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PIONEER IN SHORT

SENSEX FALLS OVER 600 POINTS

Indian equity markets suffered major losses on Monday as investors lost ₹7.12 lakh crore in market value, with the BSE Sensex plunging 609.68 points (0.71 per cent) to close at 85,102.69. The Nifty50 also fell 226 points to 25,961. Analysts attributed the decline to profit-booking after two days of gains, continuous foreign institutional investor (FII) selling, and cautious sentiment ahead of the US Federal Reserve's rate decision. Key Sensex laggards included Bharat Electronics, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, Adani Ports, SBI, Asian Paints, Larsen & Toubro, and Bharti Airtel, while Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies Reliance Industries, and HDFC Bank were among the few gainers Sectoral indices saw broad declines, led by services (-3.7 per cent), realty (-3.5 per cent), and capital goods (-2.83 per cent), with midcap and smallcap indices falling 1.73 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively. The sustained weakness in the rupee and ongoing FII outflows heightened concerns over inflation, rising import costs, and global contributing to the bearish market sentiment. Trading saw 3,348

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stocks decline.



SUPREME COURT RESERVES BAR SEATS

The Supreme Court on Monday directed that 30 per cent of seats in State Bar councils, where elections have not yet begun, be reserved for women advocates. For the current year, the court instructed that 20 per cent of seats be filled through elections and the remaining 10 per cent by co-option if there are insufficient candidates. The bench. comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, clarified that co-option should not exceed 10 per cent of seats. States where elections are already underway, including Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, and Chhattisgarh, were urged to ensure fair representation of women advocates through voting. The decision follows pleas by advocates Yogamaya M G and Shehla Chaudhary.

CONGRESS SUSPENDS NAVJOT KAUR SIDHU

Punjab Congress on Monday suspended leader Navjot Kaur Sidhu from its primary membership following her controversial remark that "one who gives a suitcase of ₹500 crore becomes the chief minister." The suspension order was issued by Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. In response, Kaur Sidhu accused Warring of being "insensitive, irresponsible, morally dishonest, and corrupt" and refused to acknowledge his leadership. She also alleged that Congress candidate Karanbir Singh Burj paid ₹10 crore to party leaders for a ticket, a claim Burj denied, offering to swear in a gurdwara that no payment was made. Navjot Kaur Sidhu clarified her comments, saying they were twisted, emphasising that she and her husband, former Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, never paid money for political positions.

PM questions Nehru legacy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday accused Jawaharlal Nehru for partition and echoing Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Attacking independent India's first prime minister, PM Modi said, "Instead of firmly countering the baseless statements of the Muslim League and condemning them, Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Congress president, did not reaffirm his and the Congress party's commitment to Vande Mataram, but began questioning Vande Mataram itself... Under the pressure of appeasement politics, the Congress bent and agreed to break Vande Mataram to pieces. Therefore one day, it had to bend for the Partition of India," he said.

The PM was speaking at a Parliament debate on the 150th anniversary of Vande Matram.

Initiating the debate, the PM highlighted how Vande Mataram inspired the nation, energised the freedom struggle and became a symbol of national resolve which prompted Mahatma Gandhi to liken it to the national anthem. The PM said Muslim League leader Jinnah first stepped up his opposition to Vande Mataram on October 15, 1937, from Lucknow. Nehru



PM Narendra Modi speaking in the Lok Sabha during a discussion on the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram during the Winter session of Parliament

Chandra Bose five days later, sharing Jinnah's sentiments and observing that Vande Mataram's Anandmath background had the potential to irritate the Muslims", PM Modi said.

The PM said it was ironic that Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's Vande Mataram underwent a review of its worth in his home State of Bengal at the Kolkata session of the Congress Working Committee in 1937, leaving the country in a state of shock and prompting patriots controversies around

wrote to Netaji Subhash to take out processions Vande Mataram. against the decision of the Congress.

As members of the Trinamool Congress protested the PM addressing Chatterjee as Bankim da, the PM took a dig at the party saying that the Congress outsourced its decision-making process. He asserted that the policies of the Congress and its allies have remained unchanged and they continued to resort to politics of appeasement and have attempted to create

prime minister recalled that Mahatma Gandhi wrote in 1905 that Vande Mataram has become so popular that it has emerged as national anthem and wondered why injustice was meted out to it.

"If Vande Mataram was so popular, why was injustice meted out to it, why was it betraved in the last century. What were those forces that were so powerful to overrule the wishes of Mahatma Gandhi on Vande Mataram,'

Government turns heat on IndiGo

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

The civil aviation minister on Monday informed the Parliament that the Government has initiated a probe into aviation disruptions caused by IndiGo and warned of action against the airline to set an example for other airlines. Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu was replying to a question by in the Rajya Sabha.

"We are doing an inquiry. We will take very, very strict action not only for this situation but also as an example,"

ON MONDAY, INDIGO'S CRISIS **ENTERED ITS EIGHTH** DAY, WITH 562 FLIGHTS CANCELLED **ACROSS AIRPORTS**

failing to manage its crew and duty roster. On Monday, IndiGo's crisis entered its eighth day, with 562 flights cancelled across airports.

Naidu said adding that the dis-

ruption was a result of IndiGo

The revised flight duty time limitation (FDTL) was introduced after a high court order in April 2025. Of the 22 guidelines, 15 were implemented on July 1 and the remaining seven on Nov 1. The minister stressed that multiple consultations were held with all stakeholders, including IndiGo, and rules had to be followed without any compromise on safety.

"After thorough consultation and safety risk assessment, necessary variations and exemptions have been given beforehand," the minister said, adding that the crisis took place almost one whole month of operation in the new FDTL.

IndiGo replies, DGCA action likely

RAJESH KUMAR New Delhi

IndiGo on Monday apologised for the nationwide aviation disruption caused by the carrier while seeking more time to respond to a show cause notice issued by the sector regulator. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had given the airline, its CEO and COO time till 6pm Monday evening to respond to its notice issued on Saturday.

In its response, the airline has claimed it is "realistically not possible to pinpoint the exact cause(s)" in the timeline issued by the DGCA. It also noted that the regulator's manual allows a 15-day response time for show-cause notices.

The airline further claimed that the disruption was the result of compounding effect of multiple factors that came together in an unfortunate and unforeseeable confluence, "including minor technical glitches, schedule changes linked to the start of the winter as well as implementation of operation under the updated crew rostering rules (Flight Duty Time Limitation Phase II) which coincided in lesser or greater measure, as per the statement. IndiGo is "profusely apologetic" and

season, adverse weather conditions and

increased congestion in the aviation system

deeply regrets the inconvenience and hardship caused to customers," it said. In a statement, the DGCA said it has

received the airlines' response and it is in the process of examining the response, and enforcement action, as deemed appropriate, will be taken in due course. The two top executives of the airline were given until 6 pm on Monday to file replies to the notices.

Additionally, CEO Piter Elbers and COO Isidro Proqueras are likely to be summoned on Wednesday by the four-member probe panel set up by the DGCA as part of the investigations.

CHINA ALERT

issued an advisory urging

Indian citizens to exercise

travelling to or transiting

through China, following

an incident in which an

Arunachal Pradesh was

detained at Shanghai's

The advisory comes

more than two weeks after

acknowledge the woman's

November, resulting in her

temporary detention. The

case prompted strong

concern in New Delhi,

particularly over the

Indian passport during a

Pudong Airport.

Chinese authorities

allegedly refused to

transit stop on 21

Indian national from

"due discretion" when

New Delhi: The

Nightclub owners fled after fire: Police

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The owners of the Goa nightclub, where 25 people were killed in a fire on late Sunday night, have fled to Phuket, the Goa Police said on Monday. Earlier in the day, police teams from Goa and Delhi searched the north Delhi home of nightclub owners Gaurav and Saurabh Luthra, the two main accused in the tragedy.

After registering an FIR against them, a Look Out Circular was issued against them by December 7 by the Bureau of Intelligence (BOI) at the request of the Goa Police. The Bureau of Immigration at Mumbai was contacted, and it was found that both the accused had taken the 6E 1073 flight to Phuket at 5.30 am on December 7, immediately after the fire incident. which occurred around midnight, an officer of the Goa police said. He added the Goa Police had immediately dispatched a team to Delhi to conduct raids on the addresses of the accused Gaurav and Saurabh Luthra.

Investigators say the Luthras are wanted for questioning over suspected safety lapses, missing fire clearances,



The nightclub seen across Arpora river. (Inset) Bharat Kohli, detained in connection the fire, who allegedly oversaw daily operations at the venue PTI

and procedural violations linked to the club's operation. According to officials, the nightclub did not have a fire department NOC, and documents required for licence approvals were either incomplete or missing. Police believe these contributed to the tragedy. Early findings indicate that fire exits were inadequate and that the staff and customers had little time to escape once the flames broke out.

So far, Goa Police has arrested four senior managers of the club, chief general manager Rajiv Modak, general manager Vivek Singh, bar manager Rajiv Singhania, and gate manager Riyanshu Thakur. All four are being questioned about operational violations on the night of the incident. Police have also detained Bharat Kohli, a resident of Sabzi Mandi in Delhi, who handled the club's day-to-day operations. His name surfaced during interrogation of one of the managers, and he will be taken to Goa for further questioning.

Police said more arrests are likely as they scrutinise the role of each member of the management team. Investigators are also checking CCTV footage, staff statements, and communication records to reconstruct events leading up to the fire.

ASHOKE RAJ ■ New Delhi

Monday on announced online visa application for Indians. The new ystem will be launched on December 22. The Chinese Ambassador to India, Xu Feihong shared the update on social media, noting that the digital platform will allow users to complete visa forms and upload required documents directly through the website.

The launch comes shortly after India fully restored its visa regime for Chinese tourists and business travellers. On November 26, the Ministry of External Affairs confirmed that visas in these categories are fully functional again, ending a five-year freeze imposed following the border tensions in 2020.

MEAspokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated that tourist visas for Chinese nationals - paused since the pandemic and subsequent border events — have resumed worldwide as of November 2025. Business visas had been reintroduced earlier and continue to be processed without restric-

The reinstatement of visas is part of a series of people-



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oriented confidence-building steps agreed upon between New Delhi and Beijing this vear. These include the restart of direct commercial flights in October 2025 and progress on reviving the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra, a pilgrimage route

deeply significant to Indian travellers.

Analysts say the reopening

of travel channels is expected to boost tourism flows, trade activity, and person-toperson exchanges between the world's two most populous nations, providing a treatment of Indian travellers holding valid documentation.

positive signal amid ongoing diplomatic complexities. The Chinese Embassy's new online visa system is

anticipated to support this momentum by offering a faster, more accessible application experience for travellers seeking to visit China.

STPs in Haridwar overflow years ahead, raising concerns for Ganga

ARUN KASHYAP Haridwar

Major Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) built in Haridwar to prevent contamination of the Ganga have started overflowing well before the design year. With the plants receiving more sewage than their capacity, locals are concerned about the holy river being contaminated in Haridwar. However, officials maintain that all sewage water is released after

Information sought under the Right To Information (RTI) Act by local activist Disha Sharma revealed that there is one 14 MLD capacity and another 18 MLD capacity STP in the Sarai area of Haridwar. The 14 MLD plant receives 15-16 MLD sewage while the 18 MLD plant is receiving 20-21 MLD sewage for treatment. The biggest STP is located

in Jagjeetpur with 68 MLD capacity and this plant is receiving between 73 MLD and 75 MLD sewage. All the major STPs in this region are receiving more than their capacity for sewage, information received under the RTI Act reveals. On being asked about this

issue, the Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan maintenance branch (Ganga) executive engineer Harish Bansal said,



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"All the overflow from the Jagjeetpur and Sarai STPs is transferred to the Peyjal Nigam STP. Their officials will be able to tell the exact quantity," he said.

The Peyjal Nigam's construction and maintenance unit (Ganga), project manager Meenakshi Mittal said that upto 75 MLD sewage is being received at the 68 MLD plant. "However, we treat all the sewage and do not release any sewage into the Ganga without treatment,"

Meanwhile, observers point out that based on the RTI information, the design year of these plants is 2030-35, which means the STPs were engineered to remain functional and meet the intended treatment capacity and performance standards till these years. With the plants overflowing well before their design years, observers opined that an overloaded STP not only loses capacity but also increases the risk of contamination in the Ganga due to incomplete treatment of the sewage. The locals allege flaws in the designing and planning of these STPs.

Classifieds

BEDKHALI NOTICE

- I Jarnail Singh S/o Mitt Singh R/o House No 125, Bhainsa Tibba Sector 4. MDC Panchkula declare that I had disown my son Gurpreet Singh by a publication in Newspaper. Now he is under my control. So I cancelled his disowned and accepted back him as legal heir.
- I, Pinky W/o Late Surinder Kumar # 3592/D. Gate No.1, Gali No.8, Vikas Nagar, Nayagaon, Mohali Punjab, My Son Amandeep, his wife Nidhi out of my control so I disown them from my all moveable/ immovable properties anybody deal with them at their own risk.
- We Rajeshwari W/o Vikram Singh and Vikram Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o # 3186 Sector 25, Chandigarh. our Sachin Singh and his wife Yogita are out of our control. We disown them from our movable immovable properties. In the future anybody deals with them will be self responsible.
- I Birbal Gupta S/o Lachhi Ram R/o 3319 Sector 23-D. Chandigarh my Son Nitish Gupta is out of my control so I disowned from my moveable and immovable properties anybody dealing with him own risk
- We, Berander S/o Rambharose and Smt. Kiran W/o Barander both R/o House No. 3004, SAS Nagar, Phase-7, Mohali, Punjab declare that our son Sunny and his wife Smt. Bebi are out of our control. We disown all them from moveable/ immoveable Anybody properties. dealing with them will do so at their own risk.
- I, Gurmeet Singh S/o Dharam Singh R/o Village Satoura, Tehsil Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, my Maninder daughter-in-law Avneet Kaur are beyond my control. I disown them from movable immovable property. They will be responsible for any unethical acts transactions done by them in future.
- I, Rajbala, w/o Vikram Singh Rathi, r/o Rishi Colony, opposite Sugar Mill, Kami Road, Dist4t. Sonipat, declare that my son Sandeep Rathi and his wife Manita are out of my control. I evict them from all my movable immovable pro property. Anybody deals with them at their on risk. I and rest of my family will have no responsibility.
- I Lakhvir S/o Lajja Ram R/o Vill Bathonia Kalan Teh Rajpura Distt Patiala declare that my Daughter Aman Sharma is out of my control so I evict her all my moveable immovable property anyone dealing with her at their own risk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

- We, Kuldeep Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh and Kulwinder Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh 5, New Paris Avenue, San Sahib Road, Chheharta, Amritsar declared that our son's Maninder Singh true and correct date of birth is 15-11- 2011. All concerned please note.
- I Komal Rani W/o Satnam Singh R/o Mohalla Dibbipura, Nurmahal, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar Punjab India declared that I am known by two names Komal Rani and Suman Rani. Komal Rani and Suman Rani is one and the same person.
- I, Mohinder Kumar S/o Achhar Singh R/o Vill: Talehan Po. Shakra Teh Sub-Teh Bagshar (Karsog) Distt. Mandi (HP)-175009 declare that in my daughter Sanjana 10th class certificate my name wrongly entered Mohinder. But my correct name is Mohinder Kumar. Mohinder Kumar and Mohinder one and the same person.

- Ashok Kumar S/o Roop Lal R/o Vill: Kharak Balra Teh-Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur declare that in my service record the name & DOB of mother wrongly recorded as Nirmala Devi & 07-08-1961. The correct name & DOB of my mother is Nirmal Devi & 01-01-1959.
- I, No. 4465845 Ex-Nk Harnek Singh Resident of H.No. 101, GTB Nagar, Kharar Teh-Kharar Distt Nagar (Punjab) hereby declare that name of my daughter Rajbinder Kaur has erroneously been recorded in my service documents. correct name daughter is Rajwinder Kaur recorded in her Aadhar Card, PAN Card and Matriculation Certificate.
- I, No. 2484715Y Ex-Nk Sukhbir Singh Rathaur Resident of Vpo. Majri Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar (Punjab) hereby declare that name of my son Yogush Rathaur erroneously been recorded in my service documents. correct name of my son is Rathour recorded in his Aadhar Card, Birth Certificate and School records. Please

CHANGE OF NAME

- I, Mata Ram Rahi S/o Sh. Ram Chand R/o House no. 322, Sector 38/A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Mata Ram Rahi to Mata Ram Dhiman.
- I Sarika Gandhi W/o Sumit Malhotra R/o HNo. 6192, Modern Housing Complex. Sector 13 Manimajra, Chandigarh declare that in the school record of my daughter Veronica Malhotra Admission No. 5687, my is wrongly mentioned Sarika Malhotra instead of my Sarika correct name All concerned Gandhi. please note.
- I, Bhavna Garg W/o Sarjevan Kumar R/o House No. 91/1, Jwala Devi Mandir, Sector 45-A Chandigarh, i have changed my name from Bhawna Garg to Bhawna Singla.
- Rajendra Singh I, Yaday S/o Late Sh. Ramphal Singh Yadav R/o Nagla Gosai Amargarh, Agwanpur, Meerut, UP 250406 (UID no:- 496976875811) have changed my son name from Saurabh Singh Yadav Saurabh Yadav and DOB from 22.06.1993 to 22.03.1993 vide Affidavit
- PB97998276481427X Dated 01-12-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court Zirakpur.
- I, Surendra Kumai S/O Ganesh Prasad R/O House no - 123, Khijhauli, Pakrakhurd, PO - Bihar, Distt - Unnao Uttar Pradesh 209866 Declair That in My Service Document My Daughter Name Wrongly Entered As Jaanvi Please Correct it Janvi Sharma Vide Affidavit Dated Before Notary Pathankot.
- I, Aryan, son of Rammehar, resident of village Karmgarh Tehsil Narwana District Jind Haryana, inform that I have passed BSEH School 10th in 2021, my roll number in marklist
- 1021308350, my Aadhaar number 208191124383 has been wrongly recorded whereas my correct number Aadhaar 268191124383, the correct one is this school recorded in the record.
- I, Davinder Singh S/o Ram R/o Village Kadiana, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Davinder Singh to Singh Davinder. Singh surname. mγ Concerned note.
- I Mehak Sambyal D/o Sh. Surinder Singh, House no. 209. Sector 22A Chandigarh have changed my name from Mehak Sambyal to Mehak Sambyal Manchanda.

- I, Jyoti Devi D/o Mewa Singh R/o House No. 2616. Sector 20-C, Chandigarh declare that in my Pan card my father name is wrongly mention as Sita Ram but correct name is Mewa Singh.
- I, Subhash Chand R/o Village Kulpur, Saraswati Nagar, Distt Nagar have changed my name from Chand Subhash to Subhash Chand Bhaal.
- I, Prachi Pahuja W/o Mayur Malhotra R/o House no 196 38 B, Near M.L.N school. Luxmi Nagar. Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Prachi Pahuja to Prachi Malhotra. Henceforth, I shall be known as Prachi Malhotra in future for all purposes.
- I, Mahinder S/o Sh. Ram Kumar Aadhar No. 4772-6073-7652, R/o # 2409/2, Housing Complex, Maloya, Chandigarh -160025, have changed my name from Mahinder to Kirat.
- Manvendra Singh Negi S/o Mahitab Singh R/o # 88 Sector 55, Palsora, Chandigarh, declare that my name is wrongly recorded as Manvendera Singh Negi 10th Educational Document of my son Sumit Negi, whereas my correct name is Manvendra Singh
- I, AJIT SINGH S/o SH KARAM SINGH R/O SCF NO. 618 Motor Market, Majra Chandigarh That I have changed my name from AJIT SINGH to AJIT SINGH CHANNI.
- I, Sunil Kumar S/o, Ramniwas, Father Nitya R/o Ward 4. Kuchhal Brahman Mohalla. Kharkhoda Sonipat, Haryana 131402, have changed my minor Son name from Nitya Kuchhal to Nitya Garg
- I, No. 3198921L, Ex Sep Jagdeep S/o Sh Ram phal R/o H No. - 725, . Village - Garhi Sarai Namdar Khan, PO & Teh. -Gohana, District - Sonipat (Haryana) have changed the name of my wife from Reena Devi to Reena vide affidavit dated 05 Dec sworn before Executive Magistrate Gohana, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana). In future my wife should be known as
- I, Anjali Giri, spouse of Avinash Kumar Giri resident of SMQ W-10/1, Air Force Station, Sirsa (Haryana) have changed my Name from Aniali Giri to Anjali Goswami vide Affidavit No. 19779 dated 14.09.2025 before district court Sirsa.
- **I, Anu Garg** W/o Sandeep Garg, R/o H.no.2994, New Housing Board Colony, Sector 11-12, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Anu Bindal to Anu Garg, for all future purposes.
- I, Suman Garg W/o Ashok Kumar, R/o H.no.2994, New Housing Board Colony, Sector 11-12, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Suman to Suman Garg, for all future purposes.
- I Simran Jeet Singh S/o Puran Singh kalra R/o h.no.438 Huda near Arya Samaj Mandir Sector 12 Panipat I have changed my name from Simran Jeet Singh kalra to Simran Jeet Singh for all future purposes.

Continuity Pg. No. 05

It is informed to the common and special public through this information that in this office Vishal Arora, Sanjeev Kumar Alias Bobby (Died) Rio House no, D-92, Kalandri Gate, Karnal Property Tax I.D.No. 196C359U136 located at Kalandri Gate, Karnal applied for registration of names. As per property tax records above property tax I.D. no. 196C359U136 in without name registered, Kanta Rani had died on 11.02.2022. The applicant has submitted a document/heir Sated 65.12.2025 and a copy of the affidavit to change the names in this office. Therefore, if any person has any objection to change the names in property tax I.D. no. 196C359U136 located at Kalandri Gate, Karnal, Bobby (Died) Rio House no. D-92, Kalandri Gate, Karnal. Hei?he can register their objections within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in this office. Otherwise, after the time period, it will be considered that no one has any objection regarding the above said transfer. As a result, the unique property tax I.D. 196C359U136 the name of the applicant will be entered changed. After a period of time there is no any claim.

Regional Taxation Officer. Municipal Corporation Karnal. PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that Original Sale deed bearing regd. No. 2606 dated 42.10.1996 registered before Sub Registrar, Derabassiin respect of Residential House No. 565 (Comer), 250 Sq. Yds. Harmilap Nagar, Phase J. Baltana comprised at knewat/khatoni no. 263/378, khasra no. 3min(1-0), 15min(1-0) kitte, 2, area 2 bigha 0 biswa being 100/800 Share Le. 0 bigha 5 biswa situated at Baltana, Hadbast No. 47, Sub Tehsil Zirakpur, Tehsil Derbassi, District SAS Nagar (Mohiali) – Pb. executed by Sh 50ban Singh S/o Sh Betal Singh in favour of Sh Mohan Lal S/o Sh 60kal Dass could not be traced as on date and lost. Lost Article Report has been lodged on 08-12-2025 & LR No.658140/2025. Now, the present owner of the above said House intends to sale the said property to (f) Sh Kuldeep Singh S/o Sh Rajbir K/o Mahandipur – 50% share (iii) Sh Pawan Kumar - Z5% share (iii) Sh Pawan Kumar - Z5% Share (iii) Sh Pawan Kumar S/o Sh Ram Gopal Singh - 25% share and entered into agreement to Sale dated 17-11.2025, (Prospective purchasers). Further, the prospective purchasers intend to avail credit facilities from Punjab National Bank, Branch 16-0, Chandigarh and for which they will create mortgage of the said property with Punjab National Bank, Branch 16-0, Chandigarh. However, any misuse thereof by any oerson will make him/her liable for crimina action. Further, any person claiming any right, title or retrest over the property or otherwise having

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rsigned within 7 days of the date of of this notice. Branch Head

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Man Mohan Batra R/o House No. 1145, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh has applied for registration of un-registered WILL dated

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Nohan Batra R/o House No. 1145. Sector

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Central Bank of India, Chandigarh Zone Successfully Organizes Sports Day Central Bank of India, Chandigarh Zone, successfully

organized its Sports Day on 7 December 2025 at the Sports Complex, Sector 7, Chandigarh. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from staff members and their families, creating an energetic and joyful environment. Various sports activities were conducted throughout the day, encouraging teamwork, fitness, and camaraderie among participants. The active involvement of employees and their family members played a key role in making the event a memorable success. The occasion was graced by the presence of Mr. Arvind Kumar, Zonal Head, Mr. T.C. Meena, Deputy Zonal Head, and Mr. Sandip Kar, Chief Internal Auditor, Chandigarh, whose participation further motivated the attendees. Central Bank of India, Chandigarh Zone, continues to promote employee well-being, team spirit, and a healthy work-life balance through such initiatives.



CMD SJVN Reviews Progress of Arun-3 **Hydro Electric Project in Nepal** Shimla: Sh. Bhupender Gupta, Chairman & Managing

Director, SJVN, accompanied by Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), visited the 900 MW Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project in Nepal today to assess the progress of this strategically important cross-border hydropower venture. The visit underscores SJVN's firm commitment to expediting the completion of one of the most significant clean energy collaborations between India and Nepal.

During the visit, the CMD and Director (Personnel) conducted a comprehensive review of project activities across major sites. At Phaksinda, they inspected the Dam site, where Sh. Gupta urged the project team to uphold the highest standards of safety, quality, and timely execution. He emphasized the relevance of Arun-3 in strengthening regional clean energy cooperation and meeting future power requirements.

The delegation later visited the Powerhouse and other key components of the project at Pukhuwa. Project authorities presented detailed updates on recent achievements, challenges posed by the difficult Himalayan terrain and weather, and the mitigation measures being implemented to ensure steady progress. Shri Gupta commended the dedication and coordinated efforts of the workforce operating in demanding conditions and called for sustained momentum in completing the remaining project milestones.



Awsome Bhangra performance at Craft Mela, Kalagram On the concluding day on 7th December 25 at Kalagram Craft Mela, the awsome, wonderful performance of Bhangra by the senior members of Nirog Sabhaycarak Society, sector 40, Chandigarh was truly enjoyed by the public. This heart winning performance was repeated on public demand.



120 Years of National Insurance Chandigarh: The 120th Foundation Day of National

Insurance was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervor at the Chandigarh Regional Office of National Insurance Company Limited (a Government of India undertaking), SCO 332-334, Sector 34. Several senior officers and employees of the regional office graced the occasion. The program began with a brief introduction to the company's glorious history. Addressing all employees, Deputy General Manager Mr. K.G. Sharma, Regional Manager Mr. Mohinder Singh, and Regional Manager Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jain highlighted the company's achievements, challenges, and future priorities. They urged all employees to work with greater commitment, innovation, and service in the changing insurance landscape. Senior officials also remarked that throughout this 120-year journey, the company has always prioritized customer interest, transparency, and social responsibility. The employees unanimously pledged their dedication to the company's growth and excellence. Various social responsibility-driven welfare activities were also organized to commemorate the foundation day. In this series, representatives from the regional office presented 40 bedsheets to Sardar Avtar Singh Cheema, head of Palliative Peace (village Sanook, SAS Nagar, Mohali), as a donation to help patients suffering from serious illnesses.

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Explosive Rs 500-cr 'CM Post' Remarks

MONIKA MALIK **–** Chandigarh

A sensational claim that the Chief Minister's chair in Punjab is allegedly decided by a "Rs 500-crore suitcase" has cost former MLA Dr Navjot Kaur Sidhu, wife of Punjab Congress' former president Navjot Singh Sidhu, her membership in the grand old party. In a swift disciplinary action, Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring on Monday evening suspended her from the party's primary membership, as her remarks sparked a massive political uproar, embarrassment for the Congress, and fierce attacks by rival parties.

The suspension came after not just one but a series of controversial statements by Dr Navjot. After meeting Puniab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria on Saturday, she told the media that only a person who gives "a suitbecomes the chief minister. She further said that her husband would return to active politics only if the Congress declared him as its chief ministerial face for the 2027 Assembly polls, adding that while they did not have such money, they had the ability to turn Punjab into a

"golden state". The controversy deepened on Monday when Dr Navjot Kaur, appearing on a television channel, alleged that Punjab Congress chief Raja Warring had sold a councillor's ticket for Rs five crore. By evening, the party leadership moved in decisively, suspending her from the Congress, citing indiscipline and serious damage to the

Earlier in the day, Dr Navjot Kaur had attempted a partial retreat from her explosive Rs 500-crore remark, claiming that it had been "misinterpreted" and "twisted".

She said that she never meant that the Congress had demanded money from her family. According to her, she merely stated that they had no money to offer if her husband were to be projected as a chief ministerial candidate by any party. "Our Congress party has never asked anything from us," she said, expressing shock at what she called a "twist" to her statement.

However, the clarification failed to douse the political

Senior Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa also launched a sharp counterattack, demanding that the Sidhus disclose how much money was allegedly paid when Navjot Singh Sidhu was made a minister and later the Punjab Congress Committee (PCC) president. Randhawa went a step further, invoking Sidhu's family, asking whether his father's appointment as

involved money.

Calling the remarks unfortunate, Randhawa said that the Congress faced no threat from opposition parties but from "such people sitting within the party". He added that while Congress workers faced repression for threeand-a-half years, silence was maintained, and now such statements were suddenly being made with elections approaching.

The internal rift gave fresh ammunition to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the ruling Aam Aadmi Party, both of which launched all-out attacks on the Congress, accusing it of institutionalized corruption.

BJP national spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Dr Sudhanshu Trivedi said that corruption and the Congress were "two sides of the same coin", alleging that in both government and organization, the primary foundation of the party was corruption. He cited past allegations, including claims made in senior Congress leader Margaret Alva's book about open bidding for tickets in Karnataka, to argue that organizational corruption in the

Congress was nothing new. Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar added further fuel by alleging that one Congress Chief Minister had paid Rs 350 crore to secure the top post. He alleged that those who spoke of Hindu chief ministers being impossible in crore.

Punjab were themselves part of a system that thrived on massive cash deals.

The controversy also spilled beyond Punjab. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress president DK Shivakumar made a stinging and controversial remark, suggesting that Dr Navjot Kaur should be admitted to a mental health facility for making such state-

AAP, meanwhile, seized upon the moment to corner both national parties. Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema challenged the Congress and BJP high commands to explain their silence on the corruption allegations.

He questioned why leaders, who had witnessed wrongdoing, alleged remained quiet while in power and raised issues such as the recovery of nearly Rs 10 crore from a relative of former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi.

Cheema claimed that the alleged buying and selling of power had created a "systemic structure of loot" leading to massive scams in sand mining, liquor, transport, scholarships, and drug de-addiction centres.

He alleged that while Congress chief ministers may have spent thousands of crores to gain power, the people of Punjab were looted to the tune of Rs 30,000

Congress Suspends Dr Navjot Kaur After | Haryana Cabinet approves changes to police rules, takes steps to curb illegal mining

The Haryana Cabinet, under the chairmanship of State Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday approved changes to the Punjab Police Rules, 1934 (as applicable in Haryana), to update the recruitment process for constables and sub-inspectors.

According to the amendments, candidates who clear the Physical Measurement Test (PMT) and Physical Screening Test (PST) will be shortlisted by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.

The commission will call candidates equal to ten times the number of vacancies for the next stage -- the knowl-

The knowledge test will carry 97 per cent weightage and will have objective-type, multiple-choice questions in Hindi and English.

The paper will include questions on general studies, general science, current affairs, reasoning, mental aptitude, numerical ability, agriculture, animal husbandry and other relevant subjects.

