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PIONEER IN SHORT

KHALEDA MAY BE

SHIFTED TO UK Former Bangladesh prime minister and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, 80, remains in critical condition at Dhaka's Evercare Hospital as her family prepares to move her to London for advanced treatment. Admitted on November 23 with a severe chest infection affecting her heart and lungs, she was shifted to the coronary care unit four days later as complications worsened. BNP acting chairperson Tarique Rahman's wife, Dr Zubaida Rahman, is expected to arrive in Dhaka to assess Zia's condition before an air transfer. Qatar has offered an air ambulance, while Bangladesh's military conducted rooftop landing tests at the hospital to facilitate evacuation. International medical teams including specialists from China and the UK-have joined local doctors to review treatment options. Interim Government chief Muhammad Yunus and senior military leaders have visited the hospital. Meanwhile, BNP supporters nationwide are holding prayers for Zia's recovery amid renewed

Modi welcomes Putin as India-Russia ties shine



Russian President Vladimir Putin and PM Narendra Modi sitting inside a limousine after arriving at the Palam Air Base in New Delhi, India

ASHOKE RAJ ■ New Delhi

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi on Thursday — his first trip to India since the Ukraine conflict erupted in February 2022. The visit comes at a moment of global uncertainty, with both nations reassessing their roles amid escalating the SCO meet in China.

geopolitical competition and rapidly shifting alliances.

On his arrival, PM received President Putin at the airport and drove together to the Lutyens zone. Soon thereafter, PM Modi hosted the Russian president for a private dinner. The duo had travelled last together during

Sharing his thoughts on social media, PM Modi stated, "Delighted to welcome my friend, President Putin, to India. Looking forward to our interactions later this evening and tomorrow. The India-Russia friendship is a time-tested one that has greatly benefited our people.

PANEL SEEKS

LOKPAL WINGS

A Parliamentary panel on

Thursday suggested

urgent steps to opera-

tionalise the inquiry and

prosecution wings of the

Lokpal. The panel noted

that "operationalisation

of these statutory wings

remains incomplete"

despite efforts made to

utilise deputation-based

arrangements until

regular appointments are

"In view of its earlier

recommendation that

both wings be fully con-

stituted within six

months, the committee

reiterates that urgent

steps be taken to opera-

tionalise the inquiry and

prosecution wings

through regular appoint-

ments or deputation, so

that the Lokpal may effec-

tively discharge its statutory mandate without further delay," said the

159th report by the

Department related

Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Personnel,

Public Grievances, Law

and Justice, tabled in the

Rajya Sabha.

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FULL AGENDA ON DECEMBER 5

- Ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhavan
- Tribute at Rajghat, the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi
- Delegation-level talks with PM Modi
- Joint statement on outcomes of the summit
- A business forum with the Federation of Indian **Chambers of Commerce** and Industry (FICCI) • Dinner at Rashtrapati
- Bhavan Scheduled departure

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with his Russian counterpart Andrey Belousov prior to the 22nd India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation ministerial meeting, in New Delhi

Rajnath, Belousov hold talks enhance operational capabil-

ities of the armed forces,

India is keen to procure more

RAHUL DATTA New Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Russian counterpart, Andrei Belousov reviewed India-Russia defence ties on Thursday, a day before the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin. The two ministers co-chaired the 22nd India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) ministerial meeting. In an effort to further

S-400 missile systems, upgrade of Sukhoi 30 fighter jets and purchasing other critical military hardware from Russia. India is also looking at procuring additional batches of S-400 surface-toair missile systems from Russia as the weapons proved to be very effective during Operation Sindoor.

During the talks between the two defence ministers, Rajnath Singh voiced India's determination for capacity building of its indigenous defence industry. He also stressed on new opportunities for enhancing collaboration between both counties across niche technologies.

The Russian Defence Minister emphasised on deepening relationship between both the countries which is based on mutual trust. He stated that the Russian defence industry is ready to support India towards becoming selfreliant in the field of defence production. Belousov also invited Singh to visit Russia to co-chair the 23rd session of IRIC-M&MTC in 2026.

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Rahman's long exile in



EX-GUV SWARAJ KAUSHAL DIES

Former Mizoram governor and senior advocate Swaraj Kaushal, husband of the late BJP stalwart Sushma Swaraj, passed away on Thursday at the age of 73. He was rushed to AIIMS by his daughter, BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj, after complaining of chest pain, but was declared dead on arrival, the Delhi BJP said. Kaushal was cremated at Lodhi Road crematorium with full honours, with Bansuri performing the last rites in the presence of Union ministers, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, senior BJP and RSS leaders, and a Delhi Police contingent that offered a

WON'T ASK PIASTRI FOR HELP: NORRIS Lando Norris says he will not ask McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri to give up a position to support his championship bid in Formula 1's three-way title showdown with Max Verstappen at the Abu Dhabi **Grand Prix. Norris leads** Verstappen by 12 points heading into Sunday's finale, with Piastri only four points behind. While Piastri could theoretically aid Norris if he falls out of title contention, Norris insisted he would not request team orders, calling it unfair and a decision solely for Piastri. Piastri said the team had not discussed such scenarios and he would wait to understand what might be expected of him. Last week in Qatar, a McLaren strategy error cost Norris a chance to

seal the championship, with

Verstappen winning and

Piastri finishing second.

IndiGo delays, cancellations swamp airports across India

ASHOKE RAJ New Delhi

India's largest airline cancelled over 300 flights and experienced delays in hundreds of other flights in the last 48 hours. Major Indian airports are overwhelmed and passengers stranded as IndiGo battles one of its toughest operational crises in recent years.

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers has issued an apology to employees, acknowledging that the carrier has failed to meet the expectations of the 3.8 lakh passengers it serves daily.

In his internal email titled Stronger Together, Elbers wrote the disruption stemmed from "an accumulation of several opera-

tional challenges", including minor technology glitches, schedule changes, adverse weather, heightened congestion across the aviation ecosystem and the enforcement of the new Flight Duty Time Limit (FDTL) norms for pilots. The tightened rules, effective November 1, have squeezed crew availability across airlines-but IndiGo has taken the sharpest hit due to the size and complexity of its network.

The crisis intensified after the airline cancelled 150 flights on Wednesday, cautioning that "calibrated adjustments" to schedules would continue for at least 48 hours as crew rosters and operational resources were rebalanced.



International Airport, in Bengaluru

Skating season opens in Shimla

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Shimla

The ice skating season officially opened in the chilly morning hours on Thursday in Shimla, home to Asia's largest natural ice skating rink. The rink was quality tested on Wednesday by skating veterans and a few tourists. As the weather was deemed conducive, ice skating, which is a major attraction here, began during the day, said Rajat Malhotra, the secretary of Shimla Ice

Skating Club. Morning sessions would be held from 8 am to 10 am, depending on the quality of the ice. Evening sessions would soon begin in the

A CLEAR SKY AND **TEMPERATURES BELOW 4 DEGREES** CELSIUS ARE THE MOST REQUIRED PREREQUISITES FOR ICE FORMATION

days to come, he said. Malhotra said the winter carnival and annual gymkhana (competitions) would be organised in December and January,

respectively. In the past few years, skating activities began in the second week of December. Last year, the ice skating season commenced

on December 18, and in 2023,

it began on December 11. A clear sky and tempera-

tures below 4 degrees Celsius are the most conducive prerequisites for ice formation, but construction activity in the vicinity of the rink and the demolition of Rivoli Theatre above it have posed a challenge.

Skating enthusiasts Drishya, Aditya and Joanne said they wait for the winters the whole year, and expressed hope for a long skating season. The subscription fee for the full season for seniors and juniors (aged under 16) is ₹3,000 and ₹1,800, said Manpreet Singh, the president of the ice skating club, which has around 300 members.



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I, Krishna (Aadhaar No. 3836 6312 8237), S/o Late Shri Hari Gian, R/o House No. 47, Haryana Housing Board, Sector-19, Haryana-Panchkula, 134112, declared that my grandson Prince, Bhagat Singh, does not listen to me. I hereby evict him from my movable and immovable property. In future, I will not be responsible for any legal or act/actions committed by him.

We Sispal Singh S/o Sh. Ganpat Ram and Smt. Anusuia W/o Sispal Singh R/o House No.1083 Sector-25, Panchkula, Haryana, declare that our son Dheeraj Kumar Jangra and his wife Jyoti Rani both are out of our control, we disown them from our moveable/ immovable property, anybody dealing with them at his/her/their own risk.

We Surinder Kumar Nahar S/o Late Bhajan and Asha Ŵ/o Ram Surinder Kumar Nahar R/o House no. 362, Ward no. 10, Kharar, Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali) declare that our son Rahul Nahar, his wife Anuradha are out of our control. We disown both of them from our moveable immoveable properties. Anvbody dealing with them at their own risk.

I Gulzar Singh S/O Prem Ram R/O #144, Ghel Kalan, Ambala City Declare Daughter Manpreet Kaur Is Out Of My Control. So I Disowned His From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Her On Their Own Risk.

I, Vijay Mahajan widow Late Sh. Jawahar Lal Mahajan R/o H.No.276, Basant Avenue, Amritsar have declare that my daughter Neeraj Mahajan Wife of Pawan Mahajan is out of my control I disinherit her from my all movable and immovable properties anybody deal with her is his own risk and responsibility.

I, Bira Ram S/o Amru Ram Dera R/o Radhaswami Asmanpur Tehsil Pehowa Distt. Kurukshetra My Son Rinku Ram and his wife Sonam is out of my control. I disown him from all moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him at

their own risk. I, Jagjivan Sharma, son of Shri Geeta Ram, village Mandhana Gabla Bas, District Tehsil Morni, Panchkula. Haryana, declare that my daughter, Chanchal, is out of my control, so I disown her from my movable and immovable property. Anybody deals with her at

their own risk. I Balbir Singh S/O Inder Singh R/O Vill. Bhattian P.O. Chakkalan Distt. Ludhiana Declare That Му Daughter Davinder Kaur Is Out Of My Control, So. I Disinherit Her From My All Movable And Immovable Property. Anybody Deals With Her At Their Own Risk And Responsibility. Now I And My Family Have No Concern With Her. Concern Concerned Please Note.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

SR NO.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I, Ravi Kumar S/o Thakur Das, resident of Pioneer Avenue, Road, Nangli, Amritsar, Punjab, have changed my name to Ravi Gill. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name Ravi Gill for all official, legal, and personal

I, Nisha Devi and date birth 10-07-1979 (Existing Name and date of birth of Daughter as per Records/Service

Document), daughter of No. 3971654M Ex-Hav Late Janak Singh (Name of the father) resident of Village-Niana Bet, Tehsil-Balachaur, Distt-S.B.S. Nagar, Punjab have changed my Name from Nisha Devi date of birth (Existing Name and date of birth of daughter as per Record/Service

Documents) to Nisha Rani and date of birth 01-06-1979 (proposed/Adopted New Name and date of birth) vide Affidavit dated 04-12-2025 (Date of the affidavit) before Notary Civil Balachaur (Name and place of the Court)

I, Army No. 7783269K Hav (MP) Shivanand L Ujjinakoppa of 2 (1) Armd Bde Provost Unit Pin-908002 C/o 56 APO declare that in my service record my mother name recorded as wrongly Paravva instead of Paravva Ujjinakoppa vide affidavit dated 03 Dec 2025, in front of Executive Magistrate, Pathankot.

I No. 15174836n Rank Ex-Sep, Nirmal Singh S/O Jit Ram, Village Nicku Chak, P.O Hajipur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab That My Son Name Is Incorrect In My Service Record As Paramjot Singh But His Correct Name Is Parmjot Singh Concerned

I No. 2514378m Rank Nk Inder Pal S/O Tarlok Singh, Village Bari Pati Blamb ,P.O Rajwal, Tehsil District Mukerian, Hoshiarpur Punjab That My Father Name Wrongly Recorded In My Army Service Record As Tirlok Singh The Correct Name Is Tarlok Singh Concerned

I No. 2514378m Rank Nk Inder Pal S/O Tarlok Singh,Village Bari Pati Blamb ,P.O Rajwal, Tehsil District Mukerian, Hoshiarpur Punjab That My Mother Name Wrongly Recorded In My Army Record Service Darshana Kumari Her Correct Name Is Darshana Devi Concerned Note.

I, Service No. 175028-T Ex-CPO Om Prakash Son of Late: Shri Banwari Lal Resident of Flat No. 4A, Platinum Homes Sanauli Ambala Road Zirakpur, Teh-Dera Bassi Distt. SAS Nagar (Punjab) hereby declare that name of my mother Smt. Reshma Devi has been recorded in my service documents which is incorrect. the correct name of my mother is Reshma as recorded in her Aadhar Card, PAN Card and revenue records. Please Note.

I, Sarjeena W/o Kasim Khan R/o Village Kalyanpur, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sarjeena to Sarjeena

I, Gurjeet Singh S/o

No 4561555Y Ex NK Late

Rachhpal Singh R/o VPO

Amrala Tehsil Khamano

Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

{Pb.} That my father has

served in Mahar Regt from

20 Nov 1989 to 30 Nov

2006. I am real son of my

above named deceased

father, As per Army Records my name has

Whereas as per Aadhar

Card, PAN Card, Matric

certificate my correct name

is Gurjeet Singh. Hence

my name be changed from

Guruwinder Singh to

It is for general information that I, Sanjay

Joshi S/o Rajender

Prasad, R/o House No-

484, Baba Banwari Das

Colony, Palri (181), Charkhi Dadri, Haryana-

127310, declare that name

of mine has been wrongly

written as Sanjay Sharma

in my minor daughter

Anisha aged 17 years in her Secondary School

Marks Statement Cum

Certificate and Senior

School Marks Statement

Cum Certificate. The actual

name of mine is Sanjay

Joshi, which may be

Mukesh Kumar Bansal and

Rajni, R/o House No. 6,

Ganga Vihar Colony,

Patiala (Pb.), state that my

birth certificate earlier

mentioned my father's

name as Mukesh Bansal

instead of Mukesh Kumar

Bansal, and my mother's

name as Rajni Bansal

instead of Kajni. The

correct names are Mukesh

Kumar Bansal (father) and

CHANGE OF NAME

information that SITA

DEVI Wife of Sh. JEET

RAJ BHATT Resident of

House No. 538, Saini

Vihar, Phase-2, Baltana,

District SAS Nagar

(Mohali) Punjab Pin Code-

140604 India declare that

name of my husband has

been wrongly written as

JEET RAJ in my minor

Son namely DHRUV

BHATT aged 13 years in

his School Record. The

actual name of my

husband is JEET RAJ

BHATT, which may be

I Sunny S/o Bhushan

Kumar R/o E 202 Victoria

Heights, Peer Muchalla,

Zirakpur SAS Nagar

Mohali Punjab 140603

have changed my name

from Sunny to sunny

Sumit Malhotra R/o HNo.

6192, Modern Housing

Complex, Sector 13,

Manimajra, Chandigarh,

declare that in school

record of my daughter

Admission No. 5687, my

is

mentioned as Sarika

Gandhi Malhotra instead

of my correct name Sarika

Gandhi. All concerned

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I Sarika Gandhi W/o

Goyal.

Veronica

please note.

name

NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER

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1.PROCUREMENT OF LARGE SIZE ICE LINED REFRIGERATORS (HAVING 200-

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SONIPAT.

PROCUREMENT OF RABBITS.

amended accordingly.

It is for general

Rajni (mother).

I, Rishi Bansal, S/o

amended accordingly.

written

as

Singh.

birth

been

Guruwinder

Gurjeet Singh.

Certificate and

I, Umesh Chopra S/o Anil Chopra R/o 118, Model Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor son's name from Aniket to Aniket Chopra.

I, Smt. Anita Rani wife of No. 14807505 NK Late Chanan Ram (Retd) resident of Village and PO Budhabar, Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed name of my dependent Daughter from Sanjana Devi to Sanjna. Her correct date of birth is 17.09.2004. Concerned note.

I, Smt. Anita Rani wife of No. 14807505 NK Late Chanan Ram (Retd) resident of Village and PO Budhabar, Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed name of my dependent Daughter from Kusham to Kusam. Concerned note.

I. Meetu Mehta W/o Late Umesh Sharma R/o Village-Dhaggar, Parwanoo, Tehsil-kasauli, District.Solan (Himachal Pradesh) have changed

my name from Muskan sharma to Meetu Mehta I, Tripata Sharma W/o Deepak Sharma R/o H. No. 155, Model Colony, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Tripata Sharma to

Tripta Sharma.

I, Priyanka Bhatt W/o Nitesh Dimri R/o H.No.31 Block A2, Savitry Enclave, VIP Road, Zirakpur, PO: Zirakpur, Distt: SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab 140603 That in my child Nidhi Dimri's birth certificate, my name has been mentioned as Priyanka. That Priyanka and Priyanka Bhatt refer to one and the same person.

documents etc. annexed).

application:

defendants are directed as under:

relief prayed for should not be granted;

application for attachment of properties:

the prior approval of the Tribunal;

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

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I, Veerdavinder Kaur, of Baljit Singh, 158, Village Saidpur, Tehsil Mohali, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Punjab), declare that both the names Veerdavinder Kaur and Birdevinder Kaur are my names and I am the only woman with both the

I Vineet Rana S/o Late Bakshish singh Rana # 2339 Sector Chandigarh have Changed the name of my minor Son From Samyak Raizada alias Parth Raizada to Samyak Rana.

I, Gamdur Singh Sidhu S/o Kirpal Singh K/o VPO Hari Nau (Faridkot) have changed my name to Gamdoor Singh.

I, Neelam s/o Sh. Lakshman Dass R/o Sapehra (66) Ambala, Pilkhani, Haryana have changed my name from Neelam to Neelam Kumar.

I, Mamta D/o Kanwar Pal R/o Gate no. 03, Near Transformer, Kharak Panchkula Mangoli, Haryana have changed my name from Mamta to Mamta Devi.

I Jaswant Rai S/o Hardayal Singh R/o gali no. 6, Lachhman Colony Gidderbaha Distt Sri Gidderbaha Muktsar Sahib have changed my name from Jaswant Rai Bhagotia to Jaswant Rai.

I Krishna Rani W/o Jaswant Rai, R/o W.no.17, gali no. 6, Lachhaman colony, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name Krishana Bhagotia to Krishna Rani.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH-III

S.C.O. 33-34-35, GROUND FLOOR, SECTOR 17-A,

CHANDIGARH - 160017.

Case No.: OA/1056/2023

(Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-

rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

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FLOOR, NEAR FURNITURE MARKET, BALONGI, MOHALI,

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(1) NEW GILLS CABLE NETWORK HAVING OFFICE AT SCO 95, 2ND

BHUPINDER SINGH.
(2) SH. BHUPINDER SINGH GILL, PROPRIETOR NEW GILLS CABLE

WHEREAS, OA/1056/2023 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding

Officer/Registrar on 08/09/2025.
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on

the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 20,62,112/- (application along with copies of

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the

(I) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why

(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and

(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets of

(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the

(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of

assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original

such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of

the original application, pending hearing and disposed of the

ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or

disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without

secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of

business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished

to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 02/01/2026 at 10.30 A.M.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 09/09/2025.

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failing which the applicant shall be heard and decided in your absence

NETWORK RESIDENT OF 196, PHASE-2, MOHALI, PUNJAB.

SUMMONS

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

I Govind Singh s/o Shri Subhash Singh resident Village Sain Majra P.O. Akbarpur Tehsil Naraingarh Distt-Ambala Haryana, have changed the name of my minor son Lakshya to Lakshya Pratap Singh. In future my son should be known as Lakshya Pratap Singh. Vide aff. No. 5042

I. Sushma W/o Surjeet Kumar, R/o Ward no. 5 Gali no. 6 Gandhi colony, Samalkha, Panipat Haryana have changed my name from Sushma date of birth 23.3.1997 to Sushma Yadav date of birth 23.7.1997.

I Swaran Kaushal W/O Darshan Singh R/O #5, New Yadvindra Colony, Sirhind Patiala Have Road, Changed My Name From Swaran Kaur Kaushal To

I, Guru Dayal Pandit S/o Gokhul Pandit, R/o House no. Gobindpura, Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my name from Guru Dayal Pandit to GuruDayal Pandit.

I, Daraupti Devi w/o No. 271057R MWO Jai Bhagwan (Retd) permanent R/o H. No. 2593, Near Raghunath Mandir, Chhapar Band, Karnal Teh-Karnal 132001 have changed my name Daraupti Devi to Dropati

I, Ram Singh S/o Guran Ditta Singh resident of Karamgarh Satran Tehsil & Dist. Bathinda have changed my name from Ram Singh Sahota to Ram Singh.

I, Ravinder Singh S/O Rajwant Singh, Village Sehajpur Khurd, teh samana Distt Patiala, state that I know with two names i.e Ravinder Singh and Harwinder Singh Both names are mine.

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ਬਾ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਮਿਤ ਗੁਪਤਾ(ਪੀ.ਸੀ.ਐਸ), ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਮੈਜਿਸਟਰੇਟ ਕਮ ਕਲੈਕਟਰ, ਡੇਰਾਬੱਸੀ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ।

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ। ਨੈਇਸ ਨੈਇਸ ਇਸ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੇਸ਼ ਅਪੀਲ ਤਕਸੀਮ ਅਨੁਵਾਨ ਸ਼ਿਵ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਗੈਰਾ ਬਨਾਮ ਰਾਮ ਸਰੂਪ ਵਗੈਰਾ ਪਿੰਡ ਜੜੋਤ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਡੇਰਾਬੌਸੀ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਗਰ ਮਿਤੀ 18-12-2025 ਨੂੰ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਲਈ ਨਿਸ਼ਤ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਲਿਖਤ ਉਤਰਵਾਈ/ਮਸੂਲਇਲਮ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਤ ਸ਼ਹੇਤਾ ਜਦਾਦੇ ਹੈ ਜ਼ਿ ਜ਼ੇਕਰ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਅਨੁਵਾਨ ਕੇਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਅਰਾਜੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਆਪ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਉਕਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਦਾ ਵਫਤ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਿਹਰ 2:00 ਵਜੇ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਬਰ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਾਲਤਨ ਜਾਂ ਫਰਲਤਨ ਹਾਚਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੈ। ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਾ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਸ਼ਿਏਟ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਮੁਲੀਆ ਐਕਟ 1887 ਤਹਿਤ ਬਣਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਦੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। 1 ਗਾਰਵਿਕ ਸਰਮਾ ਨਾ-ਵਾਲਗ ਪੁੰਤਰ ਰੋਹਿਤ ਸਰਮਾ ਪੁੰਤਰ ਰਤਨ ਸਰਮਾ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਰ ਸਰਮਾ।

ਤਤਨ ਸਰਮਾ ਰਾਹੀ ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਰਮਾ। 2 - ਸਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਰਮਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਤਨ ਸਰਮਾ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 1,004 ਅਰਬਨ ਅਸਟੈਂਟ-2 ਜਮਾਲਪੁਰ ਕਲੋਨੀ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਾ ਖੇਵਣਦਾਰ ਪਿੰਡ ਜਤੇਤ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਡੇਰਾਬੀਸੀ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ। ਇਹ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 28-11-2025 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਦਸਤਖ਼ਤ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਹਰ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਇਆ। ਜੁਲੈਂਟਕਰ, ਸਬ ਡਵੀਜਨ ਡੇਰਾਬੇਸੀ

l Jasbir Singh s/o Dayachand r/o VIII. Budhakhera Teh. Julana Distt. Jind has lost his Sale Deeds no. 459 Dt. 31.05,2022, 610 Dt. 06.10.2020, 101 Dt. 18.05,1999, 5 Dt. 07.04,1999, somewhere in dt. 06.06.2023. Whose DDR No 132300152501239 is registered at Police Station Julana, if any person received above said document, he/she can return them to the address

given below within 7 days by post or inform by Darshan Singh Advocate, Chamber No. 80 Distt. Court, Jind M. 94168-30305

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I, Santosh W/o Om Parkash is owner in respect of property i.e., House having PID No. 30CAW192, measuring 130 sq. yards, situated at Baba Kundi Narwana Testrict Jind as per Transfer Deed No. 535 dated 28.04.2021, Transfer Deed No. 146 dated 17.04.2017, Transfer Deed No. 140 dated 13.04.2021, Transfer Deed No. 5035 dated 14.10.2015 anywhere in Narwana. A DOR no. 132306282501113 also registered at Narwana.; also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan. CC Limit or OD Limit on the said property. If anybody found and any concern with in this property, please contact. Advocate Bhupander Kumar, Ph no. 8285649891 # 1591, SECTOR 16-17. HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION.

respect of property i.e., Booth No. 358, PID No. 10VPQ97, measuring 22.69 sq. Mtr (27.13 sq. Yards), situated at old Court Hisar Tehsil and Yards), situated at old Court Hisar Tehsil and District Hisar. I Have lost Sale Deed no. 5348 dated 23.08.2024 anywhere in Hisar. A DDR no. 132290512504324 also registered at Hisar. I also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit on the sald property. If anybody found and any concern with in the property, please contact. Advocate Bhupander Kumar, Ph. no. 8295949881 # 1591, SECTOR 16-T. BLEAD WITCHIS DAY OF THE BIRLE INCOME. 17, HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION.

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Seema Rani Dio Subhash Kumar (Wio Sunii Tuteja) has declared that my previous original Sale deed no. 7282 dated 20.10.2006 in favour of Asha Rani Wio Subhash Kumar in respect of the property described herein has been lost at Bihwani. A DDR No. 132230712502634 also registered at Bihwani. A DDR No. 1322307125021 also registered at Bihwani. A DDR No. 132230712502 also registered at Bihwani. A DDR No. 132230712502 also registered at No. 13223071250 also registered and registered on part, then child and criminal liability will arise on me. If amyone finds or has any objection, please contact Advocate Bhupander Kumar. Ph. no. 259519581 F. 1597, SECTOR 16-17, HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION with documentary proof. Property Le., Part of Beaning Khewot no. 2865, National no. 3159, Khassin no. 35972 (3-7), Necestring Richard no. 2565, National no. 3159, Khassin no. 35972 (3-7), Necestring Richard no. 2655, National no. 3159, Stuated at Seven Megar. Colony. Bhwani Johnpal, Tahail and Diett Bhiwani PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST & FOUND

Deepak Kumar (UID No. 4930 3119 3775) S/o Achhru Ram R/o House No 266, HIG Block, Sector 71, S.A.S Nagar, (Mohali), Punjab, declare tha have lost my original Conveyance Deed, Copy of Allotment Letter & Copy of Re-allotment Letter of House No. 266, HIG Block, Sector 71, Mohali Puniab, on dated 23-11 2025 at Market Sector 71, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), and for any kind of information call me on 9216665555.

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esh Goyal S/o Late Sh. Baijnath Panchkula Haryana my Property Document Allotment Letter no.1484 di 10.06.1982, & Tranfer Letter No. 26037 di 24,12,1992 of House No. 2316 sector-18 anchkula has been lost / misplaced odged DDR 062 dated 03.12.2025, Police tation Chandigarh Anybody finds send to

ਬਾ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਪਹਿਲ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ। ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਹਰ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨੌਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਇੱਤਕਾਲ ਬਾਬਤ ਅਵਰਾਜਨਾਮੇਂ ਦਾ ਇੱਤਕਾਲ ਨੰਬਰ 12309 ਪਿੰਡ ਝਾਮਪੁਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਭਾਰਤ ਮੰਨਜੂਰੀ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਬਉਂਕਿ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕਰਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਕ ਮੈਬਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਮਤਾਇਕ ਰਪਟ ਨੰਬਰ 37 ਮਿਤੀ 05-05-12 ਥਾਣਾ ਲੌਗੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕਰਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਿਤੀ 15-05-1998 ਤੋਂ ਲਾਪਤਾ ਹੈ।

05-1998 ਤੋਂ ਚਾਪਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਜੇਕਰ ਖੁਦ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕਰਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਝਾਮਪੁਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਇਹ ਨੋਟਿਜ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਕ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਜਾ ਫਿਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਇੱਤਕਾਲ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਮਿਤੀ .0-12-2025 ਤੱਕ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੇਸ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਪਣੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।ਉਕਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੱਕ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਨਾ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਦੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 24-11-2025 ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਦੀ ਮੋਹਰ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਹਸਤਾਖਰਾਂ ਹੋਣ

ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਅੰਵਲ, ਮੋਹਾਲੀ।

ਬਾ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬੇਅੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ :- ਵਸੀਅਤ ਜੇਰ ਧਾਰਾ 40 ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਲੰਜਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਐਕਟ ਅਧੀ

ਅਗੁਰੂਜ਼ਕ ਨਾਲਾ ਦਰਜ਼ੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਦਾਈ ਕਰਜ਼ ਕੋਰ ਵਿਧਾਣ ਲਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਮਿਊਕਾ ਡਾਕਲਾਨ ਦੇਰਕਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਅਜ਼ਿਤਜ਼ਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜ਼ ਵਾਲੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਮਿਊਕਾ ਡਾਕਲਾਨ ਦੇਰਕਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਅਜ਼ਿਤਜ਼ਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸੰਦਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕੇ ਕਿ ਕਰਜ਼ ਕੇਰ ਵਿਧਾਦ ਲਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਨੇਰ ਮਿਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਲਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਰਜ਼ ਕੇਰ ਵਿਧਾਦ ਲਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਨੇਰ ਮਿਰੀ 15011984 ਨੂੰ 50 ਕੁੰਧੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਮੈਤ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਇੱਕ ਅਣਗੀਜ਼ਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੰਅਤ ਮਿਤੀ 1802/1983 ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ (ਪੇਤਰੇ 1 ਗੁਡਨਾਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਤਰ ਦਰਿਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਤਰ ਚਰਜ਼ ਨਿਹ ਦੇ ਹੋਰ ਲਿਲਾਈ ਸੀ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਪਿੰਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਉਹ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦਾ ਸਕੇ। ਉਹ ਕਰਜ਼ ਕੋਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ ਅਦਰਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਦਸੰਅਰ ਸਕੇ। ਉਹ ਕਰਜ਼ ਕੋਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ ਅਦਰਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਦਸੰਅਰ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਬਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੈ। ਲੋਟ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਕਰਮ ਕੋਰ ਦੇ ਵਾਦਸਾ ਅਤੇ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਹੋਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਲੋਟ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਕਰਮ ਕੋਰ ਦੇ ਵਾਦਸਾ ਅਤੇ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਦੇਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਸਥਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ਼ਹਿਤਾਰ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਦਸ਼ੀਲਤ ਜੋਹ ਧਾਰ-ਪਰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਗੈਜ਼ਸਟਰੋਸ਼ਨ ਅੰਕਟ ਅਸੀਨ ਡਸਦੀਕ ਹੋਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਸੋਈ ਇੰਤਰਜ਼ ਤਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਜਿਹਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਪਿਰ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇੰਤਰਜ਼ ਹੋਏ ਤੋਂ ਉੱਚ ਆਵਾਲ ਦੀ ਵਿਚ ਅਸਲਤ ਜੋ ਦਾ ਵੱਧਾਨਤ ਦੁਲਿਤਰਾਰ ਜਾਵੇਂ ਹੈ ਦੇ ਤੋਂ ਉੱਝ ਆਲਤ ਨੂੰ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਅਸਲਤ ਜਾ ਦੇ ਵਾਲਾਵ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਅਤ ਗੁਜ਼ਰਨੇ ਮੈਨਆਵ ਵਸ਼ੀਅਤ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਰਹਾ ਵਿਗੇ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਅਤ ਗੁਜ਼ਰਨੇ ਮੈਨਆਵ ਵਸ਼ੀਅਤ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਰਹਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹੀ ਜਾਵੇਂ ਜਾਵੇਂ ਸ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ੁਕਤਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੰਦ ਕਰਮ ਦੇਸ਼ ਤੋਂ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਹੋਏ ਪਰਤ ਜਾਵੇਂ ਹੋ। ਵੰਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਅਤ ਗੁਜਰਨੇ ਮਿਆਦ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕਰ ਦਿੱ ਵੰਗੀ । ਇਹ ਅਖਬਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਇਸਤਿਹਾਰ ਅਜ ਮਿਤੀ 64-12-202

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, गेहतक की कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिका के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आईएडीं० न. 1HPWPBE4 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आईएडीं० न अध्यक्षण न Inference पूर्वन प्रवाद आध्यक्षण अध्यक्षण अध्यक्षण निर्माद स्थान निर्माद स्थान निर्माद स्थान प्रवाद स्थान स् नाप Rishi Pal, Rajpal, Ajay, Sheela Devi वसीयत/वास्तान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील कखाना बाहते हैं, जिसकी बारसान स्पिट तहसीलदार, गेहतक हारा तसदीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को उनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यक्षा प्रोपर्टी टेक्स में असके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, सेहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। क्रमांक : MGR/ZTO/2025/4453 दिनांक : 03/12/2025 क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम रोहतक।

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This is to inform and to seek objections, if any, from general public that Nikhil Dass seeking loan, davancing from HDFC Bank Ltd vide Proposal No. 802007035. That Sale Deed dated 2308/2016 vide Notice of the Sane was loaged with Chandigart Police vide Serial No. 2809 2001 and LAR No. 2025/03848 dated 17/11/2025. That in case any person having any claim, right, title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment otherwise howsever, shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supporting documentsevidence within a period of 7 days from the date of this notice failing with supporting documentsevidence within a period of 7 days from the date of this notice failing which such claim if any, shall be considered to be waived, abandoned and it shall be presumed that no person has any claim of any nature in respect of the above said fand and any subsequent claim shall not be bind our clients or their successors/ nominee/assignees in any manner whatsoever. AMIT SHARMA & Co-Officer. Ch. No. 270. Dist ominee/assignees in any manner whatsoever. AMIT SHARMA & Co,Office: Ch. No. 270, Distr. Court Panchkula, Haryana, Mobile No. 9216087146 and 8708484855

नगर निगम सोनीपत की संपत्तिकर शाखा के रिकॉर्ड अनुसार

न्यू प्रोपर्टी नं.1JA445C2 जो कि Model Town वार्ड नंबर 12 में स्थित है। संपत्तिकर सर्वे अनुसार संपत्तिकर बिल में करतात का नाम जारा सचतेता है। किसी भी संपत्तिका दाता का नाम दर्ज न होने/ नाम गलत दर्ज होने मृत्यु दिनांक 17.06.2015 उपरांत अवेदक हारा संबंधित प्रस्तुत की गयी प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी, में नाम तब्दील या नाम दर्ज करने क्षेत्रफल दुरुस्ती के लिए रजिस्ट्री नं 11182 दिनांक 19.12.2005 के अनुसार प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं। जिसके अनुसार यदि किसी भी याति प्राप्त दैनिक राष्ट्रिये समाचार पत्र में विज्ञापन देने की तिथि के 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर लिखित रूप में नगर निगम के पत्तिकर शाखा में दर्ज करवाए अन्यथा संपत्तिकर शाखा है स्तुत किए गए दस्तावेजों के अनुसार विक्रम सचदेवा पुत्र भाष सचदेवा ,नीरु पत्नी नीरज सचदेवा के नाम कर दिय एगा। जिसके लिए नगर निगम कार्यालय जिम्मेवार नहीं

क्षेत्रीय कराण्य अविकारी, नगर निवम सोनीपत

ळार्वालय नगर निवस सोबीपत नगर निगम सोनीपत की संपत्तिकर शाखा के रिकॉर्ड अनुसार न्यू प्रोपरी नं.1JRHUHP1 जो कि New Subzi Mandi न्यू आपटा न. IIRHOHF जा त्य राहफ SUBZI MARIII बार्ड नंबर 5 में स्थित है। संपत्तिकर सर्वे अनुसार संपत्तिकर बिल में करदाता का नाम प्रेम लता ,श्री चन्द है । किसी भी दिनांक ----- वपरांत अवेदक द्वारा संबंधित प्रस्तुत की गयी प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी, में नाम तब्दील या नाम दर्ज करने क्षेत्रकल दुरुस्ती के लिए राजिस्ट्री नं 5,6,35,36 दिनांक 04.04.2003, 26.09.2006 के अनुसार प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं। जिसके अनुसार यदि किसी भी व्यक्ति को इस जायदाद है संबंधित कोई आपत्ति हो तो ख्वाति प्राप्त दैनिक राष्ट्रिय समाचार पत्र में विज्ञापन देने की तिथि के 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर लिखित रूप में नगर निगम के संपत्तिकर शाखा में दब

के अनुसार राजिन्द्र कुमार पुत्र श्री चन्द्र के नाम कर दिया जाएगा। जिसके लिए नगर निगम कार्यालय जिम्मेवार नही होजीय कराधान अधिकारी, न्यर नियम सोनी

त्रवाए अन्यथा संपत्तिकर शाखा में प्रस्तुत किए गए दस्तावेज

नगर निगम रोहतक

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्वे साधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगय रोहतक की कर शाखा के संप्यतिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्ट आईएडी० न 1HQQ1CB3 पुगर्नी प्रापर्टी आईएडी० न तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर अन्दर नगर निगम कार्बालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टेक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी

बदखली नीटिस

जन साधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि मेरे मुबक्किलो समर सिंह पुत्र सुखलाल व सुदेश देवी पत्नी संपर सिंह निवासीयान मकान न0 1904, सेक्टर-9ए, बहादुरगड, जिला झज्जा का लड़का विक्रम धनखड़ व पुत्रवधु विदिता पत्नी विक्रम धनखड़ उनके कहने सुनने से बाहर हो गए है तथा उनके साथ नाजायन व्यवहार करते रहते हैं। उनकी जाति जिन्दगी में मेरे मुविकितों की कोई दखल अन्दाजी ना है। इसलिए मेरे मुविकितों ने उनकों अपनी तुमाम चूल व अचल सम्पति से बेदखल कर दिया है। मेरे मविकल व उनके परिवार के अन्य सदस्यों का विक्रम धनखड़ व व उसकी पत्नी विदिता के साथ कोई ताखुक वास्ता ना रहा है। जो भी व्यक्ति किसी प्रकार का उनके साथ व्यवहार व सम्बन्ध रखेगा तो उसका वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। विक्रम धनखड़ व उसकी पत्नी विदिता अपने हर कार्य के लिए स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे। संजय गुलिया, एडवोकेट, सिविल कोट

I, Sheela, w/o Vinod r/o Jonti, North West Delhi, Delhi 110081, state that my house (Property ID No. 3B7TYEU4), which measures 100 square vards, has two original registries, Registry No. 3844 dated 16-01-1989 and Registry No. 3376 dated 20-03-1987, lost them on 19-11-2025. I have not found them despite extensive search. I have filed a missing report (No. 132570072501580) in this regard. I inform the general public that if anyone finds my above mentioned registries, they should contact me at my

Public Notice
It is brought to the Notice of the Public at large that the sale deed No. 37 dated 05.04.2022 in favour Reenu Mittal wife of Vishal Mittal son of Copal Dass AND sale deed no. 21/23 dated 11.11.2021 in favour of Ravinder Kaur wife of Pritam single son of Geja Singh AND sale deed No. 300 dated 06.05.2014 in favour of Kirna Devi wife of Joginder Pal son of Monan Lal in original have been lost and is informed by the party to have not been mortgaged with any Bank or Financial Institution and the same has been lost. If anybody has any objection regarding the mortgaging of the same, may respond within fourteen days, to the undersigned. After the expiry of the stipulated period of Fourteen days, no claim winatsoever shall be entertained. The detail of the property be rail be entertained. The detail of the property Is as under: - Detail of property Property bearing MC No. 8-013/01145 measuring 00 Kanal 2-1/2 Marias (75 sqr Yards) Le. ½ share of land measuring 00 Kanal 10 Marias, comprised in Kinasra No.409/18/20-19/Kbars No. 4/104 as per Jamabandii for the year measuring 00 Kanal 2-1/2 Marlas (75 sqr Yards)
La. ½ share of land measuring 00 Kanal 1 Marlas, comprised in Kinara No.409/18/2(0-10)
Khata No. 14/104, as per Jamabandi for the year
2019-20 Situated within the revenue limits of
Phul -1, (Near Rambag Phul Road,
Rampuraphul) Tehsif rampura Phul District
Bathinda standing in the name of Vandhna wite
of Brij Bhushan son of Nathu Ram.
KU.DEEP SINGLA, ADVOCATE,
CHAMBER NO.846, DISTRICT COURTS,
BATHINDA, 45-144.

