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PIONEER IN SHORT

REFORM EXPRESS TO EASE LIFE: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged lawmakers to are designed for citizens' convenience, not as a burden. Addressing an NDA parliamentary party meeting, he highlighted the media post after meeting Government's "Reform Express" initiative, emphasising that Prime Minister Narendra reforms should be citizen-centric, Modi on December 9, removing everyday hurdles and improving life. Modi encouraged MPs to share real problems faced by people to ensure reforms reach every household, calling for the elimination of unnecessary paperwork, repeated data submissions, and lengthy forms He also praised the success of self-certification measures over the past decade, underscoring ease of life and ease of doing business as top priorities. Modi stressed that central, state, and

seats. Union ministers including Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, and BJP president JP Nadda attended

local Governments, including

municipalities and panchayats,

reforms effectively. The meeting

began with Modi being felicitated

for NDA's landslide victory in the

Bihar Assembly elections, where

the alliance won 202 of 243



LOCKHEED MARTIN PLANS INDIA FORAY

Lockheed Martin plans to establish a co-production facility for the C-130J Super Hercules military transport aircraft in India, marking the first such global hub outside the US. The move aligns with the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) programme, which seeks to procure up to 80 tactical lift aircraft to replace aging AN-32 and IL-76 planes. Lockheed Martin in partnership with Tata Advanced Systems, is bidding for the contract, highlighting the C-130J's reliability in India and 20 other countries. The IAF currently operates 12 C-130Js, with over 560 units delivered globally, accumulating more than three million flight hours. Tata Advanced Systems has also begun building a defence maintenance. repair, and overhaul (MRO) facility in Bengaluru, slated for completion by 2026, to support the aircraft.

DMK LEADS PUSH AGAINST JUDGE

Several opposition MPs, led by the DMK, have submitted a notice to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to move a motion seeking the removal of Madras High Court judge GR Swaminathan. The move comes after his order directing the Arulmighu Subramania Swamy temple authorities to ensure lighting of a traditional lamp at the deepathoon on Thiruparankundram hillock

sparked controversy. Justice Swaminathan's December 1 order stated that lighting the lamp would not infringe on the rights of the adjacent dargah or the Muslim community. When the directive was not implemented, the judge allowed devotees to light the lamp under CISF protection. The DMKled Tamil Nadu Government subsequently approached the Supreme Court, which has agreed to consider the case. Over 100 MPs, including Kanimozhi, TR Baalu, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and Akhilesh Yadav, signed the notice.

Modi-Nadella meet sparks Asia's biggest technology investment wave RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

Microsoft will invest \$17.5 billion (₹1.58 lakh crore) in India between 2026 and 2029 to develop its cloud and Artificial Intelligence (AI) capacities. The announcement was made by the company CEO in a social

Tuesday. "Thank you, PM @narendramodi ji, for an inspiring conversation on India's Al opportunity. To support the country's ambitions, Microsoft is committing

ment ever in Asia — to help build the infrastructure, skills, and sovereign capabilities needed for India's Al-first future. @PMOIndia," Satya Nadella posted on X.

In a press statement released shortly after the two leaders met, Microsoft said the announcement follows an earlier investment of \$ 3 billion — towards establishing cloud and AI infrastructure in Bengaluru over the next two years. "This will be our largest hyperscale region in India, comprising three availability zones roughly equivalent in size to two Eden Gardens stadi-



\$17.5B — our largest invest- ums combined," a company PM Narendra Modi meeting Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella in New Delhi

'When it comes to AI, the world is optimistic about India! Had a very productive discussion with Mr. Satya Nadella. Happy to see India being the place where Microsoft will make its largest-ever investment in Asia. The youth of India will harness this opportunity to innovate and leverage the power of AI for a better planet," PM Modi posted

Microsoft's funding commitment is the third major Alinvestment driven announced in the country in the past two months. The the past two months. The announced plans to invest Electronics and IT Min company has doubled its \$12.7 billion in India by 2030 Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

commitment on developing Al skilled talent in India to 20 million by 2030 from 10 million it planned earlier.

On October 14, Google announced plans to invest 2016 and 2022 in India. \$15 billion over the next five years to set up an AI hub in India, which will include the country's largest data centre in partnership with Adani Group. It was followed by a \$11 billion investment plan announced by Digital Connexion — a joint venture between Brookfield, Reliance Industries and US-based

Digital Realty. In May 2023, Amazon into its local cloud and AI infrastructure across Telangana and Maharashtra. The company has already invested \$3.7 billion between

Microsoft said that its India South Central cloud region, based in Hyderabad, is set to go live in mid-2026.

"Microsoft's landmark investment signals India's rise as a reliable technology partner for the world. This partnership will set new benchmarks and drive the country's leap from digital public infrastructure to AI public infrastructure," Union Electronics and IT Minister

ANIL AMBANI'S SON UNDER CBI LENS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

The CBI registered two FIRs against Anil Dhirubhai Ambani (ADA) group companies - Reliance Home Finance Ltd. (RHFL) and Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd — in separate bank fraud cases, naming Jai Anmol Anil Ambani in one of them and bringing alleged loan defaults worth ₹14,852 crore under scanner, officials said Tuesday.

Following the registration of the FIR against lai Anmol Anil Ambani, the son of industrialist Anil Ambani, the CBI teams carried out a search at his residence on the seventh floor of the Sea Wind building, Anil Ambani's home in Cuffe Parade, Mumbai.

The CBI has named lai Anmol Ambani, the then Director of Reliance Home Finance Ltd. (RHFL), along with ex-CEO Ravindra Sharad Sudhakar in connection with the case of allegedly cheating the Union Bank of India of ₹228 crore.

In a separate case, the CBI has booked Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd (RCFL) and its former directors in a case of allegedly cheating Bank of Maharashtra to the tune of ₹57 crore. Jai Anmol has not been named in this case.

The CBI also conducted searches in Bank of Maharashtra case at the premises of the RCFL and residence of its former director Devang Mody in Pune on Tuesday.

Govt hits IndiGo with 10% cut RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

The Union aviation minister on Tuesday announced that IndiGo has been directed to trim its flight schedule by 10 per cent. The announcement comes a day after the aviation regulator had ordered carrier to cut down its flights

"The Ministry considers it necessary to curtail the overall Indigo routes, which will help in stabilising the airline's operations and lead to reduced cancellations. A curtailment of 10 per cent has been ordered. While abiding by it, Indigo will continue to cover all its destinations as before," the minister said.

by five per cent.

Posting a picture of IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers, sitting with folded hands in front of him,



in a post on X, said that the airline management was

provide an update. In its flight curtailment order, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said, compared to its summer schedule, IndiGo was allowed an enhance-

Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, ment of the schedule by 6 per cent with 403 aircraft as against 351. However, the airline could operate only 339 summoned to the ministry to aircraft in October and 344 in November.

"The airline has not demonstrated an ability to operate these schedules efficiently. Therefore, it is directed to reduce the schedule by

10 per cent across sectors, especially on high-demand. high-frequency flights, and to avoid single-flight operations on a sector by Indigo," the regulator said. It has asked the airline to submit a revised schedule by Wednesday.

IndiGo is India's largest airline with a domestic market share of nearly 65 per cent with operations across 950 routes. Notably, nearly 600 — or 63 per cent — of these are monopoly routes, and about 200 (21 per cent) are duopoly routes where IndiGo has just one com-

Shares of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, IndiGo's parent company, were down 2 per cent on Tuesday. The shares have lost over 17 per cent of their value this month.

Choksi extradition greenlit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

Belgium's supreme court -the Court of Cassation -- on Tuesday rejected the appeal of fugitive diamond trader Mehul Choksi challenging the extradition request of India in connection with the Rs 13000crore alleged bank fraud in Punjab National Bank, authorities in that country said.

Choksi, who escaped to Antigua and Barbuda in January 2018, days before the scam was detected, was spotted in Belgium, where he had purportedly sought treatment. India had sent an extradition request to Belgium on August 27, 2024, based on arrest warrants issued by a special court in Mumbai.

The process of his extradition will begin now, officials



request for Choksi's extradition while terming it "enforceable". A four-member indictment chamber at the Court of Appeals in Antwerp did not find any infirmity in the orders issued by the pre-trial chamber of the district court on November 29, 2024, terming the arrest warrants issued by the Mumbai special court in May 2018 and June 2021 as "enforceable", allowing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed concern over BLOs and other officials engaged in SIR 2.0 being "threatened" in West Bengal and other states, and asked the Election Commission to deal with the situation or "it will cause anarchy".

A bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi also voiced concern over the alleged lack of cooperation by State Governments in the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and said, "What we want to ensure is that the SIR is done on the ground without any glitches."

A BENCH ALSO VOICED CONCERN OVER THE ALLEGED LACK OF **COOPERATION BY** STATE GOVTS

"Bring to our notice instances of lack of cooperation, hindrances to work of BLOs and we will pass appropriate orders," the bench told senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the Election Commission (EC).

Justice Bagchi said the poll panel cannot take the police under its jurisdiction until the commencement of the election process.

SC flags threats to BLOs | India taps on Lithuania for Aadhaar 2.0

ASHOKE RAJ ■ New Delhi

India is exploring a partnership with Lithuania to upgrade the Aadhaar ecosystem. In an exclusive interview with *The Pioneer*, the Ambassador of Lithuania to India, Diana Mickeviciene revealed that her country is among the top three global players shortlisted for specialised components of the next-generation system.

According to the envoy, Lithuanian identity-technology firm Neurotechnology has been shortlisted alongside a French and a Japanese company. Their role, she said, would be limited to providing the technology



necessary for identity deduplication — a crucial process that ensures each Aadhaar number remains unique and eliminates the possibility of duplicate or

fraudulent entries. The ambassador said India, which runs the world's

largest digital identity pro-

gramme, is now looking to integrate the most advanced global solutions as it considers the next phase of Aadhaar's development. He noted that India's decision to adopt a multi-vendor model, instead of handing over the project to a single large corporation, would reduce risks and help maintain complete sovereignty over the system.

Lithuania's reputation in precision identity technology is one of the reasons its firms have been shortlisted. The country has built expertise in biometric de-duplication, voter roll purification, fraud elimination and crowd management systems.

Sonia Gandhi celebrating her birthday on Tuesday

Court notice to Sonia in 1980 voter-roll row

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

A Delhi court on Tuesday sought response from Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and the police on a plea challenging an order refusing a probe the allegation that she was included in the electoral rolls three years before acquiring

Indian citizenship in 1983. Special Judge Vishal Gogne was hearing a revision plea against the magisterial court's order of September 11, which had

dismissed the plea, saying Issuing notice to Gandhi

the complaint was "fashioned with the object of clothing the court with jurisdiction through allegations which are legally untenable, deficient in substance, and beyond the scope of this forum's authority". and Delhi Police, Judge Gogne posted the matter on

January 6 for further pro-

BJP-ECI of vote theft in LS speech PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Rahul accuses

Rahul Gandhi on Monday accused the BJP of committing anti-national act by colluding with the Election Commission of India (ECI) to indulge in vote theft and destroying the idea of India. The Leader of the Opposition (LoP) was speaking in the Lok Sabha on a discussion on electoral reforms.

'The biggest anti-national act you can do is vote chori because when you destroy the vote, you destroy the fabric of this country, you destroy modern India, you destroy the idea of India. Those across the aisle are doing an anti-national act," Rahul said in the lower house of the Parliament

Despite crores spent, garbage still dumped by Ganga

ARUN KASHYAP ■ Haridwar

With concerns being raised about the ground reality of some Namami Gange works, another example has emerged from Haridwar. Out of the 19 villages selected as Ganga Grams in the district, the solid waste management works in seven Gram Panchayats are not being undertaken as mandated. Due to this, the villagers are dumping garbage in areas near the Ganga with heaps of biodegradable and non-biodegradable garbage accumulating in such areas.

According to sources, seven Grams include making the vil-Gram Panchayats near lages OFD, proper management of village waste draining Haridwar city were selected as Ganga Grams. These include into the Ganga river and proper disposal of solid waste, Ajitpur, Nurpur Panjanhedi, Katarpur Alipur, Bishanpur among other aspects. Kundi, Kangdi, Shyampur and Waste disposal centres, Bhogpur. Despite a sum of compost units, sheds and about ₹2.5 crore being spent other resources had been for solid waste management developed in the past for these alone, the garbage from many villages. Swajal was to impleof these villages is being ment this system but due to dumped along the Ganga. The components of the Ganga differences between the agency and local public repre-



An abandoned garbage collection center in a village along the Ganga

sentatives regarding alleged irregularities and improper usage of funds, many of the waste disposal centres for these villages have remained closed.

The local villagers state that the disposal centres have been out of operation since their

ed for purchase of tractor trolleys to transport garbage too could not be used for the intended purpose. The situation is such that

the tractor trolleys carry garbage from the villages and dump it along the Ganga. As a result, large heaps of garbage have accumulated at some places along the holy river.

construction. The funds provid-



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BEDKHALI NOTICE

- I, Sandeep Kumar, son of Shri Suraj Bhan, of resident village Tehsil Beri, District Jhajjar, declare that my son Sumit is beyond my and my family's control and acts Therefore, I hereby evict him from all my movable immovable and properties. Anyone dealing with him in the future will be responsible for his own dealings. Neither I nor anv member of my family will be responsible for any
- such dealings. I, Mohanjit Kaur W/o Late Sh. Jarnail Singh R/o Village Tira, Tehsil Kharar, Distt. Mohali declare that my daughter Jaspreet Kaur D/o Late Sh. Jarnail Singh is out of my control. I disown her from all my moveable / Immoveable Anybody properties. dealing with her will do so at his /her own risk and responsibility.
- I, Ashok Kumar S/o Shobhit Thakur & Rekha Devi W/o Ashok Kumar, R/o Near Veer Ki Chhota Bazar, Thanesar, District Thanesar. Kurukshetra, declare that our son Rakesh Kumar is beyond our control. Therefore, we disown him from all our movable and immovable property. Anyone who transacts with him in the future will be responsible for their own actions.
- I Suman W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o House No. 1960, New Indira Colony Manimajra, Sector 13, Chandigarh inform that my son Aman and his wife Shivani are out of my control. I Disown from my them moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody who deal with them will do at their own Risk.
- I Shimla Devi W/o Late Sh. Jai Singh, R/o House No. 3501, Maloya Chandigarh informed that my son's Sonu and his wife Poonam and 2nd son Monu and his wife Rajji all are out of my control. I Disown them from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody who deals with them will do at their own
- I, Chander Shekhar S/o Ramkishan R/o Vill-Juan, Sonipat declare that my son Saurabh is out of my control.So I disown him from my all movable/ Immovable property. Any body deals with them at own risk.
- I, Gurpal Kaur W/o Late Gurdial Singh R/o H. No. 104, Gilco Valley, Rupnagar, disown my daughter-in-law Gurpeet Kaur W/o Late Harpreet Singh from movable/ immovable property as she is beyond my control. Anybody deals her shall be self responsible.
- I, Santro Devi W/o Om Prakash R/o H. No. 297 Ward No. 30 Buda Baba Basti, Vikas Nagar Jind Tehsil and District Jind declared that my son Krishan and his wife Darshana are out of me and my family members control. So, I disown both of them from my movable and immovable property. Anyone dealings with them will be solely responsible. I and my family members
- will be not responsible. We, Surendra Singh Ahlawat S/o Sh. Maha Singh and Anita Kumari Ahlawat W/o Surendra Singh Ahlawat R/o 781/7 Near Herbal Park. Sector Madanpur, Panchkula, Haryana declare that our Son Rahul and his wife Nidhi are out of our control. Therefore, we disown our son, his wife from our movable and immovable property.

PUBLIC NOTICE

- I Mohamad Abas s/o Jumrati r/o Ganga ram colony kacha phatak near BSNL tower distt panipat declared I had disowned my son Ahsan Ali and his Sahana through publication in Hindi News on 04-07-2023 and in English News paper on 18-07-2023. That now I have cancelled the eviction of my son Ahsan Ali and also accepted my son Ahsan Ali into the family who will have equal share of his own in my moveable and immovable properties.
- I, Samsu Din S/o Basarath R/o 926-B, Small Dhanas. Chandigarh declare that father's name mentioned as Yad Ali which is wrong name in allotment letter record. Its 515728/RBL-2318/BLA/2024. My father correct name is Basarath. All concerned please note.
- I, Mahender s/o Amar Singh, r/o Vill. Sehari, Teh. District Kharkhoda, Sonipat, declare that my name is recorded as Mohinder Singh in my 10th mark sheet, which is incorrect. My correct name, as per my other documents, is Mahender, which should be corrected in my 10th DMC.
- I am Balvinder Kumar, son of Hari pal, village and post office Bajrur Tehsil Anandpur Sahib District Ropar Pin 140119 Punjab (India). There is a spelling mistake in my name, it is written as Balvinder Kumar. Actually, my name has a W in it. From today, Balvinder Kumar should be read and written as Balwinder Kumar.
- I, Parsini Devi W/o Sarwan Ram R/o Vill: Pandori Beet Po. Kot Maira & Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur declare that I have changed my name from Persini Devi to Parsini Devi as per my Aadhar Card and Pan Card and I have changed my DOB from 03-07-1962 to 26-02-1956.

CHANGE OF NAME

- I, Madalsa Pundir W/o Surender Singh R/o H.No. 430, VPO Barwala, Tehsil Distt. Panchkula, Haryana, mv name Madalsa and date of birth 01.01.1985 wrongly entered in my Aadhaar Card. My correct name is Madalsa Pundir and date of birth is 07.07.1983.
- I, Harmeet Singh S/o Gurmit Singh Johal R/o # 64/B, SBP Homes, Sector 126, Mohali have changed my name from Harmeet Singh to Harmeet Singh Johal.
- I, Smt. Nirmla Devi Mother of 16013935F Rank-Hav. Name: Sunil Kumar of 16 RAJ RIF, C/o-56-APO R/o Vill. Farmana, Teh. Kharkhoda. Distt. Sonipat, Haryana declares that in my son's service records, my date of birth is wrongly entered as 01/07/1960. My actual date of birth is 01/01/1958. Please correct it.
- I Taranbir Kaur W/o Sh. Harvinder Singh R/o Village Salaroo, Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Tarnbir Kaur to
- Taranbir Kaur. I, Rakesh S/o Sh. Raghubir Singh R/o Vill-Bhadana,(190), Teh.& Distt- Sonipat declare that In my son's birthday certificate my name is Rakesh Dahiya wrongly written. But my all documents in my correct name is Rakesh . Pls
- correct it. I, Sunil Kumar Ex. Army No. 3196622N, Rank NK 19, Jat Regiment s/o Krishan Kumar r/o Kagdana, Tehsil & District Sirsa Haryana in my army service record my wife's name mentioned as Which Sushiala. incorrect. Correct name is Sushila Rani as per her all other government documents. Which may be amended accordingly.

- I, Chandro Devi w/o late Bhagwana R/o Village Jui Khurd (65) Tehsil and District Bhiwani, Haryana 127030. I have changed my name from Chandro Devi to Chando.
- I Anmol Rattan kumar s/o Rajender Nath kumar r/o h.no.518-R model town panipat declared change my name from Anmol Rattan to Anmol Rattan kumar and in future my name is Anmol Rattan kumar.
- I, Kamlesh w/o Jai Village Parkash R/o Post Mandhar, Barheri, Radaur, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Kumari
- I, Harish Chander S/o Late Sh. Ram Swaroop R/o # 7, Gali no. 1, Luxmi Nagar, Sarojni Colony, Distt. Yamunanagar have changed my name from Harish Chand to Harish Chander. I, No 14851274L
- Havildar Chella Pandiyan M, R/O House No 1/31, North Street, Soolapuram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu -625535 have changed my Son's Name from Ć VARUNESH MUKUNDHAN VARUNESH MUKUNDHAN C in my service record vide affidavit dated 21 Nov 2025 before Public Notary Pathankot, Punjab.
- I, Satish Katyal S/o Mohan Lal R/o 333/3 Krishna Colony Near Old Bus Stand, Rohtak -124001 declare That I have changed my name from Satish to Satish Katyal for
- Nirmala W/o Mahipal R/o # 567, Dadu Majra Colony, 38west, Chandigarh have changed my name to Nirmala Yadav.
- I, Amjad Khan S/o Khalik Khan # 3461, Maloya Colony, Chandigarh have changed my minor son's name from Faij Khan to Mohd Faij
- I, Deepika Thakur W/o Karan Thakur R/o Karan House Lower Keleston. Urban 171001 Himachal Pradesh declare that i have changed my name from Deepika Parihar to Deepika Thakur. All concerned please may
- I Deepti Ahuja w/o Rupesh Dang r/o h no 1036/23 Near DAV School, Colony, Rohtak 124001 Haryana have changed my name Deepti Ahuja to Deepti Dang for all future purposes. I also declare that Deepti Ahuja and Deepti Dang are one and the same person.
- I, Shameen Hamidulla Ansari, R/o H.no.976, Sector 13-17, Huda, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Shameen to Shamim Ansari, for all future purposes.
- I Munish Kumar Dehinwal S/O Joginder Singh R/O H.No. 3A, Golden Tower-2, Kumbra, Distt. SAS Nagar (Pb)-140308, have changed my name from Munish Kumar Dehinwal to Munish Kumar Sharma.
- Yogesh Dharambir R/O Matanhail Tehsil Matanhail District Jhajjar have changed my name from Yogesh to Yogesh Suhag.
- I, Shyam Lal S/O Ishar Dass R/O House no.149 ward no. 8 HUDA Colony Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name from Shyam Lal to Shyam Lal Garg.
- I, Puneya Munjal S/o Deepak Munjal R/o h.no.74 Yamuna Enclave tehsil district Panipat I have changed my name from Puneya to Puneya Munjal for all future purposes.
- I, Umesh Chopra S/o Anil Chopra R/o 118, Model Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor son's name from Aniket Chopra to Reyaansh Chopra.

- I. Nirmala Wife of Sukdev Kumar R/o Village Shahpur, PO & Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Nirmala to Nirmala Devi and date of birth from 1/12/1970 to 4/12/1970.
- I Kulwinder Kaur Rooparai W/O Kirpal Singh R/O House No 3506, Sector 32-D Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Kulwinder Kaur Rooparai To Kalwinder Rooprai.
- I, Sarbjeet Singh S/o Buta Singh R/o VPO Kasel, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab-143405 changed my name from Sarbjeet Singh to Sarbjit
- I, hitherto known as Ritik son of Rajinder Kumar resident of H.No.D-17/1549 gali No. 3, Kartar Nagar, Chheharta District Amritsar- 143105 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ritik Kumar. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in
- I Danish Ansari S/o Salim Ahmed r/o H.No Sector 45 burail Chandigarh have changed my name from Danish to Danish Ansari and addition of surname of my father from Salim to Salim Ahmed in all my documents.
- I, Reshmi Rani D/o Sh. Om Parkash R/o H.No. 2201, Block B, Beta IT City, Sector 66, Chajju Majra, PO Dharamgarh District S.A.S Nagar, Punjab-140306 I have changed my name from Reshmi Rani to
- I Rekha Mariyam W/o Raghubir Singh, R/o House No. 924/1, Sector 40-A Chandigarh have changed my name from Rekha Mariyam to Rekha.
- I Amar Singh S/o Chhota Singh R/ o House no 278, sector 41-D, ,Chandigarh Badheri inform that Amar Singh and Amra Singh is the name of one and same person.
- I Bhupinder Singh S/o Rawail Singh R/o House No. B-93, Gali No. 19, Ward No. 1. Kamau Colony, Naya Gaon, SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Bhupinder Singh Bhupinder Sharma.
- I Seeya Alias Sita Kumari W/o Gianesh Verma R/o Flat No. 708A, Divine World, Landran Road, Near JTPL Sector 115, Kharar, Post office Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my name from Seeya Alias Sita Kumari to Sita Kumari.
- **I Tarun Saini** S/o Raghubir Singh, R/o House No 1967, Khera Colony, Out side Jundla Gate Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Tarun Saini to Tarun.
- I Suman Rani W/o Wazir Singh R/o H.No.23, Sector 30, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 has changed her name from Suman to Suman Rani.
- **I, Chander Prabha** W/o Vijay Kumar Sharma R/o H.No.309, Sector 5, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 changed my name from Prabha to Chander Chander Prabha Sharma.
- I, Vaishali W/O Prince Pal Singh R/O Po: Patti, Dist: Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146104 have changed my name to Vaishali Kaur.
- I, Preet Pal Alias Preetpal Alias Preetpal Dhillon D/O Banta Singh W/O Ravish Khosla R/O House No 13, Aero Street, Sunny Enclave, Sector 123, Kharar, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140301 have changed my name to Preet Pal.
- I, Ashwani Sharma S/O Narinder Sharma R/O House Number-200, Josh Road, Near Mehma Singh House, Sector-11, Kharar, Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140301 have changed my name to Ashwani Kumar Sharma.

