नं 61327, रहनी नगर, रोहताक रोड जींद जिला नं 04.11.2018 को हो चुका है। मेरे दादाजी श्री देवि सिंह और मेरी माता जी भीमती संतोरो देवी का देसत काफी समय पहले हो चुका है। इन्की मृत्यु के पचास इन्के निश्चितिकारि वारिस है- 1. अंगुरी (माता जी), 2. सुमित (पुत्र), 3. सुमिता (पुत्री), 4. च्यति (पुत्री) इन्के अलावा उक्त मृतक का दीगर वारिस नही है बिकसे संबंध में प्राप्ति में अपना साथ पर भी प्रस्तुत कर दिया है। इस्तरार हर आम व खास को सूचित किया / इस्तरार के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त मृतक के बाद मय वारसान / उत्तराधिकारी के बाबाकोई कय व इतरार हो तो वह स्वयं या अपने अधिकार के माध्यम से इन नोटिस के प्रकाशन के उपरान्त 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर हर कार्यालय के कार्यालय पर अपना इतरार प्रस्तुत कर सकता है। पय नोटिस बाबर इतरार आज दिनांक 28-04-2025 को मेरे इतरार व प्रायःपत्र का मोहर द्वारा जारी किया गया। वरतीसदर-कम-सच-रविन्दर साक्षि चिह्न।

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Punjab Govt Orders Employees to Keep Phones On 24X7, Holidays Included

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

For government employees in Punjab, "after hours" has just lost all meaning. In an unprecedented move aimed at ensuring swift governance and uninterrupted public service, the Punjab Government has directed all its employees, from senior bureaucrats to ground-level staff, to remain reachable on their mobile phones at all times, including holidays and weekends.

The strict instructions, issued by the Department of Personnel on late Sunday night, mandate that no government employee should switch off their phones, divert calls, or be found "out of coverage" - not even after office hours. Officials at the level of Special Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Financial Commissioners, Principal Secretaries, and Secretaries have been asked to ensure compliance within their departments personally.

"There are occasions when urgent administrative decisions must be taken without delay. In such situations, the immediate availability of concerned officers is crucial," said the circular. It noted that frequent instances of officers being unavailable after work hours - phones either switched off or conveniently unreachable - were hampering important administrative work and, by extension, public services.

The directive underscored that effective governance does not adhere to the clock, and that officials must be prepared to step in whenever duty calls.

The tone of the communication left little room for ambiguity - Employees must stay connected, irrespective of time or day. Even tactical manoeuvres like switching to 'Flight Mode' or blaming poor signal coverage may not fly anymore. "Administrative tasks often require real-time action. The practice of phones being switched off, diverted, or remaining unreachable must be stopped immediately," the order emphasized.

While the order has raised eyebrows in bureaucratic circles - with some quipping that even Sundays are now part of the working week - officials at the top insist it is necessary for building a more responsive administration. Government insiders admitted that, while the move could spark some initial resistance, the larger aim is to instill a culture of accountability, urgency, and continuous service delivery. The message is clear - In Punjab's corridors of power, there will now be no 'out of office', only 'always on duty'.

"Good governance doesn't punch out at 5 pm.

Staying connected is part of the job now - after all, emergencies don't check the calendar or time before arriving," said a senior police official, while talking with

The Pioneer, welcoming the move. On the other hand, a section of officers is lamenting the new 24X7 availability rule. "Yes, the intent behind the move is good, but expecting officers to be on call all day without any boundaries is, I feel, quite unreasonable," said a district-level government official.

As the government pushes forward with its 'always connected' governance model, employees may have to get used to hearing their phone ring - whether they are sipping tea at home, stuck in traffic, or enjoying a quiet holiday retreat. In today's Punjab, silence on the line could soon be seen as dereliction of duty.

No Citizen's Grievance Would Now Go Unheard: AAP

Appreciating Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) - led Punjab Government's major step towards public-centric governance, party MLA Amritpal Sukhanand on Monday hailed the move as a "historic step to strengthen public trust", stressing that no citizen's grievance would now go unheard. "Our priority is to serve every citizen, regardless of influence or access," said Sukhanand. The directive ensured that officials attend to calls related to services like ration cards, voter IDs, Aadhaar, and registries promptly. "This reform eliminates hurdles and makes governance truly accessible, transparent, and people-driven," he said.

Hry seeks introduction of new parameter for devolution of funds in 16th Finance Commission Meeting

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Advocating for a forward-looking approach during 16th Finance Commission meeting, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday suggested the introduction of a new criterion that considers the percentage of a state's area within the NCR for resource allocation. Additionally, he proposed that the Finance Commission may introduce a new criterion based on the percentage of a State's population serving in the country's armed forces and recommend allocating a corresponding share of central taxes to such state governments to honour and strengthen national security efforts.

These demands were made by the State team led by Chief Minister Saini during its deliberations with the 16th Finance Commission headed by Dr Arvind Panagariya here in Chandigarh. In the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding financial matters like tax devolution, resource allocation, and state-specific grants. The net proceeds of taxes collected by the Centre are distributed between the Union and the states through vertical distribution on the basis of recommendations made by the Finance Commission which is constituted every five years for this purpose.

Saini said that most Finance Commissions have recommended grants to states based on various criteria. However, he believes that some states go beyond Centrally Sponsored Schemes,

covering more beneficiaries or providing greater assistance to the poor from their own funds. Therefore, the 16th Finance Commission may recommend special State-Specific Grants for such states, he suggested.

He said that Haryana has ensured the procurement of all 24 crops at MSP. This has provided the State farmers with economic security and stability. The Commission may also consider recommending a State-Specific Grant for states ensuring such MSP-based procurement. He urged the Commission for inclusion of women's reservation and educational qualifications for members as parameters in the norms of grants to local bodies in their recommendations for the year 2026-31. The Commission Chairman Dr Arvind Panagariya praised Haryana for boasting the second-highest per capita income among major states despite being a small state. "It is really commendable to see that in terms of geographical area though Haryana is small, its contribution in the country's economy is large and pivotal," he added. He outlined that the Commission has been extensively consulting stakeholders across the country. Haryana is the 24th state visited, with the consultations scheduled to conclude by early June 2025. The Commission's final report is to be submitted by October 31. Addressing media persons, Dr Panagariya said that Haryana Government made a detailed presentation, with the Chief Secretary-cum-Finance Secretary, supported by other senior offi-

cial, outlining the state's economic progress since its formation and highlighting key social and financial indicators. A major emphasis of the presentation was Haryana's long-standing concern that it has received less than its due share in the devolution of central tax revenues over the years. Haryana has made a strong case, Dr. Panagariya remarked, adding that the State of Haryana has presented its arguments very well. Dr Panagariya explained that the Finance Commission's primary role is to recommend the division of the Union's tax revenues between the Centre and the states (vertical devolution), and further among the states (horizontal devolution), besides grants for local bodies and disaster relief.

Political Leaders urge 16th Finance Commission to provide special package for Hry

Considering Haryana's geographical location, proximity to Delhi and industrial activities, Political leaders across party lines on Monday urged the 16th Finance Commission to provide a special package for the State. These demands were made by the leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress during its deliberations with the 16th Finance Commission headed by Dr Arvind Panagariya. During the meeting, the leaders discussed the geographical, social, and economic characteristics of the state and leaders presented several important suggestions to the Commission. Haryana Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi and other senior officers were also present at the meeting.

Anti-Drone Systems in Punjab by Oct, 30 NDPS Courts, and May 31 Deadline for 'Drug-Free' State

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab, in a bold and multi-pronged crackdown against the growing menace of drug trafficking, is gearing up to install state-of-the-art anti-drone systems along its second line of defence across the Indo-Pak border by September-October this year. The announcement came on Monday from Punjab's Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav, who also set an ambitious May 31 deadline to make Punjab 'drug-free'.

With a sweeping strategy focusing on dismantling drug networks rather than just achieving numerical targets, the State Police have already arrested 31 hawala operators, seized over Rs eight crore in drug money, initiated bulldozing operations against illegal drug smuggler prop-

erties, and secured the establishment of 30 exclusive NDPS courts for Rs 22.8 crores to expedite narcotics trials.

In a landmark achievement under the state government's ongoing "Yudh Nashian Virudh" (War Against Drugs) campaign, Punjab Police have recorded a remarkable 89 percent conviction rate in NDPS Act cases since March 1, 2025, among the highest in the nation. Over 7,400 smugglers have been arrested, including nearly 1,900 identified as "big fish", with assets worth Rs 32.95 crore frozen. Notably, the Punjab Police have demolished more than 72 illegal properties built by smugglers and are actively freezing assets created from drug money under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act. DGP Yadav, personally monitoring the crackdown, has already made it clear that May 31 will serve as a cut-off for all District Police Chiefs — Senior Superintendents of

Police (SSPs) and Commissioners of Police (CPs) — to ensure drugs are no longer available at the street level, failing which strict accountability measures will be enforced. The state police chief emphasized the government's commitment to root out the drug problem from the state comprehensively. "Our aim is not just arrest numbers or drug seizures, but to completely dismantle supply chains and ensure that drugs are not available on the streets," he said. Field surveys, intelligence-based assessments, and citizen participation through helplines are key components of this multi-layered strategy. "Good work will be rewarded; underperformance will invite action," the DGP warned, underlining the seriousness of the drive.

Anti-Drone Shield to Combat Cross-Border Smuggling
A crucial part of the state's battle plan

is the deployment of anti-drone systems to intercept UAVs frequently used to smuggle drugs and weapons across the Pakistan border. With successful trials already completed, Punjab is coordinating closely with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Border Security Force (BSF) to roll out the technology. DGP Yadav said that installation will be completed by September or October this year. "The threat of cross-border drone infiltration is real and persistent. We are working closely with MHA and BSF to ensure Punjab's second line of defence is fully equipped to neutralize these threats," he said. Anti-drone technology will serve as a critical layer of security, preventing not just narcotics but also arms from being funneled into Indian territory.

Legal Infrastructure Strengthened: 30 New NDPS Courts

Courts


To ensure swift and effective trials of narcotics cases, Punjab Government has secured approval from the Punjab and Haryana High Court to establish 30 exclusive NDPS courts. An annual budget of Rs 22.8 crore has been allocated for this initiative, aiming to reduce pendency and deliver timely justice in drug trafficking cases. "This will ensure faster adjudication and harsher sentencing for drug traffickers, thereby sending a strong message," said DGP Yadav. The move comes as part of an effort to not just catch traffickers but ensure their conviction and long-term incarceration.

In what is being termed as a major economic offensive against drug cartels, the Punjab Police have arrested 31 major hawala operators so far and recovered

more than Rs eight crore in illicit funds. Under the campaign's second prong — financial disruption — assets worth Rs 32.95 crore acquired through drug money have been frozen. "Dismantling the financial infrastructure of the drug mafia is as important as arresting the traffickers themselves," said DGP Yadav. Furthermore, illegally acquired properties have been demolished, with bulldozers razing over 67 smugglers' luxurious houses across the state.


May 31 Deadline: 'Drug-Free Punjab' Mission Intensifies



In what could be a watershed moment for Punjab's anti-drug efforts, May 31 has been set as the final date to declare the state 'drug-free'. All SSPs and Commissioners of Police (CPs) have been directed to personally oversee the operations in their jurisdictions.



Heartiest Greetings on Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti & Akshaya Tritiya

April 29, 2025



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CHANGE OF NAME

I Babli D/O Late Raj Masih, R/O Village: Suchanian, Post Office: Nushera Majja Singh, Teh And District: Gurdaspur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Babli To Ragina Gill. Concerned Note.

It is for general Information that I Lakshay Garhwal S/O Satpal residing 613, Village Bhdia Khera Tehsil and District Fatehabad (125050), Haryana declare that name of mine has been wrongly written Lakshay in my 10th educational documents. The actual name of mine is Lakshay Garhwal respectively which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have completed with other legal requirements in this connection.

I Krishan Lal S/o Sh. Bhagwan Dass R/o H. N. 18/2, Near Roshan Mehal, Kayasthan Mohalla, Panipat, in my Aadhar card my name mention as Krishan Lal & My house Sale Documents my name mention as Raj Kumar. Krishan Lal & Raj Kumar both name are of same person.

I Jagdish Gera S/o Sh. Hari Chand R/o H. No. 16-A, Prahald Colony, Panipat, In my Aadhar Card my name mention as Jagdish Gera. In one registered will No. 400 Dated 07-09-2012 SR Panipat my name mention as Jagat Prakash. Jagdish Gera & Jagat Prakash both name are of same person.

I Akashdeep Singh S/o Jasbir Singh, House 92, Mata Gujri Avenue, Bhago Majra, Near SKRM College, Khanpur, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali Punjab have changed my minor daughter name from Mandeep Kaur to Avneet Kaur.

I Rishav S/o Balbir, R/o #32, Gali no. 3, Shanti Nagar, Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my name from Rishav to Rishabh.

I Kiran W/o Inderjit R/o H.No. 134A, Ganda Singh Wala, Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name to Kiran To Sangeeta Devi. Kiran and Sangeeta Devi is one and the same person.

I Rajna Devi W/o Sonu # 2067-C, Small Flats Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ranjana.

I Pankaj Kumar S/o Sukhman Chand # 188-A, Sector 51-A, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor Son from Tanmay to Tanmay Pant.

I Ashish S/o Dinesh Chander # 1053, Housing Board Colony Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ashish Jaddi.

I Vinay Kumar S/o Ram Parkash Korotania # 22/1, Bank Colony, Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my name to Vinay Korotania.

I Pooja D/o Suresh Sharma R/o H. No. 141, Gali No. 04, Near Maniram Dhani, Shastri Nagar, Azad Nagar, Hisar-125001 Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Bhardwaj for all future purposes.

I, hitherto Known as Himanshi daughter of Sunil Arora residing at H.No.46-A, Gali No.11, Shaheed Udhm Singh Colony, Chabhal Road District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Hipanshi

I Karanpreet Singh S/o Charanjit Singh R/o Vill. Duniya Sandhu P.O Wadala Granthian Teh Batala Distt Gurdaspur have Changed My Name from Karanpreet is my given name and Singh is my surname

I Raghuraj Singh S/o Swarn Singh R/o B21, 2318, Near Radhawa Paint Store, Noordi Adla District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Raghuraj Singh to Raghuraj Singh Gill.