ਮੈਜਿਸਟਰੇਟ ਕਮ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ, ਡੇਰਾਬੌਸੀ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ। ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਨੀਟਸ ਇਸ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੇਸ ਅਪੀਲ ਤਕਸੀਮ ਅਨੁਵਾਨ ਸ਼ਿਵ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਗੈਰਾ ਬਨਾਮ ਬਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਗੈਰਾ ਪਿੰਡ ਜੜੇਤ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਡੇਰਾਕੰਸੀ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਲ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਮਿਤੀ 18-12-2025 ਨੂੰ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਲਈ ਨਿਯਤ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਲਿਖਤ ਉਤਰਵਾਈ-ਮਸੂਲਇਲਮ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਅਨੁਵਾਨ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਅਹਾਜੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਆਪ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਉੱਕਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਭਾ ਵਕਤ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਿਹਰ 2:00 ਵਜੇ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਾਲਤਨ ਜਾਂ ਵਕਾਲਤਨ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੈ ਕੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੈ। ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਾ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਇਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਮਾਲੀਆ ਐਕਟ 1887 ਤਹਿਤ ਬਣਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਦ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ 2 ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ 3. ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੀਆਨ ਦਾ ਮੈਕਟਰਾਤ ਬਣਾ

1. ਕੁਰਦਾਪ ਸਾਪ 2. ਜਮਣਰ ਸਾਘ 3. ਜਮਣਤ ਸਾਘ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਦਾ ਖੇਵਟਦਾਰ ਪਿੰਡ ਜੜੇਤ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਛੋਹਾ ਛੱਸੀ, ਜਿਲਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ 4 ਸੰਦੀਪ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸਿਵ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੰਤ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਵਟੋਲੀ ਦਾ ਖੇਵਟਦਾਰ ਪਿੰਡ ਜੜੇਤ. ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਛੋਟਾ ਛੱਸੀ, ਜਿਲਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ 6. ਮੈਸਰਜ ਆਰ.ਆਰ.ਪ੍ਰੋਲਟਰੀ ਫਾਰਮ ਖੇਵਟਦਾਰ ਪਿੰਡ ਜੜੇਤ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਛੋਟਾ ਛੱਸੀ, ਜਿਲਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ 6 ਸੈਂਟਰਲ ਵੈਂਕ ਆਫ ਇਹ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 28-11-2025 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਹਰ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਇਆ

ਕੁਲੈਟਕਰ, ਸਬ ਡਵੀਜ਼ਨ ਡੇਰਾਬੱਸੀ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby informed the general public that Smt Reeta W/o Sh. Harinder Singh is owner of Property Measuring 50 square yards, Khasra no. 72/3 leeta W/o Sh. Harinder Singh is taking loan agains Reeta W/o Sh. Harinder Singh has lost the origina sale deed dated 11.07.2014 and vasika no. 2655 ir avour of Palwinder Kaur W/o Charaniit Singh. ontact to undersigned and anybody having clain or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in this property or has raised loan by depositing the aforesaid documents to any person bank/ corporation/ financial institution may approach the undersigned and may submi bjections within 14 day from the date of this public notice. After the expiry of the period of this notice no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be deemed to be false, take, frivolous, frauduler eyes of law.

Dinesh Kumar Advocate Chamber No. 3013 Lawyers' Chambers Complex, District Courts, Ludhiana Mobile Number 9779461577. Canfin Homes Limited, Cheema Chownk

hereby informed the general public that Fekni Khatoon W/o Mohamad Jyas is owner of Property Measuring 244 square yards, Khasra no. 162, Situated at Sai Enclave, Mundian Kalan, Ludhiana. Fekni Khatoon W/o Mohamad Jyas is taking loan against said property from AU Small Finance Bank, Fekni Khatoon W/o Mohamad Ivas has jost the original sale deed dated 01.01.2024 and vasika no. 2023-24/106/1/22043 in favour of Mohamad may contact to undersigned and anybody having claim or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in this property or has raised loan by depositing the aforesaid documents to any person/ pank/ corporation/ financial Institution may approach the undersigned and may submit objections within 7 day from the date of this public notice. After the expiry of the period of this notice no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be deemed to be false, fake, frivolous, fraudulent and baseless claim and shall have no value in the

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HOUSING BOARD HARYANA PLOT NO.C-15, AWAS BHAWAN, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA E-mail: cropmhbh2024@gmail.com Website: www.hbh.gov.in Telephone: 0172-2585852 PUBLIC NOTICE Sub: Transfer of Provn. Regn. No. SNP\BPL\HGB\5559, Final

Registration No. 1300, Sec-17 Sonepat inder EWS(BPL) 10215 scheme on the pasis of death of successful applicant t is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that Provn. Regn. No. SNP\BPL\HGB\5559 Final Registration No. 1300, Sec-17, Sonepat under EWS(BPL) scheme

which stands in the name of Sh. Yashpa S/o Sh. Chiranji Lal Sharma as per record of this office. It has been reported by Smt. Darshna W/o Sh. Yashpal that Sh. Yashpal S/o Sh. Chiranji Lal Sharma, who was the successful applicant in the draw, died on 23.02.2020. She has claimed/applied for the transfer of the said Provn. Regn. No

SNP\BPL\HGB\5559, Final Registration No. 1300, Sec-17, Sonepat under EWS(BPL) 10215 scheme on the basis of death of successful applicant.

f anybody have any objection for the ransfer of the said Prom Regn. No. SNP\BPL\HGB\5559, Final Registration No. 1300, Sec-17, Sonepat under EWS(BPL) 10215 scheme in favour of Smt. Darshna W/o Sh. Yashpal R/o HN 5/6, Prem Nagar, Double Storey, Ambala City, they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned vithin 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which Provn. Regn. No. SNP\BPL\HGB\5559 Final Registration No. 1300, Sec-17 Sonepat under EWS(BPL) 1021: scheme shall be transferred accordingly

Chief Revenue Officer (PM) Housing Board Haryana, Panchkula

and no further claim whatsoever shall be

entertained later on.

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Last-Minute Nominations for Panchayat Polls Turn Turbulent Across Punjab

MONIKA MALIK ■ Chandigarh

The last day of filing Block Samiti elections on Thursday unfolded like a political pressure cooker sealed with accusations, ripped open by roadside scuffles, and overflowing with confrontations that cut across party lines. From Gurdaspur to Jalandhar, Patiala to Amritsar, the day's resemblance to orderly procedure; instead, it resembled an open display of political muscle, suspicion, and fullblown hostility as candidates scrambled to

the deadline. To top it all, the political temperature soared in the Sukhbir Singh Badal released an alleged leaked audio clip, involving Patiala's top police officials, claiming poll rigging by police officials, prompting Patiala Police to branding the recording "fake" and AI-generated.

submit their papers before

What should have been a procedural culmination of nomination phase turned into a litany of allegations — AAP workers accused of intimidation, claiming obstruction, Akali Dal supporters reporting assault, BJP alleging statestrong-arm tactics, and BSP protesting exclusion at the gates. By leader had a charge to level.

In Ropar, where tensions already simmering, senior BJP leader Subhash Sharma set the tone with a scathing attack on the Punjab Government. Calling the nomination day chaos a "pre-planned sabotage", Sharma alleged that the ruling AAP was intervening blatantly in the local body

that the government had been announcing forced into these polls only after the High Court's directions, and now found itself "misusing the police force to prevent opposition candidates from even reaching nomination

Sharma accused the officials of tearing papers, blocking entries, working under political The election machinery, he claimed, had been reduced extension of the ruling party.

If the process is fair, our candidates will sweep every seat," he declared, insisting that the BIP cadre was contesting these rural polls enthusiasm.

The most dramatic visuals of the day came from Gurdaspur's Dera Baba Nanak, where AAP and Congress workers clashed The from slogan shouting to hand-to-hand scuffles, ending with turbans knocked off and the police

Singh Randhawa's son, Udayveer, reached the spot and directly accused the AAP Government of unleashing 'hooliganism masked as Gurdeep Singh Randhawa, however, countered that the Congress was attempting to nominations" and replaying the same "muscle-flexing tactics" witnessed during previous local body polls.

The tension was no less charged in Amritsar, where a confrontation within the SDM-2 office itself. SAD candidate Paramjit Singh and the accompanying leaders alleged that AAP members attempted to block his entry and heckle him during filing. The conflict escalated when reportedly pulled during the melee — an act that ignited fresh outrage within the

Senior Akali leader Gulzar Singh Ranike termed it a "direct assault on democratic rights" and demanded strict action against those responsible. Outside the office, crowds surged, tempers ran high, and police intervention became necessary to prevent further escalation.

Doodhanwala, after 3 pm found barricades blocking their entry. The was a heated argument between police and candidates belonging to

Scuffles broke out as candidates attempted to barricades, past insisting that delaying tactics were being deployed to prevent certain names from reaching the nomination

In nearby Samana, the tension took a startling turn when Congress candidate Jaswinder Singh saw his nomination papers snatched, torn and thrown onto a school rooftop. Singh accused an AAP worker of orchestrating the attack, claiming that he had been followed since the previous Former Rajinder Singh soon arrived, adding weight to the protest and demanding that those behind the snatching be identified and arrested.

Jalandhar's Goraya centre delivered a separate theatre of conflict altogether. BSP leaders, upset after being stopped at the gate for arriving past the permitted time, began raising slogans against the AAP government. The situation aggravated after they alleged that an AAP member had jumped the boundary wall to file papers from the inside.

Angered by this, BSP workers replicated the act climbing the same wall, scaling the boundary, forcing their way into the nomination centre, and triggering a physical confrontation with police.

The protest intensified as BSP leaders accused officials of selectively accepting late parties. Two such files related to Kahna Dhesian and Muthada Kalan — were cited as examples. A formal complaint was lodged with the Returning Officer, and for nearly half an hour, sloganshouting echoed within the complex until officials eventually took all pending papers inside to pacify the

In Tarn Taran, Akali leader Kanchanpreet delivered a sharp rebuke to the ruling party, questioning why AAP leaders seemed "afraid of their own people's vote." She alleged that AAP workers were intentionally creating long queues to push Akali workers out of the process. "This intimidation won't last. Punjab watches everything," warning that attempts to stop nomination papers would not influence the coming year's political

WARRING ACCUSES AAP OF "BRUTAL ABUSE OF POWER"

By late evening, the Congress launched a statewide condemnation. Punjab president Singh Amarinder Warring called the day's events "evidence of the government's panic" and accused AAP of unleashing police intimidation across

He cited incidents of opposition candidates being detained, misled, prevented from reaching filing centres. Referring to an audio clip reportedly

involving Patiala Police, he said that its authenticity might be uncertain, but its contents matched what was 'happening across Punjab and being recorded by

Warring claimed that one Congress leader's husband had been picked up by police and kept in illegal detention through the night to stop his wife from filing papers. "This government may believe this is strength, disguise," he said, warning officers that none would be spared responsibility for

BJP'S STRONG CHARGE: 'POLICE HAVE BECOME AAP'S B-TEAM³

The BJP, too, sharpened its attack. At a press conference in Chandigarh, state general secretary Anil Sareen alleged that the Punjab Police had been "transformed into AAP's private election squad." He that homes candidates were raided, locked, blocked and nomination files torn by individuals acting "with official sanction." Sareen played videos of police picking up Vikas Pandey, husband of a BJP candidate, early in the morning. He also accused the Election Commission of "stunning silence" despite complaints with evidence. He warned that the party would not hesitate to launch mass protests if democratic

commitment

elections. Meanwhile, the

controversy has gained legal

traction as the Shiromani

Akali Dal moved the Punjab

and Haryana High Court

seeking a judicial probe into

sharp attack on the ruling

AAP. State BJP president Sunil

Jakhar alleged that while

, Chief Minister Bhagwant

leaders in Punjab, under the

influence of Manish Sisodia's

political strategy, were

attempting to "orchestrate election theft." He accused

the government of using

administrative pressure to tilt

the electoral field in its favour.

dismissed all such allegations

as a coordinated attempt to

damage the credibility of the

force ahead of the local body

elections. Officials maintained

does not match any official

communication and carries

signs of digital

The police, however,

was abroad, AAP

The BJP also mounted a

Punjab Poll Panel Orders Mandatory Videography After Opposition Uproar

PNS Chandigarh

With opposition parties alleging forcible obstruction and official non-cooperation during the nomination process, the Punjab State Election Commission on Thursday ordered compulsory videography of the entire filing process for the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections, warning of strict action against any lapse in duty.

The directive comes on the final day of nominations for elections to 22 Zila Parishads and 153 Panchayat Samitis, scheduled to be held on December 14. The Commission has instructed all Deputy Commissioners-cum-District Electoral Officers to ensure that the entire process is videographed and that the recorded footage is preserved

The move follows a series of complaints from opposition parties alleging that their candidates were either physically stopped from filing nominations or that officials responsible for issuing NOCs and accepting papers were deliberately absent from offices.

State Election Commissioner Raj Kamal Chaudhari has directed officials to ensure foolproof security arrangements at all nomination centres to prevent any law and order disturbances, cautioning that "serious action will be taken in case of dereliction of duty."

Officials have also been reminded to ensure the mandatory presence of all returning and assistant returning officers during working hours to guarantee an unhindered and transparent process.

BRIEFS

DEVELOPMENT IN LADWA CONSTITUENCY

Kurukshetra: Addressing a state-level function held in Ladwa to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bhagat Sain, a prominent spiritual preacher of the 14th-15th century, Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini announced a series of initiatives to further improve health services, education facilities and infrastructure in his assembly constituency of Ladwa in Kurukshetra. He announced that an educational institution in the state will be named after Sain, while the Ladwa community health centre (CHC) would be upgraded to a 50-bed sub-divisional hospital-cum-CHC. He also said that a Government College would be established at Ramsharan Maira in Babain

HOODA DEMANDS SPECIAL SESSION ON CHANDIGARH ISSUE Chandigarh: Former Harvana Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Thursday demanded that the state government should convene a special session of the Assembly as soon as possible on the Chandigarh issue. "It is clear that the BJP led State Government has completely failed to protect Haryana's rights regarding Chandigarh and the SYL. This government is unable to acquire land for the new Assembly or provide Haryana with the SYL water. Despite clear Supreme Court orders, the BJP has failed to secure Haryana's rightful share of water. The BJP's policy on Chandigarh is also indecisive," he stated. The central government itself is unable to clarify whether the two states will have a shared capital or whether it will become a full-fledged Union Territory. All these issues should be discussed within the

HIMACHAL CM INAUGURATES DIGITAL FORENSIC DIVISION ADVANCED EQUIPMENT LABORATORY IN DHARAMSHALA

Assembly," he added.

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday inaugurated the Digital Forensic Division and Advanced Equipment Laboratory in the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) in Dharamshala. Sukhu said that the newly created division would greatly assist investigating agencies in preserving and examining evidence from crime scenes, particularly in cases where the prescribed punishment is seven years or more. This facility is equipped with the state-of-the-art infrastructure worth around Rs 3 crore and includes advanced tools capable of extracting and analysing data even from damaged mobile phones. In addition, an advanced equipment laboratory costing about Rs 1.05 crore has been established to ensure highprecision forensic analysis. The equipment installed in these laboratories is valued at around Rs 1.50 crore. These facilities are expected to significantly enhance transparency, reliability and efficiency in forensic investigations across the northern region of the state. 330 ARRESTED UNDER 'OPERATION HOTSPOT DOMINATION'

Chandigarh: On the third day of Haryana Police's 'Operation Hotspot Domination' on Thursday, the State Police undertook aggressive action against criminals across the state. In this intensive 72-hour campaign, the police combed 1,512 sensitive locations (hotspots). On the third day alone, raids were conducted at 647 places. As a result of coordinated action over the last three days, a total of 188 new criminal cases have been registered across the state, and 330 offenders have been arrested and sent to jail. During this period, the police seized more than Rs 4.5 lakh in cash. On the third day, the police recovered three country-made pistols and one handgun, taking the cumulative seizure to four pistols and five live cartridges during the entire operation, an official statement said.

HARYANA MINISTER INAUGURATES 25TH CRUSHING SEASON OF GOHANA SUGAR MILL

Chandigarh: Haryana Cooperation Minister Arvind Sharma on Thursday inaugurated the 25th crushing season (2025–26) of Chaudhary Devi Lal Cooperative Sugar Mill, Gohana. He informed that the price of early variety sugarcane has been fixed at Rs. 415 per quintal, while the late variety has been fixed at Rs. 408 per quintal. During the previous crushing season, farmers across the state were paid Rs. 1,211 crore, which included Rs. 80 crore from Gohana mill and Rs. 103 crore from Sonipat mill.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES & DIPLOMA COURSES TO

Chandigarh: The Punjab and Haryana High Court, in collaboration with the Haryana Government, will launch skill development centres, polytechnic diploma courses, and ITI-level vocational training programs across various prisons in the state. The initiative will be inaugurated by the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, on December 6 at the District Jail, Gurugram. On this occasion, Supreme Court Judges Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Augustine George Masih, along with the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Sheel Nagu, and all judges of the High Court will also be present. A government spokesperson informed that continuous efforts of the committee on "Rehabilitation and Skill Development of Undertrials/Prison Inmates," chaired by Justice Kuldeep Tiwari, have played a crucial role in shaping this initiative. Their collective vision underscores the belief that prisons should evolve into institutions of reform, capacity building, and human dignity.

Encourage farmers to adopt modern technologies: Haryana CM asks officers

PNS Chandigarh Kurukshetra

Keeping in view of the times shrinking agricultural land, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Thursday said that the Agriculture Department should encourage farmers technologies vertical farming. The accelerate its efforts toward readiness understanding emerging changes and challenges, he

meeting of the Department of Future, Saini said that the various schemes being implemented Horticulture Departments should be assessed to identify the challenges likely to emerge over the decade. departments must work with a clear vision and wellstrategies throughout the future keeping requirements in focus.

Saini said that efforts must be made to introduce technology that prevents

farmers from burning crop residue. The Agriculture Department and the Department of Future should jointly develop solutions that discourage stubble burning and make the removal of crop residue

from fields easier. Similarly, to ensure adherence to prescribed moisture standards in produce, he suggested consultations be held with relevant industries so that

machine/combineharvested crops adhere to the required moisture levels. He said that with rapidly

connectivity

improving

across the state, the India International Horticulture Market being developed in Gannaur is likely to witness considerable pressure in the coming years. To address this effectively, he said the department should prepare a long-term plan spanning 10 to 20 years. Haryana's future readiness should focus on guiding farmers toward crops that will be in global demand and where Haryana has a competitive advantage. All departments work towards strengthening the use of AI and digital governance as

part of their long-term

planning, he added.

Additional funds for expansion of Kangra airport to be released soon: Himachal CM

PNS ■ Shimla

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday said the government has released Rs 460 crore for the expansion of Kangra airport aiming to accommodate larger aircraft, boost tourism, improve connectivity and create employment opportunities for the youth.

Additional funds for the airport will also be released shortly, he informed, after inaugurating multipurpose indoor stadium at Kaliyara in Assembly Constituency, Kangra. The stadium built at Rs 3.36 crore facilities for includes basketball, badminton and a

fitness centre. Sukhu said education remains the state government's top priority, several reforms introduced to strengthen it. "As a result of the government's sustained efforts, Himachal Pradesh has achieved fifth rank in education, significant rise from the 21st position during the previous government's tenure," he

"The Kaliyara school in Shahpur has already been approved for conversion into CBSE, where science and commerce streams will be introduced along with a proper dress code," he

Students in the Central Secondary Education (CBSE) schools will not be allowed to carry mobile phones, ensuring focus on studies, sports, and co-curricular activities, the chief minister said.

He also underscored that

the government's second priority remains the health sector. Sukhu informed that Rs 78 crore has been allocated to Medical College (IGMC) in Shimla, Rajendra Government Medical College and Hospital, Tanda and the Atal Institute of Medical Super Speciality (AIMSS), Chamiana, ensuring more accurate testing and

improved medical facilities. Urging farmers to adopt natural farming, the chief minister said the state, for the first time, minimum introduced support prices (MSPs) for wheat, maize and turmeric cultivated through this creating method, employment opportunities in agriculture.

"Leaked" Audio on Panchayat Polls

PNS ■ Chandigarh

shared by Sukhbir on social media, is claimed to be part of a late-night conference call held on December 3. According to the Akali Dal chief, the recording features a conversation between senior police officers, allegedly led by Patiala SSP Varun Sharma, with instructions being issued to stop opposition candidates from reaching Returning during nomination process. The alleged conversation includes references to restricting candidates from their homes, villages and even outside

Sukhbir termed the episode a "murder of democracy" and accused the Aam Aadmi Party Government of misusing the openly machinery to ensure electoral advantage. He demanded immediate intervention by the judiciary and the Election Commission, alleging that the integrity of the election process itself was under

Reacting to the viral clip,

Triggers Political Firestorm in Punjab; Police Deny Claims, FIR Lodged the Patiala Police issued a firm denial, rejecting the claims

A fresh political storm described the audio as "fake" swept across Punjab's already and "Al-generated," asserting charged election atmosphere on Thursday morning after created to mislead the public Shiromani Akali Dal president and disturb law and order Sukhbir Singh Badal released an alleged leaked audio clip phase. The police confirmed accusing top Patiala Police that an FIR has been officials of plotting to block registered in the matter and opposition candidates during assured that strict legal action the Zila Parishad and Block would be taken against those Samiti elections. The claim responsible for circulating the triggered sharp reactions clip. The police further across parties, a police rebuttal branding the clip as fall prey to manipulated or fake, and swift legal action fabricated content, reiterating with the registration of an FIR. The 18-minute audio, ensuring free and fair

nomination centres.

Punjab tops the country in human trafficking cases These investigations have victims into illegal migration narcotics menace. Raising

MONIKA MALIK ■ Chandigarh

today officially identified as the country's worst-affected state in human trafficking a stark reality placed on parliamentary record in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. The disclosure by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has thrust the border state into the national spotlight, not for its global links or enterprising youth, but for the scale of organized human smuggling flourishing within boundaries.

From Punjab's perspective, the numbers tell a disturbing story. The state has emerged as the single largest contributor of human trafficking cases in the country. Acting on mounting evidence, the Punjab government has constituted Special Investigation Team (SIT) along with a fact-finding committee to probe the agents, middlemen, and handlers unsuspecting

So far, 25 FIRs have been registered against 58 illegal agents operating Punjab. Sixteen accused have already been arrested, indicating the depth of the racket and the steady pace of enforcement on the ground. These cases are closely linked to illegal foreign travel promises, forged documents, and vulnerable youth being lured by dreams of overseas employment.

The ripples of Punjab's crisis are now being felt at the national level as well. The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has a anti-human dedicated trafficking division, is also probing cases related to the deportation of Indian nationals from the United States. These investigations include leads connected to Punjab-based networks, underscoring international reach of local

trafficking syndicates.
At the national scale, the NIA has registered 27 human trafficking cases so far.

led to 169 arrests across states and the filing of charge sheets against 132 accused. The agency's recent operations also underline how Punjab remains central to the problem. On August 7, two major traffickers were arrested from Punjab and neighbouring Haryana. Another two key arrests followed in Himachal Pradesh on October 2, pointing to inter-state

linkages rooted in Punjab's

trafficking routes. The comparison with other states only sharpened Punjab's grim distinction. Haryana has recorded 2,325 cases with 44 FIRs and 27 arrests, while Gujarat has arrested one significant trafficker. Yet, despite these figures, Punjab continues to top the chart nationally in terms of trafficking cases, making it the focal point of both parliamentary debate

scrutiny. The human trafficking crisis in Punjab is also deeply interconnected with the

national security

the issue in the Parliament Shiromani Akali Dal MP and former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal flagged the alarming overlap between drug trafficking and human smuggling. She alleged that drug traffickers continue to operate their networks from inside jails, claiming that as many as 43,000 drug-related calls are being made from a single prison. She even cited visual evidence from Mansa jail allegedly showing open drug trade within the premises. calling for urgent central intervention to protect Punjab's youth. Punjab, implications go far beyond

arrests and statistics. Every FIR represented shattered families, exploited migrants. and young lives pushed into perilous illegal journeys. The Centre's confirmation that Punjab leads the country in trafficking cases now places the onus squarely on both state and central agencies to dismantle the networks that thrive on desperation, debt and deception.

Japanese steel giant Aichi Steel to expand in Punjab fillip to the industrial **PNS** ■ Chandigarh

clear

manipulation.

Japanese steel giant Aichi Steel agreed to expand its collaboration with Vardhman Special Steels in Punjab, entailing an investment of Rs 500 crore, according to a statement issued here. Aichi Steel and Vardhman Special Steels signed an MoU in the presence of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who is on a 10-day visit to Japan and South Korea.

Mann, in a statement, said it is a red-letter day for the state as the Aichi Steel Corporation, better known as the steel arm of Toyota, has inked this agreement to give

development in the state. He said Aichi Steel, which already holds about 24.9 per cent stake in Vardhman, is a key technology partner, symbolising a strong and evolving Indo-Japan partnership in Punjab's industrial ecosystem. The Punjab CM said the

Japanese steel giant will study future factory operations in Punjab, including a feasibility assessment for an investment of about Rs 500 crore. Meanwhile, Mann assured full support and cooperation to strengthen and expand Aichi Steel's collaboration with Vardhman Special Steels in the state.

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF

Ms. Amanpreet Kaur

Civil Judge Junior Division - 10,

Patiala

JAGATBIR SINGH

Vs.

KARAM BAWA

Father:-LATE SH. HARJIT SINGH

2. KAREN BAWA WIFE OF LATE

HARJIT SINGH S/O PARMATMA

4. TAMANNA D/O LATE HARJIT

5. AYESHA D/O LATE HARJIT

SINGH (WIFE OF PAWAN

PARTAP) R/O VILLAGE

DALANPUR, TEH AND DIST

in above titled case,

defendant(s)/respondent(s)

could not be served. It is ordered

that defendant(s)/respondent(s)

should appear in person of

through counsel on 29-01-2026

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Civil Judge Junior Division - 10

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)

Ground Floor, SCO 33-34-35.

Sector 17-A, Chandigarh - 160017 Case No.: OA/746/2020

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ction 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A

of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal

(Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Vs HARJEET KAUR SACHAR AND

OTHERS

MR UTTAM SINGH SACHAR PROPRIETOR

M/S LEVO EXPORTS S.C.O. NO 4, 2ND

FLOOR GYAN SINGH RAREWALA

SECOND ADDRESS: MRS HARJEET

KAUR SACHAIR W/O UTTAM SINGH

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(2) UTTAM SINGH SACHAR S/O DURLABH SINGH 2177 PHASE 2 DUGRI

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3) BALMEET SINGH SACHAR S/C

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SUMMONS
WHEREAS, OA/746/2020 was listed before

Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar or

to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act,

OA) filed against you for recovery of debts

of Rs.6.03,46,747.09 In accordance with sub- section (4) of

section 19 of the act, you, the defendants

are directed as under:(I) to show cause within thirty days of the

service of summons as to why relief prayer

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties of

for should not be granted;

TOWN LUDHIANA, PUNJAB-141002

12/11/2025. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is plea

TOWN LUDHIANA PUNJAB-141002

PUNJAB-141002

HARJEET KAUR SACHAR W/O

Exh. No.:28044 THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LTD.