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- Joginder Pal R/O Vpo Bajwara. District Punjab-Hoshiarpur. 146023 have changed my name to Kamaljit Heer.
- I, Rahul S/O Virender Singh R/O Bhaini, Maharajpur (121), Rohtak, Haryana-124112 changed my name to Rahul Phogat.
- I, Sahil S/O Virender Singh R/O Maharajpur (121), Rohtak, Haryana-124112 have changed my name to Sahil Phogat.
- I, Vikas S/O Ishwar Singh R/O Bhaini. Maharajpur (121), Rohtak, Harvana-124112 have changed my name to Vikas Phogat.
- I, Gurdeep Singh S/O Gurmail Singh R/O Bharpur Garh, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab-147203 have changed name of my minor son Tripanjot Singh aged 17 years to Tripanjot I, Neelma Chauhan
- W/O Hira Singh R/O Village Darshal. Jagothi(54), Shimla Himachal Rohri(T). Pradesh-171207 have changed my name to Nilma Devi.
- Jatinder Kumar Sood S/O Chandu Lal Sood R/O House No.27, House Board Colony, Bindraband, Ward No.9, Tehsil Palampur, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh-176061 have changed my name to Jatinder Sood.
- I, Vijay Kumar Sood S/O Chandu Lal Sood R/O Near Sai Garden Hotel, Ward No.1, Post Office Bandla Tea Estate, Palampur, Lohna(224), Kangra Himachal Pradesh-176061 changed my name to Vijay Sood.
- I, Jatin S/o Mano Kumar R/o H. No. S-96 Near Sec-9-11, Model Town Extension declare that I have changed my name from Jatin to Jatin Garg for all future purpose. I, Manoj Kumar S/o
- Om Parkash R/o H. No. S-96, Near Sec-9-11, Model Town Extension, Hisar changed my name from Manoj Kumar to Manoj for all Garq purpose. I. Surender Kumar
- S/o Ram Kumar R/o H. No. 7/7, Ward No. 12, Ram Colony Bhamba Fatehabad declare that I have changed the name of my minor daughter from Ira to Ira Gupta for all future purpose.
- I, Shakuntla (Old Name, which is to be changed) Wife of Sh. Vijeyender Resident of Village Bhojraj PO Dhaima Tehsil & District Hisar have changed my name from Shakuntla (Old Name) to Komal Devi (New Name)
- I, Ram Ditta (Old Name, which is to be changed) Son of Sh. Hari Ram Resident of House No. 2830 P, Sector 4, Part 2. Hisar Tehsil & Distt. Hisar have changed my name from Ram Ditta (Old Name) to Ramesh Dhamija (New Name).
- I, Reena Kumari W/o No. 15703615P Ex Sepoy Rajesh Kumar R/o Vill. & P.O. Kansala, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Reena is wrongly mentioned in my husband Army record. But my correct & actual name Reena Kumari. vide affidavit dated 09.12.2025 before Notary Public Rohtak.
- I, Geeta daughter of No. 6297852 Ex SIGMN to Rajeev Sharma Late Sh. Dayanand R/o Vill. & P.O. Kansala, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Gita and my DOB 15.02.1973 are wrongly mentioned in my father Army record. But my correct & actual name is Geeta and my correct DOB is 01.01.1971. vide affidavit dated 09.12.2025

before Notary Public

- I, hitherto known as Ravinder Kumar Girdhari Lal R/o VPO Laroi, District Jalandhar, Punjab 144201, have changed my name as Kumar Ravinder and now my given name Ravinder and my surname is Kumar. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
- I. Shvam Bihari Singh Yadav S/o Uma Shankar R/o Nagsar, Newajurai, Distt Gazipur (UP) declare that in my Army Service documents name of my wife has been erroneously written as Renu Devi whereas her correct name is Renu Yadav W/o Shyam Bihari Singh Yadav.
- I hitherto known as Mahinder Kaur W/O Chhota Singh R/O VPO Chhiniwal Khurd, District Barnala (Puniab) Pin Code 148104 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mander Kaur.
- I, hitherto Known as Prabhjot Kaur daughter of Angrei Singh residing at Kapurthala Chowk, Gandhi Vanita Ashram District Jalandhar-144001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Sharanjit Kaur.
- I, hitherto known as Palak Khanna daughter of Vinod Kumar wife of Vaneet Chopra residing at H.No.1363/10, Gali Tara Singh, Katra Safaid. District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Palak Chopra
- I, hitherto known as Jaswinder Singh son of Harpal Singh residing at Booh Hawelian, Harike, District Tarn Taran-143412 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bikramjeet Singh
- I, hitherto Known as Amit son of Chajju Ram residing at Mohalla Kashmiri, Sujanpur (Rural) Sujanpur, District Pathankot-145023 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Amit Kumar I, hitherto Known as
- Ravneet Kaur wife of Harpreet Singh Chhina residing at H.No.16-D, Guru Amar Dass Avenue, Ajnala Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Ravneet Kaur
- I, hitherto Known as Aashiya daughter of Deepak Kumar residing at Nagpal Nagari, Ward No.2. Street No.9, Malout, PO Malout District Muktsar-152101 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aashiya Kumar.
- It is for general information that I, Roshni wife of Munni Ram residing at Village Gatauli Tehsil Tehsil Julana Gatoli, District Jind-126114 Haryana declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Roshani in my Husband Muuni Ram PPÓ Account No.20177030301181. The
- actual name of mine is Roshni I, hitherto known as Surjit Kaur wife of Nirmal Chand residing at Patti

Khera, Phillaur, Rurkee,

District Jalandhar-144311

Puniab have changed my

- name and shall hereafter be known as Manjeet Kaur I, Rajeev Kumar S/o Deshraj R/o 75-A, Avenue, Harkrishan Sultanwind Link Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Rajeev Kumar
- I, Veer Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh R/o Village Varpal Tehsil and District Amritsar have changed my name from Ravinder Kaur to Veer Kaur.
- I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Village Manochahal, Tarn Taran have changed my name from Gurmeet Kaur to Gurmit Kaur.

- I. Susmita Maity is wife of No. 14857256Y Sep Rabindranath Matia resident of Sek Bar. Purba Medinipur, West Bengal-721144 now at Army Recruiting Office, Amritsar have changed my name from Susmita Maity to Susmita Matia affidavit no. PB00460787198943X dated 09-12-2025, before Notary Public, Amritsar
- I, Rama Salwan W/o Kuldeep Raj R/o 270, New Urban Estate Lake Head Public School Mahal Sub Urban, PO Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Rama Salwan to Rama Rani
- I, Kuldeep Raj Salwan S/o Baldev Raj Salwan R/o 270, New Urban Estate Lake Head Public School Mahal Sub Urban, PO Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Kuldeep Raj Salwan to Kuldeep Raj
- I, Nayanaben Spouse of JC425437M Nb/ Sub Parmar Ashvin Kumar R/o Jivapar, Jamnagar, State Guiarat-361006 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Nayanaben to Parmar Affidavit No.IN-PB00463876964186X Dt.09.12.2025 Before
- Notary Public Amritsar I, Mamta, spouse of No. JC 251426N Nb/Ris Joginder Singh R/o 85, NA Palri, Village Palri, Karola (14), Gurgaon, Haryana-122504 have changed my name from Mamta to Mamta Devi Vide Affidavit No.IN-
- PB00592561290731X Dt.09.12.2025 before notary public Amritsar
- I, Parvinder Singh Bajaj S/o Joginder Singh R/o plot no 19 Gali no 1 Guru Nanak Colony Amritsar have changed my name from Parvinder Singh Bajaj to Parvinder Singh
- I, Sunpreet Singh S/o Bhupinder Singh R/o H.No.116, Max City Bye Pass Kala Ghanupur, Amritsar have declare that Sunpreet is my Given name and Singh is my Surname. **I, No 15125210M** Nk

Gurmit Singh (Retd.) R/o

- VPO Hardorawal Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur, State Punjab declare that in my army service record my son's name Dilprit Singh is incorrect but my son's correct and exact name is Dilpreet Singh affidavit PB91243849423001X dated 06 December 2025 Executive before Magistrate Dera Baba Nanak.
- **I, Danial** S/o Dial Masih R/o Village Kiri Afghana PO Bhattian Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Danial to Danial Masih. Concerned note.
- ANSHUL CHÓUDHARY SANJAY CHAUDHARY R/o 1255 A/11, Dhand Model Town, Road, Kaithal, Tehsil and District Kaithal, Informs that I have Changed the Name of my Minor Son KIYANSH to KIYANSH CHAUDHARY. Call him KIYANSH CHAUDHARY in future.
- I, Dharmvir S/o Sh. Ramji Lal R/o Bhairi Akbar Pur Teh. Uklana Distt. Hisar (Haryana) -125113 have changed my name Dharmbir Dharmvir, and all in the future, my real name is Dharmvir.
- I Kusum Rani alias Asha Rani D/o Shiv Dayal wife of Bhim Sain, R/o House No. 5, Village Paharipur, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana -135001; have changed my name to Asha Rani for all purposes.
- I, Indu W/o Vikas Mehra R/o # 1221 Sector 39-B, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Indu Mehra.

- I, Rajender Kumar (Old Name, which is to be changed) S/o Shri Mam Raj Resident of 275 Near Bhumiya Kheda Bilaspur PO Bilaspur Tehsil Bilaspur Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana) have changed my name from Rajender Kumar (old name) to Rajinder Kumar (New name)
- I, Mukesh W/o Late Pardyuman Kumar, House No. 243 G Block Nangal Tehsil Nangal, Rupnagar) declare that Mukesh and Mukesh Berwal both are name of same person.
- I, Satish Kumar S/o Tilak Raj, Dabkhera Upper, Ropar declare that Kumar is my surname and name
- I, Kanahiya Lal Yadav S/o Kedar Nath, 174 Shastri Nagar Road, Manimajra Sector 13 Chandigarh, have changed name to Kanhiya Lal
- I, Jyoti Rani W/o late Virendra R/o village Bhalot, district Rohtak, declare that in my PAN card my name is written as Choti and date of birth is 01/01/1995 and instead of my father, my husband's name is written which is wrong. My correct name is Jyoti Rani and date of birth is 04/12/1995 my father's name is kulbir.
- I, Naseem Ahmed S/o Yasin Ahmed R/o Plot No. 2, Street No.1, Rajpura Gobind (Punjab) have changed my name from MD Naseem Ahmed to
- Rekha Legally Wedded Wife of Army No. 14931582Y Rank: Hav. Name: Devi Charan Unit: 6 Mech Inf. (1 Garh Rif.) Pir 911706 C/o 56 APO Resident of Bodh Vihar Colony Koopa, Road Sadabad, Hathras, Uttar Pradesh Pin-281306 have changed my name from Rekha to Rekha Devi.
- I, Shreya D/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar R/o H.no. 119, Vill- Baroda Mor, Gohana, Sonipat declare that in my all documents my father's name is wrongly written as Mukesh. But my father's correct name is Mukesh Kumar. Pls correct it.
- I, Mukesh Kumar S/o Hawa Singh R/o H.no. 119, Vill- Baroda Mor, Gohana, Sonipat declare that in my Shruti's al documents my name is wrongly mentioned as Mukesh. But my correct name is Mukesh Kumar. Pls correct it.
- I Narender Kumar (465459843803) Son of Sh.Meher Singh Resident Village Gijhi Tehsil Sampla Distt Rohtak Declare that I have changed my son name from Vishwas to Vishwas kumar.
- I. hitherto known as Arpita Soni W/o Shivam Kakkar R/o HIG Flat No. 223 DU-1, Society-1, Guru Gobind Singh Avenue, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Arpita Kakkar.
- I, hitherto known as Rajbeer S/o Harjinder Singh R/o Vill. Ralhan, PO. Khudda, Tehsil Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144305 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajbeer Singh Banwait.
- I, hitherto known as Gaganpreet Singh S/o Baljinder Singh R/o Ward No. 8, Sham Chaurasi Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gaganpreet.
- I, Joginder Kumar S/o Mangat Ram R/o VPO Wadala, Nakodar Road, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Given name as Joginder & Surname as Kumar.
- I, Apinder Jeet Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh Parmar R/o H.No.16, Gali No.1, New Joginder Nagar, P.A.P Lines, Jalandhar have changed my name from Apinder Jeet Kaur to Apinder Jeet.

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Suspension Deepens Congress Rift as Dr Navjot Kaur Launches Fresh Barrage of Corruption Charges

suspended party leader Dr instead sharpened her attack on the party's top leadership, triggering a fresh political storm. Declaring that she would "never stand with thieves", Dr Navjot Kaur dismissed suspension

questioning the authority of accusing the senior leaders grabbing, ticket-sale rackets and criminal links.

suspension was issued by a party chief "whom no one been issued to others as well. She claimed that she remained in constant touch

"four or five people" had hijacked the organization. "If they are removed, the true picture of the Congress would emerge," she said.

Her sharpest attacks were directed at Gurdaspur MP and former Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, against whom she leveled allegations of links with smugglers and questioned the source of his extensive farmland. Dr Navjot Kaur alleged that party tickets were sold for money in Rajasthan, leading to the party's defeat there, and claimed Randhawa could not even ensure his wife's electoral victory. She further accused him of stabbing her husband, Navjot Singh Sidhu,

to alleged Referring encroachments in the Shivalik range, Dr Navjot Kaur claimed that 5,000 to 10,000 acres of land had been illegally occupied and were now being regularized by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. She said that she had raised the issue repeatedly and wanted Rahul Gandhi to take it up as a mass

blamed "people close to him" for delaying action. By the time she received an appointment Governor's office, she said, the moment had passed.

Dr Navjot Kaur also pulled her husband into the political crossfire, revealing that Navjot Singh Sidhu had distanced himself from the controversy. "He told me I have my own mind and that he is staying away from all this now," she said, adding that those who once accused him of destroying the Congress were the same people who now failed to demonstrate unity, despite projecting "five chief ministers within the party". "five chief

On the contentious issue of money in politics, Dr Naviot Kaur reiterated her remark becoming chief minister though she suitcase", maintained that no one had ever directly demanded money from her. She said that she would not disclose details of her conversations with the high command.

demanding an apology within seven days for alleging his links with gangsters and accusing him of selling tickets for cash in Rajasthan. Failure to comply, he warned, would

legal Responding, Dr Navjot Kaur stood by her claims. After her suspension, Dr

Navjot Kaur unleashed a

scathing attack on Raja

refusing recognize him as state president and describing "insensitive, irresponsible, dishonest and corrupt". She questioned why Minister Bhagwant Mann was "protecting" Warring despite what she termed serious cases including those related to land and accused Warring of being more focused on undermining Navjot Sidhu — whom she called his former mentor than on strengthening the party, and blamed his

Dr Navjot Kaur also

'indecent statements" for

electoral losses.

the disciplinary committee and accused her of acting at remained silent when Congress leaders openly supported rival candidates during earlier elections, yet acted swiftly against her.

Her remarks sparked immediate backlash from party leaders. Randhawa countered by asking how much money Navjot Sidhu had allegedly paid to become a Minister and later the state Congress chief. He alleged that the real threat to the Congress came from people like her, accusing them of destabilizing the party as elections draw

Leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) Pratap Singh Bajwa termed Dr Navjot Kaur's allegations "baseless" and defended the suspension as a timely and necessary step to enforce discipline. "You cannot attack one person while claiming a problem with someone else," he said, stressing the need to keep the party united.

Congress leader Kulbir Zira went further, alleging that Dr Navjot Kaur ignored

the BIP's behest to weaken the Congress. He also made personal attack, suggesting consultation.

Karanbir Singh accused by Dr Navjot Kaur of buying Tarn Taran by-election ticket for Rs 10 crore, strongly denied the charge, saying that neither he paid nor was ever asked for money and that he was willing to swear by his statement in a gurdwara.

DEFAMATION NOTICES PUSH DR NAVJOT KAUR DEEPER INTO CRISIS

Mounting legal trouble and intensifying political confrontation Congress leader Dr Navjot Kaur Sidhu, who is now facing two fresh defamation Gurdaspur MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and another from former minister Anil Joshi - over her recent explosive public statements. With this, the total number of legal

now risen to four, marking a steep escalation in the ongoing turmoil within the Punjab Congress.

The latest notice from senior Congress leader Randhawa came after Dr Navjot Kaur's remarks in which she accused him of having links with gangsters and of indulging in corruption, including alleged irregularities in the distribution of Congress tickets during the party's Rajasthan charge. Terming allegations baseless, and defamatory, Randhawa has demanded a public and unconditional apology within seven days, warning that failure to comply would invite legal action. It is important to note that no case has yet been filed in court - only a legal notice has been served

at this stage. Randhawa's notice stated that the accusations were made without evidence and were aimed at damaging his public reputation, which he said he has built over decades of public service. The notice also restrained

Dr Navjot Kaur from making any further defamatory remarks against him.

Almost simultaneously Dr Navjot Kaur received another defamation notice from former minister Anil Joshi after she made sharp describing "frustrated". She alleged that he had paid money to join the Congress, and claimed that he was now preparing to return to the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD). Offended by the remarks, Joshi sent her a legal notice seeking an apology and warning consequences if she failed withdraw statements.

Significantly, this is the fourth legal notice served on Dr Navjot Kaur. Before Randhawa and notices had already been sent by Karanbir Buri, the Congress candidate in the Tarn Taran bypoll, and Rajbir Singh Bhullar, the Tarn Taran district Congress president, both objecting to her allegations of money being taken for party

Haryana CM releases 'Handbook for Executive Magistrates'; Says it will guide future generations

Nayab Singh Saini on released The book has been authored by retired IAS officer KK Khandelwal and Apoorva Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Haryana.

ceremony, organized under the aegis of the Haryana IAS Officers Association, was attended by office-bearers of the Association and administrative officers. On presented a memento to the

described this moment as systems, stating that it is not just a simple ceremony but a celebration of ideas. When a book is written, it is not merely a compilation of words, but an expression of the author's thoughts, discipline, and emotions. A book is not just an adornment for libraries; it becomes a guide for future generations. He said that this book will play an important role strengthening the sacred Constitution of Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar.

Saini said that the release



has been published at a time when a new chapter has begun in the country's criminal justice system. The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 has replaced the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973. This reform is a decisive step toward making the justice process simpler, more

technologically stronger. He said that the State Government has fully implemented all three new transformational defamation, Magistrates becomes even more. are the pillars of the administrative system—directly responsible for law and order, public safety, peace, and impartial justice.

Saini said that the specialty of this book is that is not merely a compilation of laws. It is a comprehensive guide presenting, in a simple and clear manner, every aspect, from the role and powers of Executive Magistrates to invaluable practical procedures, legal

application situations. Written in 10 parts and 45 chapters, this reference text in itself.

The Chief Minister said that the book includes detailed, analytical, and explanations of various aspects such as preventive security magisterial proceedings, inquest proceedings, identification parades, maintaining public synthesis of both their contempt, times, the role of Executive disciplinary powers, and He expressed more crucial because they confidence that this book will guide new, young, and experienced officers, clarity, provide strengthen their decisionmaking ability.

Highlighting contributions of both authors, the Chief Minister said that KK Khandelwal's vast experience as an engineer, legal expert, administrator, writer, and public servant has been for the svstem. administrative

Currently, as the Chief National Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides his leadership is inspiring nation-building. Similarly, Additional Chief Secretary Apoorva Kumar Singh has given new direction to the state through his leadership in important departments such as Power, Town and Country Planning, Urban Estates, Mining, Irrigation, and Water Resources. This book is an excellent experience and vision.

Saini said that officers often face situations in which major decisions must be taken within minutes. In such moments, balance between experience and law helps an officer become capable and effective. This book will help strengthen that balance. He said that the Haryana Government will continue to give top priority to good governance, accountable administration.

transparency, The goal is to make every level of administration simple, safe, and respectful for citizens, he added.

Punjab CM Mann holds Investment Road Show in South Korea

PNS ■ Chandigarh

An investment Road show by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, on concluding day of his South Korea visit, saw participation by leading industrial giants, who evinced their keen interest in investing in the A statement issued here

said, Mann addressed the leaders and transformation into a stable, transparent, and future-ready investment destination. He said that Punjab's robust industrial ecosystem, reliable and cost-competitive power, peaceful labour relations, a resilient and talented, hardworking workforce, coupled with seamless connectivity to major markets makes it a most preferable destination. investment Singh Mann that Punjab's governance model places the investor at the centre,



throughout the business

emphasized Punjab's vision to build technology-driven, commitment of the Punjab government to welcome South Korean companies, promoting innovation-led ndustrial development, and building long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships. He said that there is a huge scope for collaboration in varied sectors like manufacturing, technology, food processing, Mann said that the state

government is committed to build a future of shared prosperity through strong economic and cultural ties, adding that Punjab is a land known for courage, resilience, hard work, entrepreneurship, creativity, and a strong sense of community adding that the state has always played a major role in India's development especially in making the country selfreliant in food production.

The CM also showcased the state's governance and regulatory reforms, including the FastTrack Punjab singlewindow system offering 173 auto-deemed services. approvals, PAN-based business identifiers, and amendments to the Punjab Right to Business Act enabling in-principle time-bound approvals. highlighted Punjab's industrial infrastructure adding that over Rs 1.4 lakh investments which have already been facilitated Invest Punjab. Meanwhile, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that his vision is simple and clear to make Punjab destination industry by offering stability in policy, speed in decisionmaking, and a governance system that respects the time and trust of investors.

Mann called upon the

investors to join the state at the 6th Progressive Punjab Investors' Summit scheduled from 13-15 March 2026 at the ISB Mohali campus, adding that the summit will showcase Punjab's progress, bring together leading industrial players, and present new opportunities for collaboration. He reiterated that the Punjab Government is fully dedicated to further giving fillip to the industrial development in the state for which no stone will be left

Jakhar Seeks Court-Monitored Probe into Drug Money, Assets of Punjab MLAs

PNS ■ Chandigarh

transformation struggling politicians into owners of luxury cars, sprawling farmhouses, and soaring fortunes has triggered a fresh political storm in Punjab, with state BJP president Sunil Jakhar demanding a time-bound, court-monitored probe into the drug money trail and the assets of legislators who, he alleged, have "flourished like anything" after coming to

Terming the narcotics economy the biggest source of Punjab's rot, Jakhar has sought the direct supervision of the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court to expose what he called the "mighty and powerful end beneficiaries" of the drug trade.

Reviving his June 16 letter to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann amid the ongoing turmoil political corruption allegations within Jakhar Congress,

reiterated that only an investigation monitored at the highest judicial level can restore public confidence establish government's seriousness in combating drugs.

On Tuesday, he posted the letter on X, asserting that corruption has become "a cancer in society" and reminding the Chief Minister of his own statements on the

Jakhar, in his letter, urged the Chief Minister to formally request the Chief Justice to

set up a credible, time-bound probe — either through a single agency or a multiagency team - under judicial supervision. He stressed that without "following the money", the fight against would remain less. "Arresting drugs meaningless. thousands of drug addicts and small players will not make much difference. The elephant in the room has to be addressed," he wrote, asserting that drug cartels

cannot thrive

political or official patronage.

No Hospital Can Detain a Body, Even for Bills: Human Rights Panel Issues 'Dignity-of-the-Dead' Rules

MONIKA MALIK ■ Chandigarh

The dignity of the dead can no longer be held hostage to unpaid hospital bills, administrative gaps, or infrastructure failures. In a sweeping move to protect fundamental human rights beyond death, the Punjab State and Chandigarh (UT) **Human Rights Commission** (PSHRC) on Tuesday issued comprehensive, guidelines to the Health and Family Welfare Departments of Punjab and Chandigarh, mandating strict protocols handling, transportation and last rites of all deceased persons especially the unclaimed, unidentified

economically vulnerable. Among the most stringent directions is an absolute prohibition on the detention of dead bodies by any hospital - government or under any circumstance, including nonpayment of medical bills. The

the dignity of the deceased, inflicts deep trauma on grieving families, breaches medical ethics, and directly contradicts Supreme Court rulings that bar coercive withholding of human

The guidelines, issued on December 9, 2025, have been formally forwarded by the Commission member Jitender Singh Shunty, a Padma Shri awardee, to the Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab and Chandigarh. He has directed immediate and strict compliance by all government and private hospitals, district administrations, police authorities, municipal corporations, and

concerned agencies across Punjab and UT Chandigarh. The Commission observed serious systemic gaps while examining health and human rights matters across the region. These include an

that such detention violates non-availability of mortuary vans and hearse vehicles, inadequate handling staff, insufficient mortuary storage and freezing capacity, lack of mobile mortuary freezers for emergencies and remote areas, and the absence of free or assisted cremation and burial facilities for the

> poor. Equally disturbing was the practice brought to the . Commission's wherein certain private hospitals allegedly detained bodies over unpaid bills — an act the Commission has now unequivocally banned.

> guidelines categorically stated that no hospital shall withhold a dead body for any reason, including financial disputes. They mandated that every deceased irrespective caste religion, gender, or socioeconomic status, must be treated with dignity, honour,

■ No hospital — govt or private — can detain a dead body for unpaid bills

Dignity and respect must be ensured to every deceased person, without discrimination

Unclaimed, unidentified, underprivileged bodies must receive full protection and support

District authorities must ensure availability of mortuary vans and hearse services Adequate mortuary staff and freezing or storage

capacity is mandatory Free or assisted cremation and burial must be provided where required

Proper records and photographic documentation of all deceased bodies must be maintained Hospitals must immediately inform police in cases of unclaimed or unidentified bodies

Police and hospitals must jointly ensure timely last rites as per religious practices All last rites must be completed with honour, dignity and respect

been assured for unclaimed, unidentified, abandoned and underprivileged with instructions for support even after cremation where District administrations have been directed to strengthen infrastructure by ensuring

Special protection has the availability of mortuary vans, adequate freezing facilities, trained staff, free or assisted last rites, and proper documentation including photographic records.

Hospitals are required to immediately inform the police in cases of unclaimed or unidentified bodies. Police and hospital authorities must then act jointly to ensure timely cremation or burial according to known religious practices. The ultimate responsibility of every agency involved is to ensure the honourable and dignified completion of last

Commission has directed the Department to circulate and notify these guidelines to all concerned institutions without delay. Civil Surgeons, Deputy Commissioners, officials and Municipal authorities have been brought directly under the compliance framework. The Health Department has also been asked to enforce for any accountability violations.

With these binding directives, the Human Rights Commission has sent a clear message: no one - claimed or unclaimed, rich or poor will be denied dignity in Punjab and Chandigarh.

UK Deputy High Commissioner calls on Haryana CM

PNS ■ Chandigarh

The UK Deputy High Commissioner Alba Smeriglio on Tuesday called on Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. According to a Government official spokesperson, during the meeting, important discussions were held regarding leading British universities opening their campuses in Haryana. This initiative will create new opportunities for world-class education,

advanced skills and employment for the youth of the state. The Chief Minister said that India is steadily moving towards self-reliance and is on course to become a developed nation by the year 2047. In this journey, artificial intelligence and education will play a crucial role. Advancing towards this vision, the State Government is continuously working to make Haryana a global education hub and is making concerted efforts to facilitate the establishment of campuses of foreign universities in the state. The entry of British universities into Haryana will give a new dimension to the state's international

academic identity, he added. On this occasion, Alba Smeriglio expressed her commitment to working together on various projects in the future. The meeting also included detailed discussions on the demand for skilled labour in the United Kingdom and the employment and career opportunities available for youth from Haryana. Both sides agreed to enhance coordination and undertake joint initiatives for training and selection of young professionals. In addition, investment possibilities in key sectors such as automobiles, aviation, agriculture and defence equipment were also deliberated upon.

Saini apprised the UK delegation of Haryana's policies, industrial infrastructure and the state's excellent investment climate, and invited British investors to invest in Haryana. The meeting was organised by Haryana's Department of Foreign Cooperation, during which extensive discussions were held to further strengthen cooperation between the

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| | S/o Shri Amarjit Singh Cheema, S.C.O. No. 64-65, 3rd Floor, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh - 160017 | | | |
| Shri Hardyal Singh Cheema | S/o Shri Amarjit Singh Cheema, Village Kauli Majra, Tehsil Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140506 | Promoter/Director of Cheema Spirite: Ltd | | |
| | S/o Shri Amarjit Singh Cheema, House No. 176/2, Sector 41-A, Chandigarh—160036. | | | |
| | S/o Shri Amarjit Singh Cheema, No. 167, Sector 19-A, Chandigarh-160019 | | | |
| | S/o Shri Amarjit Singh Cheema, 260, Sector 9C, Chandigarh-160009 | | | |
| Shri Amarjit | S/o Shri Bhag Singh Cheema, S.C.O. No. 64-65, 3rd Floor, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh—160017 | Promoter/Director | | |
| Singh Cheema | S/o Shri Bhag Singh Cheema, Village Kauli Majra, Tehsil Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140506 | of Cheema Spinter Ltd. | | |
| | S/o Shri Bhag Singh Cheema, House No. 176/2, Sector 41-A, Chandigarh—160036. | | | |
| | S/o Shri Bhag Singh Cheema, 260, Sector 9C, Chandigarh-160009 | | | |
| | S/o Shri Bhag Singh Cheema, Cheema Niwas, Kashipur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand-244713 | | | |

Reasoned Order, either in person or by duly authorized person by producing proof of identity, from the undersigned at the address as given above. Date: 10/12/2025 (Bhavik Shastri) Deputy General Manager

Name and Address of Locker Holder

Rajesh Kumar F9/1138 Main Bazar Rajinder Nagar Batala Road Amritsar

Puneet Mujral S/o Kewal Krishan House no. F11/618, Gali no. 1, Paris

Satish Sharma S/o Dharam Chand F2 Income Tax Colony Amritsar

Kanwaljeet Kaur Rakba Rakhsikargah Abadi Har Rai Avenue Majitha

"All the above-mentioned locker holders are maintaining Lockers with Bank of India, Vijay Nagar Branch, Amritsar.

We have sent various communications in regard to payment of overdue locker rent as per column 4 of the above table

However the same has not been paid despite various reminders. All locker holder are once again advised to deposit the

overdue rent mentioned in column no. 4 of the above table within 15 days from publication of this notification. In the

event of non-payment the Bank will drill open the locker at their (locker-holders) cost, expenses and charges entirely at

BRANCH: CIRCULAR

ROAD, AMRITSAR

8,850/

10.620/

14,160/-

"All the above-mentioned locker holders are maintaining Lockers with Bank of India, Circular Road, Amritsar Branch.