At least 10 percent of the questions will be on basic computer knowledge and 20 per cent on Haryana-related

The level of the exam will match the required qualifications: Class 12 for constables and graduate level for subinspectors. General category candidates must score 50 per cent marks to qualify, while candidates from all **Papers now** reserved categories will need 40 per cent, after the 10 per cent relaxation.

In another change, candidates with NCC certificates will get extra marks: 1 mark for an A certificate, 2 marks for a B certificate and 3 marks

This benefit will apply in recruitment for both constables and sub-inspectors

Approves increasing mines dept posts to curb illegal mining

The Cabinet also approved a proposal to increase the number of posts in the mines and geology department from 632 to 890 as part of an effort to strengthen its enforcement machinery and curb illegal mining.

The Cabinet approved the recommendations of the Rationalisation Commission, which was set up to review manpower needs across government departments, an official statement said.

The commission, after several rounds of deliberations, had recommended raising the sanctioned strength of the mines and geology department to 848

After discussing the proposal with the mines and geology minister, the department suggested adding 42 more posts to further strengthen its enforcement wing, taking the total number

HCS Mains have Six

The Cabinet also accorded approval to further amend the Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) Rules, 2008 and as per the amendment, the number of papers in the HCS main examination has been increased from four to six, carrying a total of 600

As per the revised structure, the English paper and the Hindi paper will each be of 100 marks.

In addition, there will now be four General Studies papers, and each paper will carry 100 marks.

However, there will be no change in the Preliminary Examination, which will continue to be conducted for screening and will carry 200 marks. The personality test will also remain the same and will carry 75 marks.

Age limit for tourist vehicles fixed

The Cabinet also approved to fix the age of tourist vehicles for operation as per tourist permits under Haryana Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993.

As per the amendment. vehicles operating with All India Tourist Permits in the NCR region will be allowed to operate for 12 years if they run on petrol or CNG, whereas diesel vehicles under the same permit category will be permitted for a maximum of

For non-NCR areas, All India Tourist Permit vehicles

and diesel will also have a maximum operational age of 12 years. For all other permits, including stage carriage, contract carriage, goods carriage and school buses in the NCR region, maximum permissible vehicle age has been fixed at 15 years for vehicles operating on petrol, CNG, electric or other clean fuels.

However, for diesel vehicles operating under these permit types, the maximum age has been fixed at 10 years, only in the NCR region.

For non-NCR areas, all other permits, including stage carriage, contract carriage, goods carriage and school buses running on petrol, CNG, electric or other clean fuels and diesel will have a maximum operational age

Haryana Municipal Bill, 2025 approved to Streamline Urban Governance

The Cabinet also approved a major reform in urban governance by introducing the Haryana Municipal Bill, 2025. The new unified Act has been drafted to bring all categories of municipalities—Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees—under a single legal framework.

At present, 87 municipalities in the state function under two separate Acts. causing administrative complexities, inconsistent service delivery and challenges in interpretation of rules.

Winter session of Haryana | Haryana doctors on a 2-day Vidhan Sabha from Dec 18



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The winter session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha will commence on December 18, Chief Minister Navab Singh Saini said on Monday. He was talking to reporters after chairing a meeting of the

On being asked about the low number of candidates for the Assistant Professor English recruitment conducted by the HPSC, the Chief Minister said the examination results have been released strictly as per the cut-off list. "If any candidate has concerns, they may seek clarification from the HPSC and

have their results verified. No wrongdoing has occurred with any candidate," he said.

The Chief Minister said that the HPSC is an independent institution that functions without any external pressure, adding that while various pressures existed during previous governments, the commission is now functioning entirely free from such influences.

He reiterated that the government's agenda is zero tolerance; no irregularities have been found in the past, nor will any be allowed in the

The Chief Minister further informed that 58 students from Haryana have been selected in the UPSC this

Today, talented students from Haryana are also being selected in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Punjab, as candidates are free to apply for examinations anywhere," the Chief Minister said.

Responding to another question regarding the upcoming recruitment schedule, Saini informed that the Haryana Staff Selection Commission has recently released the results of the CET

strike, CM Saini says dialogue is on with them

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In protest against the non-fulfillment of their demands, including a halt in the direct recruitment of senior medical officers, Government doctors in Haryana went on a two-day strike on the call of Haryana Civil Medical Services Association on Monday. As a result, healthcare services at many hospitals were affected. However, State Health authorities deployed doctors from the National Health Mission and medical colleges to ensure that healthcare services continued without disruption. Talking to Reporters in Chandigarh, Harvana Chie Minister Nayab Singh Saini said doctors are regarded as lifesavers, and their profession is dedicated to serving humanity. Replying on the 48-hour mass leave taken by the HCMS doctors, he said the government has already fulfilled several of their demands in the past, "At present, ministers and senior officials are in dialogue with them. All their concerns will be heard, and no one's rights will be compromised," he said.

Dr Rajesh Khyalia, president of the Haryana Civil Medical Services Association, said that the doctors felt compelled to strike because their demands had not been met. "We are protesting to support two main demands: naiting the direct recruitment of senior medical officers and implementing the modified assured career progression scheme," he said. Khvalia said that these demands are not new: there had been a consensus reached with the state government on these issues last year, with assurances given by the chief minister. "Despite a year passing and our demands remaining unaddressed, we were forced to take this step," he added.

The association had met with Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi and Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Rajesh Khullar. Although a consensus was reached regarding the cessation of direct recruitment for senior medical officers, the other demand was still unresolved, he said. Khyalia warned that if their demands were not fulfilled, they would resort

Sukhbir Picks Gidderbaha, Signals **Return to Family Turf for 2027 Battle**

PNS CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday threw the 2027 Punjab Assembly race into early motion with a decisive announcement - he will contest from Gidderbaha, a constituency deeply intertwined with the Badal family's political legacy. Pitching the move as a response to "persistent demands" from local workers, Sukhbir framed his return to the family's old stronghold as both a symbolic reclaiming of political heritage and a strategic reset after his 2022 defeat in Jalalabad.

The declaration came during the inauguration of a new party office in Gidderbaha, where Sukhbir addressed workers ahead of the upcoming Block Samiti and Zila Parishad elections. Calling these grassroots polls a "litmus test" for the party's organizational strength, he urged cadres to sweep the Panchayati Raj contests and re-energize the party's base in the region. In a strong message that underlined his intent to redraw internal

boundaries, he announced that leaders who had 'betrayed the party", naming Hardeep Singh Dhillon in particular, would not be taken back into the fold.

Sukhbir's shift from Jalalabad marked the end of a long personal run in the constituency that delivered him victories in 2009 (bypoll), 2012 and 2017, before he was unseated in 2022 by an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate. Gidderbaha, meanwhile, carried a layered political history — it was represented by his father, former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, for five consecutive terms from 1969 to 1985, forming the early nucleus of the family's electoral influence berore ne movea to Lambi in

1997. The seat has remained a competitive arena ever since. After the 1995 bypoll, Sukhbir's cousin and former Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, now a BIP leader, held it for four consecutive terms until losing to Congress leader Amrinder Singh Raja Warring in 2012. Warring went on to represent Gidderbaha twice before resigning in 2024 after his election to the Lok Sabha from Ludhiana. In the November bypoll that followed, his wife Amrita Warring lost to AAP's Hardeep Singh Dhillon by 21,969 votes — an outcome that has since stirred fresh calculations for all three major parties.

Sukhbir's announcement also rekindled speculation over the future of Lambi, the Badal family's ancestral political bastion. Although the seat has long been regarded as the family's fortress, Parkash Singh Badal's loss in the previous election left its future uncertain. With no clarity yet on

who will represent Lambi in 2027, the possibility of former Union Minister and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal contesting her first Assembly election remains open.

If she opts out, Sukhbir may consider contesting from both Lambi and Gidderbaha, a scenario that would sharpen the Akali campaign narrative around restoring the family's traditional strongholds. As Punjab heads into a charged 14month run-up to the Assembly polls, Sukhbir's pivot to Gidderbaha signalled brand where its roots run deepest, while preparing the ground for a broader organizational battle across the

a strategic consolidation — an attempt to revive the Badal

Compromise on Punjab's Prestige": Sukhbir Pays Tribute to Senior Badal on 98th Birth Anniversary SAD president Sukhbir

Singh Badal on Sunday vowed to uphold the prestige of Punjab, Punjabis, the Khalsa Panth and the Akali Dal as he paid glowing tributes to his father and fivetime Chief Minister, the late Parkash Singh Badal, on his 98th birth anniversary Addressing a gathering after the culmination of the akhand paath, Sukhbir described Badal Sahab as a "true nationalist" and the

enduring voice of Puniab

Recalling his father's legacy, he said that Parkash Singh Badal was a "real Vikaspursh" whose development works still define Punjab's landscape. He credited him with transforming the lives of farmers and the poor through innovative welfare schemes, saying that people across religions and social backgrounds considered Badal Sahab "one of their own".

trial giants to attract strategic

investments into Punjab.

These included Daewoo

Construction, GS Engineering

Engineering

Punjab's Farm Fires Fall Sharply, But New Evidence Warns Most Blazes May Be Going Undetected

Punjab's stubble-burning cases fell from 83,002 in 2020 to 5,114 in 2025

CHANDIGARH

Punjab today stands at the centre of a strikingly contradictory narrative on stubble burning - one built on impressive official gains, while the other shaped by scientific warnings that the state's real fire footprint may be far larger than what monitoring systems capture. The past two years have brought a dramatic decline in recorded incidents, FIRs and penalties, signalling behavioural shifts among farmers and deeper administrative intervention. Yet, a new assessment claimed that more than 90 percent of large farm fires in Punjab are now escaping satellite detection, raising guestions about whether the state's air-quality gains are as robust as they appear.

As per the figures by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), Punjab has recorded one of its steepest declines in stubbleburning incidents in recent memory. The state logged 5,802 cumulative cases in 2024; in 2025 that number fell to just 1,963 - dropping by nearly two-thirds. Over the

been even more dramatic from a peak of 83,002 cases in 2020 to 5,114 in 2025. FIRs registered across Punjab and Haryana fell from 6,469 in 2024 to 2,193 in 2025, while financial penalties in Punjab dropped from Rs 21.80 crore in 2024 to Rs 12.58 crore in 2025. Combined penalties in Punjab and Haryana totalled nearly Rs 68 crore over two From Punjab's perspective,

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Punjab farmers paid Rs 21.80 cr in fines in 2024; Rs 12.58 cr in 2025 Punjab's burnt farm area reduced from 31,447 sq km (2022) to 20,000 sq km (2025) New study says over 90% of Punjab farm fires now occur after 3 pm Most late-afternoon fires are missed by current satellite tracking Official data show progress; scientific report warns of major undercounting

Recorded incidents dropped from 5,802 in 2024 to 1,963 in 2025

these numbers mark a significant behavioural and administrative shift in the paddygrowing belt. Ground-level enforcement has tightened, machinery subsidies under Residue Management (CRM) Scheme have expanded since 2018-19, and the CAQM's recent directive mandating biomass pellets in brick kilns beyond NCR has added pressure to reduce residue burning. The

state's six-year downward

last six years, the fall has curve - 83,002 (2020), 71,304 "available data" that is now (2021), 49,922 (2022), 36,663 under scrutiny. (2023), 10,909 (2024), and 5,114 (2025) - suggested that Punjab's agricultural land-

scape is slowly but visibly moving away from open burning. This sustained decline has shifted the longstanding Punjab-Delhi pollution discourse. Despite a drop of more than 50 percent in farm fires in 2025, Delhi still experienced one of its second-most polluted early winter seasons in five years. For most October-November days, Punjab-origin farm fires contributed less than five percent to Delhi's pollution, rising to five to 15 percent on select days and touching 22 percent only on November 12-13. Environmentalists now

argued that Delhi's poor air

cannot be pinned primarily

on Punjab's fields - at least not

But it is precisely this

on the basis of currently

available data.

The 'Stubble Burning Status Report 2025' by iFOREST presented a radically different

Using India's first multisatellite, multi-sensor analysis, the study found that over 90 percent of large farm fires in Punjab occurred after 3 pm in both 2024 and 2025, a stark shift from 2021, when only three percent of fires took place after this time. These late-afternoon fires are almost entirely missed by the CREAMS monitoring protocol, which relies on polarorbiting satellites that scan India only between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm. In simple terms, Punjab's fire profile has shifted - but the satellite

system has not. SEVIRI geostationary data, which provides 15-minute observations, revealed the extent of the undercounting. While official active-fire

numbers suggest dramatic reductions, burnt-area mapping - considered more reliable - show a more modest decline. Burnt paddy area in Punjab fell from 31,447 square km in 2022 to about 20,000 square km in 2025 - a 37 percent drop. Even so, Punjab and Haryana together still burnt nearly 30,000 square km of cropland in

Experts warned that this mismatch between actual fires and detected fires could distort Punjab's policy landscape. Chandra Bhushan, CEO of iFOREST, called the monitoring system "structurally misaligned with ground realities". Programme lead Ishaan Kochhar cautioned that "policy decisions in Punjab are being shaped by incomplete information". For Punjab, the dual narra-

tive is both a success story and a cautionary signal: real progress on the ground, but a monitoring grid no longer suited to capture farmers' shifting burning patterns. If the state is to consolidate its gains and strengthen its case in the pollution debate, it must ensure that what is measured truly aligned with what burns in its fields.

Mohali to Mirror South Korea's Pangyo Techno Valley, CM Unveils Big Push for **Startups and Global Investment**

PNS CHANDIGARH

Mohali is set to emerge as Punjab's answer to South Korea's famed Pangyo Techno Valley — an innovation district often dubbed the "Silicon Valley of Korea". Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, currently on an official visit to South Korea, on Monday announced that a similar government-backed technology university and startup ecosystem will soon be developed in Mohali, aimed at creating large-scale employment and global opportunities for Punjab's

During his visit to Pangyo Techno Valley, the Chief Minister released a 2.39minute video detailing his vision for Punjab's future technology hub. He described Pangyo as a globally connected startup university where ideas are nurtured into enterprises with worldwide reach. "This is exactly what we want to build in Mohali — where Punjab's youth can share ideas, scale innovations, and take their companies to global

markets," Mann said. Spread

over 167 square kilometres, Pangyo houses more than 1.780 companies, employs 83,000 professionals, and supports 25,000 researchers. Companies incubated here have collectively generated business worth 165 billion dollars in 2025 alone. The Chief Minister noted how startups are initially provided common working spaces and later upgraded to private offices as they scale - an ecosystem built around growth, mentorship, research and funding.

Calling it a governmentaided innovation university, Mann said that Punjab too can develop such a model with integrated research centres, data hubs, and startup accelerators. "We don't lack land in Punjab. We also don't lack minds," he remarked, adding that Mohali's proximity to Chandigarh and its existing IT footprint make it the natural choice for this transforma-

Beyond the vision for Mohali, the Chief Minister also held a series of high-level meetings with South Korea's leading business and indus-

and Construction, Nongshim Holdings, Korea Defense Industry Association (KDIA), and the Seoul Business Agency (SBA). Talks focused on renewable energy projects, including solar, wind and hydrogen production, along with smart city infrastructure, modular construction technology, green hydrogen, and large-scale civil infrastructure such as roads, ports, and industrial townships. In food processing, Mann pitched joint development of products tailored for Indian tastes, eco-friendly packaging, and plant-based alternatives. In defense manufacturing, discussions covered collaboration in cybersecurity, AI, robotics and unmanned systems, along with skill development to strengthen Puniab's industrial workforce The Seoul Business Agency explored partnerships in startup incubation, global marketing support and export branding for Punjabbased entrepreneurs.

सार्वजनिक सूचना गरण को सुचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की कर प्राप्ता के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आईएडी० 1HGT3BW4 / 1HFMD793 परानी प्रोपर्टी आरोठकीट त. 229C506U248 / 229C1095U730 बाई न./पत Amrit Colony पुराने क्याउडीएमीए क्लिडेंड में NA / Prem Singh च सर्वे के अनुसार नष्ट एन७डीएमीए रिकॉर्ड में NA / Nahani Devi नाम से दुर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकोर्ड में इस आईएडीए नए में प्रार्थी जिसका नाम Nanhi Narwal, Sitender Singh, Ravinder द्वारा वसीयत/वासमान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते हैं, जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार, रोहतक दाग तसदीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आएति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर नाम सबदाल करने में कोई मा जाणात है तो उठ दिन के जन्दर अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये अन्यथा प्रोपर्टी टेक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी जिसके लिए नगर निगम, येहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। क्रमांक: MCR/ZTD/2025/4376 दिनाक: 24/11/2025

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Hardev Singh for area measuring IR-SM, comprised
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[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

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before January 08, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration

Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Rs. 12,587/- plus

further interest and

other charges

Branch Head

NOTICE TO BE SENT TO HIRER(s) BEFORE BREAKING

OPEN A LOCKER IN CASE OF OVERDUE RENT This is for the information of our valued patrons who have taken locker on rent at our branch and have committed breach of the arrangement. The notice sent as per the RBI / Banks Guidelines to the renters returned, as their recorded address were not found or had left or deceased. Efforts to contact the locker holders in person at their recorded address have also gone in vain and their present whereabouts could not be ascertained. No claimants are coming forward for claim. Thus having no alternatives this notice is given to all the persons named below and their claimants / nominee for contacting the branch and to clear the dues to the Bank within a period of 15 days, failing which the Bank will proceed to break open the locker at their cost, risk and responsibility and Bank will exercise its right to

House No. 131, Jeela Rs. 8,604/- plus Mr. Vijay Singh Nagar, Barnala, further interest and Kumar Garg Punjab -148101 other charges S/o Krishan Lal House No. B/12-537 Khatrian Wali Gali Rs. 14,357/- plus Mr. Punit further interest and Kumar Jain S/o Barnala- 148101 other charges Bachan Lal

Punjab - 148025

Place : Barnala

Description of work

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Punjab- 152107

Address

Village Thuliwal, Barnala,

en for recovery of outstanding rent, cost and other charges

CONTACT No.: 73470 35084 Date: 08.12.2025

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No-JSV-EE-Jagatkhana-CB-TA-E-Tender/2025-8602-8701 Online bids on Job basis and item rate/Lump sum basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Jagatkhan.

Distt Bilaspur HP on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system, in two covers for unde mentioned works from eligible contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HP JSV:

Providing Fecal Sludge and Septage Management Facility (FSSM) (Co Treatment) to Shri Naina Devi Ji and Adjoining area in Tehsil Shri Naina Devi Ji Distt. Bilaspur H.P Tender documents and other instruction can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal https://hptendersgovin b the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost Key dates:-Date of submission of e-tendering

Date of opening Bid RO NO. 4934/2025-2026 Dt. 08-12-2025

Processing Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059, India

Branch Office: 2nd floor, SCO 337-38, Sector 35-8, Chandigarh- 160022, Branch Office: 2nd floor, Kakar Tower, Mall Road, Ferozpur-152002

E-Auction Sole Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) 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 described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder; Sr. Name of Borrower(s)/ No. Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No. Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any

Varinder Singh (Borrower) Kewal Singh (Co-Borrower) Baldev Kaur (Co-Plot No. 178, 179, 180 Shree Balaji Nagar Vill Bakarpu Secctor 15 MC Hadbast No. 16 Borrower) Lan No LHPNC00001481750/Tehsil Derabossi Dis Sas Nagar Mohali Punjab- 140507 HPNC00001481751 Ved Parkash Patel Nagar Street No. 6 Waka Rakba (Borrower) Parveen Malout Na Muktsa

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Sahil Kumar (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHBTN00001348229 LHBTN00001348230 The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till January 08, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule,

on top of the article on or before January 08, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com. Date: December 09, 2025

Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059, India

Place: Yamunanagar, Sonepat, Rohtak

Branch Office: SCO No -121, Sector 17, 1st floor, Commercial Belt, Jagadhari Road, Yamuna Nagar - 135003 Branch Office: Plot No-05, Teachers Colony, Atlas Road, Sonipat-131001. Branch Office: Second floor, 2/30, Bulganins Tower, Adarsh Nagar, D Park, Delhi Road, Rohtak - 124001 [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

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3.	Laxmi (Borrower) Monu., Jhakho Kumari, Shri Bhagwan (Co- Borrower) Lan No. LHROH00001418600 Haryana 124112	u., Jhakho 18 Khewat No 410	Rs. 6,01, 296.92/-	Rs. 29,62, 440/-	January 02, 2026 11:00 AM		08, 2026	Symbolic Possession
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Malhotra S/o Sh. Ved Parkash Saroj Taneja daughter of Tulsi Da Malhotra R/o H.No.7075, New Ahuja resident of house number 1223 iunny Enclave, Kharar, Tehsil Sector 8. Chandidarh. That I have (harar, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, already filed a DDR dated 08/12/2025 Punjab, declare that my husband for my lost documents I have lost my name in my passport wrongly allotment letter dated 06/05/1952 and written as "latinder Malhotra" his actual name is "Jitender my transfer letter no 10505 dated Malhotra". Please note

KURUKSHETRA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DHURALA, DISTT. KURUKSHETRA (HARYANA) Ph. 83070-65212, 89018-85652

REQUIREMENT

Balwinder Kaur W/o Jitender

Application are invited for the following Posts;- (Teaching & Non Teaching Staff) on regular basis.

Teaching Staff:- Principal-01, Assistant Professors in Pedagogy of English- 02, Physical Sc.-02, Biological Sc.-02, Mathematics-02, Commerce-02, Computer sc.-01, Fine Arts-01, Music-01, Health & Physical Education -01, Hindi-01, Sanskrit-01, Education-04, Social Studies-02, History-02, Economics-01.

Non-Teaching:- Clerk, Accountant, Computer Operator, Technical

Qualification & Salary as per K.U.K. norms. Application should reach in the college's office or mail:- kcedukurukshetra@kuk.ac.in within 10 days with a copy to Dean of College, K.U.K



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2	NIT NO.	HBCHRC/NEW CHD/RC/I.R. Surgical Item/ 2025 -26/NIT/08			
3	PRE-BID DATE AND TIME	08-12-2025 at 11:00 AM			
4	ITEM REQUESTED IN BID	SUPPLY OF intervention Radiology Surgical Items to HBCH&RC, New CHD.			
5	MODE OF TENDER	CPPP (PUBLIC TENDER)			
6	Website	tmc.gov.in			
7	LAST DATE OF BID	26-12-2025- 66:55 PM			
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Public Notice HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS ASSTT.

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ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH. Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 324, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 100% share on the basis of Dissolution Deed of HUR namely R.S. Mathoda (HUF)

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office R.S. Mathoda (HUF) is the owner of Residential Site No. 324, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00% Share. It has been informed by that they have dissolved the said HUF vide Dissolution deed dated 03-06-2024. They have also intimated that coparceners of said HUF: Name of Coparceners

1) Rabender Singh Mathoda Rayman Mathoda 4) Udaiveer Singh Mathoda

Now, Rabender Singh Mathoda has applied for Transfer of ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 324, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00% share favour, on the basis of dissolution deed. If anybody has any information about any coparceners other than mentioned above the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, 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, failing which the request of all the coparcer be accepted accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at

any later stage. Naveen, DANICS Assistant Estate Officer, Exer Powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSTT. Subject: Transfer of Lease Hold Rights in respect of Residential Site No. 2640, Sector 37-C, Chandigam (LRP 130) to the extent of 33.33% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Sh. Radha

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Late Sn. Radha Kishan is the owner/lessee of Residentia Site No. 2640, Sector 37-C. Chandigarh to the extent of 33.33% Share

It has been informed by Arvind Sethi that Late Sh. Radha Kishan expired on 23/07/2025 and he has also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner

Name of Legal Heir Relation with deceased DAUGHTER 1. RANJU 2. ARVIND SETHI SON

Now, Arvind Sethi has applied for the Transfer of Lease Rights in respect of Residential Site No. 2640, Sector 37-C, Chandigan, to the extent of 33.33 % Share heal by Late Sh. Radha Kishan in his favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 29/01/2016. If anybody has any information about any other legal herits) of the dispeased other than any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than entioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer U.T. Chandigarh, immediately

Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, Immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicant, helsheithey 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, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later state. Naveen DANICS, Assistant Estate Officer. Exercising the powers of

the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh **GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**

FOREST DEPARTMENT,

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Notice

I llam Singh S/o Late Sh. Raghbir Singh R/o village Bhuslana, Tehsil Safidon, Distl. Jind, declare that I am the Director of New Age Tax Research, Pvt. Ltd., B-44, Sector-57, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Ultar Pradesh, That the land measuring 11 Kanal 12 Marla Mandraja Khewat No. 88/81 Khata No. 129 Mustaleel Kila No. 52//16/2/2 (5-3), 53//20/2/2 (6-9) Kitta 2, total 11 Kanal 12 Maria, Waqya Mauja Ladsauli, Tehsil Will No. 3281, dated 04.01.2011, is owned and occupied by the firm Jassons Motel & Resorts
Pvl. Ltd. (Sheesh Mahal NH-44). Through tor Harvinder Singh Bhambra S/o Jogin Singh Bhambra S/o Mohan Singh Bhambra R/o N.W.-110 Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-18. That we want to purchase the said land and if any other person has any objection regarding the purchase of the said land, then he should register his objection in writing at the above address within Deponent

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Smt. Indu Ran (wio Late Sh. Ajiyi Kumar Rio 47/2.
Nagar, Hassar is owner & in possession of Shop no. being part of property ID No. (1208.N.B. massumg 16 say yards Situado at Ayus Bazur, Hisar wiof Tangor on. 6869'l dated 08 (10.2025 Sub Registrar Hessar, the property transferred from Sh. Himanshib Nappal slo Sh. Ajiyi Kumar (decess)
Sh. Ajiyi Kumar, Legal hoir of Sh. Ajiyi Kumar (decess)
was owner & in possession wide Transfer deed no. 8'

PUBLIC NOTICE

l, Sahil Kumar son of Bhagwan Das son of Sh. Nathu Ram resident of Sri Muktsar Sahib Tehsil and Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib declare That Original Sale deed document No. 4845 Date 30-01-2013 was in my possession and the same has been lost from me and I have gistered Lost Information report SR o. 656237/2025 Punjab Police Date 08-12-2025 regarding the same. We are taking loan from Piramal Capital & dousing Finance Ltd, Branch KKP Road Sri Muktsar Sahib and if any person having objection regarding the same, he will given written objection within 7 days to Branch Manager Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd, Branch KKP Road Sri Muktsar Sahib or Bikram Kumar Advocate Chamber No. 101, Judicial Complex Sri Muktsar Sahib Mobile No. 94636-41078 and thereafter objection will

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate

Officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.2918 (Ground Floor) of Category-EWS in Sector 49 Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH. JAGDISH SINGH BISHT S/O SH. SHER SINGH from the name allottee/transferee SH_RISHARH S/O SH_RAJEEV KADIAN

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.2918 (Ground Floor) of Category-EWS in Sector 49, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee SH. RISHABH S/O SH. RAJEEV KADIAN. Now, SH. RISHABH S/O SH. RAJEEV KADIAN has sold the above said dwelling unit to SH. JAGDISH SINGH BISHT S/O SH. SHER SINGH vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh 19.11.2025. SH. JAGDISH SINGH BISHT S/O SH. SHER SINGH has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

> Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE Subject: - Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration

of dwelling unit No.236-B, Cat-II, Sector 51-A, Chandigarh in the name of Sh. Jarnail Singh S/o Late Sh. Mohinder Singh on the basis of Registered WILL dated 18.05.2007 and probated by Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Chandigarh. It is hereby notified for the information of the Genera

Public and all concerned that **Sh. Jarnail Singh S/o Late Sh. Mohinder** Singh has applied for transfer of Dwelling Unit No. 236-B, Cat-II, Sector 51-A. Chandigarh in his name and stated that the allottee Sh Surjit Singh S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh expired on 06.03.2011 at Mehmadpur, Derabassi and left behind the Registered WILL dated 18.05.2007 which was registered at Sr. No.547 by the Sub Registrar, UT Chandigarh. The Hon'ble Court of Sh. Sachin Yadav, Additional Civil Judge (Senio Division), Chandigarh has proved the WILL in probate case No.39/2023 and probate of said WILL in respect of said property was granted vide order dated 12.05.2025 to Sh. Jarnail Singh S/o Late Sh. Mohinder

Singh If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of the applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the said claimant

> Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD **Equal** 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh. Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling

Unit No.5467-1 of Category-HIG-II in Manimajra, Chandigarh on the asis of Sale Deed in the name of (i) SMT. VANDANA KUMAR W/O SH. JAITISH KUMAR & (ii) SH. JAITISH KUMAR S/O SH. ATTAR CHAND KUMAR from the name of allottee/transferee SIDDHARTH CHATTOPADHYAYA CHATTOPADHYAYA S/o BRIG. SH. It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all

concerned the DU No.5467-1 of Category-HIG-II in Manimajra, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee SH. SIDDHARTH CHATTOPADHYAYA S/O BRIG. J. CHATTOPADHYAYA. Now. SH. SIDDHARTH CHATTOPADHYAYA S/O BRIG. J. CHATTOPADHYAYA has sold the above said dwelling unit to (i) SMT. VANDANA KUMAR W/O SH. JAITISH KUMAR & (ii) SH. JAITISH KUMAR S/O SH. ATTAR CHAND KUMAR vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh 07.11.2025. (i) SMT. VANDANA KUMAR W/O SH. JAITISH KUMAR & (ii) SH. JAITISH KUMAR S/O SH. ATTAR CHAND KUMAR have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in

favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s) Secretary

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AND BARBED WIRE FENCING.

Chandigarh Housing Board,

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

(i) SH. SANJEEV KUMAR S/O LATE SH. MOHINDER PAUL. (ii) SMT.JAYA VIJ D/O LATE SH. MOHINDER PAUL W/O SH. CHANDER VIJ, (iii) MS. RAJNI D/O LATE SH. MOHINDER PAUL (iv) SMT. MONIKA D/O LATE SH. MOHINDER PAUL W/O SH. OM PARKASH, (v) SMT. NEETU SHARMA D/O LATE SH. MOHINDER PAUL, W/O SH HEM RAJ SHARMA & (vi) GEETA SHARMA D/O LATE SH. MOHINDER PAUL, W/O SH. RAVI KUMAR have approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of **Duplicate copy of** Possession Letter in respect of Dwelling Unit No.3143-1, Sector 47-D. Chandigarh due to loss of this document. They have also furnished Lost Article Information Report in P.S. 34 at Serial No.223689 LAR No.2025/031577 registered with CHANDIGARH Police on dated 02.10.2025 regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of Duplicate copy of Possession Letter in respect of the above said Dwelling Unit, he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the document shall be issued. Further, in case original document as mentioned above is found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

Secretary Chandigarh Housing Board Chandigarh.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.5088-A of Category-LIG in Sector 38(W), Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of (i) SH. RAJ KUMAR ARORA S/O LATE SH. MOHAN LAL & (ii) SMT. JANAK ARORA W/O SH. RAJ KUMAR ARORA from the name of allottee/transferee SH. JAGMOHAN SINGH NAGRA S/O LATE SH. P.S. NAGRA (PREM SINGH NAGRA).

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.5088-A of Category-LIG in Sector 38(W), Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee SH. JAGMOHAN SINGH NAGRA S/O LATE SH. P.S. NAGRA. Now, SH. JAGMOHAN SINGH NAGRA S/O LATE SH. P.S. NAGRA (PREM SINGH NAGRA) has sold the above said dwelling unit to (i) SH. RAJ KUMAR ARORA S/O LATE SH. MOHAN LAL & (ii) SMT. JANAK ARORA W/O SH. RAJ KUMAR ARORA vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh 10.10.2013. (i) SH. RAJ KUMAR ARORA S/O LATE SH. MOHAN LAL & (ii) SMT. JANAK ARORA W/O SH. RAJ

KUMAR ARORA have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh.