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BEFORE SH. NAVEEN. DANICS ASST ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 11, Sector 19- A. Chandigarh (RP 8219) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered

It is notified for the information of general publi and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Chander Mohan is the owner/lesse of Residential Site No. 11, Sector 19-A Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00 % Share. t has been informed by Rajat Sahdev that Sh Chander Mohan expired on 27/06/2025 and ne/she/they has/have also intimated the

Will of Late Sh. Chander Mohan.

ollowing legal heirs of the deceased owner

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Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residentia Site No.11, Sector 19-A, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00 % Share held by Late Sh Chander Mohan in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 05/09/2023. I anybody has any information about any othe legal heir(s) of the deceased other that entioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh immediately. If anybody has any objection ipon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, falling which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/jes and no further claim hatsoever shall be entertained at any late

Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the Powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh. -ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਨੌਗਲ

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ਤਹਿਸੀਜਦਾਰ-ਗਮ-ਸਹਾਸਤ ਕੁਸ਼ਕਟਣ ਦਰਥਾ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਹਗਨ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੂਪਾਨਗ। ਨੌਕਰ: 341-42/ ਗੈਫ਼ਕ-2 ਮਿਤੀ 3-12-2025 ਵਿਜ਼ਾ:- ਮਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾਮ ਦਰੂਸਤ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਾਂਤਾ ਦੇਖੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਸਰੀਆ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਿੰਡ ਬਜਦੇਸ਼ਤਾ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ 7, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਦਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ, ਉਨ

ਵਿਆਨ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਂਤਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਸਰੀਆਂ ਰਾਮ ਬਾਲੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਬਜਦੇਹੜਾ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ 7, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਦਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ, ਉਨਾ (ਮ.ਨ. 887243994) ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੀ ਅਸ ਕੇ ਜਨ ਬਾਯਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਾਂਤਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਸਰੀਆਂ ਰਾਮ ਬਾਲੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਬਜਦੇਹੜਾ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ 7, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਦਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ, ਉਨਾ (ਮ.ਨ. 887243994) ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਕੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਆਮ ਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਜਨ ਬਾਯਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਾਂਤਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਸਰੀਆਂ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਬਸਦੇਹੜਾ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ 7, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਦਾ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾ ਉਨਾ ਨੇ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਿਖਤੀ ਵਰਖਾਸਤ ਪੱਖ ਕਰਕੇ ਕੈਦਨੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਫਟੇਲੀ ਤਾਰਫ ਜ਼ਾਮੂਕੰਦੀ ਸਾਲ 2019-2020 ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਨੰਗਲ ਚਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੁਪਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਮਾਲ 2019-2020 ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਨੰਗਲ ਚਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੁਪਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਮਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਬੀਰਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਉਰਤ ਕਾਂਤਾ ਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਪੁਰਗੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਬੀਰਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਦਰਜ਼ ਹੈ! ਇਹ ਵਲੇ ਨਾਮ ਇੱਕ ਹੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਦੇ ਹਨ। ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਕਰਤਾ ਸਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਬੀਰਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਉਰਤ ਕਾਂਤਾ ਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਪੁਰਗੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਬਾਂ ਬੀਰਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਬਾਂ ਬੀਰਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਰਜ਼ ਕਰਤਾਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ! ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪਵਾਰਾਰੀ ਹਲਕਾ ਬਣਿਨੀ ਤੋਂ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਬੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਹਲਕਾ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ 'ਸਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਸ਼ੁਮਾਬੰਦੀ ਸਾਲ 2019-2020 ਵਿੱਚ ਬੀਰਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਰਸ਼ ਕਰਤਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਰਸ਼ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਹਲਕਾ ਬੀਰੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਮੁਕਾਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਹਲਕਾ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਮਾਲ ਪੁਨਰਵਾਸ ਡਿਜਾਸਟਰ ਮੈਨੇਜਮੈਂਟ ਵਿਡਾਗ (ਡੇ ਸਾਲੀਆ ਬਾਪਾ) ਦੇਸ਼ੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਰਤਰ ਦੇ ਮੀਮੇ ਨੰਬਰ 28/48/2012-ਡ.ਮ.2/12446-71 ਜਿੰਤੀ 26-07-2013 ਤਾਰੀ ਸਾਰੀ ਦਾਈਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਾਤਟੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਨਾਮ ਦੀ ਦਰਜ਼ਾ ਦੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਜਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਦੀ ਦਰਜ਼ਾ ਵੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਜਾਂ ਦੇ ਦੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਸਾਲ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਿਲੀ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਰਿਨੀ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਰਿਨੀ ਸ਼ਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਤੋਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਰਿਨੀ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਦੇ ਜਾਂ ਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਰੀ ਬਿਆ ਸਾਲ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਸ਼ੁਕੂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਿਲੀ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਨਫਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਭਣੇਲੀ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਨਰਸ਼ ਬੀਰੀ ਦੀ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਹੋ ਜਾਂ ਸਾਰ ਦੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਤੋਰ ਤੋਰ ਜਾਂ ਦੇ ਦੀ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਤੋਰ ਸ਼ੁਕੂ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਤੋਰ ਸ਼ਿਲੀ ਦੇ ਤੋਰ ਰਿਨੀ ਦੇ ਦੇ ਸਵਾਦ ਦੀ ਮੁਕਰੀ ਬਸੰਬਰ ਤੋਰ ਤੋਰ ਦੇ ਉਹਰ ਜਾਂ ਸ਼ੁਕੂ ਤੋਰ ਲੜਮਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਿਲ ਨਰਸ ਦੇ ਸ਼ੁਕੂ ਤੋਰ ਆਦਾਨਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਡ ਹੱਕ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸੋਸਾ ਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਨਾ ਕਾਬਲੇ ਗੈਰ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਕਮ ਸੰਗਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਨੰਗਲ।

LOST & FOUND Original previous Sale Deed No. 965 dated 22.05.1998 of the property land comprised in Khata No. 295/317, Khasra No. 38//22/3 (0-11), 38//23/2(0-13), 40//1(8-0) 40//4(0-4), 40//9(3-14), 40//10(7 10), 40//11(1-6), 41//2/2(1-12) 41//3(1-9), 41//4(6-7), 41//5(7-14), 41//6(7-2), 41//7(8-6), 41//26(11-13) measuring 11 Marla, Situated in revenue estate Village Kakkon Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur, Owned by Sarwan Singh S/o Sh. Thakur Singh and one previous original sale deed No. 8821 dated 02.02.2011 of the property measuring 6 Kanal 14 Marla 6 Sarsai, Situated in revenue estate of Village Jalalpur, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur in missing DDR No 654379/2025 dated 02.12.2025 Anyone having any objection regarding the mortgage of these properties with Puniab & Sind Bank Tanda Road, Hoshiarpur may respond or raise objection within 15 days to Bank thereafter no claim wil entertain by the bank. Mobile No 9855077411 Branch Manager Punjab & Sind Bank Tanda Road Branch Manager Hoshiarpur. Punjab & Sind Bank,

CRIMINAL COURTS LUDHIANA

Tanda Road, Hoshiarpur

Form No 55 IN THE COURT OF Ms Renuka Kalra Judicial Magistrate First Class-18 Jalandhar Next date, Purpose of case orders

and Judgements as well as other case

information is available on http://ecourts.gov.in Proclamation requiring the appearance of a person accused

Case No NACT/614/2023 Manappuram Finance Limited

Mishra Son of Guru Prasad Mishra

resident of H. No V 646/7 Street No 8

Arvinder Nagar Ghonda North Eas

Delhi New Delhi 110053 has committed

(or is ssupected to have committed) that

offence punishable under section 138 o

negotiable Instruments Act and it has

been returned to it warrant of arres

thereupon issued that the said Abhishel

Kumar Mishra cannot be found and

whereas it has been shown to my

satisfaction that the said Abhishel

Kumar Mishra has absconded (or is

concealing himself/herself to avoid the

proclamation is here made that the said

Abhishek Kumar Mishra is required to

appear before this court (or before me

on 22-01-2026 to answer the said

Judicial Magistrate First Class-18

Dated this day 02-12-2025

complaint/case.

of the said warrant.

Abhishek Kumar Mishra Police Station/FIR No. Division 3//

assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under seria Next Date: 22-01-2026 number 3A of the original application; (III) you are restrained from dealing with or 138 of Negotiable Instruments Ac Details of offence: disposing of secured assets or such other Notice to: Abhishek Kumar Mishra

assets and properties disclosed under seria Son of Guru Prasad Mishra resident o umber 3A of the original application H. No V 646/7 Street No 8. Arvinde pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale lease or otherwise, except in the ordinar Nagar Ghonda North East Delhi New Delhi 110053 Whereas complaint/case has been made before me that Abhishek Kuma

course of his business any of the asset over which security interest is create and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; v) you shall be liable to account for the sale

roceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the rdinary course of business and deposi such sale proceeds in the accoun maintained with the bank or financia nstitutions holding security interest over

You are also directed to file the writte statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 11/02/2026 at 10:30 A. M.

failing which the application shall be hear ided in your abser Given under my hand and the seal of this

Sd/-Signature of the Officer Authorised

to issue summons

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

GURCHARAN KAUR SETHI, who was 100% Owner of Plot No. 109-AG-88-400 and Plot No. 109-AG-89-400 Agusta Green, Sector 109, Mohali Hills, Emaar Limited, SAS lagar, Mohali, who passed away on 20 ebruary 2025 at Watford General Hospita atford UK, hereby notify all persons who ave any claims, rights, or objections to the state of the deceased to submit their claims within 21 days from the date of publication of

he deceased, late GURCHARAN KAUR ETHI was the mother of the undersigned

and his/her legal heirs are as follows:

Amardeep Singh Sethi (son), Age 47
Address: 34 Farm Way, Northwood HA6 3EF, UK any person(s) or entity(ies) who believe they have a lawful claim to any of the assets roperty of the deceased are hereby equested to contact the undersigned at the following address within 21 days. For M/S Emaar India Limited, Mohali Hills SCO 40, Central Plaza, Sector 105 Mohali Punjab - 160062

Amardeep Singh Sethi

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T.

CHANDIGARH. Subject: Transfer of Ownership respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 2412 SECTOR 35-C, Chandigarh (RPD 16782 to the extent of 33.33% share on th basis of Un-Registered Will of Late GURINDER KAUR DHANDE.

It is notified for the information of generation public and all concerned that as per recor of this office Sh./Smt. GURINDER KAUF DHANDE is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 2412, SECTOR 35-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 33.33 %

It has been informed by GURMEL SING that Sh./Smt. GURINDER KAUR DHANDE expired on 27/11/2024 and he/she/the has/have also intimated the following lega heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:me of the Legal Heir Relation with dec

HUSBAND

GURMEL SINGH

DAUGHTER 2 BANDEEP KAUR NIMARDEEP SINGH DHANDE SOI SIMARDEEP SINGH DHANDE SON Now.GURMEL SINGH has/have applied f the Transfer of Ownership in respect RESIDENTIAL Site No. 2412, SECTOR 3 , Chandigarh, to the extent of 33,33% hare held by Late GURINDER KAUF DHANDE in his/her/their favour, on the bas of Un-Registered Will dated 08/11/2023. anybody has any information about an other legal heir(s) of the deceased other tha nentioned above, the same may be ntimated to the Estate Officer, U.1

Chandigarh, immediately. f anybody has any objection upon the nutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above name applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit dul attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the dat of publication of this notice, failing which th id share in the said property will b mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further clair whatsoever shall be entertained at any lat-

Naveen, DANICS **Assistant Estate Office** Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-13 (1)(a)] **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL** CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
1st Floor, SCO 33-34-35, Sector-17
A, Chandigarh (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also) Case No.: OA/191/2025

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Exh. No.: 28587 ICICI BANK LIMITED Versus M/S. VINDHESHWARI TRADING COMPANY THROUGH ITS

PROPRIETOR AND OTHERS (1) DEFENDANT NO. 1. M/S. VINDHESHWARI TRADING COMPANY THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR RESIDENT AT SHOP NO. 83-83A, NEW ANAJ MANDI, DISTRICT SIRSA,

PAN NO. AHPPD3596E Also at-M/S, VINDHESHWARI TRADING COMPANY THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR RESIDENT AT B-

11/428, GALI SHIV MANDIR WALI DISTRICT SIRSA, HARYANA-125055, SIRSA, HARYANA-125055 (2) DEFENDANT NO. 2. SHEELA DEVI WIFE OF SH. MOHAN LAL RESIDENT OF B-11/428, GALL SHIV MANDIR WALL, DISTRICT SIRSA, HARYANA- 125055. PAN NO. AHPPD3596E

SUMMONS WHEREAS, OA/191/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 11/11/2025. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 3063585.47/- (application long with copies of documents

etc, annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:(i) to show cause within thirty days
of the service of summons as to
why relief prayed for should not be

granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with an

with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of

sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ o other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior

approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 08/01/2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing

which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the sea of this Tribunal on this date 28/11/2025.

Signature of the Office Authorised to issue summons

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-13 (1)(o)] DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
1st Floor SCO 33-34-35 Sector-17
A, Chandigarh (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

Case No.: OA/976/2025 Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Exh. No.: 28605 ICICI BANK LIMITED

Versus JAGATPATI SHARMA SON OF SH MURLIDHAR SHARMA (1) Defendant No. 1-Jagatpati Sharma Son of Shri Murlidhar Sharma R/o House No. 1047, Durga Colony, Near Gurudwara, Madu Ki Dukan, District Bhiwani, Haryana- 127021.

Also At. Jagatpati Sharma Son of Shri Murlidhar Sharma R/o T4 C, Railway Colony, Kalanwali, District Sirsa, Haryana- 125201. Sirsa, Haryana -125201 Also At. Jagatpati Sharma Son of Shri Murlidhar Sharma C/o Railway Station Bhiwani Near Tosham Pul On Road District Bhiwani Haryana- 127021.

Bhiwani, Haryana-127021 SUMMONS WHEREAS, DA/976/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Offices/Registrar on 21/11/2025. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 2383796/- (application along with copies of documents etc.

annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be (ii) to disclose particulars of

properties or assets other than

properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial numbe 3A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of

properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under seria number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding serest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the

written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 27/01/2026 at 10:30A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date:28/11/2025.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue sun

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 RULE 20 CPC) In the Court of

Sh. Manish Kumar Additional District and Sessions Judge (Bhiwani) CNR NO.:HRBH010079092024 NEXT DATE: 27-01-2026 **PURUSHOTTM**

V/S

SANDEEP AND OTHERS
PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: Defferent no 5. Naresh s/o sh Radhey Shyam r/o vill. Devrala tehsil tosham Distt.Bhiwani 10 smt.mukesh devi w/o rajesh kumai S/o Dharampal 12.saroj w/o yudhveer singh s/o jaiveer Singh Kharkadi teh.tosham distt.bhiwani 14.suresl kumar s/o Dharampal Singh s/o munshi ram r/o baganwala teh Tosham distt. Bhiwan 15.smt.khajani devi w/o ramkumai s/o ram chander 17 bala devi w/o satish kumar s/o sube singh all.R/o tosham teh.tosham Distt bhiwani ...,..... respondents/contesting defendan

DATE: 05.12.2025

18. Ashok Kumar s/o Sh. Phoo Chand r/o tower T-7-101 RPS sevna sector 88 faridabad 19 dalir s/o sh phool Chand r/o ward no 20 bazar tosham teh.tosham Distt bhiwani 20. Rakesh s/d sh.phool Chand r/o ward no 20 main bazar tosham teh.tosham distt. Bhiwani 21.smt.gunno devi d/o sh.phool Chand w/o sh.pehlad rai now r/o halu bazar bhiwani city

teh and distt bhiwani smt.santosh kumari d/o sh.phool Chand w/o madanlal r/o old grain market rohtak teh.and distt.rohtak 23. Smt. Dayawanti d/o sh.phoo Chand w/o sh. Arun Kumar vikas nagar City teh.and distt. Bhiwani 24 smt. Chameli devi wd/o sh.phoolchand r/o ward no 20 main bazar tosham tehsil toshan Distt bhiwani 25 pawan Aggarwa s/o sh. Nahanuram @ nunkaran r/o raipur distt. Raipur (chhattisgarh) 26 girvar Aggarwal 27.deendaya Aggarwal s/o sh.nahanu @nunkaran r/o town vasdal distt. Raipur (chhattisgarh) 28 ashok kumar (since deceased) through his legal heirs (a) smt. Santosh dev widow (b) manish (c) gopal (d krishna s/o ashok kumar s/o gig devi @ramkali d/o Ram Bhagat and w/o dhanpat rai 29 anil kumar s/o gigi devi @ramkali d/o Ram Bhaga and w/o dhanpat rai all r/o surat teh.and distt.(Gujrat

30.smt.rammurti wd/o sh.ombir s/o sh kedarnath Aggarwal r/o shakt distt.bilaspur (madhyapradesh) 31 Mana devi d/o sh.ombir sh.kedarnath Aggarwal r/o subhash chowk City sarangarh distt.raigarh ...performa

respondent/defendan In above titled Case the defendar (s)/respondent (s) could not be served it is ordered that the defendant s respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 27-01-2026 at 10:00

or details logon to https://high courtchd.gov.in/? trs=district notice & district=Bhiwani

Additional District And Sessions Judge Bhiwani

It is notified for the general public that following person has applied fo

transfer of that share transfer of Lease deed rights as under.						
Name of Applicant/ Transferee	Allottee/Owner	Flat, Cat & Floor	On the basis			
Smt. Manju Pathak W/o Late Sh. Ramesh Kumar Pathak	Sh. Ramesh Kumar Pathak S/o Sh. Madan Lal Pathak	1318, B, Ground Floor	Nomine			
Sh. Vikas Jain S/o Sh. M.K. Jain	Smt. Nirmla Jain W/o Sh. M.K. Jain	1682, A, 1st Floor	Nomine			

Note: - Submit Objections, if any, in writing within 30 days of publication of

this notice before the undersigned along with documentary evidence.

Secretary, Pushpac First (I) Sector 49-B, Chandigarh

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank 📣 ि सिडिकेट Syndicate

Gohana Road Jind Haryana, Ph.: 8249027074, E-Mail: cb18248@canarabank.com

ONLINE GOLD AUCTION NOTICE The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the flability in the loan account/s. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned indelivered, to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 19.12.2025 failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower through online mode of auction through auction service provide "M/s C1 India Private Limited" Visit: www.bankeuctions.com/canarabank at 12:00 Noon to 3.00 PM on 20.12.2025 or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice, at the absolute discretion of

Date of Loan	Loan A/c Number	Name & Address of the borrower	Liability
15.02.2024	180273444087	Deepak Kumar, House No. 140, Daryawala-3, Jind Haryana.	Rs. 1,66,083.52 inclusive of intt. up to 30.09.2025
has to pay	GST over and	auction is at sole discretion of the B	ders shall contact M/s C1

4302020/21/22/23, for detailed terms and conditions/ or for further information, if an

Sd/- Branch Manager Place: Jind Date: 04.12.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Late Sh. Pyare Lal Verma, son of Sh. Chunni Lal resident of H.No. 536, sector Mandi Town, Kaithal, has passed away. It is further notified that the deceased, Sh. Pyare Lal

Verma, was the petitioner in Court Case No. RP/3726/2013 titled as "HUDA Vs Pyare Lal Verma," which is pending/decided before the competent authority/court. In connection with the above-mentioned court case as

well as any movable/immovable property, bank accounts, financial assets, or any other legal rights pertaining to Late Sh. Pyare Lal Verma, this public notice is issued for obtaining details of his Legal Heirs. Any person, authority, or institution having any claim

objection, or interest with respect to the estate, legal rights, or the aforementioned court case of Late Sh. Pyare Lal Verma is hereby required to submit such claim/objection in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice at the contact address given If no claim or objection is received within the stipulated

period, it shall be presumed that no claim exists and the legal heirship process will proceed accordingly without any further reference. **Contact Details:**

> **Estate Officer,** HSVP, Sector 19-I, Kaithal Email Id- eokaithalhsvp2023@gmail.com

RO 40850-C-27-4

STATE BANK OF INDIA

AMCC, Water Works Road

Possession Notice [Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the State BANK of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Inforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to borrower(s)/guarantor(s), no the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s)/guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower (s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section(4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against below accounts.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre, Muktsar for an amount of being less amount of recovery made, if any other charges/expense, costs, thereon.

The Borrower's/Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

M/s Garg Tubewell and Sanitation, Residential House constructed on 30.09.2025 02.12.2025 Opposite Saidewala Road Sardulgarh, Dist Mansa through its Prop. Sh Om Parkash Garg S/o Sh Dev Raj Garg Khewat Khatoni No 266/1134 Jamabandi Year 1999-2000 Vakia Resident of Ward No 2, Sardulgarh, Abadi Sardulgarh in the name of Smt Suman W/o Sh Om as on 29.09.2025. less recovery if any plus further interest seident of Ward No 2, Sardulgarh, Abadi Sardulgarh in the name or Smt Suman vivo Sh. Smi Suman Sardulgarh, Abadi Sardulgarh in the name or Smt Suman vivo Sh. Smi Suman Garg W/o Sh Om Parkash and Sh Om Parkash S/o Sh Dev Raj vide Title Deed No expenses thereon. Smt Suman Garg W/o Sh Om Parkash Resident of Ward No 2, Ram Asre South: Ram Sewak Arkash Resident of Ward No 2, Barkash Resident of Ward No 2, Bardulgarh Dist Mansa (Guarantor)

Ram Asre, South: Ram Sewak

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

PLACE: SARDULGARH

The Executive Engineer, Shimla, Division No. I, HPPWD, Shimla-3, H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the Percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost.	Form Cost	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid	Time Allowed
1	A/R & M/O various type -I to Type -VI Qtrs of GAD at kasumpti Shimla -9 (SH:-C/O Servant room in backside of type -V set nO.09 under kasumpti Section).	459477/-	350/-	06-12-2025	9200/-	15-12-2025	30 days
2	A/R & M/O various residential qtrs. Type -I to type-VI of GAD at kasumpti Shimla -9 (SH:-Providing and Fixing Wooden flooring, PVCMPC Ceiling, PVC Door shutter and fitting in type-IV set No.22 at kasumpti Shimla -9)	744180/-	350/-	06-12-2025	14900/-	15-12-2025	30 days
3	A/R & M/O to Transit Accommodation at kasumpti Shimla (SH: - Covering of Entrance porch of Set no.1,2,3 Transit accommodation at kasumpti Shimla).	121352/-	350/-	06-12-2025	2400/-	15-12-2025	30 days
4	Restoration of Rain Damages on kotiJunga road in km. 0/00 to 12/405 (SH; -Construction of Retaining wall between at Rd. 1/120 to 1/150).	1636387/-	500/-	06-12-2025	32700/-	15-12-2025	30 days

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptender.gov.in The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason RO NO. 4866/2025-2026 Dt. 04-12-2025

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre, Ferozepur for an amount of being less amount of recovery made, if any other charges/expenses, costs, thereon.

The Borrower's/Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (B) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Outstanding 1. Smt Babita Sharma W/o Late Sh Residential House constructed on Rajesh Kumar (Legal Heir of Sh land measuring 16' x 38' or 2.33 Published on 03.12.2025 Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh Mast Ram Maria House No AS 23/10 Vakia Gali as on 15.09.2025, less recovery if any plus further interest

Gali Tara Singh Wali, Makhu Gate, Ferozepur ALTERNATE ADDRESS: Sh Akshey Kumar S/o Late Sh Rajesh Kumar (Legal Heir of Sh Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh Mast Ram Deceased Borrower) Resident of Village Naleti, Tehsil Dehra, Distt Kangra, Himachal Pardesh, 4. Smt Anjali W/o Sh Preet (Legal Heir of Sh Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh Mast Ram Deceased

Borrower) Resident of House No 13, Gali Tara Singh Wali, Makhu Gate, Ferozepur ALTERNATE ADDRESS: Smt Anjali W/o Sh Preet (Legal Heir of Sh Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh Mast Ram Deceased Borrower) Resident of Village Naleti, Tehsil Dehra Distt Kangra Himachal Pardesh (Borrowers) Sh Balwinder Singh S/o Sh Banta Singh Resident of House No 1, Etta Nagar, Alike Road Ferozepur (Guarantor in House Loan Rs 5.00 Lacs) 2. Sh Ramandeep Singh S/o Sh Subhash Kumar, Resident of Ward No. 14, 33 KV Power House, Ferozepur City. (Guarantor in Home Loan Top Up Rs 3.50 lacs)

DATE: 06.12.2026 PLACE: FEROZEPUR AUTHORISE AUTHORISED OFFICER DATE: 06.12.2026

SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. SMFG Grihashakti Corporate Off.: 503 8, 504, 5 Floor, G-Block, Inspire BKC, BKC Main Road, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Murribal - 40005 Regd, Off.: Commercione IT Park, Tower 8, 1st Floor, No. 111, Mount Poonamalilee Road, Porur, Chennai - 600116, TN

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF 15 DAYS FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH

PROVISION TO RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the Public in General and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below listed by the Authorised Officer of SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as SMHFC) ("Secured Creditor"), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till date of realization, due to SMHFC Secure

Date of EMD Description of the Properties Borrower(s) Earnest Mone Time of Deposit All the piece and parcel of the property One House Measuring 0 Kanal-8 Marlas, Comprised In Khasra No. 6//23(7-2), Khata 17,80,000/ 26.12.2025 Lan No. -No. 9/9. As Per Jamabandi For The Year 2018-19. Hb. No. 152 Situated At Village-Garha, Tehsil-Phillaur, District Jalandhar 610139211683389 at 11.00 24.12.2025 As Per Sale Deed Bearing Wasika No. 2024-25/180/1/143 Rs. 1.78.000 2. Hardish Kaur Dated 16.4.2024 Recorded In The Name of Hardish Kaur W/o 01.00 PM Resham Lal. Bounded As Under:- East: House of Kashmir West: House of Vijay Mommi, North: Rasta. South: Rasta One Plot No. 136, Measuring 48.38 Sq Yards Comprised Lan No. Khasra No. 16//11, 16//12/1, 16//19/2, 16//20,17//15/2, 17//16, 11.10.000/ 510139211508367 6.12.2025 17//17, 17/24, 17//25/1, Khata No. 127/142 As Per Jamabano . Tilak Raj, at 11.00 2013-14, Situated At Village- Rajpura @ Hussainpura, Hb No 24.12.2025 S/o. Gian Chand AM to

99, Green City, Tehsil & District, Ludhiana And Boundaries As Rs. 1,11,000/ Mohit Kumar. 01.00 PM Under:- East: Gali Side 13 Ft. West: Plot No. 141 By 13 Ft. S/o, Tilak Raj North: Plot No. 137 By 33'6" And South: Plot No. 135 By 33'6". Details terms and conditions of the sale are as below and the details are also provided in our/secured creditor's website at the following link website address (https://BidDeal.in and https://www.grihashakti.com/pdf/E-Auction.pdf) The Intending Bidders can also contact : Hanuwant Singh, on his Mob. No. 8005968270, E-mail : Hanuwant.Singh@grihashakti.com and Mr. Niloy Dey, on his

Place: Jalandhar / Ludhiana Date: 03.12.2025

Mob. 9988898312, E-mail: Niloy. Dey@grihashakti.com

Authorized Officer SMFG INDIA HOME FINANCE CO. LTD.



reditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below.

REGIONAL OFFICE PANIPAT N D TOWERS, FIRST FLOOR SANJAY CHOWK PANIPAT, PH. 7015926780, Email: ropptrec@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] for immovable property

Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice to Borrower Guarantor on the dates mentioned hereunder, calling upon to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under ection 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rule, on the date mentioned below. The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with

the property will be subject to the charge of CANARA BANK, for the amount, mentioned herein below beside future interest and other charges/expenses against the under mentioned account

The borrower's/guarantor's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to

redeem the secured assets.						
Name of the Branch & Borrower/Guarantor	Description of immovable property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount as per demand notice		
BRANCH: SANOLI ROAD PANIAPT	House having an area measuring 50	18.09.2025	04.12.2025	Rs. 2,04,493.39 and		

Datta Ram Gupta No. 1958 dated 17.06.2015 registered with Sub Registrar Panipat and bounded as under North: 17'-15", Property of Manju Lata, South: 17'-15", Street, East: 25'-6", Property of other owner, West: 25'-6", Part of House of **BRANCH: BARAUT**

Gupta and Sh. Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Plot No. 3-G situated at industrial area, with in the limit of M.C. Panipat vide Sale Deed Vasika

31.07.2025 04.12.2025 Rs. 15,90,840.79 M/s N D Shivaay HP Gas Service Marle 7 Sarsai being 2/27 share out of ough its partner Sh. Lalit Kumar total land measuring 2K-10M, Comprised in Khewat No. 132/128, Khata No. 152, Rect. & and Smt. Mamta and Guarantor Sh. Killa Nos. 27//7/1(2-10) according to Sale Deed No. 2685 dated 30.09.2015 at present Naveen Kumar Khewat. No. 141/132/1, Khata No. 161 as per jamabandi for the years 2016-17 & vide nutation No. 6029 dated 28.03.2016 having dimensions East side 16tt, West side appox. 19 ft, North side 54.3 ft and South 72

Plot measuring 112.22 Sq. Yards i.e. 3

South: - Land of others.

Date: 04.12.2025 Place: Panipat & Baraut

It is situated in the revenue estate of Village Baraut, Tehsil Ganaur, Distt. Sonepat in the name of Smt. Mamta W/o Naveer (umar. Boundries as under.- East: Bega Road ahead of Village Roshanpur, West:- Land of others, North: Land of others

Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

hereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general,

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

- I, Santavvav Duggani legally mother of No.15694233F Rank HAV Name Gopal Duggani Unit 14(I) Armd Bde Sig Coy C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Tergaon, TQ-Tergaon, Uttara Haliyal, Kannada, State Karnataka-581356 declare That I have changed my name from Santavva Duggani to Shantavva Jayapal Duggani and DOB from 01.07.1964 to 03.10.1962 vide affidavit dated 03.12.2025 before the court of Bathinda
- I Suman Aged 30 Years, Wife Of Sahil Gimta, Resident Of Vpo Bijmal Tehsil Nerwa, District Shimla, Hp 171210 I Declare That I Have Changed The Name Of My Son From Shoriya (Old Name) To Shorya (New Name). All Concerned Please Take Note.
- I, David S/o Sh. Vasudev R/o Barwala, Distt. Hisar, Haryana, declare that I want to change my name from David to David Aneja for my all educational certificates/Govt. ID and all future purposes.
- I, Lilawati W/o Babu Ram R/o Village Manbhar Wala, Manbharwala (79), PO Deodhar, Distt Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, INDIA have changed my name from Lilawati to Bimla.
- I, Lalita Rani W/o Late Bhagwan Dass R/o 176, Bank Colony, Rajiv garden, Yamuna Nagar, PO Yamuna Nagar, Tehsii Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135001 have changed my name from Lalita Rani to Shimla Rani.
- I, Manoj Kumar S/o Magan Pal R/o Village Khizrabad, PO Partap Nagar, Distt Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, INDIA have changed my minor son's name from Raj Mehra to Raaj.
- I, Rajeev Kumar S/o Munshi Ram R/o 412, Sector 18, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rajeev Kumar to Rajeev Kumar Budhiraja.
- I, Shakti Budhiraja W/o Rajeev Kumar Budhiraja R/o 412, Sector 18, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Shakti Budhiraja to Shakti.
- I, Narender Bharti S/o Sh. Jagdish Chand Bharti R/o 15/34, Gali No. 02, Bharti Basera, Court Colony, Sirsa, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana) have changed my name from Narender Bharti to Narender Kumar Bharti. That in future my name is to be called as Narender Kumar Bharti
- I, Dev Prakash S/o Sh. Om Sharan Bansal R/o Gali No. 03, Opp. Peer Mandir, GTM Colony, Sirsa, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana) have changed my name from Dev Prakash to Dev Prakash Bansal. That in future my name is to be called as Dev Prakash Bansal.
- I Havaldar Sunil (Army No. 3205727F), R/o VPO Shekhupur Daroli Sub-Tehsil Bhatu Kalan. District Fatehabad, posted at 14 Jat Regiment. Akhnoor. Jammu & Kashmir, declare that I want to correct my mother's name from KALAWATI DEVI to KALAWATI in my Army service record.
- I Sato Devi W/o Sh. Raj Singh R/o Village Lohari, Tehsil Matlauda, Distt. Panipat, declare that my DOB 15.03.1986 and my name Santosh Devi mentioned in my Insurance policy No.R-HY-EA-253651, while my correct DOB 01.01.1980 and my Name Sato Devi Which is correct and accurate.
- I, Arun Kumar Jain R/o SCF 16-17, Sector 28-C, Chandigarh, my father's name wrongly mentioned in my Pan Card Jatinder Kumar Jain instead Jai Inder Kumar Jain.
- I, Gyano Devi w/o Late Ex. Hav. Bhagwan Dass R/o P.O. Deepalpur, Sonipat in my husband's Service records wrongly written as Gnana Devi and DOB is 01.07.1943. But my correct name is Gyano Devi and DOB is 01.01.1945.Pls correct it.
- Gnana Devi and DOB is 01.07.1943. But my correct name is Gyano Devi and DOB is 01.01.1945.Pls correct it.

 I, Manoj Kumar Saluja S/o Hukam Chand Saluja R/o H. No. 3846, Gali No. 01, Near Saluja Furniture, Indira Colony, Hisar, Haryana 125001 declare that I have changed my

name from Manoj Kumar to

Manoj Kumar Saluja for all

future purpose.

- I, Nisha W/o Rajender Singh R/o House No. 801, Sector 15A, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Nisha to Nisha Malik for all future purpose.
- I, Arun S/o Harbans Lal R/o H. No. 730, Opposite Nagpal Chakki, Adarsh Nagar, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Arun to Arun Kumar for all future purpose. I, Komal W/o Ashish
- Goyal (Daughter of Jai Kumar Bansal) R/o 107, Urban Estate-2, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have known by Komal Goyal, Komal, Komal Goel names. In future I shall be known by Komal Bansal for all future purpose instead of Komal Goyal, Komal, Komal Bansal and Komal Goel.
- I, Malkeet Singh S/o Gurmej Singh R/o Jhande, PO Waryam Nangal, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143502 have changed my name from Malkeet Singh to Singh is my surname and Malkeet is my given name.
- I Neeraj kumar s/o pawan kumar r/o# 71E professor colony yamunanagar. That I have change from Neeraj kumar to Neeraj kumar tayal .
- I Himanshu Jalhotra S/O Suresh Kumar Jalhotra R/O 859 New Hamida Colony , Behind Luxmi Cinema , Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Minor Daughter Name From Trisha To Trisha Jalhotra.
- I, Geeta Rani @ Geeta @ Kamna W/o Sh. Sunil Uppal D/o Sh. Ashok Kapoor R/o H. No. 246, Sector 9-11 Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Geeta Rani @ Geeta @ Kamna to Geeta Uppal for all future purpose.
- I, Rajna Devi D/o Mahaveer Pal is legally wedded spouse of Chandra Pal presently residing at T317, Air Force Station, Sirsa, (Haryana) have changed my name from Rajna Devi to Ranjna Devi (DOB 08.06.1977) vide affidavit No. 28695 dated 04.12.2025 before district court Sirsa.
- I, Barun S/o Parveen Ahuja R/o 688/6, Radaur, Tehsil Radaur, Distt Yamuna Nagar 135133 Harvana, India declare that the name of my Father and my mother has been wrongly written as Parveen and Sangeeta in my 10th class and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of my Father and my mother are Parveen Ahuja and Sangeeta respectively.
- I Nirmla Devi w/o Sukhbir r/o h.no 111 ugrakheri distt panipat declared Nirmla my real name and my house name is Nirmla Devi and Nirmla or Nirmla Devi both are my name and all concerned noted.
- Sukhdev Singh I. Gujral S/o Narinder Singh R/o House No. 127-128, Model Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar-135001, Haryana, India, declare that name of mine, my wife and my minor son has been wrongly written Sukhdev Singh Kaur and Amandeep Kaur and Anantjyot Singh in my namely minor son Anantjyot Singh Gujral aged 16 years in his 10th Class educational documents. The actual name of mine, my wife and my minor son are Sukhdev Singh Gujral, Amandeep Kaur Gujral and Anantjyot Singh Gujral respectively.
- I, Gurmeet son of Shri Preetam Singh resident of House No. 766, New Ramesh Nagar, Tehsil Camp, Panipat-132103 declare that I have changed my name from Gurmeet to Gurmeet Singh.
- I Riya Rani W/o Sh. Anil Arora R/o H. No 1985 Sector 13-17, HUDA, Panipat, hae changed my name from Riya Rani to Meenu Rani for all future purposes. I, Lokesh, S/o Satish
- I, Lokesh, S/o Satish Kumar, R/o Didwadi village, Tehsil Israna, District Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Lokesh to Lokesh Punia. In the future, I will be known and recognized as Lokesh Punia. I have no loans or police cases pending under my old name.

- I, Johny Son of Sh. Surinder Kumar resident of H.No.167/27, Gandhi Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, declared that my old name is Johny and I have to change my name from Johny to Joni. In future I will be known as Joni for all purposes.
- I, Sanjay S/o Sh. Inder Lal R/o H.No. 66/1, Ward No. 28, Subhash Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana 124001 declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from Alisha to Alisha Malhotra. In future her name will be known as Alisha Malhotra.
- I hitherto known as JAI BHAGWAN (JAIBHAGWAN) S/O HARPHOOL R/o VPO Harigarh Kingan, Tehsil-Guhla, Kaithal -136034, Haryana, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as JAIBHAGWAN SHIRA.
- I hitherto known as NEELAM W/O JAI BHAGWAN alias JAIBHAGWAN SHIRA R/O VPO Harigarh Kingan, Tehsil- Guhla, Kaithal-136034, Haryana, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NEELAM DEVI.
- I, Meenakshi Jindal W/O Gagandeep R/O H.No. 3187, Near Pal Dhaba, Sector 28-D, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Meenakshi Jindal To Meenakshi Goyal After My Marriage.
- I, Pooja Chhibber D/O Subhash Chhibber W/O Late Arun Kumar Taneja R/O Derasalimpur, Ambala, Haryana-133201 have changed name of my minor son Aayan Taneja aged 5 years to Kartik Chhibber.
- I, Sangeeta Mann D/O Jagdish Mann W/O Devender Kairon R/O H No. 37, Professor Colony, Hisar, Haryana-125001 have changed my name to Tanvi Kairon.
- I, Rashmi Nagpal W/O
 Naresh Kumar Rawal R/O
 12/A Mohini Kunj, Railway
 Road, Banga (Rural), Po:
 Banga, Dist: Shaheed
 Bhagat Singh Nagar,
 Punjab-144505 have
 changed my name to
 Rashmi.
- I, Priyanka W/O Devinderpal Singh R/O New Gobind Nagar, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001 have changed my name to Priyanka Choudhary.
- I, hitherto Known as Parneet Kaur W/O Gurwinder Singh R/O Village Shukar Chak Tehsil Tarn Taran District Tarn Taran Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Prneet Kaur.
- I, Vishav Nath S/o Krishan Kumar Pathak R/o H.no. 231,232, Sector-3C, Mandi Gobindgarh, Fatehgarh Sahib-147301(pb) have changed my name from Vishav Nath to Vishav Nath Pathak, plz note.
- I, Balwinder Singh Grandfather of Nayab Kaur, holder of Indian Passport No.U9608034 issued at Amritsar on 18/05/2021 residing at H.No.F 14/249, Gali No.2, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Majitha Road, Amritsar Punjab Pin 143001 India and presently residing 28 Maltby Court, Brampton, Ontario, Canada L6PIA5 do here by change my granddaughter's name from Nayab Kaur to Nayab Kaur Maan
- I, Jageer Singh S/o Inder Singh R/o Village Hamja Tehsil Majitha District Amritsar have changed my name from Jageer Singh to Jagir Singh
- I, Sarbjit Kaur W/o Amarjit Singh R/o Pejo Chak PO Kishankot Teh Batala, Gurdaspur have changed my name from Sarbjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur
- I, No. 15173172Y Hav Vinay Kumar Rai S/o Bhual Rai R/o Hazipur, Ghazipur, Bagend, Uttar Pradesh-233301 have changed my daughter's name from Yashashvi Rai to Yashasvi Rai Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB98054256238548X Dt.02.12.2025 notary public Amritsar
- I, Prahlad Kushwah Singh is father of No. JC-288124Y Sub Anil Singh Kushwah resident of VPO Tehangur, District Bhind, Madhya Pradesh-477001 now at 47RPAS FLT/661 Army Aviation Attach with 255 Army Aviation, C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Prahlad Kushwah Singh to Prahlad Singh vide affidavit no. IN-PB99339797348916X dated 04-12-2025, before

Notary Public, Amritsar.