I Maninder Kaur W/o Rajinder Pal Singh D/o Satpal Singh R/o 4425/20, Gali No.4, Uttam Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Maninder Kaur to Seema

I Sarabjit Singh S/o Charan Singh R/o Vpo Sathiala Patti Masoor Ki, Tehsil Baba Bakala Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Sarabjit Singh to Sarbjeet Singh

I Anil Behl S/o Joginder Kumar R/o H.No.32, Batala Road, Near Piller No.45, Green City Colony, Amritsar have changed my name from Anil Behl to Anil Behal

I Mamta Behl W/o Anil Behal R/o H.No.32, Batala Road, Near Piller No.45, Green City Colony, Amritsar have changed my name from Mamta Behl to Mamta Behal

I Jasdeep Kaur W/o Mohandip Singh Virk R/o H.No.2302, Jubilee Road, Jandiala Guru Amritsar have changed my name from Jasdeep Kaur to Jasdip Kaur Virk

I Navjot Sharma W/o Sukhchain Singh R/O H.No.858 Chakki Wali Gali Adarsh Nagar Kot Khalsa Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Navjot Sharma To Given Name Navjot Surname Sharma

I Meenu Seth @ Meenu Khanna W/O Naresh Seth R/O 210-A Avtar Avenue Majitha Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Meenu Seth

I Naresh Kumar Seth S/O Krishan Seth R/O 210-A Avtar Avenue Majitha Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Naresh Seth

I Ravinder pal Singh Gill S/o Basant Singh r/o vill Hadaitpur,po. Bhillowal, Amritsar.I have changed my name from Ravinder pal Singh Gill to Ravinder pal Singh

I, Amarjit Singh S/o Gurnam Singh R/o Tarn Taran Road, Near Baba Khoo Wala, Chabba, Chabba, Amritsar Punjab 143022 have changed my name from Amarjit Singh to Amarjeet Singh

I, Avtar Singh Pannu S/o Mohan Singh R/o 3-C-F7-538 Kashmir Avenue, Opp Gurdwara Majitha Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Avtar Singh Pannu to Avtar Singh

I, Sourav Bedi S/O Narinder Bedi R/O 126 D Sawdeshi Woolen Mill Colony Putlighar Ram Tirath Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Sourav Bedi To Saurav Bedi

I, Satnam Singh S/O Ajit Singh R/O Vill Kahlwan Po Bhai Ke Bhatthal Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Satnam Singh To Satnam Singh Pannu

I, Ramandeep Singh S/o Harjinder Singh R/O First Floor Bank of Baroda Building G.T Road, Amritsar have declare that Ramandeep is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Tejinder Singh S/o Manmohan Singh R/o H.No.181, Shastri Nagar near Adlakha Hospital Tung Bala District Amritsar have changed my name from Tejinder Singh to Tejinder Singh Setia

I, Sarabjeet Kaur W/o Tejinder Singh Setia R/O H.No.181, Shastri Nagar Near Adlakha Hospital Tung Bala District Amritsar have changed my name from Sarabjeet Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur Setia

I, Geetu Bala Wife of Rajiv Kumar R/O H.No.118 New Model Town P.O. Rayon & Silk Mill Amritsar Punjab have changed my name to Geetu Bala Sharma.

I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Satnam Singh R/o VPO Kang, Tehsil Khadur Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab, 143406 (India) have Changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Pramjit Kaur. Concerned Note

I, Palvinder Kaur W/o Sham Singh R/o VPO Kang, Tehsil Khadur Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab, 143406 (India) have Changed my name from Palvinder Kaur to Kashmir Kaur. Concerned Note.

I Manjit Singh S/O. Kalyan Singh R/O #115, Swami Enclave, Zirakpur, Dhakauli, Po: Dhakauli, Distt. Sas Nagar, Mohali Punjab. I have Changed my Name From Manjit Singh To Manjit Singh Sachdev.

I, hitherto known as Ritu alias Kanu D/o Bhagwan Dass, W/o Shiv Kumar R/o 440 Model Town, Old grain Market, Ismailabad (317), PO: Ismailabad, DIST: Kurukshetra, Haryana -136129, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ritu.

I, Shweta w/o Rohit Kumar R/o Village Mirzapur District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Shweta to Shweta Devi.

I, Harish Chander son of Shri Gian Chand resident of 41/4, Satyam Enclave Ladwa Kurukshetra declare that Harish Chander and Harish Kumar are both names of the same person.

I, Naresh Kumar son of Shri Ramsawrop resident of village Rindal Tehsil and District Karnal gave changed my name from Naresh to Naresh Kumar. Please note for future.

I, Suresh Kumari w/o Raj Singh R/o #104, Sector-6, Urban Estate, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Suresh Rani to Suresh Kumar. In future I should be known as Suresh Kumari.

I, Bikramjitsingh S/o Sucha Singh R/o H.No G2 - 53172 Gali no 6 Dr. Het Ram Colony, Naraingarh PO: Chheharta District Amritsar pin code 143105 have changed my minor daughter name from Saranjeetkaur to Sharanjiktaur.

I, Anju (Aadhar No. 7197 0876 6576) W/o Pawan R/o H.No. 1956, Sector-2, (Part) Rohtak Teh. & Distt. Rohtak, Haryana- 124001 declare that I have changed my name from Anju to Anju Bala.

I, Pardeep Kumar s/o Sh. Ranjeet Singh R/o H.No. 559, Gobind nagar, Sirsa have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar to Pradeep Kumar. Concerned note.

I, Vinod S/O Rai Sahab R/O H. No. 2093, Megha Bas Road, Mubarikpur, Distt. Alwar-301025 (Raj) Have Changed My Name To Vinod Kumar.

I, Prem W/o Jagdish R/o Pirthala Teh Tohana Distt Fatehabad, have changed my name Prem To Premo Devi.

I, Aseem Goomber S/o Adarsh Kumar Goomber R/o H.No. 09, St. No. 01, Near Sacred Heart Convent School, Vijay Colony, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed my minor daughter name Anaisha to Anaisha Goomber.

I, Sumit S/o Krishan Kumar R/o Village Matour, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal declares that I have changed my name from Sumit to Sumit Moun. In future, I will be known with the name of Sumit Moun.

I, Anju W/o Sumit Moun R/o Village Matour, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal declares that I have changed my name from Anju to Anju Moun. In future, I will be known with the name of Anju Moun.

I, Rajesh Dhull S/o Birbhan Dhull R/O Friends Colony, Pundri, Distt. Kaithal declares that I have changed my name from Rajesh Dhull to Rajesh Kumar. In future, I will be known with the name of Rajesh Kumar.

I, Uma m/o Hav Pankaj Kumar serving in unit 52 Engineer Regiment c/o 56 APO have changed my name from Uma Devi to Uma.

I, Yogendra F/o Hav Pankaj Kumar serving in unit 52 Engineer Regiment c/o 56 APO have changed my name from Yogendra Kumar to Yogendra.

I, Rajendra Sahu f/o Kailash Chandra Sahu R/o Panibandha, Badula Ganjam Odisha have change my DOB from 01.07.1967 to 17.10.1962 due wrongly entered in my son service records vide affidavit attested before Magistrate Jalandhar.

I, Manjula Sahu m/o Kailash Chandra Sahu R/o Panibandha, Badula Ganjam Odisha have change my DOB from 01.07.1961 to 15.04.1970 due wrongly entered in my son service records vide affidavit attested before Magistrate Jalandhar.

I, Himanshi D/o Bhupender Singh R/o Village Ahirka Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Himanshi To Himanshi Swami.

I, Kulbir Singh S/o Jagtar Singh R/O B-2 33/6, Heeran Jattan Mohalla, Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar, Punjab, 144514 have changed my name from Kulbir Singh to Kulvir Singh.

I, Avtar Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/O VPO. Dhapai, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Avtar Singh to Singh Avtar (Surname as Singh)

I, hitherto known as Chetan S/o Sushil Kumar R/O H.No. 2035/2033, W/N 4, Bohar Wala Mohalla, Kartarpur, Jalandhar, Punjab-144801 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Chetan Bhardwaj.

I, Rajni Thapar W/o Rajnish Chopra R/o H.No. B-20/35, Moh. Shergarh, Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Rajni Thapar to Rajni Chopra.

I, Rahul S/o Satpal R/o Khurla Kingra, Po. Khurla, Distt. Jalandhar-144003, Punjab have changed my name from Rahul to Rahul Kumar.

I, Raja Ranjeet Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/o H.No.133/18, Moh. Neche Banda, Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Raja Ranjeet Singh to Raja Ranjit Singh.

I, Ravneet Kaur W/o Singh Maninderjit R/o Vill Bassi, P.O. Jaid, Teh Bholath, Distt. Kapurthala-144621, Punjab have changed my name from Ravneet Kaur to Kaur Ravneet. (Kaur as Surname)

I, Mannat D/o Jatinder Kumar R/o Mohalla Thaanedara, Mehli Gate, Po. Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name from Mannat to Mannat Saini. (Surname as Saini)

I, hitherto known as Kamlesh Kumari W/o Jasbir Singh Rajpuri R/o H.No. 79, New Deol Nagar, Po. Model Town, Jalandhar-144003, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kamlesh Kumari Rajpuri.

I, Ram Ji s/o Puran Chand r/o Village Tajpur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Ram Ji to Ram Ji Chnader.

I, R Ramanjulu Naidu is legally Father of Service No. 16121210L Rank Hav. Name: Rangani Vijayakumar Naidu Unit: 21 ENGR REGIMENT C/o 56 APO, Residing at Village Arkel, Post Arkel, Tehsil Ramasamudram, Distt. Chittoor (State) Andhra Pradesh, Pin - 517247, have changed my name from Rangani Ramanjulu Naidu to R Ramanjulu Naidu.

I, Sevy Naik is Father of Army No.16119967P, Rank: Hav. Name: Rakeshnaik P S Unit: 21 Engr. Regt. C/o 56 APO, Residing at Pakeerappana Palya, Megalathanda, Kasaba Hobli, Taluk Koratagere, Distt. Tumkur, State Karnataka Pin- 572129 have changed my name from Sevyanaik to Sevy Naik.

I, Saku Bai is Mother of Army No.16119967P, Rank: Hav. Name: Rakeshnaik P S Unit: 21 Engr. Regt. C/o 56 APO, Residing at Pakeerappana Palya, Megalathanda, Kasaba Hobli, Taluk Koratagere, Distt. Tumkur, State Karnataka Pin- 572129 have changed my name from Sakkubai to Saku Bai.

I, Army No.16119967P, Rank: Hav. Name: Rakeshnaik P S Unit: 21 Engr. Regt. C/o 56 APO, Residing at Pakeerappana Palya, Megalathanda, Kasaba Hobli, Taluk Koratagere, Distt. Tumkur, State Karnataka Pin- 572129 have changed my name from Rakeshnaik P S.

I, Gagan Deep Verma S/o Sh. Prithvi Singh R/O 69, Gandhi Colony, Sirsa, Distt. Sirsa Haryana-125055, have changed the name of my minor son Divyam aged 5 years and he shall hereafter be known as Dhairya Kirodiwal.

I, Sasikala Moher Of Service No 14685633w Rank Hav Name Gopakumar J Of Unit 7002 Eme Bn C/O 56 APO, R/O Edavilakathu Veedu, Vill-Karakulam, Po- Chekkakonam, Distt- Thiruvanthapuram, State-Kerala, Pin-695564 Have Changed My Name From Sasikala To Sasikala T And Date Of Birth From 13-02-1966 To 17-05-1964 Vide Affidavit Dated 26-04-2025 Before Ambala Cantt

I, Megharani Wife Of Service No 15801827w Rank L/Nk Name Gaikwad Sachin Kakaso Of Unit 105 Ad Regt C/O 56 APO, R/O Morya Gift Shop Shetphale Shetphale- Atpadi Sangli, Maharashtra, Pin-415306 Have Changed My Name From Megharani To Megharani Sachin Gaikwad Vide Affidavit Dated 28-04-2025 Before Ambala Cantt

I, Omvati Mother Of Service No 18025168m Rank Spr Name Arun Kumar Unit 71 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO, R/O Vill- Tehra, Distt- Budaun, State-U.P, Have Changed My Name From OM Wati To Omvati Vide Affidavit Dated 24-04-2025 Before Budaun(U.P)

I, Sushma Devi wife of Amar Pal resident of village Sirasgarh-Dosarka Post Office Dhin Tehsil Barara District Ambala. I have changed my name from Sushma Rani to Sushma Devi. In future I should be known as Sushma Devi. All please note.

I, Bohti Devi W/O Munnai Lal R/O Vill. Mehmdupur Distt. Ambala That I Have Changed My Name From Banti To Bohti Devi After Marriage. Concerned Note.

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, Brij Bhushan Sharma S/O Siri Krishan Sharma, Residence Of H.No. 6230, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar, Mohali, Sas Nagar, Pin: 140301, Punjab, India Have Change My Name From Brij Bhushan To Brij Bhushan Sharma.

I, Satinder Kaur Randhawa W/O Harpal Singh, resident of Nariangarh, Jabbowal, District Amritsar, Punjab, 143116, I have Changed my name from Harpal Singh Randhawa to Harpal Singh. All concerned note.

I, Harpal Singh Randhawa S/o Suba Singh, resident of Nariangarh, Jabbowal, District Amritsar, Punjab, 143116, I have Changed my name from Harpal Singh Randhawa to Harpal Singh. All concerned note.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Jagan Nath Sharma R/o Factory Road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Sharma.

I, Sarika Bansal W/O Ranjeet Kumar, R/O House No. 2850, Pathri Dai Street, Baag Wali Gali, Dist- Sri Muktsar Sahib, Have changed my name to Sarika Goyal.

I, Shivali w/o Sanjeev Bhardwaj, House no. 828 ground floor sector 10 Panchukla Haryana have changed my name from Shivali to Shivali bhardwaj.

I, Vashist kumar Vishwkarma s/o Krishan Vishwkarma # 113, Charan Singh colony, Mouli jagran, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter from shukh shanti alias Sukhshanti Viswkarma to Sheetal

I Sarbjeet Kaur Dhaliwal W/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O Vpo. Sadda Singh Wala District Moga Have Changed My Name To Sarbjeet Kaur.

I Gurjot Singh S/o Angrej Singh R/O Vpo. Sadda Singh Wala, District Moga Have Changed My Name To Gurjot Singh Doal.

I Indu Lekha W/O Ayushmaan Sahejpal R/O H.No.219, Street No.19, SBS Nagar, Khothran Road, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Indu Lekha Sahejpal.

I Dinesh Kajla S/O Vinod Kumar R/O Bhanoki Road, Kotrani, (Sainampura), Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Known By Two Names i.e. Dinesh & Dinesh Kajla.

I Ruby Alias Rooopjit Kaur W/O Amarjit Singh R/O H.No.535 Guru Gobind Singh Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Rooopjit Kaur.

I Tarsem Lal S/O Tufail R/O Vill. Pindi Khair P.O. Bhains Awan Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Tarsem Singh.

I Avtar Singh S/O Kartar Singh R/O Vpo. Bajwara Kalan District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declared That My Given Name As Avtar And Surname As Singh.

I Rajwinder Kaur W/O Surinder Singh R/O Vpo. Kurala Kalan Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Minor Son's Karanvir Singh Given Name As Karanvir And Surname As Singh.

I Rajwinder Kaur W/O Surinder Singh R/O Vpo. Kurala Kalan Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Minor Daughter's Bhavneet Kaur Given Name As Bhavneet And Surname As Kaur.