We have sent various communications in regard to payment of overdue locker rent on the dates mentioned in column 3 of the above table. However the same has not been paid despite various reminders. All locker holder are once again advised

to deposit the overdue rent mentioned in column no 3 of the above table within 15 days from publication of this notification.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PICICI Bank Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-39000; Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex Mumbal 400051 GOLD E-AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold amoments. ("Facility") availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an E-Auction of pledged gold amoments on December 20, 2025 as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account /change the E-Auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online-https://jewel-auction.procuretiger.com between 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heir.

Branch Name: Kurhama

Branch Name: Kurhama 820962000014 | Javid Hussain Reshi Branch Name: Pampare 259662000315 | Jawahira Akhter 259662000720 | Zamrooda Akhter

260257000077 Wajid Ali 260257000343 Umar Nawaz Branch Name: Ramban 2644620024

264462000184 Juned Ahmed Tak 264462000445 Abdul Majid

POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Appendix IV read with rule 4(1)/8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the BANK OF BARODA, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice on dates as mentioned below calling upon the following Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein given below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 4/6 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the dates mentioned agains

each account. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dea with the property and any detailings will be subject to the charge of BANK OF BARODA, for an amount mentioned against their names and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

of Stock, Book Debt, CERSAID

400076465893, Plant and Machinery Located at Khasra
No.5/18/4/2/19/2/ 20/1/22/1/2 Khata no 459 by 478 HB no 224 Kohara
Lakhowal Gaddowal Road, Ludhiana East Ludhiana-141112

Place: Ludhiana

BANK OF BARODA

Raîpur Khurd Branch, Near Air Port Chowk, Raîpur Khurd Chandigarh (U.T.) Phone.: 0172-5003205, 8558846406 E-mail: khurd@bankofbaroda.com

Date of Demand Date of Possession

Securities Detail: Hypothecation of Stock, Book Debt, CERSAI ID 01-08-2025 05-12-2025 (Rupees: Sixty-Seven Lak

Place Amritsa

Krishana W/o Sh Tarlok Singh 96 Bharat Nagar Amritsar

their risk and responsibility after 15 days from date of this publication / notice'

Town Batala Road, Amritsar

Virender Kumar S/o Madhu Ram

Name and Address of the Locker Holder

Raman Kumar S/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o House no. 1950/9

Mrs. Kamla W/o Jagdish Rai Aggarwal, R/o House no

424, Akash Avenue, Fatehgarh Churrian, Amritsar 143001

Mrs. Sarita Anand W/o Sukesh Anand, R/o 560/11 Toba

Mr. Pardeep Sareen S/o Parkash Sareen R/o 62 New

Mr. Mohandass S/o Arichandran, R/o House no. 54, Street

at their risk and responsibility after 15 days from date of this publication / notice".

Place : Jammu, Kishtwar, Poonch, Pulwama, Rajouri, Srinagar, Udhampur, Anantnaa, Baramulla, Doda, Gonderbal, Ramban, Samba, Shopian

Movable Property/ies

Mr. Tejinder Singh R/o House no. 28, Kirpa Nagar,

no. 4, Labh Nagar, Ram Tirath Road, Amritsar, 143002

Gali Nathe Khan, Katra Khazana Amritsar, 143001

Bhai Salo, Khoo Bombay Wala, Amritsar, 143001

Road Amritsar

Bank of India BOI

Golden Avenue, Amritsar, 143001

Naraingarh, Amritsar, 143001

Loan AC No. Customer Name Branch Norme: Bhoderwich 25596200450 | Inom Ul Haq Branch Name: Chorli 44285700000B | Sunny Deol Branch Name: Doda

256862000377 Pawan Kumar Branch Name: Jammu - Akhnoor

Road 547557000002 Nasrath Naz

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Branch Name: Kishtwar 466462000158 junald lai Wani

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Bank of Baroda

1.) M/s Deep Textiles,

through its proprietor

Date: 10.12.2025

Mr. Navdeep Singh

Date : 10.12.2025

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया **BOI** Bank of India

Sr.

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Locker

No.

000117

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5. 000135

6. 000417

Date: 09-12-2025

I, Pradeep Khudia S/o Sh. Hetram aste Kumhar R/o Ramgarh, Tehsil Nohar, District Hanumangarh Rajasthan declare that my mother's name is recorded as Girdawari Devi in my 10th class mark sheet, which is correct. However, my mother's name is recorded as Girdawari Khudia in my 12th class mark sheet, which is incorrect. Now, my mother's name should be recorded as Girdawari Devi in my 12th class mark sheet, which is

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is herby informed that House no. 213/GF. sector 28 Housing Board Colony, Karnal stands in the name of Smt. Nirmala Sharma w/o Sh. Deepak Sharma Rio House no. 213/71, Mohalla Shree Puj, Ward No. 11, Kaithal; Smt. Nirmala Sharma w/o Sh. Deepak Sharma now wants to transfer the above said flat in favor of Sh. Vimal Kumar s/o Sh. Hari Chand R/o House no. 478, VPO Darar, Karnal on the basis of General Transfer before execution of conveyance deed. Opportunity is given through this notice to file any objection regarding the transfer of ownership of house with this office with strict documentary proof within 30 days from the publication of this notice otherwise this house will be transferred in favor of Sh. Vimal Kumar s/o Sh. Hari Chand and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

Estate Manager, Housing Board Haryana, Karnal

Due Date

13-05-2019

12,600/- 14-09-2018

13,500/- 12-03-2017

9,000/- 30-10-2020

12,600/- 23-01-2017

12.000/- 22-08-2018

NOTICE FOR PAYMENT OF

OVERDUE LOCKER RENT

Details of Notices Sent

20-02-2025, 19-06-2025,

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S/d Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Limited

Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two

AUTHORIZED OFFICER

24-09-2025

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OVERDUE

Amount

10.500/-

BRANCH: VIJAY NAGAR,

BATALA ROAD,

AMRITSAR

NOTICE FOR PAYMENT OF OVERDUE LOCKER RENT

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Sd/- Branch Manager

Due Date

03-10-2019

30-09-2021

09-04-2020

09-11-2019

29-05-2019

30-03-2018

ਤਕਸੀਮ ਕਰ ਦਿਤਾ ਰਾਵਗਾ। ਇਸ ਕਸ ਹੈ ਮਿਤੀ 22.12.2026 ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਹੈ। ਦਹ ਪਥਨੀਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 8.12.2026 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੀ ਦਹ ਪਥਨੀਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 8.12.2026 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੀ ਮੈਹਰ ਅਤੇ ਹਸਤਾਖਰਾ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਪਹਿਲਾਂਦੁਜਾ, ਨਾਇਬ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ,ਮੋਹਾਲੀ

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

SUBJECT: Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.2247, Sector 15-C, Chandigarh (RPD 15171) to the extent of 22.22% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Smt. Urmila Wadhwa.

snare on the basis of Registered Will of Late Smt. Urmila Wadhwa, it is notified for the Information of general public and a concerned that as per record of this office Smt. Urmila Wadhwa is the ownerilessee of RESIDENTIAL. Site No.2247, Sector 15-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 22.22% Share. It has been informed by Sunil Roy Wadhwa that Smt. Urmila Wadhwa expired on 22.22% Share. It has been informed by Sunil Roy Wadhwa that Smt. Urmila Wadhwa expired on Chandier Wadhwa (Husband-Deceased) (2) Shuch Mehta (Daughter) (3) Sunil Roy Wadhwa (Son). Now. The Sector 15-C, Chandigarn to the extent of 22.22% Share held by Late Smt. Urmila Wadhwa in his favour, an the basis of Registered Will raided 2407/2017. If anybody has any information about any other legal series) of the deceased other than mentioned above, he same may be entimated to the Estate Officer. U.T. Chandigarn inmediately, if anybody has any information about any other legal series) of the deceased other than mentioned above, he same may be entimated to the Estate Officer. U.T. Chandigarh immediately, if anybody has any dipetion pon the mulation of the said share in the said property will be mulated accordingly in the iffice of the undersigned within 30 days from the date in publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mulated accordingly in the imme of above said beneficiary and no further claim raises of said shere in the claim raise of above said beneficiary and no further claim raises of said shere in the claim raises of said shere SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSISTANT ESTATE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH

Jogender Singh Deshwal S/o Balbir

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASST

ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH

Late Anita Aggarwal. It is notified for the Information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Smt. Anita Aggarwal is the owner/lessee of RES/IDENTIAL Sit No. 429. Sector 15-A. Chandiganh to the extent of 25% Share. It has been informed by Dinesh Aggarwal that the sit of the Smt. Anita Aggarwal expired on 3011/12022 and he has also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:— (1) Shivani Aggarwal (Daughter) (2 Omesh Aggarwal (Fusbard) (3) Anith Aggarwal (Sm) Vow, Dinesh Aggarwal has applied for the Transfer o Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL SHE No. 429 Sector 15-A. Chandiganh to the extent of 25% Share had by Late Anita Aggarwal in his favour, on the basis of Un-Registered Will dated 20/05/2022. If anybod was any information about any often legal heir(s) of the secand other than mentioned above, the same may enterstate the Estate (General Legal Conscience).

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unish the same in writing (supported with affidavilidu), ttested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the indersigned within 30 days from the date of publication if this notice, failing which the said share in the said poperty will be mutated accordingly in the name of

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SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSISTANT ESTATE

OFFICER EXERCISING THE POWERS OF

ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH

ਕਾ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਨੰਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਦੂਜਾ,ਨਾਇਬ ਦਕਤਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਜ਼ਦਾਰ, ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ ਦੇ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ। ਸੇਸ਼ ਕਿਸਮ 255ਕਤਮੀ ਕੇਸ, ਪ੍ਰੋਕਟਰਾਰ ਪਿੰਡ ਸੰਭਾਲਗੀ, ਹਵਾਬਸਤ ਨੇ.292, ਤਾਰੀਖ ਪੈਂਜ਼ੀ ਮਿਤੀ 22.12.2025 ਹਵਾਬਸਤ ਨੇ.292, ਤਾਰੀਖ ਪੈਂਜ਼ੀ ਮਿਤੀ 22.12.2025 ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਕੇਸ਼ (1) ਹਰਕੇਸ਼ ਵੱਦ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਾ ਪਾਸਲ (2) ਆਸੂ ਰਹਮਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪਦਮ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 12 ਨਾਨੂੰ ਜਾਰਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਵਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਵਿਟਾਦਰ ਪਿੰਡ ਨਨੂੰ ਮਾਗਰਾ ਤਹਿਮੀਨ ਵਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ 54) ਤਕਸੀਮ ਕੇਸ ਰਜੂਆ ਮਿਤੀ 13.6.2025)

ੀਬਿੰਦ ਰਾਮ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੁਮੇਸ਼ਵਰੂ ਦਾਸ ਸੀਤਾ ਰਾਮ 2.ਭਗਵਾਨ ਦਾ

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मैं विकास गर्गे पुत्र स्व. राम चन्द्र पुत्र स्व. बाबू राम निवासी वार्ड न. 19. पंजाब नैशनल बैंक के सामने, रेलवे रोड़, नजदीक भाटिया नगर, टोहाना, तहसील टोहाना, जिला तिहाबाद ब्यान करता है कि मेरे दादा स्त्र, बाबू राम पुत्र स्व नारसी दास की मृत्यु दिनांक 01.04.2024 को टोहाना में है की है। मेरे दादा स्व. बाबू राम की मृत्यु के बाद उनर मेम्पलिखित कुदरती व कानूनी वारिस है। 1. सुभाष च हामालाखत कुदरात व कानुमा बागरा हा । . प्राप्त नार्य (पुत्र) 2. मधु बाला (पुत्री) 3. सत्या देवी (पुत्री) मृत्यु दिनांक 19.02.2004। 4. राम चन्द्र (पुत्र) मृत्यु दिनांक 30.09.2016। राम चन्द्र की मृत्यु के बाद उनके निम्न कानुनी बारिस हो 1. शीला गर्ग (पुत्नी) 2. विकास गर्ग (पुत्र) महत्य देवी की मृत्यु के बाद उनके निम्न कुदरती व कानूनी वारिस है 1.मीनू (पुत्री)। स्व. बाबू गम की यत्नी लक्ष्मी देवी की मृत् दिनांक 11.06.1995 को हो जुकी है। उपरोक्त वारसान वे अलावा मेरे दादा स्व. बाबू राम का कोई अन्य कानूनी कुदरती वारसान नहीं है। वारसान ने नगर परिषद टीहाना परी टैक्स रिकॉर्ड (प्रोपरी आई डी नंबर 3V4UE5Y4 ी अपना नाम तब्दील करवान का लए जानन है तो सूचन कसी जनसाधारण को उपरोक्त बारे कोई ऐतराज है तो सूचना करने के बॉटर- ऑटर नगर परिषद टोहाना है

नगर निगम रोहतक

प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अंदर- अंदर नगर परिषद टोहाना ग्रे अपना ऐतराज दर्ज करवा सकता है अन्यथा प्रॉपर्टी उपरोक

सार्वजनिक सुचना की कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकॉर्ड में नई प्रोपर्टी आईए डीए न. 1HEG4NY1 पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आई०डी० न 25C726UA1233B7 वार्डन /पता 167 r, Ssonika Properties पूराने एन०डो०सी० सिर्हार्ड में NA. व सर्वे क अनुसार नए एन०डो०सी० रिकॉर्ड में NA. नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकॉर्ड में इस आईएडीए नए, में प्रार्थी जिसक नाम रमेश सिंह राठी, अंश्दीप सिंह राठी, अंशिका राठी वसीयत/वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवान चाहते है, जिसकी बास्सान रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार, गेहतक द्वार तसर्दीक की गई है। यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अस्यक्षा ग्रोपर्टी टैक्स में उसके नाम तबदील कर दी जांगेगी। जिसके निए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। कमांक: MCR/ZTO/2025/4596 विनांक: 09/12/2025

नगर निगम, रोहतक सार्वजनिक सूचना

क्षेत्रीय करावान अधिकारी, नगर निगम रोहतक।

सर्व जानिक स्वना
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम,
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आईठडीठ नव 12C31U180 वर्ड नगरण, जागरर नगर
एंस्तक पुरामें पानप्रदेशिकी ऐंकोई में कृष्ण पाल व सर्व के
अनुसार मार एंगाउदिश्मीठ रिकाई में कृष्ण परिन मुल्यन कुमार नाम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निमान के रिकाई में इस आईठडीठ को में पार्ची जाना नाम सीन, दीवक, शिका पुराम एंगाउन अपने मार्गिक काम सीन, वारसान के आपार पर अपने नाम नम्हितकर सहार नाम्येक को मार्ग्य रिपार्ट कर्नामिकर, सेहतक दिश तम्योक को महितमा कोई भी आपिट है तो 30 दिन के अंटर अंटर नगर निमम केमार्क मान तबदील कर दी जाएगी। ठीसके लिए नगर निमान, रोहतक कोई उत्तर दार्च निमान कुमांक राज्य की सिका है साम

क्षेत्रीय कराघान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

🔈 नगर निगम रोहतक सार्वजनिक सूचना

स्था ह्या है का स्थान के अनुसार नय एन जो असी के स्थान के हु, अब नगर निगम का रहताड में इस आंद्रुठडा ने ने प्राप्ता जिसका नाम हर्ष क्षेत्रिक, हितेश, निरोश कौशिक के द्वारा वसीवत/ वारसान के आधार पर अपने नाम तबदील करवाना बाहते हैं जिसकी वारसान रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार रोहतक द्वारा तसदीक की गई हैं। यदि किसी भी जनसारायण को इस्केत कर कदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्श करवाय, अन्यश्र प्रोप्टर्ट टेक्स में उनके नाम तबदील कर दी जायेगी।

क्रमांकः MCR/ZTO/2025/4593 दिनांकः 09/12/25

PUBLIC NOTICE ation of General public that Sm i W/o Sh. Ramchander R/o VPO Shy W/o Sri. Harrichamber 195 Vr 5 Signal. Hisar, Haryana-125047, has applied of his Flat No. 223 CGF, BPL in Ho oard Colony, Sector-15, Bahadurgarh District hajjar in favour of Sh. Parminder S/o Sh. Daya Kishan R/o House No. 100, Hardev Pana Kair, Sout Vest Delhi-110043. Any person regarding to of this flat has any objection he/she should son, to this office within 30 days from the date publication of this notice. If no objection is receive om any person within stipulated period, it emission for transfer of flat will be granted your of Sh. Parminder Slo Sh. Daya Kishan R youse No. 100, Hardey Pana Kair, South West Delf Out? 110043, on the basis of documents submitted as pe olicy of the Board. No claim objection shall be

cy of the Board, No claim objection sh ertained that in this regard. Estate Manager, Housing Board Haryana Sector-7, Bahadurgarh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

JANTA LAND PROMOTERS PVT. LTD.

Regd. Office: SCO 39-42, Sector B2, SAS Nagar (Mohall) Punjab. CIN: U45200PB2003PTC026229

Notice in accordance with Notification No.18/30/09-5HG2/853 dated 12.6.23, issued by Punjab Govt, for issuance of Completion Certificate.

Janta Land Promoters Pvt. Ltd. is hereby publishing this notice seeking feedback from residents towards obtaining Partial Completion Certificate for 28.146 acres of land consisting of 115 Residential Plots, 8 nos. of SCO, 1 No. EWS Site, 1 No. Commercial Site, 1 No. Petrol Pump Site, 1 No. Nursery School and 2 Parks & roads situated in Sector

94, SAS Nagar. The said plots area are part of approved layout no. 7312-CTP(PB)/MPM-154 dated 26.11.2021. The inspection committee consisting of DTP GMADA and other GMADA officers formed under above said notification shall visit the site on 10.12.2025 at 11 AM. Residents may extend their feedback, if any, before the said, committee/officers on due date & time.

Place: Mohall **Authorized Signa** Date: 09.12.2025 Janta Land Promoters Pvt. Ltd.



एक परिवार एक बैंक

ZONAL OFFICE:- SCO 120-122, First Floor, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh - 150017, Ph.: 0172-2713010, E-mail: cmmarc_chd@mahabank.co.in, recovery_chd@mahabank.co.in **ANNEXURE 10**

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 16.12.2025 failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Banks premises a 02:00 P.M. on 16.12.2025 or on any other convenient date thereafte without further notice at the absolute discretion of the Bank. Parties

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nterested in purchase of the Gold Ornaments may participate in the auction.

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Date: 09.12.2025

Date of Sale of Tender Document

Date of Tender Submission

BRANCH MANAGER, Shimla, H.F.

TENDER NOTICE HCA, invites sealed tender for the following work

| lender No, and Date | HCAV2025-20/1005, 10/12/2025 |
|-------------------------|--|
| Description of Work | Construction of Practice Cricket Ground with boundary wall as per detailed specification and repair of Hostel rooms and facilities in Ch. Bansi Lal Cricket Stadium, Village Lahali, District Rohtak, Haryana |
| Estimated Cost | Rs. 7,50,00,000.00 |
| Earnest Money | Rs. 7,50,000.00 |
| Cost of Tender Document | Rs. 5000.00 +5% GST |
| Mode of Payment | Draft favoring "Haryana Cricket Association" payable at Bhiwani. |
| Contract Period | 90 Days |

यूको बैंक 😭 UCO BANK Branch Office: Janipur, Jammu LOCKER NOTICE It is hereby notified that certain Bank clients who had taken Bank lookers on rent in the <mark>Janipur Branch</mark> of o

Bank have not responded to the Bank's Notices, at the last known address for operating/surrendering the Locker/clearing arrears of rent. Accordingly in terms of Locker Agreement for hiring of the locker duly accepted by the hirers, the Bank may break open / take repossession by breaking open the lockers of such hirers to check the contents kept therein for security reasons/realize its dues, charges and expenses by public or private sale of the part or whole of the contents of the locker and hold the balance of the contents or proceeds of sales at the entire risk and responsibility and cost of the hirer(s). Though it is not obligatory on the part of the Bank to give

| Sr. No. | Name of Lessee | Locker No. | Address | Overdue Amount |
|---------|---|------------|--|----------------|
| 1. | Ramesh Chander Gupta and Suman Gupta | AA 076 | House No. 28, Ward No. 3, Street No. 10, Lakkar Mandi, Janipur, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir-180007. | thereon |
| | | ontact Nun | nber: 95969-64450 | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
| Dated: | 09.12.2025 | P | lace : Janipur, Jammu | Branch Head |

Piramai Finance

PIRAMAL FINANCE LTD.

CIN:L65910MH1984PLC032639
Registered Office: Unit No.-801,6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (west), Mumbai-400070 -T+91 22 3802 4000

Branch Office: Plot No 2, 1st Floor, Shayam Nagar, Adjacent to Hotel Debenture, Namaste Chowk, Karnal, Haryana-132001 Contact Person: 1. Charanjit Singh - 9803663303, 2. Rabindra Prasad - 9814741973, 3. Varun Kumar - 8445422518 E-Auction Sale Notice - Subsequent Sale

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Finance Ltd. (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the

recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis', Particulars of which are given below: Loan Code/ Branch/ Earnest Money Outstanding
Deposit (EMD) Amount
(10% of RP) (05-12-2025) Demand Notice Property Address_final Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) Amount

oan Code No. Dt. 18-02-2019, Rs. All The Piece And Parcel Of The Rs. 15,70,000/- Rs. 1,57,000/-, Rs. 32,53,093/-14100001972, Kamal Property Having An Extent :- Khewat No. 667, 668, Killa No. 51, 36/1 36/4/2, 5/1/3, 36/5/1/1, Murabba No. 51 Near 11,33,975/-, (Rs. Eleven lakh Thirty (Rs. Fifteen Lakh Seventy (Rs. One Lakh Fifty Seven Lakh Fifty Three Branch), Satish Kuma rrower), Ashok Kuma Thousand Thousand Ninety Three Only) Co Borrower 1) Rajbala Nine Hundred Pehowa Tehsil Kurukshetra Only) (Co Borrower 2) Seventy Five Only) Kurukshetra Haryana- 136128

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 29-12-2025, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 01:00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 28-12-2025, BEFORE 04:00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piramalfinance.com/e-Auction.html or email us on piramal.auction@piramal.com STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

The above-mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from The Borrowers attention is drawn towards sub-section 8 of section 13, of the act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Borrowers in particular and public in general may please take note, that in case the auction scheduled herein fails for any reason wha the secured creditor may enforce its security by the way of private treaty. Date : December 10, 2025 Place: Harvana

OFFICE OF

Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division, HP.PWD., Jaisinghpur Himachal Pradesh **Works Department Jaisinghpur 176095** Phone No. 01894-228030 email ee-jaipwd-hp@gov.in

> E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division, HPPWD, Jaisinghpur on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on percentage rate of following works from the eligible and approved Contactors/Firms registered with HPPWD

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | Estimated cost in Rs. | Earnest Money | Time Limit | Cost of Tender form | Start date for downloadin g of bid | Deadline for submissio n of Bid |
|------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Periodic renewal under Annual Maintenance Plan for Suan Bridge to Bhodi via Kharjar (Sub Head: - Providing and Laying Tack coat, 25 mm thick Bituminous Concrete including profile correction and applying 2.5 mm thick Hot Thermoplastic road marking strips (Retro - Reflective) between Km 000 to 1/00, 1/00 to 2/00 and 3/00 to 3/650) (Year 2025-26 Additional KMs) | 3273179.00 | 65500.00 | Two month | 2000/- | 16.12.2025 | 22.12.2025 |
| 2 | Periodic renewal under Annual Maintenance Plan for link road from Andretta to Harizen Basti via Lower Chattar (Sub Head: - Providing and Laying Tack coat, 25 mm thick Bituminous Concrete i nduding profile correction and applying 2.5 mm thick Hot Thermoplastic road marking strips (Retro - Reflective) between Km 0/00 to 1/200) (Year 2025 -26 Additional KMs) | 1430249.00 | 28700.00 | Two month | 500/- | 16.12.2025 | 22.12.2025 |

Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons. HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK. **Executive Enginee** Jaisinghpur Division

HP.PWD., Jaisinghpur (On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)

RO NO. 4962/2025-2026 Dt. 09-12-2025

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक पानि punjab national bank

BRANCH: Railway Road, KARNAL, HR-132001 + E- Mail bo3951@pnb.bank.in

POSSESSSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 05.07.2025 under section 13(2) calling upon the borrower(s). Shri Amjad Tyagi & Smt Nagina Tyagi R/o House No. 1607-A (LIG) Housing Board colony Sector-6 UE, Karnal -132001 Haryana to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 11,47,344.10 (Rupees Eleven lakh forty seven thousand Three hundred forty four and ten paisa only) including interest charged upto 30.06.2025 plus misc, charges minus recovery if any with further interest at contracted rate wef 01.07.2025

until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "secured debt"), within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Security Interes (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 4th day of December of the year 2025. The Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank, B/O Railway Road, Karnal for the amount as on 30.06.2025 is Rs. 11,47,344.10 (Rupees Eleven lakh

forty seven thousand Three hundred forty four and ten paisa only) including interest charged upto 30.06.2025 plus misc. charges minus recovery if any with further interest at contracted rate wef 01.07.2025 until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "secured debt"). within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in the respect of the me available, to redeem the secured Assets.

Description of the Charged Assets

All that part parcel of Residential house 1607 A (LIG) area14.65 Sq yard Sector-6 Housing Board Colony Karnal with in the M.C limit tehsil & Distt Karnal owned by Nagina Tyagi vide Registered sale deed 8022 dated 08-01-2016 Which is bounded as under :- North-House No. 1606-A/LIG, South-House No. 1608-A/LIG, East-House No. 1584-A/LIG, West-Road

DATE: 04.12.2025 Authorized officer Place: Karnal

Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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

| | | | | downloading Bid | | of Bid | |
|---|--|---------|-------|--------------------|--------|------------|---------|
| 1 | Restoration of Rain damages on Nariga Bridge to Jagher road Km 0/000 to 1/660 (SH: - C/O R/Wall at Rd 0/805 to 0/8 10). | 481172 | 350/- | 10-12-2025 | 9700 | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |
| 2 | Restoration of Rain Damages on Junga to Koti via Badhwani road in Km. 0/00 to 12/405. (SH: - Construction of Retaining Wall at RD 5/705 to 5/717). | 462546 | 350/- | 10-12-2025 | 9200/- | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |
| 3 | Restoration of Rain Damages on Baldeyan to Shannel road in Km. 0/00 to 4/720. (SH: - Construction of Retaining Wall at RD 1/00 to 1/012). | 460857 | 350/- | 10-12-2025 | 9200/- | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |
| 4 | Restoration of Rain Damages on Fagu to Cheog road in Km. 0/00 to 5/ 600.(SH: - Construction of Retaining Wall at RD 0/560 to 0/568) | 479925 | 350/- | 10-12-2025 | 9600 | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |
| 5 | A/R & M/O various Type -III and Type - IV GAD Qtrs at Parimahal, Kasumpti Shimla - 9 (SH:- External painting in Type - III F Block covering of Balcony under Parimahal Section) | 642231 | 350/- | 10-12-2025 | 13000 | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |
| 6 | Restoration Of Rain Damages on Shoghi Mehli Junga Sadhupul road Km 12/375 to 48/925 (SH: - C/O B/Wall at Rd 24/410.00 to 24/435). | 2246981 | 500/- | 10-12-2025 | 45000 | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |
| 7 | Reconstruction & Restoration Kasumpti to Basantvihar road 0/00 to 0/550 (SH: - C/O B/wall between Rd 0/260 to 0/268 under Parimahal section District Shimla | 483656 | 350/- | 10-12-2025 | 10000 | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |
| 8 | Restoration of rain damages on Kogi to seon road Km 0/00 to 3/700 (SH: -C/O create wall at Rd 1/600 to 1/615.) | 499831 | 350/- | 10-12-2025 | 10000 | 18-12-2025 | 30 days |

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptender.gov.in The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason



PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED.

CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639

Registered Office: Unit No. 601, Sib Floor, Piramal Amidi Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction,
Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (west), Mumbai-400070 – T-491 22 3802 4000

Branch Office: Piot No 2, 1st Floor, Shayam Nagar, Adjacent to Hotel Debenture, Namaste Chowk, Karnal, Haryana- 132001



RO NO. 4952/2025-2026 Dt. 09-12-2025

Contact Person: 1. Charanjit Singh - 9803663303, 2. Rabindra Prasad- 9814741973, 3. Varun Kumar- 8445422518 E-Auction Sale Notice — Fresh Sale ant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Finance Ltd (Formerly Piramal Cepital & Housing Finance Ltd.) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immo described hereunder, which is in the possession, on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is

| Loan Code/ Branch/ Borrower(s)/ Co- Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Property Address_final | | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP) | Outstanding Amount (05-12-2025) |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Loan Code No.: HLSA00043B9F & HLSA00043B9FTU, Solan (Branch), Sanieev Gehlot | 14,54,631.28/- (Rs. Fourteen lakh Fifty Four Thousand Six. Hundred Thirty One Only and | All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent:- Flat bearing no A5 B Situated at fourth floor A Block 4th Floor Block A Area Massuring 101 So Molers Situated At | Rs. 3850000/- (Rs. Thirty Eight lakh Fifty | | Rs.16,12,145/-, (Rs. Sixteen lake Twelve Thousand One Hundred Forty Five Only) |

Borrower), Rani 03-2025. Rs. 29.49.174.28/- Mauza Saproon Tehsil And District Only) Thousand & Rs. 32 59 090/ 03-2025, Rs. 29,49,174.28'(Rs. Twenty Nine lakh Forty
Nine Thousand One Hundred
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Twenty Eight Paise)

Muzza Saproon Tensi And District
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Solan Solan 173212 Boundaries As;
North: Building O'S mt. Manju Khatri
South:- Pvt. Building East:- Thakur
Niwas West:- Road Sehlot (Co Borrower 1) (Rs. Thirty Two lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Ninety Only) DATE OF E-AUCTION: 13-01-2026, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 12-01-2026, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piram

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR e-mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till

date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from The Borrowers attention is drawn towards sub-section 8 of section 13, of the act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset

10/12/2025 to 19/12/2025 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at registered office of

company at 7 Ashok Road, Vijay Nagar, Bhiwani-127021 29th December 2025 before 10 a.m. Date of Opening of Financial Bids 29th December at 02.30 p.m.

FOR HARYANA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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presence of tenderer. *For eligibility criteria and other details, please refer to the tender document

Borrowers in particular and public in general may please take note, that in case the auction scheduled herein falls for any reason whatsoever the the secured creditor may enforce its security by the way of private treaty. Date: December 10, 2025

Sd/- (Authorised Officer), Piramal Finance Limited.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT

PWD B&R, KAITHAL

PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA

PWD B&R, HANSI

PWD B&R, NARWANA

PWD B&R, HISAR

DIRECTOR GENERAL

SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS

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MEDICAL COLLEGE

KARNAL KALPANA CHAWLA GOVT

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TECHNOLOGY, CENTRE.

SHAMGARH, KARNA

ZILA PARISHAD, AMBALA

FOREST DEPARTMENT

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NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER

CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT, VETERINARY HOSPITAL AT VILLAGE RAJOUND IN

KAITHAL DISTRICT

SPECIAL REPAIR ESTIMATE FOR THE WORK OF RAJIV GANDHI KHEL STADIUM AT

VILLAGE KHAIRA, KURUKSHETRA

SPECIAL REPAIR OF SDO CIVIL COMPLEX, BARWALA CONVERTED TO JUDICIAL COURTS AT BARWALA AND SPECIAL REPAIR OF SUB TEHSIL NARNAUND

CONVERTED TO JUDICIAL COURTS AT NARNAUND IN HISAR DISTT. (WITHOUT

GST)

DEVELOPMENT OF SHOBRI RISHI TIRATH AT VILLAGE BALU IN KAITHAL DISTRICT

SPECIAL REPAIR OF ROB AT L/C NO. 4-A ON HISAR ÂE" SADALPUR RAILWAY LINE

AT KM. 3/7-8 CROSSING SOUTHERN PERIPHERY ROAD ALONGWITH SERVICE ROAD

IN HISAR DISTT. RD 6.700 TO 7.500 IN HISAR DISTT. (ROAD ID 10202)

TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF ULTRASONOGRAPHY MACHINE REQUIRED BY THE

ANIMAL HUSBANDARY & DAIRYING DEPARTMENT HARYANA. 1.

ULTRASONOGRAPHY MACHINE

TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF BOYLE'S APPARATUS REQUIRED BY THE ANIMAL

HUSBANDARY & DAIRYING DEPARTMENT HARYANA. 1. BOYLE'S APPARATUS

TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY MACHINE (X-RAY

REQUIRED BY THE ANIMAL HUSBANDARY & DAIRYING DEPARTMENT HARYANA. 1

DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY MACHINE (X-RAY)

REGARDING E-TENDER FOR COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (CMC) OF

36 NOS. LIFTS AT KCGMC, KARNAL

E-TENDER FOR CMC OF ELECTRICAL, FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES INCLUDING DIESEL

GENERATOR (DG) SETS AT KCGMC, KARNAL

ARRANGEMENT OF TENTAGE, FOOD, PHOTOGRAPHY-VIDEOGRAPHY AND OTHER

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR POTATO EXPO (2025-26))

VANGY AMBALA 1 CONSTRUCTION OF IPB STREET FROM AXIS BANK TO OLD

GURUDWARA SAHIB VILLAGE-KONKPUR BLOCK-AMBALA-1 + 5 WORKS

TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING, RFO RESIDENCE, LOHARU

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

OPENING DATE

CLOSING DATE

CLOSING DATE

15.12.2025

05.12.2025

16.12.2025

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15.12.2025

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We, Suresh Kumar and Yogesh Kumar, declare that we are the owners of the shop measuring 45.23 sq. yards, bearing property id-1GB560P7, situated in Panipat, and we are

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nal. declared that My Previous Regd no.2359/1 DATED 20/12/2013 and Sale 9/1 dated 08/05/08, has BEEN LOST at

Stand, Karnal, Regarding that A DDF 32310902500693 ALSO REGISTERED A CE STATION at Taraori, near Nilokheri, Dist al. That I am the Present Owner of the

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PIRAMAL FINANCE LTD.

Registered Office: Unit No. 601, 6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (west), Mumbai- 400070 - T +91 22 3802 4000

Finance Branch Office: SCO 16-17, 2nd Floor, Fimze Gandhi Market, Opp. Ludhlana Stock Exchange, Ludhlana- 141001 Contact Person: 1. Charanjit Singh - 9803683303, 2. Nikki Kumar - 9650806340, 3. Varun Kumar - 8445422518

E-Auction Sale Notice — Subsequent Sale

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Finance Ltd (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrowerls, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on "As is Where is Basis", As is What is Basis and Whatever is There is Basis, "Particulars of which are given below:

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| Loan Code/ Branch/ Borrower(s)/Co- Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) | Date and Amount | Property Address_final | Reserve Price | Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP) | Outstanding Amount (05-12-2025) |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| Loan Code No.: 13500005527, Chandigarh- Sector 22 (Branch), Mitthu Ram (Borrower), Akash Garg (Co Borrower 1) Veena Rani (Co Borrower 2) Nishant Garg (Guarantor 1) | Dt: 23-04-2019, Rs. 1,36,25,885/-, (Rs. One Crore Thirty Six lakh Twenty Fire Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five Only) | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent: H No. 106-107 Golden City Patran Road, Dirbu, Sangrur, Sangrur- 148035 Boundaries As: North: Road South: - Open Plot East: Ho Sunil Garg West:-Property of Madan Lal | Rs. 68,90,000/-, (Rs. Sixty Eight Lakh Ninety Thousand Only) | Rs. 6,89,000/-, (Rs. Six Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Only) | Rs. 3,16,49,620/-, (Rs. Three Crore Sixteen Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Only) |
| Loan Code No.; 1550000648, Jalandhar (Branch), Sohlt Sharma (Borrower), Anii Sharma (Co Borrower 1) Alok Sharma (Co Borrower 2) Shawela Sharma (Guarantor 1) Babu Sharma (Guarantor 2) Tamarina Sharma (Guarantor 3) (Guarantor 3) | Dt: 24-01-2020 Rs. 2,65,17,085/- (Rs. Two Crore Sixty Five Lakh Seventeen Thousand Eighty Five Only) | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent:- Abadi Kalia Colony Na Nera Gt Road Nera Gt Road Near Guru Amardass Nagar Jalandhar Punjab In 144001. Boundaries As:- North:- Daljiit Singh South:- Road East:- House of Other West:- Road | Rs. 1,80,00,000/- (Rs. One Crore Eighty Lakh Only) | Rs. 16,00,000/-, (Rs. Eighteen Lakh Only) | Rs. 5,98,07,555/- (Rs. Five Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 19200041609, Ludhlana (Branch), Vimal Singh (Borrower), Sunita Wo Vimal Singh (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 14-06-2021, Rs. 16,89,358/-, (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight Only) | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent: Plot 10 Min, Friends Colony Na Near Tarsem Hospital Near Tarsem Hospital Village Jassian Ludhiana Punjab in 141001. Boundaries As: North: Street 14' South: Vecant Plot 14' East: Plot No. 10 Min 54' West: Neighbour 54' | Rs. 12,06,000/-, (Rs. Twelve Lakh Six Thousand Only) | Rs. 1,20,600/-, (Rs. One Lakh Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Only) | Rs. 31,45,601/- (Rs. Thirty One Lakh Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred One Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 2900000799, Amritsar (Branch), Baijif Kaur (Borrower), Savinder Singh (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 12-05-2021, Rs. 17,33,636/-, (Rs. Seventeen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Only) | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent- Khasra No. 4966, Private No. 50 Na Rakba Sultanwind Sub- Urban Taraf Mahal-2 Rakba Sultanwind Sub-Urban Taraf Mahal-2 Abadi Kot Mit Singh Amritsar Punjab In 143001. Boundaries As: North-Others Property South:- Road East:- Factory West Mr. Umi | Rs. 5,00,000/-, (Rs. Five Lakh Only) | Rs. 50,000/-, (Rs. Fifty Thousand Only) | Rs. 35,58,642/- (Rs. Thirty Five Lakh Fifty Eigh Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Only) |
| Lean Code No., 16500004544, Jalandhar (Branch), Rajnikant (Borrower), Kiran Pal (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 29-04-2021, Rs. 28,45,487/-, (Rs. Twenty Eight Lakh Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Seven Only) | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent: Village Dudianwal Tehsil Na Kapoor Colony, Near Gulzar Nagar, Kapoor Colony, Near Gulzar Nagar, Near RCF Gate No. 2 Kapurthala Punjab in 144601. Boundaries As: North: H of Chauhari South:- H of Other East:- Road West:- Other | Rs. 12,87,900/-, (Rs. Twelve Lakh Elghty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Only) | Rs. 1,28,790/-, (Rs. One Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Only) | Rs. 57,79,012/- (Rs. Fifty Sever Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Twelve Only) |
| Loan Code No.: BLSA000206AB, Patlala (Branch), Nirmal Dullo (Borrower), Sonia Dullo (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 25-07-2024, Rs. 1,04,55,866/-, (Rs. One Crore Four Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only) | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent: Village Rahaun Hadbast No. 224 Dullo Farm House Rahoun Road 141401. Boundaries As,- North: Road-84'- 9' South: House of Kehar Singh 84'-9' East Plot of Parminder Singh-135'-9' West:- Plot of Shingara Singh 135'-9' | Rs. 1,13,00,000/-, (Rs. One Crore Thirteen Lakh Only) | Rs. 11,30,000/- (Rs. Eleven Lakh Thirty Thousand Only) | Rs. 1,30,90,545/ , (Rs. One Crore Thirty Lakh Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 17800006983, Patiala (Branch), Lakhwinder Singh (Borrower), Sandeep Kaur (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 30-01-2023, Rs. 11,69,858.02/-, (Rs. Eleven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Only and Two Paise) | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent: Harman Nagar Patral Patrials An Near Water Tank Near Water Tank Patiala Patriala Punjab in 147105, Boundaries As: North: Plot 30' South; Street 30' East: House Jeet Singh 48' West: House Satpal Singh 48' | Rs. 11,16,000/- (Rs. Eleven Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only) | Rs. 1,11,600/-, (Rs. One Lakh Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Only) | Rs. 17,60,060/- (Rs. Seventeer Lakh Sixty Thousand Sixty Only) |
| Loan Code No.: 16500002201, Jalandhar (Branch), Mootayab Khan (Borrower), Rukhsar R (Co Borrower 1) | Dt: 29-07-2022, Rs. 13,66,114/-, (Rs. Thirteen Lakh Sixty Six Thousand One | All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Having An Extent:- Kh No. 3534/1754 Na Geli No. 13 Tej Mohan Nagar Gali No. 13 Tej Mohan Nagar Basti Sheikh Jalandhar Punjab In 144001, Boundaries As:- North:- | 10,00,000/-, (Rs. Ten Lakh Only) | Rs. 1,00,000/-, (Rs. One Lakh Only) | Rs. 23,95,753/- (Rs. Twenty Three Lakh Ninety Five Thousand |

Seven Hundred Fifty Three Only H/o Wasim Salmani South:- Road East-Road And H/o Wasim Salmani West- Others

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR
The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued
tate before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and

corrower/guarantor.
The Borrowers attention is drawn towards sub-section 8 of section 13, of the act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset.
Sorrowers in particular and public in general may please take note, that in case the auction scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoeve he secured creditor may enforce its security by the way of private treaty.

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Date: December 10, 2025

ਦਫਤਰ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ-नगर निगम सोनीपत की संपत्तिकर शाखा के रिकॉर्ड अनसार न्य प्रोपर्टी ने. 1JL7YO18 जो कि WEST RAM NAGAR वार्ड नंबर 16 में स्थित है। संपत्तिकर सर्वे अनुसार संपत्तिकर बिल में करदाता का नाम महेन्द्री देवों है। किसी भी संपत्तिकर दाता का नाम दर्ज न होने/ नाम गलत दर्ज होने मृत्यु दिनांक 15/04/2017 उपरांत अवेदक द्वारा संबंधित प्रस्तत की गयी

Office of District Magistrate

this regard if anybody has any jection regarding cancellation of above said license, he/she can give objections personally in this office till 06/01/2026. I ny objection is not received in this office

सार्वजनिक सूचना नगर परिषद सिर्सा कार्यालय के चौधरी देवी लाल नगर परिषद सिरसा कार्यालय के चौधरी देवी लाल माडल टाउन स्कीम नंबर 34 के फ्लाट संख्या 99 नगर परिषद के रिकार्ड अनुसार मलिकयती लालपत राय पुत्र श्री खेलील दास निवासी सिरसा के नाम दर्ज है। यह है कि हमारे पिता जो का स्वर्गवास दिनाक को हो चूका है यह है कि हमारे पिता जो के स्वर्गवास के उपरांत रिपोर्ट तहसीलदार एस, आर, एस सिरसा रिपोर्ट के अनुसार 1- रुकमनी देवी पत्नी 2 सरोजगर्ग 3, मंज बाला 4, प्रेम लता प्रविद्या द प्रकाश कर न 3. मंजू बाला 4. प्रेम लता पुत्रियाँ 5 सुभाष चन्द्र पुत्र श्री लाजपत राथ निवासी सिरसा जिला सिरसा के नाम वार्सान रिपोर्ट बनी जिसमें सभी बच्चो ने रुकमनी देवी को मुख्त्यारे आम अनुसार अपना हक रुकगर्न

ल्या है। सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि नगर् पर्षिद् में इस नाम तबनीत्में पर दिन्सी नाम तबदीली पर किसी आम व खास को कोई एतराज हो तो वह नोटिस् प्रकारान के 30 दिन के अंदर अंदर

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

Phillaur UCO Bank having its branch at Talwan Road Phillaur

Joginder Kaur Wd/o Sewa Singh S/o Darshan Singh S/o Munshi R/o Village Akalpur Tehsil Phillau

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(s)/ respondent (s) could not be sérved. It is orderèd that defendan (s) /respondent (s) should appea in person or through counsel or 23-12-2025 at 10:00 a.m. details logon https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice & district=

Jalandhar Additional Civil Judge

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LIMITED Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266. Corporate Office: 12th Floor, R Teck Park, Nirlon Complex, Near Hub Mall, Goregaon (East),

Mumbai-400 063, MH

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE 15 days Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly

recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. i relation to the mortgaged property mentioned, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital ltd., the amalgamated company.

Accordingly the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Limited / Secured Creditor had TAKEN POSSESSION of the following secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization

of the debts due to the Aditya Birla Capital Limited will be held on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 26.12.2025, BETWEEN 11:00 A. M. TO 01:00 P. M. LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF KYC & EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD): 24.12.2025 Name of the Borrowers **Demand Notice Date** Description of Properties / Secured Assets (EMD) (in Rs.) / emental Value) (in Rs.) & Co-Borrowers (in Rs.) & Total Amt. (in Rs.) All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing House Mr. Varinder Kumar Rs. 21,90,400/-Rs. 2,19,040/- (Rupees Two S/o. Krishan Lal No. Ee-70 (Property No. Bv-1734) Measuring Approx. 05 (Rupees Twenty Lacs Nineteen Thousand 2. Mr. Naman, S/o. Varinder Kun Maria Situated At Abadi Bagh Karam Baksh, Jalandhar And And Forty Only) Twenty Six Lakhs Thirty One Lacs Ninety Is Bounded As Under: East: House No. EE-69/ 52'-6". 3. Mrs. Phoola Rani Thousand And Five Thousand One West: House No. EE-71/52', North: Passage And House Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty W/o. Krishan Lal Four Hundred Hundred Five Only) due Lan: ABJALSTS000000614093 Of Lucky/ 19', South: Passage 9' Wide/ 18'-6". Five Thousand Only) Only) as on 09,12,2024

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aditya Birla Capital Limited / Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://abfi. adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/ Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx or https://BidDeal.in Contact Nos.: Aditya Birla Capital Limited, Authorized Officer Parneet Singh (9720029337), Apoorva Danthi (9930909725), Ved Prakash Mishra (9004026790), Mohit Sharma (9873913955), Komai

Place: Jalandhar, Punjab **Authorised Officer** Date: 10.12.2025 Aditya Birla Capital Limited

OICICI Home Finance | Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurlo Rood, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India

Branch Office: 2nd floor, Kakar Tower, Mall Road, Ferozpur-152002., Branch Office: 2nd floor, Sf-3&4, Opposite Vodafone Office, Central Mall 32, Mall Road, Amritsar (Punjab)- 143001., Branch Office: 1st floor, 3-A, City Center Building, Massand Chowk, Model Town, Jalandhar-144003
Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(8)r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted severale-Auctions for the sole of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase at Reserve Price (Please refer below table). 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 Possessio nof 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", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder.

Amount Reserve Date and Date & One Day Sarfaesi Out- Time of Time of Before Stage Details of the Secured asset(s)

| NO. | Guarantors/Legal Heirs. Loan Account No. | with known encumbrances, if any | standing | Money Deposit | Property Inspection | Auction | Auction Date | Juge |
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| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) | (H) | (0) |
| 1. | Gurjant Singh (Borrower) Raj Rani (Co-Borrowers) Lan No. LHFER00001491370 & LHFER00001491374 | Plot No. 37 Admeasuring 1 Marla 6 Sarsai Vakia Rakba Baba Deep Singh Enclave Basti Gali Nizamdin Wali Khewat No. 241 Khatoni No. 369 Khasra No. 215 Kila 3/2(3-10), 4/1(1-8) Kul Rakba 4 Kanal 18 Da 15/882 Hissa Bakkadar 1 Marla 6 Sarsai As Per Jamabandi Year 2012-2014 Hadbast No. 108 Located Singh Gurudwara Opposite Baba Deep Singh Gurudwara Na Ferozpur Punjab 152003. | Rs. 6,56, 274/- December 06, 2025 | Rs. 3,00, 000/- Rs. 30, 000/- | December 19, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM | December 26, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM | December 24, 2025 before 04:00 PM | Symbolic Possession |
| 2. | Ashak Kumar (Borrower) Akshay Chopra (Co- Borrowers) Rekha Chopra (Co-Borrowers) Sania Chopra (Co-Borrowers) Sonam Chopra (Co-Borrowers) | Property Admeasuring OKanal-9 Marla Built Upon Plot No 43 Admeasuring 20X125 Ft - 2500 Sq. ft. situated at Anaz Mandi, Bhiklwind, Tehsil-Patti Dist. Taran Taran, Amritsar, Punjab Bounded As, East - Other Part Of Owner Land, West - Pardeep Kumar S/O Teta Ram, North - Passage, South - Mangat Ram Sodhi Property | 30,829/- December 04, 2025 | Rs. 2,20, 000/- | December 19, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM | December 26, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM | December 24, 2025 before 04:00 PM | Physical Possession |
| | Tarsem Kumar (Co- Borrowers) Lan No. LHAMT00001467373/ | Half Share Of Property Bearing No 89 Admeasuring 45.83 Of Sayard Situated At Dana Mandi Bhagtanwala Tehsil And Dist Amritsar Vide Sale Deed Bearing | | Rs. 13,00, 000/- | | 1 4 | | |
| j | LHAMT00001467374 | Vasika No 2018-2019/89/1/126 Dated 27.07.2018 In Favour Of Rekha Roni W/O Ashok Kumar And Sonam Chopra W/O Tarsem Kumar. Bounded As Front- Road Backside - Shop No. 128, Right - Shop No 90, Left- Shop No. 88. | | Rs. 1,30, 000/- | | | | |
| 3. | Vinod Kumar Uppal (Borrower) Sunil Kumar Uppal (Co-Borrowers) Usha Uppal (Co-Borrowers) Mithun Uppal (Co-Borrowers) Naresh Kumari (Co-Borrowers) Neeta Uppal (Co-Borrowers) Parmad Kumar Uppal (Co- Borrowers) Rajat Uppal, (Co-Borrowers) Shri Krishana | Property No. 1 - Property Measuring 1k-10 M Comrised In Khasra No 18/7/1(2-2) Khewat No 71 Khatoni No 74 H.b. No. 84 As Per Jamabandi For The Year 1989-99 Situated At Village Saidpur Chidi District- Jalandhar Property Measuring 0k-16m Comprised In Khasra No 18/6(8-0) Khewat No 110 Khatoni No 116 As Per Jamabandi For The Year 1989-90 Situated Village Saidpur Tehsil Shahkot Dist Jalandhar As Per Wasika No 2735 Dated 20 March 1996 As Per Wasika No 2735 Dated 20 March 1996 As Per Wasika No 2735 Dated 20 | Rs. 4,49, 59,283/- December 02, 2025 | | December 19, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM | December 26, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM | | Physical Possession |
| | Enterprises (Through Patners) (Co-Borrowers) Shri Krishana Marbles (Through Patners) (Co-Borrowers) Shri Krishana Timber Traders (Through Partners), (Co-Borrowers) Lan No. NHJAL00001257662/ NHJAL00001257664/ NHJAL00001257664/ NHJAL00001257665 | Property No. 2 - Property Measuring 2k – 2m Comprised In Khasra No 21//21/2 (3-14), Khewat No 133, Khatoni No 163 Situated At Village Bojwa Kalan H.b No. 268 Tehsil Shahkot Dist Jalandhar As Per Wasika No 3437 Oated 10 Feb 2003. Property Measuring 1k – 1m Comprised In Khasra No 21//20(7-6) Khewat No 535 Khatoni No 606 As Per Jamabandi 2000-2001 Situated At Village Bajwa Kalan Tehsil Shahkot Dist Jalandhar As Per Wasika No 3283 Dated 27 Dec 2004. Property Measuring 2k – 2m Comprised In Khasra Nos 21//21/2 (3-14) 7921//21/1, Khewat No 133, Khatoni No 163 (being 32/34 Share I.e 1k-12m) And Khasra No. 21//21/1 (0-12), Khewat No. 541, Khatoni No. 612 (being 5/6 Share I.e 10 M = Total Land Measuring 2k- 2m)h.b. No.268 Situated At Village Bajwa Kalan Tehsil | | Rs. 70,00, 000/- Rs. 7.00, 000/- | | | | |

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited. Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before December 24, 2025 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before December 24, 2025 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" poyable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being affered by the Interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being affered by the office address to by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest Duyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to relect any or all the hids without furnishing and further accounts. Shohkot Dist Jalandhar Sale Deed Dated 11 Aug 2003

Date: December 10, 2025

CONSTRUCTION OF GENERAL CHAUPAL IN BHAGAT PANA AT VILLAGE KABULPUR PANCHAYATI RAJ 14 6 WORKS PANCHAYATI RAJ, 15 CONST. OF IPB PHIRNI AT VILLAGE BHARAN SEKHPUR TITRI + 1 WORKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT www.etenders.hry.nic.in I, Tarsem S/o Ishwar Chand R/o Ward No. 15. Dharampal Colony, Taraori, Distt. Karnal, Haryana, hereby inform you that my original sale deed, bearing number 906/1 dated 10.08.2006, in favour of Raj Kaur W/o workshop Puja Aggarwal hosts on Khajan Singh, was lost somewhere near t Taraori bus stand on 02.09.2025. I search Fermentation Taraori bus stand on 02.09.2025. I searched for it extensively but could not find it. Anyone who finds it should immediately inform the above address. I have filed a lost property report in this regard at the Taraori Police Station, Distt. Karnal, with application number 132310802500690. Chandigarh: Puja Aggarwal, Co-Founder of Back to Source and Chhota Banaras hosted a workshop, Ferment & Flourish: The Art of Living Cultures, at Café Wellbeing, Sector 22. "Fermented foods and drinks carry beneficial microorganisms that our bodies instinctively recognise. They replenish our gut flora, support digestion, improve nutrient absorption, and bring a steady, calm energy to the

body," she said. She walked the audience through the foundations of fermentation — the invisible teamwork between yeasts and bacteria. Participants learned how most ferments begin in jars and then move to bottles for a brief second ferment, becoming sparkling and flavourful within 48-72 hours. Refrigeration keeps them joyful for weeks. She also demonstrated natural fruit sodas made from oranges, mangoes, and pineapples — colourful, probiotic-rich, and naturally fizzy.

Axis Max Life's E-Commerce Channel achieves 52% two-year CAGR

Chandigarh: Axis Max Life Insurance Limited has reported a 52% two-year Compound Annual Growth Rate "CAGR") in H1 FY26 for its business sourced through the E-Commerce Channel. It also uses an AI-driven voiceto-text platform to capture sales and customer insights. Sumit Madan, MD and CEO, said, "Our significant E-Commerce Channel growth in the past few years is a clear signal of our digital dominance and a testament to the trust customers place in our online offerings. Our leading position in both online Protection and Savings segment is a direct result of our focus on building a seamless omnichannel customer experience, ensuring that our products meet the evolving needs of the new-age customer. With trust and innovation at the core, we are committed to making insurance simpler, smarter, and more accessible for every customer."