- I, Rajiv Gupta S/o Vinod Kumar 11-A, Maqbool Road, Rose Avenue, Amritsar have changed my name from Rajiv Gupta to Rajeev Gupta
- I, Munnee Kushwah Singh is mother of No. JC-288124Y Sub Anil Singh Kushwah resident of VPO Tehangur, District Bhind, Madhya Pradesh-477001 now at 47RPAS FLT/661 Army Aviation Attach with 255 Army Aviation, C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Munnee Kushwah Singh to Munneedevi vide affidavit no.
- PB99340099974102X dated 04-12-2025, before Notary Public, Amritsar.
- I, Naveen Dahiya (372405695626), S/o Sh. Rajender Singh, R/o H. No. 733/25 Old Rohtak Road, Kath Mandi, Distt. Sonipat, declare in my own behalf that my daughter Pranshi Dahiya, whose date of birth is 07/01/2014. Earlier my daughter's name was Pranshi, now I have registered my daughter's name as Pranshi Dahiya in all her Documents. Pranshi and Pranshi Dahiya both of these names are same girl. In future she will be known as Pranshi Dahiya.
- I, Kulwant Singh son of Joginder Singh resident of Village Alipur, PO. Khanpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144211 have changed my minor daughter's name from Kashvi to Kashvi Thakur. Concerned Note.
- I, Kulwant Singh son of Joginder Singh resident of Village Alipur, PO. Khanpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144211 have changed my minor daughter's name from Manasvi to Manasvi Thakur. Concerned Note.
- I, Gurmakh Singh son of Satnam Singh resident of Village Jande Sarai, District Jalandhar, Punjab-144622 have changed my name from Gurmakh Singh to Gurmukh Singh. All concerned please note.

 I, Gurpreet Kaur W/O
- Gagandeep Whose Permanent Address In India Is Village Leel Kalan, Tehsil Batala, Dist: Gurdaspur. Punjab 143516 And Now Living At 1, Brookfields Road, Oldbury, B68 9qt, West Midlands, Birmingham, United Kingdom Hereby Give Notice Of My Intention To Change My Name To Gurpreet Kaur (Given Name) Dhaliwal (Surname).
- I, Jyoti Rani W/o late Virendra R/o village Bhalot, district Rohtak, declare that in my PAN card my name is written as Choti and date of birth is 01/01/1995 and instead of my father, my husband's name is written which is wrong. My correct name is Jyoti Rani and date of birth is 04/12/1995. my father's name is kulbir.
- I, Manju Baghla W/o Arun Kumar R/o H. No. E 3880, Street No. 2, Shakti Nagar, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name Manju to Manju Baghla
- I, Arun Kumar S/o Sat Pal R/o E-3880, Street No.2, Shakti Nagar, Fazilka 152123 Pb, have changed name Arun Baghla to Arun Kumar
- I, Pardeep Singh S/o Rama Nand R/o Kothi No. 132, Professor Enclave-4, Opposite Punjabi University Patiala, Punjab have changed my name from Pardeep Singh Jhagra to Pardeep Singh
- I, Tanveer Rana S/o Parveen, House No.157/s, Model Town, Hisar, PO: Hisar, DIST: Hisar, Haryana 125001, declare that my name is wrongly written as Tanveer and also my mother's name has been wrongly written as Maina in 10th & 12th Class marksheet. The actual name of mine is Tanveer Rana and my mother's name is Maina Rani. Which be amended accordingly.
- I, Anita Seraswal D/o Pawan Kumar R/o # 1072, Mori Gate, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Anita.
- I, Ultaf Ali S/o Abdul Wahid R/o # 2243, New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ulfat Ali.
- I, Mushahid S/o Maragub R/o # 0035/1, Raipur Kalan, Chandigarh have changed my name to Nawab Ali.

- I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Puran Singh Vill.Fatehgarh Majra Chammun, Kurukshetra have changed my given name Kuldeep Singh Surname Hanjra.
- I, Sanjeev Kumar Bansal S/o Ram Nath Bansal R/o Purana Bazar, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Sanjeev Bansal
- I, Urmila W/O Parmod Kumar R/O H.no. 618, Ward no. 14, Opposite Chorch, Fouji Plot, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Haryana changed name Urmila Devi.
- I, Raj Rani W/o Ram Kumar Vill.Banarsi Plot Kalsa, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Rani Raj

I, Ram Kumar S/o

- Dharshan Lal Vill. Banarsi Plot Kalsa, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Kumar Ram I, Ashwani Gir s/o Raksha Gir R/o H No-08
- Raksha Gir R/o H.No-08, ward No -15, shiv pranchi mandir Model town pehowa have changed my given name Ashwani Surname Gir. I, Ranjit Singh Chawla
- S/O Kartar Singh R/O Govt.
 School Street, Bhavdin,
 Sirsa Have Changed My
 Name From Ranjit Singh
 Chawla To Ranjit Singh.

 I, Gurpreet Kaur
 Chawla W/O Ranjit Singh
 Chawla R/O Govt. School
- Street, Bhavdin, Sirsa Have Changed My Name From Gurpreet Kaur Chawla To Gurpreet Kaur. I, Parampal Singh S/O Gurmit Singh R/O Vpo-Saidowal Khurd, Distt-Gurdaspur, Pin -143528

Punjab, India. Declare That

Given Name As

- Parampal And My Surname As Singh.

 I, Rahul S/O Surjeet Kumar R/O Village- Pahra Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab -143521, India. Have Changed My Name Rahul To Rahul Pahra And Surname As Pahra.
- I, Gurpinder Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O Village-Sadhu Chak, Tehsil/Distt-Gurdaspur Pin -143521, Punjab, India. Declare That My Given Name As Gurpinder And My Surname As Singh.
- I, Seema Shahria W/O
 Varinder Kumar R/O Bath
 Wali Gali, Opposite Guru
 Nanak Park, Jail Road
 Gurdaspur. Tehsil/DisttGurdaspur, Punjab, India. I
 Want To Change My Name
 Seema Shahria Instead Of
 Seema Shehria As Per My
 Documents.

 I, Munish S/o Daya
- Chand R/o House No. 339/4, Dheeru Ki Basti, Patiala, Punjab, have changed my name from Munish to Munish Kumar.

 I Mahinder Verma S/O
- I Mahinder Verma S/O Chander Bhan R/O H. No. 19-A Mathura Colony Patiala have changed my name to Mohinder Pal Verma.
- I, Sukhwinder Singh s/o Sampuran Singh r/o Vill. Bala Kullan, Teh.Dasuya, Distt.Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Sukhwinder Singh to Singh Sukhwinder (Surname as Singh)
- I, Anuradha Joshi W/o Amit Sharma R/o H.No. 608, Karol Bagh, Ladhewali Road, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Anuradha Joshi to Anuradha Sharma.
- Rajukumar S/o Tara Chand R/o House No 82 Badh Malak (68), Sonipat Haryana Pin code 131029 have changed my name from Raju Kumar to Raj Kumar for all future purposes. I Surinderpal Singh
- Ghataura S/O Balwant Singh R/O Vpo. Bhagta Bhai Ka Tehsil Phul Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Surinder Pal Singh.
- I Sukhveer Singh S/O Gurdev Singh R/O Vill. Daulatpur Ucha District Moga Have Changed My Name Sukhveer Singh To Sukhveer Singh Virk. I Baljinder Kaur Sidhu
- W/O Inderpal Singh Dhillon R/O Patti Dhillon, Buttar (Moga) Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Baljinder Kaur Dhillon.

 I Amarjit Singh S/o Vaiir Singh R/o Kothe
- Vajir Singh R/o Kothe Dhilava Wale, Kotli Ablu, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib-151202 have changed my name to Amarjeet Singh. I, Kirti Bansal W/o

Vikas Kumar Bansal R/o

Malout Distt. Sri Muktsar

Sahib have changed my name from Kirti Goyal to

Kirti Bansal.

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- I Hitherto Known As Raj Rani W/O Sh. Manjit Singh Residing At Vill Palaki, Po Bhangala, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rani Raj.
- I Joginder Singh S/o Buta Singh R/o Vill-Loharanwala Po Lohgarh Teh-Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar have declared that Joginder is my given name and Singh is my surname.
- I, Gurmit Kaur W/o Atma Singh R/o Po. Mehsampur Khurd Amritsar have changed my name from Gurmit Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur.
- Mejor Singh R/O Vill Shafipur Po Khaba Dogran Distt Amritsar Have Declared That Bikramjit Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname. I, Kirpal Singh S/o

I Bikramjit Singh S/O

- I, Kirpal Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/o Vpo. Tehang Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Kirpal Singh to Kirpal Singh Sandhu.
- I, Davinder Kaur W/o Kirpal Singh Sandhu R/o Vpo. Tehang Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Davinder Kaur to Davinder Kaur Sandhu. I, Usha Rani D/o
- Hussan Lal R/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vpo. Thalla Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Usha Rani to Asha Rani.

 I, Manvir Kaur D/o Amrik Singh R/o Vill: Rawanan Po. Bilga Teh-

Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my

given name is Manvir and surname is Kaur.

I, Swaranjit Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh Brar R/o Vill: Mahian Wala Kalan Teh-Zira Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to

Swaranjit Kaur Brar.

- I Ashwani Kumar S/O Sunder Dass H/No 732 W/No 11 Shah Nehar Colony Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur Declare That My Given Name As Ashwani And Surname As Kumar. I Suman W/O Ashwani
- Kumar H/No 732 W/No 11 Shah Nehar Colony Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Suman To Suman Lata.

 I Gurmeet Singh S/o Kulwant Singh R/o Vpo
- Bundala Patti Hindu Ki Distt Amritsar I have changed my given name to Gurmeet and surname to Singh. I, No 3354033 Ex Sep Mohan Singh S/o Sadhu Singh VPO: Hussainpur
- Lalowal, Teh & Distt
 Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have
 changed the name of my
 daughter from Satinder
 Kaur to Satwinder Kaur.

 I, Premjit widow
 daughter of No 1026127
- Late LD Amrik Singh VPO: Gondpur, Teh: Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed my name from Premjit to Paramjit Kaur. I Amanpreet Singh S/o Rajinder Singh R/o # 223/1,
- Patialal have changed my name as Amanpreet Singh Kohli.

 I Preeti Rani W/o Rahul Garg R/o #221-B St no.11, Manjit Nagar Patiala have

Mohalla Sukhdasspura,

changed my name to Preeti Garg. After Marriage.

I, hitherto known as Roopan Sikand alias Roopan D/o Ravinder Singh R/o House No. A-1, Jagdish Singh Marg, VTC: Patiala, PO: Patiala, District: Patiala, Punjab-147001, India have changed my

name and shall hereafter be

known as Roopan Sikand.

- I, hitherto known as Aman Sikand alias Aman W/o Jasjeet Singh Malli R/o H.No. A-1, Jagdish Singh Marg, District: Patiala, Punjab-147001, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aman Malli.
- I, hitherto known as Ramanpreet Kaur W/o Sukhdeep Singh Sandhu R/o 6217 Patti Tambu Sahib, Malout Road, Muktsar, PO: Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab-152026 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ramanpreet Kaur Sandhu.
- I, hitherto known as Mamta Rani D/o Bikramjit Singh R/o H.No.408 A Street No. 06, Jujhar Nagar, District Patiala, Punjab-147001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manvir Kaur.

- I Krishna Aggarwal W/O Kulbhushan Aggarwal R/O 51 Atwal House Colony Cantt road Jalandhar 144001 Punjab Have Changed my Name From Krishna Aggarwal To Krishna Kumari.All Concerned Please Note.
- I Pallak Gupta W/O Varun Aggarwal R/O 46 Near Maqsudan, Seth Hukum Chand Colony Jalandhar 144001 Punjab Have Changed my Name From Pallak Gupta To Pallak Aggarwal. After Marriage.
- Service 15678551F, Rank HAV, MD IRAD SK, S/o Sh. Sakender SK, presently residing at Qtr 6373, Chandimandar Haryana, Panchkula, hereby state that in the records of my children, my name has been incorrectly recorded as MD IRADSK due to a clerical error. I now wish to correct and change the wrongly recorded name MD IRADSK to my correct name MD IRAD SK.
- **CHZLLA** UENKTYAMMA am Mother of Army No: 17008246M Rank: Sep Name- Chilla Ramakrishna Parmanent Address: House Number-1-Chillaveedh, Bhogapuram (Mandalam), VTC: Gudivada, PO: Gudivada, Sub District: Bhogapuram, District: Vizianagaram, State: Andhra Pradesh, PIN Code: 531162 declare that I have changed my name from CHZĽLA UEŃKTYAMMA to CHILLA VENKAYYAMMA. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219125, Dated: 04/12/2025 I. CHZLLA RAMA RAO
- am Father of Army No: 17008246M Rank: Sep Name- Chilla Ramakrishna Parmanent Address: House Number-1-154, Chillaveedh, Bhogapuram (Mandalam), VTC: Gudivada, PO: Gudivada, Sub District: Bhogapuram, District: Vizianagaram, State: Andhra Pradesh, PIN Code: 531162 declare that I have changed my name from CHZLLA RAMA RAO to CHILLA RAMARAO. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219126, Dated: 04/12/2025
- I, RAM PRATAP GAUR am Father of Army No: 14839433L Rank: Hav/MT Name- Mangala Gaur Presently Posted At Unit: 519 Asc Bn C/o 56 APO Parmanent Address: 18, khersa (bidhnu), Bidhnoo, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 209214 declare that I have changed my name from RAM PRATAP GAUR to RAMPRATAP GAUR. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219122, Dated: 04/12/2025
- I, RAMPRATAP GAUR am Father of Army No: 14839433L Rank: Hav/MT Name- Mangala Gaur Presently Posted At Unit: 519 Asc Bn C/o 56 APO Parmanent Address: 18, khersa (bidhnu), Bidhnoo, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 209214 declare that I have Correct my Date of birth from 01/07/1961 to 01/01/1961. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219123, Dated: 04/12/2025
- I, RADHIKA DEVI am Mother of Army No: 14839433L Rank: Hav/MT Name- Mangala Gaur Presently Posted At Unit: 519 Asc Bn C/o 56 APO Parmanent Address: 18, khersa (Bidhnu), Bidhnoo, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 209214 declare that I have Correct my Date of birth from 01/07/1964 to 01/01/1964. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219124, Dated: 04/12/2025

 I, NELLI TEJASWI is
- Army No: 16120460A Rank: NK Name: Marri Adibabu Presently Residing At Village: 1-69A/4-26, Harijanaveedhi, Bheemavaram, Badangi mandalam, Bheemavaram, Vizianagaram, State: Andhra Pradesh, Pin: 535578 declare that I have Correct My Date of Birth from 14/05/1993 to 14/05/1995.

legally Wedded Spouse of

I, MARRI CHITTIYYA am Father of Army No: 16120460A Rank: Marri Adibabu Name: Presently Residing At Village: 1-69A/4-26, Harijanaveedhi, Badangi Bheemavaram, mandalam, Bheemavaram, Bhimavaram. State: Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, Pin: 535578 declare that I have Correct my Date of birth

22/07/1969

01/01/1976.

am Mother of Army No: 16120460A Rank: NK 16120460A Rank: Adibabu Marri Name: Presently Residing At Village: 1-69A/4-26, Harijanaveedhi, Bheemavaram, Badangi mandalam, Bheemavaram, Bhimavaram, Vizianagaram, Pradesh. 535578 declare that I have MARRI PÚSPAMMA to MARRI PUSHPAMMA and Also Correct my Date of birth from 02/04/1976 to

I, MARRI PUSPAMMA

- I, NAVNEET KAUR is Legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: JC 355831X Rank: Sub Name: Dharam Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 439 Engr Sqouden Leh Nyoma Č/O 5Ġ Apo Permanent Village: Dhir, Address Shankarpur, Teh: Batala Dist: Gurdaspur, State: Punjab,Pin: 143505 Declare that in my husband service record my Date of birth is Wrongly Mentioned as 26/06/1980 but as per Civil/Govt Documents my Correct Date of birth is 05/10/1980. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219127, Dated: 04/12/2025
- I, Hema Bisht W/o Chandan Singh Bisht R/o B-4012, Refinery Township, Panipat, Haryana, have changed my name Hema to thema Bisht. I future I should be known as Hema Bisht.
- I, Chandan Singh Bisht S/o Hira Singh Bisht R/o B-4012, Refinery Township, Panipat, Haryana, have changed my name from Chandan Singh to Chandan Singh Bisht. In future I should be known as Chandan Singh Bisht.
- I, PV SANKAR REDDY am father of ARMY NO. 14681773L, RANK:- NK, NAME:- PALLETI INDRA SENA REDDY resident of 1-36, VEMULAPALLI, VEMULAPALLI, YELLANURU, ANANTAPUR, ANDHRA PRADESH-515414 hereby declare that I have changed
- PRADESH-515414 hereby declare that I have changed my name from PV SANKAR REDDY to PALLETI VIJAYASANKAR REDDY which was wrongly entered in my son's service record. Both names pertain to one and the same person vide Affidevit No.IN-PB93460373912176X Dated 17 November 2025
- Pathankot.

 I, P TULASMMA am mother of ARMY NO. 14681773L, RANK:- NK, NAME:- PALLETI INDRA SENA REDDY resident of 1-36, VEMULAPALLI, YELLANURU.

Notary Public

- ANANTAPUR, ANDHRA PRADESH-515414. hereby declare that I have changed my name from P TULASMMA to PALLETI THOLISAMMA which was wrongly entered in my son's service record. Both names pertain to one and the same person vide Affidevit No.IN-PB93459956163953X Dated 17 November 2025 before Notary public Pathankot.
- I, Teena Devi Wife of GS No. 187696Y MSW PNR Arun Sharma Unit WBW GREF Station, Pathankot resident of Village Gandran Lahri Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot hereby declare that in my husband's GREF service record, my name wrongly written as TINA DEVI but it's correct name is TEENA DEVI. Both names pertain to one and the same person vide Affidevit No. IN-PB99343319622553X dated 4 Dec 2025 before Notary Public Pathankot.
- I, No.6446713 Ex NK Baldev Singh S/o Late Kesar Ram R/O VPO Musahibpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) declare that in my army service records, my Wife's name wrongly written as Bitheya Devi instead to Bidiya Devi. Concerned note.
- I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Arjan Dass R/o 585/8, Near Rana Depot, Gurdaspur (Punjab) presently residing at 171-K, S/F, Type-2, Chitra Gupta Road, Aram Bagh, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055 have changed my minor daughter's name from Hargun to Vaani. Concerned note.

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States Focus



CENTRE BEGINS 100-DAY PUSH FOR CHILD MARRIAGE-FREE INDIA

Union Minister of Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi on Thursday said child marriage snatches childhood away from daughters and pushes them towards early maternity and "unimaginable suffering". She was speaking at the launch of a '100-day Intensive Awareness Campaign for a Child Marriage Free Bharat', where she stressed that the country must adopt "zero tolerance" towards child marriage. The minister urged states, civil society groups, and community leaders to unite with an "unwavering commitment" to eliminate the practice. She said India had made "historic progress", but that far more remained to be done. "Even one child marriage is unacceptable for us," she said.



ODISHA GOVT SANCTIONS ₹1 CRORE FOR DHANU JATRA FESTIVAL

The Odisha Government on Thursday sanctioned ₹1 crore for Baragarh's Dhanu Jatra, during which the town transforms into an open-air theatre with the life of Lord Krishna being enacted over 11 days. The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Odia Language, Literature & Culture Minister Suryabanshi Suraj. The festival is scheduled to be held from December 24 to January 3.

TMC suspends MLA for planning Babri Mosque replica

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ Kolkata

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has finally suspended maverick yet, powerful party legislator and former minister from Murshidabad Humayun Kabir for trying to "communalise" the political situation by announcing his plans to construct a Babri Mosque in his district and later in all the districts of the State.

Announcing the decision senior party leader Firhad Hakim on Thursday said that despite being cautioned against making communal remarks Kabir chose to remain indifferent to the party line leading to his

"We cautioned him twice and asked him to refrain from communally sensitive remarks but he still refused to mend his ways that is why we have taken the decision to suspend him the party will have no relation with him hence forward," Hakim who besides being the Mayor of Kolkata and a senior member



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a public rally at Berhampore in Murshidabad district West Bengal on Thursday

of Mamata Banerjee Cabinet as well as the TMC's Muslim face said.

Kabir a former Congress leader was initially mentored by the then Behrampore MP Adhir Chowdhury before the both parted ways and the

former joined the TMC. Considered a leader with considerable following is an from Bharatpur constituency of Murshidabad

Murshidabad had been making unnecessary, irresponsible and communal remarks he was cautioned thrice but he would not listen then he suddenly declared "The party leadership that he would construct a noticed that an MLA from Babri Masjid in his district

attempt to communalise the local politics as he refused to mend his ways the party has decided to suspend him and will have no relation with him and will not be responsible for his remarks," Hakim also considered primarily a leader of the State's Urdu-speaking Muslims said. Kabir had declared that

the foundation stone for the proposed mosque would be laid at Beldanga on December 6. The suspended leader is also credited with a statement made in the run up to 2024 parliamentary elections when he threatened to cut 30 percent of the population of his district and throw them in River Bhagirathi (Ganges) triggering massive repercussions from the State BJP. Around 67 percent population of Murshidabad is Muslim and

the rest are Hindus. When asked for his response, Kabir said he would submit his resignation and launch a new political outfit. "I had told earlier that I would

decision to float a new political party and will field candidates in all the districts I don't believe in blank fires I am saying this with enough confidence that the Muslim people of Bengal are disgusted with the TMC and its leadership they do not want to be exploited any more...My will be a truly secular party evenly represented by all the communities now we will show what we can do," Kabir who is likely to lay the foundation stone of his proposed Babri Mosque on December 6 said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee on Thursday said that there were some leaders who were in the payroll of the BJP and were trying to harm the secular ambience of the State. Though she would not name anyone she said, "we will not tolerate communalisation of politics by anyone or members of any community these people are being paid by the BJP to communally divide the voters" to make way for the saffron party.

Shiv Sena leader alleges theft from Karnataka bank locker

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ Mumbai

In a shocking development, Shiv Sena (Shinde) deputy leader and former MLA Krishna Hegde has lodged a complaint with the police alleging a 'theft' of valuables from his safe deposit locker in the strong-room of the Parle East branch of Karnataka Bank in northwest Mumbai.

In his complaint lodged with the Vile Parle Police Station, Hegde said he had kept in his ban locker several valuables — including his mother's jewellery, cash and some key documents — on September 19 and when he opened the locker on October 22, he found many of the items in it had gone missing.

Apart from his mother's jewellery, cash and some key documents, the other items kept in his burgled bank locker included his licensed revolver and watches. "Some of the items in my locker have gone missing," Hegde said. He however did not disclose

the estimated value of the

articles lost.

Following the "theft", he had taken up the matter with bank's branch manager Manish Kumar, Cluster Manager Hari Sarin, DGM Rajgopala Bhatt and others on November 27.

On the following day, he submitted a formal theft complaint with Vile Parle Police Station Senior Police Inspector Gabaji Chimte; and a probe is underway.

Accusing the bank management of delaying the internal probe and attempting him to deter him from lodging a complaint, Hegde said: "The bank officials did not act quickly on my complaint. They called a Godrej key-maker and involved the bank's internal vigilance. This was not to probe the theft, but to bury the matter and somehow deter me from filing a police complaint".

'There is utter lack of response from the Karnataka Bank's top brass. I have sent several emails to the Managing Director and CEO, Raghvendra Bhat, but I have not received a single reply from him. The only responses I have received are from action in the matter.

the very branch where my locker was burgled".

Hegde alleged that the modus operandi behind the lock theft could be that the miscreants had made duplicate keys of mostly dormant lockers with the help of some unscrupulous locksmiths as the banks already hold the 'master key' to all lockers.

While seeking stringent action is needed against all the offenders, Hegde said that banks must modernize security and surveillance systems. Bank customers deserve protection, not excuses

Hegde said that he had approached the ombudsman of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for necessary

Chaos at West **Bengal CEO** office as BLOs protest SIR deadlines

SAUGAR SENGUPTA | Kolkata

There quite a commotion Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) when a large section of the Trinamool Congress backed booth level officers engaged in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls on Thursday staged a restive demonstration demanding extension of the submission of

enumeration forms. A group of 400 strong officials of BLO Protection Committee shouted slogans against the Election Commission of India (ECI) and breached the barricades trying to enter the CEO office where they were stopped by the security forces forcing them to stage a sit-in.

Accompanied by the family members of the BLOs who had died during the SIR they complained "we have been running against time and are on the verge of a breakdown. We have to attend to our duties in schools, remain awake all night to digitise the enumeration forms the ECI has not been extending the deadline despite our appeal to do so they are issuing fresh notifications and orders over WhatsApp every day," one of the agitating BLOs said.

Incidentally about 99 per cent of the enumeration forms had been digitized in Bengal which stood fourth Lakshwadeep Rajasthan and Goa in terms of ditigisting the forms.

Meanwhile, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee once again thundered from a rally in Murshidabad district accusing once again Union Home Minister Amit Shah for creating a panic of President's Rule in Bengal so as to enforce an "unplanned SIR" in two months "which is a work of two years."

She said "it was Amit Shah's trick to enforce SIR with a hidden threat of President's Rule if we had blocked SIR then they would have enforced a President's Rule," adding however that till she was there she would not allow anyone to

Tezpur University shutdown enters 6th day as proposal rejected

TONY DAS Guwahati

The shutdown by students of Tezpur University in Assam entered its sixth day on Thursday over their demand for the removal of the vicechancellor, while staffers of the varsity rejected Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's proposal for the appointment of a pro VC.

State Congress president Gaurav Gogoi has also accused Sarma of "masking the failures" of current VC Shambhu Nath Singh by suggesting the appointment of a pro vice chancellor.

The students of the varsity have been protesting since mid-September for alleged corruption and financial irregularities, and have started the shutdown of all academic activities on the campus from November 29 for an indefinite period. A faculty member said the shutdown has been relaxed for departmental emergencies and pending work for a few hours in the morning for three days since Wednesday.



he had spoken to Union Minister Education Pradhan Dharmendra regarding the shutdown of Tezpur University and urged him to appoint a pro VC immediately, pending an impartial enquiry into the conduct of the present VC.

"The Tezpur University fraternity strongly rebuts the Assam chief minister's recent statement regarding the ongoing crisis on the campus. His suggestion to appoint a pro vice chancellor reflects a clear misunderstanding of the movement's

Sarma on Wednesday said long-standing and repeatcommunicated demand: the urgent appointment of an acting vice chancellor," Tezpur University United Forum (TUUF) said in a statement late on Wednesday.

The ongoing agitation in the central varsity in Sonitpur district is being carried out under the aegis of the TUUF.

The forum also claimed that the university has been in "turmoil" for 76 days, and during the entire period, the chief minister "chose to remain silent".

"His sudden involvement

only after the situation gained national attention raises serious concern about whether he is acting out of genuine responsibility or political self-preservation," the TUUF questioned.

The chief minister "ignored the crisis for weeks" despite continuous protests, appeals and institutional paralysis, the forum alleged, adding that "leadership demands timely engagement, not last-

"Our demands remain unchanged - immediate suspension of the current vice chancellor, pending enquiry, appointment of an acting vice chancellor — not a pro-VC and publication of all inquiry reports already submitted to authorities," the TUUF added.

Gogoi has also expressed his 'disappointment' with the chief minister's stand on the issues.

"Real leadership would have meant that the chief minister would have stood with the faculty, staff and students of this prestigious university. Instead, the chief minister is masking the failures of the current vice chancellor by suggesting a pro vice chancellor," he said in a post on X on Thursday.

Citing old news reports, Gogoi claimed that there were "enquiries about financial irregularities from the office of Principal Accountant General" during Singh's term as VC of Patna University in

"It would be best that the prestige of Tezpur University should be paramount, and a new Vice Chancellor be appointed. Stop using the University of Northeast for posting controversial VCs," the Congress deputy leader in the Lok Sabha added.

All end-term examinations have been cancelled, and other activities have also stopped in the varsity.

The Tezpur University Teachers' Association (TUTA) and Tezpur University Non-Teaching Employees' Association (TUNTEA) have extended their support to the agitation.

Ruling BJP confronts its own bureaucracy in MP

GIRISH SHARMA ■ Bhopal

Ministers and BJP MLAs in Madhya Pradesh are preparing to open a coordinated front against what they describe as an increasingly unresponsive bureaucracy. They have decided to lodge a formal complaint with the chief minister, arguing that administrative resistance is now disrupting governance and weakening the authority of elected representatives.

The latest flashpoint surfaced at the Madhya Pradesh BJP headquarters, where two ministers are stationed each day under a new coordination mechanism meant to improve interaction with party workers. Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development Pratima Bagri, who handled the outreach on Thursday, said the arrangement helps workers raise issues directly with ministers. But she stressed that the core problem lies in the functioning of the bureaucracy.

Bagri said ministers and MLAs are routinely facing situations where officials ignore their calls or fail to act on instructions. This, she said, has slowed file movement, delayed constituency work and created unnecessary pressure on elected representatives. Bagri also noted that she had recently raised a similar concern during a cabinet meeting, stating that officials "do not listen to ministers," a remark that drew attention to a widening internal governance rift.

The decision to approach the chief minister comes after months of complaints from lawmakers across regions. MLAs from Malwa, Bundelkhand, Gwalior-Chambal and tribal districts report a growing pattern of

administrative officers taking unilateral decisions without political consultation. Many say district-level functioning has become excessively rigid, with approvals and clearances moving at a pace far slower

than what developmental targets require. This strain comes at a critical time. Madhya Pradesh is entering a heavy implementation cycle for infrastructure, urban development, agriculture-linked interventions and welfare expansions for 2025-26. Any breakdown in coordination between the political leadership and the administrative machinery risks delaying flagship projects and weakening service delivery

in high-need areas. Public frustration mirrors these concerns. Citizens in several districts report long delays in land records, housing approvals, ration updates, pension processing and municipal permissions. In many cases, appeals routed through MLAs or ministers have failed to accelerate action, strengthening the perception that bureaucracy — not elected representatives — is control-

The emerging confrontation has triggered internal debate within the ruling BJP. Senior leaders argue that democratic accountability must guide administrative behaviour, not the other way around.

ling governance outcomes.

Bijapur encounter toll rises to 18 as six more bodies of Naxaliles found ny and paid tribute to them. PIONEER NEWS SERVICE underway in the area.

Bijapur (Chhattisgarh)

Six more bodies of Naxalites have been recovered following an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, taking the toll of cadres killed in the gun battle to 18, officials said on Thursday. Three personnel of the District Reserve Guard, a unit of the state police, were also killed in the gunfight which took place on Wednesday.

Following a prolonged intermittent exchange of fire that lasted for around 12 hours, bodies of 12 Naxalites were recovered till late evening, Wednesday Inspector General of Police Sundarraj P said.

Six more bodies were found till Thursday morning during a search in the area. With this, the toll of Naxalites killed in the encounter has gone up to 18, he said, adding that the search operation was still

The operation involving personnel of the DRG from Dantewada and Bijapur, and Special Task Force, both units of the state police, and CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action — an elite unit of CRPF) was launched based on inputs about the presence of west Bastar division and PLGA company number 2 of Maoists in the area, he said.

"Our security forces bravely retaliated to the Maoists' firing, but unfortunately, our three brave jawans belonging to DRG Bijapur were martyred in the action," he said.

The IG was speaking to reporters after paying homage to the three deceased security personnel at Bijapur Police Lines.

Family members of the three killed jawans, public representatives, officials and local people were also present at the wreath-laying ceremo-

The deceased personnel head constable Monu Vadadi, constable Dukaru Gonde and jawan Ramesh Sodhi were residents of Bijapur district. Their mortal remains were sent to their

native places after the people

Two DRG personnel were also injured in the incident. One of the killed Naxalites has been identified as Modiyami Vella, while the identity of the remaining killed cadres was yet to be ascertained, the IG said.

paid tributes to them.

Vella was active as commander of company number 2 of PLGA (People's Liberation Guerrilla Army) of Maoists and involved in several incidents of attacks on security forces, including the 2020 Minpa ambush (Sukma), wherein 17 security personnel lost their lives, and Tekalgudem (Bijapur) attack, in which 22 security personnel were killed in 2021, he said.

BJP MLAs walk out of Himachal Assembly over alleged lathi charge on ABVP workers PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu's

Dharamshala/Shimla

BJP legislators walked out of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly on Thursday in protest of the alleged lathi charge on ABVP workers near the Zorawar Stadium in Dharamshala.

Raising a point of order after the question hour, Leader of Opposition lai Ram Thakur said the subdivisional magistrate (SDM), Dharamshala, had granted permission to the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) to organise the protest march to the Zorawar Stadium, yet the police resorted to lathi charge on the protesters.

He also accused the chief minister of misleading the House, saying Sukhu had earlier told the assembly that the ABVP had not been granted permission for the protest demonstration.

Several people were



Leader of Opposition in Himachai Prauesii Assembly speaking with the media during the Winter session of the State Assembly in Dharamshala on Thursday

injured following a scuffle between ABVP activists and the police at the Zorawar ground on Wednesday after workers of the RSS-affiliated students' organisation arrived in large numbers to gherao the Vidhan Sabha to press for their demands.

The ABVP workers alleged that women activists were

kicked by male police personnel and demanded action against the police, specifically the suspension of station house officer, Dharamshala, for taking the ABVP workers to a community hall after the protest, and allegedly threatening and thrashing them.

As per Chief Minister

statement on Wednesday, one male and three female police constables were injured in the scuffle and six people were injured due to the agitation.

During the protest, ABVP workers also misbehaved with a female constable, which the Government has taken seriously, he said.

The leader of opposition also raised the issue of Youth Congress workers burning and kicking an effigy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi outside the Raj Bhavan earlier in November.