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Ph No. 01871-240017,8284844005,7973179057 Email:batalacsm@rediffmail.com Website:-www.smbatala.com Department:-The Batala cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd, Batala invite offline tender notice

from reputed firms/contractor as details given below: S.No. Other Terms & Condition As per NIT uploaded Insurance of following factory equipment) ESP -5mg/Nm3 ii) RO Plant-50m3/hour iii) Mill House equipment iv) Boiling House equipment v) Electricals equipment

i) Instrumentation equipment vii) factory Building Group (B) Sealed tenders are from invited original manufactures. Authorised distributors Stockist/dealers and reputed firms & contractors approved by the NFCSF or Sugarfed, Punjab (where ever applicable) PART-A Supply of Mill Machinery Spares/Electrical Material / Instrumen Material, Rubber material, Valve & Cock Process Chemical and other Store Material

Part-B Various type of Technical contract jobs
for Manufacturing Deptt & Engineering Deptt.
And other various type of Contract jobs.

Closing Date & Time: - 16.12.2025 up to 11.00 AM (For Group A& B)

As per NIT uploaded

Opening Date Time: - 16.12.2025 up to 12.30 PM (For Group A & B) Negotiation date and time: -16.12.2025 up to 02.00 PM (For Group A & B) For detail log into:-www.smbatala.com (For Group A & B)
Note:-For any enquiry/help regarding above tenders. Please contact on 0172-2791226
and for other enquiry contact on 8284844005,9855394449,7973179057 configendum if any to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. The

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General Manager

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA HOME LOAN CENTRE, 1st FLOOR, MAIN BRANCH BUILDING, DHANGU ROAD, PATHANKOT

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property)

ereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India under th curitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interes Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice under section 13 (2 dated 06.09.2025 calling upon the Borrowers: Sh. Samson S/o. Sh. Firoj Masih, Nea Gospal Church, Ward No. 2, Bedi Colony, Dana Mandi, Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur-143.519

& Sh. Sunil S/o, Sh. Samson, Near Gospal Church, Ward No. 2, Bedi Colony, Dana Mand Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur-143 519. Guarantor: Sh. Mohinder Singh S/o. Sh. Narair Singh, R/o Ward No. 3, 27A, Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur-143519 to repay the amour entioned in the notice being Rs. 1.79.263/- (Rs. One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Two fundred Sixty Three Only) as on 06.09.2025 plus future interest and other charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and

the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 03rd da of December of the year 2025. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with th Property and any dealings with the Property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of

ndia, Gurdaspur Road, Dhariwal for an amount of Rs. 1,79,263/- (Rs. One Lakh Sevent Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Only) as on 06.09.2025 plus future interest and The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, it

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET

All that part and parcel of the Residential House measuring 3.25 Marls Khasra No. 23R 19/1(6-14) Jamabandi for the years 2006-07, Situated i

TENDER NOTICE

Village Fateh Nangal, Distt. Gurdaspur, HB No. 387, Sale Deed No. 1129 Dated 26.10.2012 in the name of Sh. Samson S/o. Sh. Feroj Masih. Place: Pathankot

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OPENING DATE SR. NO NAME OF WEBSITE OF THE NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER OFFICER/CONTACT (APPROX.) IN DEPARTMENT CLOSING DATE DEPARTMENT DETAILS/EMAIL WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING OF DADRI CHIRYA ROAD (ROAD ID-2440) 05.12.2025 01662225651 PWD B&R, HISAR (MDR124) FROM KM 30.55 TO 48.57 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA (UNDER CRIF 986.18 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in pwd-eeed-hissar@hry.nic.ir SCHEME) (PDG. DECORATIVE STREET LIGHT ETC ONLY). + 2 WORKS CONSTRUCTION WORK IN BAIRAGI CHOUPAL (RAILING AND ELECTRICAL WORKS) 06.12.2025 01664243927 PANCHAYATI RAJ, BHIWANI 2 AT VILLAGE - RAJGARH BLOCK AND DISTT. - BHIWANI SCHEME D PLAN + 7 157.93 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in WORKS
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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CHANGE OF NAME

- I Rekha D/o Sham Lal R/o #2489, Sector:- 38c, Chandigarh is hereby declare that my father's name wrongly mentioned as shyam Lal my pan card but the correct name of my father is Sham Lal for all purposes in future.
- I Usha Rani wife of Binder R/o No. 494 village and post office 2 Sofi Pind Jalandhar, declare that I have changed my son's name from EKAM to Ekam SAMPLA, now in future my son is known by the name OF EKAM SAMPLA
- I Heera Singh S/O Kirpal Singh R/O Flat No.18, Top Floor, Shiwalik Avenue Amari Heights, Sector-125 Kharar Distt Sas Nagar (Mohali) Have Changed My Name From Heera Singh Kirpal Singh To Heera Singh.
- No 14340195N Rank Hav Name Prem Pal son of Devi Ditta resident of Village Bhattian Rajputtan, Post Office Purika, Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under. That my name is Prem Paul but Now I have changed my name from Prem Paul to Prem Pal with immediate effect. Please note all concerned.
- I, Karnail Singh, son of Harman Singh, village Kaler Mangat, post office Kathunangal, district Amritsar, have changed my name from Karnail Singh to Amrik Singh.
- I, Rekha Nagpal D/O Satinder Mohan W/O Atish Kumar R/O Gali No 5, Ekta Nagri, Ward No 8, Mandi Dabwali Distt Sirsa Haryana 125104, After Marriage I,Have Changed My Name Rekha Nagpal To Rekha Rani. Rekha Nagpal And Rekha Rani One And Same Lady.
- I, Chamno W/o Gian Chand R/o SCF - 33, Harmilap Nagar, Phase- 1, Baltana, S.A.S Nagar Mohali Punjab have Changed my name to Chimno.
- I, Prakash S/o Paltan R/o # 325/1, Shastri Nagar, Manimajra Chandigarh have Changed my name to Prakash Poddar.
- I, Nitin Kumar S/o Late Ram Sarup # 12, Block no - 2010, Sector 32C, Chandigarh have Changed my minor son's name from Shivay Jajoriya to Shivay Kumar.
- I, Nirmala W/o Mohi Pal R/o # 567, Dadu Majra Colony Sector 38west Chandigarh have Changed my name to Nirmala Yadav.
- I, Durga Parshad S/o Asha Ram KC R/o # 733 Dera sahib, manimajra Chandigarh, have changed my name to Kulbhadur KC
- I, Sahil Urf Raman S/o Rakesh, R/o Village Chuli Khurd, Tehsil Adampur, District Hisar (Haryana) PIN-125052, declare that I want to change my name from Sahil Urf Raman to Sahil in all my documents.
- I Kulwinder Kaur Rooprai W/O Kirpal Singh R/O House No 3506, Sector 32-D Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Kulwinder Kaur Rooprai To Kalwinder Roop Rai.
- I Amra Singh S/o chhote Singh R/ o House no 278, sector 41-B Chandigarh have changed my name from Amra Singh to Amar Singh.
- I Rajneesh Kumar S/o Satish Kumar, R/o House No. 3004, Ajanta Enclave, Sector 51-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rajneesh Kumar to Rajneesh Bansal.
- I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Om Pal R/o H.No. 190/2, Bazran Gali, Gaushala Bazar, Thanesar, Kurukshetra 138118 Haryana, have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar to Rakesh Kumar Rana.
- I, hitherto Known as Suman alias Soma D/o Ishwar W/o Ajit residing at VPO Bupania(59), Jhajjar, Haryana, 124507 have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Soma
- I, hitherto Known as Veenu daughter of Vijay Kumar Khanna wife of Kaushik Khanna residing at H.No.8, Second floor, Royal Enclave, Batala Road, Near Miglani Eye Care Hospital, Pillar No.25, Batala Road, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be

known as Ritika Khanna

- I, Sonia Dhawan W/o Karan Mehra R/o H No.110 Race Course Road, Park Avenue, Amritsar-143001 have changed my name from Sonia Dhawan to Sonia Mehra after marriage
- I, Prabhjot Singh S/o Harpal Singh R/o Near Rice Seller Bangowani, Gurdaspur have declare that Prabhjot is my Given name and Singh is my Surname
- I, Sakun Bai mother
 No. 15501407X Ld
 Gajendra Singh Thakur R/o
 Tehsil Patharia,
 Narsinghgarh, Damoh,
 Madhya Pradesh-470675
 have changed my name
 from Sakun Bai to Sakun
 Bai Thakur Vide Affidavit
 No.00056382298831X
 Dt.08.12.2025 before notary
 public Amritsar
- I, No. 15501407X Ld Gajendra Singh Thakur R/o Tehsil Patharia, Narsinghgarh, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh-470675 have changed my daughter's name from Payal Thakur to Payal Singh Thakur Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB00054887085608X
- PB00054887085608X Dt.08.12.2025 before notary public Amritsar
- I, Vickramjeet Singh S/o Mukhtiar Singh R/o 43-D, Gali No.2, G.T Road, Opp Alpha One Partap Avenue, Amritsar have changed my name from Vickramjeet Singh to Vikramjit Singh.
- I, Harjit Singh Gandhi S/o Pritam Singh R/o 111, Joshi Colony, Amritsar have changed my name from Harjit Singh Gandhi to Harjit Singh.
- I, Gurjant Singh S/o Sardool Singh R/o Village Mehsampur Kalan, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Gurjant Singh to Singh is my surname and Gurjant is my given name.
- I, Kanwaljit Kaur W/o Baljit Singh R/o Village Maan, Tehsil Majitha, Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Kanwaljit Kaur to Kawaljit Kaur.
- I, Sahibbir S/o Manpreet Singh R/o Village Patalpuri, PO Waryam Nangal, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab - 143502 have changed my name from Sahibbir Singh to Singh is my surname and Sahibbir is my given name.
- I Ramphal son of Sh. Gaje Singh, resident of House No. 601, Manav Colony, Saketri, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name from Ramphal to Ramphal Khandelwal.
- I Shamshad Ali Khan S/o Sh. Abdul Latif R/o Dhobi Mohalla Pipli, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Shamshad Ali to Shamshad Ali Khan. In future I should be known as Shamshad Ali Khan.
- I, Parveen Kumar Gupta S/o Balbir Saran, R/o Vill. Dewni, PO Moginand, Tehsil Nahan, Distt Sirmaur HP. declare that my aforesaid name and address is correct but in my school record my name is entered as Parveen Kumar. Parveen Kumar Gupta and Parveen Kumar are the names of the same and single person.
- I, Nonita D/o Rakesh Kumar R/o H.No. 179, Safidon Road Sector 8 Jind Tehsil and District Jind have Changed my name from Nonita to Nonita Chahal.
- I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/o H.No. 179, Safidon Road Sector 8 Jind Tehsil and District Jind have Changed my Minor Daughter name from Ekta to Ekta Chahal.
- I, Rakesh S/o Om Parkash R/o H.No. 179, Safidon Road Sector 8 Jind Tehsil and District Jind have Changed my name from Rakesh to Rakesh Kumar
- I, Krishan Chand S/o Surjan R/o H.No. 1690 Ward 24 Bhagat Singh Colony Tehsil and District Jind have Changed my name from Krishan Chand to Krishan Chander Redhu.
- I, Amarjeet Kaur W/O Gurbinder Singh, R/O Vpo Raike Khurd, Distt. Bathinda, Have Changed My Name From Amarjeet Kaur To Amardeep Kaur.
- I hitherto known as ANITA CHAUDHARY D/O Sh. Balbir Singh, R/o House no 249, Milansar Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANVITA CHAUDHARY.

- I, GULSHAN s/o Mohan Lal r/o H.No. 22, 8 Marla Colony, Patel Nagar, Hisar (Haryana) hereby changed the name of my minor daughter from CHAKSHU to RADHIKA. My wife Minakshi has no objection for changing the name of my daughter.
- I, SANTOSH BHYAN (Aadhar No. 6058 2556 1575) wife of Sh. Satbir Singh r/o H.No. 209, Urban Estate II, Hisar hereby changed my name from Santosh to SANTOSH BHYAN for all future purposes.
- I, NEELAM daughter of Prem Sukh Dass r/o H.No. 2678, Sector 14, Part-2, Hisar (Haryana) hereby changed my name from Neelam to NEELAM JAIN for all future purposes.
- I, Avneet Kanda W/o Laurence Hogan R/o House No. 169, Phase-7, Near Chawla Nursing Home, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab after marriage, I have changed my name from Avneet Kanda to Avneet L. Hogan.
- I, Manjeet Kaur W/o Bhag Singh R/o Village Kasiana P.O. Chalaila Tehsil and Distr. Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet Kaur
- I Harpreet Kaur Shergill W/o Varinder Singh R/o Vill. Nainklaan Teh. & Dist. Patiala, I have changed Harpreet Kaur Shergill to Harpreet Kaur.
- I, Gurjent Singh, S/o Ajaib Singh, Village Ladana, Post Office Jalbera, Ambala, have changed my Minor Son Name Akash to Akash Singh.
- I, Gurnam Singh S/o Shingara Singh R/o 302, Nagala, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Given Name Gurnam Surname Singh . I, Gyan Kaur Alias Gain
- Kaur W/o Amir Chand Vill.Jorasi Kalan, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Gian Kaur. I, Harkishan Gopal
- I, Harkishan Gopal Sharma, (Old Name, which is to be changed) S/o Rajinder Pal Shamra Resident of House No. 172/6 Guru Nanak Pura Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana) have changed my name from Harkishan Gopal Sharma (old name) to Har Krishan Gopal Sharma (New name)
- I, Surinder Pal S/o Gurbachan Lal R/o Near Govt Primary School, VPO. Khurla, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Surinder Pal to Surinder Pal Singh. (Singh as surname)
- I, Harwinder Singh S/o Satpal Singh R/o Near Hathi Gate, Village Alipur, Po. Kukar Pind, Distt. Jalandhar-144024, Punjab have changed the name of my minor daughter Baby One AGE 06 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Ranjodh Singh Maan.
- I, Akanksha Lalotra W/o Rohit Lalotra R/o 7-R, B-Block, Model House, Jalandhar-144003, Punjab have changed my name from Akanksha Lalotra to Akanksha Singh.
- I, Naresh Kumari alias Kiran Verma W/o Ajit Verma R/o B-7/24, Mohalla Malkana, Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name to Kiran Verma.
- I, Maninder Kaur Minhas W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o VPO. Damunda, Distt Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Maninder Kaur Minhas to Maninder Kaur.
- I, Jaskaran S/o Raj Kumar R/o VPO. Beas Pind, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Jaskaran to Jaskaran Bansal (Surname as Bansal)
- I, Sangeeta Rani w/o Vijay Kumar r/o Village Kot Fatuhi, Distt.Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144519 have changed my name to Sita Rani.
- I, Jasvindar Kaur W/o Surjit Ram R/o VPO. Isharwal, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Jasvindar Kaur to Jaswinder Kaur. I. Zameer Ahmad S/o
- Shabbir Ahmad R/o Flat No. C-5, Block C, Nakoder Road, Silver Oak Appartment, Jalandhar have changed my name from Zameer Ahmad to Zameer Ahmed.
- Zameer Ahmed.

 I, Ravinder Kumar Sharma S/o Krishna Nand R/o H.No. 114/3, Mohalla Jagatpura, Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name to Ravinder Sharma.

- I Sushant Gupta S/O Vijay Kumar Gupta R/O Vikas Nagar, Backside Panj Mandri, Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son From Ryan Gupta To Karnav Gupta.
- I Neena Widow Of Late Ashok Kumar R/O Ward No.16 H.No.375 St.No.9 Jawahar Nagar Moga District Moga Have Changed My Name To Parmjeet Kaur.
- I Watanjit Singh Purba S/O Hardeep Singh R/O H.No.-30 St.No.-6 Punjabi Bagh Jawaddi Basant Avenue Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Watanjit Singh.
- I, Amandeep Bangar S/O Harbhajan Dass R/O Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, (Dhadda) Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name Form Amandeep Bangar To Rahii Lal.
- I Romi Devi W/O Sumeer Rana, R/O H.No.243/1, Bhagwan Das Road, Hoshiarpur-146001, (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Romi Rana.
- I Atul S/o Sh. Naresh Kumar R/o 529/28, Arya Nagar, Sonipat , declares that I have changed my name from Atul to Atul Mahalan for all future purposes. I have also changed my Residential address, new address is H.No. 61-E, G.T. Road, Apex Green, Kamaspur Chowk, Sonipat Haryana-131001.
- I Anjali D/o Sh. Naresh Kumar R/o 529/28, Arya Nagar, Sonipat , declares that I have changed my name from Anjali to Anjali Mahalan for all future purposes. I have also changed my Residential address, new address is H.No. 61-E, G.T. Road, Apex Green, Kamaspur Chowk, Sonipat Haryana-131001.
- I Sheela W/o Sh. Naresh Kumar R/o 529/28, Arya Nagar, Sonipat, declares that I have changed my name from Sheela to Sheela Kumari for all future purposes. I have also changed my Residential address, new address is H.No. 61-E, G.T. Road, Apex Green, Kamaspur Chowk, Sonipat Haryana-131001.
- Navin Kr Kanojiya S/o Sunil Kr Kanojiya R/o House No 3265/2, Sector 45-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Navin Kr Kanojiya to Navin Kanojia.
- I, Rahila Begum wife of Mohd Usman, Resident of House No. 636, Sector 45, Burail, Chandigarh, declare that my husband's name is mentioned in my Aadhar card as Mohd Usman but his actual name is Mohammad Usman.
- I, Mohd Usman son of Mohd Sabir, Resident of House No. 636, Sector 45, Burail, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Mohd Usman to Mohammad Usman.
- I, Mohd Usman son of Mohd Sabir, Resident of House No. 636, Sector 45, Burail, Chandigarh, declare that my father's name is mentioned in my some document as Mohd Sabir, Shabir and in all other document's his name is Mohammad Sabir, All these names refer to one and the same person.
- I Gurmit Kaur W/O Avtar Singh R/O Village Kotha Guru Distt. Bathinda, Punjab - 151206, Have Changed My Name To Gurjeet Kaur.
- I, Sahil Yadav S/o Ganga Ram Yadav R/o 2200/CC/170 St.No. 2 Civil City Ludhiana have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Yadav.
- I Mohan Singh Chauhan S/o Jati Ram, R/o Vill. Barwas (23) Kamrau Sirmaur, Distt. Sirmaur Himachal Pradesh-173029, have changed my name to Mohan Singh. I shall be known by this name in future.
- I Jati Ram Chauhan S/o Mehar Singh R/o Vill. Barwas (23) Kamrau Sirmaur, Distt. Sirmaur Himachal Pradesh-173029, have changed my name to Jati Ram. I shall be known by this name in future.
- I Hitherto Known As Anjali D/O Sh. Satiffin Masih Residing At Vill. Attalgarh, Po &Amp; Teshil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Anjali Ferma.

- I, Harmesh Singh Nandha S/o Joginder Singh R/o Vill: Takhtu Wala Jamaiturpur Distt. Ferozepur, Pb, India, have changed my name to Harmesh Singh.
- I, Amrit Pal S/o Natha Singh R/o Vpo. Bhagoke Distt. Ferozepur Pb, India, have changed my name to Amritpal Singh.
- I, Ram Ji S/o Amar Chand R/o Vill: Bhandal Buta Po. Bhandal Himmat Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Ram Ji to Ram Ji Das.
- I, Manpreet S/o Kulwinder Ram R/o Vpo. Kang Jagir Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Manpreet to Manpreet Sandhu.

 I, Manvir Kaur D/o
- Amrik Singh R/o Vill: Rawan Po. Bilga Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my given name is Manvir and surname is Kaur.
- I Rashpal Singh S/o Kashmir Singh R/o Vill Bhojowali, PO Fatehabad, Tehsil: Khadur Sahib, Distt Tarn Taran have changed my given name to Rachhpal Singh concerned note.
- I, Kuldeep Singh S/O Nirmal Singh R/O Patti Baz Ki Village Village Bandala Tehsil & District Tarn Taran I have changed my given name to Kuldeep and surname to Singh.
- I, Khushmeen Kaur Sandhu alias Vipanjeet Kaur W/o Arshbir Singh R/o Basti Arian Wali, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name from Khushmeen Kaur Sandhu alias Vipanjeet Kaur to Khushmin.
- I, Khushmeen Kaur W/o Arshbir Singh R/o Basti Arian Wali, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name from Khushmeen Kaur to Khushmin. I, Arshbir Singh
- Sandhu S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Basti Arian Wali, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name from Arshbir Singh Sandhu to Arshbir Singh. I, Inderjeet Singh S/o Darshan Singh Bedi R/o

Pothimala

- Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name from Inderjeet Singh to Inderjit Singh.

 I, Krishan Singh S/o Sadhu Singh R/o Village Basantpura, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala, Punjab-140401 have changed name of my minor daughter
- she shall hereafter be known as Gurnoor Kaur.

 I Gundeep Singh S/o
 Jasjit Singh Sodhi R/o #66, Vidya Nagar, Opp. Punjabi University, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Gundeep Singh Sodhi.

Laaj Devi aged 6 years and

- I, hitherto known as Manoj Kumar alias Manoj Kumar alias Manoj Kumar Sethi S/o Parmanand Sethi R/o B-5, Vikas Colony, Patiala, PO: Patiala, District Patiala, Punjab-147001, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manoj Sethi.
- I, hitherto known as Jashanpreet Singh Rangi S/O Tehal Singh R/O H.No. 230, Sector 10, Ambala City, District Ambala, Haryana-134003, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jashanpartap Singh Rangi.
- I, Sahijpreet Singh S/O JC-283132N Rank Sub (Opr) Rawel Singh R/O Village- Dalla, Po- Qadian, Tehsil Batala, Distt-Gurdaspur, State- Punjab, Pin- 143516. Declare That My Name Sahijpreet Singh Is Wrong. But My Name Sehajpreet Singh Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No. IN -PB00085861943152X, Dated 08-12-2025, Before Executive Magistrate Qadian.
- Qadian.

 I, Sushila spouse of No.JC-406144M Sub (DVR)
 Bhagwat Prasad Saini resident of Village- Behroj, Post- Brhroj, Tehsil-Mundawar, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301404, have changed my name from Sushila to Shushila Vide affidavit No.IN-PB99688303024587X
- dated 06 Dec 2025 before notary public Pathankot

 I, No.JC-406144M Sub
- (DVR) Bhagwat Prasad Saini resident of Village-Behroj, Post-Brhroj, Tehsil-Mundawar, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301404, have changed my Daughter name from Nitu Saini to Neeru Vide affidavit No.IN-
- PB99888753723984X dated 06 Dec 2025 before notary public Pathankot

- I, No.JC-406144M Sub (DVR) Bhagwat Prasad Saini resident of Village-Behroj, Post- Brhroj, Tehsil-Mundawar, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301404, have changed my Mother name & DOB from Lalee to Lali Devi and date of birth from 01 July 1964 to 01 January 1957 Vide affidavit No.IN-
- affidavit No.IN-PB99889284758004X dated 06 Dec 2025 before notary public Pathankot
- I, No.JC-406144M Sub (DVR) Bhagwat Prasad Saini resident of Village-Behroj, Post- Brhroj, Tehsil-Mundawar, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301404, have changed my Father name & DOB from Hardayal Singh to Hardayal and date of birth from 01 July 1961 to 01 January 1955 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB99888551125918X dated 06 Dec 2025 before notary public Pathankot
- I, No.15502743W
 DFR/SKT Budhraj resident
 of Village- Kalri Jagir, PostKalri Jagir, Tehsil- Indri,
 District- Karnal, StateHaryana, Pin-132054, have
 changed my Mother name
 from Roshni Devi to
 Roshani Devi Vide affidavit
 No.IN-
- PB00059939302855X dated 06 December 2025 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Hitesh S/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o House No. 203C, Gali No. 5, Budhanpur (372) Sector-16, Panchkula (Haryana) 134113 have changed my minor Son name from Sameer to Daivik I, Ruchi Sahota W/o
- Sh. Vikrant Sharma R/o
 House No. 181, Sector-31,
 Nada Sahib, P.O Devi Nagar
 Panchkula (Haryana)
 134109, declare that I have
 changed my name from
 Ruchi Sahota to Ruchi
 Sharma.

 I, PRAKASH
- GIRÍDHARRAO JUNGHARE am Father of Army No: 17038989K Rank: CFN Name- Junghare Sanket Prakashrao Parmanent Address: VTC: Ta. CHANDUR BAZAR, District: Amravati, State: Maharashtra, PIN Code: 444704 declare that I have Correct my Date of birth from 01/05/1961 to 05/07/1961. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219164, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, NITA am legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 4581501Y Rank: NK Name-Randive Bhagwat Ananda Permanent Address: Pimpri Jalsen, Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra, 414302 declare that I have changed My Name from NITA to NITA BHAGWAT RANDIVE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219162, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, Army No: 4581501Y
 Rank: NK Name-Randive
 Bhagwat Ananda
 Permanent Address: Pimpri
 Jalsen, Ahmadnagar,
 Maharashtra, 414302
 declare that I have changed
 my Son's name from YASH
 to RANDIVE YASH
 BHAGWAT. Vide Affidavit
 No: 11AA 219163, Dated:
 08/12/2025

I, MD TAMANNA KHAN

- am Father of Army No: 18022931Y Rank- Spr Name- MD Miraj Khan Presently Posted at Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Khalta Baja, Kharibari, Kharibari, Po: Khoribari, Dist: Darjiling, West Bengal, 734427 declare that I have changed my name from MD TAMANNA KHAN to MD TAMANNA and Also Correct my Date of birth from 03/04/1980 to 05/07/1980. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219161, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, SHARADA am Mother of Army No: 15442907P Rank- Nk/ Nur Asst Name- Vinayak A Sankeshwari Permanent Address: Village: Shelapur, Post: Belayi, Teh: Hukkeri, Dist: Belagavi, State: Karnataka, Pin: 591309 declare that I have changed my name from SHARADA to SHARADA SANKESHWARI and Also Correct my Date of birth from 01/11/1974 to 01/01/1975. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219166, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, ASHOK am Father of Army No: 15442907P Rank-Nk/ Nur Asst Name- Vinayak A Sankeshwari Permanent Address: Village: Shelapur, Post: Belavi, Teh: Hukkeri, Dist: Belagavi, State: Karnataka, Pin: 591309 declare that I have changed my name from ASHOK to ASHOK SANKESHWARI and Also Correct my Date of birth from 01/11/1964 to 01/01/1968. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219167, Dated: 08/12/2025

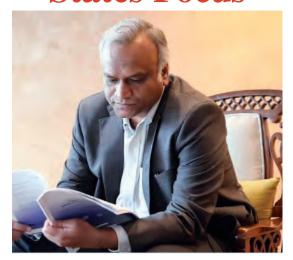
- I, Smt, Bebibai
 Bhagwat Dhokare, mother
 of No 2810063K, Rank Nk
 Name Dhokare Ganesh
 Bhagwat R/o Village Hiswal
 (bk), PO Hiswal(bk) Tehsil
 Nandgaon, Distt Nasik,
 Maharashtra, Pin-423106
 declare that in my Son's
 Service record my Date of
 birth is Wrongly mentioned
 as 03/10/1964 but in
 Civil/Govt document my
 Correct Date of birth is
 15/09/1955.
- KAUSALLYA VYANKAT am of Army 15588349M Chavan Amol Name: Vyankat Permanent Address: At: Ganesh Nagar, Shirambe, PO:Shirambe, Dist: Satara, Maharashtra, Pin: 415501 declare that I have changed my name from CHAVAN KÁUSALLYA VYANKAT to KAUSALYA VENKAT CHAVAN and Also Correct my Date of birth from 14/09/1964 to 07/08/1966 Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219165, Dated: 08/12/2025

CHAVAN

- I, KANCHAN am Mother of Army No: 2813735W Rank- L/NK Name- Kartik Pawar Galli, Borasar, Kannad, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, 431103 declare that I have changed my name from KANCHAN to KANCHAN SURESH PAWAR and Also Correct my Date of birth from 21/07/1977 to 01/01/1975. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219156, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, SURESH am Father of Army No: 2813735W Rank- L/NK Name- Kartik Pawar Permanent Address: Pawar Galli, Borasar, Kannad, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, declare that I have changed my name from SURESH to SÜRESH NARAYAN PAWAR and Also Correct my Date of birth from 05/06/1969 to 01/01/1970 Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219157, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, MONIKA am legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 2813735W Rank- L/NK Name- Kartik Pawar Permanent Address: Pawar Galli, Borasar, Kannad, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, 431103 declare that I have changed My Name from MONIKA to MONIKA KARTIK PAWAR. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219158, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, KHARDE VALU BABURAO is Father of Army No-2821619H Rank-Sep Name- Kharde Roshan Walu Permanent Address: At: Pimplad, Post Pimplad, Teh-Nashik, Dist-Nashik, State: Maharashtra, Pin-422010 declare that I have changed my name from KHARDE VALU BABURAO to WALU BABURAO to WALU BABURAO to WALU BABURAO to HARDE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219159, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, SUNITA is Mother of Army No-2821619H Rank-Sep Name- Kharde Roshan Walu Permanent Address: At: Pimplad, Post Pimplad, Teh-Nashik, Dist-Nashik, State: Maharashtra, Pin-422010 declare that I have changed my name from SUNITA to SUNITA WALU KHARDE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219160, Dated:
- 08/12/2025 I, REKHABAI Mother of Army 2815682F Rank-Name- Ghode Kirteeman Permanent Prakash Address: At Goshegaon Post: Kaygaon To Bhokardhan, Goshegaon, jalna, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431135 declare that I have changed my name from REKHABAI to REKHA PRAKASH GHODE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 11/09/1978 to 01/01/1980. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219154, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I, GHODE PRAKASH am Father of Army No: 2815682F Rank-Name- Ghode Kirteeman Prakash Permanent Address: At Goshegaon Post: Kaygaon To Bhokardhan, Goshegaon, jalna, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431135 declare that I have changed my name from GHODE PRAKASH to GHODE PRAKASH **GANAPAT** and Also Correct my Date of birth from 22/07/1977 to 01/01/1978. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219155, Dated: 08/12/2025
- I Vinod Verma Son of Shri Rajinder Kumar resident of Dashmesh Nagar, VPo. Ghanauli, Tehsil and District Rupnagar (Punjab) has changed my name from Vinod Verma to Vinod Kumar.