इस नोटिस के माध्यम से सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता कि नगरपरिषद के गृहकर रिकार्ड में प्रॉपर्टी न. 3E9D3BH8 (MCF/B01/0153) मेरी माता जसवंत कौर पत्नी लाल सिंह के नाम दर्ज है। मेरी माता का देहांत दिनांक 20-10-2025 को हो गया था। अब हम बलजीत कौर - गुरमीत सिंह - गुरदीप सिंह - हरपाल सिंह नागी पुत्रीयान/ पुत्र लाल सिंह पुत्र उजागर सिंह निवासी शक्ति नगर फतेहाबाद कानूनी वरिसान हैं। इनके अलावा और कोई वारिस ना है अगर इससे संबंधित किसी आमजन को कोई एतराज है तो वह एतराज नगरपरिषद कार्यालय में इस नोटिस प्राप्ति के 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर दर्ज करवा सकता है।

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1,7256 have its branch office at Hear, Hoyana. The the Original Transfer deed no. 2196 dated 01.07.2019 and Drig-inal Saie deed no. 1251 dated 23.06.1981 has been lost. A DORFLR No. 13220412502137 in online portain of Haryans Police regarding the loss of deed, if anybody found the said lost document, then may contact to undersigned and anybody having claim or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in this property or has raised Objection by depositing the aloresaid document to any per-sentibaniNoorporation financial institution may approach the undersigned and submit objection within 15 days from the date of nits public notice. After the expiry of period of this no claim shall be enter-sained and such claim shall be enter-sained and such claim shall be deterned to be false, fake, (involous, fraudulent and bassiless claim and shall have no value in the syst of law, please contact. Advocate Brupander Kumer, Fin 6.0525954984 #1591, SECTOR 14-17, HSRA WITHIN. Original Transfer deed no. 2186 dated 01,07.2015 981 # 1591. SECTOR 16-17. HISAR WITH

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mandi Dabwell Tehsil Dabwali Distt Sirsa has willing to avail Secured loan on their Residential Property As Per Sale Deed :-Property area measuring 0K-10 -1/5 marta being 51/2155 Share of 21K-11 marta in Khewat

no.1267 Khatoni no. 2671 Khasra no. 2002/2 (21-11) vide transfer deed no. 4013 Date 20.10.2015 as per Jamabandi for the year 2012-13 & Mutation no. 35102

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has been registered in this regard vide No.132650022501084 in online portal of Haryana Police, if anybody found the said lost document, then

or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in this property or has raised Objection by depositing the

aforesaid document to any person/bank/corporation/ financial institution may approach the undersigned and submit objection within 15 days from the date of

this public notice. After the expiry of period of this no

claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be

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COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh Pankaj Garg Civil Judge (Junior Division)

Hoshiarpur Paramjit Sidhu Wife of Sh Rakesh Kumar Sidhu R/o Vill Lehli Kalan Tehsil and Distt Hoshiarpur at present residen of 2 the Green Heston

Hounslow Middlesex TW5 ORI United Kingdom through her attorney Himmat kumar son of Ram Lal R/o VPO baiwara Kalan Tehsil and Distt Hoshiarpur

Prem Lal son of Darshan Lal @ Darshar Ram R/o Vill Khamacho Tehsil banga Distt SBS Nagar and other ...Defendants

Suit for declaration and suit for permanent injunction CNR No. PBHO02-000569-2023 Next Date: 16-01-2026 Publication Issued to:

7. Pargat Singh husband of Amar Kaul 8. Amarjit Singh Son of Amar Kaur 9. Amandeep Kaur w/o Ramadeep Sing 10. Rajwinder Kaur wife of Nirmal Singh In above tiled case, the defendar (s)/ respondent (s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant (s) /respondent (s) should appear in person or through counsel or

16-01-2025 at 10:00 a.m. details logon https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs =district_notice & district= hoshiarpur

Civil Judge (Junior Division) Hoshiarpur Dated, this day of 09-12-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

is informed to General Public that Ram jumar s/o Des Raj s/o Bihari Lal was own Kumar s/o Des Raj s/o Bihari Lal was owner of the Property measuring 16 Maris being 18/48 share of 2 K 8 M bearing khasta no 674(2-8) as per khewat no 1046 khatoni no 2013-2014 of Badhni Kalan 1 Distt Moga. my ransfer deed dated 9-12-2016 yasika no 449 and Transfer deed dated 8-12-2016 vasika no Badhnī Kalan regarding lost documents. Anybody who has found these Transfe deeds please contact Raman Kumar on his

that we are the owners of the shop headuring 45.23 sq. yards, bearing property id16856QP7, situated in Panipat, and we are going to sell the shop to Deepak Kurnar Verma. We have lost our previously original sale deed vasika no. 5502 dated 30.09.2014, 5380 dated 25.09.2014, 14216 dated 26.09.2007 and 3991 dated 12.10.1995 lost somewhere, whose DDR no. 132340252503563. If any have objection please contact within 7 days Rakesh Kurnar, Advocate, Chamber no. 613, District Court, National Contact in 95414444484

ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘੂ ਅੰਵਰਿਨ ਦੁ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਡੰਗਾ ਕਾਲਾ ਘਨੂਪਰ ਤਹਿਸਲਿ ਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਸਤਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੰਸ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਵਾਸ਼ੀਅਤ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਗੀਜਸਟਰਸ਼ਨ ਐਕਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕਰਨ ਬਾਰੇ। ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੰਦਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹੋਵ ਕੀਤੂ ਬਾਲਾ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਿਫ਼ ਲਾਲ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਵਾਸ਼ੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੇ .7 , ਬਾਬਾ ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅੰਵਰਿਨ ਦੂ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਵਾਸ਼ੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੇ .7 , ਬਾਬਾ ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅੰਵਰਿਨ ਦੂ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹੋ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਤਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੜ੍ਹਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਵਾਲੀ ਅੰਸੂਪਰ ਦੇਸ਼ ਲਈ ਵਾਲੀ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਦੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਅੰਦਰਿਨ ਅੰਦਰ ਨੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਇਕ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਦਿਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਸਦੇ ਭਤੀਜੇ ਸ਼ੂਸੀ ਪਤੀਕ ਪੱਤਰ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਕੁਸ਼ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੁੱਖ ਹੋਏ ਹੋ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਤਸਰ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੁਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਰਮਾਂ ਸ

अनुसार प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं। जिसके अनुसार यदि किसी भी व्यक्ति को इस Property से संबंधित कोई आपति हो तो ख्याति प्राप्त दैनिक राष्ट्रिये समाचार पत्र में विज्ञापन देने की तिथि के 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर लिखित रूप में नगर निगम के र्वपत्तिकर शाखा में दर्ज करवाए अन्यथा संपत्तिकर शाखा में प्रस्तुत किए गए दस्तावेजों के अनुसार आशा देवी, दीप सिखा , मनीशा कुमारी, मेंबीत सिंह , इन्द्रजीत, पुत्र/पुत्री महेन्द्री देवी पत्नी धर्मपाल के नाम कर दिया जाएगा। जिसके लिए नगर क्षेत्रीय करावान अधिकारी, नगर निगम सोनीपत It hereby informs to general public at large that Raman Kumar son of Baggu Ram son of Manak Chandrlo

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar

Public Notice
Sh. Manpreet Singh (Proprietor) S/o Sh.
Sukhdev Singh of the Firm The Visa
Consultant, SCF No. 15, Second Floor,
Phase (06, Mohali, District-Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar presented an application in his office disclosing that due to their personal reasons, he does not want to continue this work. He want to surrender/cancel the license No. 627/I.C. lated 07, 11, 2023.

of above said firm will be cancelled.

Assistant Commissioner (G) For District Magistrate Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar

देवी रजी. न. 222 दिनांक 24.09.2013 को दिया अब रुकमनी देवी ने स्टाप्प वन्डर VIDE SR. NO. 10541 दिनांक 05/12/2025 से प्रेम लता को पूरे रकबे का मालिक बना दिया हैं इसलिए प्रेम लता ने नगर पूरिषद के रिकॉर्ड में तब्दील करने हेतु अनुरोध

इस कायालय म हाजिर असलतान व प्रकारावान अपना पक्ष पेश करें ।अन्यश्र बाद गुजर मियाद उपरोक्त यूनिट मुताबिक प्रस्तुत दस्तावेजों के आधार मृतक के वारसान हेतु कार्यकारी अधिकारी नगर परिचद् सिरसा

IN THE COURT OF Sh Gurbhinder Singh Johal Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division)

through R/o Branch Manage Parshant Kumar Negi

District Jalandhar CNR No. PBJLB0-000782-2023 Next Date: 23-12-2025

Village Akalpur Tehsil Phillau District Jalandhar In above tiled case, the defendan

(Senior Division), Phillaur Dated, this day of 08-12-2025

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited" CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

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/

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CHANGE OF NAME

- Manpreet Paramjit R/o Moh. Navi Kothi, VPO Sarai Khas, Jalandhar have changed my name from Manpreet to Manpreet
- I, Kirandeep D/o Joga Singh W/o Sandeep Singh R/o Village Atta, Po. Goraya, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Kirandeep to Kirandeep.
- I, NO.2707720H Rank Nk Name Chauhan Mukeshbhai Is Legally Husband Of Daxa (Wife) Is Presently Resident At S/O Gada Bhai, Vill- Talli, Po- Datha, Teh- Talaja Distl- Bhavnagar, State-Gujarat, Pin- 364130. Have Changed My Wife Name In My Army Service Record From Daxa To Daxa Mukeshbhai Chauhan. Vide Affidavit
- PB00744198652673X Dated 09-12-2025 Before Notary Public District Court Gurdaspur Punjab.
- 17009866p Nk Wagh Ganesh Nivrutti Is Legally Father Of Manan (Son) Presently Resident At Wasari, Ta Malegaon, Washim , Maharashtra, Washim Maharasina, Din - 444504, Have Changed My Son Name From Manan To Manan Ganesh Wagh Affidavit PB007471716336006X Dated 09 -12-2025 Before Notary Public District Gurdaspur
- I Jagjit Singh S/O Karnail Singh Resident Of Vill Dehriwal Kiran P.O. Gurdaspur Bishankot Punjab, I Have Changed My Name From Jagjit Singh To Singh Jagjit, Surname As Singh And Given Name As Jagjit.
- I, Gurmeet Singh S/O Po- Dorangla, Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab India. Declare That My Given Name As Gurmeet My Surname As Singh.
- Kumar Arun Thakral S/o Chiman Lal R/o Tilak Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra changed my given name Arun Surname Kumar.
- Mohinder Singh Ujjgar Singh R/O Ghal Kalan Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Mahinder Singh.
- I, Dharmpal Singh Vpo. Lopon, Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga Have Changed My Name Dharmpal Dhaliwal.
- I Kamal Kishore S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O Near Preet Dharam Kanda Bharwai Road Gonsepur, Hoshiarpur Declare That My Given Name As Kamal And Surname As Kishore.
- I, Roop Lal S/O Sarwan Ram R/O Mohalla Mast Nagar Satnampura Phagwara District Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Prema To Prema Mehmi.
- I, Jagdish Kaur W/O Subhash Chander R/O Vpo. Nangal Majha, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala Changed My Name From Jagdish Kaur To Kaur
- Jagdish. I Paramjit Kaur W/O Gurpreet Singh R/O Vpo Kaulgarh Teh Balachaur District Sbs Nagar Have Changed My Name Kaur As Surname Paramjit As Given Name.
- I, Akashdeep Singh S/o Daljit Singh R/o Vill: Aladinpur, Tehsil & Distt Taran-143401 declare that Akashdeep is my given name and Singh
- is my surname. I, Hardeep Singh S/o Partap Singh R/o Sant Nagar Colony Khichian Po. & Teh-Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144211, have changed my name from Hardip Singh to Hardeep Singh.
- I, Rajinder Pal Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vill: Fattuwal Po. & Teh-Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur 144211, have changed name Rajinderpal Singh to Singh Rajinder Pal

- I, Bharti Devi D/o Kumar R/o Bhatha Colony Mukerian Po. & Teh-Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab-144211, have changed my name from Bharti to Bharti Devi
- I, Surjit Singh S/o Gurmukh Singh R/o Vill:Nikkuwal, Po, Jhinjri, Teh-Anandpur Dist. Rupnagar (Pb) have changed my name from Surject Singh to Surjit Singh.
- I, Seema W/o Balram Kumar R/o #50/4 Nai Abadi Khanna, Teh-Khanna Distt Ludhiana-141401 have changed my name from Seema to Seema Rani.
- I, Jujhar Singh S/o Satwant Singh R/o Vill: Shadipur Mehmoodpur Teh-Guhla Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my name Singh (surname)
- I, No 4466950F Ex NK Kashmir Singh S/o Swaran Singh Village Mangarh PO Bhana Teh Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed the name of my daughter from Sablin Kaur to Savleen Kaur.
- I, No 4466950F Ex NK Kashmir Singh S/o Swaran Singh Village Mangarh PO Bhana Teh Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed the name of my son from Jaslin Singh to Jasleen
- I, Surindra Kumari W/o No 13729150 Late Rfn Jit Ram Village Talwandi Kanugo PO Sham Chaurasi Teh & Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed my name from Surindra Kumari to Surinder Kaur.
- I, Gourav S/o Daljit Singh R/o Ward No. 5, Azad Ngar, Khanna {Ludhiana} have changed my name to Gourav Mehra. Concerned please
- I, Veer S/o Piara R/o Qutabpura (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Veer Singh.
- I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Gurdeep Singh R/o Vill: Sultanpur Po. Dayalpur Teh-Phillaur Distt Jalandhar have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur.
- I, Iqbal Singh alias Iqbaljit Singh R/o Vill: Bhaini Po. Haripur Khalsa Teh-Phillaur Distt Jalandhar have changed my name to lqbaljit Singh.
- I Shukhwant Kaur W/o Pankajdeep Singh (Doctor Jagtar Singh) R/o Near Santoshi Nagar Azad Khanna That Change My Name Shukhwant Kaur to Sukhwant Kaur All Noted
- Bhawanpreet Singh S/O Ranjit Singh R/O Village Panjrukha, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Be Read As Given Name Bhawanpreet Surname Singh.
- I, Navkiran Kaur W/O Parmraj Singh R/O W.No.07, Sunder Nagar, (Ludhiana) Samrala Declare That My Name Be Read As Given Name Navkiran And Surname
- I, Gurjant Singh S/O Jasmail Singh R/O VPO Ikolaha, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Be Read As Given Name Gurjant And Surname Singh.
- I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Amarjeet Singh R/o Vill: Malloke Teh-Zira Distt Ferozepur have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh and Singh is my surname.
- I Amreek Singh S/O Kandhara Singh Vill Bhail Dhaiwala Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran I Have Changed My Name From Amreek Singh To Amrik
- I Rafiq Shah S/O Alia Shah R/O House No-115, Chandigarh Road, Police Punjab-Colony, Jamalpur, Punjab Ludhiana, 141001, Have Changed My Name To Rafeek

- Jangir Singh R/O Village-Motipur, Lohian Khas, Tehsil -Shahkot, Distt-Jalandhar, Punjab 144629, Have Changed My Name To Ishar Kaur.
- I Suhani D/O Rajesh Kumar R/O 513 A, Near Kumhar Choupal, Kachhwa, Kachhwa, Haryana 132001, Have Changed My Name To Suhani
- I, Hitherto Known As Manju Bala W/o Late Ramesh Gupta R/O House No. - 141, Bhattan Street, Nabha, District Patiala, Punjab- 147201, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Anju Bala.
- I Gurjit Singh W/O Jagdish Singh R/O Village Vada Arai Majra Tehsil & Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name To Gurjit Kaur.
- I, Hitherto Known As Harsha Ankush Handa D/o Charanjeet Banga H.No. 2257-C Sector-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135003 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Harsha Banga.
- I, Jasvinder Singh S/o Jangir Singh R/o H.No.293, Burak (23), PO. Burak, Distt Hisar, Haryana-125001, have changed the name of my minor son Amandeep aged 16 years and he shall hereafter be known as Arash Deep.
- I, Savitree Devi Mother of No. 17009038K NK Sudice resident of Village-Nagriya Yadvan, Post-Nagriya Yadvan, Tehsil-Bharthana, District-Etawah, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-206242, Sudheer Kumar have changed my name from Savitree Devi to Savitri Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB69609568936968X
- dated 01 Sep 2025 notary public before Pathankot
- I, G Geeta Rani Mother of No.14671963K Hav Vinay Kumar G resident of Srikrishna Residency, Sri Nagar Colony Tirupati, Tirupati (Urban), District-Tirupati, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-517501, changed my name from G Geeta Rani to Gurram Geetha Vide affidavit
- PB72411266084169X dated 10 Sep 2025 before notary public Pathankot
- No.JC-286219A 1, Sub (DMT) Sarkale Himmat Rajaram resident of Village- Hingnole, Post- Korivale, Tehsil-Karad, District- Satara, State- Maharashtra, Pin-415109, have changed my Mother name from Sharada to Sharda Rajaram Sarkale Vide affidavit No.IN-PB00733765645501X dated 09 Dec 2025 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Mandeep Singh S/o Maninder Singh R/o VPO. Malikpur, Tehsil and District Rupnagar Punjab, have changed my name from Mandeep Singh to Mandeep Singh Lamba
- I, Rakesh Kumar Sharma S/o Kundan Lal resident of # 58 Shaheed E Azam Bhagat Singh Nagar, Rupnagar, Tehsil and District Rupnagar (Punjab) has changed my name from Rakesh Sharma Kumar Rakesh Kumar.
- I, Kusum Garg W/o Sh. Ishwar Chand Garg R/o House No. 2208, First Floor, Sector-28, Panchkula (Haryana), declare that I have changed my name from Kusum Garg To Kusum Rani Garg.
- I, AMPOLU SONIYA am daughter of No JC-313778W Rank SUB Name RAMESH BABU AMPOLU AMPOLU present residing at 164 Br Coy, 16 Engr Br Regt (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt, Haryana Panchkula, declare that I have changed my name from A SONIYA to AMPOLU SONIYA.

I, AMPOLU KALYANI am spouse of No JC-313778W Rank SUB Name RAMESH BABU AMPOLU present residing at 164 Br Coy, 16 Engr Br (PMS), Chandimandir Cantt. Haryana Panchkula, declare that changed my name from A KALYANI to AMPOLU

KALYANI

- I, DWARKA Mother of Army 2814331A Rank-Name- Shinde Girjalal Permanent Address: At Sultanvadi Post: Pimplagaon, Teh: Phulmbri, Aurngabad, State Maharashtra, Pin: 431111 declare that I have changed my name from DWARKA DWARKABAI TATERAO SHINDE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 14/04/1973 to 01/01/1974. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219173, Dated: 09/12/2025
- I, SHUBHANGI am legally Wedded Spouse of 2814331A Rank- NK Name- Shinde Girjalal Taterao Permanent Address: At Sultanvadi, Post: Pimplagaon, Phulmbri, Dist Aurngabad, State: Maharashtra, Pin.431111 declare that I have changed My Name from SHUBHANGI SHUBHANGI GIRJALAL SHINDE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219171, Dated: 09/12/2025
- I, KASTURABAI am Mother of Army No-2824181H Rank-Sep Name-Diwane Ramesh Permanent Address Shirwa, Buldhana, Kharbadi, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 443103 declare that I have changed my name from KASTURABAI to KASTURABAI RAMESH DIVANE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219172, Dated: 09/12/2025
- I, MITRABAI Mother of Army 2821822Y Rank-Name-Jayebhaye Bhimrao Balaji Permanent Address: At Hippraga Post- Hadoli (Shaha), (Br), Tehsil- Kandhar, Dist-Nanded, State-Maharashtra, Pin-431724 declare that I have changed my name from MITRABAL **JAYEBHAYE**
- MITRVANDA BALAJI and Also Correct my Date of birth from 01/01/1969 to 01/01/1982. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219170, Dated: 09/12/2025
- I, SANGEETHA am legally Wedded Spouse of Army No- 18005806Y Rank- NK Name- Babu V Presently Posted at: GE Project Airforce Ambala Permanent Address: 32, Alagiri Samy 4th Street, Near E.B Transformer, Periyar Nagar, Chennai Vyasarpadi, Tamil Nadu 600039 declare that l have changed My Name from SANGEETHA SANGEETHA B. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA Dated: 219169. 09/12/2025
- I, PANCHAFULA am Mother of Army No-2819573M Rank-Sep Name- Shinde Rajesh Dnyanoba Permanent Address: At Bagadad Post: Hayatnagar Tehsil: Basmath, Dist: Hingoli, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431512 declare that I have changed my name from PANCHAFULA to PANCHAFULA SHINDE DNYANOBA Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219168, Dated:
- 09/12/2025 I, LAXMI mother of No 14838137N, Rank -Hav, Name - M. SENTHIL KUMAR, resident of Village & Post – GUDDUR CHOWTAHALLI, Tehsil & District - KRISHNAGIRI, State - TAMIL NADU, PIN 635112, have changed my name and date of birth from LAXMI, DOB 01/07/1967 (Old Name & DOB) to LAKSHMI MARIYAPPAN, DOB -18/01/1960 (New Name &

DOB), vide affidavit dated

09 Dec 2025 sworn before

Notary Public Satpal,

Pathankot. Please correct

- MARIYAPPAN father of No 14838137N. Rank - Hav, Name - M KUMAR resident of Village & Post GUDDUR CHOWTAHALLI, Tehsil & District - KRISHNAGIRI State - TAMIL NADU, PIN 635112, have changed my name and date of birth
- from MARIYAPPAN, DOB 01/07/1962 (Old Name & DOB) to MARIYAPPAN MARIMUTHU, DOB 30/03/1955 (New Name & DOB), vide affidavit dated 09 Dec 2025 sworn before Notary Public Satpal Pathankot. Please correct
- I, No. 123487-B, Rank PO, Name Ramesh Kumar Kundu R/o H, No. 2966 Urban Estate Jind. Pin-126102 declare that my mother's name was earlier Dhano and D.O.B is 01-07-1955 in the Indian Navy records, which I have now changed to Dhano Devi and D.O.B. is 01-01-1948.
- I, Amit Kumar (new name) of, now lately called Amit (Old Name employed as MT DVR (Designation of the post held at the time by the Govt concerned) at HQ 46 BR (I) TF (Gref) C/o 99 (Place where employed in the Min/ Deptt of the Govt of India declare that on behalf of myself and my wife and children and remoter issue wholly renounce, relinquish and Abandon the use of my former surname of Amit (only) and in place thereof do assume from the date there of the surname of Amit Kumar and do that and my wife and children. and remoter issue may hereafter be called known and distinguished not by my former surname of Amit, (only) by the assumed surname of Amit
- I, Kanwar Bhanu Partap Singh S/o Sh. Singh R/o Kharote Tehsil and District Kathua, UT of J&K declare that the deponent has passed his 10th class examination under roll: 1024235797 from Punjab School Education Board, during the session of 2024 (Regular). Due to inadvertent error, the name of deponent has been incorrectly recorded as Kunwar Bhanu Partap Singh in his matriculation mark sheet, but the actual and correct name of Kanwar deponent is Bhanu Partap Singh as per his Birth Certificate having Registration No. 166/15-A, Date of Registration on: 19-11-2007 issued by the Registrar birth & Death Kathua and Aadhar Card
- No.5799 0359 2209. Anjali Mahure Daughter of No. JC-491893X Sub Daulat Singh resident of VPO-Bedham, Teh - Deeg, Dist Bharatpur (Rajasthan) Pin-321203, changed my Name from Anjali Mahure to Anjali Vide affidavit No.IN-PB00733433166388X dated 09 Dec 2025 before notary public Pathankot
- I, Banwari Faujdar Son of JC-492549Y Sub Dhanpal Singh resident of Vill- Nagla Mahloni, Post-Mahloni, Tehsil- Bayana, District- Bharatpur, State-Rajasthan, Pin-321401 have changed my name from Banwari Faujdar to Banwari Foujdar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB00732832592789X dated 09 Dec 2025 before notary public Pathankot
- I hitherto known as CHAMNO DEVI wife of SH. GIAN CHAND Resident of SCF No. 33. Harmilap Nagar, Phase-1 Baltana, District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab Pin Code 140604, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as CHIMNO.

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Impeachment bid is political intimidation: Andhra Dy CM

Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday dubbed the INDIA bloc constituents' impeachment move against a Madras High Court Judge as "political intimidation".

The Janasena Party founder charged that it was an attempt at "silencing" the judiciary. Several opposition MPs,

led by the DMK, on Tuesday submitted a notice to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to move a motion for the removal of Madras High Court Swaminathan, whose order directing Subramaniya Swamy temple authorities in Madurai's Thirupparankundram to ensure that a lamp is lit at the deepathoon (pillar) sparked a row.

"Over 120 MPs from the INDIA Bloc, led by the DMK, have weaponized the Constitution to call for the impeachment of a Judge. This is not judicial accountability: this is blatant political intimidation," Kalyan said in a post on 'X'. Why were certain political parties going to such extreme lengths to impeach a judge for a judgement that simply upholds the right to practice the Hindu faith, he asked.

"Is this not a cynical attempt to strong-arm and silence the broader judiciary," the actor-politician said.

Was this motion not a signal to all judges that they must be "careful" when ruling in cases about Hindu traditional practices and faith, he added.

"The selective outrage and weaponisation of the impeachment process in this case expose a disturbing bias. This incident only solidifies the urgent need for a unified institutional voice," Kalyan added.

Calling for the establishment of a 'Sanatana Dharma Rakshana Board' as the need of the hour, Kalyan asserted that devotees can actively manage their temples and religious affairs without the fear of alleged political interference or judicial overreach spurred by "political vendetta" under such as set up.

According to the deputy CM, when a constitutional

bench of the Supreme Court had delivered the Sabarimala judgment overturning a "centuries-old, deeply cherished custom" regarding entry into one of the most sacred Hindu

sites, no judge was impeached. Their ruling, which fundamentally altered a core religious practice, was met only with legal review petitions, not political motions for

removal, he said. However, he alleged that the political establishment has set a dramatically different standard now and a High Court Judge is being 'targeted' just because he delivered a judgement upholding the right of believers to light a lamp and practice a long-standing ritual on property legally recognised as belonging to a religious institution.

It will be disaster if BJP comes to power in Bengal: Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA Kolkata

In what the State saffron leadership called a sign of "pre-Parivartan" (change) trepidation, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday warned the people of Bengal against any possible takeover of power by the BJP saying, "there will be disaster if BJP comes to power in Bengal" vowing to prevent its surge at any cost.

The Chief Minister while addressing a rally at Cooch Behar in North Bengal alleged that special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls would bring national citizenship register (NRC) and detention camps in the State vowing to prevent it at any cost. She asked the people to remain alert about their rights and "ensure that your names do not get deleted from the voters' lists.'

On why she was "forced to comply to the orders of the Election Commission of India implementing the SIR regime in Bengal she said, "it was due to the threat of President's Rule that we had to do it or else they would have allowed the time to lapse and implemented President's Rule which would be a de facto BJP rule in Bengal and then they would have conducted and manipulated the elections."

"SIR is not a single scheme. it will bring in its trail NRC and detention camps this is all being done by the BJP to usurp power in our State and remember if Bengal goes into Courts have ordered them to

the hands of the BJP then there will be disaster, there will be no self-respect, no peace, no security for the people there will be only jealousy and hatred and the whole State will become a detention camp," Banerjee said adding "we will not allow the State to turn into a detention camp, we will protect it at any cost we will not allow NRC in Bengal there will be no detention camp in our State will prevent this at any cost.'

The Chief Minister who rolled out a list old deprivation of the State at the hands of the Centre all in terms of clearance of central funds from MNREGA, rural housing and rural road construction schemes said how the Centre had the gall to find out ways to preempt the orders of the Court to prevent MNREGA dues to come to her State.