Terming the incident as

unfortunate, he questioned whether the authorities had taken any action against the Youth Congress workers responsible for this. He then said the BJP leg-

islative party was walking out of the House in protest of the lathi charge on the ABVP activists.



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HC declines to put on hold order allowing lighting of oil lamp on TN hill



The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Thursday declined to stay an order of a single judge allowing the lighting of traditional "Karthigai Deepam" oil lamp at a stone pillar, meant for that purpose, on the Thirupparankundram hill, housing the Lord Subramaniya Swamy temple. A bench led by Justice G Jayachandran and Justice KK Ramakrishnan declined to interfere with the order of Justice GR Swaminathan allowing the lighting of the lamp on the hill.

On December 1, Justice Swaminathan allowed writ petitions that sought a direction for appropriate arrangements to light the Karthigai Deepam at the "Dheepathoon," which is the stone pillar. A devotee Ram Ravi Kumar approached the High Court, represented by Advocate MR Venkatesh. By lighting the lamp at Deepathoon, which is meant for that purpose, the structure of the Dargha is not in any way affected and the Dargha is located at a safe distance of not less than 50 meters away from the stone pillar, the judge had said

Ensure 30 per cent quota for women lawyers in State **Bar Councils, SC to BCI**



India (BCI) to ensure 30 per cent reservation for women in the upcoming State bar council elections. The top court, while hearing a petition seeking mandatory women's representation in state bar councils, was told by the apex bar body BCI that implementing such reservation would require amendments to the Advocates Act.

"We expect that the BCI will construe the rules in such a manner that it will ensure 30 per cent reservation in State Bar Councils; such a position should also be available for some posts of office bearers," said the bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi.

When the lawyer for the BCI expressed uncertainty on whether sufficient number of women lawyers would contest, the bench referred to a workshop held by the Supreme Court Bar Association based on a survey among women lawyers. "You were not there in yesterday's workshop. 83 per cent of the women want to be members in the SCBA," the CJI said.





SC asks States to provide more staff to ECI

Taking note of a plea alleging extreme work pressure faced by the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) engaged in the time-bound special revision of the electoral rolls, the Supreme Court directed the States on Thursday to consider deputing additional employees for reducing their working hours.

The court was hearing an application filed by actor Vijay's party, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), seeking a direction to the Election Commission of India (ECI) not to take coercive actions under the Representation of the People (RP) Act against the BLOs for not performing the duty in a time-bound manner and pointing out that many of them have committed suicide due to the work pressure.

A bench of Chief Justice Surva Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi took note of the submissions made senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who appeared in the matter for the TVK, that some instructions are needed to be issued as many BLOs, who are either teachers or anganwadi workers, have died due to the extreme pressure exerted on them

Sankaranarayanan said moreover, the EC officials are also getting FIRs lodged against the BLOs if they fail to perform their duties.

The CII said the States may consider deploying additional staff, so that the work pressure is eased. "In FIRs under section 32 of the RP Act

including being overburdened with their routine duties as well as the additional duties assigned by the Flection Commission, the State Government can obviate such hardships," the bench noted.

The States may consider the "desirability of deputing additional staff at the disposal of the EC, so that the working hours can be proportionately reduced", an order issued by the court said.

The bench said if any employee has any "specific reason" for seeking exemption from the SIR duty, the competent officer of the state can consider such requests on a case-tocase basis and replace such an employee with another.

"However, it shall not be construed or understood as if they can withdraw the employees who have been assigned the duty if their substitutes are not provided," it added.

The court further said the States where the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls is underway, "shall be obligated to deploy the requisite workforce at the disposal of the EC, though the strength of such employees can be increased as explained above"

The bench disposed of the plea, saying the other prayers like seeking ex-gratia compensation for the BLOs who died during SIR duties can be revived later, either by the aggrieved persons or the petitioner, by filing another application at a later stage. During the hearing, Sankaranarayanan said

have been filed by the poll panel against BLOs.

Section 32 of the Act deals with a breach of official duty by electoral officers, making it punishable with imprisonment and fines for neglecting their duties related to the electoral rolls.

The senior lawyer said BLOs are not equipped to perform the SIR duties in such a short span of time and moreover, there are internetrelated issues. He said the teachers and anganwadi workers have to go for SIR duties early morning or late at night, before or after their regular work.

He said a youngster, who had to go on leave for his wedding, was denied leave and suspended.

"He committed suicide.... When

you are doing this, at least show the harsh, it should not be initiated," the lawyer said. The bench said the state Governments cannot run away

from their obligation. "If there is a difficulty being experienced, then on a case-to-case basis, the State Government can exempt employees and provide an alternative," the CII said. "Why should the Election Commission register FIRs?" Sankaranarayanan asked. "It is not for the first time, earlier also they have been registering it," the CJI said.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the pressure on the BLOs is a "harsh reality". Citing the example of Uttar Pradesh, the CJI said the election in the State is due in 2027, yet the BLOs in a time-bound manner.

The bench said no state has so far approached the court citing difficulties. Senior advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Maninder Singh, appearing in the matter for the EC, said in Tamil Nadu, more than 90 per cent of the enumeration forms have been supplied.

Dwivedi said the poll panel resorted to criminal proceedings only when the BLOs showed reluctance to perform their duties. He said such arguments are used to create a particular kind of political narrative.

On November 30, the EC extended the entire schedule for the ongoing SIR exercise in nine States and three Union territories by a week, amid allegations by opposition parties that the "tight timelines" were causing problems for people and ground-level poll officials.

The EC announced the SIR in the nine states and three Union territories on October 27. Nearly 51 crore electors will be covered in the massive voter-list cleanup These states and Union territories

are — the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

Among these, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and West Bengal are scheduled go to polls in 2026. For Assam, where polls are also due in 2026, the revision of the electora rolls was announced separately.

HC dismisses SAD leader Majithia's bail plea in disproportionate assets case

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Chandigarh

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday dismissed the bail plea of Shiromani Akali Dal leader and former Punjab minister Bikram Singh Majithia in a disproportionate assets case, observing that the possibility of him influencing the investigation could not be ruled out. While pronouncing the order, Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya, however, directed the Punjab Vigilance Bureau to complete its probe within three months. Thereafter, the petitioner can seek his release on bail, the scious of the fact that the petitioner cannot be kept in custody for an indefinite period, as that would infringe upon his right to liberty.

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau arrested Majithia on June 25 in the disproportionate assets case that involved alleged laundering of ₹540 crore of "drug money". He was booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The FIR against Maiithia stems from an ongoing probe being conducted by a Punjab Police special investigation team into a 2021 drug case. Pronouncing the order on Thursday, the court observed that the petitioner is one of the prominent political figures in the Punjab and had been a cabinet minister for over seven years.

'The investigating agency has cited about 20 material witnesses, who have been termed vulnerable. In case the petitioner is to be released from custody at this stage, the possibility of his influencing the further course of investigation, trying to cover up the questionable transactions, manipulating the record relating to the same, influencing the concerned persons/witnesses not to cooperate with the investigating agency, cannot



be ruled out," read the order. The court said the petitioner is accused of serious economic offences.

'Investigation of the case has revealed huge unaccounted money in his bank accounts, as also the setting up of a large number of companies through which the financial transactions have been carried out surreptitiously for his benefit.

'It has also come to the notice of the investigating agency that money has been routed through some foreign entities based in Singapore and Cyprus. The petitioner is directly or indirectly in control of most of these entities with immediate family members, and appears to be the key beneficiary," it said. The High Court order stated that the transactions, as well as assets accumulated by routing the money in the manner aforementioned, are being investigated, and all this has adverse ramifications for the financial health of

Maiithia's counsel RS Cheema contended that the companies or entities

mentioned in the FIR have been thoroughly investigated by the state in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act case, as well as in the case the vigilance bureau mentioned the alleged disproportionate assets and cash deposits in the petitioner's as well as in companies' accounts as "drug money"

Opposing Majithia's bail plea, Punjab Advocate General Maninderjit Singh Bedi and additional Advocate General Chanchal Singla submitted that the petitioner is accused of very serious economic offences. Majithia is lodged in the New Nabha jail in Patiala. A Mohali court rejected his bail plea in August.

The Vigilance Bureau filed an over 40,000-page chargesheet in the disproportionate assets case in the Mohali court on August 22. In 2021, Majithia was booked under the NDPS Act.

The action was taken on the basis of a 2018 report of the anti-drug Special Task Force. He spent more than five months in Patiala jail.

No GST on leasing out residential premises as hostel for students: SC

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New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday held that leasing out of residential premises to an entity which is using it as hostel for students and working professionals is exempted from GST.

A bench of justices JB Pardiwala and Viswanathan upheld the verdict of the Karnataka High Court which said that leasing out of residential premises to an entity which is using it as hostel to students and working professionals is exempt under GST.

'In the case on hand, the ultimate use of the property as residence remains unchanged. However, if 18 per cent GST is levied on this transaction between the respondent No. 1 and the lessee ie, M/s DTwelve Spaces Private Limited, the same would ultimately be passed on to the students and working professionals which would lead to a situation where the legislative intent behind granting exemption for residential use is defeated," the bench said.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by a co-owner of the residential property having 42 rooms in

The petitioner along with

a lease deed in favour of the lessee, namely M/s D Twelve Spaces Private Limited.

other co-owners executed

The lessee leased out the aforesaid residential property as hostel for long term accommodation to students and working professionals with the duration of stay ranging from three to 12 months.

The petitioner sought clarification with regard to its eligibility to seek exemption for the renting services provided and filed an application before the Authority of Advance Ruling, Karnataka.

The AAR, Karnataka held that the renting of residential dwelling for use as residence is not covered under entry 13 and the benefit of exemption according to notification is not available.

The petitioner filed an appeal before the Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling which held that the property rented out is a hostel and cannot be termed as residential accommodation or residential dwelling and denied the benefit of exemption.

The Karnataka High Court held that the leasing out of residential premises to an entity who is using it as 'hostel' to students and working professionals is exempt under GST.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Thursday asked the Centre to facilitate communication between actor Celina Jaitly and her brother, a former Indian Army officer detained in the UAE for more than

The court was hearing a plea filed by the actor seeking effective legal representation for her brother Major Vikrant Kumar Jaitly (retd).

The actor's application claimed that her brother has been residing in the UAE since 2016. She said that he was employed with the MATITI Group, which is engaged in trading, consultancy, and risk management services.

Major Vikrant had been "illegally abducted and detained" in the UAE on September 6 last year, the petition said.

However, despite the passage of over one year, the Ministry of External Affairs



Government services app) or

by another relevant mode.

The court noted that

according to the status report

filed by the ministry, a nodal

officer had been appointed

It, however, sought a fresh

status report and posted the

matter for further proceed-

was in tears, and her counsel

submitted that the actor was

unable to communicate with

Major Vikrant, despite the

court's earlier directions.

During the hearing, Celina

ngs on December 23.

Delhi HC asks MEA to facilitate communication

between Celina, her brother detained in UAE

basic information about the actor's brother, including his welfare conditions and legal

status, the plea alleged. On November 3, the court had directed the Government

to file its response. On Thursday, Justice Sachin Datta directed the MEA to inform Major Vikrant in the next consular access that his

sister wished to talk to him. Besides, Justice Dutta also asked the MEA to facilitate Celina's communication with her brother via the TAMM her brother through the UAE government's app as it could be used only by the country's citizens. It was informed to the

court on behalf of the centre that efforts were being made to enable Celina to communicate with her brother and that Major Vikrant had been granted consular access. Last month, the court had

The advocate said Celina

could not communicate with

directed the authorities to make attempts to ensure that contact between the actress and her brother is facilitated, in addition to ensuring contact between him and his wife.

"The respondent (Centre) shall depute a nodal officer for the above purpose and also to apprise the petitioner and other family members of the detainee as regards the status of the detainee and the legal proceedings. Let the nodal officer provide regular updates to the petitioner and other family members," the court had said.

SC asks all High Courts to submit details of pending acid attack cases in four weeks

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Terming tardy trials in acid attack cases as a "mockery of the system", the Supreme Court on Thursday directed all the High Courts to submit details of such pending cases across the country within four weeks.

Mooting the idea of setting up special courts for expeditious disposal of acid attack cases, the top court also asked the Centre to consider amending the law through legislation or even an ordinance so that the survivors are formally included within the definition of persons with disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act to avail welfare schemes. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi also issued notices to the Centre and the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on a PIL filed by acid attack survivor Shaheen Malik that the victims be categorised as persons with disabilities to ensure

access to welfare schemes. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta assured the court that the issue would be taken up with "due seriousness" by the Government.

shame" the prolonged delay of 16 years in Malik's own case, which has been pending since 2009 before a Rohini

Malik, who also argued personally, said that she was attacked in 2009, yet the trial has still not concluded. 'Mere saath 2009 mein attack hua tha, abhi tak trial chal raha hai' (I was attacked in 2009; the trial is still going on)," she said. Till 2013, nothing happened in the case and the trial, which is now taking place in Rohini in Delhi, is now at the stage of final hearing, she said. Expressing surprise over the delay of over 16 years, the CJI said, "The offence is of 2009 and the trial is not completed! If the National Capital cannot respond to these challenges, then who will deal with them? It is a shame on the system! This is a national shame."

The CJI asked Malik to file an application in the PIL itself explaining why the matter has not been concluded, assuring her that the court may even take suo motu cognisance. The CJI said the trial in her case must be held on a day-to-day basis. "Issue notice. Learned Solicitor General who was present in the court has graciously accepted notice.

"He has also expressed concern

The bench termed as "national about the causes raised in the instant petition. We also direct the registrar generals of all high courts to furnish the details of pending trials in the cases of acid attack victims in their respective jurisdiction," the bench ordered.

The CJI said that the aspect of pendency of cases and covering acid attack victims within the definition of persons with disabilities will be taken up after four weeks. The bench, however, said that it will take up next week the issue of the delay in the trial in Malik's case at a Rohini court here.

During the hearing, Malik highlight ed the plight of victims who are forced to ingest acid, often surviving with artificial feeding tubes and severe disabilities. The CJI expressed shock and said he had heard about the incidents of acid-throwing but had never come across cases where victims were forced to consume acid. CJI Kant further remarked that these offences ought to be tried in special courts, given the gravity and the impact on survivors. "This is a mockery of the system. There should be no sympathy for such persons (accused)," he said.

The perpetrators "should meet with the same ruthlessness as done by them," the solicitor general said.





Putin visit: Reaffirming Indo-Russian solidarity

Russian President's visit carries significance beyond ceremony, reinforcing India's strategic autonomy and its pursuit of an independent foreign policy

India and Russia have been friends since the cold war days when India refused to join the western bloc and charted its Non-aligned course. It came at its own peril as the US sided with Pakistan and was suspicious of India's intention. But the gamble paid off as India maintained its independent foreign policy without budging to the US pressure. Russia supported it in the times of crisis and the friendship endured.

In the present context too, this holds good as India has refused to bow to the US pressure and maintained steady relation with Russia. Russian President Vladimir Putin's state visit to New Delhi will go a long way in cementing this relationship as both countries need each other than ever before. For India, the visit is far more than a diplomatic formality. It is a reaffirmation of a long-standing partnership, a signal of continuity in a turbulent world, and above all, a clear articulation of India's strategic autonomy at a time when Western world continue to frown upon India's import of discounted Russian oil. The visit is packed with symbolism and substance – from a ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhavan to paying homage at Raj Ghat, and from restricted talks at Hyderabad House to the annual India-Russia Summit, every segment reflects the depth of a relationship that has withstood vagaries of time and pressure from external actors.

This is also an occasion for balancing a heavily skewed trade basket. Although bilateral trade touched \$68 billion last year, driven largely by India's purchase of Russian oil, India's exports amounted to less than \$5 billion. The business forum organised jointly by FICCI and Roscongress was therefore crucial. Defence cooperation, traditionally the bedrock of the partnership, is set to deepen further following the visit. Just ahead of the visit, the Russian Duma ratified the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS), which will facilitate the movement and support of warships, military aircraft, and personnel to India. Modeled on India's Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) with the US, Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics (RELOS) with Russia represents a modernisation of the defence relationship, enabling more joint exercises, humanitarian missions, and interoperability. Ongoing discussions over the supply of S-400 systems, Su-57 aircraft, and small modular nuclear reactors further underline Russia's continuing relevance to India's military and energy security architecture.

Besides, the geopolitical context of the visit cannot be ignored. Since the Ukraine conflict began, India has faced sustained pressure from Western countries to reduce its economic and strategic engagement with Moscow. Yet New Delhi has resisted these demands, choosing instead to prioritise its national interest. Putin's visit, therefore, is a reminder that India's foreign policy is shaped neither by the US pressure nor by ideological factors but by its national interest. With agreements spanning trade, agriculture, defence, academia, and media – one message stands out: the India-Russia relationship is evolving and is here to stay.

India's civilisational cohesion

What emerges from this long arc of history is a simple truth: India's unity has never rested on sameness, but on a civilisational ethos that embraces plurality while sustaining a shared rhythm of life



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Lately, Shri Mohan Bhagwat, RSS chief, has been speaking with renewed urgency about the unity of India. His concerns are not new. In truth, questions about the cohesion of the subcontinent have echoed since the passing of Akbar. During his nearly half-century rule, Akbar ensured that the people of northern India - and indeed their very souls — breathed in a common rhythm. The south, though geographically distant, shared a civilisational bond that had endured for centuries. Yet since the end of the 12th century, this bond was never fully spontaneous. Every ruler who ascended the throne of Delhi, including the remarkable Razia Sultan. was quietly scrutinised with a single question: is this monarch a sovereign first and a Muslim second — or the other way round?

Akbar was exceptional precisely because he answered this question with unusual clarity. For him, kingship was not a secondary identity it was the first and the last. His life offered little room for confusion. At just thirteen, he found himself in the storm of the Second Battle of

Over the next five years, as he consolidated his power, he thought deeply about the nature of his rule. He realised that he was destined to govern an empire in which nearly 97 per cent of his subjects were Hindu. His long-term success required not merely their obedience but their goodwill. This did not mean antagonising Muslims, but it certainly meant displeasing an orthodox clergy that envisioned the empire under the Nizam-e-Mustafa, where political authority followed religious guidance. Akbar chose a different path — one that placed the stability of the realm above sectarian demands.

Most rulers of the Delhi Sultanate and later the Mughal Empire, however, presided over a realm that resembled what Tipu Sultan would later proudly call a "religious state." The consequence was a deep and often painful divide: rulers and their beneficiaries stood on one side, while the vast Hindu populace remained on the other.

Hindus were routinely called kafir — a term denoting a non-believer, but one that soon came to be understood as an insult in daily life. They were tolerated as taxpayers, artisans and the economic backbone of the empire. For military service, they were summoned when necessary. but rarely trusted with command. A sense of distance persisted, even when peace prevailed.

In medieval India, ideas such as "the souls of all citizens breathing together" to define nationality had not yet been articulated; such expressions would arise much later in Europe.



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grasp — then or now — is that Hinduism, with its inductive, voluntary and internally diverse nature, forms a deeper and more enduring basis for unity than a rigid, pre-

scriptive ideology.

The Hindu ethos, often described simply as 'culture", has historically fostered an implicit unity across India's immense diversity. One example is the idea of karma.

ki ekta, the harmony of friendship and coex-

istence. This unity was not spoken of daily, but

it revealed itself in moments of crisis: in the

long turmoil of Kashmir, or even in the occa-

sional tensions in Tamil Nadu that could

reverberate across the subcontinent. Indians

instinctively sensed that unity was not a

The trauma of 1947 was the most severe test

of this idea of unity. One-third of the country

broke away to follow Mr Jinnah's vision. Yet

within twenty-four years, in 1971, more than half of Pakistan rejected that very

poetic abstraction but a lived necessity.

A Hindu is taught to believe that one's circumstances are shaped by one's own past actions. Whether or not one remembers the details of past lives, the underlying philosophy encourages introspection rather than blame. A Hindu tends to hold oneself responsible for adversity, instead of attributing calamity to others or to the state. This worldview, for centuries, prevented large-scale politicisation of suffering. Had the population of western Pakistan embraced such a view, its violent break from its eastern wing might have unfolded very differently.

The greatest virtue of Hinduism is that it is rarely against anyone. Precisely for this reason, Swami Vivekananda, during his visit to the United States, chose to use the terms "Vedanta" and "Vedantism." He wanted to make it clear that Hinduism was not a negation of other faiths but a vast philosophical tradition.

Significantly, India has never witnessed a Hindu-Christian riot, even in regions like Nagercoil The episode demonstrated that The Pioneer where conversions have been religious identity alone cannot The Pioneer widespread. Scuffles may have hold a country together. What SINCE 1865 occurred, but not large-scale communal violence. The more frequent historical clashes were

between Hindus and Muslims, often triggered by anxieties nurtured by sections of the clergy. From time to time, religious leaders warned their communities that a relaxed attitude might allow Hindus to grow complacent — or even to grow in number. Partition, however, dramatically reduced the political potency of this rhetoric.

Across these centuries, one truth has quietly endured: the unity of India does not rest on uniformity of religion, language or ethnicity. It rests on a civilisational ethos — rooted in Hindu thought yet open to all — that absorbs difference without erasing it. Akbar sensed this. Modern India, too, must remember it.

PIC TALK Hands that pick the world's favourite morning brew. In Assam's Nagaon district, a

tea worker continues a craft handed down through generations PHOTO: PTI

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Pushing into the second half of my fifties can feel like either a renaissance after a lifetime of plodding or a slow slide into becoming a relic condemned to decrepitude. For me, navigating this terrain has taken an unexpected turn. I now find myself looking up to a generation many decades younger, with equal measures of wariness and admiration. Gen Z has me quite jazzed these days. There is something about them that intrigues me, even drawing me to

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emulate certain aspects of their disposition. The criticisms laid against them by older generations are plentiful. The cavernous gap that exists between them and us manifests in many ways. There is a mutual 'sus' that pervades our interactions, and their presence invariably makes me feel like I lack the 'rizz'. Like many in my generation, I

too have had qualms about the way they conduct the business of life, but I now wonder if their new ways are being

Gen Z inspires carefree living and confidence

misunderstood and dismissed by us rather too quickly. Gen Z has grown up in a world that demands constant self-presentation on social media, in academics, in job markets, and in every space they inhabit. They don't have it easy anywhere. Confidence, for them, is not vanity; it is a survival skill. Even when they're unsure, they must sound sure. Older generations mistake that certitude for arrogance. That very conviction mirrors back the diffidence I carried through my youth, even in a world far less com-

petitive than theirs. I envy the self-assurance they possess. I wish I could borrow a fragment

The Pioneer of it now, to keep myself afloat in a world that seems to be in rush hour all day.

There are traits that mark them as products of a modern age to which we are somewhat alien. Yet they get several things right-skills that help them navigate life with striking ease. They do not glorify suffering and are unapologetic about setting boundaries. They keep toxicity at bay and walk away from manipulation without hesitation. You cannot arm-twist them; they know better. I find this deeply admirable. Gen Z has no desire to appear perfect. They are cavalier in their ways and do not take critics too seriously. Their humour and candour often mask a quiet sensitivity to self-worth. They care about how they are

treated and cannot tolerate dismissal, even if it sometimes reads as haughtiness. They are less apologetic about who they are and what they want from life. It is an attitude I often wish to emulate, for remaining unbothered when judgement flies in your face is a rare liberation. There is also a breeziness in how they handle personal affairs. Permanent relationships are not assumed. They enter them knowing endings are possible. They invest, but do not chain themselves. They prioritise emotional safety over emotion-

al endurance. They avoid deriving identity solely from relationships and steer clear of over-sentimentality. Their low-intensity connections do not break them when they end; they simply move on, letting bygones be bygones. This is not detachment but self-preservation-a clarity that helps them distinguish between

being kind and being merely nice. They are not frivolous; they are cautious and self-loving. Yes, they have traits oldschoolers may disapprove of, but they also possess a knack for making the most of whatever life offers-lemons or laughter. They show me how to live with more ease, openness and a dash of flair. One day, when I am ready, I will take a leaf from the Gen Z scrapbook and learn to be carefree.

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RUSSIA TWISTS PEACE EFFORTS TO SUSTAIN ITS IMPERIAL AMBITIONS

Russia is clearly toying with peace efforts from the West and elsewhere. Behind this lies a layered blend of strategy, politics and narrative shaping. Its core instinct remains geopolitical: Moscow views control over its neighbourhood as essential strategic depth, making any concession in Ukraine a setback rather than a diplomatic trade-off.

This outlook is further strengthened by domestic politics. The war has evolved into a tool for regime consolidation and political control at home. Economic adaptation has also inured Russia to sanctions that were expected to bite much harder.

Energy reorientation towards Asia, deeper strategic ties with China and the creation of alternative supply chains have

significantly reduced the pressure on Moscow to negotiate.

Russia now believes that time favours its attritional strategy. Incremental territorial gains, fortified defensive lines and the perception of gradual advantage leave it with little incentive to alter course. China's quiet but steady support helps dilute its sense of international isolation.

At the same time, Western inconsistency, political shifts in Washington, wavering European unity and growing public fatigue reinforce the Kremlin's

ideological framing. The conflict is portrayed as a civilisational resistance to Western intrusion. For Moscow. peace has become a tactical convenience-no longer a strategic objective.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ignoring soil pollution costs lives

Soil pollution has not received adequate attention. Land degradation inevitably leads to soil contamination, and chemicals released through industrial and agricultural activities are the primary culprits. Untreated waste and wastewater have already destroyed thousands of species of fish, birds, plants and other organisms. Although soil has the natural ability to filter contaminants, it can do so only to a limited extent. Remaining pollutants may seep into the atmosphere, contributing to air pollution, or into water bodies, compounding water pollution. Direct human contact with contaminated soil is also a serious possibility. As more than ninety per cent of food comes from soil, its conservation is vital for the ecological chain.

The crippling effects of soil pollution-including congenital disorders, infectious diseases and non-communicable illnesses such as cancer — have alerted health professionals to its dangers. Environmental scientists possess various remedies, such as surface leaching, bioremediation, thermal remediation, mycoremediation and phytoremediation. Nonetheless, on World Soil Day, observed on December 5, the responsibilities of individuals in preventing and eliminating soil pollution cannot be overstated.

Internship scheme fails to deliver

The Centre's ambitious Prime Minister's Internship Scheme has failed to attract the majority of unemployed youth, as confirmed by official data submitted to Parliament.

Harsh Malhotra, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs, informed the Lok Sabha that only 33,300 young people accepted internships during the first two rounds, of whom 6.618 dropped out midway. Companies offered 82,000 internships in the first phase and 83,000 in the second. It is worth noting that the government launched this scheme with great fanfare during the last Lok Sabha elections.

Interns were promised a one-time payment of ₹6,000 and a monthly allowance of ₹5,000 for twelve months. The government also claimed that the initiative would train ten million young people over five years, making them more employable.

The first two years' outcomes are plainly disappointing, as such superficial measures cannot address the unemployment crisis. What is needed is a fundamental shift in economic thinking, with sustained investment in the real economy and human development. Without tackling these structural issues, the government's assurances offer little substance.

ABHIJIT ROY | JAMSHEDPUR

Justice cannot be negotiated away

The recent ruling in the Sandesara case raises troubling questions about the state of our criminal justice system. Allowing fugitives to return, repay a negotiated amount and see multiple criminal proceedings erased may strengthen bank books, but it does little to strengthen public confidence.

What message does this deliver to those who have complied with the law? Banks are forced to absorb significant losses, enforcement agencies are left adrift midway through their efforts, and the perception grows that financial crime can be bargained away if one can produce a sufficiently large cheque. Even more concerning is the possibility that other absconders may now attempt similar "settlements", further straining an already burdened system.

A justice system must impose consequences for wrongdoing, not merely attach a price tag to it. Without transparent findings, proportionate penalties and a firm commitment to prosecute where culpability is clear, such outcomes risk becoming blueprints for evasion rather than models of resolution. Judicial leniency is admirable, but when it eclipses criminal responsibility, it weakens the very rule of law it is meant to uphold.

GOPALASWAMY J | CHENNAI

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The lost art of ethical rule: Revisiting Milinda's inquiry

Democracy today resembles a circus, where rulers mistake spectacle for statesmanship and genuine governance remains elusive. Anarchist thought is misread as disorder, Buddhist nations drift from ethical foundations, and corruption corrodes institutions. In this vacuum, the Milinda Pañha offers a rare philosophical corrective and moral compass





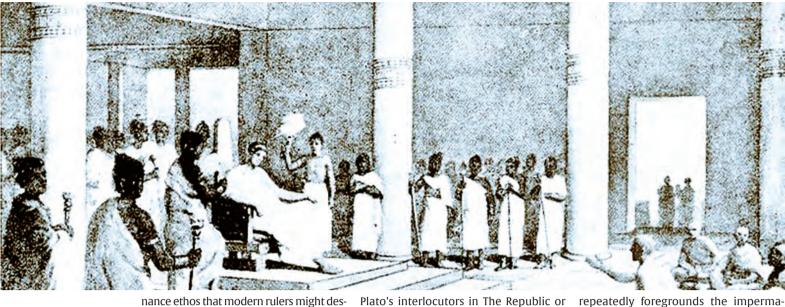
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Most of the time, what we see in modern rulers is reminiscent of a Turkish proverb: when a clown enters a palace, he imagines he will become a king, but the palace instead turns into a circus. Democracy is ironically crumbling, yet a new form of governance has not yet emerged. The most pragmatic governance, as outlined in anarchist thought, has been grievously distorted, and the popular conception now equates anarchism with violence and disorder. However, seminal texts and contemporary interpretations by thinkers such as Noam Chomsky reaffirm that anarchism, properly understood, offers mechanisms to dismantle structural inequalities and bureaucratic apathy, enabling participatory and decentralised decision-making. Yet the gestation of a new paradigm of governance inevitably exceeds the temporality we anticipate, and perhaps only in the coming decades might an unprecedented, universal mode of administration take shape.

Meanwhile, it is lamentable to observe what has transpired in nations nominally anchored in Buddhist principles. Presently, most Buddhist-majority countries suffer from extreme corruption, with political systems that have ossified into nearly irreparable constructs. Leaders no longer trust monastic institutions; temples have transformed into quasi-financial conglomerates sustaining the ostentatious lifestyles

The ethical substratum the Buddha enjoined — equanimity, compassion and selfless service — has largely vanished. As Aravind Adiga remarks in his novel The White Tiger, if the Buddha were to witness the contemporary state of his religious progeny, he would depart immediately without a backward glance. Societies that once pursued ethical coherence and dharmic governance have now become distorted caricatures of their philo-

It is precisely here that the Milinda Pañha provides an intellectual corrective, a text of extraordinary lucidity and profundity which, while ostensibly a religious-philosophical dialogue, contains the kernel of a gover-



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A FEATURE

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tions, adopting an epistemological humility and openness that modern rulers conspicuously lack. The dialogues themselves exemplify a

perately need. The text chronicles the

engagement between King Menander I,

the Indo-Greek sovereign remembered in

Buddhist tradition as Milinda, and the ven-

erable monk Nagasena, Menander, who

reigned c. 165-130 BCE, roughly a century

after Emperor Ashoka, presided over a

geographically modest realm encom-

passing parts of north-western India and

Afghanistan. Unlike Ashoka, whose

Mauryan empire was vast and centrally

administered, Menander ruled a frag-

mented polity more reflective of

coins, with Greek inscriptions and iconog-

raphy fused with Indian motifs, and sur-

viving inscriptions attest to a sovereign

both culturally syncretic and administra-

tively shrewd. While no extant source sug-

method of inquiry that parallels the Socratic and Platonic traditions. Milinda's questions are probing, sometimes sceptical, at times provocative, much like

Plato's interlocutors in The Republic or Meno. Nagasena responds with meticulous reasoning, often employing analogies such as the chariot, the rope and snake, the river and the lamp. Consider the famous opening exchange: "Venerable sir, what is your name?" asks Milinda. Nagasena replies, "I am called Nagasena, Majesty. But this is only a name, a designation, a convenient expression. In the ultimate sense, there is no Nagasena here." When Milinda presses, "How can you say there is no Nagasena? Are your robes Nagasena Is your bowl Nagasena? Is your body Nagasena Is your mind Nagasena?' Nagasena elucidates, "No, Majesty. None of these is Nagasena. Yet because all these parts occur together, people use the name 'Nagasena', just as one speaks of a chariot, though no single piece is the chariot." The sophistication of this method, philosophical and religious atmosphere rooted in Buddhist epistemology and the

doctrine of impermanence, mirrors the Socratic elenchus, where a proposition is deconstructed through critical questioning and dialectical

What makes this dialogue extraordinary for contemporary governance is that it instantiates an ethos of disciplined inquiry and ethical reflection that is evidently absent in today's political apparatus. Milinda's probing mirrors the inquisitiveness that should guide a state's executive: questions not merely about power or prestige but about the self, ethical action and

the consequences of policy. The text

repeatedly foregrounds the impermanence and interdependence of phenomena, as exemplified in Nagasena's extended metaphors: "A fruit tree does not bear fruit the moment you plant it: it must mature. In the same way, karma ripens when conditions are right." Here, the philosophical principle of conditionality offers a remarkable lesson for policymak ers: outcomes depend on the interplay of multiple variables, and rash or shortsighted interventions invariably yield unintended consequences.

Historically, Menander's engagement with Buddhist philosophy was not mere ornamentation: it influenced his governance ethos. While his kingdom remained smaller than Ashoka's, it displayed a striking pragmatism intertwined with ethical deliberation, a feature reinforced in the Milinda Pañha. By contrast, modern Buddhist-majority nations frequently conflate religiosity with ceremonial display or institutional patronage rather than ethical governance. The erosion of dharmic principles is compounded by excessive bureaucratisation, monetisation of monastic institutions and prioritisation of personal or party gain over collective welfare. A Milinda-inspired polity would not conflate the symbolic with the substantive; it would foreground reflective engagement with moral and structural consequences.

Interestingly, the questioning method in the Milinda Pañha is anticipated in earlier Buddhist texts such as the Kalama Sutta, wherein the Buddha exhorts practitioners not to rely on tradition, hearsay

or authority alone, but to test teachings through reasoned analysis and direct experience. "Do not go upon what has been acquired by repeated hearing; nor upon tradition; nor upon rumour; nor upon what is in a scripture," the Buddha advises, encouraging a culture of scrutiny and empirical ethical reasoning. This same epistemological rigour underping Nagasena's dialogues: the king is urged not merely to accept Buddhist doctrine but to interrogate it until understanding is internalised. In contemporary governance, such a principle is strikingly absent; policy decisions are rarely subjected to sustained dialectical examination or reflective critique, and when they are, incentives for superficial compliance often outweigh those for substantive analysis.

The parallels with Greek philosophical methodology deepen here. Socrates, in the Platonic dialogues, similarly interrogates interlocutors to reveal inconsistencies in their understanding of justice, virtue and knowledge. Menander, although a foreign king in a non-Greek land, essentially embodies a Hellenistic inquirer transported into the Buddhist epistemological universe. In both traditions, authority is decoupled from truth: the king's power or the interlocutor's status does not confer correctness. This detachment is precise ly what is missing in today's political spheres, where charisma or inherited office substitutes for reflective ethical reasoning, and where institutional and religious oversight often becomes perfunctory or complicit. Moreover, the Milinda Pañha demonstrates that inquiry is inseparable from ethical imagination. Questions about the self, impermanence and moral causality are not abstract; they carry direct implications for governance. Policies enacted without such reflection are analogous to rulers attempting to drive a chariot without understanding its wheels or axles: the structure may move, but direction and integrity are compromised. Modern Buddhist-majority nations, by ignoring this model, have allowed corruption, patronage networks and institutional sclerosis to metastasise. Practically this has meant temples act as financial hubs, civic oversight is subordinated to political expediency, and the teachings of the Buddha are commodified into ritualised spectacle, divorced from ethical Without the missing praxis. links of Milinda's wisdom, can modern Buddhist rulers ever move beyond a hollow performance?