- I, Shivani, daughter of Krishan Kumar Thakur, resident of RZ-182/B-33, Sadh Nagar Gali No. 1, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, have changed my Name from Shivani to Shivani Thakur vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2025 at New Delhi.
- I, Bimla Rani, W/o Sh. Kiran Pal, R/o Vill. Uncha Samana, Tehsil Gharaunda, Distt. Karnal (Haryana), hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from Ajay to Ajay Kumar. In the future, my son will be known by the name Ajay Kumar.
- I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o
 Army No. 14372738 H Ex
 Nayak, name Bhajan Singh,
 R/o Dewan Colony, Tehsil
 Pehowa, District
 Kurukshetra. In the military
 service record of my
 husband Bhajan Singh, my
 name Paramjit Kaur, date of
 birth 14.10.1969 is wrong.
 The correct name is
 Paramjeet Kaur, date of
 birth 26.08.1970.
- I, Ravinder Jit Kaur W/o Serving No. 4001799A Rank- MACP HAV-Balwinder Singh S/o Sh. Mela Ram Resident of Village- Mann PO-Sidhwan Tehsil and Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. That I declare changed my name from Ravinder Jeet Kaur to Ravinder Jit Kaur in my husband DSC record.
- I, Mansi Manhas daughter of No 4565877W Rank Ex Hav (MACP Nb Sub) Name Sulinder Singh resident of Vill Chohan, PO Gharota, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) PIN 143533 have changed my name from Manshi to Mansi Manhas vide Affidavit dated 14 Nov 2025 e-Stamp Paper No IN-PB92716209183643X before Executive Magistrate, Pathankot (PB).
- I, Chanan Singh S/O Singara Singh R/O Village-Meeke, Po- Villa Baijiu. Tehsil - Batala, Distt-Gurdaspur Pin Code-143514, Punjab, India. Declare That My Son Kulwinder Singh Service No.4481829l Rank Hav In My Son Army Record My Name Charan Singh Is Wrong. But My Son Army Record My Name Chanan Singh Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB99864123306018X. Dated 06-12-2025. Before Notary Public Gurdaspur,
- Punjab. I, Narinder Kaur W/O Chanan Singh R/O Village-Meeke, Po- Villa Baijju, - Batala, Distt-Gurdaspur Pin Code-143514, Punjab, India. Declare That My Kulwinder Singh Service No.4481829l Rank Hav In My Son Army Record My Date Of Birth 09-11-1954 Is Wrong. But My Son Army Record My Date Of Birth 09-11-1959 Is Vide Affidavit Correct.
- No.IN-PB99864734929066X Dated 06-12-2025, Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab.
- GODAVARIBAI mother of No. 17002029A Rank NK Name SHEMBALE SHIVANAND TUKARAM presently residing at VPO - Phulwal, Tehsil - Kandhar, Dist -TUKARAM Nanded. State Maharashtra, PIN - 431714, have changed my name from GODAVARIBAI to GODAVARI SHEMBALE PB99841452781706X Dated 06 40 66 Dated 06-12-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot
- I, DASHRATH SOLANKI father of No. 17013552L Rank NK Name NITIN SOLANKI presently residing at H.No 12, Neharu Nagar, Nanakheda, PO Ujjain ML Nagar Dist Ujjain, State Madhya Pradesh, PIN 456010, have changed my name from DASHRATH SOLANKI to DASHARATH SINGH vide Affidavit No. IN-PB99801096985361X Dated 06-12-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (PB).
- I, KALPANA SOLANKI mother of No. 17013552L Rank NK Name NITIN SOLANKI presently residing at H.No 12, Neharu Nagar, Nanakheda, PO Ujjain ML Nagar Dist Ujjain, State Madhya Pradesh, PIN 456010, have changed my name from KALPANA SOLANKI to KALPANA vide Affidavit No. IN-PB99799071015067X Dated 06-12-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (PB).

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PRIYANK KHARGE SLAMS BJP FOR **NEGLECTING OPPOSITION DUTIES**

Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge on Monday hit out at the BJP ahead of the Assembly session, alleging that the party has abandoned its responsibilities as an opposition and was instead focusing only on trivial issues. Speaking to reporters on the premises of Suvarana Vidhana Soudha, Kharge took a dig at the BJP for remaining silent on matters that fall under the purview of the central government.

Responding to a question that the BJP was going to target the Congress government in the session, Kharge said, "Let them do it. They have abandoned their responsibilities as an opposition."



PM MODI URGES BIHAR NDA MPS TO SHOULDER 'GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday told the NDA MPs from Bihar to work with more vigour for the welfare of the people after the ruling alliance's resounding victory in the recent Assembly elections, saying "with great victory comes great responsibility".

Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) MP Shambhavi Choudhary said the prime minister conveyed the message to a delegation of NDA MPs when they called on him here to congratulate him for the NDA's massive victory in the Bihar polls.

"OVER 90% OF

FIRES IN PUNJAB.

GO UNDETECTED"

More than 90 per cent of

large farm fires in Punjab

and Haryana are now going

undetected by the official

monitoring systems as farmers are shifting stubble-

burning activities to late

afternoons, according to a

new analysis published on

Monday. The Stubble Burning

Status Report 2025 by the

International Forum for

Environment, Sustainability

and Technology (iFOREST)

said this led to major under-

estimation of the contribu-

tion of stubble burning to

Delhi's air pollution this year. IFOREST said the govern-

ment's current monitoring

protocol, run by the Consortium for Research on

Agroecosystem Monitoring

and Modeling from Space

(CREAMS) of the Indian

Agricultural Research Institute, is unable to detect

most farm fires as it

relies mainly on polar-orbit-

ing satellites that observe India only between 10.30 am

This narrow time window

At the same time, the

report finds real progress on the ground, with burnt areas

in Punjab and Haryana falling

by 25-35 per cent over recent

years. IFOREST said burnt-

area mapping provides a

more accurate picture than

active fire counts, which cur-

rently suggest a much larger

decline. Chandra Bhushan,

CEO of iFOREST, said, "Our

analysis provides incontro-

vertible evidence that India's

current stubble-burning

monitoring system is struc-

turally misaligned with

ground realities. "Farmers

have shifted burning to the

late afternoon, while our

monitoring relies on satellites

that capture active fires

only during a narrow

time window (10:30 am to

1:30 pm).

no longer matches farmers' burning practices, it said.

and 1.30 pm.

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LARGE FARM

J&K Police raid hotels over Form-C violations

MOHIT KANDHARI

The Jammu and Kashmir police conducted a massive drive against several hotels and a homestay for violating the mandatory Form-C reporting norms required under the Immigration & Foreigners Act in Srinagar on Monday.

The drive was conducted close on the heels of the detention of a Chinese national who had entered Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir without permission and later stayed in an unregistered guest house in Srinagar in the last week of November 2025. The drive was conducted across several 'hot spots' of Srinagar frequented by foreign tourists. Official sources claimed

that after the Pahalgam terror attack, over 2500 foreign nationals have visited the valley along with domestic travellers.

The Chinese national was detained by the security forces after he was allegedly found using a social media app for chatting.

cials are trying to join the dots and figure out the purpose of his visit to Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, especially when, as per his tourist VISA, he was only permitted to visit Buddhist religious places in Varanasi, Agra, New Delhi, Jaipur, Sarnath, Gaya and Kushi Nagar.

According to a police spokesman, in the Rajbagh area, Hotel Blossoms, Hotel Grand MS, and Hotel Golden Forest had allowed foreign nationals to check in without submitting Form-C to the Foreigners Registration Office (FRO). Accordingly, FIR No. 65/2025 U/S 8 & 23-B of the Immigration & Foreigners Act was registered at Police Station Rajbagh. Similarly,in the Khanyar area, Hotel Khyber, located in Khayam, was also found violating Form-C reporting requirements. Despite repeated instructions, the management failed to produce any proof of Form-C submission. As a result, FIR No. 57/2025 was registered under relevant sections of law at Police Station Khanyar, the police



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spokesman said.

In the busy Lal Bazar area, IMY Home Stay, Nowabagh Bagwanpora, owned by Mohammad Aslam Baktoo S/o Late Habibullah Baktoo, was found operating without Form-C compliance for Starobinsky Lior, a foreign national from Israel, along with others. The manage-

ment had deliberately concealed the stay of the foreign guest and failed to submit the mandatory online Form-C reporting. Accordingly, FIR No. 60/2025 U/S 8 and 23(b) of the Immigration & Foreigners Act was registered at Police Station Lal Bazar.

Nishat area, a house owner, namely Mohammad Ashraf Zargar S/o Mohammad Ramzan Zargar R/o Vakeel Colony, Brein was found in non-compliance with the mandatory reporting of Form C to FRO. In this connection, FIR No. 101/2025 U/S 8-23(b) of the Immigration and Foreigners Act was regispied by foreign nationals during their brief stay in the valley were found to be violating the norms. According to a police spokesman, Floating Castle owned by Farooq Ahmad Guroo S/o Late Gh Nabi Guroo R/o Ghat No 15 Nehru Park, boarded by Lee Ya Hui of Taiwan, Best View Houseboat owned by Faroog Ahmad Kutroo S/o Ali Mohd Kutroo R/o Ghat No 09 Da Lake, boarded by Maistruik Sergel of Russia, House Boat Crystal Palace, owned by Gh Hassan Karnai S/o Haji Gh Mohammad R/o Abi Karpora Dal lake, boarded by Naum Silviu of Romania and Houseboat Lake Palace, owned by Mohammad Altaf Gunna S/o Habibullah Gunna R/o Abi Karpora Dal Lake, boarded by Eduardo Tejerina Gonzalee of Spain, was found in violation of the norms for mandatory reporting rules. In this connection, FIR no. 94/2025 U/S 7.14, and 16 of the Immigration and Foreigner Act was registered in Police

In RamMunshi Bagh,

several houseboats occu-

Odisha records 40,947 crimes against women: Report

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Bhuhaneswar

A total of 40,947 cases of crimes against women, including 3,205 rapes, were registered in Odisha in 15 months till September, according to data provided by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi in the assembly on Monday.

These cases were reported since July 1, 2024, Majhi said, in reply to a written question by BJD legislator Prasanna Acharya.

The BJP came to power in the state in June 2024, ending the 24-year rule of the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government. The opposition has been regularly criticising Majhi's government, ed by the CM, 202 cases of napping of women, 796



alleging that crimes against women have increased after the BJP came to power in the state.

According to data provid-

attempted rape, 1,476 cases of sexual harassment, 9,851 cases of molestations, 2,310 cases of public disrobing of women, 8,863 cases of kideve-teasing and 556 stalking cases were registered in the state during the period.

Among the other cases registered were 129 trafficking, 277 dowry homicides, 49 dowry suicides, 5,861 dowry tortures, 6,773 non-dowry tortures and 152 voyeurism. Four cases of acid attack were also lodged during the period.

Majhi said several steps have been taken to improve the quality of investigation, fast-tracking of the cases and improving the conviction rate. Investigative Units on Crime Against Women (IUCAW) are functioning in 29 districts. These units take up investigation of important and sensitive cases, he said.



BJP claims LoP skipped

PM's speech out of guilt

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The BJP on Monday alleged that both Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra remained absent from the Lok Sabha out of a "sense of guilt" during Prime Minister's speech on the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram because he exposed their party and the Gandhi family. Initiating the discussion in the Lower House, Prime Minister Modi spoke about how the original version of the Vande of appeasement. Mataram was "truncated at the behest of" Jawaharlal Nehru to "appease" Muhammad Ali Jinnah and "this seed of division" that he sowed at that time led to the partition of India later to

Sambit Patra said. "Perhaps this is the reason why the Leader of Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were absent from the House on such an important day when it is the 150th anniversary of Vande Matram and the prime minister is speaking,"

"appease minorities", BJP MP

and national spokesperson

Patra charged.

Station RM Bagh.

They were absent because of the sense of guilt they had in their hearts because their own family cheated, deceived and betrayed the Vande Mataram. They knew that they wouldn't be able to bear it," he told reporters in the Parliament House complex.

Initiating the discussion on Vande Mataram in the Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Modi accused the Congress of breaking into pieces the national song under the guise of social harmony, and said it was still following the politics

He also targeted Nehru for 'agreeing" with the suggestion that Vande Mataram could antagonise Muslims. Modi cited a letter written by Nehru to Subhash Chandra Bose and claimed the former prime minister had said that the background of Vande Mataram could antagonise Muslims. He said the letter was written following a protest by Mohammad Ali

Jinnah in Lucknow. Terming Modi's speech "historic", Patra said the prime minister exposed the Congress and its betrayal towards Vande Mataram.

Bengal CM Mamata slams centre over IndiGo crisis

SAUGAR SENGUPTA | Kolkata

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday slammed the Centre for mishandling the IndiGo crisis and asked the government to arrange for special train services as an alternative to ferry stranded passengers back to their destinations.

"Thousands of passengers are stranded at airports. so what is the alternative for them? This is a travel disaster as maximum number of flights has been stopped," Banerjee told in Kolkata even as the crisis involving India's largest air service provider entered its seventh day.

Alleging that the BJP-led Centre was only concerned about its votes and not the

interests of the people at large, Banerjee asked "the Government of India to make a plan to resolve the issue," adding, "it seems that the BIP is only concerned about capturing the institutions and not the interests of the people.

Speaking on the issue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing to Bengali Novelist — and the creator of the coinage "Vande Mataram" — Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, as "Bankim Da" Banerjee attacked the former for being "unaware of the history of Bengal." This, though the Prime Minister corrected himself the next moment naming the pre-Independence writer as

"Bankim Babu.' Attacking the saffron lead-



ership she said, "they not only do not know history of Bengal but also they have been in the habit of Bengali icons like Netaji Subhas

Chandra Bose, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindranath Tagore, Vidya Sagar." She said "things have come to such a pass that

promptly dismissed as a Bangladeshi which is humiliation of the Bengali culture." Referring to Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls the Chief Minister also attacked the Election Commission of India for thrusting it on the people of Bengal in "most unplanned manner." She said, "it is difficult to understand why SIR was imposed in such an unplanned manner to be completed in a matter of mere two months why was there such a hurry.'

today anyone who speaks

the Bengali language is

The Chief Minister was likely to begin a two-day trip of Cooch Behar in North Bengal where she would take up the SIR issue in public rallies, Trinamool Congress sources said.

Randhawa slams Navjot Kaur's ₹500 crore CM chair claim

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

After her " 500 crore for CMs chair" claim, Congress general secretary Sukhjinder Randhawa on Monday said it was "unfortunate" that Navjot Kaur Sidhu made such a remark and asked how much was paid when her husband Navjot Sidhu was made a minister and then the Punjab Congress president.

Randhawa, the former deputy chief minister of Punjab, also said the Congress faces threat from no one in the state but from such people within.

"It is unfortunate that Navjot Kaur Sidhu has made such a statement. Navjot Sidhu joined the Congress from the BJP, and he was made a minister. They should tell how much was paid for Sidhu to become a minister. He was made the number 2 minister. How much was paid?

"Then he was made the Congress



They should reveal how much was paid then," Randhawa told reporters outside Parliament. He also said they all worked with Sidhu and stayed with him when he was made the minister and then the PCC president.

"The party is supreme, the party president is supreme. The chief minister remains under him and leader claimed.

"My sister Navjot Kaur should tell how much money was paid for Sidhu to become the PCC president. For three-and-a-half years, Congress workers in Punjab have been beaten up and facing action from the ruling dispensation in Punjab. Why were they (Sidhus) silent for all this

Jharkhand migrants killed in Goa nightclub fire cremated

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Ranchi

The last rites of the three migrant workers from Jharkhand, killed in the fire at the Goa nightclub, were performed at their native places

on Monday. Pradeep Mahto (24) and Binod Mahto (20), two brothers from Fatehpur village in Lapung in Ranchi district, and Mohit Munda (22) of Govindpur village in Khunti district died in the inferno that ravaged the North Goa club post-midnight on Sunday.

A total of 25 people, including 14 staff members of the nightclub, were killed in the fire.

The bodies of Pradeep, Binod and Mohit, who used to work at the nightclub, were brought back to the state in the morning by a flight.

The mortal remains of Pradeep and Binod were cremated on the bank of the Karo river in Lapung, around 60 km from the state capital, in the presence of villagers and block officials.

The brothers had migrated to Goa about a year ago and



Family members and relatives of Mohit Munda, who was killed in the fire at a nightclub in North Goa mourn during his last rites in Khunti district of Jharkhand

used to send around ₹30,000 per month to their family.

"Both were unmarried. They were scheduled to celebrate Holi with us next vear." their elder brother Phagu Mahto said.

Mohit's last rites were performed as per tribal customs

at his native village. Agriculture Minister Shilpy Neha Tirkey, who coordinated with the Goa government to bring back the bodies,

said all three belonged to her

Mandar constituency.

'The bodies were sent to their native villages in special ambulances. I will request Chief Minister Hemant Soren for some welfare provisions for the families of the

victims," she told PTI. The Labour Department has handed ₹50,000 each to the families of the victims as

immediate assistance. Disaster Management Minister Irfan Ansari said compensation of ₹4 lakh

each would be provided to the kin of the workers.

"There is no such particular provision in this regard. However, as it is a very propeople government led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, we have decided to give the compensation," he told reporters outside the assembly.

Ansari urged the Centre to provide compensation of ₹1 crore to the families of each

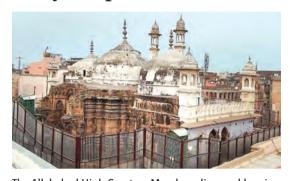


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HC adjourns hearing on plea seeking ASI survey of Gyanvapi's wazukhana



The Allahabad High Court on Monday adjourned hearing on a plea seeking an ASI survey of the 'wazukhana' area, excluding the structure described by the Hindu side as shivling, inside the Gyanvapi mosque at Varanasi till January 16. When the case was taken up on Monday, the court was informed that a related matter is pending before the Supreme Court. Subsequently, the court adjourned the hearing.

Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal is hearing the civil revision petition filed by Rakhi Singh, one of the plaintiffs in the Gyanvapi case. The petition has been filed challenging an order of a Varanasi judge passed on October 21, 2023 which refused to direct the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to survey the wazukhana (ablution) area except for the structure which the Hindu side calls a shivling and the Muslims describe as a fountain inside the Gyanvapi mosque located adjacent to the Kashi Vishwanath temple.

In her revision, Rakhi Singh has pleaded that the survey of the wazukhana area is necessary in the interest of justice. It shall benefit the plaintiff(s) and defendants alike and help the court arrive at a decision in the suit, the plea said.

Red Fort blast case: Delhi court extends NIA custody of 3 doctors, preacher by 4 days

A Delhi court on Monday extended the NIA custody of three doctors and a preacher, who were arrested in connection with the November 10 Red Fort blast case, by four days. All four accused - Dr Muzammil Ganai, Dr Adeel Rather, Dr Shaheena Saeed and Maulvi Irfan Ahmed Wagay - were produced before Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna on the expiry of their 10-day NIA custody granted on November 29.

Mediapersons were barred from covering the court proceedings, which were held under tight security in and around the Patiala House district court premises.

Till now, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has made seven arrests in the case, which is linked to a 'white-collar' terror module busted by the Jammu and

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces to identify and track the others involved in the gruesome attack," the agency said in a statement earlier.





SC orders 30% seats for women in bar councils

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The Supreme Court on

Monday directed that 30 per cent seats in State Bar councils, where the election process has not been set in motion, be kept for women advocates.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said for the current year, the State Bar councils where elections are yet to be held should fill 20 per cent seats with women candidates and 10 per cent by cooption if there are not many desirous lawyers to contest.

The top court directed that a proposal for co-option shall be placed before the court in regard to the State Bar councils where the number of contesting women lawyers are inadequate.

At the outset, senior advocate Manan Kumar Mishra, who is also the chairperson of the Bar Council of India (BCI), informed the bench that the election process as per court's earlier direction has commenced in six Bar bodies with notification of the poll.

He submitted that the BCI, in principle, is of the view that

there should be at least 30 per cent women's reservation in the State Bar councils, and suggested that for the present year, the councils should be permitted to fill up

women candidates. He also proposed that 15 per cent of seats be filled by way of co-option of women

the posts by co-opting

However, the bench said it

would be appropriate if cooption is restricted to only 10 per cent seats.

The bench said it would not be prudent to reserve seats for women in the Bar councils, where the election process has already commenced.

It said in the Bar councils of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana, where elections

women members who are contesting the polls shall contest with full spirit, and the voters shall also make endeavours to ensure that adequate representation is provided to female advocates in the councils.

It made a similar appeal to the voters of the Bar councils of Bihar and Chhattisgarh, where elections have been notified. For the remaining be undertaken so that

Bar councils, the bench said 30 per cent seats shall be represented by women advocates out of which 20 per cent shall be by election and 10 per cent by co-option.

It said, "Wherever the women members of the Bbar are reluctant to come forward and contest the 20 per cent seats, the process of co-option in such Bar councils shall

cent representation in the executive council."

The top court was hearing pleas filed by advocates Yogamaya M G and Shehla Chaudhary seeking

reservation of one-third of seats for women in all State Bar councils. Senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, appearing for the peti-

tioners, said that a blanket order for 30 per cent women's reservation across all state Bar councils may not be practical, as many states have very low percentages of practising women advocates. On December 4, the top

court asked the BCI to ensure 30 per cent reservation for women in the upcoming state Bar council elections. The pleas filed by Yogamaya and Chaudhary also sought that at least one office-bearer post be reserved for women lawyers on a rotational basis.

The pleas were filed relying upon the May 2, 2024, order of the top court, in which it was directed that one-third of seats in the executive committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association, including one office-bearer post, be reserved

Land-for-jobs scam: CBI seeks time to verify status of accused persons



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The CBI on Monday sought time from a Delhi court to verify the status of various accused persons in the alleged land-for-jobs scam involving RJD chief Lalu Prasad, his family members and others.

Special CBI Judge Vishal Gogne is hearing the case on whether there is sufficient evidence to frame charges

The judge had, on December 4, directed the Central Bureau o f Investigation (CBI) to file a report after verifying the status of the accused in the case. Of the 103 accused, four have died. "Some time is sought on behalf of the CBI to verify the status of various accused persons in terms of the previous order. List on December 10," the judge said on Monday.

On November 10, the judge had deferred the order on framing charges against the accused till December 4.

The CBI had filed chargesheets against Lalu Yadav, his wife and former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi, their son and former deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav and others in connection with the alleged scam.

The prosecution has alleged that appointments in the Group-D category of

the Indian Railways' West Central Zone based in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, were made during Lalu Yadav's tenure as the railway minister from 2004 to 2009 in return for land parcels gifted or transferred by the recruits in the name of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo's family members and associates.

The CBI has also claimed that the appointments were made in violation of norms and that the transactions involved benami properties, amounting to criminal misconduct and conspiracy. The accused have denied the charges and claimed that the case is politically motivated.

Court acquits actor Dileep, convicts six in 2017 actress sexual assault case

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A Kerala court on Monday acquitted Malayalam cinema star Dileep in the sensational 2017 actress sexual assault case, in which six people, including the main accused charged with committing the crime, were pronounced guilty. In a case that made national headlines while sending shockwaves over the top actor's alleged involvement in the matter, three others, including Dileep's close friend Sarath, were also acquitted.

Coming out from the court, Dileep said that there was a "real conspiracy" by some police officials and a section of media to implicate him in the case earlier with an eye on destroying his career.

Dileep also said that his first wife and actress Maniu Warrier started a conspiracy to tag him in the case. The Left Government in Kerala said it would prefer an appeal against the lower court verdict while reiterating its support to the survivor, a multi-lingual female actor who has worked in a number of Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu movies.

Apart from Dileep (57), the eighth accused in the case, the court also acquitted three others — Charley



Thomas (A7), Sanil Kumar alias Mesthri Sanil (A9) and Sarath (A15). The verdict was pronounced by Ernakulam District and Principal Sessions Judge Honey M Varghese, in a tightly packed courtroom here.

Judge Honey M Varghese began by substantiating the offences charged in the case and then declared the first six accused — Sunil, Martin Antony, Manikandan B Vijesh VP, Salim H, and Pradeep, guilty.

"Since the offenses are grave and serious in nature and perpetrated against a woman, accused not entitled to get benevolence the Probation of Offenders Act.

cancelled and remanded to custody," the court ordered. They were charged under Sections of the then IPC and IT Act, including criminal conspiracy, wrongful confinement, gang rape, kidnapping or abducting a woman and criminal force to a woman with an intent to outrage her modesty. Later, after reading out the charges against Dileep, the cour

Bail bonds of A1 to A6 are

found him not guilty. Dileep was acquitted after the court ruled the prosecution failed to substantiate the charges, including criminal conspiracy, wrongful confinement, assault, gang rape, and related

IPC offences.

SC seeks ED's response on journalist bail plea

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The Supreme Court on asked the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to file its response within three days on a bail plea of journalist Mahesh Langa in a money laundering case linked to an alleged financial fraud. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CII) Surva Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi also asked senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the jailed journalist, to file rejoinder, if needed, to the ED's response within two days of it The top court fixed the

case for further hearing on December 15.

During the brief hearing on Monday, Sibal said a journalist has been facing as many as six cases. "The journalist is accused of extortion," the counsel for the ED said and sought a short adjournment on the ground that Solicitor General Tuhar Mehta was unavailable at the moment.

The top court on September 8 sought responses from the Gujarat Government and the ED on Langa's bail plea. While issuing the notices on Langa's bail plea, the bench asked, "What kind of a journalist is he?" "With due

genuine journalists. But there are also people who on their scooter say we are 'patrakar' (journalists) and

what they actually do everybody knows," the bench told Sibal. Sibal replied that these are all allegations. "In one FIR, he gets anticipatory bail, then a second FIR is lodged and again anticipatory bail is granted but now he is booked under a third FIR for income tax evasion. There are other things also against him," Sibal submitted. He

> ground to the case also. On July 31, the Gujarat High Court rejected Langa's

added that there is a back-

respect, there are some very bail plea in the money laundering case on the grounds that if released on bail, prejudice would be caused to the prosecution case. On February 25, the ED said it arrested Langa in a money laundering investigation linked to an alleged financial fraud. He was first arrested in October 2024 in a GST fraud case.

The money laundering case against Langa stems from two FIRs filed by Ahmedabad police on charges of fraud, criminal misappropriation, criminal breach of trust, cheating and causing wrongful loss of lakhs of rupees to certain people.

Woes of flyers hit by mass flight

lakhs of people are stranded at the airports, even though the apex court refused to accord an urgent hearing to a plea seeking judicial intervention into the matter, saying the Centre had taken steps to address it. IndiGo cancelled 500 flights and

lation of flights by IndiGo was mentioned in the top court, a bench headed by the CJI said, "It is a serious matter. Lakhs of people are stranded at the airports. We know that the Government of India has taken timely action and cognisance of the issue.'

comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi, added, "We know people may have health issues and other important

Over the day, a separate petition seeking directions to the Centre to provide support and refunds to affected passengers was mentioned in the Delhi High Court. A bench of Chief

IndiGo crisis serious matter, says SC, Delhi HC agrees to hear plea on Dec 10

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

cancellations by IndiGo found a compassionate ear in the Delhi High Court, which agreed to hear one of the pleas on December 10, while the Supreme Court termed the consequent chaos a "serious matter", but stopped short of intervening.

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said

plans to operate 1,802 services on Monday, the civil aviation ministry said. The airline has delivered 4,500 bags

out of a total of 9,000 to the passengers, and will deliver the rest in the next 36 hours, the ministry said in a statement. When a plea concerning the cancel-

IndiGo over the last few days, and the passengers were suffering. "The cancellations are not informed to the flyers," he said, adding that around 2,500 flights were delayed and flyers were hit at 95 airports across the country. In the High Court, the counsel The CJI, who was heading a bench for the petitioner said they had filed a

PIL on the crisis with the airline. "Several people are stuck. The ground situation at airports is inhumane. We are

expecting the court to pass orders to IndiGo and ground support staff for people stranded at the airports. There is no proper system for refunds," he said.

When the High Court pointed out that

Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya

and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela listed the

Before the apex court, a lawyer men-

tioned the issue and said there have

been a lot of flight cancellations by

matter for hearing on December 10.

the Government had already passed some directions in the matter, the counsel responded in the affirmative. The bench said the PIL will be listed for hearing on December 10.

IndiGo has been facing heat from both the Centre and the passengers for cancelling hundreds of flights since December 2, citing regulatory changes in the pilots' flight duty and regulations norms. The disruptions have left lakhs of passengers stranded at airports across the country.

Over 250 IndiGo flights were cancelled from Delhi and Bengaluru airports on Monday as the disruptions of the airline's flight operations entered the seventh

At the Delhi airport, 134 flights were cancelled - 75 departures and 59 arrivals -- while at the Bengaluru airport, the carrier cancelled 117 services — 65 arrivals and 62 departures, they said.

SC seeks response from Rajasthan on plea challenging validity of anti-conversion law PIONEER NEWS SERVICE of India' with separate the apex court. The a jail term of 10 to 20 years

New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Rajasthan Government seeking its response on a petition challenging the validity of the State's 2025 law against illegal religious

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih tagged the plea filed by 'Catholic Bishops Conference

pending petitions challenging the validity of the provisions of the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2025. The top court had earlier

agreed to hear some separate pleas raising similar issues and sought replies from the

state Government. During the hearing on Monday, Solicitor General women, Scheduled Castes, Tushar Mehta told the bench Scheduled Tribes, and persons with disabilities that similar matters are pending consideration before through deceit would attract

petitioner has urged the apex court to declare the 2025 Act "ultra vires and unconstitutional". The Rajasthan law has a provision of imprisonment for 20 years to life for mass conversions through deception and a jail term of seven to 14 years for conversions by fraudulent means. Conversion of minors,

and a fine of at least ₹10 lakh. In September, another bench of the apex court

had sought the stand of several states on separate pleas seeking a stay on their respective anticonversion laws. The top court had then

made it clear that it would consider the prayer for staying the operation of such laws once the replies were filed.







Why India needs a legal right to disconnect

A nation cannot build a future on depleted minds and exhausted bodies. Supriya Sule's Bill offers not just legal protection but a cultural reset

Stress has become endemic in the corporate world, and "burnout" is now the widely accepted term for it. Burnout is a state of intense physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion caused by prolonged and excessive work-related stress. These two words capture the reality of today's corporate workforce on a massive scale. The death of 26-year-old chartered accountant Anna Sebastian Perayil, whose death was linked to severe work-related stress, is a case in point.

The irony is that most people do not even realise they are experiencing it, seeking treatment is a far cry. Reports of suicides and worsening mental health due to work pressure are increasingly common. Both mental and physical health deteriorate sharply, leaving individuals drained, cynical, and exhausted. Fatique, insomnia, headaches, detachment, and disturbed sleep have become alarmingly routine.

The constant ringing of the smartphone and the rise of hybrid digital work culture have erased personal boundaries, making it difficult for many to have any "me time". Being available 24×7 has turned into a modern form of slavery that takes a heavy toll on lives.

To restore work-life balance, Supriya Sule has taken an important initiative. If her proposal succeeds, it may soon become law, introducing penalties for employers who overstep time boundaries and encroach on workers' personal lives. Supriya Sule's Right to Disconnect Bill, 2025, is a longoverdue intervention, seeking to restore a basic but endangered human need: the right to switch off and relax.

The core premise of the Bill is simple yet transformative. It states that employees should not be penalised for choosing not to respond to work-related communication after office hours. The bill sets to end the culture of checking messages throughout the day, during dinner, on weekends, and even on holidays. Studies have repeatedly shown that such constant pressure to check phone leads to sleep deprivation, chronic stress, emotional burnout, and a slow erosion of family life.

The Bill recognises that mental health is not separate from productivity; it is its very foundation. Importantly, the legislation does not ignore the realities of India's competitive and diverse business landscape. Sule's proposal allows companies to set their own after-hours communication norms through Employees' Welfare Committees. Companies that disregard these provisions could face penalties equivalent to one per cent of their total employee remuneration, ensuring that compliance is mandatory and damages are for real.

Yet the path ahead is not without challenges. India's workforce is vast and varied, and cultural attitudes often equate overwork with dedication. Smaller firms may fear compliance burdens, while multinational companies may worry about servicing their offshore clients. Besides, enforcement remains a perennial weakness in India.

Despite these obstacles, the direction is clear and the move is a step in right direction. For India to continue its progress, it must safeguard the well-being of its workers.