I Narinder Pal Singh S/O Hardev Singh R/O Vill. Pathraial P.O. Nandachaur Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Narinder Pal Singh To Narinderpal Singh.

I Jageer Singh Khaira S/O Iqbal Singh R/O Vpo. Giddarwindi Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jageer Singh.

I, N Pratheetha Prasad Spouse Of Jc-501670W Subedar Clerk (Sd) Sivaprasadhan Thampi V. R/O Village Ponmanai, Po-Ponmanai, Tehsil- Kalkulam, Dist- Kanyakumari, State- Tamil Nadu, India. Declare That My Name N Pratheetha Prasad Is Wrong. But My Name N Pratheetha Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No. Ey 365461 Dated 13-03-2025 Before Notary Kuzhithurai-629163 Kanyakumari Dist.

I, Shamsher Singh S/O Anup Singh R/O Vill- Mallian Pakkian, Distt- Gurdaspur-143518, Tehsil Gurdaspur, Punjab. Declare That My Son Name Simranpreet Singh. My Son Given Name As Simranpreet And Surname As Singh.

I, Rajinder Kaur W/o Swaran Singh R/o Village Sultania Plot Kartarpur, Post Office Kharodi, Kaithal have changed my minor daughter name from Charanjit Kaur to Charanjeet Kaur.

I, Angrej S/O Bani Singh R/o VPO Hathira, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana have changed my name from Angrej Singh to Angrej for all future purposes.

I, Sato Devi am Mother of Army No-15340723H Rank-HAV, Name-Ashok Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: 70 ENGR REGT. C/O 56 APO Permanent Address: House no. B 103/1, Gokul Vihar, Rohta Road, Meerut, H.O. Distt-Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, PIN: 250001 declare that I have changed my name from Sato Devi to Santo. Vide Affidavit No-48AA 901538, Dated: 28/04/2025

I, Valli V is Mother of Army No: 16135767H, Rank-SPR Name-Aravind V, Presently residing at Unit 21 ENGR REGT C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: #25 Megalambeswararam, Kalugur, PO Kazhugur, Distt Karur, Tamil Nadu, PIN 639120 declare that I have changed my name from Valli V to V Valli and Also Correct my Date of birth from 01/01/1982 to 01/12/1982. Vide Affidavit No-48AA 901539, Dated: 28-04-2025

I, Fool Mati Verma wife of No 14574828M Hony- Nb-Sub Sant Lal Verma (Retired) of Corps of EME (Army) resident of Village - Dharawa, Post - Kusumhikalan, Tehsil & District- Ghazipur (UP), Pin- 233302 have changed my name and date of birth from Fool Mati Verma to Phool Mati Verma and date of birth from 01 July 1966 to 01 June 1967 vide affidavit No IN-UP 1289495209433X and IN-UP 12896292148712X both dt 28 April 2025 before notary public Ghazipur (UP).

I, No.4202673W NK Bintu resident of Village- Beri, Post-Beri, Tehsil- Mahendergarh, District- Mahendergarh, State- Haryana, Pin- 123029, have changed my Son name from Ritihik Kumar to Ritihik Yadav Vide affidavit No.IN-PB30015 777256929X dated 28 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sarabjeet Kaur Mother of No.4487965X NK Amandeep Singh resident of Village- Bhodi Pura, Post- Hakam Singh Wala, Tehsil- Rampura Phul, District-Bathinda, State- Punjab, Pin-151108, have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarabjeet Kaur Vide affidavit No.IN-PB9659269452694523111X dated 11 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Mahto Sharbeela Shailendra Prasad Mother of No.15219838N L/NK Kurmi Prabhat Kumar Shailendra resident of Village- Bhuj, Post- Bhuj, Tehsil- Bhuj, District- Bhuj, State- Gujarat, Pin- 370001, have changed my name from Saroj Devi to Mahto Sharbeela Shailendra Prasad vide affidavit No.IN-PB29984429076072X dated 28 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Vitthal Father of No.2808372N Sep Kahalkar Sandip Vitthal resident of Village- Bamhani, Post- Madgi, Tehsil- Tumsar, District- Bhandara, State- Maharashtra, Pin-441913, have changed my name from Vitthal to Vitthal Shamroo Kahalkar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB29934310433504X dated 28 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Mandabai Mother of No.2808372N Sep Kahalkar Sandip Vitthal resident of Village-Bamhani, Post- Madgi, Tehsil-Tumsar, District- Bhandara, State- Maharashtra, Pin-441913, have changed my name from Mandabai to Mandabai Vitthal Kahalkar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB299351195X dated 28 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15783313N Hav (SHGD) Shewale Sandip Rajaram resident of Village-Yewati, Post- Yewati, Tehsil-Karad, District- Satara, State- Maharashtra, Pin-415111, have changed my Daughter name from Shravani to Shewale Shravani Sandip Vide affidavit No.IN-PB29931826282168X dated 28 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Renuka spouse of No.2807603M Hav Salam Rajaram Gopal resident of Village- Ghulewadi, Post-Mahelwadi, Tehsil- Chandgad, District- Kolhapur, State-Maharashtra, Pin-416508, have changed my name from Renuka to Renuka Rajaram Salam Vide affidavit No. IN-PB29937281640399X dated 28 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Pranali spouse of No.2809925L L/NK Vishal Vilas Shelar resident of Village-Badlapur Kulgaon, Post-Badlapur, Tehsil- Ambarnath, District- Thane, State- Maharashtra, Pin-421503, have changed my name from Pranali to Pranali Vishal Shelar Vide affidavit No. IN-PB28659987329434X dated 23 April 2025 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Karanjit Kaur Dhillon W/O Jaswinder Singh. R/O Vpo Duggan Distt Sangrur To Change Name Karanjeet Kaur.

I, Rakesh Kumar Arora S/O Raj Kumar Arora House number 335, Jhatra road Zira, Tehsil Zira (Firozpur) have changed my name as Rakesh Kumar.

I, Raj Paul S/o Partap Chand R/o Kabir Colony, W.No.11, # 277, Opp. Dharam Kanda, Giddarbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib-152101 have changed my name to Rajpal.

I, Jagrup Singh S/o Bishan Singh R/o Binjal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagroop Singh.

I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Sukhminder Singh Curry R/o Binjal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Balwinder Kaur Curry.

I, Aditi Sachdeva alias Vinci Arora W/o Ajay Kumar Sachdeva R/O Moga have changed my name to Aditi Sachdeva.

I, Roshan Singh Sodhi S/o Balbir Singh Sodhi R/o At Near Gurudwara Sahib Duneke Teh & Distt. Moga have changed my daughter name from Cute to Tanvi.

I, Kumari Roma W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Nandpur Sahnewal Ludhiana have changed my name from Kumari Roma to Roma.

I, Diksha W/o Kamal Chowdhary R/o H.No. L-502, GTB Nagar, Lalheri Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Diksha Chowdhary.

I, Himanshu S/o Ramesh Kumar R/o Bargari, Teh. Jaitu District Faridkot have changed my name to Mohit Kumar.

I, Army No. 16116500Y Rank Hav Name Ramachandra konnur of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Declare that My Son Name Vikrant Ramachandra Kannur Wrongly Mentioned in My Army Service Record But My Son correct Name is Vikrant Ramachandra Konnur.

I, Surinder Pal Kaur Spouse Of 1281679-N, Ex-Hav Jeet Singh, R/O House No B7-884 Jammu Basti New Fazilka Road 152116 Abohar Fazilka Punjab - Have Changed My Name From Surinder Pal Kaur To Chinder Pal Kaur Vide Affidavit

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LOST & FOUND I, Yadvinder Singh Sandhu S/o B.S. Sandhu, R/o #186, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh.

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NAME CHANGE I, Lokesh S/o Sh. Jai Parkash R/o H.No. 1252/14 Gohana Road, Opposite Shokan Silicate Factory, Mahabir Colony, Rohtak have changed my name to Lokesh Kumar for all future purposes.

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Editor's TAKE

Sweltering heat grips northern India

IMD issues advisories as vast swathes of the country brace for even hotter days ahead

As April nears its end, large parts of northern and central India are already in the grip of a blistering heatwave, with temperatures soaring well beyond seasonal norms. Delhi, the national capital, has touched 42°C — an ominous marker considering that the hottest months of May and June still lie ahead.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has sounded a yellow alert for the city, warning that maximum temperatures could touch 43°C in the coming days, a full 3-4 degrees above the usual average for this time of year. This unrelenting heat has not spared other parts of the country either. States across north, central, and eastern India — including Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal — are witnessing an early and intense summer. In parts of Jharkhand, temperatures have already breached the 43°C mark, prompting fresh warnings and health advisories from the IMD. The early arrival of such extreme heat is no longer an anomaly, but rather an indication of broader climatic shift.

Meteorologists have attributed this current spell to a combination of local and global factors. Dry and hot westerly winds continue to sweep across the northern plains, preventing any cloud development and keeping the heat trapped at the surface. A Western Disturbance — an upper air system that usually brings brief relief in the form of rain and cooler winds — is active, but its influence has largely remained confined to the Himalayan region, failing to bring much respite to the plains.

Additionally, global climate patterns such as the El Niño phenomenon in the Pacific Ocean are likely playing a role in distorting India's seasonal cycles. These disruptions are contributing to the growing unpredictability of weather, often resulting in prolonged dry spells, delayed monsoons, or early heatwaves. While temperatures have been climbing steadily, the IMD has made it clear that the coming days will be particularly challenging. The capital region is under a yellow alert, with authorities advising people to avoid stepping out during peak afternoon hours between 11 AM and 3 PM. Precautions such as staying hydrated, using umbrellas or hats, and wearing light, breathable clothing have been strongly recommended. The consequences of such extreme weather go far beyond mere discomfort. Public health experts warn of increased risks of heatstroke, dehydration, and respiratory illnesses.

For vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, outdoor laborers, and those with pre-existing conditions, the risk is especially high. There are also growing concerns about the strain on infrastructure, particularly in terms of water and electricity. With power demand peaking due to widespread use of fans and air conditioning, there is a very real danger of grid overloads and outages.

Water reservoirs, already under stress in several regions, are likely to see further depletion as evaporation rates surge. Simultaneously, the contrast in regional weather patterns continues to widen. While the north and central parts of the country reel under extreme heat, the northeastern states are bracing for heavy rainfall. The IMD has forecast widespread showers accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and strong winds — particularly over Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Tripura.

This rainfall, expected between April 25 and 29, offers a stark reminder of India's increasingly uneven climate patterns — with floods and droughts occurring side by side in different corners of the nation. Further south, states such as Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and coastal Andhra Pradesh are dealing with a different but equally taxing weather pattern — hot and humid conditions that pose their own set of challenges, particularly for urban populations. This spell of early heat serves as yet another warning about the growing impact of climate change.

Once considered rare, heatwaves are now more frequent, more intense, and longer-lasting. Their consequences — on health, livelihoods, agriculture, and infrastructure — are already being felt and will likely worsen in the absence of strong mitigation and adaptation measures.

As India heads into what could be one of its hottest summers on record, it is clear that the time for reactive measures is over. Urban planning must prioritise heat-resilient infrastructure, public awareness campaigns must be ramped up, and long-term policies addressing climate adaptation need urgent attention.

The sweltering temperatures of April may just be the beginning. What lies ahead could be far more testing.

UCC on the horizon

As the BJP frames the Uniform Civil Code as a step toward national integration and gender justice, critics warn of growing unrest and constitutional challenges ahead

After the controversial passage of the Waqf Bill, the Modi Government plans to implement the equally or even more contentious Uniform Civil Code (UCC) passed last year.

This raises the question of whether it is the right time to push for the UCC amid ongoing protests against the Waqf Bill, which began after the UCC was approved in Parliament last year.

The BJP has released a video recently on the achievements of Modi's first year in his third term and is preparing for the UCC implementation. The video, titled 'Big Moves Under Modi 3.0 — The Journey Has Just Begun...', suggests prioritising the UCC. The video presents it as an important step towards national integration and gender equality.

Despite being proposed and withdrawn twice in 2019 and 2020, the UCC bill was eventually approved by Parliament last year. For the BJP, the UCC is a crucial part of its political agenda, alongside the completion of the Ayodhya temple and the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. The UCC is a complex issue.

It has several angles, such as political, legal, legislative, religious, gender, and Constitutional perspectives. The country witnessed angry agitations even during the passage of the law. Just as the Waqf Act creates unrest, the UCC is bound to trigger nationwide agitations.

It is worth noting that while many countries like France, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Australia have a UCC, others like Kenya, Pakistan, Italy, South Africa, Nigeria, and Greece do not.

Prime Minister Modi defended the implementation of the UCC in Lok Sabha in December last year, stating that the Constituent Assembly, which drafted the Indian Constitution, wanted the Uniform Civil Code to be enacted by an elected Government.

He also highlighted that BR Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, strongly advocated for a uniform civil code preventing one-sided claims.

The Apex Court also emphasised the need for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in 1985 to maintain national unity and recommended a single law for all citizens in 1995. In 2019, the Modi Government reaffirmed its commitment to the UCC.

The Court had also declared Triple Talaq unconstitutional, promoting gender justice. Minority groups feel that personal laws are vital to cultural and religious identities, and implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) could infringe on religious freedom



under Article 25 of the Constitution. India currently has separate personal laws for various religious communities, including Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and Parsis, which govern issues like marriage, divorce, and inheritance. The UCC supporters argue for one law for all citizens.



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Moreover, experts warn that the UCC could overstep state legislative authority, challenging the principles of cooperative federalism. The Portuguese Civil Code, introduced in the 19th century, is still in effect in Goa and has not been replaced since the state's liberation.

Early this year, Uttarakhand implemented the UCC for the state. Other BJP-ruled states like Assam and Maharashtra want to push it through.

The BJP may want to replicate this in different states. The challenges of implementing the UCC are many.

While supporters argue for a UCC implementation, others caution against it, citing the need to respect religious and cultural diversity. The lack of consensus among political parties presents a formidable challenge. Many opposition parties and even some NDA allies, and some communities like the Muslims, have strongly opposed it. Ensuring effective implementation across the vast and diverse India is formidable, as it requires preparations for administration, infrastructure, resources, and significant public awareness and education about the UCC. Implementing the UCC brings up concerns about religious freedom and cultural identity.

While the Supreme Court upholds the constitutional validity of the Uniform Civil Code, implementing it remains a contentious issue in Indian society and politics. It is a highly sensitive issue in India, with diverse cultures.

Many minority communities are concerned about the potential risks to their religious liberties, highlighting the complexity of the issue.

The Modi Government claims that the

Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will secure equal property rights for women, ensuring fair distribution of a deceased person's assets among the spouse, children, and parents. Previously, only mothers inherited the property.

Both parties need to give grounds for divorce. Some communities, like Muslims, are apprehensive that a UCC could undermine this and the protections that the Constitution has provided. Implementing a UCC due to concerns about losing their cultural identity or traditional practices is a key fear. It will be prudent to address the complexities of the implementation before pushing it through, mainly to avoid law and order agitations at the ground level.