Tackling Delhi's air pollution: A Systems problem demanding a systemic reform



PRAVIN KAUSHAL

Each winter, Delhi descends into its now-familiar public health emergency. As temperatures fall and winds weaken, a heavy grey blanket settles over the NCR, pushing daily life into crisis mode schools shut, construction halts, and citizens track AQI readings as routinely as the time of day. Yet this seasonal panic obscures a deeper truth: Delhi's pollution is not a winter anomaly but a year-round structural failure. Meteorology merely exposes what governance has failed to fix.

Having worked within the Delhi government ecosystem and now leading a data and AI centre, it is clear to me that the science of the problem and the strategy of our response remain misaligned. To move beyond temporary relief, the capital needs systems-level interventions that tackle the roots of emissions - not only their winter manifestations.

A Misdiagnosed Crisis

Much of the public discourse reduces Delhi's air problem to a single culprit: stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana. There is truth in this - data from the Ministry of Earth Sciences' Decision Support System shows that during peak episodes, crop-residue fires can contribute up to one-fourth

only a part of a much broader The Pioneer emissions landscape. The more SINCE 1865 uncomfortable reality is that the pollutants choking Delhi in

of Delhi's PM2.5 load. But this is

winter are present all year. What changes in October and November is the atmosphere: cold air sinks, moisture captures particulates, and stagnation prevents dispersion. Vehicles, industries, waste burning and construction dust continue producing the same pollutants in summer and monsoon — but winter's inversion conditions magnify their impact. This is why emergency measures such as smog guns, cloud seeding or the hasty implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) offer limited relief. They treat symptoms, not the disease.

The GRAP Paradox

GRAP was designed as a last-mile emergency protocol, not a primary strategy. Its annual invocation signals a governance gap: if the baseline emissions were lower, winter conditions would not plunge Delhi into the "severe" category so quickly. Even when fully implemented, GRAP processing, yields only marginal improvements. Halting • Strict enforcement coupled with communitytruck entry or shutting schools disrupts daily life but barely shifts average air quality because the underlying emission load remains unchanged. GRAP is, at best, a tourniquet - useful during haemorrhage, but not a substitute for long-term treatment. The real work must focus on three struc-

tural sectors: mobility, industry and waste. 1. Mobility: Move People, Not Cars

Vehicles remain among the largest contributors to Delhi's internal PM2.5 load. The adoption of BS-VI fuel — reducing sulphur content dramatically — was a significant achievement. But the gains are being cancelled out by sheer volume: Delhi registers nearly 2,000 new vehicles daily, a figure that overwhelms any technological improvement. A transformative mobility strate-

Fleet Replacement: A targeted, time-bound scrappage and replacement programme is essential — particularly for ageing commercial vehicles, which are big emitters. Incentivising transitions to electric, CNG or compliant engines is far more effective than periodic bans.

Public Transport Revitalisation: No city can fight pollution while expanding private vehicle dependence. Delhi's public transport - buses, metro, last-mile services - needs capacity expansion, better frequency and integration. The policy focus must shift from "restricting cars" to "enabling people to not need cars"

2. An Economics Problem

A persistent misconception is that Delhi has minimal industrial activity. In reality, the NCR's industrial belt — Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Gurugram, Bhiwadi - burns large volumes of dirty fuel. The barrier to clean energy adoption is economic, not technological. Natural gas, the cleaner alterna-

tive, becomes prohibitively expensive due to high taxation outside the GST regime. As long as dirty fuels remain cheaper, compliance will remain sporadic. Bringing natural gas under GST

would be one of the most impactful policy reforms for clean air. By aligning economic incentives with environmental goals, industry will transition voluntarily instead of under coercion.

3. The Missing Scale

Crop burning persists not because farmers prefer it, but because alternatives lack the scale, infrastructure or economic reward. Technologies exist — baling, in-situ decomposition, biogasification, ethanol production - but deployment remains fragmented. Similarly, within Delhi, waste burning often continues because segregation at source remains inconsistent. Landfills routinely smoulder, and municipal systems struggle with volume.

Addressing this requires:

 Assured procurement and incentives for biomass-based fuels, • Statewide logistics for residue collection and

level waste segregation,

Modern waste-to-energy and composting

Without addressing biomass and municipal waste, Delhi cannot sustainably lower its particulate load.

Lessons from Beijing

Cities like Beijing demonstrate that clean air is not an impossible aspiration. Their gains did not come from symbolic measures but from structural tran-

• Shifting industries from coal to natural gas • Phasing out old vehicles through aggressive scrappage schemes,

 Managing construction and road dust with strict, technology-driven enforcement,

Creating a unified regional governance

A Systems Approach

Pollution in Delhi is not a local issue; it is a regional systems problem involving meteorology, agriculture, mobility, fuel economics and governance architecture. Solutions must therefore be structural and coordinated, not reactive.

A sustainable roadmap should include:

- A regional clean-air council integrating Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, UP and Rajasthan for unified action.
- Adaptive agricultural policies responsive to meteorological forecasts and residue-management capacity, Year-round mobility reforms prioritising public
- transport and fleet renewal, • GST reform for clean fuels, enabling industries to switch affordably,
- Community-level participation supported by micro-monitoring and transparency dashboards. When policy, science and public will align, Delhi's air can improve dramatically - just as other

global megacities have shown.

Delhi's pollution crisis is often portrayed as inevitable. It is not. It is the result of fragmented planning, delayed decisions and reactive governance. But just as the smog reveals the consequences of inaction, it also reveals a path forward. Clean air is not a seasonal aspiration it is a constitutional right and a collective responsibility. The transition demands structural honesty, regional cooperation and a willingness to move to systemic reform. India has the knowledge, the institutions and the civic energy to achieve this. What remains is the resolve to treat clean air not as an annual headline, but as a national mission.

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Reclaiming India's role as a global education hub

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India carries a formidable legacy as the cradle of ancient knowledge systems and universities such as Takshashila, Nalanda, Vallabhi, Vikramshila and Odantapuri. For millennia, it has sustained multidisciplinary higher learning that reached far beyond the subcontinent. Today, the global skills and talent landscape is being reshaped at a dramatic pace. This moment offers India an opportunity to reclaim its heritage as a civilisational educator and position its higher education institutions as global hubs of knowledge, research and innovation in the 21st century.

Over the last seventy-five years, India's higher education system has expanded enormously. With the launch of the National Education Policy 2020, the country has taken a decisive step towards future readiness by identifying the internationalisation of higher education-especially "internationalisation at home" — as a key driver of systemic transformation. An overwhelming 97 per cent of Indian students study in Indian institutions.

They will form the backbone of India's workforce and contribute to the global talent pool as well. Ensuring that their academic experience meets world-class standards is therefore not just a matter of educational quality but of national competitiveness. Yet, a sharp disparity persists in student mobility. Outbound student

numbers have surged, with more than 13.35 lakh Indians studying abroad in 2024, predominantly in Anglophone destinations such as Canada, the United

States, the United Kingdom and Australia. In contrast, India hosted only about 47,000 foreign students in 2022, nearly a third of them from Nepal. For every international student studying in India, approximately twenty-eight Indian students are enrolled abroad. This is despite regulatory provisions that allow supernumerary seats for international students and a variety of scholarships to support their education in India. The imbalance underscores both the challenge of retaining talent within the country and the difficulty of positioning India as an attractive host destination.

Several forces continue to push Indian students overseas: the appeal of immersive international exposure, the lure of post-study work opportunities and the perception of higher academic quality abroad. The financial implications of this trend are significant. Indian families spend between US\$47-70 billion annually-equivalent to ₹3.8-6 lakh crore-on overseas education in tuition fees and living expenses alone. This outflow is estimated to be eight to twelve times the central government's higher education budget. Addressing this imbalance makes internationalisation at home not merely desirable but necessary, both

VK PAUL, for fiscal prudence and systemic strengthening. Recognising this urgency. India has initiated several major reforms in recent years. The estab lishment of the IFSCA GIFT City framework in 2022 and the UGC's regulatory framework in 2023 paved the way for international universities to enter India. Deakin University and the University of Wollongong became the first foreign institutions to start operations in GIFT City. The University of Southampton set up the first international branch campus in Gurugram, and several more-including the University of Liverpool, University of

York, University of Aberdeen, University of Western

Australia, Illinois Institute of Technology and

Istituto Europeo di Design — have announced

plans to launch campuses in Bengaluru and Navi

Mumbai's emerging International Education City. The National Forensic Sciences University opened a campus in Jinja, Uganda, in 2023. IIT Madras and IIT Delhi have launched campuses in Zanzibar and Abu Dhabi, while IIM Ahmedabad has established a presence in Dubai and IIT Bombay in Sendai, Japan. Joint, dual and twinning degree programmes are now possible through collaborations between Indian and foreign universities, and the newly notified Equivalence Regulations 2025 offer clarity on recognising foreign qualifications. For India to evolve into a genuine global education destination, it must strengthen the larger ecosystem. This requires world-class infrastructure, cutting-edge research ecosystems, globally competitive curricula and the

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ability to attract and retain top faculty, including members of the Indian diaspora. Regulatory processes — from visa facilitation to qualification recognition — must be simplified, and internship opportunities for interna-

tional students must become more accessible. India must also strategically fund international research collaborations, global teaching exchanges and faculty mobility to ensure sustained knowledge flows. Equally important is a strong branding and outreach strategy that communicates India's distinctive academic strengths and showcases the achievements of global alumni who studied at Indian institutions. Tailored academic offerings — whether STEM and Bharatiya Gyan Parampara programmes for Western learners or specialised courses in agriculture, healthcare, education and digital finance for African students-can help India address diverse global needs. Looking ahead, India must aim to triple inbound international student enrolment to at least 1.5 lakh by 2030. With the right systemic reforms, regulatory coherence and institutional strategies, India has both the heritage and the capability to re-emerge as a global centre of learning-well before 2047.

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As Russia's powerful Vladimir Putin lands in India, there is huge excitement about the potential and possibilities to further concretise the trade, cultural, social, and business links between the two nations. Media reports talk about massive deals in areas such as energy, defence, and other areas. A few days before his visit, there were reports that despite the new US and European sanctions, crude oil imports from Russia went up after a brief drop. Indians, it seems, have mastered the art and science to use grey ships, or illegal smuggling shipments to import oil. Since the global sanctions are against the exports of petrochemicals that use Russian crude, Indian refiners can use the latter to make petroproducts to cater to domestic demand. Thus, in both legal and grey areas, the partnership and friendship between the two nations is on the

Yet, there are a few issues that India needs to contend with in its seemingly-blind pursuit of Putin's pacts. The first is that even as the two nations talk about increasing the annual trade between them by more than 40 per cent to \$100 billion within five years, the current balance is clearly lopsided. Of the nearly \$70 billion trade now, Indian exports constitute a mere seven per cent of the total. The large proportion of the value is about the goods that India imports. Indeed, most of its defence needs, despite purchases from non-Russia suppliers in the recent past, is focused on Russia. The industry and commerce minister, Piyush Goyal rightly analysed the situation, although in a slightly-garbled way, as one where "we cannot rest, we need to grow, we need to balance that." What he means is that India needs to export more goods and services to Russia.

Of course, on paper, there are several areas where India can emerge as an attractive supplier of world-class products. According to Goyal, in manufacturing, there are huge opportunities to expand the trade, and reduce the huge deficit. These include consumer goods, food products, automobiles, tractors, heavy commercial vehicles, consumer electronics, industrial components, and textiles. Similarly, there is a latent potential to push services exports. If India can sell services to the US, and Europe, and the rest of the world, why not Russia? The Russian side seconded Goyal's assessment, and talked about India can increase its current two per cent share in Russia's overall imports. However, there are several problems which, as the Indian commerce secretary, pointed out includes process simplification. The policymakers on both sides need to sit together to ferret out solutions, which are not likely to be easy, or

Let us start with agriculture and food products. This is a contentious issue, both for exports and imports. Indian policy-makers have articulated the need to increase exports to push up farm incomes. However, exports rarely help the farmers. They mostly benefit the middlemen, and industry, who buy cheap, and sell dear. The second is that as soon as India enters the market, global prices swing wildly. If India is a purchaser, prices zoom. If it is a seller, prices dip, and both happen because of the high volumes in question. Thus, the full benefit of global prices, either high or low, do not accrue to Indians. Finally, there is a strong industry lobby against exports, which invariably sways the other way for cheaper imports. In addition, the current atmosphere, where India is being pushed by America to import higher farm products, is not con-

Now, let us move to consumer electronics, and telecom equipment. One of the biggest exports in this area is of the smartphones, especially the iPhones. But, as most of us know, the iPhones are being shipped to the US by Apple, which is under pressure to make more of them in the US. Obviously, while Apple will continue to 'Make in India,' it will surely not export to Russia from India, given the current stalemate between Putin and America's Donald Trump. Unless Russia agrees to a ceasefire in Ukraine, the US, and other global sanctions, prevent American and European firms from trading directly with Russia. So, essentially, iPhones are out of the India-Russia trade equation, especially over the next two years. India makes some components, and assembles the Chinese phones. But China may not wish to export to Russia from India. It will want to use the factories in its country for this purpose.

Despite the cultural affinities, and cultural exchanges between India and Russia, language is a huge barrier in the services sector. Indian IT and outsourcing firms have performed well in nations that are either fluent in English, or comfortable with it. In the case of, say, Russia, and China, one needs to know the local language. Decades ago, we had several Russian-speaking Indians but the tribe has slowly vanished. Russian, since the age of economic reforms, has not been a top priority for the Indians, who wanted to acquire English skills. If the services firms wish to expand in Russia, they need to focus on the language, as well as soft skills that are specific to the Russian culture. The soft-skill training that they impart to fresh hires need to be expanded to include possible entry into Russia.

A story of boom, gloom and doom

Opposing factors will influence Indian indices and equities in 2026

famous for his 'Gloom, Boom, Doom' report, feels that the Indian stock market is not going anywhere in 2026. This view is contradictory to those of the analysts, and brokerage houses that believe that the Sensex, the Bombay Stock Exchange index, may gain more than a quarter by December 2026. As we prepare to step into the new year, there are reasons that can be used by both sides, the bulls and bears, and optimists and pessimists. Like the Indian economy's 'Alice in Wonderland' story, the country stock markets imply another trip down the rabbit hole.

One of Faber's main concerns revolves around the value of the rupee, and its exchange rate visà-vis the dollar. Already, the Indian currency is below ₹90, and has shed several percentage points this year. This is why the investor-predictor claims that Indian equities gave negative returns if one considers their worth in dollars, rather than in rupees. In contrast, a few markets have registered positive returns in dollar terms. Brazil, for example, went up by 5.5 per cent. Indeed, despite the recent rise, the Indian stock market was one of the worst performers among emerging markets, and Asian peers.

Next year may not see any worthwhile changes. There is a growing fear among currency traders that the rupee may dip to ₹100-a-dollar within a year. The efforts by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to protect the currency has not yielded results. Despite temporary upward blips, the rupee has continued its free fall. Faber ative. Hence, he is not enthused about them, as he is not about equities elsewhere, except for a few niche segments.

However, there are several players who think that Faber's gloom-and-doom tale is a fable. The former experts argue that there is momentum in the Indian economy, as indicated by the GDP growth in the first two quarters, low inflation, adequate space for the RBI to intervene, positive consumer sentiments, and good monsoons that will benefit agriculture. This year

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(2025) was a bad one for equities, but it is behind us. There will be a rerating of the stocks, as corporate earnings perk up. Valuations are still SINCE 1865 high, but are down from their post-Covid peaks. There is bullish steam left.

Another way to see the stock market as either half-full or half-empty glass is to go beyond the overall indices, and look at the entire universe of listed stocks. A media report indicates that the bulk of the hikes in share prices is limited to the stocks that comprise the Sensex and Nifty. If one looks at the top 500 scrips by market cap, more than half are in the negative in 2025. It is not a secular uptrend. Indeed, most of the positive activity is concentrated around the large caps, with problems in midcaps, and small caps.

Of course, the die-hard optimists argue that this is how a new bull run begins. After the post-Covid frenzy, when the Sensex rose from below 30,000 in early 2020 to 85,000 now, the index took a break in 2025. It converged with the

Marc Faber, the stock soothsayer who is rupee, may be marginally positive, or even neg- in the economy, the bull run may pick up, and gather speed. This will lead to another mini-bull run in 2026, whose future will be decided by several domestic and external factors, including the India-US trade deal.

What is more immediate, and scarier than the rupee, or the secular nature of the upcoming boom or doom, is the massive exodus of money from the equity market. In the first three days of December 2025, foreign investors withdrew more money than they did in the entire month of November. Over the past two

months, according to reports, Indian retail investors have turned sellers to book profits. During 2025, when foreigners largely remained net sellers, the Indians saved the day as they

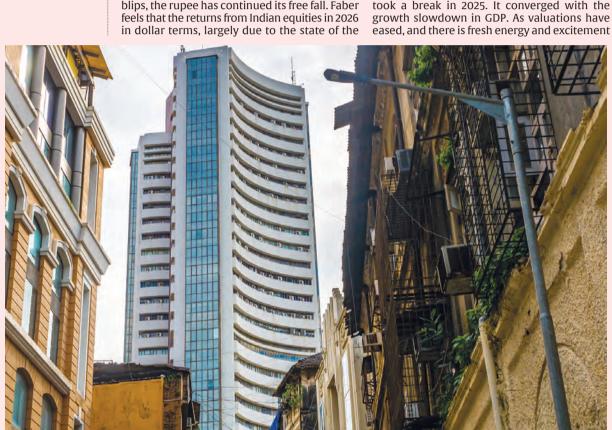
poured in huge sums in mutual funds, which invested in stocks. If the ongoing dual-selling trend continues, it can derail the indices over the next few months.

One of the reasons for the retail sales, apart from profit-booking, is the switch from the secondary to primary market. Suddenly, given the plateauing trends in listed stocks, IPOs (Initial Public Offerings) offer the chances to earn better returns. In the recent past, listing gains have touched 50 per cent and more, even if the stocks have subsequently languished at lower prices. This allows the risk-takers to make 30-50 per cent within a few weeks. Apart from the Indian retail investors, foreigners too have adopted these tactics. They sell in the secondary market, and queue up for the IPOs.

Given these contradictory views, Faber advises investors to stay in cash, i.e., get out of stocks, and invest the money in gold, silver, and platinum. He contends that the dollar returns from the precious metals, and bullion, are higher. For Indians, as the rupee slides against the dollar, and if this trend continues in 2026, the metals offer more attractive propositions. Apart from normal increase in prices, as gold and silver have witnessed in 2025, the returns are higher due to the rupee-dollar exchange rate. It is a double-

Clearly, the bullion investment strategy can turn into a lot of bull, if the metal prices come down. As trade disruptions, and accompanying disruptions ease, if the Russia-Ukraine war stalls, and if China and the US agree to a more permanent truce, the yellow metal will lose its lustre. Central banks may ease off buying, as will institutional investors. In such a scenario, buying gold or silver now may be fraught with risks. Of course, if one is already invested in them, it will make sense to buy more, after selling equities.

Evidently, stock investors have two options. Either they take the risks, and push further into equities, but trade regularly, almost daily, based on domestic and global events, to reap some rewards, albeit smaller but regularly. Or they can stay away, take a break, and look at other assets, and investment options. It is almost impossible to time a market, any market. Even the best need to be lucky to achieve it. It may be better to waitand-watch, and assess the stock market before deciding which way it plans to move.



The Tech Wrecker

Censorship of the conservative, and rightwing views, or airing of anti-US ones can be used by the American officials to deny H-1B visas to both new applicants, and those who wish to renew them. A detailed official note has been circulated to those who process the visas to check the social media posts, and uploads, as well as other platforms of the applicants to deter those who do not agree with Donald Trump's American way of thinking. Thus, censorship of conservative ideas, which include anti-vaccine, and anti-abortion, will form a basis to reject the visas. Ironic as it seems, censorship will be used as an excuse to censure those who wish to enter

This is yet another means devised by the US president to weed out elements whose thinking is not in sync with Trump's. In the domestic arena, the White House has tried to remove foreign students from the so-called liberal colleges and universities by checking on their social posts, participation in specific anti-US or pro-US-enemy protests, and allying with such organisations. Apart from the students, the universities were taken to task with the withdrawal of federal budget allocations. The case is pending in the US courts. There are efforts to eject illegal migrants, and those who do not subscribe to the American way, which in essence implies

For the visa seekers, this creates several problems. Social media posts that are, say, a decade old, and were uploaded during the more innocent and immature teenage years, can be used by the officials to deny visas. People will need to clean up their social media to ensure that there are no signs of any anti-US, or anti-right-wing vestiges. Even photographs, essays, blogs, vlogs, videos, podcasts, and other forms of social communication will need to be erased. The 'right to forget' may become the recourse, only if a home nation allows it in practice. Nations have laws for it, but are not implemented.

The new visa regime reminds us of an era, which we thought was gone forever, when the 'Reds' and communists were targeted. Even those who had a whiff of an association with a left-wing group or entity were dubbed guilty of spreading communism. Some, who were not guilty, were asked to name names of those who were. If the former did not, they became communist by inaction. In the case of H-1B visas, if your friend lists and contacts have the names of people who regularly oppose American policies, or air sarcastic remarks about the president, they may find

themselves in trouble.

Censorship vs immigration

No visas for those who post anti-right wing and anti-US views



Already, Indians, who have some strong and ongoing connections with the US, are cagey about attaching themselves to seemingly-anti-US views and opinions. For example, professionals, whose family members work in the US, refuse to associate with controversial issues. Indian students in American colleges refuse to talk on the phone, even on encrypted platforms, about what is happening in that country. Parents and spouses of those living in the US refuse to engage in the so-called sensitive conversations. There is a fear to like, or even attach a thumbs up icon to

social media posts. In a recent cable that was sent to the US missions across the

world, consular officers were urged, according to a media report, to see if the visa applicants, and family members who may travel with them, had "worked in areas that include activities such as misinformation, disinforma-

tion, content moderation, fact-checking,

compliance, online safety, among others." The cable adds, "If you uncover evidence an applicant was responsible for, or complicit in, censorship or attempted censorship of protected expression in the United States, you should pursue a finding that the applicant is ineligible.

Although the language relates to suppression of free speech through misinformation or disinformation, its practice will have a farreaching effect. This is because, as media reports indicate, Trump's White House defines the lack of free speech as the "sti-

fling of conservative voices online." Given this context, if you are a liberal with left leanings, you may be suppressing the freedom

of expression. The same rules will apply in practice to those who oppose the new America's opinions on social and health issues like the efficacy of vaccines. Indeed, any views contrary to Trump will be included. In May this year, the US secretary of state

threatened to ban visas for foreigners who censor speech by Americans. Now, this context offers quite a long rope to the consulars, and officials, to stop certain kinds of foreigners. In such cases, any form of anti-US, rather anti-Trump, and anti-conservative views can lad to visa bans. It may have happened years, and decades ago. But if it is still alive on the Internet, and it is difficult to kill content on the web, one can be in trouble. Thus, a thorough clean-up will be required to remove it.

Over the past few months, Trump and his allies and loyalists have even accused the former Democratic president, Joe Biden, of encouraging the suppression of free speech. In this context, the former implies the latter's attempts to counter the false claims by sections of conservatives that the Biden elections were rigged. If a former president can be charged in this manner, one can only imagine what a foreigner, whose visa is rejected, can do. The idea, it seems, is deep. It is to make America home for Americans, and those who think like Americans, or rather hardcore

There may be a deep-rooted plan, and the advisory to the consulars on H-1B visas may be a part of the larger, universal, all-encompassing strategy to increase the voter base of the republicans. Experience shows that most of the recent immigrants are democrat voters, and include huge swathes of recent foreigners. By limiting entries in universities, tech firms, and corporate America to the socalled conservative, or those with republicanlike views, the future electorate will reflect this change. In a sense, most of the new voters will vote republicans, and increase the party's victory chances.

H-1B visas have become a huge target for the Trump administration, which sees all the ills and evils concentrated in the regime. Limiting and changing the regime will solve most of the existing problems, change America the way Trump's wants, and 'Make America Great Again.' A new visa system will help Americans find more jobs, restrict entry to high-skilled and highly-paid foreigners, allow mostly conservatives to enter the country, and make the US more productive. It will influence the future presidential



Biogas essential for India's clean energy transition, says MNRE minister

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New Delhi

Setting an ambitious tone for global collaboration in biogas, Union Minister Sripad Yesso Naik on Thursday said India is on the threshold of what we proudly call the Decade of Biogas. "Our goal is clear and consistent: from a national vision to global leadership. We aim to position India as the world's hub for Biogas policy innovation, investment, and scalable business solutions," said Naik, addressing the gathering on the concluding day of India Congress 2025, organised by World Biogas Association in the national

Naik, who holds the Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy portfolio as Minister of State, also emphasised that Biogas is becoming essential for India's clean energy transition, energy security, waste management, and industrial

that it "sits exactly at this intersection" of national priorities and that India is "already aligned and advancing on both fronts" through accelerated programmes and global partnerships.

Naik highlighted that Biogas and Biomethane are



transforming agricultural residues, municipal waste, and industrial effluents into clean energy, organic fertiliser, and green jobs, calling it "the circular economy in

He expressed that villagelevel and community Biogas systems strengthen waste management, increase access to clean cooking, and enhance local energy security, describing the transi-

ment revolution" and "a pathway to a resilient local economy". He praised the NDDB-WBA MoU for promoting global standards, training, and operational excellence in India.

The day advanced into parallel policy and technical

tracks like Biogas Beyond Borders: Global Dialogue; Strategic Vision for Biogas & Biomethane -Margin Mainstream; Small and Medium Scale

Biogas Plants — Challenges and Opportunities.

The day wrapped up with a rich set of discussions that brought global and Indian perspectives together. Speakers shared how international cooperation can speed up Biogas growth, while MNRE outlined a clear vision for taking the sector mainstream. Sessions explored the role of small and midscale plants, the promise of fresh avenues for private financing, policies to tap industrial organic waste, and India's push to scale Biogas from early pilots to a nationwide, socially inclusive, jobcreating ecosystem.

The second day of the WBA event saw industry leaders, policymakers, and technology experts discussing how to tackle the roadblocks, or how boldly the targets to be met and that India cannot unlock its Biogas potential unless it solves how biomass is collected, stored, priced, and deliv-

The gap between policy ambition and ground-level reality also surfaced. While the government's SATAT scheme promises up to 50 per cent financial aid for new plants and assures off-take through oil marketing companies, the physical challenge of connecting these plants to consumers remains

experts Technology pointed to another silent risk: plant safety and design



(L-R) Dr Pradeep Monga, Senior Advisor & Policy Director, World Biogas Association (WBA), UK; Ms Charlotte Morton OBE, Chief Executive Officer, WBA, UK; Mr Shripad Yesso Naik, Union Minister of State, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, and, Ministry of Power, Government of India; Mr Prashant Tewari, representing The Pioneer, at

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Rupee rises 19 paise to close at 89.96/USD

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the World Biogas Association error like closing a breather said mistakes in basic engi- valve and creating negative neering could trigger cata- pressure can collapse a

warned. He stressed the need for proper HAZOP studies and stronger automasites that run with a single worker monitored by safety systems adapted from the oil and gas industry.

NTPC's Amit Kulshrestha outlined how digestate can be turned into biochar using torrefaction. He said Biogas could also support electricity during peak hours if NCR's biopulp is used to produce CBG and injected into existing pipelines. IndianOil Adani Venture CEO Atul Kharate spoke about the early challenge of convincing customers to switch from LPG and liquid fuels to CBG, requiring pressure-flow modifications and new firing mechanisms.

Others focused on the longterm environmental case. Kevin Houston of Carbon Masters called CBG one of India's strongest climate solutions because it produces both clean fuel and soilrestoring fertiliser. "The soil carbon issue is huge. If we don't fix it in the next 20 years, India will end up with just dirt," he said.

Falling rupee makes imports costlier, fuels inflation: Experts

New Delhi

A depreciating rupee will help exporters and the IT sector, but make imports costlier, thus fuelling inflation, according to experts.

As the rupee plunged below 90-mark to a US dollar, opposition parties raised concern over its impact on common citizens. The matter was also raised in Parliament.

The rupee rebounded from its all-time low levels and appreciated by 19 paise to close at 89.96 against the US dollar on Thursday, on softness in the US dollar index and on reports of the Reserve Bank of India's supposed intervention.

Forex traders said the greenback fell after ADP nonfarm payroll data came in sharply below the forecast, and the softness in the US dollar index supported the rupee at lower levels.

The rupee opened weak earlier in the day and touched an all-time low of

90.43 amid selling pressure weakening rupee, rising overfrom foreign investors and rising crude oil prices. The delay over the announcement of the India-US trade deal has also weighed on the

The rupee's fall below 90 against the dollar brings mixed consequences. While export sectors like IT and textiles gain competitiveness, higher import costs for crude and raw materials will squeeze margins and widen the trade deficit," said Rajeev Sharan, Head, Criteria, Model Development & Research, Brickwork Ratings. He also said that rising

inflationary pressures could dampen consumer demand and corporate profitability, while firms with unhedged foreign borrowings may face Prodigy Finance, an inter-

students who are going for higher studies abroad in 2026 will run into a tougher

The combination of a

national student lender, said

seas living costs and underestimated budgets is creating a financial risk that families can no longer ignore, it said.

When tuition fees, deposits, and day-to-day living costs abroad are priced in dollars, pounds, or euros, an Indian rupee (INR) loan becomes heavier with every movement in the exchange rate. What looks manageable today can turn into an unexpected financial strain by the time repayments begin. "The one piece of advice I always give is simple: do not pledge your home or land as collateral. You never know what the market will look like back home," said Sonal Kapoor, Global Chief Business Officer at Prodigy Finance.

Meanwhile, a report by DBS Bank said that in the past fortnight, the central bank's strong presence across spot. forwards and the NDF markets had prevented a break in the USDINR past 89.00, drawing a de facto PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

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At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 90.36. It slipped further to a record low of 90.43 against the greenback in initial deals, registering a loss of 28 paise from its previous closing level.

At the end of Thursday's trading session, the rupee was quoted at 89.96 (provisional), up 19 paise over its last close.

On Wednesday, the rupee breached the 90-a-dollar level for the first time to settle at a fresh all-time low of 90.15 against the

Meanwhile, Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran on Wednesday said the falling rupee is not affecting inflation or

exports A falling rupee helps outward shipment

> Import-dependent sectors such as gems and jewellery. petroleum and electronics may see lower benefits due to a rise in input costs, putting pressure on inflationary expectations, he said at an event on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.01 per cent lower at 98.84. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.22 per cent to USD 62.81 per barrel in futures trade.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on continued selling pressure from FIIs and a weak tone in the domestic markets. Elevated crude oil prices may also pressurise the rupee," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

Forex traders said multiple pressures, like foreign fund outflows from equities and lingering uncertainty over the Indo-US trade deal, are keeping investor sentiment fragile.

However, weakness in the US dollar amid a disappointing jobs report and rising odds of a rate cut by the Fed in December may support the rupee at lower levels, Choudhary said.

Fitch ups India's FY'26 **GDP** growth forecast

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New Delhi

Fitch Ratings on Thursday raised India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent, on increased consumer spending and improved sentiment boosted by GST reforms. It said falling inflation

gives the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) room for one more policy rate cut in December to 5.25 per cent, following 100 bp of cuts in 2025 so far. Fitch said GDP growth accelerated further in the July-September quarter to 8.2 per cent, from 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter.

"Growth will ease over the remainder of the financial year 2025-26 (to end-March), but we have raised our full-year growth forecast to 7.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent in September," Fitch said in its Global Economic Outlook report for December.

growth this year, supported by strong real income dynamics, increased consumer sentiment, and the impact of recently implemented goods and services tax (GST) reforms.

Effective September 22 GST on about 375 items has been slashed, making over 99 per cent of consumption items cheaper. Fitch expects GDP growth to slow to 6.4 per cent in FY'27.

It projected private investment to pick up in the second half of the next fiscal (2026-27) as financial conditions loosen.

Consumer price inflation fell to an all-time low of 0.3 per cent in October, driven by lower food and drink

"We expect falling inflation should give the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) room for one more policy rate cut in December to 5.25 per cent, following 100bp of cuts in 2025 so far, and a series of reductions in the cash reserve ratio (from 4 per

ing is the main driver of said.

Private consumer spend- cent to 3 per cent)," Fitch

Crypto, stablecoins being used to fund drug, gold smuggling: DRI

New Delhi

The use of cryptocurrency for illicit payments and transfer of proceeds of crime particularly in drug and gold smuggling cases has surged in recent years, with stablecoins like USDT increasingly replacing traditional hawala networks, a DRI report said on Thursday.

The Smuggling in India report 2024-25 by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said unlike traditional financial channels, cryptocurrencies enable rapid, hard-to-trace international transfers, bypassing formal financial oversight.

This growing trend poses significant challenges to law enforcement agencies, necessitating the adoption of advanced blockchain intelligence sharing, and specialised analytical tools to trace illicit flows and to combat associated illicit activities, it said.

'Cryptocurrency has emerged as a potent tool for smuggling syndicates due to its decentralised, pseudonymous, and borderless nature. DRI has observed a rise in the use of digital assets for illicit payments and transfer of proceeds of crime, particularly in narcotics trafficking and gold smuggling cases," the report said.

In gold and narcotics smuggling, sale proceeds are either hawala-transferred or sent as cryptocurrency to masterminds

abroad, it added. Crypto wallets, often anonymous and accessible via VPNs, facilitate off-thebook illicit payments,

forensics, inter-agency including for under-intelligence sharing, and invoiced and misdeclared imports allowing smugglers to evade customs duties and taxes, and other regulatory requirements.

"The pseudonymous nature of cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin allows fraudsters to conceal their identities, hindering detection and enforcement," it added. The DRI's application of blockchain analytics to trace cryptocurrency transactions marks a significant step in combating crypto-enabled crime.

However, the evolving nature of digital assets demands stronger regulatory frameworks, enhanced Anti Money Laundering (AML) compliance, and advanced forensic tools, supported by global cooperation to curb cryptocurrency misuse, the report

Narcotic smuggiers exploiting courier, e-comm: CBIC chief

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Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman Vivek Chaturvedi

on Thursday said with transnational syndicates exploiting couriers and e-commerce shipments, the threat from narcotics smuggling remains persistent in

Addressing Directorate of Revenue

Intelligence (DRI) on the 68th Foundation Day, he asked the officers to renew their resolve to stay ahead of emerging threats and continue to use advanced data ana- maritime routes to push lytics to anticipate smuggling

During last year, DRI seized 65 kg of cocaine, 225 kg of methamphetamine and almost

tonnes of gania. Chaturvedi said, adding DRI has been dismantle the drug smugg ling

network. 'The threat remains persistent for our country.

Transnational syndicates

continue to engage in a cat-

and-mouse game by exploit-

ing couriers and e-com-

merce shipments, as well as

country," Chauturvedi said. Between April-October, DRI and Customs officials have seized 3,029 kg of narcotics valued at about ₹3,365 crore. With regard to gold smug-

synthetic drugs into the

gling, Chaturvedi said it continues to be an evolving issue with syndicates coming out with new concealment methods by misusing access within the airport, as well as the cargo handling ecosys-The CBIC chief said DRI is

targeting these networks, including those using the maritime routes and offshore supply chains. in the last fiscal, DRI seized

1,072 kg of gold valued at ₹785

In the current fiscal between April-October, about 260 kg of gold valued at over ₹254 crore was also seized in 461 cases.