SAARC@40: An idea that refuses to die

As the world reorganises around regional blocs and shared vulnerabilities, South Asia cannot afford to remain disconnected. SAARC may be dormant, but its spirit endures, waiting for a political moment that restores its relevance



SANTHOSH MATHEW

Forty years ago, on a December morning in 1985, South Asia embarked on an ambitious experiment. Seven neighbours — united by shared histories yet separated by borders, suspicion and political complications — met in Dhaka to outline a collective vision for peace, prosperity and cooperation. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) emerged from that hope, designed to transcend bilateral tensions and forge a regional identity grounded in development. Four decades later, that optimism feels remote. The organisation has been effectively frozen since 2014, its institutional vitality drained by enduring political hostilities. Yet, paradoxically, the idea of SAARC is more essential today than ever. The phrase "SAARC is dead, long live SAARC" captures this duality: the institution may be dormant, but the logic of regional cooperation remains compelling.

South Asia itself embodies profound contradictions. It is home to nearly 40 per cent of the world's democracies, each with its strengths and complexities. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka together represent one of the most diverse political landscapes on earth. Bangladesh's strides in poverty alleviation, Bhutan's pioneering Gross National Happiness framework, Sri Lanka's social indicators, Nepal's federal evolution, Maldives' climate resilience, Pakistan's active civil society, Afghanistan's enduring cultural heritage and India's unmatched electoral scale all testify to a region rich in innovation and vitality.

To see South Asia only through the prism of conflict is to overlook its immense civilisational, demographic and strategic advantages. This potential, however, has been consistently undermined by geopolitical mistrust, particularly between India and Pakistan. SAARC's stagnation is rooted in this unresolved hostility. Without political trust at the highest level, regional structures lose momentum. The cost of this paralysis has been significant. South Asia remains among the least economically integrated regions in the world. Intra-regional trade hovers around a mere 5 per cent, compared with ASEAN's over 25 per cent. High tariffs, rigid borders and bureaucratic obstacles have stifled the movement of goods, services and ideas that could dramatically uplift the region.

Against this backdrop, the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) deserves renewed focus. Operational since 2006, SAFTA was designed to dismantle tariff and non-tariff barriers and build a seamless regional market. Fully implemented, it could transform South Asia economically by strengthening supply chains, reducing logistics costs and opening vast new opportunities for employment and investment. The stakes are large: nearly 736 million South Asians still live in



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extreme poverty. Global comparisons illustrate what is possible. The African Continental Free Trade Area is projected to raise Africa's regional income by 7 per cent and lift 30 million people out of extreme poverty by 2035. With its larger consumer base and energetic private sector, South Asia could achieve even more if SAFTA were revived with genuine political commitment.

But cooperation must extend beyond trade. South Asia's civilisational heritage — Hinduism, Buddhism and Sufi traditions — offers a reservoir of cultural connections that can be harnessed to rebuild trust even when politics stagnates. India's soft power initiatives, such as the Buddhist Circuit, the revival of

University, the International Solar Alliance and the International Big Cat Alliance, create platforms that transcend **SINCE 1865** political divides. These efforts draw on the ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — the

world is one family — and demonstrate that meaningful regional collaboration does not always require formal institutional momentum.

India's neighbourhood-first policy has, in many ways, kept the idea of SAARC alive. The South Asia Satellite exemplified technological cooperation, supporting communication and disaster management across the region. India's vaccine diplomacy during the COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted its role as a regional first responder. When global supply chains collapsed, India supplied vaccines and essential medical aid to Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh and other neighbours. More recently, India's rapid assistance during the Sri Lankan floods under Operation Sagar Bandhu reaffirmed its consistent commitment to regional humanitarian support. Such gestures cannot replace formal diplomacy, but they help rebuild trust and demonstrate the tangible value of cooperation.

Every member of SAARC, however, must recognise what is lost by leaving the organisa-

tion dormant. South Asia faces shared, transnational problems - climate change, water scarcity, terrorism, cybercrime, unemployment and migration — that no country can solve alone. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure provides a useful example of how coordinated security cooperation strengthens collective resilience. A comparable mechanism within SAARC could enhance intelligence-sharing and counter-terrorism efforts at a moment when radicalisation and cyber threats are growing.

Equally significant is the demographic challenge. South Asia has the world's largest youth

population, with nearly 100,000 people entering the labour force **Jioneer** each day, yet UNICEF estimates that more than half will lack the skills needed for employment by 2030. Without regional frame-

works for mobility, innovation, skilling and academic exchange, this demographic dividend could be squandered, even though instruments such as the dormant SAARC Youth Charter offer a ready framework for collaboration.

A reimagined SAARC must also prioritise mobility. Visa liberalisation, academic exchanges, cross-border tourism and digital corridors can revive cultural linkages and unlock economic potential. Drawing on Europe's multiple-entry visas or ASEAN's reciprocal arrangements, South Asia could adopt Mutual Favourable Access to facilitate travel, study and business with transformative impact.

Ultimately, SAARC's future may lie in redefining it as a flexible development platform focused on digital public goods, climate resilience, health networks and research collaboration. India's digital governance tools — UPI, Aadhaar architecture, e-governance and tele-health could anchor such a partnership, reaffirming a shared South Asian destiny rooted in cooperation, connectivity and collective prosperity.

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Confronting popcorn brain in the digital age equipped with limitless access to information, is paradoxically losing the capacity to grapple with it meaningfully. When the brain becomes accustomed to the quick bursts



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In the relentless pulse of our digital era, silence has become a scarce commodity. Screens glow from dawn to midnight; alerts blink with the insistence of tiny sirens; content arrives in bursts designed to captivate and distract. In this environment of continuous cognitive stimulation, a troubling behavioural pattern has entered educational conversations: Popcorn Brain Syndrome. Though not a medical diagnosis, the term vividly expresses a growing reality-minds conditioned to crave rapid, high-intensity digital input, much like kernels bursting unpredictably in hot oil. For educators, this is no passing metaphor but a looming crisis. Increasingly, teachers observe shrinking attention spans, heightened restlessness, and an erosion of the ability to engage in deep, sustained thinking. The modern student,

of dopamine offered by fast-paced media, slower, more reflective tasks-reading, writing, analytical reasoningbegin to feel burdensome. The very founda-

tion of real learning is compromised. The sits in class, eyes fixed on the teacher, but their attention flickers. A phantom notification tugs at their mind; an impulse to check a device momentarily derails focus. This mental hopping

mirrors popcorn in motion-bright, brief, and directionless. What suffers in the process is not merely academic performance, but the deeper capacities that shape intellectual maturity: critical thinking, creativity, emotional steadiness, and the ability to connect ideas in meaningful ways. Reflection, that slow and steady cultivator of insight,

Teachers now carry a dual mandate: to deliver curriculum content and to rebuild the cognitive stamina necessary to absorb it. It is a daunting task-almost like teaching a child to find stillness while surrounded by whirlpools of distraction. Yet it is not an impossible one. Recognising that Popcorn Brain is a cultural construct-not a personal failing-is the first step. Our digital environment is designed to hook, stimulate, and fragment; young learners are simply

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responding to the architecture around them. The solution, therefore, is not to reject technology but to reintroduce balance. Classrooms can become places where deliberate pauses are woven into the learning fabric. Slow reading exercises, device-free discussions, and moments of reflection can act as anchors.

Teachers can cultivate an atmosphere signs are subtle yet unmistakable. A student where depth is celebrated over speed, where observation matters as much as reaction. observation matters as much as reaction. Simple routines-journalling, mindful breathing, silent thinking-can gently retrain wander-

ing minds. Parents, too, play a pivotal role. Children absorb what they see, not what they are told. A home where conversation, play, and unstructured time coexist with digital tools helps restore natural rhythms of attention. The partnership between school and family is essential to recalibrating young minds. The broader education system must recognise this phenomenon as a silent disruptor of learning outcomes. As curricula grow more rigorous, attention has become a critically limited resource, making investment in executive function, emotional regulation and digital discipline urgent. Without intervention, Popcorn Brain will continue to fragment focus across classrooms, undermining deep engagement and sustained understanding that are essential for shaping thoughtful, purposeful thinkers.

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THE NAMAMI GANGA PROGRAMME: GANGA **GHATS REVEAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAPSES**

The front-page report of 8 December on the deteriorating condition of Ganga ghats exposes a grim and deeply troubling account of man-made neglect. The collapse of ghat infrastructure across Uttarakhand and along the Gangetic plains is the result of multiple failures, foremost among them weak municipal accountability compounded by persistent local political

interference. Ghats are often sanctioned to serve constituency interests, even when locations are ecologically fragile or geographically

The Namami Ganga programme was conceived as an ambitious and essential initiative to conserve the river and protect surrounding plains from floods during the monsoon. Yet, crores of rupees have been squandered

due to poor planning, inadequate supervision, and indifference on the ground. Public apathy has further aggravated the problem, with citizens frequently neglecting their responsibility to maintain cleanliness and preserve environmental assets created for their benefit.

Ganga ghats are sensitive environmental interventions requiring expert design and sustained oversight by conservation architects and geological scientists, yet serious consultation with such specialists appears largely absent, Local municipal authorities must therefore be held fully accountable for maintenance and for regulating public access during vulnerable periods to prevent further degradation.

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IndiGo disruptions signal deeper crisis

There has been widespread chaos at several airports as turbulence in IndiGo's operations continues unabated, leaving passengers anxious, exhausted, and stranded for over a week. Mass cancellations and delays have transformed terminals into scenes of distress, with travellers sleeping on floors and, in some cases, near operational areas. Many passengers missed job interviews, family emergencies, and long-planned commitments, despite tickets being reissued multiple times only to face repeated cancellations. While IndiGo has stated that operations will stabilise by December 15, this assurance rings hollow for those still marooned without clarity or support. The situation reflects not merely operational failure but a deeper issue of regulatory oversight. Both IndiGo and the DGCA ignored early warning signs arising from new pilot duty norms.

Instead of adjusting manpower to meet regulatory requirements, IndiGo expanded its winter schedule, fully aware of its staffing limitations. It is deeply concerning that regulatory authorities appeared to yield under pressure, easing norms to manage public inconvenience. Such short-term relief undermines aviation safety and accountability. This crisis must serve as a moment for corrective action, not quiet compromise. BHAGWAN THADANI | MUMBAI

Goa tragedy highlights safety failures

Apropos "Goa nightclub blaze kills 25" (Dec. 8), the devastating incident once again exposes how routine disregard for safety norms turns leisure spaces into sites of avoidable tragedy. Reports indicate a convergence of structural violations, inadequate exits, and delayed emergency access-conditions that make disaster inevitable rather than accidental. More troubling is the apparent awareness of these violations by multiple authorities, followed by delayed or diluted action.

As Goa's tourism economy expands, the need for professional oversight becomes critical, especially in venues with high crowd density and limited evacuation options. Safety cannot depend on goodwill or postincident outrage. Mandatory clearances, transparent licensing, and regular inspections must be strictly enforced. Officials who ignore violations must be held as accountable as operators who commit them. Infrastructure issues such as narrow access roads and informal expansions further compound risk and must be addressed urgently. A coordinated emergency protocol involving municipal bodies, fire services, and police should be standard, not reactive. A time-bound review of all public entertainment venues would be a constructive first step toward preventing future tragedies.

Aviation regulation under scrutiny

It takes years to build a reputation, but only days to destroy it. The ongoing IndiGo crisis appears less accidental and more self-inflicted, aided by regulatory inertia. Despite being aware of revised pilot duty norms, both the airline and the DGCA failed to act in time. IndiGo's decision to expand its winter schedule without adequate crew strength reflects corporate arrogance rather than operational prudence.

Equally culpable is the regulator's delayed auditing and passive oversight, which allowed the situation to escalate into a national disruption. When the crisis peaked, the DGCA appeared compelled to dilute enforcement to ease passenger hardship, effectively allowing the airline to escape accountability. Such precedents are dangerous in a safety-critical sector like aviation.

This year has already witnessed tragic incidents, including an aircraft crash in Ahmedabad, helicopter accidents in Uttarakhand, and an ATC systems failure

Together, these point to systemic vulnerabilities. The current disruption offers the aviation ministry a crucial opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review and institute reforms.

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Misuse of FRA: Undermining forest rights framework

From recognising ineligible encroachments to manipulating community forest rights, the law meant to protect vulnerable groups and safeguard forests is being bent and exploited. This misuse now threatens both conservation goals and the long-term credibility of India's forest rights framework







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Although the Forest Survey of India, in its 2023 report, indicates an increasing trend in the country's forest cover, a major undisclosed ailment is affecting the heart of India's forest conservation efforts: the alleged widespread misuse of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006. Apart from procedural irregularities and misreading of provisions noticed in the implementation of the FRA, the major and substantive issues are the recognition of post-2005 encroachments on forest land as Individual Forest Rights (IFR) for habitation or cultivation, and the massscale grant of management rights (named Community Forest Resource Rights, or CFRR, under the FRA Rules amended in 2012) in cases of grossly ineligible claims.

The pattern of misuse of the FRA was initially highlighted by the 2011 NC Saxena Committee Report. The Committee, an inter-ministerial body, raised serious concerns about the recognition of ineligible claims. It found evidence that "fresh encroachers, with business interests in forest lands", were manipulating the Act in states such as Maharashtra and Assam. The Committee pointed to specific instances of forest land being cleared after the cut-off date of December 13, 2005 in protected areas such as Kawal Sanctuary and Yaval Sanctuary, stressing that the FRA was never intended to be a "ploy to distribute national wealth of forest land to all claimants irrespective of their real legal eligibility". The FRA is meant exclusively for Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes (FDSTs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs).

The Maharashtra Forest Department launched a detailed study in 2012 covering 35,044 finally approved Individual Forest Rights (IFR) cases, encompassing over 60,000 hectares of forest land across

The Department established a system using Cartosat-1 satellite images from 2005, 2007, and 2011, overlaid with GPS polygons delineating land parcels for each claim. Data on granted cases was available on the website of Maharashtra's Tribal Research and Training Institute (TRTI), which had developed and utilised a robust, transpar-

India's Viksit Bharat aspiration by 2047 transcends

traditional capital investment. While tangible

infrastructure remains critical, the primary con-

straint to sustained, high-quality growth is the

knowledge ecosystem deficit. To successfully tran-

sition from a middle-income economy to a fully

developed nation, India must aggressively cultivate a robust, home-grown intellectual infrastruc-

ture; one encompassing R&D, credible think tanks,

advanced data infrastructure, and scalable

India's gross expenditure on R&D (GERD)

remains persistently low at just 0.65 per cent of

GDP; far below advanced economies such as the

US and Germany (3 per cent), as well as emerg-

ing markets like China (2 per cent). This places

India well under the global average of approxi-

mately 1.8 per cent, reflecting a structural under-

investment in innovation. This structural weak-

ness is compounded by a profound imbalance:

only about 5 per cent of India's R&D spending

comes from the private sector, compared to

While the 2025-26 Union Budget increased

national R&D allocations to ₹61,028 crore, repre-

senting only 1.28 per cent of the Central Budget,

the scale is still insufficient to trigger the kind of

innovation acceleration India needs. The govern-

ment's announcement of a ₹1 lakh crore Research

Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund in 2025

could be transformative, but its impact will hinge

on execution discipline and meaningful alignment

with private-sector investment. For the fund to

succeed, execution discipline must include trans-

parent governance, mandated industry co-

funding, and a focus on measurable outcomes

This chronic underinvestment depresses inno-

vation output, technological absorption, and pro-

ductivity growth. OECD studies show that a 1 per

cent rise in business R&D increases productivi-

ty by approximately 0.13 per cent, and an equiv-

alent increase in public R&D yields about 0.17 per

cent productivity growth. If India does not

correct its R&D deficit, it cannot realistically close

grants have grown fourfold, from 7,509 (2010-11)

to 28,391 (2020-21), and patent applications have

risen from approximately 39,400 to 58,500

(Economic Survey 2022). In 2023, India was

among the fastest-growing patent origins glob-

ally (WIPO). The gap, though, remains large. India's

patent portfolio is still only a small fraction of

its productivity gap with peer economies India's innovation output has improved. Patent

tied to national priorities.

approximately 70 per cent in the US.

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THE FACT ALSO REMAINS THAT **GENUINE** COMMUNITIES AND ELIGIBLE LANDS, SUCH AS SACRED **GROVES AND** COMMUNITY-OCCUPIED. **CUSTOMARILY AND RULE-BASED** MANAGED AREAS **AWAITING** FORMALISATION OF **THEIR** MANAGEMENT AND **GOVERNANCE** UNDER THE FRA, HAVE SIMPLY BEEN

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ent, and technology-driven verification system for comparing land-use status before and after the December 2005 cutoff date, documenting approximately 2.9 lakh polygons under IFR claims.

Despite this technological safety net based on satellite imagery, it was found that about 16 per cent of the studied cases were granted IFRs on lands that were clearly ineligible-being fully barren, treecovered, or a mixture of both, as seen in satellite images. More than 3,000 cases showing land-use change, specifically conversion to cultivation after the 2005 cut-off date, were also found to have been cleared as valid claims. Additionally, approximately 4 per cent of cleared claims exceeded the

maximum permissible limit of The Ministry of Tribal Affairs SINCE 1865

(MoTA) amended the FRA Rules in 2012, effectively downgrading the evidentiary value of satellite imagery. Such imagery, as well as other uses of technology, could thereafter be used only to "supplement" other forms of evidence and not as a replacement. Critics argue that this move prioritised subjective claims over reportedly discontinued their use, local governance envisioned by the FRA

Maharashtra's well-grounded system was not only derailed but the invaluable dataset of 2.9 lakh GPS polygons embedded in satellite imagery also reportedly became untraceable. Notably, in response to a requirement from the Forest Survey of India (FSI) for analysis in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's February 2019 order in Writ Petition (C) No. 109/2008, Maharashtra did not make the data available. With regard to eviction of encroachers, no state has initiated proceedings against those with rejected claims, and even the Hon'ble Supreme Court, on February 28, 2019, stayed its own eviction order within fifteen days.

The right to minor forest produce is mandated to be limited to the quantity traditionally collected The Pioneer by beneficiaries. However, the recognition process has been

misused to grant rights over the entire commercial MFP output and trade, often to Gram Sabhas, disregarding the heterogeneity and occupational diversity of their members. As a result, new intermediaries are emerging in states such as Maharashtra and Odisha. They operate as contractors in league with tendu leaf objective science. As a result, while many traders, while the intended empowerment states, including major ones such as of FDST and OTFD communities for Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, resource conservation and democratic

is subverted. A similar atmosphere is being created in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh to dismantle their federationbased systems

With regard to CFRRs, these are being illegally recognised almost unabated on government forest lands (such as Reserved or Protected Forests under working plans), even though their specified location is statutorily limited to "customary common forest land" or "community forest resource" as defined in the Act. Further, CFRRs are being granted to ineligible communities that do not meet the criteria under Section 3(1)(i), which requires proof of a traditional role in protection and conservation of the land under claim. Such grants to ineligible entities have been facil itated by amendments to the FRA Rules themselves, whereby the presence of even a few Scheduled Tribes or OTFDs qualifies a Gram Sabha to submit a claim. Shockingly, scrutiny of 80 randomly selected sanctioned cases from districts in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh reveals that all are illegal recognitions. Meanwhile, genuine communities and eligible lands, such as sacred groves and customary rule-based managed areas awaiting formalisation under the FRA, have been excluded.

Unfortunately, misuse of the FRA has been continuously and systematically

ignored despite repeated complaints. Foresters objecting to ineligible claims in Sub-Divisional and District-level Committee meetings are often branded anti-tribal and persecuted. Pressurised, and frequently backed by political authorities and civil society, Committees tend to exceed the Act's provisions with impunity, without recognising that the long-term sustenance of forest rights depends on the sustainability of forest resources. While the MoTA issues regular instructions for reconsideration of rejected claims, it has never mandated scrutiny of approved claims, even on a sample basis. By reiterating that implementation responsibility lies with States and Union Territories, it overlooks the implication that reviewing rejected cases while ignoring illegally granted ones amounts to implicit permission for continued misuse.

Objective and verifiable scientific evidence must be treated as the primary defence against fraudulent claims, not merely a supplement to easily manipulated traditional evidence. The FRA Rules must therefore be amended to restore the high evidentiary value of satellite imagery and GPS data. The government, in accordance with Section 13 of the FRA, must demonstrate a genuine commitment to enforcing all existing laws.

Prosecution of powerful individuals misusing the FRA for land speculation or for harming the interests of genuine beneficiaries can act as a strong deterrent. While the Central Empowered Committee's recent action regarding alleged irregularities in IFRs granted to Podu cultivators in Telangana is welcome, rectifying errors requires significant resources and political neutrality. Comprehensive retraining must therefore be provided to Committee members to ensure strict implementation of the Act, and they must be held accountable for permitting demonstrably false claims.

The government should prioritise the establishment of a National Audit Mechanism for technology-based scrutiny of approved cases and cancellation of all illegally recognised rights. The MoTA, in collaboration with the FSI and the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), must develop and maintain a centralised database to securely store GPS polygons and records of recognised claims nationwide. Given the scale of potential error, the FRA must not be allowed to undermine conservation laws or the rights of genuine. eligible forest dwellers.

Towards a home-grown knowledge ecosystem







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of high-quality publications come from fewer than 200 institutions, signalling an ecosystem that remains narrow, institutionally shallow, and highly concentrated. Yet India has proven that strategic investments

programme, built on modest budgets and indige- partnerships. nous capabilities, has delivered world-class missions such as Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan at a The Pioneer fraction of global costs. India's digital

public infrastructure (DPI) has revolutionised financial inclusion and service delivery and now serves as a model for developing nations worldwide. These successes demonstrate that when India invests in knowledge systems with clarity and commitment, the results can leapfrog conventional development paths. Talent

is not the constraint. Institutional depth is. A successful knowledge ecosystem requires more than isolated R&D labs; it needs the systemic translation of research into actionable policy and practice. Strong, independent domestic think tanks, policy centres, and data institutions are crit-

ical for: Contextualisation: Bridging the gap between academic research and on-the-ground implementation, generating timely, governance, which global firms often lack.

 Diffusion: Ensuring technology and best practices are adapted and diffused to MSMEs and lagging regions, mitigating the concentration of innovation within a few large firms or urban

 Intellectual sovereignty: Protecting India's development agenda from being shaped by foreign-funded or non-contextual research, and offering a cost-efficient alternative to large, protracted global consulting engagements for struc-

India's current policy research landscape remains fragmented. While NITI Aayog plays an important role in policy formulation, the broader ecosystem of independent think tanks and research institutions operates at a limited scale with constrained resources. Many rely heavily on external grants, limiting their ability to pursue long-term, strategic research agendas.

Global studies show that a 1 per cent increase in R&D intensity typically delivers a 0.13-0.17 per cent annual boost in productivity growth (OECD). Raising R&D spending could help India break into upper-middle-income bracket, strengthen industrial competitiveness, and power high-skill job creation in digital technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and clean technology

To realise this vision, policymakers must act with long-term focus. Key steps should include: Raising R&D investment to globally compet-China's or the United States', and over 70 per cent itive levels. Set a clear national target for R&D

intensity; for example, gradually increasing from approximately 0.65 per cent to at least 2 per cent of GDP by 2047, with an increasing share from the private sector. This will require not only higher government outlays but also incentives yield transformative outcomes. ISRO's space such as tax credits, grants, and public-private

> Institutionalising long-term funding for domestic think tanks and policy research bodies. Create a dedicated Viksit Bharat Knowledge Fund or similar endowment, allowing multi-

year grants, seed funding for new institutions, and stable operating resources.

 Building a National Knowledge Ecosystem. Link universities, research institutes, think tanks, industry, and government into a network that facilitates research, innovation, technology transfer, policy formulation, and diffusion of knowledge, especially to MSMEs and lagging regions. Promoting technology diffusion beyond large firms. Provide support for smaller firms and regional enterprises to adopt or adapt technologies through subsidies, incubation, outreach, and technical assistance.

• Expanding the notion of a "domestic Big Four" beyond consulting firms. Encourage the emergence of large, credible, Indian-owned knowledge institutions and think tanks that can compete granular, India-focused participal foundation globally in consultancy, policy research, data for evidence-based Putting India First to Make India First data analytics, design, and technology transfer.

> India's CSR spending has grown sharply, from ₹26,278 crore in FY22 to ₹34,909 crore in FY24 (Bharat CSR Performance Report, 2024), yet less than 3 per cent of this pool supports research, policy, or knowledge infrastructure. Redirecting even 5-10 per cent of CSR funding towards knowledge creation-such as think tanks, public data systems, applied research labs, and digital public goods-would significantly strengthen India's intellectual capacity. In parallel, industry must deepen its own R&D investment by leveraging fiscal incentives, building in-house research capabilities, and expanding industry-academia collaboration. Together, these shifts would reduce dependence on imported technologies and external consulting, while building the longterm competitiveness required for India's inno-

> For India to become a developed nation, it must invest as much in brains, ideas, and institutions as in roads, ports, and industrial parks. Countries that mastered the knowledge game-South Korea, Germany, and Japan-used it to leapfrog into highgrowth, high-productivity, high-innovation economies. India's story must now follow that path. Viksit Bharat requires Viksit Buddhi; a developed nation needs developed minds. The time to build is now.

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Understanding the Yogi factor

The figure of Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, invariably triggers a familiar, polarised debate. To his supporters, he is the 'Hindu Hriday Samrat', a decisive administrator who has restored order and pride. To his detractors, he is a deeply divisive communalist and a symbol of majoritarian assertion that undermines India's secular fabric. This binary, however, is a lazy and inadequate framework — a relic of an older political vocabulary that fails to capture the complexity of his political project. To understand Yogi Adityanath's enduring influence, one must look beyond the simplistic communal-versus-secular

His politics represents a far more sophisticated and potent synthesis: a unique blend of spiritual authority from the Gorakhnath Peeth, a strategic project of "subaltern Hindutva", and a governance model framed around "Lok Kalyan" (public welfare). This model is rooted in a politics of labharthi (beneficiary) and a law-and-order situation unimaginable in Uttar Pradesh before 2017. It fulfils a public craving not just for a normal life but for a quality of life that many felt was sacrificed under the previous guise of social justice. These elements converge into a powerful form of identity politics that is fundamentally reshaping the

At the core of Yogi Adityanath's identity is his role as the Mahant, or head priest, of the Gorakhnath Peeth.

This is not merely a religious title; it is the bedrock of his philosophical outlook and an autonomous source of political legitimacy. The Peeth, belonging to the Nath Panth tradition, carries a legacy of spiritual and temporal influence that predates modern political parties by centuries. This role grants him an authority insulated from the whims of party politics, setting him apart from career politicians. Crucially, the Peeth's ideology provides a philosophical bridge connecting the spiritual to the material.

The principle of 'Lok Kalyan' is central here. Adityanath articulates a vision in which spiritual values are not antithetical to material progress but are its very foundation. He has often stated that India's spiritual traditions provide a "moral compass to humanity", rooted in compassion and the principle of 'live and let live'. He argues that "spirituality, cultural advancement, and material development all require a safe, civilised, and clean environment". This philosophy allows him to seamlessly frame the construction of a temple and the building of an expressway as complementary, not contradictory, acts-both presented as sacred duties in the larger project of national reju-

venation. This refutes the Western-inspired dichotomy that separates the sacred from the profane, offering a holistic vision in which development is imbued with cultural and spiritual

Perhaps the most politically astute element of the Yogi model is its project of 'subaltern Hindutva'-a conscious effort to broaden the social base of Hindu nationalism beyond its traditional upper-caste anchor. This is a strategic move to dismantle the caste-based political fortresses of parties such as the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party, whose politics of social justice gradually converted into fiefdoms of specific families and castes. This re-engineering operates on multiple fronts. First, there is the radical inclusivity historically associated with the Gorakhnath Peeth itself, an unorthodox institu-

tion known for its openness to lower castes. Second, and more crucially, was the founding of the Hindu Yuva Vahini, an organisation that gave prominent positions and a sense of agency to youth from OBC and Dalit communities, alongside their mobilisation in the Ram Janmabhumi Andolan by his guru, Mahant Avaidyanath. This created a populist, often aggressive, form of 'non-Brahmin Hindutva'. It empowered non-dominant castes by tapping into their "anxieties and aspirations" — their desire for recognition and a share of power that they felt was denied to them by established 'social justice' parties. By offering a platform within a pan-Hindu identity, the Yogi model convinced a significant section of the subaltern electorate that their interests were better served by aligning with a majoritarian project than by remaining within caste-specific silos. This strategic inclusion is not about erasing

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caste but about subsuming it within a larger religious-political identity positioned against a perceived

common 'other'. This leads to the third pillar of his strategy: a distinct form of identity politics that constructs a pan-Hindu social coalition while positioning itself as a corrective to the "politics of appeasement", a term used to critique policies aimed at Muslim minorities. His discourse consistently contrasts this alleged appearement with his government's commitment to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', reflected in his labharthi politics. The implicit-and often explicit-message is the dawn of a new era in which the majority community receives its due. This is identity politics on a grand scale, appealing to a sense of historical grievance and majoritarian entitlement. The success of this strategy is starkly evident in electoral outcomes. The BIP, under his leadership, secured a massive majority in the 2022 State Assembly elections without fielding a single Muslim candidate.

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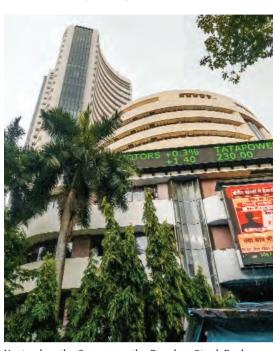
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Yesterday, the Sensex, or the Bombay Stock Exchange index fell by 600 points. It was kind of unexpected since it had turned around its southward movement over the past few sessions. Once, the pundits began to explain the reasons behind the fall, there was a feeling of hollowness, and inexplicability about them. For example, one of the factors was the two-day meeting of the US Federal Reserve Board, which was expected to announce another minor rate cut. But then this was expected for weeks, and one thought that the stock markets, like it does with future expected events, had discounted it. Indeed, one of the reasons for the earlier rises was that the minor rate cut was unlikely to change things materially in the form of foreign outflows, which are turbo-charged when the US interest rates seem attractive, and the money flies to a safer less-risky

Another factor that the experts harped on was the fall of the rupee, and it having crossed the ₹90 mark against the dollar. One can partially accept it. But then again, the rupee breached ₹90 days ago, and has firmed up since then, or at least has not gone down further, as the Reserve Bank of India stepped in to support the currency. One thought that the investors would be enthused by the intervention. No one can say. Maybe they believe the doomsayers, who contend that it is a matter of when, and not if, for the rupee to fall to ₹100 a dollar. Maybe the investors were more concerned by the central bank's opinion, which chimed with that of the finance minister, rather than the former's actions. In the recent past, both maintained that they have no target for the rupee, and the currency needs to find its stable, steady, and appropriate level.

The stock markets are uncertain about the India-US trade deal, which has been delayed. Thus, they reacted to the growing apprehensions. One can flip this argument, and contend that an American delegation is on its way to New Delhi to discuss the tariffs. This is good news as it shows an urgency among the two nations. Indian ministers have repeatedly claimed that an agreement will be in place by December 2025 since most of the issues are finalised, and the two sides need to dot the i's, and cross the t's. Of course, the investors are peeved that the earlier deadline was November 2025. But that one passed more than a week ago. Why should the Sensex and Nifty crash on December 8? This factor seems to be a non-factor that was cooked up by some of the experts as a reasonable factor to provide some logic to the market madness on Monday.