There are already demonstrations against the Waqf Bill, and the intention to implement the UCC will only add to the unrest. Therefore, a balanced approach, ensuring the rights of all communities, is the only way forward apart from mobilising a political consensus.

(The writer is a popular columnist. Views are personal)

Rekindling spirituality in public service

SECOND Opinion

BY KANISHK

Spirituality in public service is a quiet force — a subtle, transformative presence that elevates action beyond duty and policy. It is not dramatic or ceremonial; rather, it is the silent essence that gives meaning to governance. Without it, public service risks becoming mechanical, devoid of soul. With it, even routine work becomes an act of purpose, a service imbued with deeper intent.

At its heart, public service is a commitment to something larger than the self. It seeks to uplift the vulnerable, amplify the voices of the unheard, and bring dignity to the weary. This service calls for more than expertise or efficiency — it requires a vision born from character, moral clarity, and spiritual depth. True public service is not confined to a role or title.

It manifests in the policymaker, the volunteer, the social worker, the diplomat — all united by a common purpose: the greater good. Leadership, in this realm, cannot rely on knowledge alone. Knowledge is inert until shaped by reflection, compassion, and inner values. Spiritual wisdom breathes life into decisions, offering clarity and courage when doubt or fatigue sets in. Without this grounding, even the most brilliant minds may falter — confusion creeps in, cynicism sets root, and leadership loses its compass. Leadership today is often misunderstood as a position of authority, but real leadership stems from

authenticity. It is not found in designations but discovered in one's depth of conviction and steadiness of spirit. Authority may be granted by position, but legitimacy is earned through inner alignment. Spiritually grounded leaders do not chase applause — they pursue truth and inspire through vision and integrity. They don't act from ambition, but from an attunement to the pulse of humanity. Such leadership stirs hope, cuts through cynicism, and dissolves indifference.

These leaders don't rebel against tradition for the sake of it; instead, they bring discernment and evolution. Their compass is conscience, not ideology. In moments of crisis, they offer stability. Their ethics are not performance, but an extension of their being. They see not division, but interconnectedness — as if all lives are branches of a single sacred tree. This worldview fosters institutions where dignity becomes a right, not a privilege.

Compassion becomes inclusive, not selective. Governance finds rhythm not in control, but in care. Here, spirituality is not religious dogma but a deep connection to something timeless and meaningful. Today, the world seeks not just knowledge or efficiency, but meaning.

A quiet spiritual awakening is unfolding. This awakening isn't about IQ or even EQ, but a higher dimension — Spiritual Quotient (SQ): the ability to see beyond the immediate, to act with purpose and compassion. Without SQ, institutions crumble under their own weight; fatigue replaces idealism, and burnout overtakes brilliance. When a leader is spiritually aligned, their institutions reflect that purpose. This generates "spiritual capital" — the shared conscience of a community

that guides its ethos. When such spiritual clarity guides governance, it becomes more than administration — it becomes dharma in action. The ancient Indian ideal of Ram Rajya embodied this: a just society led by humility, where governance was sacred, and transformation flowed from values, not mandates. Great nations and institutions outlive their founders when their leaders' spiritual fire seeps into collective consciousness.

It becomes legacy, not just memory. This is no idealistic dream — it is rooted in India's own civilisational wisdom. Indian governance was never purely utilitarian. It emerged from Vedantic insight, where action and spirit were inseparable. Chanakya's Yogakshema envisioned a state that nourished holistic well-being, and his Rajirshi — the philosopher-king — was a leader who blended contemplation with action. Colonial rule, however, severed governance from spirituality. Administration became technical, education lost its soul, and systems bred compliance over conscience.

That legacy still lingers in our institutions today. But the spiritual embers remain — and they hold the promise of renewal. From the mystical Nasadiya Sukta to the Bhagavad Gita's call to duty, India's heritage calls us to see leadership as sacred service. Let service be a quiet prayer. Let leadership be a steady flame. Let us rekindle, through stillness, a public life that is once again filled with soul.

(The writer is a Central Government Officer, presently serving in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Views are personal)

Leaderspeak



In this war against terrorism, the unity of the country, the solidarity of 140 crore Indians is our biggest strength. We have to strengthen our resolve to face this challenge that has appeared before the country. We have to demonstrate strong willpower as a nation. Today, the world is watching, after this terrorist attack, the whole country is speaking in one voice.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

Letters to the Editor

Indo-Pak staff is ominous

Madam — While the United Nations and world leaders, including the United States, have condemned the Pahalgal massacre, no nation has actively engaged in mediation talks, treating the matter as a bilateral affair. Meanwhile, in response to India's diplomatic measures and warnings to Pakistan over its alleged role in the incident, Pakistan is scrambling to bolster its operational readiness.

It has launched a three-day air warfare exercise, Zarbe-Haideri, along its borders, deploying PL-15 Chinese missiles with a range of 200 km for the first time in its southern sector.

Additionally, Pakistan has positioned fifth-generation fighter aircraft such as the J-10, JF-17, and F-15C, capable of striking targets up to 290 km away, along with long-range anti — ship precision missiles to protect the Karachi harbour area.

The situation risks escalating into a standoff reminiscent of 'Operation Parakram' more than two decades ago. Pakistan should know that India is fully prepared to respond firmly to any Pakistani misadventure with anger held in abeyance as added strength hence should resort to diplomatic talks showing evidence of its non involvement in the massacre and help India in destroying terrorism jointly to diffuse the situation.

RS NARULA | PATIALA

International Dance Day

Madam — April 29 is the "International Dance Day" celebrated annually all over the world. The International Theatre Institute, ITI has established the day in 1982 and recognised by UNESCO to highlight the amazing diversity and talent of dancers all over the globe. April 29 marks the birth anniversary of renowned dancer Jean Georges Noverre.

Evidence of dance has been found dating back 9000 years and it has been growing fast into a worldwide phenomenon. This day provides an annual opportunity to unite dancers and enthusiasts in the joy of movement. Dance transcends cultural boundaries and connects people across the globe. It's a day to honour the beauty, passion, and expression that dance brings to our lives. Dance is healthy for the body, mind, heart, and soul and has been established as a form of happiness in many people's lives. Dance is an outlet of expression and communication of emotion, it helps in releasing powerful feelings into the environment to feel less overwhelmed.

One of the key aims of this day is to persuade governments and political bodies to recognise the importance of dance and remove obstacles to participation. Let's organise a professional dance performance, recognise the popular dancers, promote dance form in educational institutions, seek government support, financial help to dancers and dance trainers, erase the stigma about any form of dance, and exhibit the cultural importance of dance.

DR B MADHUSUDHAN REDDY | KARIMNAGAR

Houses of alleged terrorists demolished

Madam — Authorities here have demolished the houses of three alleged active terrorists in Bandipora, Pulwama and Shopian districts of Jammu and Kashmir as security forces continued their crackdown on the terror ecosystem following the Pahalgal terror attack. With this, nine houses of suspected terrorists and overground workers of terror outfits have been razed so far since the April 22 attack in the lush meadows of Baisaran that killed 26 people and left the nation grief-stricken and fuming.

As part of the anti-terror crackdown, that picked up more steam after the Pahalgal tragedy, security forces have raided more than 500 locations in the Valley in just five days and grilled hundreds of suspects. Political parties have urged the Centre to ensure that innocent people are not targeted while it goes after terrorists. Following the Pahalgal terror attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to hunt down the killers "to the ends of the earth" as his government linked the dastardly attack to Pakistan. Since then New Delhi has announced a raft of retaliatory steps, including the cancellation of visas and suspension of the 1960s Indus Water Treaty, and Islamabad hitting back with a string of tit-for-tat measures, that included putting the 1972 Shimla Agreement in abeyance. Pakistan has warned that if India actually goes through with diverting or blocking the Indus water flow, Islamabad would see it as an "act of war".

BHAGWAN THADANI | MUMBAI

TEACH PAKISTAN A LESSON BUT WITH CAUTION

The content of the article, 'No Indus water to Pak...' (284-285), though carries some emotional touch, will be endorsed by many. It is true, Pandit Nehru was gentle enough and stood firm on international norms, a humane approach and tried to live up to the theory of Love thy Neighbour. The recipient not reciprocating the best of sentiments and gestures demonstrated by the Indus Water Treaty is a fallout of the misplaced priority of focusing more on communal agenda than on developing the country. India has waited enough and suspension of the treaty should sensitise the ruling dispensation to shun its communal agenda and focus on peoples' welfare besides establishing peace with all. Pakistan is falling in debt trap besides living with the menace of terrorism. All these make clear that the leadership in Pakistan is not prepared to change its course. India's decision to deprive Indus water, which is a lifeline for Pakistan, suits the situation of this day. However, it is to be kept in mind that there

is possibility of our action becoming a precedent that turns against us as we have China on the other side with a major river flowing through its soil into India. Basic fact Pakistan needs to understand is that it has wasted decades in pursuing communal agenda in the process of which it has lagged far behind India in every aspect, besides living with the pains inflicted by terrorism.

In spite of attacks and constant irritants from Pakistan India is growing in many spheres whereas Pakistan is sinking under debt and lack of development, which should open its eyes. Using hate towards India to make its failures and misdeeds may work for sometime but not for all the time. It should remember the poetic justice which says "those who take sword will perish by sword". It is also time for the Union government to spare some time and energy to settle all the disputes over sharing of water among the States, keeping all political considerations aside.

AG RAJMOHAN I ANANTPUR

India's grand rewrite of communication order

The WAVES summit will drive the country's creative economy through intellectual property creation and develop its M&E infrastructure. It will also help build the industry's capacity to create a skilled workforce for global needs

FIRST Column

As the final countdown to the WAVES Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit draws near, the moot question remains: how will the global communication ecosystem respond to the vision, challenges, and opportunities unleashed by the four-day summit in Mumbai from 1 May?

More than just another gathering, WAVES is a seismic shift. It promises to reorient the way we understand, design, and deliver the future of media and entertainment (M&E). With an architecture built around inclusivity, imagination, and integrated diplomacy, the summit is poised to be a landmark "Communication Moment" for the world.

Through its immersive curation of threads, themes, ideas, and tools, WAVES will redraw the boundaries of what M&E can mean in an era marked by disruption and reinvention.

At the heart of this transformation lies a compelling proposition: that the summit is not merely about showcasing creativity — it is about systematising it. The real takeaway from WAVES 2025 is not just the exchange of ideas, but the articulation of a futuristic communication order — one that interweaves Commerce, Creativity, Content, and Culture into a coherent, collaborative, and globally relevant vision.

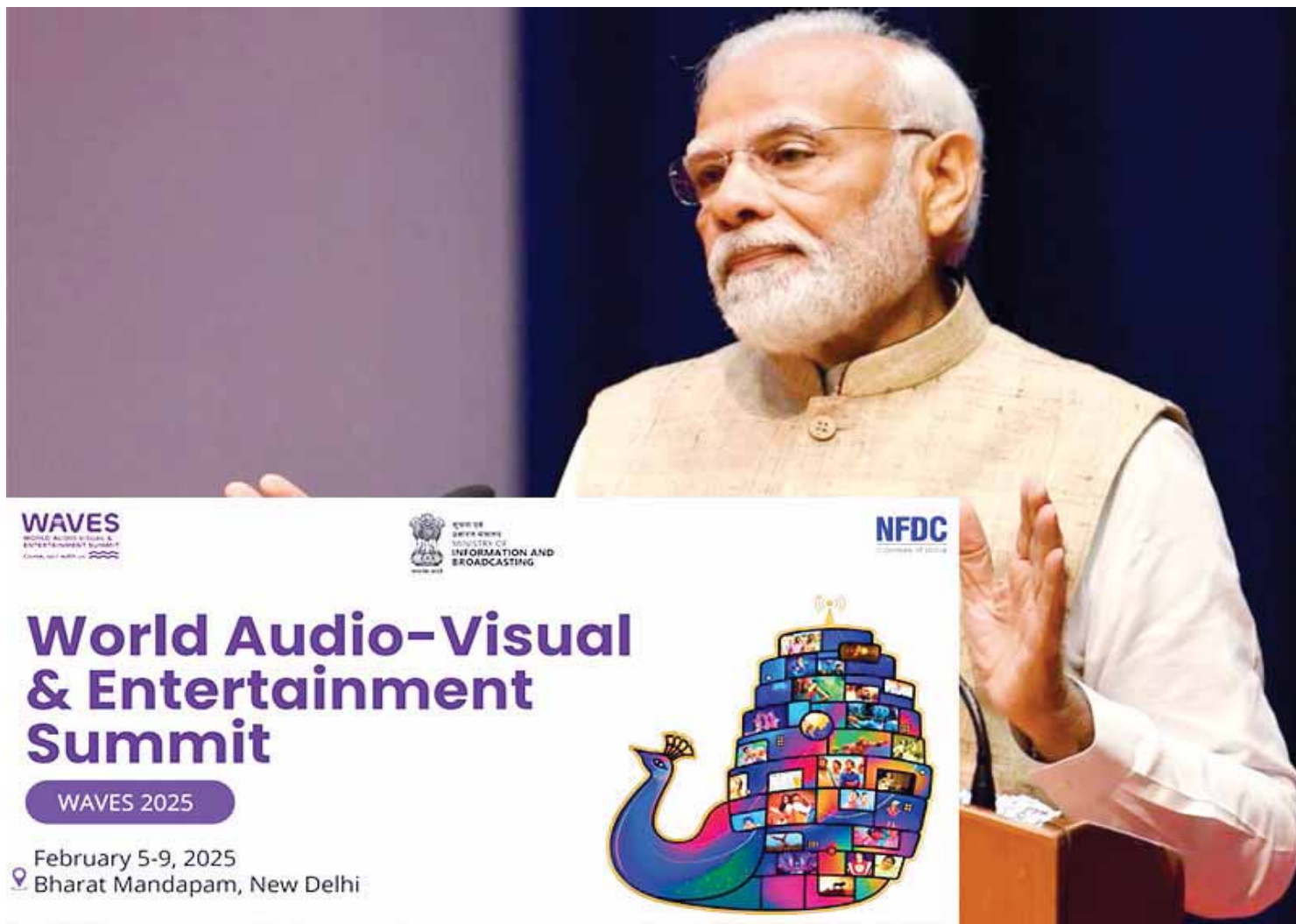
From the outset, WAVES has been propelled by an unflinching commitment to innovation and ideation. As the inaugural edition, it places "Communication First" not just as a slogan but as an organising principle. For perhaps the first time, a summit in the M&E space has been imagined as a "Communication Mahakumbh", where continuity meets disruption, and heritage is re-engineered through innovation.

The four identified pillars of WAVES — Broadcast & Infotainment, AVGC-XR, Digital Media, and Films — each distinct in their scope, nevertheless converge powerfully in intent and deliverables. Together, they represent a conscious synthesis of old and new, traditional mediums and emerging technologies, global ambitions and local identities.