She said, that her Government received a letter from Delhi wherein a guarterly labour budget was demanded from the State Government. "Even after the

clear the funds they have imposed a restrictive condition but where is the time to show it? This is December. and the election is due early next year then they are also talking about providing training, my question is when will you train and when will you give the jobs? I say this piece of paper is valueless." Bengal did not want mercy it asked for its rights, she said.

Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for addressing writer Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay as "Bankim da" (brother Bankim) in Parliament which was objected to by TMC MP Saugato Roy prompting the Prime Minister to correct his words calling him "Bankim Babu" the Chief Minister demanded his apology saying, "you did not even show him the minimum respect he deserves. You should apologise for this, to the nation."

Chattopadhyay the writer of patriotic novel Ananda Math coined the word Vande Mataram. It is a part of India's National Song.

Chandrayaan-3 reveals high electrical activity near Moon surface

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Bengaluru

The electrical environment near the Moon's surface in the south polar region is far more active than previously understood, ISRO said on Tuesday, based on an analysis of Chandrayaan-3 lander

The Chandrayaan-3 data, obtained between August 23 and September 3, 2023, provided critical ground truth on the Moon's plasma environment. In a statement, ISRO said, "Analysis of the Chandrayaan-3 lander data has yielded significant and first-of-its-kind results on the plasma environment near the Moon's surface at southern higher latitudes, revealing that the electrical

environment near the Moon's surface in the south polar region is far more active than previously understood."

In physics, plasma is often called the fourth state of matter, consisting of a mixture of charged particles, including ions and free electrons. Despite being electrically neutral overall, plasma is highly conductive and responds strongly to electro-

magnetic fields. "The Moon's thin plasma environment, or lunar ionosphere, is governed by several major processes. Solar wind, a continuous stream of charged particles (primarily electrons and hydrogen and helium ions) ejected from the Sun's upper atmosphere, constantly

impinges on the Moon's surface," ISRO said.

This, along with the photoelectric effect where highenergy photons from the Sun knock out outer-shell, electrons from atoms on the surface and in the sparse atmosphere, causing ionisation is the primary mechanism for generating plasma.

The lunar plasma is further influenced by the deposition of charged particles originating from the Earth's magnetosphere (specifically the magnetotail) when the Moon passes through that region, typically for 3 to 5 days during 28 days, resulting in a constantly changing and electrical dvnamic environment near the surface, ISRO said.



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CBI arrests senior passport superintendent for influencing witnesses



The CBI has arrested a senior passport superintendent posted in Mumbai in a disproportionate assets case against him for allegedly trying to influence witnesses and mislead the investigation, officials said Tuesday.

The accused officer, Deepak Chandra, was booked in March this year for allegedly amassing illicit assets worth ₹85 lakh during his tenure at the regional passport office, Ghaziabad, from July 30, 2018, to

During the course of investigation, a search was conducted at the residential premises of the accused, which led to the recovery of huge unaccounted cash of around ₹60.00 lakh, details of investments in immovable properties as well as details of various expenses of high magnitude," a CBI spokesperson said.

The CBI arrested Chandra on Tuesday night from Mumbai, where he is currently posted, when the agency found that he was allegedly influencing witnesses and deliberately, with malafide intention, tried to mislead the investigation, she said. He was produced before a special court in Ghaziabad, which sent him to CBI custody till December 12. "On the application of CBI, Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, CBI Court, Ghaziabad vide its order dated 17.09.2025 had also issued an adinterim attachment order for attachment of his properties, including one residential flat and one commercial shop," she said.

Shoegate fame lawyer thrashed in Karkardooma court



A lawyer who almost hurled a shoe at former Chief Justice of India BR Gavai was allegedly attacked inside Karkardooma district court premises on Tuesday. The video showed a group attacking 71-year-old Rakesh Kishore with a slipper, while the lawyer defended himself. The clip also showed the lawyer asking the attacker why he was beating him and then shouting several times, "Sanatan Dharm ki jai ho."

"There was a huge ruckus. We rushed to the spot on hearing the commotion," said advocates. On October 6, Rakesh Kishore approached the dais when a bench led by the ex-CJI was hearing the mentioning of cases by lawyers, removed his shoe, and tried to throw it at the judge. Later, the SC refused to initiate contempt action against him, though the Bar Council of India suspended





OTS with bank no ground to quash criminal cases: SC

In a diverse judgment within weeks, the Supreme Court's another bench on Tuesday held that One Time Settlement (OTS) with banks is not ground for quashing criminal cases. Holding that economic offences undermine public interest far beyond the immediate financial loss to a bank, the apex court has restored criminal proceedings against M/s Sarvodaya Highways Ltd and its directors in a loan fraud case involving approximately ₹52.5 crore. A Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta ruled that a one-time settlement (OTS) with the bank cannot justify quashing a prosecution where forged documents were allegedly used and a clear loss to the public exchequer is evident. Meanwhile, in a curious develop-

ment, another Bench comprising Iustices IK Maheshwari and Vijay Bishnoi on November 19 allowed the fugitive Chetan-Nitish Sandesara brothers' firms to deposit ₹5,100 crore as OTS in the Registry by December 17 to avoid all cases, including criminal cases registered by various probe agencies. The apex court was agreeing to the Central Government which submitted the OTS scheme including withdrawing all cases in a sealed cover on November 18. With this order Supreme Court has allowed fugitive Sandesara brothers and their Sterling Group to go scot-free from all criminal cases filed by CBI, ED and Income Tax related to bank loan frauds by paying ₹5,100 crore, which is only 1/3 of the dues.

On Tuesday, in a diverse order, a read with Sections 406(criminal



Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta set aside a 2022 judgment of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which had quashed the CBI case after the company paid ₹41 crore under an OTS with the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur (now SBI). Allowing the CBI's appeal, the Court noted that the settlement amount was significantly lower than the actual liability and was accepted by the bank under compelling circumstances typical of recovery processes in NPA cases.

The case involved offences under Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) breach of trust), 420(cheating), 467, 468,471(forgery, fabrication etc) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Corruption case can't be quashed on settlement Referring to established precedents, the Bench observed that economic offences are not private disputes capable of compromise.

"There are plethora of judgments of this Court, some of which we have referred to above, which categorically hold that in cases involving economic offences, it is not merely the Bank that stands defrauded, but the society at large

is also impacted." The Court stressed that one-time settlements, by their very nature, do not represent full recovery. In this case, while the bank recovered around ₹41 crore, the outstanding liability was approximately ₹52 crore.

"One-time settlements are, as a rule, effected under circumstances where the Bank under duress is compelled to accept lesser amount in order to secure the maximum possible recovery against the defaulting account. In this background, we feel that the High Court committed error apparent in the eyes of law by quashing the proceedings." The Court also noted that

expressly prohibits quashing of proceedings of a criminal case on strength of a compromise where loss to public exchequer is evident and the offences under the PC Act, 1988 are applied.

"Fabricated Documents, Collusion Found in Probe the CBI had registered an FIR in 2015 based on a complaint alleging that the company obtained credit facilities by submitting fabricated work orders, manipulated revenue records, and false stock statements. An internal bank inquiry had declared the account an NPA and estimated a fraud of ₹52.5 crore. After investigation, the agency filed a chargesheet against the company, its directors and the then branch manager for offences under IPC provisions related to cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy, and under Section 13(1)(d) read with 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Prosecution sanction had been granted against the bank manager. The High Court had quashed the FIR and chargesheet under Section 482 CrPC on the ground of settlement, noting that the bank had received payment and closed recovery proceedings. The Supreme Court held this approach to be legally unsustainable. It noted that the High Court failed to consider vital aspects, including the alleged fabrication of documents, the involvement of a bank official, the application of the PC Act, and the deficit of over ?5 crore even after settlement. Restoring the chargesheet, the Court directed the trial court to proceed on merits and clarified that none of its observations should prejudice the accused.

Retired judges object to 'motivated campaign' against CJI Surya Kant

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Several retired judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts issued a statement on Tuesday expressing "strong objection to the motivated campaign targeting Chief Justice of India Surya Kant in the wake of his remarks in proceedings concerning Rohingya

The statement noted that an open letter was issued on December 5 by some former judges, lawyers and the Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Reforms (CJAR), raising "deep concern at certain unconscionable remarks made about Rohingya refugees on December 2" by a top court bench that was hearing a plea alleging custodial disappearance of Rohingya refugees in India.

Underlining that "disparagement of the Supreme Court is unacceptable", the statement said judicial proceedings should only be subject to fair and reasoned criticism.

"What we are witnessing, however, is not principled disagreement but an attempt to delegitimise the judiciary by mischaracterising a routine courtroom proceeding as an act of prejudice.

"The Chief Justice is being attacked for asking the most basic legal question: who, in law, has granted the status that is being claimed before the court? No adjudication on rights or entitlements can proceed unless this threshold would be at risk.



is first addressed," the statement

It said the campaign against the CJI omitted the bench's clear affirmation during the proceedings that no human being on Indian soil, citizen or foreigner, can be subjected to torture, disappearance or inhuman treatment, and that every person's dignity must be respected.

"To suppress this and then accuse the court of 'dehumanisation' is a serious distortion of what was actually said," the statement signed by more than 40 judges said.

It said if every "searching judicial question" on nationality, migration, documentation or border security is accused of hate or prejudice, judicial independence itself

"We therefore affirm our full confidence in the Supreme Court and in the CJI, condemn motivated attempts to distort the court's remarks and personalise disagreeattacks individual judges; and support consideration of a court-monitored SIT into the illegal procurement of Indian identity and

ment signed by 44 retired judges. It said the country's constitutional order require both humanity and vigilance.

welfare documents by foreign

nationals who have entered Bharat

in violation of law," said the state-

"In upholding human dignity while safeguarding national integrity, the judiciary has acted in accordance with its oath. It merits principled support, not vilification," the statement said.

Curtail litigation, not generate it, SC on revenue map case map for a plot was dismissed. Later,

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Tuesday stressed that any unnecessary remand of a matter for fresh consideration by a higher court should be avoided as it generates fresh round of litigation. The idea is to curtail the litigation and not generate it, a bench of Justices Rajesh Bindal and Manmohan said, as it set aside an order of the Allahabad High Court, which had remanded back a matter related to authorities rejecting a man's application for correction of a revenue map — for fresh consideration after hearing all parties

While dealing with the appeal, the top court noted that court had taken the wrong premise and interpretation of Section 30 of the Uttar Pradesh Revenue Code, 2006, which deals with maintenance of map and the field book. The bench said this could have generated unnecessary further

"We may also add that earlier view by this court was that in case there were violations of principles of natural justice, the matter was to be remanded for affording opportunity of hearing to the party concerned. However, with the passage of time, the view changed," the bench said. It further said, "The idea is to curtail the litigation and not generate it. Any unnecessary remand by a higher court generates fresh round of litigation, which should be avoided."

Initially, the application filed before the collector seeking correction of

the Additional Commissioner also dismissed the appeal against the collector's order. After around 17 years, again an application was filed seeking correction of revenue map but the same was rejected by the concerned authority.

The matter had then reached the High Court which remanded the issue for fresh consideration after affording due opportunity of hearing

Referring to Section 30 of the Code, the apex court bench noted the collector is duty-bound to maintain. in the manner prescribed, a map and a field book for each village and any changes made in it have to be recorded annually or after such longer intervals as may be prescribed. "If the facts of this case are examined, the issue regarding the correction of map stood settled between the parties when the appeal filed by the private respondents against the order passed by the Collector was dismissed on September 4, 2001. The maps were already final," the bench said.

It said after the purchase of the land, an effort made by the private respondents to get the revenue map corrected had failed and they could not be permitted to raise the same issue after a gap of over 17 years. The bench said it was not a case where any error was found in the revenue record which deserved correction under Section 30 of the Code. While allowing the appeal, the bench set aside the order passed by the

Thirupparankundram lamp lighting row: HC asks Chief Secretary, ADGP to appear on Dec 17

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Madurai

The Madurai Bench of the Tuesday directed Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary and ADGP (L&O) to appear before the court through video conference on December 17 in the Thirupparankundram lamp lighting row case.

The Union Home Secretary has been included as a party to the proceedings.

During the hearing of a contempt plea, Additional Advocate General Veera Kathiravan, appearing for the State, informed that a special leave petition filed by the Tamil Nadu authorities challenging the single judge order on lighting the lamp atop the Thirupparankundram hill was pending before the Supreme Court.

Justice G R Swaminathan, hearing the contempt petition filed by Rama Ravikumar, directed the Chief Secretary and Additional Director General of Police (Law and



Order) to appear via video conference on December 17. Ravikumar, represented by Officer of Arulmighu Subramanya Swamy temple, Advocate MR Venakatesh had moved the court seeking Thirupparankundram, for proceedings against the not complying with the

Madurai District Collector,

Swaminathan had ordered the temple management to arrange the lighting of the lamp on a stone pillar in Thirupparankundram hill during Karthigai Deepam festival on December 3. However, when the event did not take place despite the

court order, the judge permitted the petitioner and ten others to light the lamp with CISF protection on the evening of December 3. While admitting the

The counsel for the

petitioner said the authorities

were "attempting to drag the

case without complying with

On December 1, Justice

the court's order.'

contempt plea on December 4, the court quashed the prohibitory order enforced by the district collector during the Karthigai Deepam

Meanwhile, Opposition parties led by DMK on . Tuesday filed Impeachment Notice to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for removing Justice GR Swaminathan.

SC examines grant of 'personal hearing' to those with bank accounts declared fraud

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday wondered what purpose the grant of "personal hearing" would serve to the bank account holders whose accounts were declared as fraud after following due diligence pre-scribed by the Reserve Bank of India in 2017.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and Viswanathan was hearing a plea of the State Bank of India challenging a decision of the Calcutta High Court which directed giving personal hearing by following the principle of natural justice to such bank account

in writing after issuance of a

show cause notice," the

"How do you justify the grant of personal hearing to you when the banks what they are actually doing as per the RBI circular is due diligence at the back end and providing you an opportunitv to put your point forward

bench told senior advocate K Parameshwar, appearing for private firm Amit Iron

At the outset, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the country's largest bank SBI, said that insisting on a personal hearing causes concrete prejudice to the banks and to the integrity of the regulatory regime, while the borrower suffers no real prejudice so long as it has had a full and effective opportunity to place its case in writing and have that case duly considered.

He said the circular (Master Directions on Fraud, 2017) relating to declaration of fraud was required for two essential purposes — the sheer magnitude of the number of banking frauds in the country has shown a demonstrable rise, requiring the RBI to step in and provide a mechanism to be followed by the entire banking sector. Also, any impact on any

bank or banking sector has

a direct effect on the nation-

al economy; therefore, the financial strength of the banking sector is always a prime consideration.

Giving figures for banking frauds and the amounts involved from 2022 to 2025, according to the RBI's latest Annual report for 2024-2025, Mehta said the number of frauds for 2022-23 was 13,494 involving ₹18,981 crore, in 2023-24 there were 36,060 bank frauds involving amount 12,230 crore and in 2024-25 there were 23,953 bank fraud cases involving 36,014 crore

He submitted that these increased incidences of banking fraud and malpractices led the RBI to constitute multiple committees and working groups, including Amitava Ghosh Committee in 1991, and the NL Mitra Committee in August 2003. "Based on the recommendations of these committees and working groups, the RBI issued circulars/ directions from time to time advising banks on

major fraud-prone areas,

new modus operandi detected earlier, and necessary safeguards to be adopted for the prevention of fraud.

"However, despite this, there were problems, including delays in the detection of fraud, inadequate reporting to the RBI, and delays in reporting and alerting other banks on fraud by borrowers," Mehta submitted.

He said that the experience of RBI and deliberation before the expert committees revealed why such frauds take place and are perpetrated and one of the most important problems was the inevitable lack of coordination between various banks.

'This resulted in a borrower committing fraud with one bank, and they would approach another bank and avail huge finances, due to the delay in detection and fraud reporting. This would result in a chain reaction and, therefore, the RBI Directions, inter alia, elaborated on the said issues," the SBI said.



The politics of heritage and beyond

As parties clash over the meaning of Vande Mataram in Parliament, a deeper question emerges: should a symbol of unity be pulled into the realm of partisan politics?

Vande Mataram. Sujalam suphalam malayaja-sitalam, sasyasyamalam mataram! The first stanza of the national song translates to: "I bow to thee, Mother-rich with waters, rich with fruits, cool with the southern breeze, verdant with crops and fields-Mother!" This heartfelt ode to Mother India by the great poet Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya is once again at the centre of a political storm. The political class across the country agrees with and bows to its sentiment, yet it is being fiercely debated in Parliament. The debate over Vande Mataram in Parliament on December 8 was more than an exchange of rhetoric; it revealed the complicated intersections of heritage, nationalism, and electoral politics in contemporary India.

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi invoked Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya's iconic hymn, it carried enormous symbolism-drawing upon a century of collective memory, pride, and sacrifice. Yet it also raised an uncomfortable question: should such a sacred piece of India's freedom struggle become the subject of partisan debate? Should not our freedom struggle and its symbols remain sacrosanct? Vande Mataram occupies a sacred space in India's national imagination. Born out of Bankim's Anandamath, it emerged as the rallying cry of the freedom struggle, uniting Indians across communities during the anti-colonial movement. Tagore's voice at the 1896 Congress session, Bhikaji Cama's flag in Stuttgart bearing its words, and the chants during the 1905 anti-Partition protests all cemented its status as a symbol of resistance and aspiration. It was never merely a poem; it was an emotional force field. This is why its invocation in Parliament is both powerful and fraught with the danger of the song itself being drawn into political crossfire.

Prime Minister Modi's speech wove together strands of spirituality, nationalism, and cultural pride. He recalled Gandhi's admiration for Vande Mataram and used it to position his government as the custodian of a nationalist legacy. But, coming ahead of the 2026 Bengal elections, it can also be construed as an electoral plank. As observers noted, cultural symbolism served not just as homage but as political strategy. Bengal's pride in Bankim, Tagore, and its reformist icons makes any such invocation deeply consequential in the state's political arena. India's cultural symbols belong to the nation, not to any party-neither the Congress nor the BJP. When political actors selectively elevate one icon while denigrating others-such as the recent remarks against Raja Ram Mohan Roy-they risk distorting the pluralistic, composite spirit that animated the Bengali renaissance and the freedom movement.

Bankim, Tagore, Roy, Vivekananda, and many others did not belong to a party; they belonged to the nation at large. They represented an expanding universe of ideas that shaped modern India. Appropriating or diminishing them harms the national cause-the nation loses more than it gains. When symbols like Vande Mataram become contested rather than cherished, their universal appeal-and their power to unitedissipates. That is a loss not just for politics, but for the nation.

From grid burden to green power: Goa's solar-powered water supply

The future of India's renewable strategy will depend on striking the right balance between utility-scale projects and widespread community-level solarisation



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India stands at a defining juncture in its cleanenergy transformation. Guided by the Panchamrit commitments announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji at COP26, the country has set for itself some of the world's most ambitious climate goals: 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030, meeting half of its energy requirements from renewables by the same year, reducing projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes, cutting carbon intensity by 45 per cent, and ultimately achieving Net Zero by 2070. These targets are not distant aspirations; they form the backbone of a nationwide movement that is steadily gathering momentum.

India's progress in renewable energy over the past few years has been nothing short of remarkable. The country has already crossed the milestone of achieving 50 per cent of its total installed power capacity from renewable sources, with the renewable energy portfolio now reaching an impressive 259 GW. Solar and wind continue to drive this growth with record annual capacity additions. The rise of ultra-mega solar parks, hybrid renewable corridors, offshore wind zones and floating solar plants reflects a sector in rapid evolution. Yet, complementing these large-scale investments is an equally important push for distributed solar, one that brings clean energy directly to households, farmers and communities.

Two flagship programmes of the Government of India underscore this vision. The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, is propelling rooftop solar to an unprecedented scale. With a target of one crore household installations and subsidies streamlined through a single national portal, residential solar has moved from novelty to mainstream, easing electricity bills and empowering families to become producers of clean energy.

Similarly, the PM-KUSUM scheme has emerged as a transformative initiative for India's farmers. By solarising agricultural pumps, both standalone and grid-connected, and enabling decentralised renewable plants in rural areas, the scheme reduces diesel dependence, stabilises farm incomes and supports climate-resilient agriculture. Thousands of farmers across the country have already benefited, turning agricultural fields into clean-energy hubs.

However, as India accelerates renewable capacity growth, the challenges associated with bulk RE-intermittency, long-distance transmission requirements, land availability and rising grid congestion-highlight the need for inno-



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tion. By producing electricity where it is consumed, it reduces network stress, improves voltage stability, cuts transmission losses and significantly lowers infrastructure costs for power utilities. The future of India's renewable strategy will depend on striking the right balance between utility-scale projects and widespread community-level solarisation. This becomes particularly relevant for mis-

sions such as the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), which aims to ensure clean tap water for every rural household. Water supply systems depend heavily on energy-intensive pumping infrastructure. Solarising these assets offers dual benefits: substantial cost savings for departments and uninterrupted service delivery

for communities. It is against this energy initiative has emerged from backdrop that a noteworthy clean-energy initiative has emerged from Old Goa, showcasing how renewable power can strengthen essential public utilities

At the pumping station near Podar School in Old Goa, a pioneering solar project has been implemented under the CSR support of IREDA, a PSU under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The facility, which operates 60 HP pumps to lift water from a ground-level sump to an overhead tank, generally functions between 9 am and 1 pm, coinciding perfectly with peak solar generation hours. By integrating a 45 kW solar plant with net-metering capability, the station not only meets its daytime energy needs but also exports surplus clean power to the grid.

The impact has been significant. The Drinking Water Department now saves nearly ₹4.0 lakh annually in electricity expenditure, while revenue from surplus energy generation further strengthens its operational budget. Environmentally, the system offsets close to 45 tonnes of CO? every year, equivalent to the

carbon absorption of more than 2.050 mature trees. Nearly 650 residents now rely on a water supply system powered substantially by renewable energy. With a project cost of ₹28 lakh, a payback period of seven years and a system life of around 25 years, the initiative will continue delivering free, clean electricity for nearly two decades after cost recovery — an exemplary model of sustainable public infrastructure.

The success of this project reflects the foresight and commitment that guide my efforts to strengthen essential public services through clean and sustainable energy solutions. These efforts are deeply inspired by the broader national vision shaped by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, under whose guidance India has emerged as a global front-

runner in renewable energy adoption. At a time when cities across the world struggle with trate how local innovation can drive both environmental

protection and community development. The solarisation of the Old Goa pumping station is more than a technical upgrade; it is a blueprint for India's sustainable future. As the nation marches towards its Net Zero commitment, the next phase of growth must lie in harnessing renewable energy for unconventional, often overlooked applications such as water supply systems, government buildings, rural institutions, agricultural infrastructure and community assets. Each such project not only reduces the burden on the grid but also brings clean energy closer to the people it serves. India's clean-energy journey is ultimately a collective one. With the right blend of visionary leadership, technological innovation and community participation, projects like the one in Old Goa will become the cornerstone of a greener, more resilient and more

Employees wearing Santa Claus costumes perform during a parade celebrating Christmas at Lotte World Adventure in Seoul, South Korea.

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A spiritual path to ending gender inequality



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The Constitution of India not only guarantees equality for women but also empowers the State to adopt measures of positive discrimination to offset the cumulative social. economic, educational and political disadvantages they have historically faced. Yet, despite such strong constitutional safeguards, women continue to struggle for dignity, independence and equal opportunity. This compels us to ask why gender inequality remains so deeply embedded

Although India has made significant progress over decades of reform and development, our core mindset regarding gender has remained largely unchanged. For centuries, society has believed that the roles, characteristics and status of men and women are determined solely by

biological sex-natural, fixed and therefore unquestionable. Gender thus became tied to predetermined behaviours and expectations assigned to boys and girls.

From the moment a child is born, society households. As children grow, boys are

encouraged to be assertive, bold and independent, while girls are conditioned to be quiet, obedient and confined to domestic spaces. These distinctions are not inherent differences; they are social constructs created and perpetuated by all of us. Within this rigid framework, we overlook a fundamental truth: men and women are not meant to be adversaries. Instead, they are meant to play complementary roles that create harmony and balance in society. At the spiritual level, the human soul-regardless of whether it resides in a male or female body-possesses both sets of qualities. Courage, determination and resilience coexist naturally with compassion, nurturing and gentleness. What we often label as "male" or "female" qualities are, in reality, learned traits rather than innate ones.

True empowerment therefore requires a shift in consciousness. It calls for moving beyond body consciousness to soul consciousness, where we recognise that our identity is not confined to gendered expectations. By connect-

ing the self with the supreme source-the highest and purest form of energy-we awaken the inherent balance within us.

inclusive future.

This spiritual connection restores self-respect, self-confidence and self-reliance. It nurtures holistic begins the subtle but powerful process of gendering. The birth of a son is often celebrated while the birth of a daughter is estill brated, while the birth of a daughter is still viewed with hesitation or sorrow in many

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Almighty embodies the complete spectrum of Almighty embodies the complete spectrum of these qualities. When we anchor ourselves to

this supreme source, we too receive this wholeness. When we identify solely with the physical body and its gendered limitations, we develop only partially. Spirituality thus becomes not an escape from reality but a prerequisite for social harmony. It dissolves hostility and division, replacing conflict with integration, equality and unity. It opens the "third eye" of wisdom, allowing us to access an inner reservoir of strength and purity. The real solution to gender inequality does not lie in replacing male dominance with female dominance. It lies in freeing both men and women from the chains of gender bias rooted in body consciousness. When individuals rise to higher awareness, society becomes more just, balanced and compassionate. Let us therefore empower ourselves spiritually and work together to ensure that every individual, regardless of gender, can live with dignity, equality and purpose.

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WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AND ITS GROWING GLOBAL RELEVANCE

Since 1948, the United Nations has observed 10 December each year as World Human Rights Day. The primary objective of this observance is to promote and protect the fundamental human rights of people across all nations. The theme for Human Rights Day 2025, "Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials, highlights how basic rights such as clean air, food, shelter, dignity, and personal safety are inseparable from everyday life.

At present, the world is witnessing widespread geopolitical turbulence. Prolonged conflicts such as the Israel-Palestine crisis and the Russia-Ukraine war continue to destabilise regions, displace populations, and deprive millions of their basic rights. Tensions and internal unrest in several other parts of the world further deepen humanitarian suffering. It increasingly appears that global peace has become fragile and uncertain.

Despite the devastation caused by two world wars, humanity continues to resort to armed conflict rather than dialogue, cooperation, and mutual respect. The consequences are borne not by leaders but by ordinary citizens, who lose their rights to life. security, health, and freedom.

All religions advocate peace, compassion, and coexistence. Yet these principles are often ignored in practice. Upholding human rights is essential for lasting peace.

Without their protection, societies may increasingly descend into conflict in pursuit of dignity and justice.

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Passengers deserve fair compensation

This refers to recent news concerning IndiGo's fiasco, which is presently under the scrutiny of the Prime Minister's Office. The airline's conduct appears to have violated regulations framed in accordance with international aviation standards. Large-scale flight cancellations caused severe inconvenience to passengers, while other airlines took advantage of the situation by sharply increasing airfares. Many travellers, compelled by urgency, were forced to make expensive lastminute bookings to reach their destinations.

Compensation for the loss of valuable time, financial resources, and mental peace resulting from such lapses is a legal imperative. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has failed to discharge its responsibilities effectively, leading to reputational damage. Operating aircraft beyond stipulated terms and conditions results in physical and psychological fatigue among pilots, thereby increasing safety risks.