Several analysts reiterated a view that the Indian valuations were overstretched. For several months, in fact this entire year, valuations were raised as a worry. This is one of the major reasons why the markets behaved so erratically during 2025, and Indian equities were among the worst performers among Asian peers, and emerging markets. Hence, a concern about a persistent past concern, which has shaken up investors for more than 11 months, cannot be a legitimate one to explain a one-day fall of 600 points. Another twisted logic: Same analysts say in the same breath that steady (domestic) inflows, and long-term retail participation suggest continued optimism. In addition, high valuations may persist, supported by investor confidence, and consistent domestic equity inflows. Please explain clearly whether valuations are stretched or not, whether investors will sell to book profits or not, or whether the high valuations do not matter because of the steady inflows. We are suitably confused.

To add to the confusion and uncertainty, the stock markets went down on Monday because of the steady outflows by foreign investors. For months, and throughout this year, the foreigners have proved to be net sellers in the secondary market. Yet, they have aggressively participated in the IPOs (Initial Public Offerings), which provides clear hints that they feel the listed stocks are overvalued, and there are chances to earn higher returns on new stocks. But again, this trend is evident for the past several months, and is nothing new. It is not that on Monday the foreigners dumped the stocks. One can add this as a factor if the Indian equities had consistently gone down due to this regularly-occurring trend. But stocks went up in the past few sessions, and the same analysts remarked that this was the great turnaround, which would push the Sensex past 1,00,000 points by December 2026. Moreover, one is unsure which section is more important, foreigners or domestic investors.

At one level, the net selling by the foreigners pulls down the market indices. At another, there is a feeling that valuations will remain stretched because of huge domestic inflows. There is a tussle between the two, and one is not sure who will win. Both cannot, or maybe they can. The foreigners will book profits, and the locals will take valuations to higher levels to book profits later. A clear win-win.



Marathon, steeplechase & sprint

In the third global business race, India is fast losing to China

It was a manufacturing marathon. While India and China were the favourites, South Korea, \$1.25 billion to a Chinese biotech firm for the Taiwan, and Brazil were the dark horses. India lost, China won, and the smaller Asian nations stood on the podium. In the steeplechase in the software and hardware space, India and China are the joint winners. The former vaulted over the oceans to emerge as the world's IT leader, and China overcame the obstacles to directly compete with the US in chips, and Artificial Intelligence. In the ongoing healthcare sprint, while China is about to touch the tape, India has not even left the blocks.

Until a few years ago, 'Big Pharma' in the West focused on the discovery and launches of billion-dollar blockbuster drugs, India became the global supplier of generics (off-patent medicines), and China mastered the science of Active Pharma Ingredients (APIs). Today, after America, China is the world's largest developer of new molecules and drugs. According to a recent article in 'The Economist,' Chinese firms conducted a third of the global clinical trials last year and, in the first six months of 2025, they were responsible for a third of the licensing deals signed by 'Big Pharma.'

Over the next decade, the battles in areas such as biosciences, medical research, and discovery of life-saving medicines (cancer) will be aggressively fought between China and America. India is more likely to pursue its generics journey, and take advantage of the steep 'patent cliffs,' "as drugs expected to generate more than \$300 billion in total revenues over the next six years will lose their patent protection by 2030. Yet again, India will be left behind in this third global race. Americans and Europeans, who will intensify their global searches for new molecules, will

rights to make-and-sell a new cancer drug. GlaxoSmithKline of Britain paid \$500 million to another Chinese firm for lung-disease treatment, and unbelievably committed a further \$12 billion for 11 drugs in the pipeline. China's share in global licensing has gone up four times in four years. In comparison, except for a small oasis of new discoveries, India is way behind despite a slew of ongoing clinical trials.

Like the Indian market, the

Chinese one is rugged, and difficult. Both are price-sensitive, with political and social pressures to enable the poor to access the medicines. In SINCE 1865 China, "state insurance covers most

purchases," which forces private firms into "bidding wars." Drugmakers need to "slash prices by half or more to reach a wide patient pool." Hence, it made sense for the Chinese, as well as Indians, to work with generics, which are cheaper. India extended the business model in the overseas markets, either by exporting, or setting up generics' plants in the West. China chose differently. In conjunction with the policy-makers, Chinese

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firms looked at America and Europe as "big prizes," or markets where they could sell new drugs, rather than continue to export generics or APIs. They decided to boost research, and ink licensing agreements with 'Big Pharma' to boost profits, and margins. According to the article in The Economist,' "A growing model is the 'New-Co,' under which a biotech company sets up a legally distinct company in America, often backed by foreign investors, and spins off promising assets into it." Since 'Big Pharma' and tempting.

Governance models make a huge difference. In the recent past, India has struggled with clinical trials due to irregularities, even illegality, which were highlighted by the judiciary, and activists. These rightfully delayed, and derailed them. In China, the period to secure human trials shrank from more than 500 days to less than 90. Unlike India, the workforce at China's regulator quadrupled, and cleared a backlog of 20,000 drug applications within two years. Despite reforms, Indian drugmakers continue to complain about

red tape. In a sense, China has reinvented regulation. One is not sure if it is for better or worse, but it has speeded up the approval processes.

Of course, given the existing security, economic, energy, business, defence, and trade tensions between China and the West, China's regulatory framework is being

questioned and scrutinised. The US drug regulator is stricter when it deals with medicines based on clinical trials only in China. There are concerns about data security, and data privacy. The US halted trials that exported American genetic data to China. The US policy-makers, states the piece in 'The Economist,' "fret about the security risks at the junction of pharmaceuticals and biotechnology." India faces some of these challenges as the US questions its drug-effi-

This explains the Indians' penchant to make generics in America through the inorganic M&A route. China innovated to produce "fast followers," which enhance the safety and/or delivery of the existing drugs. The next step was to move on to the "first-in-class" medicines, which have proteins or genes, or mechanisms to boost functions. The first, according to experts, provided the firms with the courage to do the second. This led to the making of new drugs. For example, according to a media report, of the 160 obesity drugs in development across the world, a third are being made in China.

India has the potential for drug discoveries. The skills, management, and research were evident during the pandemic, when India emerged as a leading drugmaker, and a low-cost exporter. But this was due to the help from the Government, which cajoled and pushed the private sector. Similar impetus lacks in other cases, and Indian firms are generally happy with their march in the generics segment. They are low-hanging fruits, with ample margins, especially when they are sold in the US and Europe. In most cases, Indian firms lack the risk-taking abilities to spend billions on a new discovery.

However, as of now, China, which won the manufacturing race comfortably, and raced ahead in chips and AI, is comfortably placed in healthcare and biosciences. India needs to build an efficient ecosystem to achieve similar results. It has the right ingredients such as scientific temper, cheap manpower, research and manufacturing units, and government support. What it requires is access to foreign capital, and a change in entrepreneurial mindset so that producers switch from off-patent mentality to new-patent one.



The Cynical Optimist

Even as IndiGo Airline grounds flights, passen gers go crazy, regulators take refuge behind inquiries, pilots blame managers, and the country's civil aviation sector goes for a six, the central minister, K Rammohan Naidu claims that this is the best "time to start an airline in India." He adds that the country needs "five big airlines," and the ministry encourages competition, and wants "more airlines to join the industry" with the Government's support. He predicts that the demand is likely to grow at a rapid pace in the future. While the desires are noble, the in-air realities are turbulent.

Of course, there is a difference between a need, desire, or wish, and what the market dynamics can accommodate. In the past three decades, each time, the Indian skies became competitive, airlines either nosedived, and crashed, or found it difficult to take off, and were forced into a competitor's lap. Despite the growing demand, competition curtailed ticket prices, and profitability which, in turn, ended up killing competition. Thus, closures, mergers, and acquisitions became the regular norms in the aviation sector. Higher the number of airlines, the more the pressures that grounded them.

Not just this but each time an airline attained a dominant position vis-à-vis domestic market share, the cost structures ate into its financials, which bankrupted it, or forced it on the auction block. Look at Jet Airways, which ruled the skies, and was sold under the insolvency laws. Sahara and Deccan aimed big, and flew into competitor's hangars. The state-owned Indian Airlines, and Air India were prisoners of their monopolistic successes, until they were merged, and then sold to the Tata Group. Today, the largest airline, IndiGo, faces a similar situation, and critics blame its seemingly-successful business model as the reason for its problems.

Globally, airlines grapple with volumes, costs, market shares, apart from the impact of policies and regulations on them. Volumes are obviously critical but they cannot be universal, national, or international. The trick is to acquire passengers on select, highly-profitable, and fast-churning routes. For example, domestically, Delhi-Mumbai, Bangalore-Delhi, and local regional routes are more coveted given the number of passengers who travel to these cities. Internationally, Delhi-London, Delhi-Hong Kong, and India-US journeys are crowded, and desired by the airlines. Getting overall volumes, as national share is irrele-

However, volumes imply huge one-time investments, and capital costs to buy and

India goes, India grounded

Why does competition invariably crash in the aviation sector?



acquire aircraft. In most cases, the planes are purchased before the demand increases, which create a lag time before the investments pay off. Despite the lucrative financeand-lease deals offered by the manufacturers, airlines can find themselves in a tailspin, and get stuck in financial air-pockets. Several airlines are in trouble because either they buy too many planes, and are forced to operate them on low-profit routes, or buy too less, and lose volumes, and market shares on highprofit ones. It is a delicate balance that keeps changing, and needs to be tweaked.

Thus, the levers to control and manage costs fall on manpower since most other expenses are necessary, and continuous. This forces even the dominant and

successful airlines, or rather only these ones, to short-circuit salaries and benefits. This implies that they understaff certain areas,

overwork others, and underpay most. This creates a vice-like cycle of safety concerns combined with apathy and unhappiness among the employees. Morale is down, even as the senior management claims profitability over a few years. The medium-term for another nine per cent of the revenues.

impact is quite like what happened to IndiGo. Policies, regulations, and external non-controllable factors play a part. For instance, the global prices of crude oil and, hence, aviation fuel fluctuates, and eats into profits. In several quarters, IndiGo went from profits to losses, largely because of the prices of aviation fuel. Sudden policy changes impact operational and business models, especially for low-cost airlines. Regulations can create havoc, and force the planes to fly off the radar. The flight-schedule rules imposed by the regulator after the recent crash in Ahmedabad apparently forced Indigo's delays, and cancellations. The low-cost structure spun out of control, which was blamed

on management errors. According to experts, aviation fuel accounts for 20-30 per cent of the total costs, and the prices can be highly-volatile. Leased engines, and aircraft result in "significant

around 16 per cent of the revenues. Add the

various taxes such as landing fees, gate

charges, and navigation fees, which account

fixed monthly rent payment," which is

Under such a rigid structure, regular socalled fixed expenses can account for almost 60-70 per cent of the costs, not revenues. There is little leeway for the airlines

to immediately counter shifting changes. Profit margins are wafer-thin despite high volumes, or market shares. During competition, there are downward pressures on ticket prices. This happens even when there is minimal competition as the airlines scamper to sell more seats on relatively-low traffic routes. Unexpected events like wars and pandemics, policy and regulation changes, and economic slowdowns can rapidly change things. "This pushes down profit margins to low levels, typically 2-5 per cent globally, which makes it different to absorb financial shocks, or support high capital investments." It is a typical catch-22 situation. You need to spend more to grab volumes. This creates cost pressures.

Consider the case of Southwest Airlines, which faced a huge crisis during the winter holiday season in the US in 2022. While other airlines recovered from the severe winter effect within days, Southwest went south for days and weeks. It was its unique and, till then, highly successful business and operational model that was unable to react to the new unusual challenges. According to a case study (2024), the IndiGo-like crisis, which led to the cancellations of thousands of flights, "provides an opportunity to dig deeply into the need for scalability, challenges of risk management... and the wide variety of challenges of managing airline supply chains.'

Concludes the same case study, "Airlines are not easy businesses to run. They are capital and labour intensive, they are subject to impact from weather, politics, public health, and other unexpected issues. And they are competitive, seeking not only to provide good price and performance for customers but also an appropriate yield for every seat on the plane, and to keep planes in the air, and generate revenues." Thus, competition, and five airlines, as the civil aviation minister desires, may be the wrong solution for the wrong pinpointed problems. IndiGo did not crash because of lack of competition. It could not take off because of its straitjacketed business model.



The real AI revolution in banking: Decision packs, not algorithms



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Rethinking the race in banking

For nearly a decade, the financial industry has been obsessed with the wrong race. Banks have focused on who can deploy the smartest models, the fastest algorithms, or the most advanced AI platforms. Yet the real transformation underway is not about faster predictions or more complex math. It is about making better decisions.

The competitive frontier is shifting. Success is no longer determined by model accuracy alone. Predictions only hold value when paired with context and alerts only matter when they contribute to decisions that are consistent, defensible and trusted. In banking today, AI is no longer a race for speed-it is a race to prevent breakdowns before they occur.

The limits of model-only thinking

Banking operates in deeply interconnected environments. Every customer interaction, exception case and transaction activates a web of operational decisions that must work seamlessly. Models can detect anomalies at scale, but without institutional context, they rest on assumptions that can quickly unravel under real-world pressures

The risk is rarely a single bad decision. It is the gaps between systems, where incomplete or contradictory information can slip through unnoticed. A customer's cash flow in the core system may suggest stability, while transaction history hints at stress. Branch notes, call-center transcripts and chat interactions add further fragments, rarely reconciled. When AI is applied on top of unchanged processes, it magnifies inconsistencies rather than correcting them, making operational cracks increasingly costly as pilots

Al works-but only with context

Modern AI excels at pattern recognition, anomaly detection, document interpretation, and structured data triage. McKinsey estimates generative AI could unlock between 200 and 340 billion dollars annually for global banking-but only where context already exists. Early successes are seen where structured data is available, single-customer views are real and workflows are intentionally redesigned to integrate AI inputs, rather than patched superficially.

A striking example comes from HSBC. Their Alpowered transaction-screening engine now



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activity while reducing false positives. The real breakthrough was not the algorithm itself, but pairing detection with structured decision packs and audit-ready trails. By consolidating history, evidence, exceptions and reason codes into a sequenced context pack, analysts can focus on informed decision-making instead of unraveling contradictions. This approach also addresses regulatory concerns over undocumented overrides a systemic weakness that decision packs directly resolve.

The enduring role of human judgment

processes more than 900 million transactions

per month, identifying more suspicious

Even the most sophisticated AI models stumble when faced with intent, ethical considerations, rare events, market shocks or adversarial behavior. Humans, however, excel at interpreting nuance and cross-domain context. Yet humans alone cannot sustain consistent. auditable decisions at scale. Judgment becomes evidence, transparent lineage and clear or routing anomalies. The human officer adds at the right moment.

operational controls-the very artifacts AI can provide at speed and volume.

The emerging hybrid model blends both capabilities. Al aggregates, alerts, summarises, and contextualises information, while humans are routed to the right decision at the right moment, applying ethics, accountability and experience. Automation does not replace judgment; it restores the conditions for good judgment to prevail.

Decision packs: engineering context into workflows

Leading banks are moving beyond delivering raw alerts to analysts. They are creating decision packs-structured, sequenced bundles of information delivered precisely when a decision is required. These packs weave together customer history, channel behavior, transaction patterns, risk flags, documents, prior actions and reason codes into a coherent, actionable view.

In trade finance, for example, AI might flag reliable only when supported by structured irregular document signatures, sanctions-list hits,

trends, geopolitical insights and country risk into the decision-making process. The resulting decision is informed, defensible, timely and aligned with policy. Context-aware banking transforms the question from "What does the model say?" to "What does the model say within the full context the institution can recover and verify?" This shift closes the gaps that historically caused inconsistency, omission and operational fragility.

Operating models matter more than models

Across the industry, there is growing consensus: the operating model-how decisions are designed, governed, and executed-delivers far more value than the model architecture itself. Banks that extract the most value from AI maintain auditable override controls, human-inloop workflows, strong data lineage cross-channel decision rights and scalable accountability. In practice, a model contributes perhaps ten to twenty percent of value, while the remaining eighty to ninety percent comes from how decisions are operationalized. Al cannot fix broken workflows, but effective workflows make Al meaningful.

Fewer contextless decisions, not faster decisions

Banks do not simply need faster decision-making. They need fewer decisions made in the absence of context. The purpose of Al is not to replace bankers but to remove the breakdowns that force decisions to be made using incomplete fragments.

Forward-looking institutions are designing systems where ledgers record not only the model output, but also the decision pack, the human override and the governance trail. This creates a future where decisions are explainable, repeatable and trusted at scale.

The future: Al-assisted, context-rich, human-governed banking

The real revolution is subtle but profound. It is not AI replacing bankers; it is AI replacing the conditions that constrained them for decades. Banks that embrace decision packs will achieve consistent decision-making at scale, strengthen regulatory defensibility, reduce operational fragility, unlock deeper predictive intelligence, and build enduring trust with customers and regulators.

The path ahead is clear. The banks that will thrive in the AI era will not be those with the fastest algorithms. They will be the ones capable of making the best decisions, armed with context, evidence and human judgment

Labour codes: Legally accurate, socially transformative, and politically defining. A landmark reform of the Modi era To replace outdated inspec-



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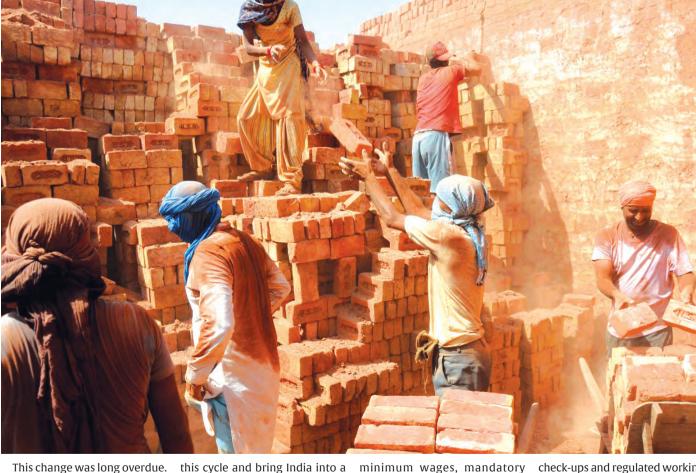
India, that is Bharat had long been burdened by laws created during the British regime, shaped by a colonial mentality that openly viewed Bharatiyas as their slaves and servants. Those laws were never meant to empower the people of this land.

They were crafted only to safeguard the interests of foreign rulers and to keep the native population dependent, restricted and voiceless. For decades, Bharat waited for a Government with the conviction to break free from these outdated colonial structures. This long pending transformation became possible only under the Modi Government, which has consistently delivered bold decisions, structural reforms and governance that truly serves the nation.

In the past decade, the Modi Government has brought a historic reform package that has reshaped the governance landscape of India, making it simpler, transparent and friendly for innovation and growth. More than 40000 unnecessary compliances have been abolished, around 1500 obsolete laws have been repealed and several existing regulations have been streamlined to reduce the burden on citizens, businesses and startups.

Through legislative action, more than a dozen laws have been simplified. Around 280 provisions have been removed to make governance more accessible and citizen centric. These reforms are fully aligned with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047.

Taking this reform journey to the next level, the Modi Government has now implemented the four Labour Codes from 21 November 2025. These Codes replace 29 scattered and confusing laws with one modern, clear and worker friendly framework. For the first time, India has a labour system that supports today's economy, today's workforce and tomorrow's aspirations. It gives workers better protection, ensures fair wages, improves safety and strengthens industries so India can compete globally.



This change was long overdue. Most of our old labour laws were written even before Independence viz., Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, Trade Disputes Act, 1929, Industrial **Employment (Standing Orders)** Act, 1946, etc.

The economy changed, industries changed, technology changed, but those laws remained frozen in the past. Workers suffered. Employers struggled. Compliance became a maze. The new Labour Codes finally break

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new era of simple rules and honest governance.

A broad range of benefits across sectors

The new Labour Codes bring clear, future ready protections for workers across every sector of the economy. Fixed term employees now receive the same benefits as permanent staff including leave, medical cover and social security, with gratuity eligibility reduced from five years to one. Gig and platform workers get formal recognition for the first time, with aggregators contributing to their social security and Aadhaar linked UAN ensuring portable benefits

Contract workers gain transparent protection, social security and health coverage from principal employers, along with annual free health check-ups. Women workers are assured equal pay, protection from discrimination and the freedom to work night shifts and in all sectors with full safety and consent. Youth workers benefit from guaranteed appointment letters and wages during leave.

The Labour Codes mark a historic step in modernising India's workforce by aligning with international standards on wages, gender equality and occupational safety. Over 2.78 million workers die globally each year from occupational accidents and diseases, highlighting the relevance of OSH provisions in the Codes.

MSME workers receive minimum wages, safe working conditions, double overtime wages and timely salary payments. Beedi and cigar workers are protected with fixed working hours, double overtime rates and bonus eligibility after thirty days. Plantation workers receive mandatory safety training, medical facilities for families and

education support for children. Audio visual and digital media workers including journalists and artists get clear wage structures, appointment letters and social security. Mining workers are protected under national safety standards, receive free annual health including transgender persons.

check-ups and regulated working hours. In hazardous industries. annual medical tests and safety committees are mandatory. Women are empowered to work safely even high-risk environments.

Textile and migrant workers receive equal wages, PDS portability and protection for pending dues. IT and ITES workers get timely salaries, equal pay, social security and strong grievance redressal. Dock workers gain formal recognition along with provident fund, pension, insurand workplace facilities.

Additional transformative reforms under the labour

A national floor wage now guarantees that every worker receives a dignified minimum earning ensuring uniform protection across the country. Gender neutral job opportunities and wages have been emphasised extending equal rights and safeguards to all workers

tion systems an inspector cum facilitator model has been introduced focusing on guidance and compliance support rather than fear and harassment. Disputes will now be resolved in a time bound manner through two member calling it an important Industrial Tribunals giving step toward stronger social workers and employers faster and predictable outcomes.

Paperwork has been simplified through single registration, single licence and single return replacing the earlier system of multiple overlapping filings. Workplace safety has also been strengthened with the creation of a National OSH Board to ensure uniform safety standards across sectors. Mandatory safety committees in major establishments further enhance accountability and on site protection.

Higher factory applicability limits ensure that smaller units are not overburdened by excessive regulations while core safeguards for workers remain fully intact. These reforms collectively reflect a clear commitment to worker dignity, workplace safety and smoother industrial operations.

Labour codes: modernising workplaces and empowering MSMEs

The new Labour Codes bring clarity, transparency and digitisation to India's labour framework. Clear rules on contract labour, retrenchment and fixed-term employment will reduce disputes and help MSMEs formalise previously informal arrangements. Mandatory appointment letters, wage linkages to the national floor and timely payments encourage proper records and digital payroll adoption.

Recognition of fixed-term employment provides flexibility for project or seasonal work while ensuring wage and benefit parity, including gratuity after one year. Expanded ESIC, EPF and insurance coverage for casual, fixed-term, gig, platform and hazardous sector workers strengthens social security for all.

Provisions on safety, welfare and timely wages are expected to improve workplace conditions, raise morale and create a more motivated workforce. Experts note that these reforms will lead to structured, predictable and cooperative labour management, benefiting both workers and businesses.

Global backing for India's labour codes

The Director General of the International Labour Organisation praised India's decision to implement the four Labour Codes, protection and fair wage systems. He emphasised that social dialogue between the Government, employers and workers will play a key role in ensuring positive outcomes for both labour and industry.

The International Social Security Association also welcomed the reforms, stating that India's Labour Codes add powerful momentum to global efforts for building stronger and more inclusive social security systems. ISSA highlighted that India's initiative strengthens global progress toward wider coverage, better protection and stronger institutional capacity.

Opposing for the sake of opposing

The Opposition's stand against these reforms is baseless and unjustified. Their poster marches and dramatic protests are nothing more than political theatrics designed to manufacture issues where none exist. These reforms have been thoughtfully drafted to protect workers' interests and to strengthen Bharat's workforce. It is difficult to comprehend why the Opposition is resisting measures that clearly benefit the nation.

Do they not want Bharat's workers to have stable and secure employment? Do they not want gig workers, platform workers and contract workers to receive the protections they deserve?

Do they not want women and youth to receive equal pay for equal work? Do they not want workers to access gratuity, health support and social security?

Do they not want our labour force to become more skilled and our economy to grow faster? What exactly are they protesting? Only they can answer, because their objections clearly do not align with national interest.

Despite the opposition raised by the Left supported Trade Unions, Modi Government has delivered reforms that will protect workers, will formalise jobs and will strengthen the workforce while enabling businesses to grow, proving its commitment to a modern and prosperous India.

FROM THE

Coup leader missing

The apparent leader of a failed coup in Benin was on the run and the fate of hostages remained unclear a day after a group of soldiers attempted to overthrow the Government of the West African nation. The soldiers calling themselves the Committee for Refoundation stormed the national television station early Sunday morning. Led by Benin army officer Lt. Col. Pascal

Tigri, eight soldiers

appeared in a broadcast

announcing the removal of President Patrice Talon, dissolution of the Government and suspension of all state institutions. By Sunday afternoon, the coup was foiled by Benin's military, supported by Nigerian air and ground forces, which launched a series of attacks against fleeing mutineers. At least

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a dozen soldiers were

arrested while others remained at large Monday.

Officer killed in drug raid

A police officer died on Monday after being shot and seriously wounded during an early morning drug raid in Istanbul, Turkish officials said. Officer Emre Albayrak died of his wounds in a hospital. He was part of a special operations team carrying out the raid in the Cekmekoy district on Istanbul's Asian side. "Our police officer Emre Albayrak, who was seriously injured in a narcotics operation in the

Cekmekoy district, could not be saved despite all interventions in the hospital to which he was taken and became a martyr," the Istanbul Governor's Office said in a statement. The man who opened fire two other suspects were

on police was killed, and detained, the office said. Turkiye has experienced a rise in drug-related crime in recent years. There was a 23 per cent rise in drugrelated incidents last year

Zelenskyy hasn't read US peace proposal: Trump **ASSOCIATED PRESS** ■ Kyiv President Donald Trump on Sunday claimed Ukrainian

Volodymyr President Zelenskyy "hasn't read" a US-authored peace proposal aimed at ending the Russia-

Trump was critical of Zelenskyy after US and Ukrainian negotiators completed three days of talks on Saturday aimed at trying to narrow differences on the US administration's proposal. But in an exchange with reporters on Sunday night, Trump suggested that the Ukrainian leader is holding up the talks from moving forward.

"I'm a little bit disappointed that President Zelenskyy hasn't yet read the proposal, that was as of a few hours ago. His people love it. But he hasn't — Russia's fine with it.' Trump told reporters on the red carpet at the Kennedy Center Honors. "Russia is, I believe, fine with it, but I'm not sure that Zelenskyy's fine with it. His people love it, but he hasn't read it."

Putin also hasn't publicly expressed approval for the White House plan. In fact, Putin last week had said that aspects of Trump's proposal were unworkable, even though the original draft heavily favoured Moscow.

Trump has had a hot-andcold relationship with Zelenskyy since riding into a second White House term insisting that the war was a waste of US taxpayer money. Trump has also repeatedly urged the Ukrainians to cede land to Russia to bring an end to a now nearly four-year conflict he says has cost far too many lives. Zelenskyy said Saturday

he had a "substantive phone call" with the American officials engaged in the talks with a Ukrainian delegation in Florida. He said he had been given an update over the phone by US and Ukrainian officials at the "Ukraine is determined

to keep working in good faith with the American side to genuinely achieve



peace," Zelenskyy wrote on social media.

Trump's criticism of Zelenskyy came as Russia on Sunday welcomed the Trump administration's new national security strategy in comments by the Kremlin spokesman published by Russia's Tass news agency.

Dmitry Peskov said the

updated strategic document, which spells out the administration's core foreign policy interests, was largely in line with Moscow's vision.

"There are statements there against confrontation and in favour of dialogue and building good relations," he said, adding that Russia and that ending the war is a hopes this would lead to

"further constructive cooperation with Washington on the Ukrainian settlement."

The document released Friday by the White House said the US wants to improve its relationship with Russia after years of Moscow being treated as a global pariah core US interest to "reestablish strategic stability with

Speaking on Saturday at the Reagan National Defense Forum, Trump's outgoing Ukraine envoy, Keith Kellogg, said efforts to end the war were in "the last 10 meters."

He said a deal depended on the two outstanding issues of "terrain, primarily the Donbas," and the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power

Russia controls most of Donbas, its name for the Donetsk and neighbouring Luhansk regions, which, along with two southern regions, it illegally annexed three years ago.

The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant is in an area that has been under Russian control since early in Moscow's invasion of Ukraine and is not in service.

It needs reliable power to cool its six shutdown reactors and spent fuel, to avoid any catastrophic nuclear incidents.

Kellogg, who is due to leave his post in January, was not present at the talks

Separately, officials said the leaders of the United Kingdom, France and Germany would participate in a meeting with Zelenskyy in London on Monday.

As the three days of talks wrapped up, Russian missile, drone and shelling attacks overnight and Sunday killed at least four people in

Ukraine. A man was killed in a drone attack on Ukraine's northern Chernihiv region Saturday night, local officials said, while a combined missile and drone attack on infrastructure in the central city of Kremenchuk caused power and water outages.

Kremenchuk is home to one of Ukraine's biggest oil refineries and is an industrial hub.

Kyiv and its Western allies say Russia is trying to cripple the Ukrainian power grid and deny civilians access to heat, light and running water for a fourth consecutive winter, in what Ukrainian officials call "weaponising"

Ukraine President visits London for peace talks

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President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was meeting the French, German and British leaders in London on Monday as Kyiv's European allies try to strengthen Ukraine's hand in thorny talks on a USbacked plan to end the Russia-Ukraine war.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer was due to gather with Zelenskyy, Emmanuel Macron and Chancellor Friedrich Merz at the British leader's 10 Downing St. Residence. Zelenskyy said late Sunday

that his talks with European leaders this week in London and Brussels will focus on security, air defence and longterm funding for Ukraine's war effort. The leaders are working to

ensure that any ceasefire is backed by solid security guarantees, both from Europe and the US, to deter Russia from attacking again. US and Ukrainian negotia-

tors completed three days of talks on Saturday aimed at trying to narrow differences on the US administration's peace proposal. Zelenskyy said in a post on

Telegram that talks had been



British Prime Minister Keir Starmer (left), Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (centre) and French President Emmanuel Macron (right) meeting at 10 Downing Street in London

"substantive" and that National Security and Defence Council Secretary Rustem Umerov and Chief of the General Staff Andrii Hnatov were travelling back to Europe to brief him.

A major sticking point in the proposal is the suggestion that Ukraine must cede control of its eastern Donbas region to Russia, which illegally occupies most but not all of the territory. Ukraine

and its European allies have baulked at the idea of handing over land.

Starmer said he "won't be putting pressure" on Zelenskyy to accept a peace settlement.

"The most important thing is to ensure that if there is a cessation of hostilities, and I hope there is, it has to be just and it has to be lasting, which is what we will be focused on this afternoon," he told broadcaster ITV.

In an exchange with reporters on Sunday night, US President Donald Trump appeared frustrated with Zelenskyy, claiming the Ukrainian leader "hasn't yet read the proposal.'

"Russia is, I believe, fine with it, but I'm not sure that Zelenskyy's fine with it,' Trump said before taking part in the Kennedy Centre Honours in Washington.

Top EU official warns US against interfering in Europe's affairs

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A top European Union official on Monday warned the United States against interfering in Europe's affairs and said only European citizens can decide which parties should govern them.