What sets WAVES apart is its ability to harmonise these forces into a dynamic, composite framework. In doing so, it sketches the contours of a new communication order — one led by India, but built for the world. The catalytic force behind this vision has been the launch of Create in India: Season I, an initiative that has electrified the industry with its participatory energy and collaborative ethos.

It has thrown open the doors to storytellers, technologists, investors, and policymakers, crafting a rich ecosystem of engagement that mirrors the complexity of the M&E sector itself.

The themes and templates curated under this banner are refreshingly forward — looking. They tackle not just today's industry pain points but anticipate tomorrow's cultural, economic, and technological shifts. From decentralisation of nar-



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ratives and platform-neutral storytelling to immersive formats and multilingual access, WAVES has laid down a clear thesis: the future belongs to those who dare to reimagine.

In doing so, it positions India as the Content Hub of the World, a nation not just exporting stories, but shaping the very grammar of global storytelling. The commercial vision that undergirds this ambition is bold and aspirational, showcasing India's intent to lead not only through scale, but through thought leadership.

WAVES 2025 emerges at a moment when the

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"Creator Economy" is reshaping global production — consumption cycles. Here, India is not a passive participant but a proactive architect; fusing its demographic dividend, cultural wealth, and technological prowess into an unbeatable formula for soft power.

WAVES is the conduit through which this soft power is being systematised, internationalised, and strategically leveraged.

It is not just a summit. It is a signal — a signal that India is ready to anchor the future of M&E diplomacy through stories, ideas, and innovations that resonate across borders.

The kinetic current of visibility, opportunity, collaboration, and growth generated by WAVES is designed to have a lasting ripple effect, influencing how future summits around the world are conceived, especially in terms of fostering international tie — ups, cinematic synergies, and media-tech alliances.

At its core, WAVES is a think tank in motion — where storytelling meets strategy, policy meets participation, and art meets action. By blurring the lines between entertainment and engagement, it reminds the world that M&E is no longer a side-show to diplomacy. It is diplomacy. In an increasingly multipolar world, cultural influence is power. And the medium through which that power is asserted is communication — fluid, visual, participatory.

Through M&E, nations now shape perceptions, steer conversations, and signal intent. WAVES situates India's M&E industry squarely within this strategic frame, projecting it as a potent tool of statecraft and global engagement. The brilliance of WAVES lies in its refusal to chase uniformity. It understands that the future of M&E is not about amplifying one dominant voice but about curating a chorus of perspectives.

As the world negotiates climate shifts, social transformations, digital disruptions, and identity politics, storytelling must evolve — from monologue to mosaic.

India, with its plurality of languages, genres, and formats, offers a compelling framework for this evolution. WAVES is a celebration of that plurality. It is a staging ground for narratives that are rooted in tradition but responsive to the future — narratives that can travel far, yet stay authentic. In a time where content is everywhere, WAVES is a reminder that context is king.

And in this context, India leads not just as a creator, but as a curator of meaning in a fragmented world. To conclude, one of the key objectives of the summit is to have global M&E leaders invest in India.

A lot of hard work and thought has gone into WAVES and officials are upbeat about its success. Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, I&B Ministry, said WAVES would be the first-ever global summit covering the entire gamut of the M&E industry.

The most promising aspect of WAVES is the interest it has generated across the globe. The international outreach of the summit is evident by a line-up that boasts Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen, YouTube CEO Neal Mohan, Instagram Head Adam Mosseri, Netflix CEO Ted Sarandos, marketing agency WPP's CEO Mark Read, Spotify's Chief Public Affairs Officer Dustee Jenkins, and NVIDIA's Vice President Richard Karris — all of them will be part of the programming roster.

The Ministry hopes that the summit will promote India as a "one-stop destination" for content creation, drive the country's creative economy through intellectual property creation and develop its M&E infrastructure, as also build the industry's capacity to create a skilled workforce for global needs.

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Why a new linguistic survey is crucial for cooperative India

A comprehensive linguistic survey is not just about collecting data; it is a transformative step toward building inclusive cooperative frameworks that truly reflect the voices of every Indian

In the land where the echoes of countless languages have woven a timeless cultural tapestry, India stands as a testament to resilience and diversity. Our linguistic heritage has not only shaped our folklore and traditions but also nurtured the roots of cooperative living.

From the ancient guilds of traders and craftsmen to the community — driven farming practices of our villages, collaboration has always been the essence of our economic framework. However, as we move towards the ambitious goal of Viksit Bharat @2047, it is alarming that we are yet to fully understand the linguistic landscape that underpins the cooperative spirit of this nation.

A comprehensive linguistic survey is not a luxury — it is a necessity. It is the compass that will guide policymakers to ensure that cooperative reforms are inclusive and effective.

Without accurate data on the languages spoken across regions, our policy interventions remain shallow, and our efforts to strengthen the cooperative economic framework risk becoming fragmented.

The Government's vision of the PACS-to-APEX approach — empowering primary agricultural credit societies to function cohesively with apex institutions — cannot materialise without understanding the linguistic and cultural nuances of local communities. Physiological density data and linguistic insights will ensure that financial services, credit schemes, and agricultural innovations reach the last mile.

Ironically, the most extensive linguistic survey of India was conducted not for the welfare of its people but for colonial administrative control.

The Linguistic Survey of India, initiated by Sir George Grierson during the British era between 1898 and 1928, documented Indian languages primarily to serve the colonial interest of consolidating power. The British viewed linguistic diversity as a tool to deepen divisions and enforce policies of divide and rule.

This colonial baggage still weighs heavily on our administrative systems. Despite over seven decades of independence, we have done little to refine or update this foundational linguistic knowledge.

Adding to this disparity is the fact that, while the private sector has astutely recognised the importance of linguistic insights, development practitioners and policymakers often lag. Rural marketing practitioners in corporate houses possess extensive data on regional languages, dialects, and consumer behaviour.

Using this intelligence, they successfully penetrate rural markets, build brand loyalty, and tailor communication strategies that resonate with



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local communities.

In stark contrast, Government initiatives aimed at development and economic upliftment continue to operate with outdated linguistic data or delegate language considerations entirely to state Governments.

The result is a fragmented approach that fails to execute cooperative economic frameworks effectively. Consider this: a rural marketing executive knows

precisely how to communicate with farmers in their dialect to sell fertilisers or machinery, but a Government financial literacy campaign in the same village may miss its mark simply because it

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is not available in the local language. This gap in understanding not only undermines the potential of Government schemes like PM-KISAN and FPOs (Farmer Producer Organisations) but also impedes the inclusive growth of cooperatives.

By conducting a fresh linguistic survey, policymakers can bridge this knowledge gap, making public-sector interventions as impactful and relatable as their private-sector counterparts.

A renewed linguistic survey will empower cooperatives to function as truly participatory institutions. It will facilitate the creation of multilingual financial literacy programmes, region — specific agricultural advisories, and cooperative training modules.

Further, the promotion of Indigenous languages will encourage knowledge sharing of traditional farming techniques, watershed

management practices, and sustainable agriculture. With more accurate linguistic and physiological density data, policymakers can design hyper-localised interventions that cater to each region's unique challenges.

Moreover, respecting linguistic diversity fosters social cohesion and national unity.

By acknowledging and celebrating our people's rich linguistic heritage, we send a powerful message that every voice matters. The cooperative economic framework, founded on the principles of collective growth and mutual benefit, can only thrive when communication barriers are dismantled.

To achieve Viksit Bharat @2047, we must acknowledge that economic empowerment is incomplete without linguistic inclusion. Every cooperative, from the grassroots PACS to the apex-level institutions, must reflect the diverse voices of its members.

It is time for policymakers to embrace the richness of India's linguistic heritage and weave it into the fabric of cooperative governance. Only then can we build an equitable economic framework that uplifts every community, leaving no one behind. The call for a linguistic survey is not just a call for data — it is a call to honour the soul of our nation.

To realise the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, India must prioritise linguistic inclusion as a cornerstone of cooperative growth. Our diverse languages are more than cultural artefacts — they are vital tools for empowerment, communication, and social cohesion.

Without updated and comprehensive linguistic data, policy interventions risk alienating the very communities they aim to support.

A new linguistic survey will bridge the gap between Government initiatives and grassroots realities, enabling cooperatives to function with greater participation, relevance, and impact.

It will foster multilingual literacy programmes, amplify Indigenous knowledge systems, and ensure that no voice is left unheard. As private enterprises leverage language to drive market success, so too must policymakers harness it for national development.

Recognising the role of language is not merely about effective governance — it is about honouring India's pluralism and building an inclusive, equitable economy. The time to act is now; the call for a linguistic survey is a call to unify and uplift.

(The writer is member of the PM MSP Committee and Agricultural Reforms. Views are personal)

Death toll in Iran port explosion reaches 46

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

The death toll from a huge explosion that rocked one of Iran's main ports rose Monday to 46 people killed, authorities said.

Iranian State television offered the toll from the blast at Shahid Rajaei port near Bandar Abbas, citing local officials.

A fire still burned at the site, some two days after the initial explosion Saturday, just as Iran began a third round of negotiations with the United States over its rapidly advancing nuclear program. Over 1,000 people suffered injuries in the blast.

Authorities still haven't offered an explanation for the explosion.

Private security firm Ambrey says the port received missile fuel chemical in March. It was part of a shipment of ammonium perchlorate from China by two vessels to Iran, first reported in January by the Financial Times. The chemical used to make solid propellant for rockets was going to be used to replenish Iran's missile stocks, which had been depleted by its direct



attacks on Israel during the war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

The Iranian military denied receiving the chemical shipment. Social media footage of the explosion saw reddish-hued

smoke rising from the fire just before the detonation.

That suggests a chemical compound being involved in the blast, like in the 2020 Beirut port explosion.

New York protests against the Pahalgam attack

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New York

Members of the Indian diaspora gathered outside the Pakistan Consulate and at Times Square here to protest against the Pahalgam terror attacks.

The protestors waved the Indian tricolour and held banners that read 'Declare Islamic Republic of Pakistan a Terrorist State — Pahalgam Hindu massacre'.

They also held a long banner that had the photos of the 26 victims of the terror attack, with the caption 'CNN, NBC, NYT, WAPO, UN - Please share their names, show their faces' along with the hashtag 'Hindu Lives Matter', 'End Terrorism Now', 'Islamic Terror - End Today', 'Enough is Enough'.

The protests were held on April 27 and an interfaith-vigil against Jihadist terror was also held outside the Pakistani Consulate in New York, where members from diaspora communities waved the Indian and Israeli flags, jointly condemning terrorism and calling on the world to send a strong message to collectively combat terrorism.

A Hindu priest chanted prayers of peace for the victims of the attack and community members at the vigil held a one minute silence to pay their respects

to those killed and injured in the Pahalgam attack.

In a post on X The Consulate General of India shared the photos from the protest and said "Condolences and Protest at Times Square, NY."

The protestors waved the Indian tricolour and held banners that read 'Declare Islamic Republic of Pakistan a Terrorist State - Pahalgam Hindu massacre'

"A large number of Indian community members and friends of India gathered at Times Square to express their deep sorrow and condemnation over the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The gathering paid tribute to the victims, and extended condolences to their families," the post said.

In another post, the Indian Consulate said "The Dawoodi Bohra community in Queens, New York, held a heartfelt prayer meeting in solidarity with the victims of the tragic Pahalgam Terror Attack in Jammu and Kashmir."

The April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam killed 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen. The victims were mostly tourists from

all across India.

Following the terror attack, India highlighted "the cross-border linkages of the terrorist attack" and announced a slew of measures including putting the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in "abeyance with immediate effect", until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India will identify, track and punish every terrorist, their handlers 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," he said.

Messages of solidarity and support for India continued to flow from global leaders.

FBI Director Kash Patel said in a post on X that the agency sends its condolences to all the victims of the recent terrorist attack in Kashmir — and will continue offering our full support to the Indian Government.

"This is a reminder of the constant threats our world faces from the evils of terrorism. Pray for those affected."

"Thank you to the men and women of law enforcement who answer the call in moments like these," FBI Director Kash Patel said.

US airstrike kills 68 African migrants: Houthi rebels

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

Yemen's Houthi rebels on Monday alleged a US airstrike hit a prison holding African migrants, killing at least 68 people and wounding 47 others. The US military had no immediate comment. The strike in Yemen's Saada governorate, a stronghold for the Houthis, is the latest incident in the country's decade-long war to kill African migrants from Ethiopia and other nations who risk crossing the nation for a chance to work in neighbouring Saudi Arabia.

It also likely will renew questions from activists about the American campaign, known as "Operation Rough Rider," which has been targeting the rebels as the Trump administration negotiates with their main benefactor, Iran, over Tehran's rapidly advancing nuclear program.

The US military's Central Command, in a statement early Monday before news of the alleged strike broke, sought to defend its policy of offering no specific details of its extensive airstrike campaign. The strikes have drawn controversy in America over Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's use of the unclassified Signal messaging app to post sensitive details about the attacks.

"To preserve operational security, we have intentionally limited disclosing details of our ongoing or future operations," Central Command said. "We are very deliberate in our operational approach, but will not reveal specifics about what we've done or what we will do."

It did not immediately respond to questions from The Associated Press about the alleged strike in Saada.

Graphic footage aired by the Houthis' al-Masirah satellite news channel showed what appeared to be dead bodies and others wounded at the site. The Houthi-run Interior Ministry said some 115 migrants had been detained at the site. The rebels' Civil Defense organisation said at least 68 people had been killed and 47 others wounded in the attack.

Footage from the site analysed by the AP suggested some kind of explosion took place there, with its cement walls seemingly peppered by debris fragments and the wounds suffered by those there.

A woman's voice, soft in the footage, can be heard repeating the start of a prayer in Arabic: "In the name of God." An occasional gunshot rang out as medics sought to help those wounded.

Ethiopians and other African migrants for years have landed in Yemen, braving the war-torn nation to try and reach Saudi Arabia for work. The Houthi rebels allegedly make tens of thousands of dollars a week smuggling migrants over the border. Migrants from Ethiopia have found themselves detained, abused and even killed in Saudi Arabia and Yemen during the war. An Oct. 3, 2022, letter to the kingdom from the UN said its investigators "received concerning allegations of cross-border artillery shelling and small arms fire allegedly by Saudi security forces, causing the deaths of up to 430

and injuring 650 migrants." Monday's alleged strike recalled a similar strike by a Saudi-led coalition battling the Houthis back in 2022 on the same compound, which caused a collapse killing 66 detainees and wounding 113 others, a United Nations report later said.

The Houthis shot dead 16 detainees who fled after the strike and wounded another 50, the UN said. The Saudi-led coalition sought to justify the strike by saying the Houthis built and launched drones there, but the UN said it was known to be a detention facility.