The Consumer Protection Act, 2019, allows for classaction proceedings against companies providing deficient or misleading services. Although the Ministry of Civil Aviation issued fare-cap orders and regulatory directions, the evident negligence of both IndiGo and the DGCA warrants strict penalties

YUGAL KISHORE SHARMA | HARYANA

Reactive regulation threatens aviation trust

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The recent IndiGo airline imbroglio exposes how reactive regulatory oversight, combined with a market duopoly, leaves passengers vulnerable and weakens confidence in the aviation sector's long-term prospects. The spillover effects of mismanagement have also cast a shadow over airline privatisation plans in the postpandemic era. India's domestic aviation market is dominated by IndiGo and Air India, making it particularly sensitive to disruptions. Soft regulation and delayed intervention undermine operational credibility and investor confidence alike. In contrast, mature aviation markets such as the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia enforce strict consumer protection laws. Airlines in these countries are mandated to compensate passengers for cancellations and delays.

The 2022 Southwest Airlines crisis led to legal action, government investigation, and substantial reimbursements, reinforcing accountability and consumer trust. Indian aviation, however, continues to rely on ad hoc measures during crises rather than preventive oversight.

The IndiGo episode highlights how market concentration amplifies systemic risk. India must shift from reaction to anticipation by enforcing accountability and safeguarding passenger trust.

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Switch off stress, switch on life

With the rapid expansion of the digital revolution worldwide-through information technology, the internet, and smartphones-the practice of employers contacting employees beyond official working hours has increased sharply. Emails, phone calls, and instant messages now intrude into personal time, blurring the boundary between work and rest. This constant connectivity has resulted in rising levels of mental and physical stress among employees. To address this growing concern, the concept of the "Right to Disconnect" was first discussed in Europe and has since gained global attention. Even after completing their daily tasks, many employees feel compelled to respond to work-related communications, often out of fear of professional repercussions.

To provide legal protection and work-life balance, discussions on this right have been underway for several years. In a Bill presented in Parliament, MP Supriya Sule proposed the establishment of an Employee Welfare Authority. The Bill grants employees the right not to respond to work-related emails or calls beyond official working hours. Its objective is to reduce stress in both personal and professional life. As work increasingly shifts online, such legislation is timely and necessary to protect employee well-being.

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ANALYSIS 09

Water warriors lead the water revolution in countryside

As the world is literally sitting on a hot spot, notwithstanding these CoPs, which are hilariously optimistic without any substance of change, we in India need to take drastic action at the level of civil society as well as within the government, with a bottom-up innovative approach right from village level to national level





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Amidst when the world climate change negotiators are busy pulling wires in Brazil at the UNFCCC CoP 30 summit, the world, especially those suffering most from climatic vagaries, is watching to see if there is a thaw between the divergent positions of developed and developing countries, especially in truly adhering to the cardinal principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. But this is a matter to be dealt with separately.

As this writer has been repeatedly warning government negotiators and policy makers about charting out South-South climateresilient developmental planning to ward off the deleterious effects of climate change on the environment, especially on food, nutrition and water security of billions of people, Brazil's Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) climate change fund of \$125 billion to support tropical forests through government and private contributions, spending \$4 per hectare on improving forests, is a welcome move. Brazil herself has committed \$1 billion to this fund. India has supported it in principle. The fund may help in water and biodiversity conservation.

However, India should take the lead in focusing on creating a fund in collaboration with China and the Group of 77 to conserve and manage water for better climate management, as the temperature has already crossed the 1.5 degree Celsius threshold this year, as reported by Carlo Buontempo, the Director of the European Climate Agency Copernicus, and this is going to severely impact world hydrology. If India can take a lead as it did in creating the 'Solar Alliance' by creating a water conservation fund, forests will automatically be taken care of.

As the world is literally sitting on a hot spot, notwithstanding these CoPs, which are hilariously optimistic without any substance of change, we in India need to take drastic action at the level of civil society as well as in government, with a bottom-up innovative approach from the village level to the national level.

Already, the Water for Every Household scheme launched in 2019 by the Prime Minister is a resounding success with community participation and has provided



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@VKBahuguna2 bahuguna-vkcrore) households access to tap water connections, compared to around 7 crore earlier, before 2019. Let us substantiate water conservation from the examples created by our civil society.

The water availability study done by the Central Water Commission using space inputs (2019) assessed the average annual per capita water availability for the years 2021 and 2031 as 1,486 cubic metres and 1,367 cubic metres respectively. Annual percapita water availability of less than 1,700 cubic metres is considered a waterstressed condition, whereas annual percapita water availability below 1,000 cubic metres is considered a water-scarcity condition. The country's rivers run dry, aquifers deplete, and millions face seasonal scarcity, underscoring the urgency of sustainable practices.

So, we need to look into our countryside to search for water warriors beyond government programmes. The country has shown time and again that our society produces leaders from the grassroots level, from the freedom struggle to tree conservation through the world-famous Chipko Movement, to now "sow seed to get water" (pani bao pani pao) launched successfully in Uttarakhand by Mr Mohan Kandpal and others elsewhere in the country. This has become amply clear in the 2025 Water Awards announced by the

almost 78.58 per cent (15.56 crore out of 18 Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. These water warriors brought to fame this year have shown how a public movement can change the countryside scenario dras-

This writer, while in the Planning Commission, had in 2010 assessed the great work done by Popat Pawar in the Hiware Bazar village in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra, turning a ghost village into one bubbling with prosperity solely due to water harvesting in adjoining forests under the Joint Forest Management programme, resulting in huge agricultural and milk production.

In this context, water conservation awards serve as beacons of hope, spotlighting grassroots innovators, communities and institutions that transform despair into resilience. These examples celebrate individual and collective triumphs but also produce scalable models, fostering a culture of stewardship. The National Water Awards, recognising innovations, have galvanised action, proving that local ingenuity can recharge ecosystems and empower marginalised sections who have been facing acute water stress.

This year's awards were announced and conferred by President Droupadi Murmu on November 18, 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, and honoured 46 winners — a 30 per cent increase from prior years. These honours were backed by field

verifications from the Central Water Commission and the Central Ground Water Board. At the heart of this narrative stands

Mohan Chandra Kandpal, a 59-year-old chemistry teacher from Kande village in Uttarakhand's Almora district, whose lifelong crusade earned him the

Best Individual (North Zone) award. For 36 years, Kandpal has traversed the fragile Himalayan foothills, where deforestation and erratic monsoons have rendered ancient springs and traditional stone reservoirs dry. Fate struck him in 1990 when he observed the Riskan River's tributaries dwindling amid drought coupled with soil erosion. He resolved to act and launched "Pani Bao-Pani Uggao" (Sow Water-Grow Water), a masterstroke that charged women and youth into action, blending this rhetoric with indigenous community wisdom and mobilisation.

Kandpal's strategy hinges on khals and chaals-shallow percolation pits that capture runoff, allowing rainwater to recharge aquifers. Between 1990 and 2012, he spearheaded the digging of thousands, coupled with afforestation drives planting over 100,000 saplings of native species like oak and rhododendron. People changed ploughing techniques in agricul-

tural fields to till perpendicular to slopes, creating furrows that channel water deeper into the earth rather than letting it run off. This low-cost tweak, disseminated through farmer workshops, amplified recharge efficiency. By 2025, over 5,000 such structures dotted 40 villages, reviving 27 depleted sources in hamlets like Valna, Bitholi, Kande and Ganoli Complementing this is the "Woh Pani Hoga" (That Water Will Be There) initiative, which has bolstered the Riskan River's flow, turning seasonal streams perennial. It was purely a public programme, though MGNREGA funds might have been dove-

Another well-known example is Dr Rajendra Singh, the original "Waterman of India", whose 50-year odyssey in Rajasthan's arid heartland earned the 2001 Ramon Magsaysay Award and the 2015 Stockholm Water Prize-the "Nobel of Water". Singh revived over 1,000 villages by resurrecting more than 8,600 johads (earthen check dams) and bamboo drip systems in the Aravalli hills, and by targeting the parched Alwar district he started "Pani Panchayats" — village water parliaments-thus democratising resource governance. The results are visible: five rivers now flow perennially across 6,500 sq km,

enabling afforestation of 1.5 million trees and the repopulation of ghost villages.

The Pioneer Yet another example is from

Bihar's flood-prone plains, where Kishore Jaiswal, a Munger-based activist, bagged the Best Individual (Eastern

Zone) award for desilting the Ganga's tributaries. He, with the NGO Jalsrot Vikas Sansthan, mobilised 20,000 volunteers to remove five lakh cubic metres of silt from the Chandan River, restoring flow to 100 villages. In another example of social institutions,

the Art of Living Social Projects received two awards for reviving more than 50 lakes in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu through yoga-integrated clean-ups, impacting one million lives. The Barmer district administration also bagged the rainwater harvesting award, which was received by the District Collector, Tina Dabi. If each block of the country does this, prosperity and progress with climatic adaptation will be at our doors and happiness on the faces of millions of rural masses. These people have shown, in a much better manner, how to tackle climate change in tandem with communities than the big CoPs of the

The end does not justify the means



MEHTA

'Though no one can go back and make a brand

new start, anyone can start and make a brand

new ending": Carl Bard A few days ago, I came across a news item about a young married woman from a prominent business family being found hanging in her room. This was utterly shocking because such an incident is least expected to occur in wellestablished, educated, and successful business families. I have no access to intimate details about the personalities involved or the circumstances, other than the published news reports. We will have to await the completion of investigations to know why such a drastic step was taken by this lady.

My mind went back to 1985 when, unfortunately, a young mother in our family circle died of 90 per cent burns suffered while

cooking on a kerosene stove. It was a suicide-plain and simple — but this angle was deliberately not pursued by the family because

she had two small children who were to be brought up by her husband. It was no small matter that a few months earlier she had expressed a strong desire to permanently return to her maternal home. Her father had not accepted this and forced her to go back and "adjust" in her marital home. She obviously could not, and found no other way out of her unhappy life.

Later, in 2004, I witnessed another tragedy unfold in our residential colony in Delhi Cantt when a schoolboy from Class 12 consumed poison and his body was found behind the complex near the railway tracks. We came to know that the boy had been forced by his father to take up the PCM stream, while his own interests lay in the arts. He was regularly shamed and harshly treated at home due to his inattention to studies and poor grades, which led to the extinguishing of a promising young life. Globally, over 7,27,000 people die by suicide

every year, as per the WHO report of March 2025. In India, the National Crime Records Bureau pegged suicides at 1,53,052 in 2020, 1,64,033 in 2021, 1,70,924 in 2022, and 1,71,418 in 2023. Some key trends and demographics are listed below: Gender disparity: Males account for 72-73 per

- Age groups: Young adults aged 18-30 years and people aged 30-45 years account for the
- largest share-about two-thirds. • Major causes: Family problems, illnesses, mental health issues, bankruptcy or indebted-

- ness, and other work-related problems.
- Professional groups: Daily wagers constitute the largest group, followed by housewives and the self-employed.
- Academics: Students facing academic pres Increased use of alcohol or drugs sure and family expectations are the most vul-BALRAJ nerable strata.
 - Risk factors: Access to firearms, sleeping pills, pesticides, drug addiction, and/or previous suicide attempts.

It has been established by various studies that a large percentage of people with mental disorders do not receive proper treatment due to lack of awareness, attached social stigma, and an acute shortage of professionals. The WHO has assessed an ideal requirement of three psychiatrists per one lakh population, whereas availability worldwide is 1.7 and, in India, only 0.75 per one lakh.

Admittedly, the social stigma attached to mental ill health is very strong, leading to facts being hidden from society, friends, and even family members. The indicators may be visible much before full-blown symptoms appear, but are not understood, acknowledged, or accepted. In my experience, about half of us have one or another quirk or kink in our personality that needs sorting out, but we cannot see our blind spots, and even if we do, we do not

accept them comfortably. Parents are The Pioneer often unaware of the warning signs SINCE 1865 in their children and do not realise the grave consequences of ignoring these red flags until it is too late.

> If proper preventive and curative measures are taken for emerging symptoms at an initial stage, much damage can be prevented. Warning signs of an upcoming mental storm could include one or more of the following: Sleep or appetite changes

- Decline in personal care and hygiene
- Mood changes
- Social withdrawal and absenteeism Difficulty in managing bodily pain
- Unusual drop in academic or professional Unexplained problems in coherent thinking
- or speech
- Increased sensitivity to sound, light, touch, or smells
- Apathy towards surroundings Fear or nervousness
- Any other unusual behaviour

As brought out earlier, a suicidal impulse can be triggered by mental illness, physical disease, relationship stress, heartbreak, loss of loved ones, or major financial, professional, or personal setbacks. Any person behaving abnormally will usually give sufficient indications that can be picked up by a concerned friend or family The American Society for the Prevention of

Suicide lists the following warning signs: 1. Talk: If a person talks about

Killing themselves

Feeling helpless

Having no reason to live

Being a burden to others Unbearable pain

2. Behaviour: Indicated by

Online searches for ways to end their life

 Withdrawal from activities Isolation from family and friends

Sleeping too much or too little

 Visiting or calling people to say goodbye Giving away prized possessions

Unnatural aggression

- Constant fatigue
- 3. Mood: Depression
- Anxiety
- Loss of interest
- Irritability Humiliation or shame
- Agitation or anger

Sudden relief or improvement

made by governments and social organisations to spread awareness, but incidents do not seem to be declining. Regular sensitisation of teachers, parents, and business managers must be ensured by the concerned authorities. Dignity of labour and respect for the workforce need to be inculcated from school onwards. The newly instituted labour laws should help address issues faced by the salaried class in the

private sector, but effective monitoring of

remuneration for domestic staff and gig

workers is essential. A grievance redressal

mechanism must be established at various

levels. Creating awareness about cybercrimes

Admittedly, significant efforts are being

and the harmful effects of digital addiction also needs focused attention. Ultimately, as a society, we must reorient our sensitivities away from material pursuits and refocus on respect for life and care for fellow human beings-especially the disadvantaged. Family units must remain cohesive while respecting individual choices. Parents must realise that a present artist son is far better than

a forever-lost engineer son, and that a divorced

daughter is far better than a dead daughter. We need to talk more openly about mental health and remove the shame associated with it. When we are physically unwell, we go to a hospital for treatment, and once better, we exercise to remain fit. Similarly, to deal with dayto-day stress, we should not hesitate to seek counselling or therapy when required, treating it as joining a "mental gym". It is not a shame, but simply a set of exercises to become mentally stronger.

As someone said, "It is not weak to ask for help. It is like using a flashlight when you are lost in the dark."

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REPM: Boosting electronics



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SUBRAMANIAN | MANIKANDAN

The 21st century is a promising era for India, which has achieved global recognition in attaining a meaningful economy. In fact, this year, 2025, India has touched 8.2 per cent GDP growth during the period from July to September, which demonstrates the capability of several factors, including consumer demand and the supply chain. The present need of the hour is rare earth permanent magnets. The Government of India has strongly emphasised their significant role, which has led to the launch of the Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPM) scheme. The scheme would revolutionise India's advanced manufacturing ecosystem. This scheme envisions the creation of a rare earth valley and manufacturing zones in India, thereby boosting the electronic economy. This initiative would bring together several stakeholders-government, industry, start-ups and academia, especially Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)-to collaborate with localised manufacturing industries and the Government of India, thereby transforming products from lab to market. REPM would encourage HEIs to partner with UGC and AICTE to develop a model curriculum on rare earth permanent magnets, minor degree programmes, electives, minor capstone projects and internships on rare earth permanent magnets. The REPM scheme would facilitate HEIs to develop MOOC courses in collaboration with industries on rare earth

permanent magnets. There is ample opportunity for HEIs to partner with Sector Skill Councils under the Ministry Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship, Government of India, to develop skill enhancement courses on rare earth permanent magnets, which could be aligned with NEP 2020 and the National Credit Framework (NCrF) across different job roles from Level 4 to Level 8, fulfilling skill mission objec-

REPM would allow and provide opportunities, especially for women students, to collaborate with the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), Gujarat, under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, respectively, to explore and start their own ventures under the Swavalambini Programme scheme in the field of rare earth permanent magnets. The REPM scheme would drive HEIs to interface with localised manufacturing industries, with a special focus on SMEs working on rare earth magnets. This activity

would enhance community-based learning under the Government set-up known as MY

HEIs can selectively work on different manufacturing problem ideas and concepts of local industries and thereby ideally develops

Idea-to-business models

Proofs of concept (PoCs) for rare earth

permanent magnets The collaboration would provide a significant opportunity for HEIs to design and develop Minimum Viable Products (MVPs), which would lead to Swadeshi designs on rare earth permanent magnet products. This, in turn, would further enhance India's autonomy and selfreliance and thereby meet the objectives of "Viksit Bharat" / "Amrit Kaal". HEIs would get a platform to develop design simulation tools and technol-

ogy frameworks for rare earth permanent

magnet products. Research explorations on REPM would receive a significant boost at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). The scheme is expected to bring tangible and intangible investments to the nation. It would also promote HEIs to create design-thinking-based products and process solutions, simulation software tools and techniques. Additionally, REPM would add value to responsible research innovation, leading to intellectual property rights such as trademarks and copyrights in rare earth permanent magnets. These innovations would give a major push to Higher Educational Institutions to reinvent technologies using rare earth permanent magnets that could be applied across different sectors, especially the Electronic Manufacturing Services

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(EMS) and Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector — an industry initiative under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(MeitY), Government of India. This will be a boon for boosting the electronic economy, leading to the development of

Vocal for Local products, processes and solutions. The products developed in laboratories will

reach the market through a lab-to-market approach, achieving Technology Readiness Levels (TRL), Manufacturing Readiness Levels (MRL), Consumer Readiness Levels (CRL) and Investment Readiness Levels (IRL). Best practices in rare earth permanent magnets would strengthen partnerships with the Global South in knowledge transfer, capacity building and R&D, while enabling inclusive growth through links with rural development and women entrepreneurship.

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Whatever one may say about Donald Trump, the US president, there is no denying the fact that his politics, though random and chaotic, is theoretically calculated. Even as a US delegation wings its way to India to discuss the bilateral trade deal, which is in the making for months, Trump fires a sensitive verbal missive against India. At a meeting at the White House, he asked why India could ship large volumes of rice to the US, and those too at low prices. He wanted additional duties on rice exports, since they symptomised "dumping." He ranted that India "cannot do that... should not be dumping." One is not sure if it signals new tariffs, whether the statements were aimed to assuage the miffed feelings among the American farmers who complain about falling domestic prices due to imports, or whether it was a means to verbally arm twist New Delhi into granting more access, and concessions for select farm imports from America.

For a long time, India has opposed the entry of farm goods at lower duties. In fact, the prime minister, and other ministers, have repeatedly maintained that the interests of the local farmers will not be compromised, or placed at the altar of trade and tariffs. However, farm imports remain the most contentious, and possibly the last few details to be ironed out before finalising a bilateral deal. By introducing rice as another factor, and raising the fears of new duties on Indian exports, Trump hopes to influence the Indian negotiators to give in a bit more. Couple this with the fact that America recently announced a \$12 billion support package for the local farmers to "shield domestic agriculture from perceived foreign competition." In addition, the US eased the duties on several food items like spices and tea, which are shipped from India. These did not include rice.

Stock markets react much like Trump, and are swayed by short-term, and immediate events, and nonevents. The reactions in the bourses are as random, and knee-jerk, as Trump. Bu, like the case of the US president, there is a method to the madness of sock movements. For example, in the rice-Trump incident, shares of rice exporters such as Kohinoor Foods, LT Foods, Chaman Lal Setia Exports, and KRBL tumbled on the Indian exchanges. It did not matter to the investors that the US comprises a small share of the country's rice exports. Higher tariffs by America will not make a material difference to the firms' revenues, and profits. Since theoretically, it was a negative event, despite being a non-event, the practical impact was negative. Kohinoor Foods, for example, plunged nearly 10 per cent to an intraday, and a 52-week low of just over Rs

Such drastic stock movements are visible in other cases. Let us take the example of H-1B visas, which has proved to be a controversial topic for several months, including during Trump's first term. Under the republican regimes, there are consistent efforts to change the visa regime to enable the hiring of more American employees in IT, and discourage the entry of low-cost, less-experienced Indians and Chinese. This year. Indian IT stocks were constantly hurt by the H-1B-related announcements, decisions, actions. A bill introduced by a senator, which had minimal chances of passing through triggered stock sales. Even when the decisions were permanent, the reactions had little links to the ground realities. Investors did not think through the ramifications, and consequences. They just sold, with the IT sector being one of the star underperformers among Indian equities this year. Experts have talked about the re-rating of IT stocks, but been optimistic over their valuations in 2026.

Consider the \$1,00,000 fee on H-1B visas. This will clearly reduce the outflow of Indian manpower to the US. Or, at least it will force the Indian IT firms to spend more to send people. If one considers that the US gives 65,000 such visas every year, and India accounts for 70 per cent of them, the annual visa bill amounts to more than \$4,500,000,000, or a massive \$4.5 billion. Of course, it is a huge hit. However, investors failed to reckon several possible scenarios, which are being, and will be, translated into reality. The first is that Indian IT firms will reduce the dependence on H-1Bs. This is happening, and data shows that Indians' share has reduced in the recent past. Second, Indian IT firms, and recruiters, may push the visa on the applicants. If you are interested to go to America, please pay the visa fees from your pockets, and do not depend on the firm.

Finally, the visa fee may hurt the American firms more than the Indian ones. A large part of H-1Bs is cornered by Indian students, who study in America, and automatically are absorbed by the American firms via H-1Bs. No firm will pay \$1,00,000 for a fresh recruit, and a rookie employee. The students, who have spent massive amounts on education, may not wish to cough out such large amounts to get the visa. Thus, the absorption of Indians in American firms is likely to reduce. This will service Trump's objective that more American are hired at the low and middle levels. But it will hurt the interests of the American firms.



China exports trump tariffs

A trade surplus of \$1 trillion offsets lower shipments to the US



that Red Dragon is winning the trade war against Uncle Sam. In the first 11 months of 2025, China created a historic record, and generated a trade surplus of more than \$1 trillion. Let us put this number in perspective. The figure is 2.5 times India's nominal GDP in dollar terms. It is almost 30 times the GDP of Pakistan. This is the nature of success against all odds, and it has deep lessons for India.

is difficult to swallow, especially when it stares in the face. This is precisely what is happening

If one considers the monthly numbers, the trade surplus in November 2025 was more than \$100 billion, or the highest since June 2025, and higher than the \$90 billion in October. Yes, China's exports to the US fell by 25 per cent in October 2025, and close to 29 per cent in November. These were huge blows since America is, and was, one of the largest and most promising markets for Chinese products over the past few decades. But, on an overall basis, Chinese exports grew by 5.9 per cent in November, thanks to higher non-US shipments, after a more than one per cent decline in October.

China has clearly and decisively won the trade war. Trump can huff and puff. He can threaten more action, despite the so-called trade truce. He can yell and scream some more. But China has demonstrated that even the most powerful nation cannot beat the Red Dragon in a trade war. You can dub this as famous or infamous depending on ideology.

What are the reasons for Trump's failure to contain China economically via excessively high tariffs? One, unlike India and

other nations, China had prepared for this situation, and scenario for a long time. Most nations were blindsided during Trump's second term, **SINCE 1865** and his ever-increasing, and ever-

changing trade-tariff threats. Even allies like Europe, Japan, South Korea, and others felt the heat of the president's anger and actions. These nations capitulated because they were very dependent on the US for military and economic support. In different ways, they quietly surren-

Not China, which refused to blink. Since Trump took oath for the second time, it launched a strategy to diversify the export basket. The results are clear. Exports to the European Union, which is a counter to the American market, increased by 15 per cent. There were similar spectacular increases in shipments to Latin America, despite Brazil's opposition, Southeast Asia, and Africa. Even with a partner-adversary nation like India, the bilateral trade went up to \$115 billion, and India stares at a trade deficit of more than \$100 billion. Clearly, China knew what it was

Like with most overconfident leaders, reality exports to the US implies, maybe proves, that economies in the world, whose largest trading partner is China. Thus, any attempts to stall, stop, or dissuade these nations from dealing, negotiating, and trading intensively with China, are bound to fail. China offers cheap, competitive, and good quality products, something that the US cannot do. Chinese trade partners realise that the Red Dagon's manufacturing juggernaut will benefit them. Despite the American fears, they negotiated decent, though defeatist, trade terms with the US, even as they enhanced the links with

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The third reason for Trump's failure is perhaps the president's ill-conceived notions that his opinions can sway the world. Perhaps, if he really wanted to contain Chinese manufacturing, he

could have focused on creating a practical China+1 consensus among the nations. Instead, he hectored, threatened, and got angry with the allies. Nations such as Vietnam, India, and Malaysia, which could have emerged as potential counters to China's manufacturing, were antagonized by the theatrics, arrogance, and tantrums of Trump. The US president can still turn things around, but it will take more time, more effort, and better negotiations to create a consensus.

Of course, one needs to watch whether the November trade performance is sustainable, and carries momentum. This is because China's exports were more than two percentage points higher than a poll survey among experts by a news agency. Similarly, imports were lower than predicted. This pushed up the monthly trade surplus, and resulted in the over \$1 trillion figure in the first 11 months. Thanks to America's inability to ink bilateral trade deals, some nations like India were forced to buy more from China in the recent past.

However, one can safely assume that China has decisively won this round of the trade wars and, even in the future, there is not much that Trump can do. Indeed, by recently meeting Xi at a summit in South Korea, the US president gave the indication that he is no longer able to absorb the economic and political costs of the trade wars with several nations, especially China. For India, it is a sobering wake-up call that manufacturing needs to be a priority. If the economy does not produce globally-competitive world class products, and in volumes, it is likely to be in trouble,

Let us take a few lessons from the China example. Even today, Chinese experts, quoted in the western media, contend that the trade surplus will not come down, but widen in the next year. Exports were "likely to remain resilient" due to three reasons. First, China has re-routed products to increase its share in other nations and regions. Second, it offers more attractive prices to non-US buyers, including America's allies. Finally, deflation has pulled down the currency's real effective exchange rate. Still, the growing surplus may result in a backlash. Already, France has threatened higher tariffs if the bilateral surplus is not balanced.

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Norway's \$1.7-trillion sovereign wealth fund, a large shareholder of Microsoft, recently voted against CEO Satya Nadella's dual posting as chairman of the board, and his nearly \$100 million pay package. The fund did this due to its stance against large salaries, and dual responsibilities. However, the majority of the shareholders supported Nadella, and backed his appointment, and compensation. The Norway fund's anti-vote fits into a larger pattern of shareholder activism, which involves institutional and small investors, cuts across several issues, and is seen across continents, and nations.

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Asset sales, buybacks of shares, strategy, leadership, capital efficiency, climate change, and corporate ethics are increasingly coming under scrutiny. From Silicon Valley to Mumbai, big oil to tech, investors are no longer content to remain silent partners, and rubberstamp the decisions of the promoters and boards. In 2021, the US-based Invesco and the UK-based Abrdn, which together held nearly 18 per cent in Zee Entertainment, sought the removal of CEO Punit Goenka, along with an overhaul of the board. This led to a sustained proxy war between the global investors, and promoter family, which spilled into courtrooms and regulatory forums.