European Council President Antonio Costa's remarks came in reaction to the Trump administration's new national security strategy, which was published on Friday and paints European allies as weak while offering tacit support to far-right political parties.

It's "good" that the strategy depicts European countries as an ally, but "allies don't threaten to interfere in the domestic political choices of their allies," Costa

"What we can't accept is the threat of interference in European political life. The United States cannot replace European citizens in choosing what the good or the bad parties are," he said in Paris at the Jacques Delors Institute, a think tank. The strategy was critical of

European free speech and



migration policy. US allies in Europe face the "prospect of civilizational erasure," the document said, raising doubts about their longterm reliability as American partners.

But Costa, who chairs summits of the 27 national EU leaders, said Europe's "history has taught us that you can't have freedom of speech without freedom of information.

The former Portuguese prime minister also warned there will never be free speech if the freedom of information of citizens is

sacrificed for the aims of the tech oligarchs in the United States.' The security strategy is

the administration's first since President Donald Trump returned to office in January. It breaks starkly from the course set by President Joe Biden's Democratic administration. which sought to reinvigorate US alliances.

It comes as the US seeks an end to Russia's nearly 4year-old war in Ukraine, a goal that the national security strategy says is in America's vital interests.

Nepal's Home Minister Aryal seeks cooperation to conduct free, fair elections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA < Kathmandu

Nepal's Home Minister Om Prakash Aryal on Monday said that the Government is committed to institutionalising democracy as he sought cooperation from all stakeholders to conduct the next year's general elections in a free, fair and fearless manner. "The effective implementa-

tion of human rights is possible only when democracy is strengthened, as democracy and human rights are interdependent," Aryal said while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 17th Human Rights National Magna Meet 2025 in Lalitpur district.

In the present context, the Government is committed to institutionalising democracy, he said.

The minister sought cooperation from all stakeholders to conduct the upcoming



general elections in a free, fair and fearless manner.

Aryal underscored the need for a logical conclusion to the Transitional Justice Process, both relating to the decade-long Maoist insurgency and the recent Gen Z movement that toppled the KP Oli-led Government in September.

As human rights are the backbone of any civilised, inclusive and democratic society, the first duty of the Government is to ensure

freedom, equality and security of the people, he said.

Since the Gen Z organised protests in September against impunity, corruption and lack of good governance, it is the duty of the caretaker Government formed as per the mandate of the Gen Z group to crack down on corruption, impunity and nepotism, besides holding the general election on March 5, 2026, said human rights activist Charan Prasai.

Greenland holds Annual talks with US after takeover buzz

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Greenland is hosting annual meetings with US officials to discuss bilateral ties at the end of a year in which US President Donald Trump ramped up talk of a US takeover of the mineral-rich island that is a semiautonomous territory of Denmark.

The meeetings starting Monday will include a bilateral "joint committee" meeting between Greenland and US officials that will discuss cooperation "in a number of important areas," according to a statement from Greenland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Science.

A separate "permanent committee" meeting will involve the Danish Government. Similar meetings were held last vear in the United States.

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The head of the World Health Organisation said on Monday that the death toll from drone strikes on a kindergarten and other sites in Sudan's Kordofan state last week is now at 114 people killed, including 63 children. WHO said there were

three separate drone strikes on Kagoli last Thursday. The first targeted the kindergarten, and the subsequent strikes targeted paramedics as they were transporting the survivors to a hospital. The death toll was not immediately clear at the time, in part due to communications outages.

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, the director of the WHO, said on X that the organisation "deplores these senseless attacks on civilians and health facilities, and calls again for an end to the violence, and increased access



114 people were killed, including 63 children,

to humanitarian aid, including health."

The Sudan Doctors' Network and Emergency Lawyers, groups that track violence against civilians in Sudan, blamed the Rapid Support Forces paramilitary, also known as the RSF, for the strikes.

In a statement Saturday, Emergency Lawyers called the attack "a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law, including the protection of civilians, especially children, and vital civilian infrastructure."

The strikes come amid a two-year war between the RSF and the Sudanese military. More than 40,000 people have been killed to date, according to the World Health Organisation, and 12 million displaced. However, aid groups warn that the true death toll is likely far higher.

The battle is now concentrating on the oil-rich Kordofan region, after the RSF took over the last military

stronghold, el-Fasher, in Darfur, in western Sudan. The takeover of el-Fasher

by the RSF has been marred by violence. There have been reports of executions of civilians, rapes and sexual assaults, and other atrocities. Over 100,000 people have fled since the takeover, according to the UN Migration agency.

The UN human rights chief, Volker Turk, warned last week that Kordofan could face new atrocities like those in el-Fasher.

The humanitarian situation in the Kordofan region is worsening as famine is also spreading after more than two years of the devastating

Famine was declared last month in the capital of South Kordofan, Kadugli. Dilling, also in South Kordofan, has reportedly experienced the same hunger conditions as Kadugli.

2 men found alive as 17 dead found on migrant boat near Crete

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Two men found alive among 17 dead bodies in a partially sunken migrant boat south of the island of Crete over the weekend told Greek authorities the vessel had been carrying a total of 34 people, and that 15 had fallen overboard and were missing, Greece's coast guard said Monday.

A search and rescue operation was underway, the coast guard says, but strong winds and rough seas have been hampering efforts. The survivors' revelation could mean the death toll might increase to 32. On Saturday, the coast guard said a passing Turkish merchant vessel had come across the half-sunken migrant boat 36 nautical miles southwest of the town of Ierapetra in southern Crete. Seventeen of the passengers on board, all men, were already dead, and there were only two survivors, the coast guard said, revising its initial count of 18 bodies.



Israeli Police forced entry into refugee compound: UN agency

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Israeli police forcibly entered the compound of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees in East Jerusalem early on Monday, escalating a campaign against an organisation that has been banned from operating on Israeli territory.

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East, or UNRWA, said in a statement that "sizeable numbers" of Israeli forces, including police, trucks and forklifts, entered the compound in the Palestinian neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah and cut communications to the compound. "The unauthorised and forceful entry by Israeli security forces is an unacceptable violation of UNRWA's privileges and immunities as a UN agency," the agency said. Police said in a statement they entered for a "debt-collection procedure" spearheaded by Jerusalem's municipal Government, which did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Earthquake triggers tsunami on

northern coast of Japan

2200

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A powerful 7.6-magnitude

tsunami of up to 40

Agency said.

centimetres in coastal

Japanese Meteorological

The agency said the

east of Aomori, the

magnitude quake struck just

northernmost prefecture of

Japan's main Honshu island,

and just south of Hokkaido

island. It said a tsunami of 40

Thailand strikes Cambodia as border tensions flare

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Thailand launched airstrikes along the disputed border with Cambodia on Monday as both sides accused the other of breaking a ceasefire that halted fighting earlier

Longstanding border disputes erupted into five days of combat in July that killed dozens of soldiers and civilians. US President Donald Trump pushed the Southeast Asian neighbours to sign a truce agreement in October, but tensions have continued to simmer.

The Thai army said that more than 50,000 people have left areas near the border for shelters, while Cambodia's Information Minister Neth Pheaktra said that residents of several villages near the border have been evacuated.

The latest round of clashes has killed at least one Thai soldier and four Cambodian civilians, officials said

Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said in a televised speech that military operations would be carried out as necessary to defend the country and protect public safety.

"Thailand has never wished for violence. I'd like to reiterate



A wounded Thai soldier is carried to be transferred to a hospital in Sisaket province Thailand on Sunday after, according to a Thai army spokesperson, Cambodian troops fired into Thai territory

that Thailand has never initiated a fight or an invasion, but will never tolerate a violation of its sovereignty," he said.

Fighting followed the exchange of fire on Sunday The ceasefire was strained in early November after Thai troops were injured by land mines, leading Thailand to

announce that it would indefinitely suspend implementation of the agreement. Both sides continue to trade accusations over responsibility, even as they are supposed to be cooperating in getting rid of the mines.

Trump said in mid-November that he'd inter-

vened to preserve the ceasefire as tensions simmered between the two countries.

But another brief episode of fighting took place along the border Sunday, after which both sides said the other fired first. The Thai army said Cambodian fire injured two Thai soldiers, and Thai troops exchange of fire that lasted around 20 minutes. Cambodia said that the Thai side fired first and that its own troops did not retaliate.

On Monday, Thai army pokesperson Maj. Gen. Winthai Suvaree said the Cambodian troops fired first into Thai territory in multiple areas. He said at least one Thai soldier was killed and about eight other soldiers were wounded, and civilians were being evacuated from the affected areas.

Thailand used aircraft "to strike military targets in several areas to suppress Cambodian supporting fire attacks," he said.

The Thai army said artillery rounds landed near residential areas on the Thai side, but reported no civilian casualties so far. Cambodian Defence Ministry spokesperson Maly Socheata said the Thai military attacked the Cambodian troops first on Monday, and that Cambodia did not retaliate during the initial attacks.

"Cambodia urges that Thailand immediately stop all hostile activities that threaten peace and stability in the region," she said.

Neth Pheaktra, the Cambodian Minister of

Thai forces killed four Cambodian civilians and injured about nine others.

The prime minister of regional neighbour Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim, called for restraint in a statement posted to social media and said that his country is ready to support efforts to avert further fighting.

"Our region cannot afford to see long-standing disputes slip into cycles of confrontation," he wrote.

Centuries of rivalry lie beneath the territorial dispute Thailand and Cambodia have a history of enmity going back centuries, when they

were warring empires. Their modern territorial claims stem largely from a 1907 map drawn when Cambodia was under French colonial rule, which Thailand

The International Court of Justice in 1962 awarded sovereignty to Cambodia over an area that included the 1,000year-old Preah Vihear temple, which still rankles many Thais.

has argued is inaccurate.

The ceasefire does not spell out a path to resolve the underlying basis of the dispute, the longstanding differences over where the border should run.

Hokkaido prefecture town of Urakawa and the Aomori earthquake struck off northern prefecture port of Mutsu Japan on Monday, triggering a Ogawara. Several people were injured at a hotel in the Aomori town of Hachinohe communities in the region, the public broadcaster NHK

centimetres struck the

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, in a brief comment to reporters, said the government set up an emergency task force to urgently assess the extent of damage. "We are putting people's lives first and doing everything we can," she said

'One Battle After Another' leads **Golden Globe nominations**



ASSOCIATED PRESS Beverly Hills (US)

Paul Thomas Anderson's "One Battle After Another" scored a leading nine nominations to the 83rd Golden Globe Awards on Monday, adding to the Oscar favourite's momentum and handing Warner Bros. A victory amid its deal to be acquired by Netflix.

'One Battle After Another" landed nominations for its cast Leonardo DiCaprio, Teyana Taylor, Sean Penn and Chase Infiniti – along with nods for Anderson's screenplay and

direction. It's competing in the Globes' category for comedy and musicals.

Close on its heels was Joachim Trier's "Sentimental Value," a Norwegian family drama about a filmmaking family. The Neon release's eight nominations included nods for four of its actors: Stellan Skarsgard, Renate Reinsve, Elle Fanning and Inga Ibsdotter Lilleaas.

The Globe nominations, a tattered but persistent rite in Hollywood, are coming on the heels of a potentially seismic shift in entertainment

UK care home agency boss jailed for hiring **Indian migrants** illegally

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A director of a care home agency based in south-east England has been jailed for two-and-a-half years after being found guilty of repeatedly employing immigrants from India with no right to work in the UK.

Benoy Thomas was convicted after a trial at Lewes Crown Court in July and sentenced on Friday, the UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said.

The 50-year-old was found to have recruited Indian nationals to work as care assistants through his A Class Care Recruitment Ltd at Bexhill-on-Sea in East Sussex, despite being aware of their illegal migration status.

"Benoy Thomas knowingly breached immigration laws by employing people who had no right to work in the Katie Samways, Specialist Prosecutor for CPS South East, said in a statement.

"Many of those he illegally employed were working with some of the most vulnerable people without adequate training or medical expertise, putting the safety and wellbeing of those who needed care at significant risk.

"The Crown Prosecution Service will continue to prosecute those who exploit our immigration system,'

An investigation by Immigration Enforcement, an agency of the UK Home Office. determined that Thomas assisted the "unlawful immigration" of 13 individuals between 2017 and 2018.

UAE-backed separatists tighten grip of southern Yemen with its light blue chevron and

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Aden

The airspace of war-torn Yemen was briefly closed Monday, an official said, as tensions escalated in the country's south after a separatist group, backed by the United Arab Emirates, took over of an oil-rich region in The move was later a rift that could fracture the anti-Houthi alliance.

A Yemeni government official said that the Saudiled coalition didn't issue required permissions for flights to or from Yemen, briefly halting flights to and from the southern city of Aden — the seat of the internationally recognized government.

move as a "Saudi message" to the separatist Southern Transitional Council's latest clashes across southern Yemen, including its seizure of much of the sprawling oilrich province of Hadhramaut, which borders Saudi Arabia.

reversed, allowing flight operations in Aden airport, where hundreds of passengers were stranded for hours, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorised to brief the media.

An Associated Press journalist at the airport said workers have begun processing passengers of a Cairo-bound flight that was supposed to take off early Monday.

Since the entry of a Saudiled coalition into Yemen's war in 2015, the coalition has controlled the country's airspace. Saudi Arabia didn't acknowledge closing Yemen's airspace on Monday.

The Southern Transitional Council (STC) — an umbrella of armed groups trained and financed by the UAE has expanded its control over Yemen's south earlier this month.

They seized control of Seiyun in Hadhramaut, including crucial oil fields and energy installations following brief clashes with

the Yemeni military, and allied tribes. Forces of the secessionist

group were deployed across strategic Wadi the Hadramout area, which includes major urban centres and military bases, according to STC-allied media. They took over the presidential palace and the international airport in Seiyun last week, and advanced to the province of Mahra, which borders Oman, the group said.

STC hoisted the flag of South Yemen over government buildings across the country's south including on the border crossing with Oman. Images circulated on STC-allied media showed the South Yemen flag, up Yemen into two countries, as it was between 1967 and 1990. Hundreds of STC supporters took to the streets in

a red star, flying over govern-

ment buildings and schools in

The separatists enjoy

loyalty through much of

southern Yemen and have

repeatedly pushed to break

the south.

Aden to call for the establishment of an independent state in the south. The demonstrators raised

the flag of South Yemen, and pictures of Aidarous al-Zubaidi, the STC leader, who is also vice president of the

Rubio, Hegseth meet Australian counterparts on Indo-Pacific security

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Pete Hegseth are meeting their Australian counterparts Monday in Washington for annual talks expected to focus on Indo-Pacific security and countering China's increasing assertiveness in the region.

including in the South China

Sea and directed at Taiwan.

Rubio, Hegseth, Australian

Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Defence Minister Richard Marles gathered at the State Department, with many eyes also on the Russia-Ukraine war, fragile ceasefire in Gaza and US military strikes against alleged drug traffickers in the Western Hemisphere that have raised questions about the use of force there.

"This is a very strong partnership, it's a strong alliance, and what we want to do is continue to build on it. We tum behind this alliance," erals, defense production and troop deployments.

None of the four mentioned China by name in their brief comments to reporters before the formal meeting began, but the challenges posed by Beijing throughout the Pacific and elsewhere for years have been a central theme of the US-Australia relationship.

President Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese signed a critical minerals deal at the White House in October after China imposed tougher rules on exporting its own critical minerals, used in technology from cellphones to fighter jets and of which Beijing is the

top producer and processor. After Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping met later

think we have a lot of momenthat month, Beijing said it would pause those rules for Rubio said, hailing coopera- a year. "We have to have crit-Secretary of State Marco tion between Washington ical mineral supplies and and Canberra on critical min-supply chains that are reliable, and that are diverse and not overly invested in one place where they can be used as leverage against us or our partners of the world,"

Rubio said Monday. One element of that is the AUKUS pact, a Biden administration-era agreement under which the US, Britain and Australia committed to building an Australian fleet of submarines powered by US nuclear technology.

Rubio is to meet later Monday with British Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper. "The alliance has always been to ensure it delivers concrete benefits for our security and prosperity and for that of the US. And AUKUS is central to that: a win for Australia, a win for the US and a win for the United

China positive on Putin's India visit; calls for stronger trilateral cooperation bilateral relationship from a

PRESS TRUST OF IDNIA Beijing

China on Monday reacted positively to Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India, framing the three countries as an important part of the Global South and saying that sound trilateral ties are conducive to regional and global peace and stability, besides their own national interests.

"China, Russia and India are emerging economies and important members of the Global South," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a media briefing here, reacting for the first time to Putin's high-profile visit to New Delhi last week and his interactions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Guo said that the "three countries maintaining sound relations is not only in line with their own interests but also conducive to regional



and global peace, security, stability and prosperity".

Putin's visit was watched here closely, considering Beijing's close and strong ties with Moscow.

Responding to a question about Putin's comments about New Delhi and Beijing ahead of his visit, Guo said that "China stands ready to work with Russia and India to continue advancing the bilateral relations". In an interview ahead of his

visit, Putin had said, "India and India to view and handle the

China are our closest friends we treasure that relationship deeply.

On India-China relations currently on a path of normalisation after the Eastern Ladakh confrontation, which resulted in a freeze in ties from 2020 until last year -Guo said China wants to promote sustained and strong ties with New Delhi with a long-term perspective.

"On China-India ties, China stands ready to work with

term perspective, promote the sustained, sound and steady development of China-India ties, so as to better benefit the two countries and two peoples and make due contributions to peace and prosperity in Asia and beyond," he said.

strategic height and long-

Besides terming New Delhi and Beijing as close friends of Moscow, Putin, in the interview with an Indian news channel, also expressed confidence that the leaderships of India and China are committed to finding solutions to their issues, and Russia has no right to interfere in their bilateral affairs.

Chinese official media highlighted Putin's comments on India-China relations.

The state-run Xinhua news agency carried his remarks refuting US accusations over India's purchases of

Corío Deepwater Port: India's strategic gateway to South America



JAVIER PAULINICH

As India accelerates its global economic expansion, the need for diversified and resilient supply chains has become central to long-term national planning. With nearly 90 per cent of global trade dependent on maritime routes, India's future industrial growth, food security, and energy transition hinge on access to strategic ports around the world.

In this context, the Corío Deepwater Port in southern Peru emerges as a rare geoeconomic opportunity-an asset capable of shaping India's commercial and strategic trajectory for the next 30 to 50 years.

Its 28-metre natural depth and scalable capacity of over 100 million tonnes position it as one of the deepest and

coast of South America, offering India an unprecedented gateway into a resourcerich continent.

Peru's importance to India is rooted in both mineral security and agricultural diversification. As the world's thirdlargest copper producer, Peru holds the key to India's rising demand for critical minerals essential for renewable energy, electric mobility, data centers, and advanced electronics.

With India projected to import more than 90 per cent of its copper needs by 2047, securing steady access to Peru's southern mining corridor becomes strategically indispensable. At the same time, Peru's \$24 billion agricultural transformation has positioned it as a global powerhouse for high-value agroexports such as avocados, blueberries. quinoa, grapes, and speciality grains.

By 2040, Peru's agro-exports are expected to triple to \$40 billion, creating new avenues for India to diversify food imports and build integrated coldchain and logistics networks.

What makes Corio uniquely valuable is its ability to serve as a continenmost future-ready ports on the Pacific tal gateway. The port connects India not Andean, Amazonian, and Southern Cone



South American economies-Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, and Chile-each with substantial reserves of minerals, lithium, agricultural commodities, and industrial products.

This single-entry platform allows Indian companies to access the broader

land routes. For example, Bolivia and Argentina provide strategic lithium access, Brazil's western states offer soy and protein exports, and northern Chile adds further copper and mineral capacity. Corío thus becomes India's multicountry springboard into South America.

A dedicated Corío-Visakhapatnam

(Vizag) maritime axis can further transform trade flows between India and South America. Vizag, one of India's leading deepwater ports, is already a major industrial and export hub on the eastern coast.

A direct corridor linking Vizag with Corío would create predictable, highvolume trade routes for copper, lithium, grains, and fresh produce outbound from South America, while enabling inbound shipments of Indian pharmaceuticals, fertilizers, heavy machinery, engineering goods, and digital infrastructure solutions. Such balanced cargo flows reduce empty return voyages and improve shipping economics, making the corridor attractive for private investment, Indian shipping lines, and

long-term logistics planning. Realising this opportunity requires proactive strategy. India should consider forming a public-private investment consortium, initiating government-level engagement with Peru, and commissioning an Indian-led pre-feasibility and ESG baseline study tailored to India's long-term needs.

Aligning Corío with India's critical

mineral plan and maritime strategy would ensure sustained national benefits. Ultimately, Corío is far more than a port-it is a strategic bridge to South America's natural resources, agricultural strength, and industrial potential.

For long-term investors, it represents a rare infrastructure platform capable of delivering commercial viability, supply-chain resilience, and geopolitical value for decades to come.

The Corío Deepwater Port is a rare, next-generation infrastructure asset. Situated in Peru's Arequipa region, it offers a natural depth of 28 metresamong the deepest on South America's Pacific coast-making it capable of accommodating Very Large Bulk Carriers (VLBCs). This depth, coupled with a scalable capacity exceeding 100 million tonnes per year, positions Corío as a long-term maritime platform that can evolve in tandem with India's expanding industrial and logistical requirements.

This article has been written by Amb. Javier Paulinich, the Ambassador of the Republic of Peru, presently stationed in New Delhi.

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Nandil Biswa Sarma from Assam participates in the 'Ironman 70.3' in Baharain. Nandil is son of Assam Chief Minister

15 CRORE PM JAN DHAN ACCOUNTS ARE INOPERATIVE



As many as 15 crore, or 26 per cent of the total 57.07 crore Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts, are inoperative, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said on Monday. "The data regarding number of inoperative accounts vis-a-vis women, rural and semi-urban areas that are closed under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), is not centrally maintained. However, there are about 15.09 crore inoperative PMJDY accounts out of the total 57.07 crore PMJDY accounts in the country," he said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

Replying to another question, Chaudhary said as on September 30, 2025, banks have a total of 7.81 crore KCC accounts with an outstanding amount of ₹10.39 lakh crore, of which public sector banks (PSBs) have a total of 2.22 crore KCC accounts with an outstanding amount of ₹4.19 lakh crore.

Under Stand-up India Scheme, he said, banks have sanctioned 2.75 lakh loans amounting to ₹62,791 crore, of which PSBs have sanctioned 2.28 lakh loans amounting to ₹51,191 crore.

Further, under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, banks have disbursed ₹2.54 lakh crore till October, 2025 during the current FY 2025-26, out of which PSBs have disbursed ₹1.03 lakh crore.

Replying to another question, he said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) report on 'Growing Retail Digital Payments (The Value of Interoperability) dated June 2025 had recognised Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world's largest retail fast-payment system (FPS) by transaction volume.

Further, as per ACI Worldwide report on 'Prime Time for Real-Time' 2024, UPI has around 49 per cent share in the global real-time payment system

PSU banks write off ₹6.15 lakh cr over 5.5 years

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Public sector banks have written off loans worth ₹6.15 lakh crore in the last five and a half years, Parliament was informed on Monday. "As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, PSBs have writtenoff an aggregate loan amount of ₹6,15,647 crore, during the last five financial years and the current financial year till September 30, 2025 (provisional data)," Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written reply in the

There has been no capital infusion in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) by the Government since FY2022-23, he said, adding, PSBs have significantly improved their financial performance,

strengthening their capital position. PSBs now rely on market sources and internal accruals to meet their capital requirements and they have raised ₹1.79 lakh crore capital from market through equity and bonds since April 1, 2022 till September 30, 2025, he said. He further said, banks

write-off NPAs, including those in respect of which full provisioning has been made on completion of four years, as per RBI guidelines and policy approved by banks' board. Such write-off does not result in waiver of liabilities of borrowers to repay, he said. Further, he said, recovery in written-off loans is an ongoing process and banks continue pursuing their recovery actions initiat-

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ed against borrowers under the various recovery mechanism available to them, such as filing of a suit in civil courts or in Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRT), action under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of

Act 2002, filing of cases in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 etc.

As provisioning for bad loans has already been done and the write-off process does not entail any actual Security Interest (SARFAESI) cash outflow, the bank's liq-

uidity position remains intact, he said. Moreover, banks evaluate/consider the impact of write-offs as part of their regular exercise to clean up their balance-sheet, avail tax benefit, optimise capital base, enhance lending capacity and boost investor senti-

ments, he added. Replying to

said, banks and financial Institutions have traditionally been the primary source of export finance in India. The total export credit disbursed by Public Sector Banks, SIDBI and Exim Bank in the last five years (FY 20-21 to FY 24-25) stood at ₹21.71 lakh crore, he said.

In another Chaudhary said, 5,83,291 fraud cases were registered in the last four and a half years till September 2025 amounting to ₹3,588.22 crore. Of this, he said, ₹238.83 crore have been recovered.

With increasing digital payment transactions in the country, incidence of cyber frauds including digital payment frauds have also gone up in the last few years,

Attorney General inaugurates State-of-the-art Club House in Noida

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Noida

The newly constructed Club Housecum-Community Centre at Heart Beat City, Sector-107, Noida, was inaugurated on Monday, marking a significant step in delivering fully serviced residential ecosystems to the residents. The facility was officially opened by the Chief Guest, R. Venkataramani, Attorney General for India and Learned Court Receiver for Amrapali projects.

He was present alongside Ravi Bhatia and DK Mishra, Court Committee Members, KP Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC and Suman Kumar, Director (Commercial), NBCC, as well as officer bearers of the Apartment Owner's Association and residents.

The Club House stands as a testament to NBCC's (National Buildings Construction Corporation) commitment to completing and upgrading amenities for the erstwhile Amrapali projects, which it took over under the guidance of the Learned Court Receiver and Committee members. NBCC has successfully completed all residential units in Heart Beat City.

Spread across 5,200 square metres of built-up area, the Club House is a ground plus two-storey structure equipped with three lifts. It is designed to be a vibrant social



Dignitaries present during the inauguration of Club House-cum-Community Centre at Heart Beat City, Sector-107, Noida

comprehensive suite of amenities experience.

and recreational hub, offering a to enhance the residents' living

Key features include a 400-sqm Community Hall capable of accommodating 350-400 persons, a squash court, crèche, kitchen and multi-purpose hall. The first floor houses a well-equipped gymnasium along with yoga and aerobics rooms, while the second floor features six guest rooms, a library, an indoor games area, a reception, a kitchen-cum-restaurant and an open terrace. During the occasion, residents acknowledged the efforts of the Learned Court Receiver Committee and the NBCC team in bringing the Club House into service, which will significantly foster community engagement and offer high-quality lifestyle amenities.



Under the divine presence of Pujya Dwarkeshlalji Maharajshree and the esteemed inauguration by Home Minister Amit Shah, the iconic Narsinh Mehta Lake

Assam Govt to hand over 992 acres to AAI for Silchar greenfield airport

TONY DAS Guwahati

The Assam Government decided to hand over 3,000 bighas (nearly 992 acres) of land at Doloo Tea EState in Cachar district to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the construction of a greenfield airport, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Addressing a press conference after a cabinet meeting on Sunday, Sarma said the panel approved an increase of 500 bighas from the earlier decision to allocate 2,500 bighas (826.45 acres) for the proposed airport near Silchar.

'The cabinet approved the transfer of 3,000 bighas at Doloo Tea EState in Silchar to the AAI for the construction of a greenfield airport," Sarma said, adding that the decision will pave the way for obtaining the Union Cabinet's nod for the project. The State Government had proposed a new airport in Silchar spread over 2,500 bighas as the existing facility at Kumbhirgram is a defence airport and expansion of the facility to had distributed financial assistance to 1,296 ment of land to 1,200 families under flagship



media after Cabinet meeting

accommodate the increasing demands of air traffic is not possible.

families living at Doloo Tea EState "as a good-will gesture". Earlier that year, a controver-sy had arisen over the State Government's efforts to acquire land for setting a greenfield airport with the then Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia claiming that no such proposal was received for the facility from the BIP-led State. It was later clarified that the land was being acquired at AAI's request.

Because of the confusion, land acquisition at the tea eState for the airport had led to protests by the garden workers, but the Government assured that no worker would be evicted from their homes and there would be no job loss.

The State Government had previously announced a compensation of ₹50 crore for the acquisition of land at Doloo, Lalbagh and Mainagarh tea gardens for setting up the greenfield airport.

Talking about other cabinet decisions, the In November 2022, the Assam Government CM said the Government has approved allot-

scheme Mission Basundhara. The cabinet also approved a joint project to be set up at Staterun Assam Engineering College and Dassault Systems India Pvt Ltd.

"The project, to be established over 5,000 sq ft at a cost of ₹243 crore, will offer courses related to aerospace and defence, automotive and electric vehicles." Sarma said. Of the total cost, the Assam Government will contribute ₹43 crore, while Dassault Systems will invest Rs 200 crore, he added.

Sarma further said the cabinet granted administrative approval for the construction of Assam's second Sainik School at Longvaku in Karbi Anglong district.

"The school will be built at a cost of ₹335 crore, of which 80 per cent will be borne by the Ministry of Defence and the remaining 20 per cent by the Assam Government," he added. Besides, the cabinet approved compensation to 884 families for land acquired during the construction of the four-lane National Highway in Dima Hasao district.

RInfra setting up integrated solar manufacturing ecosystem

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group on Monday said its arm Reliance Infrastructure is setting up one of India's most advanced, fully integrated solar manufacturing ecosystems spanning ingots, wafers, cells and modules.

According to an investors presentation of Reliance Infrastructure, the manufacturing facility will have nextgen technology.

The facility will bridge large demand-supply gap as India will need 55–60 GW of solar modules annually by 2030, while upstream capacity remains significantly short.

It will be a high-value, vertically integrated platform to reduce import dependence and strengthen India's clean energy security. It is establishing an endto-end battery manufacturing ecosystem covering cell manufacturing, pack assembly and grid-scale containerised BESS (battery energy storage system)

As per the presentation, India's installed stationary storage base is less than 1 GWh today and will rise to 250 GWh by 2032. Domestic manufacturing currently meets less than 10 per cent of expected demand.

Reliance Group's another firm Reliance Power said in its investor presentation that Reliance NU Energies is powering the shift from plain-vanilla solar to hybrid and firm, round-the-clock (RTC) renewable energy.



Trident Group to invest ₹1500 Crore in modernising sustainable paper manufacturing and terry towel production in Punjab

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Trident Group, one of India's leading agro-based and environmentally responsible paper manufacturers, has announced a ₹1500crore investment to upgrade its sustainable paper operations and Terry Towel production at its Punjab unit. The move strengthens the company's commitment to eco-friendly manufacturing and futureready technologies.

announcement follows Trident's strong presence at PaperEx 2025, where it showcased its expanded range of sustainable, wheat-straw-based paper-produced without ing its portfolio with new



cutting a single tree. The company also highlighted its shift toward automation, digitalisation and circular manufacturing, aimed at improving efficiency, reducing waste and enhancing

production accuracy. Trident is further expandbook variants designed to meet evolving consumer

and institutional needs. Speaking on the announcement, Rajnish Kumar Gera, CEO - Paper & Chemicals, Trident Group, said: "This investment marks a new phase of transforma-

tion for Trident. It reinforces our commitment to sustainable, zero-tree paper manufacturing while accelerating our shift toward a technologically advanced, resource-efficient ecosystem. By strengthening automation and expanding our eco-smart product portfolio, we are preparing for the next generation of sustainable solutions for our customers."

With this investment and technology-driven transformation, Trident Group is poised to further strengthen its position as a leader in sustainable manufacturing, delivering high-quality, environmentally responsible products to markets in India and across the world.