"The coalition should have avoided any attack on that facility," the UN report added. That 2022 attack was one of the deadliest single attacks in the years-long war between the coalition and the Houthi rebels and came after the Houthis struck inside the UAE twice with missiles and drones, killing three in a strike near Abu Dhabi's international airport.

Meanwhile, US airstrikes overnight targeting Yemen's capital killed at least eight people, the Houthis said. The American military acknowledged carrying out over 800 individual strikes in their monthlong campaign. The overnight statement from Central Command also said "Operation Rough Rider" had "killed hundreds of Houthi fighters and numerous Houthi leaders," including those associated with its missile and drone program. It did not identify any of those officials. "Iran undoubtedly continues to provide support to the Houthis," the statement said.

"The Houthis can only continue to attack our forces with the backing of the Iranian regime." "We will continue to ratchet up the pressure until the objective is met, which remains the restoration of freedom of navigation and American deterrence in the region," it added.

The US is targeting the Houthis because of the group's attacks on shipping in the Red Sea, a crucial global trade route, and on Israel. The Houthis are also the last militant group in Iran's self-described "Axis of Resistance" that is capable of regularly attacking Israel.

The US is conducting strikes on Yemen from its two aircraft carriers in the region - the USS Harry S. Truman in the Red Sea and the USS Carl Vinson in the Arabian Sea. On April 18, an American strike on the Ras Isa fuel port killed at least 74 people and wounded 171 others in the deadliest-known attack of the American campaign. Central Command on Monday offered an explanation for why it hit the port. "US strikes destroyed the ability of Ras Isa Port to accept fuel, which will begin to impact Houthi ability to not only conduct operations, but also to generate millions of dollars in revenue for their terror activities," it said.

Meanwhile, the Houthis have increasingly sought to control the flow of information from the territory they hold to the outside world. It issued a notice Sunday that all those holding Starlink satellite internet receivers should "quickly hand over" the devices to authorities.

Singapore: condolences offered to victims of Pahalgam attack

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Singapore

Condolences were offered on Monday at the inaugural India-Singapore Futures Forum to the families of the 26 people killed by terrorists in Kashmir's Pahalgam.

India's High Commissioner to Singapore Dr Shilpak Ambule informed forum delegates of the "unfortunate and tragic" manner of the killings by terrorists last Tuesday.

"The manner of killing by identifying the religion (of the victims) was something unprecedented," said the envoy.

Joining Ambule in condemning the attack, keynote speaker and Singapore Ambassador at Large Professor Tommy Koh said, "Singapore stands with India in fighting the scourge of terrorism." Last week, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) said, "Singapore strongly condemns the terror attacks in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on Apr 22, 2025, which have claimed many lives."

In his keynote, Professor Koh highlighted the strength of Singapore-India bilateral relations. He also noted a messy transition globally, moving away from free trade and open economics and shifting towards protectionism and economic nationalism.

"Global cooperation is giving way to growing competition and distrust," he said.

"In the face of such upheavals and chal-

lenges, we need like-minded and trusted friends such as India and Singapore. Together, we will seek shelter from the storms ahead and seek opportunities in the midst of adversity," Prof Koh told the forum, pointing to the high level of comfort and mutual trust between the leaders of the two countries.

High Commissioner Ambule also spoke about the growing bilateral relations and the process of expanding cooperation into new areas including advanced technologies and manufacturing.

Meanwhile, forum speakers discussed and addressed opportunities and challenges in four critical areas between the two countries. They discussed artificial intelligence, semiconductors, fintech and space. In 2024, India and Singapore signed a memorandum of understanding on Digital Technologies which provides a comprehensive blueprint for joint AI development, emphasising ethical governance, talent exchange and scalable solutions for global challenges.

"India's vast data resources, technical talent pool and thriving startup ecosystem align seamlessly with Singapore's strengths in governance frameworks, research infrastructure and global market connectivity," said Prof Iqbal Singh Sevak, director of the Institute of South Asian Studies, a think-tank at the National University of Singapore which organised the inaugural forum.

Minister Piyush Goyal arrives in London to begin UK, tour



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal

FILE PHOTO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal arrived in London on Monday morning at the start of a five-day three-city tour, also covering Oslo and Brussels, to drive forward trade and investment dialogues with the UK and Europe.

The minister, who is accompanied by a business delegation of leading Indian companies, is expected to hold a series of high-level talks with UK Government ministers and officials. During a meeting with his UK counterpart, Jonathan Reynolds, the duo are scheduled to take stock of the ongoing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations, believed to be approaching their final stages.

"This Government is committed to doing the right deal with India which will improve access for UK businesses, cut tariffs, and make trade cheaper and easier," a UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT) spokesperson said ahead of the ministerial meeting.

"Talks have been ongoing since they were relaunched in February, and we will only sign a deal that is in the best interests of the British people and drives growth across the UK," the spokesperson

said. The relaunch of the negotiations, following a hiatus for general elections in both countries last year, is aimed at clinching an agreement that is expected to significantly enhance the estimated GBP 41 billion a year India-UK trade partnership.

Goyal's visit comes soon after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's London visit earlier this month, when she had highlighted a "great sense of positivity and also eagerness and a dedication" to have the FTA conclude "sooner rather than later". According to officials close to the discussions, the talks have been progressing at speed with some of the remaining issues expected to be ironed out at the ministerial level.

From the UK, Goyal is scheduled to leave for Oslo where he is expected to review progress of the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) signed with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which include Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland besides Norway.

For the final leg of his Europe tour, the minister is scheduled for meetings in Brussels, expected to revolve around ongoing trade negotiations with the 27-member EU.

China calls for 'swift and fair investigation' into Pahalgam attack

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Beijing

China has called for a "swift and fair investigation" into the Pahalgam terror attack and expressed support for its all-weather ally Pakistan in safeguarding its sovereignty and security interests amid Islamabad's rising tensions with India. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday held a telephonic conversation with Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, State-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Dar briefed Wang — also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee — on the latest tensions between Pakistan and India "following a terrorist attack in the Kashmir region," it said in the report.

For his part, Wang said China was closely following the developments, stressing

that combating terrorism was a shared responsibility of the entire world while reaffirming Beijing's consistent support for Pakistan's firm counterterrorism efforts, it added.

"As an ironclad friend and an all-weather strategic cooperative partner, China fully understands Pakistan's legitimate security concerns and supports Pakistan in safeguarding its sovereignty and security interests," the report quoted Wang as saying.

"China advocates for a swift and fair investigation and believes that conflict does not serve the fundamental interests of either India or Pakistan, nor does it benefit regional peace and stability," Wang noted.

China hopes both sides will remain restrained, move toward each other, and work together to de-escalate the situation,

he added. Dar emphasised that Pakistan had consistently and firmly fought terrorism and was against any actions that could lead to an escalation of the situation, according to the report.

Pakistan is committed to managing the situation in a mature manner and will maintain communication with China and the international community, Dar said, the news agency reported.

On April 23, China "strongly condemned" the brutal terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed.

"We strongly condemn the attack. China firmly opposes all forms of terrorism," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun had told a media briefing. "We mourn for the lives lost and express sincere sympathies to the bereaved families and the injured," he had said.

Rare exposition of sacred Buddha tooth relic ends

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Colombo

The rare exposition of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha has been concluded in Sri Lanka's central town of Kandy, according to an official statement. The exposition began on April 18 and concluded on Sunday.

The chief monks, in a joint statement, said the exposition was the largest gathering in a single place in the entire history of the island.

The tooth relic holds special spiritual, historical and cultural significance for the 74 per cent Sinhala Buddhist majority in the island nation of 21 million people.

Hundreds of thousands of Buddhist devotees attended the 10-day exposition, the first since 2009.

The organisers had planned the event for nearly 2 million devotees, however, the officials believed only a less than half of that number attended as the authorities stopped the entry when it seemed they were going out of control in providing basic sanitary facilities for such a large turnout.

"We are so pleased that it has come to an end. But we are left with the bigger task of removing various temporary structures



put up in the town," Indika Kumari, the Municipal Commissioner of Kandy, told reporters.

She said the cleaning operations commenced last night itself.

"We are currently in the process of segmenting the garbage.

Non-perishable garbage is estimated to be about 10 tonnes. We believe that 300 tonnes of rubbish have been piled up," Kumari said.

The exposition came at the request of President Anura Kumara Dissanayake. The Opposition charged that it was a political move by Dissanayake to gain support from the Buddhist majority in the local council election scheduled for May 6.

According to historical records, the tooth relic, which came to Kandy in 1590, came to symbolise Buddhist holiness, becoming Sri Lanka's most treasured possession and the seal of sovereignty.

Seven killed, Nine injured in bomb blast in northwest Pakistan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Peshawar

At least seven people were killed and nine injured on Monday after a powerful bomb blast ripped through the office of a peace committee in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said.

The bomb blast occurred at the office of a local peace committee in Wana, headquarters of South Waziristan district, police said. According to hospital administration, 16 injured people were brought to the hospital after the explosion, of which seven succumbed to their injuries.

So far, no group has claimed responsibility for the blast.

The police stated that the explosion was so severe that it destroyed the building of the peace committee's office, trapping several people under the debris.

Rescue teams and locals reached the site upon receiving the information and started an operation to retrieve the injured from the rubble.

The injured were transferred to a nearby hospital, where they are receiving treatment.

The bomb blast occurred at the office of a local peace committee in Wana, headquarters of South Waziristan district

According to the hospital administration, some of those injured are reportedly critical.

So far, no official statement has been released about the nature or motives behind the explosion.

However, police and security agencies have cordoned off the area and launched an investigation.

Officials have said that evidence is being collected from the scene and different aspects are being examined to trace those responsible for the blast.



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2. Hearing of the objection to the list of voters as required under Sub Para Rule-4 of Rule 35 01-05-2025 09.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Office of Assistant Registrar Coop. Societies Ambala
3. Filling of Nomination Papers 21-05-2025 10.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. -do-
4. Scrutiny of nomination paper 23-05-2025 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. -do-
5. Display of list of validity nominated candidates 23-05-2025 03.00 PM -do-
6. Withdrawal of nomination papers 26-05-2025 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. -do-
7. Allocation of symbols 26-05-2025 03.00 P.M. -do-
8. Display of list of contesting Candidates 26-05-2025 06.00 P.M. -do-
9. Taking of Poll if necessary 03-06-2025 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Place given below.
10. Counting of Votes & Declaration of Result 03-06-2025 After 4.00 pm Place given below
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It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following persons propose to Purchase the under mentioned Flat/ Share have applied for transfer of the same in their names as per policy for transfer of flats in the Cooperative Societies under the Chandigarh Administration Finance Dept. (ESTATE BRANCH) notification dated 14/11/2018.
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The applicants have stated that they propose to purchase the above flat from the present allottee basis sale agreement. In case anybody has any objection in regard to transfer of above said share/ flat, he/she may submit the objections in writing within 30 days of publication of this notice to the undersigned along with documents/evidence. Objection received after expiry of said period shall not be entertained in any manner.
Administrator

Liverpool wins Premier League

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Liverpool

A selfie with Mohamed Salah. An impromptu sing-along with Arne Slot. Fireworks and flares. It was party time at Anfield on Sunday as Liverpool sealed the Premier League title in style.

The 5-1 rout of Tottenham was almost a side issue as a record-equaling 20th English league championship was confirmed — matching the achievement of Liverpool's great rival Manchester United.

"Everyone was sitting on the bus saying there is no way we are going to lose the game," said Slot, standing in the middle of the field after being doused in champagne by his players.

Fans had turned up long before kick-off, lining the streets around the stadium in anticipation of a title celebration. And despite going behind to an early goal from Dominic Solanke, Liverpool did not let them down — racing to a 3-1 lead by half-time to effectively ensure there would be no further delay to a title victory that has looked likely for much of the season.

CLUB GREATS

The smell of sulfur filled the air early in the day as red smoke canisters were let off outside the famous stadium that has been home to so many championship-winning Liverpool teams. Flags were hung from nearby houses.

Inside the ground, giant banners floated across the stands, celebrating icons past and present. Slot has joined that list of club greats in only his first season after replacing Jurgen Klopp. He also joins a select group of managers by winning the title in his first year in the Premier League — following Jose Mourinho, Carlo Ancelotti, Manuel Pellegrini and Antonio Conte.

He has managed it with plenty to spare, with Liverpool 15 points ahead of second-placed Arsenal with four rounds of the season to go.



TRIBUTE TO KLOPP

Slot is also the first Dutch coach to win the Premier League, which is some feat considering serial trophy winners like Louis van Gaal, Guus Hiddink and Erik ten Hag have all managed in English soccer's top flight.

"It's always special to win something. It's even more special if you're the first one, and even more special at a club where it's not common that you win the league every year," said Slot, who paid tribute to his predecessor by singing Klopp's name to fans after the final whistle.

Klopp had led Liverpool to a full set of trophies in more than eight years in charge, including the Champions League and that long-awaited Premier League. Few could have expected Slot to have such an instant impact in his first year in a new country — halting Manchester City's dominance of English soccer at the first attempt. Slot thanked Liverpool's owners

for their faith in hiring him from Dutch team Feyenoord last year.

City manager Pep Guardiola was quick to congratulate Slot on a "well deserved" victory.

SPECIAL DAY

This was Liverpool's second title in five years, having ended a 30-year wait to be champion in 2020. But this time there was a crucial difference as the triumph was shared with supporters.

Five years ago Liverpool had to finish off the season behind closed doors as the UK Face lockdown restrictions because of the COVID pandemic. Now there was a packed stadium to erupt at the final whistle and watch as the players danced and embraced on field.

Throughout the match a packed Anfield crowd had been in rapturous voice, singing the club's anthem "You'll Never Walk Alone" in the final moments.

It was reprised later as Slot and his players stood facing the famed Kop stand to be serenaded by fans.

Having spent 206 days at the top of the standings, Liverpool only needed one more point to be confirmed champion.

For a brief moment Solanke's 12th-minute header had threatened to spoil the party, but the home team powered back with strikes from Luis Diaz, Alexis Mac Allister and Cody Gakpo before halftime. Salah added another after the break and Destiny Udogie's own-goal rounded off the rout.

In the end, the victory was so comfortable that Salah even had time to pose for a selfie in front of the crowd after scoring his 33rd goal of the season in all competitions.

Rasmus Hojlund scored in added time to salvage a 1-1 draw for Manchester United at Bournemouth in the other Premier League game on Sunday.

Manchester City beats Forest 2-0 to reach FA Cup final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

Even Manchester City's worst season under Pep Guardiola could still end with a trophy.

On the day it was officially deposed as Premier League champion, City reached the FA Cup final for the third year in a row by beating Nottingham Forest 2-0 at Wembley Stadium to maintain a chance of salvaging something from a dismal campaign. City scored early Sunday in each half as Rico Lewis put his team ahead in just the second minute and defender Josko Gvardiol doubled the lead in the 51st with a header from a corner.