Stock markets bounce back

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Snapping the four-day losing

run, benchmark stock

indices Sensex and Nifty

rebounded on Thursday on

Titan were among the lag-Foreign Institutional

Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹3,206.92 crore on Wednesday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought

buying in tech and IT shares. **BSE SENSEX NSE NIFTY** Intra-day on December 4, 2025 Intra-day on December 4, 2025 85,487.21 Previous close 85,106,81 Close: Low: 84,949.98 Low: 25,938.95 26,033.75

Post-govt ban on real-money gaming, Dream11 bets on sports entertainment million users already registered on

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With a major part of the business impacted by the government's ban on Real Money Gaming, Dream11 on Thursday announced sports entertainment to be its next bet. The top management also said

that none of its 1,200 employees has

been laid off as a result of the ban on real money gaming. "We are moving away from the gaming piece altogether. We are pivoting hard," the company's co-

founder and chief executive, Harsh Jain, told reporters. It is launching a service which lets users 'watch along' a sporting event with someone seated elsewhere

and makes sport-watching less

"People want to scream, shout or banter while watching a fixture. The problem we are focusing on is the loneliness of watching a match alone," he said, adding that Dream11 will be the second screen which a user will sit with.

As a concept, the watchalong service exists on YouTube but this is the first time a dedicated platform for such engagement is being launched in India. Globally, there are platforms like

Twich offering such engagement for sports viewing, he said, pointing out that it is a USD 10 billion opportunity with 1 billion potential users internationally. Jain said the new business will

primarily depend on advertising be made to draw as many of the 250



and also in-app purchases to be done through pre-bought virtual

Marketing spends will be negligible, he said, adding that efforts will Dream11 to try and taste the new Over 20 million users are still

active in fantasy gaming, even with the money element being taken off, Jain said. The company is not facing any

pressure from its investors, Jain said, replying to a query on whether the pressure to exit may lead to any changes. It is sufficiently capitalised for

now and does not see any need for

money for the next few years, Jain Creating the new platform has not been capital expenditure intensive and the company has deployed its existing workforce to create the

The new business will only require 200 employees, he said, adding that the remaining ones have been distributed across eight separate verticals, including Horizon, Fancode, Dream Sports Al and Dream Set Go. Jain said each of the eight units

is working like a startup and may be in the seed funding to Series A stage. Initially, it will be signing up

with influencers or creators, Jain said, adding that over two-thirds of the revenue will be shared with them as per the global norms. He said the company will initial-

ly start with cricket and add more sports gradually. It will be watching the retention figures very closely, and the next six months will be crucial for the business.

The 30-share BSE Sensex stocks worth ₹4,730.41 crore, edged higher by 158.51 points or 0.19 per cent to settle at 85,265.32. During the day, it rose by 380.4 points or 0.44 per cent to 85.487.21.

The 50-share NSE Nifty climbed 47.75 points or 0.18 per cent to 26,033.75. Sensex dropped around 613 points or 0.72 per cent while Nifty shed nearly 230 points or 0.8 per cent in four straight sessions to Wednesday.

Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, HCL Tech, Bharti Airtel, Sun Pharma, Bharat Electronics and Trent were the major gainers among Sensex

However, Maruti, Eternal, Kotak Mahindra Bank and

according to exchange data "Domestic markets closed flat amid mixed global cues and caution ahead of the RBI

policy. Early value-driven gains were restrained by a record-low rupee and persistent FII outflows. However, lowered expectations of an RBI rate cut supported a mild currency rebound, helping indices stabilise towards the close," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited said.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Shanghai's SSE Composite Index settled lower, while Japan's Nikkei 225 index Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended in positive

FROM THE

Phones in schools banned

Chile has passed a bill outlawing the use of mobile phones and other smart devices during classes at elementary and middle schools. The new law will take effect next year, making Chile the latest country to restrict smartphone use among young students to reduce its harmful effects and curb classroom distractions. Other nations with various levels of restrictions on smartphone use at schools include France, Brazil, Hungary, the Netherlands and China. "We are advancing a cultural change for children and adolescents who today, more than ever, need to see each other's faces again, socialise during recess, and regain concentration to further boost learning," Education Minister Nicolás Cataldo

PAKISTAN Afghan militant killed in raid

wrote on social media

after the decision

Security forces on Thursday killed an Afghan militant belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan in northwestern Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said. The deceased militant was killed in an intelligence-based operation carried out in the Loi Mamond area of Bajaur district of the province, an official added. According to the security sources, the militant was an Afghan national belonging to Afghanistan's Nangarhar province and was involved in many disruptive activities in Bajaur. Pakistan continues to reel under terrorism with a surge of 25 per cent terror incidents in 2025 compared to the previous year, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa being the worst hit province, according to a report by Islamabadbased Centre for Research and Security Studies on Wednesday.

Putin rejects key US proposal on Ukraine

Russian President Vladimir Putin says some proposals in a US plan to end the war in Ukraine are unacceptable to the Kremlin, indicating in comments published Thursday that any deal is still some ways off.

US President Donald Trump has set in motion the most intense diplomatic push to stop the fighting since Russia launched the full-scale invasion of its neighbour nearly four years ago. But the effort has once again run into demands that are hard to reconcile, especially over whether Ukraine must give up land to Russia and how it can be kept safe from any future aggression by Moscow.

Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, and son-inlaw Jared Kushner are set to meet with Ukraine's lead negotiator, Rustem Umerov, later Thursday in Miami for further talks, according to a senior Trump administration official who wasn't authorised to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Putin said his five-hour talks Tuesday in the Kremlin with Witkoff and Kushner were "necessary" and "useful," but also "difficult work," and some proposals were unacceptable.

Putin spoke to the India Today TV channel before visiting New Delhi on Thursday. Before the full interview was broadcast. Russian state news agencies Tass and RIA Novosti quoted some of his remarks in it. accept or reject, and none of Oleksandr Vilkul. Tass quoted Putin as saying the other officials involved The attack on Ukrainian alternate sources of heating,



that in Tuesday's talks, the sides "had to go through each point" of the US peace proposal, "which is why it took so long.'

"This was a necessary conversation, a very concrete one," he said, with provisions that Moscow was ready to discuss, while others "we can't agree to."

Trump said Wednesday that Witkoff and Kushner came away from their marathon session confident that he wants to find an end to the war. "Their impression was very strongly that he'd like to make a deal," he added. Putin refused to elaborate on what Russia could

offered details of the talks. "I think it is premature. Because it could simply disrupt the working regime of the peace effort, Tass

quoted Putin as saying.

European leaders, left on the sidelines by Washington as US officials engage directly with Moscow and Kyiv, have accused Putin of feigning interest in Trump's peace drive. Russian barrages of civilian areas of Ukraine continued overnight into Thursday. A missile struck Kryvyi Rih on Wednesday night, wounding six people, including a 3year-old girl, according to

city administration head

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's hometown damaged more than 40 residential buildings, a school and domestic gas pipes, Vilkul said. A 6-year-old girl died in the southern city of Kherson after Russian artillery shelling wounded her the previous day, regional military administration

wrote on Telegram. The Kherson Thermal Power Plant, which provides heat for over 40,000 residents, shut down Thursday after Russia pounded it with drones and artillery for several days, he said. Authorities planned emergency meetings to find

chief Oleksandr Prokudin

he said. Until then, tents were erected across the city where residents could warm up and charge electronic devices.

Russia also struck Odesa with drones, wounding six people, while civilian and energy infrastructure was damaged, said Oleh Kiper, head of the regional military administration. Overall, Russia fired two ballistic missiles and 138 drones at Ukraine overnight, officials said. Meanwhile, in the Russia-occupied part of the Kherson region, two men were killed by a Ukrainian drone strike on their vehicle Thursday, Moscow-installed regional leader Vladimir

UN warns of new wave of atrocities in Sudan's Kordofan region

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The UN's top human rights official issued a stark new warning on Thursday about Sudan, saying he fears "a new wave of atrocities" amid a surge in fierce fighting in the Kordofan region.

UN Human Rights Chief Volker Turk urged "all states with influence over the parties to take immediate action to halt the fighting, and stop the arms flows that are fueling the conflict." Fighting between the paramilitary group the Rapid Support Forces, also known as the RSF, and the Sudanese



recently shifted to the oilrich Kordofan region after the paramilitary group took over el-Fasher in Darfur.

conflict in Sudan has killed

war for over two years, has some rights groups say the death toll is significantly higher — and has created the world's worst humanitarian crisis with over 14 million According to the UN, the displaced. The RSF's takeover of el-Fasher, the Sudanese

Darfur, was marked by the executions of civilians, rapes and sexual assaults. Over 100,000 people have fled el-Fasher since October, and thousands are feared trapped or believed to have been killed along the way, according to rights groups. The RSF has had major gains since then. "It is truly shocking to see history repeating itself in Kordofan so soon after the horrific events in el-Fasher," Turk said

"We must not allow Kordofan to become another el-Fasher," he said. He said over 269 people were killed in the town of Bara in North Kordofan in military, who have been at 40,000 people — though military's last stronghold in aerial strikes, artillery Kauda, South Kordofan.

shelling, and summary executions since the end of October, but that the numbers could be higher because telecommunications and internet outages have made numbers hard to verify. He called for "the restoration of telecommunications to facilitate lifesaving assistance and to allow essential information to flow to civilians.'

His statement said an RSF drone strike on November 3 killed 45 people, mostly women, in a tent in el-Obeid in Kordofan, and that Sudanese military aerial strikes killed at least 48 people, mostly civilians, in

Terror attacks increased in Pakistan: Report



Karach

Pakistan continues to reel under terrorism with a surge of 25 per cent violencerelated incidents in 2025 compared to the previous year, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa being the worst hit province, a think tank report has said.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan together accounted for over 96 per cent of all 3,187 fatalities and 92 per cent of all incidents of violence recorded through January to November 2025, according to the Islamabadbased Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS).

'Till November, an overall surge of 25 per cent was observed in violence, which resulted in 3,187 deaths in comparison to 2,546 casualties in 2024, a rise of around 20 per cent," the report, published on Wednesday, by CRSS, a non-profit, independent think tank, said.

In 2024, 2,546 deaths and 1981 injuries were reported. The figures include civilians, security personnel, and militants killed in anti-terror operations. The fatalities reported were from 1,188 recorded incidents of violence, including terror attacks and counter terrorism operations, mainly concentrated in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Balochistan provinces.

After clashes and tense relations with Afghanistan, violence has been at its peak in recent months in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, observed the report by CRSS, founded by civil society activists to monitor the security landscape in the country.

The Pakistan Government

CLASHES AND TENSE **RELATIONS WITH** AFGHANISTAN, VIOLENCE HAS BEEN AT ITS PEAK IN RECENT MONTHS IN **KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**

outfit Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) of carrying out terror attacks after its ceasefire deal ended in November 2022. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was the worst hit region with around 68 per cent (2,165) of the total deaths, and over 62 per cent (732) of the incidents of violence, followed by Balochistan, accounting for over 28 per cent of the total fatalities (896) and over 30 per cent of the incidents reported (366).

The remaining regions of Pakistan — Sindh, Punjab, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) — collectively experienced 90 incidents, with 126 lives lost, constituting just 4 per cent of all fatalities, the report said.

The CRSS said on average there were approximately 15 casualties per day throughout the reporting period. It also said that counter terrorism operations by security forces were impactful in the first 11 months of 2025, resulting in 1,795 militant fatalities approximately 30 per cent more than the 1,392 lives lost in terrorist attacks.

However, in Balochistan, terrorist attacks by mainly banned insurgent groups were responsible for 517 fatalities among security forces personnel and civilians, outnumbering the militants killed in security operations

Critically ill former Bangladesh PM Zia to be taken to London: reports

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Family of former Bangladesh prime minister Khalada Zia, who remains in a critical condition here, is preparing to transfer her to London, where her son and BNP acting chairperson Tarique Rahman lives, media reports said Thursday.

Zia, the 80-year-old Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chairperson, was admitted to a private hospital on November 23 when she developed a chest infection that affected both her heart and lungs.

Four days later, the threetime prime minister was shifted to the coronary care unit (CCU) after several of her health complications worsened. BBC Bangla Service and Ittefaq newspaper said Zia's son and BNP's self-exiled acting chairperson Tarique

Rahman's wife Zubaida told The Daily Star newspa-Rahman, a doctor herself, is per. A four-member Chinese expected to arrive in Dhaka soon to oversee the transfer of her ailing mother-in-law. "After arriving in Bangladesh, Zubaida Rahman will take her to London (after) assessing Zia's physical condition," at the Dhaka hospital, the BBC Bangla reported saying, several BNP leaders confirmed the decision without mentioning their names.

Qatar, meanwhile, said it is ready to provide an air ambulance for Zia for taking her to London even as two military and air force helicopters on Thursday staged landing tests at the rooftop of Dhaka's Evercare Hospital, where she is admitted.

"If madam's (Zia) health is suitable for travel, we plan to take her to London tomorrow morning. It all depends on her health," Zia's adviser Enamul Haque Chowdhury

medical team, comprising doctors Chi Jiang Fang, Yan Xin, Zhong Yuhui, and Meng Huang Wu, arrived at the Evercare Hospital late on Wednesday night and met with the medical board to review treatment options for the BNP chairperson, the state-run BSS news agency reported. BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir met the specialists upon their arrival and discussed Zia's treatment with them, according to news

portal bdnews24.Com. The Chinese doctors joined a four-member UK specialist group led by Dr Richard Buell that had arrived earlier in the day to help chart an advanced treatment plan. The team's arrival marked the second batch of Chinese doctors, who had arrived earlier this week.

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Padang

Deaths from last week's catastrophic floods and landslides in parts of Asia surged past 1,500 Thursday as rescue teams raced to reach survivors isolated by the disaster with hundreds of people still unaccounted for across the region.

The tragedy of so much death and destruction was compounded by warnings that decades of deforestation caused by unchecked development, mining and palm oil plantations may have worsened the devastation.

Calls grew for the Government to act. "We need the Government to investigate and fix forest management," said Rangga Adiputra, a 31-year-old teacher whose home in West Sumatra was swept away. The hills above his village on the outskirts of Padang city had been scarred by illegal logging. "We don't



happen again," he said.

Authorities said 837 people were confirmed dead in Indonesia, 479 in Sri Lanka and 185 in Thailand, as well as three in Malaysia. Many villages in Indonesia and Sri Lanka remained buried under mud and debris, with 861 people still unaccounted for in both countries. Thousands

reportedly faced severe shortages of food and clean water in cut off areas. The floods and landslides washed away roads and bridges and knocked out telecommunications, leaving many communities inaccessible.

Indonesian television showed images of huge amounts of felled timber carried downstream in North

Aceh provinces. The leading Indonesian environmental group WALHI said that decades of deforestation driven by mining, palm oil plantations, and illegal logging — stripped away natural defences that once absorbed rainfall and stabilised soil. "The disaster was

not just nature's fury, it was

amplified by decades of deforestation," said Rianda Purba, an activist with the group.

"Deforestation and unchecked development have stripped Sumatra of its resilience." The group recorded more than 240,000 hectares (nearly 600,000 acres) of primary forest were lost in 2024 alone, leaving Sumatra's small river basins dangerously exposed.

Another environmental group, Global Forest Watch, has said the flood-inundated Indonesian provinces of Aceh, North Sumatra and West Sumatra have since 2000 lost 19,600 sq km (7,569 square miles) of forest, an area larger than the state of New Jersey.

"Unless restoration begins now, more lives will be lost," Purba warned. Massive piles of neatly cut timber lay scattered among the debris across Parkit Beach, a sight that stunned emergency crews deployed to the area.



Lithuanian court convicts leader for antisemitic speech

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A Lithuanian court on Thursday convicted the leader of one of the parties in the country's coalition Government for making antisemitic comments and fined him 5,000 euros (about \$5,800). The district court in the capital, Vilnius, found that Remigijus 2emaitaitis incited hatred against Jews, grossly downplayed Nazi Germany's crimes and grossly minimized the Holocaust in an offensive and insulting manner. The punishment fell short of prosecutors' call for him to be fined 51,000 euros (around \$60,000) and ordered to pay into a fund for victims of crimes. The case relates to social media posts and public statements from May and June 2023 in which, among other things, he wrote: "Apparently, for our journalists and local Lithuanian Jews, the demolition of schools in Palestine is yet another pastime?!



One dead in targeted shooting in Washington

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A man was killed in a targeted shooting at the food court at MGM National Harbor hotel and casino in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, police said. Detectives were working to determine the circumstances, and Prince George's County Police Chief Chief George Nader said at a news conference that they are searching for the shooter, who was captured on video. Officers responded to the shooting just before Wednesday noon and found one victim, a man, who died, Nader said. The shooting was not random, he said. The shooter went to the food court to find the victim, who was ordering food when the suspect appeared and opened fire, he said. The shooter and victim did not exchange any words before the shooting.



Thai worker's remains returned from Gaza

Jerusalem

Remains that militants in Gaza handed to Israel as part of the first phase of the ceasefire deal were those of a Thai agricultural worker, Israeli and Thai officials said Thursday. The return of Sudthisak Rinthalak's remains leaves just one more hostage to be

returned under the agree-

Sudthisak was an agricultural worker who had been employed at Kibbutz Be'eri, one of the hardest-hit communities in the attack. Israeli officials said the 42year-old was killed on October 7, 2023, during the Hamas-led attack in Israel that triggered the Israel-Hamas war and that his body was taken by the militant group Islamic Jihad.

He was officially declared dead on May 16, 2024. Sudthisak's remains were returned on Wednesday, a day after militants handed over remains that didn't match either of the last two hostages. Thai Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nikorndej Balankura said Sudthisak's family has been notified and thanked the Israeli Government for assistance that led to the release of all 31 Thai hostages taken at the start of the war. Of those, 28 were returned alive, and three were dead.

Thais were the largest group of foreigners to be held in captivity. The Thai Foreign Ministry has said that, in addition to the



Hamas hand over a body bag believed to contain the remains of a deceased hostage to the Red Cross for transfer to Israeli authorities, in Beit Lahiya, in the northern Gaza Strip

hostages, 46 Thais have been killed during the war. Israeli Ran Gvili is now the last hostage whose remains have yet to be returned. Gvili was an Israeli police officer who helped people escape from the Nova music festival during the Oct. 7 attack and was killed fighting at another location.

Since the October 10 start of the ceasefire, 20 living hostages and the remains of 27 others have been returned to Israel. In exchange, Israel has released the bodies of hundreds of Palestinians to Gaza. Most remain unidentified.

The return of all the hostages is an essential

element of the first phase of the US-brokered ceasefire that began in October, which both Hamas and Israel have accused the other of breaking. In exchange, Israel has been releasing Palestinian prisoners.

The plan is still in the early stages, and many questions linger over its implementation. The plan to secure and govern the territory authorises an international stabilisation force to provide security, approves a transitional authority to be overseen by US President Donald Trump and envisions a possible future path to an independent Palestinian

More violence reported in Gaza

In Gaza, the Kuwait Speciality Hospital in Rafah said on Thursday it had received the bodies of five people, including two children, following an Israeli airstrike in the south of the strip late Wednesday.

Another 32 people were treated for wounds sustained in the strike on the town of Muwasi, the hospital said. Israel said it launched an airstrike targeting a Hamas militant in retaliation for an attack earlier in the day that wounded five Israeli soldiers. Prime Benjamin Netanyahu said Hamas vio- agency boss David Barnea,

according to the army, militants emerged from a tunnel and attacked Israeli soldiers in an area under

Relatives angry at ceasefire violation

Relatives of the dead Palestinians wept and wailed over their loved ones' bodies being transported in white body bags through the city of Khan Younis on Thursday.

All five of the dead belong to the same family. Blood stains still marked the mattresses on the floor of a tent encampment that was struck.

Some relatives voiced their outrage that people are still being killed during what's supposed to be a cessation of fighting. Aisha Abu Jazar, a woman living near where the Palestinians were killed, said she was shocked to hear "unusually intense fire" by Israelis overnight.

They fired a missile at a tent made of cloth, plastic, and wood. The children were asleep. What did the children do to deserve being torn apart in their sleep? What did they do to deserve this?" she said. "We were supposed to be in a ceasefire," she added.

Israel names new spy chief

Netanyahu appointed his military secretary, Maj. Gen. Roman Goffman, as chief of the country's Mossad spy agency, the prime minister's office said in a statement Thursday. Goffman replaces outgoing

June 2026. The appointment will be put to the Advisory Committee for Appointments to Senior Positions for ratification. Goffman served as commander of several Israeli army brigades, battalions and divisions before leading the country's National Ground Training Centre and the Government Operations Headquarters in the Territories, the statement said.

Netanyahu believes Goffman is the most worthy and capable candidate who possesses "exceptional professional abilities" and demonstrates "creativity, initiative, cunning, deep knowledge of the enemy, absolute discretion and secrecy," the statement said. Gaza's Health Ministry says 366 Palestinians have been killed there since the start of the ceasefire. Israel still carries out strikes in response to what it has called violations of the truce, and bodies from earlier in the war are being recovered from the rubble.

The war began with a Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023, in which around 1,200 people were killed, and more than 250 others were taken hostage. Almost all of the hostages or their remains have been returned in ceasefires or other deals. The Palestinian death toll has surpassed 70,100 since the war began, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which operates under the

Hamas-run Government. It is staffed by medical professionals and maintains detailed records viewed as generally reliable by the inter-

Mexican farmers protest new water law proposal



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Dozens of farmers drove their tractors in a caravan to Mexico City and blocked an entrance to Mexico's Congress to protest a new national water law that imposes stricter controls on water use. The farmers amassed outside the congressional chamber on Wednesday to protest the General Water Law proposal, which they say will take water away from the countryside and re-allocate it for discretionary use. They say the proposal threatens their livelihoods and chips away at their fundamental right to water. "If it affects the countryside, it affects the city!" read a banner hanging from two tractors. "We are protesting against the imposition by the federal

Government of a new water law, a reform that puts at risk the ownership of our lands. said Jorge Robles, a farmer from the northern state of Chihuahua. The proposal backed by Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum is being discussed in the Chamber of Deputies, where the president's Morena Party has a majority. The law aims for the federal Government to impose stricter penalties for waterrelated crimes and regulate water concessions - a sector plagued by high-profile corruption cases.

The farmers brought their demonstrations to the country's capital less than a week after they and groups of truck drivers lifted road and highway blockades in at least seven of the country's 32 States.

EU's former chief diplomat quits amid fraud probe

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Brussels

The European Union's former foreign policy chief resigned on Thursday as head of a prestigious institute of European studies after becoming embroiled in a fraud investigation over a training programme for junior diplomats. Federica Mogherini said she was stepping down as Rector of the College of Europe, based in the Belgian city of Bruges, and as of the European Union Diplomatic Academy.

Mogherini's statement gave no reason for the resignation, saying only that she had done so "in line with the utmost rigor and fairness with which I always carried out my duties.""I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I am deeply grateful for the trust, esteem, and support that students, faculty, staff, and Alumni of the College and

and are showing to me," she said. As the EU's top diplomat from 2014 to 2019, Mogherini was responsible for supervising the Iran nuclear talks, leading efforts to improve long-strained relations between Serbia and Kosovo, and a host of other foreign policy and security issues.

The arrest and resignation

of the former Italian foreign minister could tarnish the EU's image on the world stage as it seeks to assert influence in negotiations aimed at ending the war in Ukraine. The bloc has been urging Ukraine to tackle rampant corruption. Mogherini was detained for questioning Tuesday, along with a senior college staff member and a senior official from the European Commission, after authorities in Belgium raided the offices of the EU diplomatic service in Brussels and the college

Massive power outage hits Cuba



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A blackout hit Havana and of Cuba on Wednesday, leaving millions of people without power on an island struggling with chronic outages blamed on a crumbling electric grid.

Lázaro Guerra, general director of the Ministry of Energy and Mines, said the massive outage was caused by a failure on a transmission line that connects two major plants.

The power grid was operational once again by Wednesday afternoon, but the Government warned that the restoration of electricity would not be immediate and that generation deficits persisted.

The nearly 12-hour blackout snarled activities in the capital and beyond. In Havana, dozens of police officers tried to direct traffic while many students who were already in school were sent back home. Small businesses that have generators resumed their sales, especially of food

Some areas had intermittent internet service, so many residents were left wondering what had happened. "There's no connec-

tion. No one knows why the power is out. They're not saying anything; it's all silence," grumbled Raúl Calderón, an 82-year-old retiree, as he waited to hear official reports on the radio. The outage followed two days of peak-hour power shortages across the island.

A total blackout hit Cuba in September, with officials blaming aging infrastruc-ture and fuel shortages at power plants. The ongoing outages also affect water service and impact the island's fragile business sector. "Things are bad. The power plants are breaking down a lot. I have two children, and food is hard to come by," said Liubel Quintana, a 47-year-old cafe owner. "It's very tough everywhere you look."

Cuba is going through a severe economic crisis that deepened during the coronavirus pandemic, which paralysed the key tourism sector, and was exacerbated by an increase in US sanctions and a failed internal financial reform to unify the currency.

Meanwhile, thermal power plants have been operating for over 30 years and receive little maintenance, which is expensive for Cuban budgets

Trump administration orders H-1B, H-4 visa applicants to make social media profiles public

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The US Government has expanded screening and vetting measures for H-1B visa applicants and their H-4 dependents, directing them to keep the privacy settings on all their social media profiles set to "public".

In a new order issued Wednesday, the State Department said beginning December 15, a review of the online presence for all H-1B applicants and their dependents will be conducted. Students and exchange vis-

now been extended to include those applying for H-1B and H-4 visas. "To facilitate this vetting,

all applicants for H-1B and their dependents (H-4), F, M, and J nonimmigrant visas are instructed to adjust the privacy settings on all of their social media profiles to 'public'," the State Department said. Underscoring that a US

visa is a privilege and not a right, the department said it uses all available information in screening and vetting to identify visa applicants itors were already subject to who are inadmissible or down to check abuse of the employment in the US.

pose a threat to America's H-1B visa programme, used national security or public safety. "Every visa adjudication is a national security decision," it said.

The department said the US "must be vigilant" to ensure applicants do not intend to harm Americans and that all visa applicants credibly establish eligibility and intent to comply with the terms of their admission.

The directive is the latest in a series of steps by the Trump administration to tighten immigration rules.

The administration has launched a massive cracklargely by US technology companies to hire foreign workers. Indian professionals, including tech workers and physicians, form one of the largest groups of H-1B September, US

President Donald Trump issued a proclamation, titled 'Restriction on Entry of Certain Nonimmigrant Workers', imposing a onetime \$100,000 fee on new H-1B work visas, an order that could significantly impact Indian workers seeking temporary

Pak lifts ban on festive kite flying after 20 years

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Amid pressure from artists and civil society members, a ban on kite flying during the Basant festival has been lifted in Pakistan's Punjab province after 20 years.

The decision by Maryam Nawaz led the administration has evoked widespread excitement across cities and villages in the province of 13 million people.

Celebrated towards the end of winters to mark the arrival of spring (Basant) season, the Basant festival has been an occasion for community celebrations across the province.

Kite flying during Basant festivities was an integral part for centuries but was banned about two decades ago. Announcing the details of the decision made on

Wednesday, Punjab's Minister for Information and Culture Azma Bokhari said on Thursday that there will, however, be several restrictions and fines for those vio-lating new rules regarding the same. "After 20 years, the joy of

Basant has finally returned to Punjab. But this time, it comes under strict safety regulations. No one will be allowed to break the law during the festival," Bokhari said in a statement. In 2005, the Government

imposed the ban on kiteflying following several deaths, especially of motor-cyclists and children, in accidents when the kite's sharp glass-coated strings got entangled around their necks leading to serious injuries.

Azma added that children under 18 will not be allowed to fly kites.

sign key deal for peace in eastern Congo **ASSOCIATED PRESS** Washington

US President Donald Trump will host the leaders of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda on Thursday for a deal-signing aimed at ending the conflict in eastern Congo and opening access to the region's critical minerals for the US Government and American companies.

The moment provides Trump — who has repeatedly and with a measure of exaggeration boasted of brokering peace in some of the world's most entrenched conflicts—another chance to tout himself as a dealmaker extraordinaire on the global stage and make the case that he's deserving of the Nobel Peace Prize. The US leader hasn't been shy about

CONGO HAS BEEN **BATTERED BY** FIGHTING WITH ARMED GROUPS. THE MOST POTENT BEING THE RWANDA-BACKED M23

Trump hosts leaders of Congo, Rwanda to

his desire to receive the honour. Trump is welcoming Presidents Felix Tshisekedi of Congo and Paul Kagame of Rwanda, as well as several officials from other African nations travelling to Washington to witness the signing, in the same week he contemptuously derided the war-torn country of Somalia and said he did he did not want immigrants from the East African nation in the US. Lauded by the White

House as a "historic" agreement brokered by Trump, the

pact between Tshisekedi and Kagame follows monthslong peace efforts by the US and partners, including the African Union and Qatar, and finalises an earlier deal signed in June. But the Trump-brokered peace is precarious. The Central African nation of Congo has been battered by decadeslong fighting with more than 100 armed groups, the most potent being the Rwanda-

The conflict escalated this year, with M23 seizing the region's main cities of Goma and Bukavu in an unprecedented advance, worsening a humanitarian crisis that was already one of the world's largest, with millions of people displaced.

backed M23 rebels.

Fighting, meanwhile, continued this week in the conflict-battered region with pockets of clashes reported between the rebels and Congolese soldiers, together with their allied forces. Trump, a Republican, has often said that his mediation has ended the conflict, which some people in Congo say isn't true. Analysts say deal also isn't expected to quickly result in peace. A separate peace deal has been signed between Congo and the M23.

"We are still at war," said Amani Chibalonza Edith, a 32-year-old resident of Goma, eastern Congo's key city seized by rebels early this year. "There can be no peace as long as the front lines remain active." Pact will also build on a Regional Economic Integration Framework that officials have said will define the terms of economic partnerships involving the three countries



Pilot safely ejects before F-16 crashes in US

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Trona

A fighter jet with the Air Force's elite Thunderbirds demonstration squadron crashed in the Southern California desert, but the pilot managed to eject safely, the military said. The pilot was being treated at a hospital for injuries that were not life-threatening, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The F-16C Fighting Falcon crashed around 10:45 am on Wednesday during a training mission "over controlled airspace in California", according to a statement from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. The fire department said it had responded to an "aircraft emergency" near Trona, an unincorporated community in the Mojave Desert about 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Los Angeles. In 2022, a Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet crashed near Trona, killing the pilot.



Officers wounded, suspect killed in US shooting

ASSOCIATED PRESS Omaha

Three Omaha police officers have been wounded and a suspect killed in an exchange of gunfire at a gas station. The suspect, a man in his 20s, had earlier shot a 61-year-old man several times in the chest about noon at a grocery store, Police Chief Todd Schmaderer said. Officers obtained a license plate number from the scene and followed the suspect's car to the gas station, he said. The officers watched the suspect get out and enter a restroom on Wednesday. He then left the room and began firing on the officers, the chief said. Two officers were hit, and a third was hit by shrapnel. The officers returned fire, and the suspect was killed. "This is a very dangerous day involving this suspect in the city of Omaha," Schmaderer said. The officers suffered non-lifethreatening injuries and were taken to a local hospital.

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Aurobindo Society unveils charter for Indian knowledge systems in schools



Aurobindo Society has initiated a nationwide movement to embed Indian Knowledge Systems into school education, hosting the first International Conference on Integrating IKS in School Education. At the event, the Society unveiled India's first IKS Charter, a national framework providing guidelines for responsible, researchbacked and classroom-ready integration of IKS. The Charter outlines principles, curriculum pathways, ageappropriate modules, assessments and teacher preparation approaches.

Speaking at the event, Sambhrant Sharma said the movement aims to bring India's civilisational wisdom into the core of schooling in a practical and future-ready manner. Chief Guest Bajrang Bagra (VHP) praised the Charter as an essential guideline for safe and effective implementation. The event was organised inpartnership with Maharishi International University (USA), Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, Bhartiya Shiksha Board, and Future Icons.

Campaign AOTY 2025: Raj Kamble wins top leadership award

Raj Kamble, founder and chief creative officer of famous innovations, has been honoured with one of the highest individual recognitions at the campaign agency of the year awards 2025. He was named "agency head and growth leader of the year", marking his fourth win - a record achievement that makes him the only independent agency head to receive this distinction. Past recipients include industry veterans such as Piyush Pandey, Prasoon Joshi and Ashish Bhasin.

The accolade places Kamble among India's most influential leaders in advertising and marketing. The category acknowledges professionals who have successfully built high-performing agencies, delivered noteworthy business results for brands, and set new benchmarks in creativity and growth.



His Holiness Dalai Lama launching the book titled 'Forest Resources in India' co-authored by Himachal Pradesh Environment Secretary Sushil Kumar Singla, retired Indian Forest Service officer Rakesh B Sinha and Solan University former scientist Krishna Kumar Raina published by National Book Trust

PM Modi grand architect of new and resurgent NE: Sonowal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as "the grand architect of a new and resurgent Northeast," transforming a region once neglected for decades into a major driver of India's growth, connectivity and national pride.

Speaking on the development outcomes achieved over the last decade, Sonowal said the Northeast has transitioned "from the margins of policymaking to the mainstream of national priorities," reflecting the prime minister's commitment to infrastructure expansion, economic reform, cultural revival and long-term peace-building.

seven decades of underrepresentation and under-investment," Sarbananda Sonowal said. "Under Modi ji, the region is recognised as the Ashtalakshmi of India – not just a border region but a new engine of national growth. From railway capital connectivity and airports to highways, power, digital networks and inland waterways, the transformation has been historic." The Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said

The Northeast suffered

Sarbananda Sonowal connectivity has been the cornerstone of the prime minister's roadmap. All major gauge conversion work in the region has been completed, with Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Manipur and Mizoram connected to the broad gauge network and goods and passenger

interiors for the first time. The Bogibeel rail-cumroad bridge — completed in 2018 and the commissioning of the Bhairabi – Sairang link in June 2025 have expanded access across Assam and Mizoram.

trains reaching the region's

Four capital connectivity

rail projects — Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim and Meghalaya — are underway, while the India -Bangladesh Agartala -Akhaura rail link was inaugurated jointly by the prime ministers of both nations in November 2023.

On roads, more than 11,000 km of upgraded national and strategic highways have been taken up in the last decade.

Major corridors include the Shillong - Nongstoin -Tura section, the Nechipu -Hoj NH-13 project and the capital connectivity highways to Kohima, Itanagar and Gangtok, several of which are nearing completion in 2025. Air connectivity has undergone what Sarbananda Sonowal described as "a revolution." From nine airports in 2014, the Northeast now has 19 operational airports.

Greenfield airports at Pakyong and Hollongi, along with the upgraded Rupsi Tezu, Agartala terminals, were operationalised under the UDAN scheme.

A network of heliports and water aerodromes has been added to extend links to remote districts.



Born in the highlands, destined for honour

TONY DAS

Alo,West Siang

The Indian Army's continuous outreach and mentoring efforts in the remote areas of West Siang have yielded yet another proud milestone. Three young aspirants from the Aalo region — Jari Bagra, Toni Doji and Yumper Nada — have successfully cleared the Agniveer selection process and will now proceed to the Recruiting Office, Jorhat on 04 December 2025 for enrolment into the Assam Regiment.

These youths, hailing from the villages of Along and Basar, overcame geographical isolation and limited access to resources through sheer determination and disciplined preparation. Their achievement reflects

Army's sustained guidance, structured training support, and its commitment to empowering deserving talent from far-flung areas of Arunachal Pradesh.

To honour their remarkable accomplishment and encourage them as they step into a life of service and responsibility, a felicitation ceremony was conducted on 03 December 2025 to celebrate their hard work and inspire other young individuals across Arunachal to pursue their dreams with similar resolve.

The Indian Army remains dedicated to nurturing potential in border communities, ensuring that opportunity reaches even the most remote corners. The success of these three youths stands as a testament to what courage, mentorship and the impact of the Indian persistence can achieve.