Constl, Ciena achieve 1 Tbps transmission across 1,450 km long-haul network PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Constl India's first digital infrastructure provider to

■ New Delhi

Capitalising on India's burgeoning digital economy, digital infrastructure provider Constl has successfully tested and deployed a record-breaking 1 terabit per second (Tbps) line rate on a single optical channel across the 1,450 km

Mumbai-Chennai route. breakthrough, achieved in collaboration with global networking leader Ciena, utilised Ciena's Wave Logic 6 Extreme (WL6e) solution on one of Constl's most critical corridors, without the need for regeneration. Constl is a subsidiary

of the Space World Group. This milestone makes

achieve a 1 Tbps transmission rate over a long-haul distance. The WL6e upgrade is set to significantly boost Constl's ambition to become the network of choice for hyperscalers operating in India.

The deployment effectively doubles the fibre wavelength capacity from 800 Gb/s to 1.6 Tb/s compared to its earlier WaveLogic 5 Extreme deployment, delivering a strong competitive edge by increasing capacity while simultaneously reducing cost per bit, improving spectral efficiency and low-

ering power consumption. "Since inception in 2023 just two years ago—Constl

has deployed over 12,000 km of fibre and connected around 100 data centres across 13 Indian cities, powered by Ciena's industryleading optical technology," said Ankit Goel, Chairman and Founder, Space World Group. "This milestone positions us to expand our terrestrial fibre network and deliver high capacity 800GbE services for the AI era."Constl's successful trial

laying across the country. Amit Malik, Vice President and General Manager, Asia Pacific, Japan and India, Ciena, reinforced the partnership's focus on future-ready connectivity. "Constl is com-

is also seen as a testament to

the high-quality fibre infra-

structure the company is

mitted to developing networks tailored to hyperscaler requirements and Ciena's coherent optics are recognised as the best-inclass platform for high-capacity Al services. Together, we are driving next-generation connectivity to support India's digital future and AI ambitions.' Constl specialises in deliv-

ering advanced digital infrastructure solutions purposebuilt for hyperscalers, telcos and OTT/CDN providers, operating a pan-India highspeed network. Ciena is a global leader in

high-speed connectivity, known for building adaptive networks to support exponential growth in bandwidth demand.

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DORTMUND BEATS HOFFENHEIM 2-0 IN BUNDESLIGA



Former Tottenham defender Mauricio Taricco will resign as assistant coach of South Korean champion Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors after receiving a five-match ban for an alleged racist gesture during a K League game, the club said on Tuesday. On November 8 as Jeonbuk faced Daejeon Hana, the Argentine assistant was sent off by referee Kim Woo-seong for vehemently protesting a penalty decision. Subsequently, Taricco placed his index fingers besides the corner of his eyes – a gesture the referee interpreted as racist and reported to the league's disciplinary committee. On November 19, the committee banned Taricco for five games and fined him 20 million won (\$13,646). The 52-year-old, who featured for Tottenham between 1998 and 2004 and also played for Ipswich Town, West Ham and Brighton in England, denied any racist intent, insisting that he was asking the official if he had seen the incident.

HORNBILL E-SPORTS FESTIVAL KICKS OFF IN KOHIMA



The Hornbill Esports Festival 2025, the second edition of Nagaland's premier competitive gaming showcase, will feature competition in three categories including E-chess. The event that began Monday is being organised by the Esports Association of Nagaland (ESAN) in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Abu Metha, advisor to the Chief Minister and Vice President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), said, "E-Sports is a modern-day trend and a billion-dollar industry that cannot be ignored." He emphasised that Nagaland does not want its youth to miss opportunities in this fast-growing sector.

India beat Wales in FIH Junior Women's World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Santiago (Chile)

Out of quarterfinal contention, India defeated Wales 3-1 to remain in the hunt for a ninth-place finish at the FIH Junior Women's World Cup.

Hina Bano (14'), Sunelita Toppo (24'), and Ishika (31') scored for India, while Eloise Moat (52') netted the lone goal for Wales. India had logged two wins and a loss to finish outside the top eight in the pool stage.

In Sunday's match, India began with a penalty corner in the first 30 seconds. They were playing between the lines to carve out opportunities on regular occasions, but couldn't find the opening Wales had the opportuni-



ty to surge ahead with a penalty stroke, but were a sharp stop to keep the towards the end of the first

scores level. India eventually managed denied by Nidhi as she made to break the deadlock

work by Sakshi Rana. Looking to double their

quarter, courtesy a tap-in from Hina after some neat

penalty corner at the start of the second quarter.

They continued to create chances regularly, and were rewarded for their persistence after Rana's initial shot fell in the way of Sunelita, who made no mistake from close range. With 14 circle penetrations in the first half, India held a deserving 2-0 lead at the break.

India extended their lead to 3-0 early in the second half as Ishika found the back of the net after a rebound from the Welsh goalkeeper fell in her way.

Jyoti Šingh's side controlled the tempo of the game, stretching the Welsh defense by playing between the lines and pressing high, while remaining disciplined and

advantage, India maintained compact at the back. India continued to create chances pushing Wales back in their own half to close out the

third quarter. With the lion's share of possession, India remained in pursuit of more goal-scoring

opportunities to further increase their advantage in the final quarter. Wales had an opening on the other end and Eloise Moat (52nd) made it count, pulling one back for her side. However, that only proved to

be a consolation goal as India held firm to secure a welldeserved 3-1 win. India will next play Uruguay on Tuesday and the

winner of this match will progress to the ninth place showdown. The losing team will fight for the 11th spot in the overall standings.

1191 posts lying vacant in SAI: Sports minister THE GOVERNMENT

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New Delhi

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday acknowledged that over 1,000 posts are currently lying vacant in the Sports Authority of India (SAI), a concern that was highlighted in a recent Parliamentary Standing Committee report which had described the body as "critically" under-funded and under-staffed.

The minister was responding to a question from Congress MP Adoor Prakash. who represents Kerala's Attingal constituency, in Lok Sabha. Asked whether the government has noted the concerns raised by the Parliamentary Standing Committee over severe shortage of funds and staff in SAI, Mandaviya said, "The Government has taken note of the observations."

"A total of 1,191 posts are lying vacant in the SAI. The recruitment process of certain posts has already been initiated," he added.

In its report in August, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on sports, headed by Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh, observed that about 45 per cent of sanctioned posts in the SAI are



Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter session of Parliament in New Delhi

presently vacant.

'The fact that these shortfalls in staff are being managed through contractual appointment may at best be only an ad hoc arrangement," it had pointed out. The Committee. which also includes cricketer and AAP Rajya Sabha MP Harbhajan Singh, and BJP MPs Sambit Patra and Bansuri Swaraj, among others, expressed "grave" concern over the shortage of staff and low funding of SAI.

The panel "heard the views" of Sports Secretary, and SAI representatives in its meeting held on June 6 this year. It commended the recruit-

ment drive to fill up these vacancies but asked the Sports Ministry to complete the process in the next six months and "furnish an Action Taken Report (ATR)."

In its annual budget this year, the government allocated ₹3,794 crore to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Of this ₹830 crore were earmarked for SAI.

"The budget allocation to SAI is based on the proposals submitted by them for the respective financial year. Any additional requirements that arise during the year are examined at the RE stage and, where appropriate, considCRORE TO THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH **AFFAIRS AND** SPORTS. OF THIS ₹830 CRORE WERE EARMARKED FOR SAI

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grants," the minister stated in Lok Sabha.

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Dealing with sexual harassment

To another question on whether the government has a consolidated record of sexual harassment complaints filed by sportspersons, the minister reiterated that no such dedicated database exists. He, however, listed the measures that have been in place to "ensure a safe and positive environment".

"In order to provide a safe environment in sports, the SAI also runs a 24x7 helpline for the players," he said.

In addition, National Sports Federations have been told to mandatorily have women coaches in contingents that feature female athletes during camps and competition exposures. They have also been asked to increase the strength of women Coaches and Support Staff in camps.

Santos stuns Cruzeiro

ASSOCIATED PRESS Sao Paulo

Nevmar's Santos secured its survival in Brazil's Serie A on Sunday with a 3-0 win over Cruzeiro, and the 33-yearold soccer star later confirmed he will undergo surgery on his left knee.

Playing its last league match of the season, Santos which achieved a global following with all-time great Pelé - avoided what would have been the club's second relegation in its history. Santos was relegated in 2023 for the first time almost a year after the death of Pelé.

Neymar struggled to recover from a torn ACL in October 2023 during a World Cup qualifier against Uruguay. But he proved key for Santos in its successful fight to avoid relegation in the Brazilian championship after its promotion last year.

Neymar, who returned to Santos in January, was decisive for the club where he started his professional career. In the last three rounds of the league, Neymar scored a goal against Sport Recife in a 3-0 win, netted a hat trick against Juventude on Wednesday in another 3-0 victory, and on Sunday was an effective playmaker.

NEYMAR, WHO RETURNED TO SANTOS IN JANUARY, WAS DECISIVE FOR THE CLUB WHERE HE STARTED HIS **PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

Thaciano (26th and 28th minutes) and Ioão Schmidt (60th) scored against Cruzeiro at Vila Belmiro Stadium as Santos finished 12th with 47 points. Neymar played only 19 of the 38 rounds of the league, which started in April. He scored eight goals. "I came for this, to try to

help the best way I can. These have been tough weeks for me," Neymar said after the game. "I thank those who were with me to lift me up. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't have played these matches because of these injuries, this knee problem. I need to rest and then we will have this knee surgery."

Neymar did not give more details about the knee injury and surgery. He still hopes to be included in Brazil's final squad for the 2026 World Cup, though coach Carlo Ancelotti is yet to pick the former captain since he took over in May.

Napoli beat Juventus 2-1 in Serie A

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Luciano Spalletti's return to the team he led to the Serie A title was spoiled by Rasmus Højlund's brace as host Napoli beat Juventus 2-1 on Sunday. The result also lifted Napoli back to the top of the Italian league. The defending champion moved a point above Inter Milan and three points above AC Milan, which visits Torino on Monday.

It was Juventus coach Spalletti's first time at Napoli as opposition manager since he led the southern team to its first scudetto in more than 30 years in 2023.

Napoli coach Antonio Conte was also facing his former team. He steered Juventus to three Serie A titles during his time in charge and also played for the Bianconeri for 13 years,

winning numerous trophies. Adding to the occasion, it was the first time the two coaches had faced each



other. Napoli got off to a great start as the in-form David Neres got away down the right before rolling the ball across for Højlund to tap it in with less than seven minutes on the clock.

Napoli had the better of the chances but Juventus leveled in the 59th minute as the Bianconeri went on the counterattack and Kenan Yildiz played a one-two with Weston McKennie before placing an angled drive into the far bottom corner.

McKennie inadvertently also played a role at the other end in what proved to be the winner for Napoli in

The United States international tried to head away a cross for Neres but his attempt was rather weak and went to Hojlund to head in from four yards (meters).

Roma loses ground Roma lost ground in the title race as it fell to a 1-0 defeat at Cagliari after playing most of the match

Roma remained fourth but slipped four points below Napoli. It was Cagliari's first win since September and lifted the Sardinian team four points above the drop zone.

The match turned in the 49th minute when Roma defender Zeki Çelik brought down Cagliari midfielder Michael Folorunsho right on the edge of the area.

The referee initially awarded a penalty but realized the foul was just outside the area after reviewing the incident. He revoked the spot kick but showed Çelik a straight red card for denying a clear scoring occasion.

Roma goalkeeper Mile Svilar pulled off a number of impressive saves but Cagliari broke the deadlock in the 82nd minute.

Gianluca Gaetano was left completely unmarked to chest down a corner and fire the ball in off the inside of the far post.

Abu Dhabi

La Liga: Real Madrid lose 2-0 to Celta Vigo

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Real Madrid had two players sent off in its 2-0 home defeat to Celta Vigo on Sunday and lost more ground to Spanish league leader Barcelona.

Madrid conceded early in the second half and then saw red cards for Fran García and Álvaro Carreras in its first defeat of the season at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in all competitions. Unused Madrid substitute Endrick also was shown a red card for complaining.

Williot Swedberg scored for the visitors with a nice flick from near the penalty spot in the 54th.

Madrid lost García with a second yellow card in the 64th and Carreras in stoppage time. Swedberg sealed Celta's victory in a breakaway shortly after Madrid was reduced to nine players.

"We are all upset. It wasn't the game or the result that



Xabi Alonso said. "The referee's decisions threw us off balance. I didn't like the refereeing.

Madrid has won only two of its last seven matches across all tournaments. It next hosts Manchester City in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Madrid's only other league loss this season was a heavy defeat at Atletico Madrid in September. It also lost at we wanted," Madrid coach Liverpool in the league phase

of the Champions League in November.

Sunday's setback left Alonso's team four points behind Barcelona. The Catalan club won 5-3 at Real Betis on Saturday. Madrid is only one point ahead of thirdplaced Villarreal, which has a game in hand.

Vinícius Júnior and Kylian Mbappé both had good chances to equalize for Madrid but couldn't capitalize on their opportunities.

Militão had to leave the game

Celta moved to 10th place with its second win in three league games.

Goalkeeping mistakes Girona goalkeeper Paulo

Gazzaniga had an afternoon to forget in Girona's 3-0 loss to Elche at home.

The Argentine goalkeeper's mistakes led to two Elche goals, including one after he passed the ball straight to an opponent inside the area while trying to send it to a defender. Earlier, he had failed to make a routine save on an angled shot by the near post.

Gazzaniga also had a nightmare game in Girona's opening league match, when his blunders led to a goal and a penalty and his ejection in a 3-1 loss to Rayo Vallecano.

Girona, sitting inside the relegation zone in 18th place, has only one win in its last six games in all competitions.

Nice fans boo team during 7th loss

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Nice (France)

Nice was booed on the field a week after its players were attacked by supporters. The French team's crisis on and off the pitch deepened as it lost 1-0 at home to Angers in Ligue 1 on Sunday for a seventh straight loss across all competitions.

After last week's defeat at Lorient, Nice players were confronted by a large number of their supporters when they returned to the club's training and academy centre.

Players and staff were reportedly assaulted and fans shouted insults and demanded greater commitment from the squad. Jérémie Boga and Terem Moffi took multiple blows,

including to the head and groin. Those two players were absent against Angers and their teammates took the field with the names of either Boga or Moffi on the backs of their jerseys instead of their own.

The jeers rang out right from the start.

Yassin Belkhdim scored for Angers in the 33rd minute and Nice's hopes of ending its losing streak diminished early in the second half when Tom Louchet was sent off for a foul on Jacques Ekomié.

Surprise win Lorient upset fifth-placed

Lyon 1-0 to move up to 13th. Lyon had to play the entire second half with 10 men after Ainsley Maitland-Niles was sent off in the 42nd minute following two quick yellow cards.

Lorient had taken the lead three minutes before the dismissal with a goal from Pablo Pagis.

Off the bottom Auxerre moved off the bottom of the table with a

3-1 win over Metz, which took its opponent's spot. The result ended a ninematch winless run for

Auxerre. Lassine Sinayoko's penalty and a goal by Oussama El-Azzouzi three minutes later put Auxerre 2-0 ahead before Gauthier Hein halved the deficit on the stroke of halftime.

But Kévin Danois scored his first Ligue 1 goal late on to secure the win.

Le Havre forward Issa Soumaré failed to convert a penalty as another relegation fight, against Paris FC, ended in a 0-0 draw.

F1 in 2026: Key dates, new title hopefuls and Cadillac's debut **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Say goodbye to DRS, and hello to a battery power boost. Sunday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix marked the last time Formula 1 uses the Drag Reduction System overtaking aid, introduced in 2011.

Next year, drivers will have to manage the car's systems more closely than ever with a more visible role for aerodynamic and electrical technology After a season-long title

battle ended with Lando Norris' first title, here's what to expect in 2026: Smaller, lighter, more electric

The biggest regulation changes in years make cars shorter, narrower and lighter, with movable "active aerodynamics" — X-mode for straight-line speed, Z-mode



for cornering — and more reliance on electric hybrid

The FIA's target was for electrical power to make up half of total output along with a traditional V6 turbo engine. Instead of DRS, drivers can deploy extra electrical power at key moments. That makes driving even

more strategic but could lead to drivers lifting off the power and coasting on some straights to allow the electrical systems to harvest energy.

The FIA claims the rules emphasize driver skill but there have been mixed reviews from those who've tried 2026 designs in their teams' simulators.

could help overtaking but the fastest and slowest cars may be up to four seconds per lap apart on pace, tire supplier Pirelli has reported. In F1 terms, that's an eternity. Expect to see more engine failures as teams balance reliability with performance. Mercedes, Aston Martin aim for more

Smaller, more agile cars

Could this be the year Lewis Hamilton finds his form again at Ferrari and chases an eighth title? Maybe not.

Even though he never got on with the 2022-25 cars, Hamilton told the BBC he was "not looking forward" to 2026 after the Las Vegas Grand Prix last month, yet another disappointment

Mercedes has designed some of F1's most dominant engines before, but its eye-

since he joined Ferrari.

catching "zero-pod" aerody namic concept was a bust when the last regulation period began in 2022. Get both aspects right this time and George Russell could be a title contender after two wins in 2025. Another team to watch is

Aston Martin, which has its first car created with design great Adrian Newey in charge, and is hoping it can make two-time champion Fernando Alonso an F1 race winner for the first time in 13 years. Williams too could make a step forward after abandoning its 2025 projects early to focus on 2026. New Cadillac team,

old faces

The F1 grid expands to 22 cars for the first time since 2016 as Cadillac becomes the 11th team with backing from General Motors.

India begin official T20I WC build-up against South Africa

The return of Shubman Gill and Hardik Pandya will lend fresh sheen and muchneeded completeness to reigning world champions India when they begin their official march towards the home T20 World Cup with the opening match of a fivegame series against South Africa on Tuesday.

This series marks the start of India's formal build-up to the February showpiece, where they will play 10 T20Is – five against South Africa followed by another five against New Zealand before opening their title defence against the USA at the Wankhede on February 7.

The defending champions will look to enter this phase with clarity of intent as they refine roles, streamline combinations and settle the XI that will carry the weight of expectations in front of home crowds.

India have been a formidable T20I unit post their World Cup triumph in the format last year, where they won eight matches in a row to lift Since then, they have

extended their tally to 26

including a seven-match streak during their Asia Cup victory in Dubai.

They have not lost a T20I series in this period, and with only minor tweaks needed, they will be hoping to sharpen the edges against the side they defeated in the T20 World Cup final.

Gill's return comes after he missed almost a month of cricket owing to a neck spasm suffered while attempting a slog sweep during the opening Test against the Proteas.

Having played non-stop cricket since the last IPL and with India facing a packed season ahead, his workload management will be closely

But for Gill, who has 837 runs from 33 T20Is at an average of 29.89, this series also doubles up as vital preparation heading into the ICC event.

His reunion with Abhishek Sharma brings back a highimpact opening pair that marries brute force with clean, classical strokeplay.

Abhishek, fresh from a standout tour of Australia where he topped India's scoring charts with 163 runs return in style with a 42-ball in the 2-1 victory, has been in 77 not out for Baroda in the monstrous domestic touch. SMAT before bowling four



India's Shubman Gill during a practice session on the eve of the first T20 cricket match of a series between India and South Africa at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha

In the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20s, the Punjab left-hander hammered 304 runs at an average of 50.66 and a staggering strike rate of 249plus, including a breathtaking 52-ball 148 against Bengal as Punjab posted 310/5.

Hardik Pandya's comeback is equally significant.

Out for more than two months after a quadricep injury during the Asia Cup, the all-rounder marked his

overs at full tilt for 1/52.

He arrived here a day ahead of the squad, trained solo at the Barabati Stadium, bowled for 20 minutes and went through an extended physical routine.

His presence not only deepens India's batting but restores the balance of a bowling attack built heavily on flexibility. One of the central conversations ahead of the series has been skipper Suryakumar Yadav's prolonged lean patch.

The contrast between his

dazzling IPL 2025, where he amassed 717 runs for Mumbai Indians, and his underwhelming T20I returns have been striking.

Since taking over as fulltime T20I captain in July last year, his form has dipped to an average of 15.33 with 184 runs in 15 innings, he has not scored a fifty in the last 20 games, and his strike rate has reduced to 127.77 from the 187-plus he clocked in 2022. Even in the SMAT this season, he failed to reach a fifty, scoring 165 runs from **India vs South Africa T20 Series 2025** Dec 17 Dec 19 Dec 14 3rd T20 4th T20 5th T20 Narendra Modi Head-to-Head in T20s South Highest Total India: 283/1 South Africa: 227/3 KBK Sports Graphics

five matches. Any drastic move before the World Cup looks unlikely, but the next 10 T20Is will add fodder to conversations surrounding both his form and captaincy.

The wicketkeeper-batter debate — Sanju Samson or Jitesh Sharma — remains

equally tantalising.
India's handling of the pair during the Australia series raised eyebrows, with Samson batting only once, promoted to No. 3, before Jitesh was backed for the last three T20Is.

Since India's World Cup triumph, Samson has been the team's third-highest rungetter, flourishing as an opener with three centuries, including two in South Africa. But Gill's return as vice-captain pushed Samson down the order into a role

Samson looked in excellent

touch with two fifties, two

South Africa: Aiden he rarely occupies in T20 cricket. In the recent SMAT, Donnovan 40s and a 56-ball 73 not out against Andhra, while Jitesh managed modest returns for Baroda with a top score

Teams (from):

South Africa, for their part,

welcome back tearaway

pacer Anrich Nortje for his

first international appear-

ance since last year's T20

World Cup final.Marco

Jansen's evolution as a

genuine all-rounder adds

heft to the visitors; his blis-

tering 93 in the Guwahati

Test and 70 off 39 balls in

Ranchi underscored a renewed authority with the

bat to go with his estab-

lished potency with the ball.

India: Suryakumar Yadav (c), Shubman Gill (vc), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Sanju Samson (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana, Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy.

Markram (captain), Ottineil Baartman, Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, George Linde, Keshav Maharaj, Kwena Maphaka, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Tristan Stubbs.

DUBAI CAPITALS

DHABI KNIGHT

RIDERS IN ILT20

West Indian hard-hitting

batter Rovman Powell

struck a stunning unbeaten

half-century as Dubai Capitals crushed Abu Dhabi

Knight Riders by 83 runs to

notch their first win in ILT20

Dubai Capitals recovered

from a shaky start thanks to

Powell's 96 not out off 52

balls and Iordan Cox's 52 runs

(32 balls) to set the oppo-

In response, the Knight

Riders were bundled out for

nents a target of 187 runs.

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No major changes in T20 squad before World Cup: Skipper Salman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Karachi

Pakistan's T20 skipper Salman Ali Agha has ruled out any major changes in his squad for the Men's T20 World Cup next year, saying the side has shown a marked improvement after the players were given specific roles in recent months.

Pakistan, who had made big changes to its side following the Asia Cup final defeat to India earlier this year, bringing in Abdul Samad, Babar Azam, Usman Khan and Naseem Shah, defeated South Africa at home in a three-match T20I series and then won the Tri-series, also involving Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka,

"In my personal opinion, don't see any major changes in the national T20 squad before the World March 8 next year, and Cup," Salman said on a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) number of matches will

one we will have in the

World Cup. Every player had been given a specific role in recent months and with that the team had moved forward," he added.

Pakistan are scheduled to play six T20 games before the World Cup, scheduled to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka from February 7 till Salman said the limited make it difficult to make "I think the current com- major changes.

"We have six T20 matches

to play before the World Cup and I don't think we can make any big changes now in these remaining matches. We have to show consistency and move forward with the current combination,"

Experienced allrounder Shadab Khan, who was the vice-captain of the side before he got injured in May and underwent a shoulder surgery in London, is now rehabilitated and is set to make a comeback in the Big Bash in Australia.

Hardik gives us lot of options: Suryakumar

TAPAN MOHANTA

India captain Suryakumar Yadav believes Hardik Pandya's return will restore the tactical depth and balance that shaped the team's Asia Cup surge when the world champions take on South Africa in a five-match T20I series starting here on Tuesday. The ace India seam-

bowling all-rounder, who sustained a left quadriceps injury and missed the Asia Cup final, is fully fit and in fine form after making his comeback in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. His timely return ahead of

next year's T20 World Cup has brought back the muchneeded flexibility and balance, with his new-ball spells offering India the cushion to field three, even four spinners.

"I think what you saw in the Asia Cup also, when he was bowling the new ball, he opened a lot of options,

'That's what he brings to the table. His experience, the way he has done really well in all the matches, all good games also, all bigger games in ICC events. "I think that experience

will count a lot. His presence will definitely give a good balance to the side. Incidentally, Pandya, who

landed a day early in Cuttack and trained solo at Barabati Stadium, skipped the optional session on Monday, but the skipper confirmed that both he and Shubman Gill returning from a neck spasm are available.

"Right now, both of them look healthy and fit," he For India, this series is

the start of a 10-match run into the home T20 World Cup in February, but Suryakumar said the groundwork was laid long

"Our 2026 T20 World Cup preparation began right after we won the T20 World lot of combinations for us Cup in 2024... Our prepara- have not changed too with respect to playing tion is similar. The preparamuch... Everything is going XI," Suryakumar said on tion started after the T20 well. We wanted to continthe eve of the series- World Cup 2024 got over. ue the same way."



trying new things and everything is working for us."

He underlined that India's recent success stems from consistency of selection.

"I feel in the last 5-6 series which we have played, we have tried and played with a similar combination. We

around Sanju Samson and Jitesh Sharma, Suryakumar reiterated that flexibility is key. "In terms of Sanju, yes, when he came into the circuit, he batted higher up the order. Now, the thing is, other than the openers, I feel everyone has to be very flexible. He was ready to bat at any number." He insisted

103 runs in 15.3 overs as the Dubai Capitals secured an easy win. Dubai Capitals did not have the best of starts with openers Toby Albert (8) and Sediqullah Atal (8) going cheaply with the team ending the powerplay at 43 for 2.

Piyush Chawla, playing in his 300th T20 match, struck with his first ball to get rid of the USA batter Shayan Jahangir (14) to leave the Dubai Capitals reeling at 43 for three. Cox and Powell took control

of the match as they stitched a 119-run stand off 76 balls. While Powell smashed eight fours and four sixes in his innings, Cox hit four fours and one six in his stay.

Delhi end SMAT campaign with win over Uttarakhand



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Ahmedabad

Yash Dhull and skipper Nitish Rana scored fine halfcenturies as Delhi ended their Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy campaign with an 18run win over Uttarakhand on Monday.

With their third win in seven games, Delhi finished third in Group D, behind Iharkhand and Rajasthan who advanced in the premier domestic T20 competition.

Both Dhull (52 off 37) and Rana (51 off 29) had a productive tournament but the team failed to qualify for Super 8 stage after a disappointing first leg of the Ranji Trophy.Delhi made 162 for seven in 20 overs before limiting Uttarakhand to 144 for seven. Prashant Chopra (54 off 50 balls) top scored for Uttarakhand.

Leg-spinner Suyash Sharma and Digvesh Singh Rathi took two wickets each for Delhi that stemmed the flow of Jharkhand topped Group D

after a 36-run win over Raiasthan, maintaining their unbeaten run in the group stage.

Jharkhand hammered 215 for five courtesy quickfire contributions from Virat Singh (69 off 36), captain Kushagra (55 off 37 and Robin Minz 58 off 27). Rajasthan could only manage 179 in 19.2 overs.

Brief scores:

Delhi 162/7 in 20 overs (Yash Dhull 52, Nitish Rana 51; Agrim Tiwari 2/18). Uttarakhand 144/7 in 20 overs (Prashant Chopra 54; Suyash Sharma 2/27, Digvesh Rathi

Jharkhand 215/5 in 20 overs (Virat Singh 69, Robin Minz 58; Kukna Ajai Singh 1/23). Rajasthan 179/10 in 19.2 overs (Karan Lamba 52; Sushant

Yash Thakur stars as Vidarbha beat Andhra by 19 runs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Vidarbha pacer Yash Thakur halted Andhra in its tracks by grabbing four wickets to guide his side to a 19-run victory in a Group A final-round match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy here on

Andhra, who have already qualified for the next stage along with Mumbai from the group, failed to overhaul Vidarbha's 154/8, with the 26-year-old righthand bowler returning excellent figures of 4/22 to restrict the opponents to 135/9. Thakur, who also had a five-

wicket haul in an earlier match, ended his SMAT campaign with

Vidarbha's innings revolved



keeper-batter Akshay Wadkar, who scored a 33-ball 41 with bat, losing three wickets for 31 overs (Pradyun Saikia 41 not out; KM Asif 2/22) runs including India player Srikar Bharat for a golden duck. Pyla Avinash scored a 37-ball 44 but that was not enough as seven players could only manage single-digit scores.

In another match, young Assam pacer Sadek Hussain returned a four-wicket haul on way to defeating Kerala by five

Brief scores:

Vidarbha 154/8 in 20 overs (Aman Mokhade 50, Akshay Wadkar 41; Satyanarayana Raju 4/26) beat Andhra 135/9 in

Bihar humble UP by 6 wickets

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Kolkata

India's T20 specialist Rinku Singh to fire the bat as Bihar humbled fancied Uttar Pradesh six wickets in their Syed Mushtaq

Ali Trophy Group B match on Monday. Opener Piyush Singh shone with a 54-ball 57 to help Bihar complete a chase of 145 with four balls to spare after Mangal Mahrour returned excellent figures of 3/12 in four overs to

for six in the allotted 20 overs. Mahrour, who bowls medium pace, was well supported by skipper Sakibul Gani (1/20) and Sakib Hussain (1/31), both picking up a wicket each in their full

help his team restrict UP to 144

quota of overs but Amod Yadav opening du of Piyush and wickwas expensive as he leaked 50 runs for a solitary success.

Batting at number seven, Prashant Veer top-scored for UP with an unbeaten, counterattacking 40 off 26 balls after IPL star Rinku was dismissed for a 25ball 19 by Mahrour at the Jadavpur University Campus

Middle-order batter Sameer Rizvi was shown the door by Mahrour after a 17-ball 22, while nacer Shivam Mavi remained not out on 13 off 12 balls.

Had it not been for the 50-run seventh-wicket stand between Veer and Mavi, UP would have probably ended up with less than what they eventually got. Replying with the bat, Bihar

were off to a great start as the

etkeeper Ayush Loharuka (36 off 36 balls) added 83 runs in 11.3 overs to lay the foundation for a successful chase.

Piyush hit four boundaries and a six during his stay in the middle, before Bipin Saurabh provided the finishing touches with a breezy, unbeaten 26 off 16 balls. Prince Yadav was the most successful bowler for Uttar Pradesh, finishing with figures of 3/24 in four overs.

Bihar won the toss and opted to bowl first, a decision that worked well for them.

Brief scores:

Uttar Pradesh 144/6 in 20 overs (Prashant Veer 40 not out; Mangal Mahrour 3/12) lost to Bihar 145/4 in 19.2 overs (Piyush Singh 57; Prince Yadav 3/24) by 6 wickets.

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Andhra pacer Satyanarayana 20 overs (Pyla Avinash 44; Yash Thakur 4/22) by Raju's 4/26 playing a big role in 19 runs. Kerala 101 in 19.4 overs restricting the opponents to a below-average score. (Sadek Hussain 4/19, Abdul Ajij However, Andhra fared even Kuraishi 2/16, Avinov Choudhury around Aman Mokhade's 50 and worse when they came out to 2/15) lost to Assam 105/5 in 18.5