Forest hit the woodwork three times after that but could not get a consolation goal in its first FA Cup semifinal since 1991. The win gives Pep Guardiola's team a chance to salvage something from a disappointing campaign where its hopes of a fifth straight Premier League title disappeared early and it failed to even reach the round of 16 in the Champions League.

City will play Crystal Palace in the final on May 17. "Unfortunately, the season has not been as we wanted, but we are still in another FA Cup final," said City midfielder Mateo Kovacic, who set up the opening goal. "So it's good that we want to finish it in a strong way." Liverpool clinched the Premier League title at the same time as City was playing, and even an FA Cup title would be a mere consolation for a club that has dominated English soccer under Guardiola. Even Guardiola made it clear that winning the cup would not make this a successful season.

"Noooo," the Spaniard said emphatically. "The season has not been good. We are a thousand million points behind Liverpool. But of course the damage will be (smaller)." That's currently 21 points behind Liverpool for the record, but City still has work to do just to secure a Champions League spot for next season.

Forest is one of the teams trying to finish above City, meaning there's little time to dwell on this loss.

"Tomorrow we will wake up and see that we have a lot to fight for," Forest manager Nuno Espirito Santo said.

EMPTY SEATS

The jaded feeling among City fans was made evident by the 5,000 or so empty seats at Wembley in the sky blue half but the supporters who did make the trip had reason to celebrate early.

Lewis scored with his team's first chance when he was teed up by Kovacic just outside the area, turned to face the goal and hit a low shot inside the left post.

Forest hardly had a whiff at goal in the first half but had a chance to get right back in the game just after the restart. Halftime substitute Anthony Elanga almost scored with his first touch when Callum Hudson-Odoi picked him out with a low cross into the area, but the Swede put his effort wide.

Instead, City made it 2-0 minutes later. A chaotic sequence where Forest goalkeeper Matz Sels made three saves in quick succession ended in a corner after City had a strong appeal for handball waved away. Any debate about whether it should have been a penalty ended when Gvardiol rose unchallenged to head home the corner from close range.

Morgan Gibbs-White then hit the woodwork twice, first blasting a volley against the crossbar and later hitting the post from a tight angle after he pounced on a poor back pass and rounded goalkeeper Stefan Ortega.

Taiwo Awoniyi also hit the post in the 79th and Ortega kept out Gibbs-White's effort from the rebound as Forest just couldn't find a breakthrough.

"It's devastating. ... I hold my hand up and apologise. I should have scored at least one of them," Gibbs-White said about his chances.



India face Indonesia in BWF Sudirman Cup Final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Xiamen (China)

Faced with a herculean task to trump a formidable Indonesia and stay afloat in the competition, an under-strength India will need its struggling singles stars to deliver the goods in a must-win Group D contest at the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals here on Tuesday.

India's campaign began on a disastrous start on Sunday with a 1-4 defeat to Denmark, a result that put their qualification for the knockout stage in serious jeopardy. With only two teams progressing from Group D, India must secure a win against Indonesia to keep their hopes alive otherwise, their third and final group match against England will be reduced to just a formality.

The poor form of their star singles players — Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, and PV Sindhu has not helped the team.

However, there is some hope for India. Lakshya has defeated Indonesia's top men's singles player Jonatan Christie in their last two encounters — at the Paris Olympics and the All England Championships.

In the women's singles, with Indonesia's top player Gregoria Mariska Tunjung pulling out, Sindhu will face world No. 11 Putri Kusuma Wardani, a player she has beaten twice before.

Despite this, Indonesia boast a strong contingent of doubles players, including Fajar Alfian, Muhammad Rian Ardianto, Leo Rolly Carnando, Muhammad Shohibul Fikri, and Daniel Marthin — all

ranked among the world's top 10.

With India's top men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty absent, the inexperienced pairing of Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi will face an uphill battle in what is likely to be a tough contest.

In the women's doubles, Febriana Dwiwijanti Kusuma and Amallia Cahaya Pertiwi are ranked world No. 8, and without Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand, Tanisha Crasto and Shruti Mishra will be hoping to build on their encouraging performance against Denmark, which was the lone bright spot for India in their opening match.

In the mixed doubles, India's Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha will face the challenge of overcoming world No. 21 Rinov Rivaldy and Pitha Haningtyas Mentari of Indonesia.

Back in February, India had suffered a setback at the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship, where they were eliminated in the quarterfinals in Qingdao, despite fielding a strong squad and they would like to avoid a league stage exit here.

India's best-ever performance at the Sudirman Cup has been two quarterfinal finishes: in 2011 and 2017.

While India has made significant progress in recent years - highlighted by their historic Thomas Cup win in 2022 and the Badminton Asia Women's Team Championships title in 2024 - the absence of key doubles pairs has dampened their prospects in the ongoing Sudirman Cup.

Marseille beat Brest 4-1 to reclaim second place in Ligue 1

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Paris

Amine Gouiri scored with a stunning overhead kick on his way to a hat trick as Marseille beat Brest 4-1 to reclaim second place in Ligue 1, strengthening its chances of qualifying automatically for next season's Champions League.

Marseille is two points ahead of third-placed Lille and three ahead of fourth-placed Monaco with three games left.

Lyon, Nice and Strasbourg are one point behind Monaco and separated on goal difference in what promises to be a hectic race to the line for a place in Europe's elite club competition. Paris Saint-Germain had already clinched a record-extending 13th Ligue 1 crown. The top three sides in France qualify automatically for the Champions League, with the side finishing fourth entering qualifying.

Gouiri has earned a reputation as one of the most skillful yet inconsistent forwards in French soccer but he is changing that this season with a highlight-reel collection of goals.

After he put Marseille ahead in the eighth minute with a fine angled drive from the right of the penalty area, sloppy defending allowed Brest striker Abdallah Sima to equalise in the 26th.

Marseille regained the lead in the 37th when club top scorer Mason Greenwood's deflected strike wrong-footed the goalkeeper. Then came Gouiri's wonder goal just before halftime.

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He positioned himself near the penalty spot to control Greenwood's cross from the right on his chest, and then shifted his body to score with an overhead shot with his right foot.

Two months ago Marseille coach Roberto De Zerbi said the 25-year-old Gouiri has the potential to become one

of the best strikers in Europe, after he scored two outstanding goals when Marseille routed Saint-Etienne 5-1.

Gouiri completed his hat trick against Brest in the 63rd, beating the offside trap to latch onto France midfielder Adrien Rabiot's pass and calmly slotting the ball into the bottom corner.

Gouiri, who joined from Rennes for 22 million euros (\$23 million) in the January transfer window, received an ovation at Stade Velodrome when he was taken off after his third goal.

LILLE GAINS MOMENTUM

Earlier Sunday, Lille kept up its push for an automatic spot with a 2-0 win at Angers for its third straight victory.

Brazilian defender Alessandro put Lille ahead in first-half stoppage time when he headed in Hakon Haraldsson's free kick from the right.

Haraldsson doubled Lille's lead shortly after halftime when he was set up by striker Chuba Akpom.

Monaco dropped points on Saturday following a 1-1 draw at lowly Le Havre,

while Lyon, Nice and Strasbourg all won their games.

NANTES CLOSER TO SAFETY

Nantes picked up a useful point in its fight to avoid relegation following a 0-0 draw with Toulouse.

Toulouse held on despite having French striker Noah Edjouma sent off late in the first half and avoided a sixth straight loss. But Nantes striker Mostafa Mohamed fluffed a golden chance from three meters out midway through the second half.

Nantes is in 14th place and four points clear of Le Havre in 16th and the relegation-promotion playoff spot.

OTHER MATCHES

Rock-bottom Montpellier was already relegated on Saturday because of Le Havre's draw but at least stopped a 12th consecutive defeat with a 0-0 home draw with Reims. Also, midtable Auxerre romped to a 4-0 win at Lens with two goals from striker Ado Onaiwu and one each from forward Gaëtan Perrin and Dutch defender Ki-Jana Hoever.

Cristiano Ronaldo's Al-Nassr dominating in Asian Champions League Elite

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Jeddah

Big-spending Saudi clubs including Cristiano Ronaldo's Al-Nassr are dominating the Asian Champions League Elite, accounting for all but one of the semifinalists in action this week.

In three quarterfinals played on the weekend, the three Saudi Pro League teams won with a combined scoreline of 14-1. At least one is guaranteed a place in the final on May 3 as four-time champion Al-Hilal meets two-time finalist Al-Ahli in the first of the two semis at Jeddah.

On Wednesday, Al-Nassr takes on Japan's Kawasaki Frontale, the only non-Saudi club still in contention for the continental title. Kawasaki edged 2011 champion Al Sadd of Qatar 3-2 after extra time on Sunday to advance to the semifinals for the first time.

With all playoff games taking place in Jeddah, there is home advantage and big crowds supporting the three domestic clubs that are laden with high-profile

international stars. In the summer transfer window of 2023, Saudi clubs spent almost \$1 billion and it's making a difference in Asian competition.

Al-Nassr thumped last season's runner-up Yokohama F.Marinos of Japan 4-1 on Saturday, with goals coming from Ronaldo, former Liverpool star Sadio Mane and two from Jhon Duran, who signed from Premier League club Aston Villa in January in a deal reportedly worth more than \$80 million.

"When you come here, the teams are playing Premier League-level football," Yokohama's interim coach Patrick Kisnorbo said. "I don't think it's a technical issue but sometimes these things happen. We have to move forward."

The journey to Jeddah was also a punishing one for teams in the middle of domestic seasons in East Asia.

"Our local league is our priority," Buriram United coach Osmar Loss said after his Thai club lost 3-0 to Al-Ahli on Saturday. "It's a long trip to Jeddah and

back and I needed to protect our main players." In the most lopsided of the quarterfinals, South Korean club Gwangju FC, making its first appearance in the tournament, was thrashed 7-0 by Al-Hilal on Friday.

Al-Hilal now faces Jeddah club Al-Ahli on Tuesday in a bid to reach its 10th title match in the Asian competition. Al-Ahli, fourth in the domestic league, had a 3-2 win over Al-Hilal in February with all three goals scored by England striker Ivan Toney. With other former Premier League stars such as Riyad Mahrez and Roberto Firmino in the scoresheet against Buriram United, coach Matthias Jaissle believes Al-Ahli is well placed to advance to a third final and then to capture a first title.

"I congratulated the players for making it to the semifinals but from now on, they have to focus on what's best - rehabilitate, rest, and get back to the best physical level to perform against Al Hilal," Jaissle said.

Theegala, Rai finish 18th in Zurich Classic

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Avondale

Indian-origin golfers Sahithi Theegala and Aaron Rai finished a creditable tied 18th after turning in one-under 71 in the final round of the Zurich Classic here.

The pair signed off with a total of 21-under 267 as old friends Andrew Novak and Ben Griffin combined to win the title, which was the first PGA Tour win for both. They totalled 28-under 260. Danish identical twins, Nicolai and Rasmus Hojgaard, narrowly missed out their first PGA Tour win and finished second just a stroke adrift after carding 68 in the final round.

The tournament featured 80 teams of two which faced off over four rounds played in four-ball and foursome format alternately. Defending champion team of Masters winner Rory McIlroy and fellow Irishman Shane Lowry was in contention through 12 holes but ultimately scored even-par 72 in the final round to aggregate 22-under and finish tied 12th.

Theegala, who has been having a modest season, and Rai had two birdies against a bogey in the final round. Theegala, who is now being sponsored by the Hero group, has played 13 events and made the cut in 12. However, he has finished in the top-25 only twice.

In the world rankings, another Indian-American Akshay Bhatia was placed 26th, followed by Rai (27th) and Theegala (28th) at the beginning of the week ahead of Zurich Classic.

In terms of FedEx Cup rankings, Bhatia is 30th and Rai is 42nd and Theegala is lying 95th with a good part of the season, including three Majors, still ahead of them.

Griffin drained a clutch birdie putt from nearly 35 feet on the 17th hole, and the tandem combined for a one-under 71 in alternate-shot play Sunday to become first-time PGA TOUR winners.

Scott McTominay two goals hepls Napoli defeat Torino 2-0 in Serie A

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Rome

There are still streamers and banners hanging over the city's streets and piazzas celebrating Napoli's Serie A title two seasons ago.

Now there might be another championship to celebrate.

Scott McTominay scored two first-half goals and Napoli beat Torino 2-0 on Sunday to move three points clear of Inter Milan with four rounds remaining in the Italian league.

Inter lost 1-0 at home to Roma earlier for its third consecutive defeat.

Despite losing Victor Osimhen in September and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia in January, Napoli is in position to claim its second title in three seasons. That's a shorter span than the two championships in

four seasons with Diego Maradona in 1987 and 1990. McTominay has scored five goals in three matches.

"Obviously we're now leading the race. But for us it's keep calm, keep everything relaxed and go game by game, because this game's not important unless we win the next one and the next one after that," McTominay said. "So for us it's calm and see where that gets us."

The Scotland international put Napoli ahead seven minutes in at the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona after redirecting a pass from Andre-Frank Anguissa. Then he doubled the advantage shortly before halftime with a similar goal, redirecting a cross amid four defenders.

With 11 league goals, McTominay set the record for a Scottish player in Serie A, overtaking Denis Law, who had 10 with



Torino in 1961-62.

Philip Billing nearly made it 3-0 for Napoli when his header hit the crossbar in the second half.

Napoli hadn't had sole possession of the lead since February.

INTER MISSING THURAM

Marcus Thuram has missed three matches and Inter has lost all three without scoring a single goal.

Roma's attacking midfielder Matias Soule scored midway through the first half in Milan by redirecting a deflection as the Giallorossi produced one chance after another.

For Inter, the defeat followed a 1-0 loss at Bologna in the league a week ago and a 3-0 midweek loss to AC Milan in an Italian Cup semifinal derby.

IPL: Delhi Capitals eye comeback against KKR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Delhi Capitals (DC) would aim for an improved batting effort in the middle overs when they face a struggling Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in their Indian Premier League match here on Tuesday.

DC have suffered two defeats in their last four matches, including a loss to Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Sunday, and will look to avoid any hiccups at the business end of the tournament.

Abhishek Porel has batted with plenty of aggressive intent at the top of the order but veteran Faf du Plessis will quickly need to get used to the slow nature of surface at Kotla after struggling in his comeback game. KL Rahul has been DC's leading run-getter this season but could not accelerate against the spinners on Sunday night. He would back himself to take on the likes of Sunil Narine and Varun Chakaravathy.

With quality spinners in their ranks, KKR could pose a stiff challenge for the home. The Ajinkya Rahane led-side is slightly low on confidence after a tough outing against Punjab Kings in a rain-hit match.

A solid innings is expected from Karun Nair to ensure Rahul isn't left to shoulder the burden alone in the middle-order.

In the bowling department, DC skipper Axar Patel led from the front with two wickets but found little support from others. Star pacer Mitchell Starc, who went wicketless against RCB, will look to exploit the weaknesses in his former team, while Kuldeep Yadav, with his deceptive googlies, remains a threat in the middle overs.