PM to visit Assam from December 20, Himanta reviews preparations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma chaired a meeting to review the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed two-day visit to the State from December 20.

Sarma said the PM, during his visit, will "herald a new wave of development" in the state. "Assam is all set to welcome Adarniya Shri @narendramodi ji on 20th December as he will herald a new wave of development in the State," the chief minister posted on X on Wednesday.

"Reviewed preparations for his welcome and the marquee events which will take place during the visit," he added.

The prime minister, during his visit, will inaugurate the new terminal building of the Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport and also unveil a statue of Bordoloi, Assam's first chief minister, at Borjhar. Modi is also scheduled to address a public meeting at Guwahati. He will also lay the founda-

tion stone for a new brownfield ammonia-urea complex of 12.7 lakh metric tonnes annual capacity at Namrup and address a public meeting there. The chief minister, during

the meeting, reviewed the preparations for both the programmes of the prime minister scheduled to be held in Guwahati and Namrup, an official statement said.

He directed senior officials to ensure that both events were conducted their smoothly for resounding success.

Minister of Industries Commerce and Public Enterprises Bimal Bora, BJP MLA from Naharkatia Taranga Gogoi, district commissioners of Kamrup and Dibrugarh, and the managing director of Assam Valley Fertiliser and Chemical Company Limited, SP Mahanta, participated in the meeting virtually.

Chief Secretary Ravi Kota, Director General of Police Harmeet Singh and several other senior officials were present in the meeting, the

CM Sarma presents seed capital under MMUA at Tamulpur

Guwahati

Empowering the Nari Shakti of Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on thursday handed over ₹10,000 seed capital each to 35,199 women beneficiaries uder *Mukahya Mantri* Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan at a programme held at Tamulpur.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sarma said that MMUA has given a new fillip to strengthening women-led enterprise and livelihoods across the region, which has led to a new awakening among the women of the State.

He observed that from ancient times, the women of Assam exceptionally led several fields and Sati Joymati and Mulagabharu showed this with fine examples. Although, instead of income-generating works, most women in the State stayed engaged in household tasks, a few women got themselves engaged in different business activities.

In this backdrop, the transformational movement of self-help groups began in the state and as a result, the number of enterprising women kept rising. He said that through various business initiatives, women in the State have started to earn their own income.

The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi trusts the strength and capacity of women and he aims to help three crore women in the country grow into Lakhpati



force of women who can earn more than ₹1 lakh in a year through entrepreneurial activities. In Assam, forty lakh women now work with selfhelp groups. The Chief Minister said that many women have already used bank loans and their own savings to run businesses and have joined the ranks of Lakhpati Baideus. He said that more than eight lakh women in the State have now become *Lakhpati*.

Dr Sarma said that earlier women in the State wanted to run businesses but the lack of capital held them back. He said that after long discussion, the present Government decided to support each member directly to encourage entrepreneurship. Under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan, the State arranged to give ₹10,000 to each of the forty lakh self-

help group members. He said that the State Government would spend ₹4000 crore for this purpose.

Commenting on the cheaue distribution event held in Tamulpur, he said that the State Government has already covered 45 assembly constituencies and 10 lakh women have been benefited.

Catering to the needs of these 45 constituencies proves that the State Government fulfils its promises. Speaker Assam Legislative Assembly Biswajit Daimary, CEM BTC Hagrama Mohilary, Cabinet Ministers Jayanta Mallabaruah and Charan Boro, Tamulpur MLA Jalen Daimary, several BTC executive members. Mission Director Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission Kuntal Moni Sarma Bordoloi, along with a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

President awards for empowerment of persons with disabilities

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

A society that embraces every individual's abilities becomes stronger, more humane and more prosperous": President of India at National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2025.

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, today inspired the nation with a powerful message at the National Awards for **Empowerment of Persons** with Disabilities 2025, affirming that "a society that embraces every individual's abilities becomes stronger, more humane and more prosperous.'

Addressing the gathering at Vigyan Bhawan on the International Day of persons with disabilities, she reminded the country that inclusion, dignity and equal opportunity are the true measures of national progress.

She emphasised that the day carries immense significance as it "reminds us of our collective responsibility to build a society that is just, inclusive and enabling for every citizen, especially our *Divyangjan*." The President



standing commitment to honouring excellence and empowering Persons with Disabilities, noting that the Awards not only recognise extraordinary achievements but also inspire compassion,

responsibility and action.
She lauded the courage and leadership of the 32 awardees, describing them as "shining examples of India's commitment to dignity, equality and inclusion." Recalling the transformative impact of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,

scored India's shift to a rightsbased framework that guarantees accessibility, reasonable accommodation, legal safeguards, and enhanced representation in education and public service.

She specifically praised the Divyang children who, despite their disabilities, excelled in their abilities. Many initiatives are being undertaken for Divyangjan at the President's House, and a Purple Fest was also

organised there." Addressing the gathering,

Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, said that under the leadership and vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Government considers Divyangjan as invaluable human capital and remains firmly committed to ensuring equal opportunities.

Dr Kumar also underlined the success of UDID, accessible infrastructure initiatives, ADIP Scheme distribution to nearly 33 lakh beneficiaries. He said on the occasion that When the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, speaks of making the nation selfreliant through 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayaas,' the contributions and efforts of our Divyangjan are also an important part of this vision."

In her welcome address, V Vidyavathi, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, extended heartfelt greetings to all the awardees and highlighted the impressive nationwide response to this year's National Awards.

She shared that 2,423 applications were received through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal, reflecting growing awareness and confidence among persons with disabilities. She reaffirmed the Government's commitment to accessible infrastructure, early intervention services, capacity-building institutions and technologydriven reforms that are shaping a more equitable

and barrier-free India. Congratulating awardees, she noted that their achievements serve as a beacon of inspiration for millions across the country.

Dr Rajib Mukhapadhyay honoured with ET young leaders award 2025

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi Dr Rajib Mukhapadhyay,

Country Head and Director (Finance) at SkyPower Global and Co-founder of the social welfare organisation Le Rythme. has been honoured with the prestigious ET Young Industry Leaders 2025 Award.

The award, which recognises excellence in social impact, inclusive growth, and nation-building, was presented by acclaimed **Bollywood actress Taapsee** Pannu at an exclusive ceremony held at The Grand, New Delhi.

The evening brought together distinguished industry leaders, policymakers, and transformative social change agents.

A highly respected academic and global finance leader, Dr Mukhapadhyay is an alumnus of IIM Kolkata and a Fellow Member of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

With over 30 years of international leadership experience, he has signifi-



cantly influenced the financial frameworks of global multinational organisations.

His deep expertise covers multi-billion-dollar project financing, treasury operations, mergers and acquisitions, enterprise risk management, and long-term

financial planning. During his tenure as Regional Treasurer at Alstom, Dr Mukhapadhyay oversaw treasury and governance across 15 countries, driving operational efficiency and financial compliance at a global level.

Earlier, at GAIL (India) Limited, he spearheaded one of India's pioneering digital finance initiatives -

electronic banking platform, a milestone that modernised the company's financial systems and set a precedent for digital transformation in the public sector. Beyond his corporate accomplishments, Dr Mukhapadhyay is profoundly dedicated to social development. As Co-founder of Le Rythme, an organisation established in memory of his late wife, he has championed large-scale initiatives aimed at empowering marginalised communities through skill development,

livelihood generation and

vocational training.

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GAGANJEET BHULLAR BAGS THIRD IGPL TITLE IN STYLE



Gaganjeet Bhullar, who modestly began the week, closed it in a masterly fashion to become the first player to win three times on the IGPL Tour.

Bhullar, who opened the week with a round of 1-under 71, which included a hole-in-one, added solid rounds of

67-67 on the last two days to total a winning 11-under. The highly talented 21-year-old Raghav Chugh gave it all, but with three pars in the last three holes, he fell one short and ended a creditable sole second.

Chugh shot 4-under 68 and totalled 10-under for the week. Three internationals, Filipino Justin Quiban, Mexican Santiago de la Fuentes and Indian-American Manav Shah, all hoping to become the first international to win on the IGPL, were thwarted at the finish and ended tied third at 8-under.

SANDHU LEADS BY THREE SHOTS IN JAIPUR



Indian golfer Yuvraj Sandhu carded an impressive third-round score of four-under 66 to establish a threeshot lead with a total of 16-under 194 at the Jaipur Open here on Thursday.

Sandhu (65-63-66), who was in second place and one shot off the lead at the start of round three, produced an eagle, four birdies and two bogeys during his 66 to take control in the penultimate round.

Sandhu is in pursuit of his sixth PGTI title this season. If Yuvraj does go on to bag his sixth win of 2025, he would match the PGTI record for most titles in a season set by Manu Gandas in 2022.

Nikita overcomes tragedies to win gold in KIUG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Young women's hockey player Nikita Toppo stands out not just for her exploits in the midfield but also for her resilience in overcoming tough times and a careerthreatening injury early in her playing career.

The 22-year-old skipper played a pivotal role in helping Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) clinch the women's hockey gold in the institution's maiden appearance at the Khelo India University Games here.

Nikita lost her parents when she was five years old, while one of her elder brothers died in an accident when she was on her way to U-23 Five-Nations Cup in Ireland three years ago. A year later, ening injury and soon after her other brother met with an accident and suffered a skull injury from which he hasn't completely recovered yet.

But instead of getting bogged down by the series of setbacks, Nikita found solace in hockey.

"Before this (success at the KIUG), we would not clear our zone as there are many good university teams in Odisha. But from last year onwards, me and my coach have been working on building a strong team by getting good players to take admission in our university. "Before we came here, we were determined to win the title here," Nikita said after her team defeated ITM University, Gwalior, to take the top spot.

Nikita controlled the pace



defensive midfielder's role and ensured the ITM players could not penetrate her team's citadel.

However, it's not just Nikita's hockey skills but the clarity of thought and resilience that set her apart.

"I believe what happened, happened, and we can't change it. I focus on the present and accept the situation. I remain strong for my team and my family, or what's left of it, and I don't shed a tear because I don't want my insecurities and unfortunate incidents to take over me and cloud my mind," she said about her personal

"What happened to my brother in 2022 was heartbreaking. But I didn't let it pull me down, and I didn't want me. No matter how much I miss him, he won't come back," added Nikita, who could not even attend his last rites. The Indian team then won a silver medal in the U-23 Five-Nations Cup.

Nikita, whose hockey career started when she joined the Government Sports Hostel in Panposh, Rourkela, in 2016, was also part of the Indian U-21 team that won four matches and drew one during their South Africa tour in 2023.

But a ligament tear during a Khelo India Youth Games training camp in 2023 and an accident to her other surviving brother meant that she took almost a year to recover both physically and mentally to start performing on the field again.

Won't ask Piastri for F1 title help: Norris

Abu Dhabi

Lando Norris says he won't ask his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri to give up a place to favour him in the three-way Formula 1 title fight with Max Verstappen at the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

Norris has a 12-point lead over Verstappen going into Sunday's race, with Piastri four points further back.

If Verstappen is far ahead of both McLarens, its possible Piastri could be in a situation where he can't take the title himself but can aid Norris' title bid. If Verstappen wins on Sunday, a top-three finish would be enough for Norris.

"Honestly, I mean, I would love it, but I don't think I would ask it because it's up to Oscar if he would allow it. I don't think it's necessarily down to me," Norris said, sitting alongside Piastri and Verstappen at a pre-race news conference on Thursday. Norris added he believed he would help out Piastri if it's not really up to me," the roles were reversed, but said they hadn't discussed any such situations within the team.

"Personally, I think I would, just because I feel like

Norris said. "I'm not going to ask it. I don't want to ask it necessarily a fair question."

Piastri left the issue open. "It's not something I'm always like that and we've discussed," he said. that's just how I am, but this, "I don't really have an defence chances.

answer until I know what's expected of me.'

Norris had the chance to wrap up the title at last week's Qatar Grand Prix, but a pit strategy blunder by McLaren handed Verstappen the win to boost his title

Italy receives Olympic flame for Milano Winter Games

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Athens

The Olympic flame for the Milan Cortina Winter Games was formally handed to Italian organisers on Thursday in the all-marble stadium in central Athens, where the first modern Olympics were held nearly 130 years ago.

From Athens, the flame will travel to Italy, where it will begin a 63-day, 12,000-kilometre relay through all 110 Italian provinces before reaching Milan's San Siro Stadium for the opening ceremony on February 6. Italy will host the flame for the first time in 20 years, and 10,000 torchbearers have been organised.

'To stand here in this historic stadium provides an inspiring reminder of the honour we have been granted and the precious treasure we will carry home with us," Milan Cortina organising committee president Giovanni Malago said before receiving the flame.

A forecast of severe rain-

storms in Athens kept large crowds away and led organisers to announce the ceremony would be shortened. But the rain held off until the very end, a weak sun filtering through the heavy black clouds, and the few hardy spectators who turned up were able to enjoy a performance featuring Greek and Italian singers and a children's choir in the stadium, which staged the first modern Games in 1896.

burning in a cauldron outside the 5th century BC. Parthenon temple atop the Acropolis, Greece's most famous landmark, the flame was carried into the Panathenaic stadium by Greek water polo player Elena Xenaki, who lit another cauldron in the stadium along with Greece's women's national water polo team.

After spending the night

The flame was lit on November 26 in Ancient Olympia, the site of the ancient games which inspired the modern Olympic movement.

Kalikesh begins first full term as NRAI president

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Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo began his first full four-year term as president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) after he was elected unopposed during its general body meeting here on Thursday.

Pawan Singh, a wellknown administrator and technical expert of the precision sport, was elected as the new secretary general as the results of the sports body's elections were officially declared.

The elections were conducted by Justice (Retd) Nirmaljit Kaur, who was the returning officer. The elections also put in place a new executive committee and a new governing body.

Sharing his first reactions, Singh Deo said, "Indian shooting has currently seen it's most successful phase in history over the last couple of years, both in terms of



success and popularity and that increases our responsibilities manifold.

"I wholeheartedly thank the entire general body for restoring faith in my team and me, and we promise to leave no stone unturned to accelerate this growth momentum even further and to maximise the potential that our extremely talented shooting athletes possess.

"With the flag paramount in our thoughts, let us all work together to make India number one in the world in our beloved sport." Odisha's

Singh Deo has been in charge of the federation since former president Raninder Singh completed his three terms in the post.

Pawan Singh said, "All the functions in the NRAI are already online, from registration to results, and now the next step is to use technology efficiently. We want to leverage AI and performance data to identify talented shooters across the country.

"My focus will be on using technology to find and nurture promising athletes from every corner of India."

Gayatri-Treesa's reclaim their beat at Syed Modi PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The title defence at Syed Modi International has done more than just place another trophy on Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly's shelf. It has restored the rhythm the duo had been searching for through a fragmented season.

The two-time All-England semifinalists opened 2025 in promising fashion, reaching the All England quarterfinals and then the Swiss Open semifinals. But by June, a persistent shoulder issue caught up with both, forcing them to step off the circuit after the Macau Open.

Gayatri and Treesa returned in style, winning in just their second event at Lucknow, something which has given the young Indian pair the clarity and confidence as they prepare for a physically demanding 2026, when their first aim will be to regain their place in the top echelons of women's

"For me, Syed Modi felt like a reward for staying

patient and trusting the process," Gayatri told PTI in an interview. "I just started playing again, and it gave me a lot of confidence that my game is moving in the right direction."

A painful shoulder injury was followed by a long rehabilitation phase, and Gayatri said the mental grind was equally demanding. "Even before Macau, it was

there, and it was still hurting. After Macau, it was a proper two-month break... It has been a tough, challenging situation," Gayatri said.

"You focus on rehab, stay positive, lean on coaches, physios, family... Mentally, if I stay strong, that helps me.'

Her father, former All England champion and national chief coach Pullela Gopichand, remains her anchor. "He talks about his injuries and tells me what to look at... It's a huge confidence for me," she said.

A five-week block to rebuild power With just a month to go for

the next season, Gayatri and Treesa know physical prepa-

ration will shape results more than appearances. "Strength wise I have to build a lot of strength, endurance as well. We've got a good five-week time now, so it's a good time to build strength, agility, endurance — all of that. It's an

upward journey," Gayatri said.

The Indian pair was ranked world Number 9 for 13 weeks earlier this year, and they see 2026 as the season to reclaim that zone. "I think our biggest goals are to break into the top bracket of world doubles, win more world titles, and perform well at world championships. And of course, injured, I just wanted to get

work towards Olympic qualification as well," Gayatri said. "And yeah, I think improving consistency is a big thing for us right now."

Treesa's doubles stint added new dimension

While Gayatri was rebuilding, Treesa, who recovered in two months, kept herself match-ready through mixed doubles, partnering Hariharan Amsakarunan and winning the Turkiye International Challenge in October.

"Yeah, mixed doubles actually... When Gayatri was said. "That's how I started playing mixed doubles. I can say I'm really enjoying it."

could get complicated once the bigger tournaments begin. "We don't really have any world ranking right now to get entries for 1000s and 750s. That's why I'm a little bit confused... How to manage mixed doubles also."

Yet the stint helped her sharpen net play, anticipation and rotation awareness elements that were visible in Lucknow. The win in Lucknow showcased Gayatri and Treesa's improved clarity in rotations.

"On court, we've developed a good understanding of each other's strengths, Gayatri said. "I know when Treesa is taking charge, and she knows when I'm going to move in. We're comfortable discussing anything, which helps us stay united through tough phases."

While the title defence signals readiness, the 21-yearolds know well that building deeper consistency at the highest level will be the key.

into the first stages of this

technical partnership a year ago and the Haas car has

been carrying Toyota's

Marseille's prolific attack faces in-form Lille in Ligue 1 since 1970. Lille is also enjoy-Thauvin said. "But it is way

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The two highest scoring teams in Ligue 1 face off on Friday when nine-time champion Marseille travels

north to take on Lille. Marseille missed the chance to move to the top of the standings last weekend after being held to a home draw. On a fourmatch unbeaten run across all competitions, it has another opportunity to take the lead with a win. Roberto De Zerbi's Marseille sits third in the table, two points behind leader Lens. Lille is in fourth place, five

points off the pace. With 35 goals in 14 matches, Marseille boasts one of the best attacking records in Europe this season and its highest tally at this stage in the French top flight ing positive momentum, having won its past three matches across competitions.

Key matchups

Leader Lens plays at Nantes on Saturday on the back of a 2-1 win at Angers that moved the club to the top of the standings for the first time in 21 years. Following its second loss of the season at Monaco, second-placed Paris Saint-Germain is at home against Rennes before a trip to Athletic Bilbao in the Champions League next week.

Players to watch

Florian Thauvin's flair and efficiency have been crucial assets for Lens. The 2018 World Cup

winner is enjoying a revival since his return to the league from Italian side Udinese this summer. The 32-year-old



ing a brace last weekend, and produced two assists. His performances have earned him a recall for France

following a six-year absence.

there are good chances he will be playing at another World Cup next summer.

"What is new today is

being top of the league,"

too early to get carried away. Will we be able to compete with PSG? We'll see."

Who's out?

PSG said on Thursday that goalkeeper Lucas Chevalier is still nursing a right ankle injury. Chevalier was injured in the loss against Monaco after a violent tackle from Lamine Camara. PSG is also missing Désiré Doué, Nuno Mendes, Achraf Hakimi and Lucas Beraldo.

Off the field

Nice made headlines for the wrong reasons this week after shocking acts of violence from its fans. After a sixth consecutive loss across all competitions on Sunday, players and staff were assaulted when they returned to the club's training and academy centre.

Toyota moves further into partnership for 2026 with Haas Formula 1 team



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The Haas Formula 1 team will get a new name next season, further showcasing its relationship with Japanese automaker Toyota.

In a statement Thursday, the team said its name in 2026 will be TGR Haas F1

Team. The TGR stands for Tovota Gazoo Racing, which is the racing division of the Toyota Motor Corporation.

Taking over the title sponsorship means Toyota is now more involved in F1 than at any time since it pulled its team out after

the 2009 season. Haas and Toyota entered

The partnership involves design and technical services but does not include a Toyota engine. Haas will run next year with Ferrari power, but

branding since.

Toyota ran a team in F1 until the end of the 2009 season. It failed to win a race despite spending heavily. This move does not appear

it does move the company

ever deeper into Formula 1.

to mark a return to that level of involvement. "It's naturally a privilege to

deepen our relationship with

TGR through this new title partnership agreement,' Ayao Komatsu, team principal of Haas, said in a statement from Haas.

Root's century outshines Starc's wickets as England wins day 1

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Brisbane

Joe Root posted a longawaited first Ashes century in Australia to give England the honors on Day 1 of the second cricket test despite Mitchell Starc's six wickets.

Starc removed Ben Duckett and Ollie Pope to have England reeling at 5-2 in the third over Thursday.

That's when Root went to the crease and set about restoring the England innings, and confidence, following the series-opening eightwicket loss in Perth.

His unbeaten 135 led

England to 325-9 at stumps, with No. 11 Jofra Archer at a career-best 32 in an unbroken 61-run last-wicket stand. Zac Crawley, who helped

Root get England's revival going in a 117-run third-wicket stand, described his teammate's century as a "phe-

"He played brilliantly," Crawley said. The ball "was doing plenty when he first came in and he was so calm and he was so clear as well about how he wanted to go

Opener Crawley, who was coming off two ducks in Perth, scored 76 from 93 balls and was outscoring Root before he attempted an extravagant pull shot and got an under edge through to the keeper just after the first Starc then returned to

dismiss Harry Brook, giving him his 415th career wicket to surpass Pakistan great Wasim Akram (414 from 104 tests) as the most successful left-arm fast bowler in test cricket.

"He's still still the pinnacle of left-armers," Starc said of Wasim. "It's nice to be spoken of up around that but I'll just



England's Joe Root celebrates his century during the second Ashes cricket test match between Australia and

try to keep churning a few an element of symmetry with out." Brook was caught at slip slashing outside off stump and falling for 31 from 33 balls to end a 54-run fourthwicket partnership with Root just as the sun was going down. Root's highest test score in 15 previous Ashes tests in Australia was 89, and the local media had taken every chance in recent weeks to remind him of his missing

Playing his 160th test, Root was 88 not out at the drinks break midway through the night session. He moved into the 90s for the first time in Australia with a boundary off Brendan Doggett. He hit another boundary next ball to

The rest is history.

Momentum swings The first two sessions — in the afternoon and the evening — had England scoring 98 and Australia taking two wickets in each.

So the night session started with England at 196-4.

Root and Ben Stokes appeared to be coasting before a brilliant run out by Josh Inglis mixed things up again. Stokes (19) pushed a ball

into the covers and took off for a single, only for Root to send him back as Inglis raced in and threw down the stumps from side on.

Three balls later, Scott Boland bowled Jamie Smith (0) between bat and pad to make it 211-6.

Root was on 79 when he was joined by Will Jacks. The pair put on 40 before Jacks played an expansive shot to Starc and was well caught. Starc (6-71) then picked off Gus Atkinson and Brydon

England, suddenly, was 264-9. Expectations of Australia batting on Day 1 deteriorated, though, as Root and Archer went on the attack.

Still, Starc believed the day was evenly split.

"If you take the last partnership of the day out, I think we'd sit here and say it was a pretty good day's bowling," Starc said. "They blazed away a little bit and probably evened the day out — and Joe batted really well throughout the day."

No Lyon

The most contentious selection of the series so far was Australia's choice to recall Neser in a five-man pace attack at the expense of spinner Nathan Lyon, who missed out for only the second time on home soil since his debut in 2011.

Bhuvneshwar, Rizvi shine in UP's win over Chandigarh

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Kolkata

His days as one of India's leading seamers may be Bhuvneshwar Kumar continues to deliver handsomely in domestic cricket, evidence of which was his impressive outing in Uttar Pradesh's 40-run win over Chandigarh in the Syed Musthtaq Ali Trophy here Thursday.

The 35-year-old seasoned bowler returned excellent figures of 3/23 in four overs to help his side restrict Chandigarh to 172 for eight after UP posted a competitive 212 for seven in their allotted 20 overs at the Eden Gardens.

Sameer Rizvi top-scored for UP with a blistering 70run knock that came off just 42 balls and contained six fours and three sixes.

struck a brisk 67 off 41 balls, and found the fence seven times seven times while clearing it twice in the

partnership of 86 runs, which laid the foundation for UP's total in excess of

Siddarth Yadav looked Rizvi and Kaushik were in great touch until he was blazed away to a 10-ball 24 Opener Madhav Kaushik involved in a third wicket run out by Nehal Pajni for a to help prop up the UP Amrit Lubana (30 off 23

quick-fire 12-ball 28 with three fours and two sixes. After the dismissal of Rizvi and Kaushik, India's T20I specialist Rinku Singh

innings after Chandigarh opted to bowl first.

Rajasthan Royals seamer Sandeep Sharma was the most successful bowler for Chandigarh, finishing with fine figures of 4/26, including taking the wickets of Kaushik and Rinku.

In reply, Chandigarh were off to a disastrous start as they lost two wickets with just 19 runs on the board, Bhuvneshwar removing Pajni for a nought.

However, opener Manan Vohra kept Chandigarh in hunt with his explosive batting that fetched him 61 runs from only 35 balls, and which contained six boundaries and three sixes.

But Kartik Tyagi removed him at a crucial juncture to leave Chandigarh at 100 for three in the 11th over.

Wicketkeeper Nikhil Thakur (32 off 28 balls) and

balls) carried on the fight. but their team fell short by plenty of runs in the end. Brief scores:

Uttar Pradesh 212/7 in 20 overs (Sameer Rizvi 70, Madhav Kaushik 67; Sandeep Sharma 4/26) beat Chandigarh 172/8 in 20 overs (Manan Vohra 61; Bhuvneshwar Kumar 3/23) by 40 runs.

Jammu and Kashmir 112 all out in 19.3 overs (Shubham Khajuria 35; Nitin Sai Yadav 3/17, Milind 3/31) lost to Hyderabad 115/6 in 15.1 overs (Tanay Thyagarajan 50; Murugan Ashwin 2/16, Yudhvir Singh Charak 2/18) by 4 wickets.

Bihar 180/7 in 20 overs (S Gani 60, Vaibhav Suryavanshi 46, Akash Raj 40; Deepraj Gaonkar 4/38) lost to Goa 184/5 in overs (Suyash Prabhudessai 79, Kashyap Bakhale 64; Suraj Kashyap 3/24) by 5 wickets.

and Shardul (0), to send Mumbai

Lucknow has turned out to be

a happy hunting ground for the

32-year-old Asif as he now has 13

wickets in four SMAT matches at

Kerala 178 for 5 in 20 overs

(Sanju Samson 46, Vishnu Vinod

43; Shardul Thakur 1/34, Shivam

Dube 1/18) beat Mumbai 163 in 19.4

overs (Sarfaraz Khan 52, Ajinkya

Rahane 32, Suryakumar Yadav 32; KM Asif 5/24, Vignesh Puthur

Assam 175 for 7 in 20 overs

(Abdul Kuraishi 57, Nihar Deka 52;

Yash Thakur 3/36) beat Vidarbha

117 in 17.5 overs (Mukhtar Hussain

3/36, Akash Sengupta 3/12) by 58

Chhattisgarh 158 for 6 in 50

reeling at 149 for seven.

the venue this season.

Brief scores:

2/31)by 15 runs.

Hyderabad Out-of-favour India veteran

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Mohammed Shami continued his impressive show in domestic circuit with matchwinning figures of 4 for 13 as Bengal cruised to a sevenwicket victory over Services in a Group C match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy here on Thursday.

This was Bengal's fourth win in five games and, with 16 points, Abhimanyu Easwaran's men now lead the points table and look good to make the cut for the knock-out stages.

Easwaran, who himself is appearing for IPL auction auditions, did his cause no harm with a 37-ball 58 in Bengal's walk-in-the-park chase of 166 which was completed in just 15.1 overs.

Delhi Capitals star Abhishek Porel (56 off 29 balls) also did his bit in a second-wicket stand of 93 in only 8.2 overs which set up the chase nicely.

But this was possible only because of 'Player of The Match' Shami (4/13 in 3.2 overs) and current India international Akash Deep (3/27), who kept the Services down to a manageable 165 in 18.2 overs.

Shami got two wickets in his first spell, removing openers Gaurav Kocchar (0) and Ravi Chauhan (26 off 9 balls). While comeback man Mukesh Kumar (0/53 in 3 overs) was hammered all around, off-spinner Writtick Chatterjee (2/32 in 4 overs) and Akash Deep got crucial

Shami polished off the tail in his final spell. Hardik takes 1/16 in Baroda's

middle-order wickets before

Shami puts Bengal on top of points

table with easy win versus Services

easy win over Gujarat

In another high-profile group league game, Hardik Pandya, after a swashbuckling knock against Punjab in his comeback, bowled tightly to finish his four-over spell with 1 for 16 in Baroda's comfortable eight-wicket victory against Gujarat in a low-

scoring game. Gujarat were dismissed for ust 73 in 14.1 overs with only two players reaching double

digits. Hardik accounted for the CSK danger man Urvil Patel (7), who offered a return catch.

Former India U-19 seamer Raj Limbani took 3 for 5. Baroda knocked off the runs in just 6.4 overs although Hardik's returns with the

willow was a mere 10 off The all-rounder will now fly off to Cuttack on December 6

to link up with the Indian T20I squad for the five-match series starting December 9.

Kamboj, Dalal win it for Harvana

Seamers Anshul Kamboj (3/44), Anuj Thakral (3/31) and batter Yashvardhan Dalal (76 n.O. Off 44 balls) played major

roles in Haryana's sevenwicket win over Himachal Pradesh in another group league game here.

Batting first, HP scored 176 for 8 and Haryana surpassed the target in 18 overs.

Dalal hit seven fours and four huge sixes.

He returned to bowl the final after opening the innings. over to take out tail-enders Shams Asif, who is having his best domes-The Kerala skipper's blazing tic season, helped underdogs Mulani and Hardik Tamore to end Mumbai's innings

Asif takes 5 wickets as Kerala shock defending champions Mumbai in SMAT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Lucknow

A five-wicket haul by pacer KM Kerala earn a shock 15-run victory against defending champions Mumbai in a Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Group A match here on

Mumbai, who suffered their first defeat in five games in the T20 tournament, though continue to lead the group with 16 points, while Kerala moved to third spot with 12 points -- the same as Andhra who are in second place -- following their third win in the five-team pool.

Kerala are marginally behind Andhra on net run rate.

The star-studded Mumbai side, led by India pacer Shardu Thakur and having the likes of national T20 skipper Suryakumar Yadav and Shivam Dube in their ranks, crumbled to 163 all out in 19.4

overs while chasing 179. Kerala made 178 for five.

It was India keeper-batter Sanju Samson, who recently completed the move from Rajasthan Royals to Chennai Super Kings in the biggest deals ahead of the IPL 2026 season, who set the tone for Kerala by smashing a 28-ball 46

innings, studded with eight boundaries and a six, gave his team a flourishing start. But two wickets in quick succes-

sion -- of Rohan Kunnummal (2) and Samson -- left the southern state struggling at 58 for 2 in the seventh over. Samson took majority of the

strike, giving his opening partner

just five deliveries as the India toporder batter negotiated the star Mumbai bowlers early on. Samson's dismissal slowed down the scoring rate as onedown batter Vishnu Vinod took 40

balls for his unbeaten 43, which

included just three boundaries. However, Vinod's 63-run stand with Mohammed Azharuddeen (32) and pacer Sharafuddeen's cameo of 35 not out off 15 balls did give Kerala a fighting total in the

start as, after losing Ayush Mhatre (3) early, Rahane (32 off 18 balls) and Sarfaraz Khan (52 off 40 balls)



Mumbai were off to a confident were involved in an 80-run stand for the second wicket.

At 99 for three in the 12th over, the defending champions looked

comfortable. But the tables turned in the 18th over bowled by Asif (5/25), who grabbed the wickets of Sairaj Patil (13), Suryakumar (32)

overs (Amandeep Khare 44, Shashank Singh 46; Prithvi Raj 2/35, KV Sasikanth 2/36) lost to Andhra 159 for 2 in 18.5 overs (Ashwin Hebbar 50, Shaik Rasheed 59 not out) by 8 wickets.

Rizwan eyes big bash success to make comeback in Pakistan T20 squad

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Lahore

Pakistan's seasoned wicketkeeperbatter Muhammad Rizwan is hoping to use the Big Bash platform in Australia to claw his way back into the national T20 squad for next year's World Cup.

Rizwan, a former captain of the ODI and T20I squads, has not been picked to play in the shortest format by the national selectors since December 2024, but he sees the Big Bash League (BBL) as a big opportunity to regain his spot back.

"I am confident of performing well in the Big Bash and in Australia if you are successful everyone takes notice of you," Rizwan told the media.

"I have always enjoyed playing the most in Australia because the competition level is very high and the Australians play their cricket in a very different manner. The level is so high that if a player does well in Australia he knows he can perform anywhere else," he added.

Rizwan is set to leave for Australia with Babar Azam, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Shadab Khan, Haris Rauf and Hasan Ali to play in the Big Bash this week for Melbourne Renegades. Pakistani selectors tried out young



wicketkeeper-batter Muhammad Haris this year but then dropped him for poor form and recalled Usman Khan who got

some good scores against Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in the recent tri-series. But Usman is not considered as good a wicketkeeper as Rizwan.

The 33-year-old Rizwan, who has an impressive average of 47 from 106 T20Is with one century and 30 half centuries, was dropped because of his low strike rate of 125 despite forming a reliable opening pair with Babar Azam.

Babar, also sidelined from the format because of his inability to improve his strike rate, is now back in the team but at the number three spot.

Rizwan, who was removed as ODI captain in October to be replaced by Shaheen Shah Afridi, said like every other player he was also keen to get a chance to play for the country in the

"I am focussing a lot on my batting and adding new strokes to my range and the Big Bash is the best platform for me to show my worth again," he

All-rounder Shadab Khan is another player whose performance would be closely followed by the selectors in the Big Bash. Having recovered from a shoulder injury, he is also in line for a comeback to the Pakistan squad.

Arshdeep Singh's spell vs SA shows need for consistent ODIs

Visakhapatnam

By his own admission. Arshdeep Singh's favourite pastime is to watch YouTube compilations of Wasim Akram and Zaheer Khan to learn about the nuances of yorker and reverse swing.

Arshdeep has put those learnings to use quite frequently in T20Is, and it's not for nothing that he became the first Indian bowler to take more than 100 wickets in that format.

But his spells against South Africa in the recent Ranchi and Raipur ODIs have underlined the need to give the left-arm pacer a consistent run in the 50-over version, something he has been deprived thus far. In isolation, his figures of 2 for 64 and 2 for 54 in those matches look modest. But they offer a different picture when placed alongside Proteas' totals of 332 and 362 for six. In both the games,

Arshdeep had to bowl during

a heavy dew setting in wintry conditions. But he never let the

SA's chase under lights with

batters dominate him in either of the matches, registering the best economy

among the pacers -6.4 at Ranchi and 5.4 at Raipur. At Raipur, Harshit Rana gave away seven runs an optimum tactical awareness and the ability to bowl to the over and Prasidh Krishna set field. "That is one area was carted around for 10.20.

It may be argued that where he has improved a lot

when the ball was relatively drier in the first Power Play and when the ball was changed after the 44th over in the second ODI. But even then to contain or

Arshdeep largely bowled

he has now learned the importance of mixing up his deliveries to avoid being predictable. dismiss batters like Quinton "It is very important in de Kock and Marco Jansen on a firm pitch, a bowler needs

white ball cricket in which batsmen keep looking for runs. He has really matured now as a bowler and is mentally tough," tells Jaswant Rai, his childhood coach. (PTI)

in recent times. He knows

the conditions well, he then

adjusts the lengths well and