DC's fielding has also left much to be desired against RCB, with Porel dropping a crucial catch of Krunal Pandya on Sunday night.

KKR, meanwhile, have managed just seven points so far and are placed seventh in the standings, having failed to collect any



points from their last three matches, including two losses and a no-result.

Rahane will be desperate to arrest the slide and keep their playoff hopes alive, with another defeat making the task tougher. Issues have cropped up across departments for KKR.

Their batting lacks a settled look, with Quinton de Kock and Rahmanullah Gurbaz being rotated in the opening slot alongside Narine, while the side has relied heavily on Rahane and youngster Angkrish Raghuvanshi to score runs. The middle-order trio of Venkatesh Iyer, Andre Russell, Rinku Singh and Ramandeep Singh has struggled to make a significant impact.

Bowling has been another area of concern, with KKR failing to break opening stands, allowing teams to post big totals — as seen in the last game where PBKS added 120 for the opening wicket. While KKR managed to pull things back at the death, it will require a collective effort from Chakaravathy, Vaibhav Arora, and Harshit

Rana to stem the flow of runs against DC.

Teams

Delhi Capitals: Axar Patel (c), Jake Fraser-McGurk, Abishek Porel, Karun Nair, KL Rahul (wk), Tristan Stubbs, Ashutosh Sharma, Vipraj Nigam, Mitchell Starc, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohit Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, Sameer Rizvi, Darshan Nalkande, Donovan Ferreira, Tripurana Vijay, Dushmantha Chameera, Faf du Plessis, T Natarajan, Ajay Jadav Mandal, Manvanth Kumar L, Madhav Tiwari.

Kolkata Knight Riders: Ajinkya Rahane (c), Rinku Singh, Quinton de Kock (wk), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Rovman Powell, Manish Pandey, Luvnith Sisodia, Venkatesh Iyer, Anukul Roy, Moeen Ali, Ramandeep Singh, Andre Russell, Anrich Nortje, Vaibhav Arora, Mayank Markande, Spencer Johnson, Harshit Rana, Sunil Narine, Varun Chakaravathy, Chetan Sakariya.

People are forgetting importance of partnerships: Kohli

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Indian superstar Virat Kohli has underlined the importance of stitching partnerships in T20 cricket, especially on wickets where heaving the willow from the word go is not possible.

The pitches in the IPL thus far have been on the slower side, not allowing the batters to go hammer and tongs from ball one. However, the likes of Kohli and K L Rahul have flourished in challenging batting conditions.

Kohli collected his sixth half-century in 10 IPL innings against Delhi Capitals on Sunday, helping RCB maintain their unbeaten run away from home.

"It was a top win, especially looking at the surface. We saw a few games here and this wicket played out differently compared to those. Whenever there's a chase on, I keep checking with the dugout, whether we're on course," Kohli, who played a second-fiddle to Krunal Pandya, said after the win.

Kohli elaborated on his batting methodology, saying he analyses the conditions and changes his style of play accordingly. "What the total (is) on the board. What the conditions are like. Who are the bowlers that are due to bowl. Who are the bowlers that are going to be hard to get away," Kohli explained when asked how he plans the chase.

"I try and make sure my singles and doubles don't stop so that the game doesn't get stagnant. People are forgetting the importance of partnerships and that's



coming to the fore in this tournament to try and dominate the bowlers through partnerships and professionalism."

Krunal, who struggled initially to get going, eventually hit his first fifty in IPL in nine years.

"Krunal was outstanding, he can make an impact and it was just about time. We've communicated beautifully, Krunal kept telling me to stay while he took his chances," said Kohli.

After Kohli's dismissal, Tim David smashed 19 runs off just five balls to knock off the winning runs.

Talking about the finishers, Kohli said: "We have the extra power in Tim David,

petitive total and rued the missed chances on the field after the six-wicket loss to RCB. "I thought in the first innings, the wicket was a bit tough but due to dew, it eased out in the second innings. We don't think anything we could have done different. If a batter could have accelerated, we could have got 10-15 runs extra."

"KL was batting well so I wanted him at number four. One side of the ground was shorter as well so we sent him at number four."

Adjudged the Player of the Match for his all-round show, Krunal, who took one wicket along with his unbeaten 73, said he was happy to perform for his new team.

"It is always good to see the results. Sometimes when you have put the hard work behind the scenes and feels good when it comes off. It is quite satisfying," he said. "My role was clear. If we lose three early wickets, I can go and make sure we stitch a partnership. We have such great power hitters — David, Jitesh and Shepherd. We can take down the bowling. Glad that I fulfilled my role."

"When Virat is at the other end, it is quite easy. First 20 balls, it is scratchy for me. But he kept backing me. Then I got his mojo. So, a lot of credit to Virat."

On his bowling, Krunal said: "I have always been an economical bowler. As a bowler, I have always wanted to be one step ahead. I have worked on my bowling. So, if you see the variations in speed."

"Knowing the batsmen's strength, I am trying to use it to my advantage. Glad it is using my favour."

Sunil Joshi biggest name in contention for spin coach's role at BCCI's COE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Former India left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi has thrown his hat in the ring for the post of spin bowling coach at BCCI's Centre of Excellence (COE) that was vacated by Sairaj Bahutule earlier this year. The COE was earlier known as the National Cricket Academy when it was based out of the Chinmaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. It remains in the city but is now operational from a new location after BCCI purchased land to build a more expansive facility.

Bahutule resigned to become an assistant coach in IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals. The 54-year-old Joshi, who played 15 Tests and 69 ODIs for India between 1996 and 2002, is currently working with Ricky Ponting in the Punjab Kings IPL team and has also coached Uttar Pradesh during the domestic season.

He has also worked with Bangladesh's national men's team as its spin bowling consultant.

According to sources in the BCCI, Joshi appeared for his interview online in front of a three-member panel comprising COE's Head of Cricket VVS Laxman, chairman of men's selection committee Ajit Agarkar and General Manager (Cricket Operations) Abbey Kuruvilla.

There were four others, who appeared for the interview in person, including India U-19 women's team coach Nooshin Al Khadeer, who was an off-spinner during her playing days.

She represented the country in five Tests and 78 WODIs and has been working in the erstwhile NCA setup for some years now. Another strong candidate is believed to be Rakesh Dhruv, a former Gujarat and Saurashtra left-arm spinner. Veteran off-spinner Pritam Gandhe, a domestic doyen from Vidarbha, has also been interviewed for the post.

When a senior BCCI official was asked about the interviews for the position, he said: "Obviously, Sunil Joshi has the best CV out of all the other candidates. In case

of Nooshin, the BCCI is also going to have an elaborate women's wing with dedicated staff for international, national and domestic age-group women's cricketers."

"While playing elite level does embellish the CV and Sunil is the only (men's) Test cricketer among those who appeared for interview, his biggest plus is considerable experience in elite level coaching."

"He has coached multiple first-class teams, has been a part of IPL coaching set-up and also coached senior men's international team. And do not forget, he is from Bengaluru, which makes a lot of sense logistically," he said.

But even Dhruv cannot be ruled out as he has played a lot of cricket for Saurashtra and Gujarat. Most of the candidates were asked about their vision for the role.

The chosen candidate will be expected to not just provide technical insight to international stars like Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav or Washington Sundar but also work with a host of India A, India U-19 and top domestic performers.

Women's tri-series: India to face South Africa

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Colombo

Their campaign off to a dominant start, a confident India will look to maintain momentum when they face South Africa in their second match of the women's tri-series here on Tuesday.

The Indian team extended its winning streak in ODIs to seven matches with a comprehensive nine-wicket victory over hosts Sri Lanka in the tournament opener on Sunday.

The 'Women in Blue' excelled across all three departments. The bowlers, led by the spinners Sneha Rana, Deepti Sharma and Shree Charani, restricted Sri Lanka to a sub-par total, while the top three — Pratika Rawal, Smriti Mandhana, and Harleen Deol — played fluent innings with the bat.

Their fielding was razor-sharp as well, and they will be confident of producing a similar performance against a South African side they haven't lost to in this format since March 2022.

India had beaten South Africa 3-0 the last time the two teams met in a 50-over series. The Indian players have also enjoyed recent game time in the Women's Premier League, adding to the squad's match readiness.

Spinners are once again expected to play a crucial role. However, the Indian team will continue to closely monitor the performance of its pacers in the absence of key

players as it looks to identify a core group ahead of the 50-over World Cup, to be held at home later this year.

Meanwhile, South Africa, who open their campaign on Tuesday, are trying to find their rhythm under new coach Mandla Mashimbyi, who was appointed last year.

The 44-year-old, however, has no prior coaching experience in women's cricket.

South Africa will be without senior all-rounder Marizanne Kapp, who has been rested for the series, but they will lean on the in-form Sune Luus, Laura Wolvaardt, Nadine de Klerk, and Chloe Tryon. Masabata Klaas, along with allrounders Annerie Dercksen and de Klerk, will shoulder the pace duties.

Teams

India: Pratika Rawal, Smriti Mandhana, Harleen Deol, Harmanpreet Kaur(c), Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh(w), Deepti Sharma, Kashvee Gautam, Arundhati Reddy, Sneha Rana, Nallapureddy Charani, Yastika Bhatia, Amanjot Kaur, Tejal Hasabnis, Shuchi Upadhyay.

South Africa: Laura Wolvaardt(c), Tazmin Brits, Sune Luus, Annerie Dercksen, Lara Goodall, Nadine de Klerk, Chloe Tryon, Sinalo Jafta(w), Nonkululeko Mlaba, Masabata Klaas, Ayabonga Khaka, Karabo Meso, Miane Smit, Nondumiso Shangase, Seshnie Naidoo.

Twelve teams to compete in Arjan Singh Memorial hockey tournament

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Chandigarh

Twelve teams will compete in the sixth edition of the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial hockey tournament to be held here from April 29 to May 6. Air Force Hockey team from Bangladesh will be one of the 12 sides taking part in the tournament, Air Marshal S Sivakumar said on Monday.

The other participating teams include Indian Air Force, Chandigarh XI, Punjab & Sind Bank, Central Industrial Security Force, Army XI, Indian Navy, Indian Railways and Rail Coach Factory.

The tournament winning team will get a prize money of ₹three lakh while the runners-up side will pocket ₹two lakh. Man of the match for each match will get Rs 10,000 while the player of the tournament will pocket ₹25,000.

The matches will be played at Raghbir Singh Bhola Hockey Ground, 3 Base Repair Depot, Air Force Station here on

league-cum-knockout basis.

Air Force Sports Control Board has been organising the prestigious hockey tournament in the memory of legendary late Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh at 3 BRD, Air Force Station, Chandigarh since 2018.

To promote hockey, the game in which our country has excelled for so many years in the international arena and to bring back its glory

— YS PANGHAL, ORGANISING SECRETARY

"Considering the eminence of the tournament in the Indian hockey scenario and the initiatives being taken by the Air Force Sports Control Board to encourage hockey at all levels, an all out effort is being made to promote the event," Sivakumar said.

Sivakumar said the organisers are hoping participation of more overseas

teams, including from the UK, in next year's edition.

The organisers also plan to hold the event alternately in Chandigarh and Bengaluru beginning next year, he said. Group Captain Y S Panghal, Organising Secretary of the event, briefed about the tournament.

"Our air warriors have toiled hard and proved their mettle at all competitive levels and have brought laurels to the country as well as the Indian Air Force," Panghal said. "To promote hockey, the game in which our country has excelled for so many years in the international arena and to bring back its glory, it is strongly felt that there should be quality tournaments in the country where emerging talent competes and gets exposure to the fast pace game."

"This has resulted in the evolution of the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey tournament since 2018," Panghal said.

KL Rahul should bat at four for India in next year's T20 World Cup: Kevin Pietersen

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

KL Rahul is best placed to bat at number four and keep wickets for India in next year's T20 World Cup, believes Delhi Capitals (DC) mentor Kevin Pietersen.

With his intent in the shortest format being questioned in the past, Rahul has tweaked his approach to be the leading run-getter for Delhi Capitals this season.

The competition for the wicket-keeper-batter's slot in the national team is stiff with Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson, Dhruv Jurel and Ishan Kishan being the other options for the selectors.

Rahul has not been a part of India's T20 setup since the 2022 World Cup but Pietersen reckons not only has he done enough to warrant a comeback, he is best suited for the wicket-keeper-batter's role.

"I'd bat KL at four for India in T20 cricket. I think you guys have got plenty of opening batters."

"But the way KL Rahul is playing cricket now, he would be my first choice to bat at four, and keep wickets for India," said Pietersen in response to a query after DC's loss to Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Sunday night.

At the start of the season, Rahul himself had talked about his renewed approach towards the T20 format.

Besides the stellar show in IPL, it was Rahul's recent performances for India in ODI cricket that left a huge impression on Pietersen, one of the best batters to have played for England.

"KL has been playing in a very positive manner since. Mid to late last year. We saw how he finished off a couple of the games for India and almost sealed the deal in the Champions Trophy in Dubai."

"I've had a lot of incredibly brilliant conversations with him about batting, a lot of deep and meaningful conversations because when you grow up as a youngster like he did, you get taught defence, elbow up, play in the V," he explained.

The big-hitter said it is not easy to change that approach after hitting the thirties. "You've got to change it and you've got to become a different kind of player for a different format which is evolving all the time. "It's very, very difficult. So the way that he has accepted that he's needed to change, the way that he has changed is of great, great credit to the person that he is," said Pietersen.

The next T20 World Cup will be jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

Fine with tough batting surfaces in T20s Scores in the range of 250 were a common occurrence last IPL but the slower nature of pitches has made batting tougher this season. Pietersen has no issues with



that. "On wickets like these (the one at Feroz Shah Kotla), you've got to be methodical, you've got to find rhythm. Virat (Kohli) found rhythm this evening. KL got rhythm," he said.

"And I think that's where you see the true batter. The real batter that can come out there, and sort of monitor the situation, and it looks effortless... Is it good for T20 cricket to have the occasional wick-

et like this? I do not think it's a bad thing," he added.

Pietersen was not in favour of bowlers "just being served up into the stands every single ball". "...I don't think every night peo-

ple want to see that. I don't really want to see it every night," Pietersen said.

Foundations can be laid in IPL

He has played in the IPL and more recently been a part of the commentary panel. This season, he is back in the dugout as a member of DC support staff. The 44-year-old spoke about his role in the team.

"I always knew that when I was playing franchise cricket, that no particular coach could change you over that four to six week period, or eight week period," he conceded.

However, he cited his interactions with Abhishek Porel to stress that changes introduced during the tournament can become permanent if persisted with over a period of time.

"Last night I was working on something. We are five weeks into the tournament, we have only got three or four weeks left of the tournament. And I said to him, I said, 'Abhi, this is not going to work for you tomorrow'."

"It might not work for you the next week. But if you keep working on it, in the next month, two months, three months, four months, I promise you this is going to help your game. And it's going to take you to a level where you're going to become a more destructive batter."