Although Goenka continues to be the CEO, the shareholder activism forced Sony to walk away from a proposed \$10-billion merger with Zee in early 2024. The potential buyer cited issues like unresolved governance, and leadership uncertainty. Between 2017 and 2019, Maruti's shareholders repeatedly voted against proposals to increase royalty payments to Japan's Suzuki Motor. Investors argued that the proposed hikes, which were cleared by the bord, were excessive. The board renegotiated the terms. The case proved that even the small, and minority shareholders can push for excessive

Even small, seemingly-inconsequential institutions can make a difference. In 2021, a little-known activist fund, Engine No.1, which held a mere 0.02 per cent of ExxonMobil, achieved what decades of environmental protests did not. The fund led a movement that ended with the election of three dissident directors on the board of the world's largest listed oil company, and defeat of the management-backed candidates. Of course, the victory was possible due to the coalitionbuilding among the different shareholders, as Engine No.1 secured the backing of giant

pension funds. Subsequently, Exxon's strategy reflected climate transition risks, not just quarterly profits. The oil giant recalibrated capital

When big shareholders say No

Investors oppose CEO pays, royalties, and anti-climate moves



ments, and adopted a more restrained tone on the growth of fossil fuels. While it remains deeply rooted in the exploration and marketing of hydrocarbons, the episode fundamentally altered how energy boards think and act. More oil firms directed more efforts towards green energy, and energy savings. Diversification into renewable sources became the norm, and experts contend that several fossil-fuel players are likely to morph into the producers of solar, wind, and hydro-

Shareholders question diversifications, and even straight-forward linear but exponential, growth. In 2023, activist-investor Starboard Value built a near-two per cent stake in Salesforce, and pressed for aggressive cost controls, and margin expansion. This was a time when most enterprise-software firms believed in frenetic growth, rather than profitability. Salesforce had to

respond with a 10 per cent work-force reduction, tighter expense management, and sharper revenue-to-profit conversion. The stock rallied, as investors rewarded the new

focus on operational efficiency, and profits. Indian IT noticed that capital efficiency mattered as much as innovation.

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Investor opposition does not follow a single script. It can take on various forms, tackle several subjects, and end in public ruptures, strategic retreats, regulatory and judicial intervention, and corporate resets. In some cases, as with Microsoft, shareholders' The Pioneer

diversify into media, and emerge as a con-

glomerate. The acquisitions of Time Warner

and DirecTV, Elliott argued, destroyed share-

holder value, and distracted AT&T from its

core communications business. Within three

years, the Telco unwound its M&As. It spun

off WarnerMedia, which was merged with

Discovery, and became a focused telecom

operator. The divestment was widely seen as

an admission that the activist-investor's cri-

a single theory of shareholder activism but

a widening set of outcomes that Indian and

global boardrooms need to contend with.

What emerges from these examples is not

dissent may be symbolic to begin with, but can gather steam over time. The vote against Nadella did not alter the leadership struc-

ture. Yet the signal is on record. Over time, such signals may shape the boards, and the design of executive pay packages. Even when a vote fails, it results in inter-In 2019, Elliott Management, which had a nal and external conversations and debates, \$3.2-billion stake in AT&T, launched a public especially when the media highlights them.

In other cases, as was evident in Zee, investor interventions destabilise operations, and have commercial consequences. The pressures from the shareholders can alter the strategic trajectories of the companies. Zee Entertainment rethought its strategies, even as the promoter-family fought to retain its hold. In Exxon, the mindset changed, even if only slightly.

A decade ago, shareholder activism in India was minimal, except in hotly-contested, politicised, and sensitive cases. For example, state-owned institutions, with large shareholdings, finally opposed the late Swraj Paul's attempts to take over DCM and Escorts in the 1980s. In the 1990s, the former did the same, when they wrested management control in L&T away from the Ambani family. Today, it is an embedded force, and the impact is felt across firms. What is happening globally, i.e., a narrowing gap between promoter-management-board powers, and nvestors' influences

Yet, the activism in India still looks different from the US. This is because promoter holdings remain high in the former, hostile takeovers are rare, regulatory and legal processes play larger roles, and proxy battles at the shareholders' meetings are uncommon But things are changing, and an underlying discipline is being imposed on internal boardroom decisions from the outside. Promoter control offers insulation, which is not absolute. Institutions apply pressures through courts, voting patterns, media narratives, and merger approvals. Small investors react, and retaliate if they remain unhappy. Governance stress turns into systemic risks

Shareholder activism is moving beyond questions of short-term financial returns, and valuations, into the architecture of corporate power. Hence, most firms believe in consensus and negotiations, rather than resort to confrontations. They need to involve large and small investors in the decision-making process, and convince them about the necessity of the strategic and tactical initiatives. Shareholders are not rubber-stamps, and institutions are not satisfied with board positions, especially if they form a minority. Powerful hedge funds, as well as activistinvestors, believe that they have the right to influence firms, and boardrooms.





IndiGo messed up, but so did the IBC

The spectacular failure of airline bankruptcy proceedings in India has perversely crippled the start-up airline market in India



KUSHAN MITRA

IndiGo's spectacular meltdown in the first week of December left people stranded across the country. I was attending the media drive of the Tata Sierra in Chandigarh last weekend and many of my friends had severely delayed flights or cancelled flights. And stories of weddings and holidays being ruined filled social media.

But airlines can have meltdowns, earlier this year when operations were severely restricted at Delhi Airport due to fog, planes and passengers found themselves all over the country. And this is not just an Indian thing, across the world, every so often an airline has a massive flight meltdown. Sometimes triggered by weather, sometimes by strikes or sometimes by software.

It is possibly true that IndiGo's poor planning of the Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) issue was a major factor in the meltdown. But it is also true that the meltdown impacted an abnormal number of people simply because of IndiGo's massive network and the fact that they have nearly two-thirds of the Indian aviation market.

I am a well-wisher of the airline, not only because I take 15-20 flights with the airline every year, I am a shareholder in the airline and have been one ever since the Initial Public Offering. I also believe that IndiGo is an important instrument for the Indian Government because I feel that it is India's interest as a major global economy to have an airline, actually multiple airlines with global reach. We surrendered our aviation industry to middle-eastern carriers such as Emirates in particular, whose global dominance was achieved with Indian rupees.

But it will take a few years for Tata Sons to stabilise things at Air India and IndiGo's growth over the past few years, particularly in the short and medium haul international sectors, has been stunning. Just look at connectivity to countries like Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and now China.

Early next year when IndiGo gets their first Airbus A321neo XLR aircraft with a much longer range, they will start flights between Delhi/Mumbai and Athens in Greece. India has



become extremely close to Greece over the past few years, especially if you look at projects like the Indian Middle-East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) where Greece plays a pivotal role. Whether you like it or not, IndiGo plays a role in India's diplomacy.

There is also the fact that IndiGo has been adversely impacted by the high rate of failure of the American Pratt and Whitney 1100G Geared Turbofan engine and over 40 IndiGo aircraft are still grounded for no fault of the airline. The failure of the American company to make 'dependable engines' as they promise on their logo was a major reason for the collapse of Go First.

This neatly brings me to the fact that the bankruptcy proceedings of Go First airlines. This was a completely and totally botched process. The airlines promoters and then administrators abused the process to not return the leased aircraft operated by the airline. While the Resolution

Professional of Go First tried to argue that without planes the airline is worthless, it was nothing short of stealing assets.

The leasing companies stopped supporting the aircraft, many of which couldn't fly anyway thanks to Pratt and Whitney. It is true that Go First had severe financial issues before the engine failures, but that was truly the straw that broke the camels back. And even when some engines were repaired, the aircraft lessors refused, rightly, to give them to Go First.

But here is where the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) did not deregister the aircraft and did not allow leasing companies to take back their assets. A similar situation also occurred with SpiceJet which has been taken to court in India and the United Kingdom for not returning or paying leasing firms.

While SpiceJet still survives today, many of their aircraft are still grounded and they are mainly operating wet-leased aircraft. This is not

the only story, the botched bankruptcy process of Jet Airways is well known. Many planes owned by the Naresh Goyal promoted airline are still gathering dust on the tarmacs of Delhi and Mumbai airport, assets that at one point of time worth almost two billion dollars and withering away.

A similar story played out with Kingfisher airlines, although all Airbus aircraft owned by the airline managed to be ferried out before the gory end and one plane, VT-VJM, Vijay Mallya's personal private jet is believed to have been taken over by the Indian Air Force. That said. many ATR turboprops rotted away at Chennai airport and when the airport flooded they were not airworthy anymore.

The reason I am mentioning botched airline bankruptcies and the legal issues faced by Spicelet here is that India's reputation among global leasing companies is pathetic. Only IndiGo backed by its vast scale and Air India

backed by the financial muscle of Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines can lease aircraft at globally competitive rates. Other airlines can only grow slowly, Akasa for example has been holding off on taking deliveries of ready aircraft allegedly because they are still negotiating leasing deals at globally competitive rates.

The other airlines in the Indian market such as Star Air and Fly91 are small and other start-up airlines ared finding it impossible to lease new planes unless they either pay usurious monthly rentals or have massive deposits. Starting up with older, less economical planes is the only option some have but even then, the amount that they pay is higher than start-up airlines in most parts of the world. This will not allow them to be economically competitive with the likes of IndiGo.

Let us face the facts, while business passengers prioritise timings and frequency over fares, tourists prefer cheaper flights. And on both these sides, no start-up can compete with IndiGo and Air India to an extent, unless they are willing to burn money for half a decade.

And if a well-capitalised conglomerate and promoter like Bombay Dyeing and the Wadia family can't keep an airline going, what hope do startup airlines have? Even if the Government gave startup airlines breaks on landing and navigation fees, if they cannot get planes at competitive rates, or at all for that matter, how will they fly and compete.

The only solution is if Indian financial institutions get into the business of aircraft leasing. Given Indian aviations massive growth and continued prospects, this actually makes sense, if the Finance Mijnistry gave some incentives to Indian leasing companies, some breaks are being provided through GIFT City in Gujarat. Indian financial institutions might be better placed to deal with the Indian legal and bureaucratic system, especially the IBC.

To blame IndiGo for 'becoming' a monopoly is unfair, it was enabled to become a quasimonopoly. And likely due to no intention of theirs but thanks to the circumstances listed above. India needs globally-competitive airlines and IndiGo is important towards that end, but India also needs a few more large airlines because we cannot be so reliant on one airline alone. How and when that will happen, remains to be seen.

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China's surplus surpasses \$1 trillion

Bangkok

Higher tariffs have dealt a "severe blow" to the world economy, China's premier said on Tuesday, even as China's own trade surplus has surged past \$1 trillion. Premier Li Qiang made the remarks at a forum of top international organisations held in Beijing while top Chinese leaders are attending an annual economic planning meeting. "Starting from the begin-

ning of this year, we've seen the stick of tariffs being wielded around the world with growing restrictive measures on the economy and trade, which have dealt a severe blow to the global economy," Li said, without mentioning US President Donald Trump and his tariff hikes specifically.

"As the situation has unfolded, the damaging consequences of tariffs hurting both others and oneself have become increasingly evident, and calls from all sides to uphold free trade have grown ever stronger," Li told the gathering of top representatives from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the World Trade Organisation. Trump's sharply higher tariffs on imports from China and other countries for a year. With investments in



offset by higher shipments to other global markets. Chinese customs figures reported Monday showed exports to the United States plunged 29 per cent in November from a year earlier in the eighth straight month of declines.

Meanwhile, China's trade surplus in dollar terms for 2025 had already exceeded \$1 trillion as of November, while exports rose 5.9 per cent from a year earlier.

Trade friction between Beijing and Washington has eased somewhat after Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in late October during a regional economic summit in South Korea. The two sides agreed to dial back earlier steps and extend a truce in retaliatory measures have dented Chinese exports technology rising, outpacing

to the US, but that has been overall investments, Li called for "collaborative innovation. saying "we need to embrace an open mind and work hand in hand to pursue openness and cooperation." The Central Economic Work Conference, the annual planning meeting held this week, follows a top-level meeting in October to draft China's plan for

It focused on China's aim to remain a global manufacturing power and build a stronger domestic economy that is more reliant on consumer spending and technological advances. China's economy grew at a 4.8 per cent annual pace in the last quarter, the slowest pace in a year. However, economists expect growth to hit the official 2025 target of about 5 per cent, thanks partly to

Stock markets fall for 2nd day on profit booking

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Stock markets closed lower for the second straight day on Tuesday, with benchmark BSE Sensex declining by 436 points as investors booked profit ahead of the US Federal Reserve's policy decision.
The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped

436.41 points, or 0.51 per cent, to close at a nearly two-week low of 84,666.28. During the day, the barometer plunged by 719.73 points, or 0.84 per cent, to hit an intraday low of 84,382.96 as blue-chip private banks, oil and IT shares retreated.

The 50-share NSE Nifty dropped by 120.90 points, or 0.47 per cent, to settle at 25,839.65. In the intraday session, it depreciated by 232.55 points, or 0.89 per cent, to hit a low of 25,728. Analysts said persistent foreign fund outflows and weak global cues weighed on the investor sentiment.

Among the Sensex constituents, Asian Paints, Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, Tata Steel, Maruti Suzuki India, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Tata Consultancy Services, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, UltraTech Cement, Mahindra & Mahindra and Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles were the laggards.

However, Eternal, Titan, Adani Ports, Bharat Electronics Ltd, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finserv, NTPC and Bharti Airtel were among the gainers. "Domestic equities opened lower, extending profit booking amid caution ahead of tomorrow's US Fed policy decision, rupee weak-



ness, persistent FII outflows and ongoing uncertainty over the US–India trade deal. IT stocks led the decline, while PSU banks, realty and consumer durables gained, with small caps outperforming other indices," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd, said. The US Federal Reserve is set to begin its two-day policy meeting later on Tuesday, where the central bank's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will decide on key benchmark interest rates for the world's largest economy.

'The equity benchmarks staged a partial rebound on Tuesday after a steep sell-off at the open, with value buying helping the indices trim losses through the afternoon. The Sensex recovered nearly 450 points from its intraday low, while the Nifty climbed back above 25,900, though both remained in negative territory," Gaurav Garg, Research Analyst at Lemonn Markets Desk, said. Broader markets rebounded with BSE midcap gauge rising by 0.60 per cent and smallcap index advancing 1.27 per cent. Among sectoral indices, Focussed

IT declined the most by 1.18 per cent, Information Technology by 0.89 per cent, Teck by 0.72 per cent, Auto by 0.63 per cent, Metal by 0.34 per cent. and Consumer Durables and Energy fell by 0.16 per cent each. On the other hand, Capital Goods

Power, Industrials, Telecom munication, Consumer Discret ionary, FMCG, Utilities were among the gainers. As many as 2,550 stocks advanced, while 1,625 declined and 156 remain unchanged on the BSE.

"Fresh tariff concerns on Indian rice exports weighed on agri-related stocks, while persistent FII outflows and the rupee's slide past 90 contin-

ued to add to investor anxiety," Ajit Mishra — SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd said.

In Asian markets, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index, Shanghai's SSE Composite, South Korea's KOSPI settled lower while Japan's Nikkei 225 benchmark ended in the green territory. European markets are trading higher. Wall Street ended lower in overnight deals on Monday.

Nair added that global sentiment was further pressured by surging Japanese bond yields and expectations of the Bank of Japan (BoJ) tightening monetary policy at its upcoming December meeting.

While the markets largely anticipate a 25-basis-point rate cut by the Fed and a rate hike by the BoJ, forward guidance for 2026 will be critical.

Meanwhile, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth `655.59 crore on Monday, while Domestic Institutiona Investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth ₹2,542.49 crore, according to exchange data. "In the near term, central bank commentary, currency movement and FII flows will steer sentiment, while domestic macro resilience is expected to provide a cushion against downside risks," he said.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.27 per cent to \$62.33 per barrel. On Monday, the 30-share BSE Sensex plunged by 609.68 points to close at 85,102.69. Snapping a two-day gaining streak, the 50-share NSE Nifty declined by 225.90 points to settle at 25,960.55.

Many Indian professionals want to work for themselves: Report

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A significant percentage of professionals in the country said they want to work for themselves in the near future, with factors like AI adoption, a strong skilling appetite and the power of trusted professional networks making it easier to start and scale their business, says a LinkedIn report.

According to LinkedIn's latest Small Business Work Change India Report, the number of Indian members adding 'founder' to their profiles has increased by 104 per cent in a year, as more than 7 in 10 professionals in the country say they want to work for themselves in the near future. The report

will fuel this shift: AI adoption, brand credibility and networks. "AI is becoming part of everyday operations for India's small businesses. Eightytwo per cent of SMB leaders here say it has made starting and running a business easier. and 97 per cent already use it in some form. For 83 per cent, AI has become critical for business growth," the report said.

To keep pace, SMBs (small and medium businesses) are building skills as quickly as they adopt new tools. Al literacy has risen 52 per cent year-onyear among companies with 11–200 employees, as 81 per cent of SMBs admit they are investing in

Al capabilities Around 95 per cent of unlock opportunity at

investing in or planning AI adoption, outpacing the global average (83 per cent). "India's small businesses are moving with extraordinary speed and ambition. What sets India apart is the combination of rapid AI adoption, a strong skilling appetite and the power of trusted professional networks. Together, these forces are reshaping how businesses build, scale and succeed," Kumaresh Pattabiraman, India Country Manager,

LinkedIn, said. As we enter 2026, India's SMBs aren't just keeping pace with global change they're setting the direction. LinkedIn is committed to helping them build credibility, find talent and

every stage of their growth, Pattabiraman added. Globally, 61 per cent of small business owners are creating content themselves and 71 per cent said showing up authentically online matters. This focus on connection is also witnessing a rise, with 88 per cent agreeing that people skills are even more important in the age of Al. Moreover, in India, 85

per cent of marketers say audiences now follow real voices such as customers, employees, partners and creators, because they help people make smarter decisions.

"With AI-generated content rising, SMBs are treating relationships as essential infrastructure for insight, opportunity, and resilience," the report said.

Fertiliser import likely to jump 41% in FY26: FAI

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India's fertiliser imports are estimated to jump 41 per cent to 22.3 million tonnes in the 2025-26 fiscal year due to a surge in domestic demand following good monsoon rains, the Fertiliser Association of India (FAI) said on Tuesday. The world's second-largest fertiliser consumer has imported 14.45 million tonnes during April-October, up nearly 69 per cent from 8.56 million tonnes a year earlier, the industry body said.

"There has been an increase in imports of fertilisers because of a sudden spurt in domestic demand because of good rains, FAI Chairman S Shankarsubramanian told reporters ahead of the association's threeday annual seminar. Fertiliser stocks stood at 10.2 million tonnes by end-November versus 9.97 million tonnes a year earlier, including 5 million tonnes of urea, 1.7 million tonnes of DAP and 3.5 million tonnes of NPK fertilisers, he said. Shankarsubramanian, who is also managing director of Coromandel International, said India has contracted large volumes in the last two months and there are no supply constraints. While there were iso-



lated shortages during the kharif season, overall supplies remained adequate, he added. Domestic fertiliser production rose marginally to 29.97 million tonnes in April-October from 29.75 million tonnes a year earlier, FAI data showed.

Production included 17.13 million tonnes of urea, 2.32 million tonnes of DAP, 7.04 million tonnes of NPK fertilizers and 3.48 million tonnes of SSP. Over 150 companies meet nearly three-quarters of India's nutrient needs, with imports covering the rest, the association said. India, serving

more than 140 million farming households consumes close to 70 million tonnes of fertiliser annually, second only to China. The Government provided more than ₹1.9 lakh crore in subsidies through urea and nutrient-based frameworks in 2024-25 India has forged strategic partnerships

with resource-rich nations, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Morocco, Qatar and Russia to strengthen supply security, FAI said. The seminar starting December 10 will be inaugurated by Fertiliser Minister J P Nadda.

Ex-Governor

taken into custody

Mexican federal authorities took a former governor of the northern border state of Chihuahua into custody in preparation for charging him with laundering money diverted from state coffers while in office, the Attorney General's Office said Monday. Ex-Chihuahua Gov. César Duarte - identified in a statement only as "César N" in keeping with rules over the protecting the identity of the accused was extradited by the United States three years ago to face state charges of embezzlement and was under house arrest. Juan Carlos Mendoza Luján, a lawyei representing Duarte, told the newspaper El Heraldo de Chihuahua that Duarte had been detained and that his lawyers were still gathering information, but that his detention appeared unlawful.

PAKISTAN

Hindu woman, daughter abducted

A Pakistani Hindu woman and her minor daughter have been reportedly kidnapped by unknown gunmen in Pakistan's Sindh province, officials said. The incident took place on Saturday in the Sindhi Mohalla in Sher Shah, Karachi. According to initial accounts provided by the family, the woman was taken away by three armed individuals who forced her into a white Alto car moments after she stepped out of her home.The case has sparked a wave of fear and concern within the local community.

Shiva Kaachi, a civil rights activist for the Hindu community in the Sindh province, said Rani and her minor daughter were still missing, and her family feared she would be forcibly converted to Islam and then married off to one of the abductors.

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Pakistan and Indonesia on

Tuesday inked seven agree-

ments to further bolster

bilateral cooperation in

diverse fields as Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif held

"productive" talks with

Indonesian President

This is Subianto's maiden

visit to Pakistan. The last

presidential visit from

Indonesia to Pakistan was

undertaken by President

According to State-run

Radio Pakistan, the MoUs

include cooperation in

higher education, a grant

program for Indonesian

state scholarships, and facil-

itation of business develop-

ment for small and medium

enterprises. It also includes

loko Widodo in 2018.

Prabowo Subianto here.

Islamabad

Cambodia vows fierce fight against Thailand

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Cambodia's powerful Senate President Hun Sen on Tuesday vowed that his country would carry out a fierce fight against Thailand as a second day of widespread renewed combat between the Southeast Asian neighbours drove tens of thousands of people to flee border areas.

Fighting broke out following a skirmish in which one Thai soldier was killed on Sunday night, despite a ceasefire that ended fighting in July over competing territorial claims. The five days of fighting then left dozens dead on both sides, and forced the evacuation of over 100,000 civilians. In a sign that neither side was willing to back down, Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said Tuesday that Cambodia had not yet contacted Thailand about possible negotiations and the fighting would continue. "We've got to do what we've got to do," he said.

"The Government will support all kinds of military operations as planned



Local people taking refuge in Prey Chamkar Ta Doak market in Banteay Meanchey province in Cambodia, near the border with Thailand

was necessary to safeguard the nation's sovereignty and ensure public safety.

In a statement posted to Facebook and Telegram, Hun Sen claimed that his country had refrained from earlier." He had said on retaliating on Monday, and drone attacks on its territory," Hun Sen wrote. the new fighting had killed night, when temperatures Monday that military action but overnight began to fire Tuesday. Thailand says that He was Cambodia's long-seven civilians and wounded can fall to as low as 18°C

back at Thai forces, saying Cambodia would "weaken and destroy enemy forces through counterattacks.'

Thailand's military said Cambodia attacked Thai positions with artillery, rocket Cambodian forces also fired at its troops Sunday and Monday, but each side blames the other for firing the first shots."Cambodia wants peace, but Cambodia is forced to fight back to defend

serving prime minister until 2023, when he was succeeded by his son Hun Manet, but is still widely seen as the country's de facto leader.

Cambodia's military announced on Tuesday that

and Mass Media and dis-

cussed the ongoing efforts to

bolster healthcare in Sri

Lanka. The two discussed

'deployment of field hospi-

tals and BHISHM Cube, pro-

viding urgent and quality

health care to the people of

Sri Lanka in the wake of

#CycloneDitwah. They also

discussed next steps to

strengthen these efforts," it

said. As of Tuesday, 9 am, 638

people have been killed,

with 191 missing, in cata-

strophic floods and land-

slides caused by extreme

weather conditions since

November 16. India was the

first country to respond to Sri

Lanka's international appeal

for assistance under its

A UNDP analysis released

on Sunday said out of the

estimated 2.3 million affect-

ed by Ditwah, more

than half were women, and

it hit 1.1 million hectares or

Operation Sagar Bandhu.

20. A Thai military spokesperson announced Tuesday that three soldiers have been

killed in the new fighting. Thailand on Monday carried out airstrikes along the frontier, which it said were a defensive action targeting military installations. Thai military spokesperson Rear Adm. Surasant Kongsiri said Tuesday that such operations would continue "until attacks stop.'

Ordinary citizens, meanwhile, had to deal with life after being relocated from the danger zones. An evacuation shelter at a university in Thailand's northeastern city of Surin is hosting more than 3,600 people. Evacuees sit or lie on thin mats spread across the floor, and several have set up small tents in their allotted areas as sleeping spaces.

At lunchtime, some line up with their own plates to receive cooked rice, while others wait in place to be served ready-to-eat meals packed in small plastic bags. An army band plays for their entertainment. Portable fans cool them during the day.

Blankets, in piles beside them, keep them warm at evacuate. We hadn't left yet. But when we heard shots, we hurried out immediately," cassava farmer Pan-ngam

Kanchangthong told. "I was scared. Who wouldn't be scared of shelling?" The Thai army said almost 500 temporary shelters have been set up in four border provinces, accommodating 125,838 people. Additional refugees from the fighting are expected to stay with rela-

tives in safe areas. Evacuees Cambodian side had similar experiences. "I felt terrified when I heard the sound of the explosion from the shelling. At that time, I was working at the garment factory," said 44-year-old

Vach Neang, a father of seven.
"I called my wife and my kids but couldn't reach them, and by that time the sound of explosions was getting louder, so the factory owner let us go home," said Vach Neang, speaking at a former market in Cambodia's northwestern province of Banteay Meanchey that has been repurposed as a shelter, He added that he packed just a few clothes before leaving his home.

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\$4.5 million to

help cyclone-hit

The United Nations on Tuesday

announced the release of \$4.5

million from its Central

UN to grant

Sri Lanka

Colombo

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Sri Lanka bids farewell to 2 IAF choppers involved in relief work Jayatissa, Minister of Health

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Colombo

Sri Lanka Air Force bid farewell to two IAF helicopters after they ended their rescue mission in cyclone-hit island nation, even as INS Gharial reached Trincomalee with 700 tonnes of essential relief material from Tamil Nadu.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) choppers, which departed on Monday, were involved in airlifting immediate relief supplies to distressed communities, evacuating those affected and providing air cover for those involved in rescue missions in the aftermath of havoc caused by Cyclone Ditwah and adverse weather conditions. "Their contribution signif-

icantly enhanced Sri Lanka's national disaster response during a period of urgent the Sri Lankan Air Force said in a statement issued on their official website on Monday. High Indian The

Commission in Colombo said the helicopters evacuated tained assistance," the



264 survivors and airlifted about 50 tonnes of relief material, adding that more Indian relief action was due.

Meanwhile, the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Gharial reached Trincomalee On Monday, with 700 tonnes of food items, essentials and clothing from Tamil Nadu.

"The consignment was formally received by Deputy Foreign Minister Hon Arun Hemachandra, who appreciated India's swift and sus-

mission posted on social media on Tuesday.

Tamil Nadu has sent about 1,000 tonnes of essential food items and clothes to Sri Lanka under Operation Sagar Bandhu. Of these, about 300 tonnes reached Colombo in 3 Indian Naval Ships on Sunday. Additionally, the fully operational Indian field hospital Mahiyanganaya near Kandy, is delivering lifesaving treatment to floodaffected communities.

surgeries, ambulance support and critical medical services, the facility ensures urgent healthcare reaches where it matters most," it added. Indian Army's Engineering Task Force is also working alongside Sri Lankan authorities to restore connectivity along the main road arteries of Sri Lanka in the wake of devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah, it Indian

High Commissioner Santosh Jha

almost 20 per cent of the island's land area. The cyclone triggered 1200 landslides in the hill country, tation was severe.

"The floodwaters reached nearly 720,000 buildings, about one in every twelve buildings in the country.

Over 16,000 kilometres of roads, enough to circle the island's coastline more than twelve times, were exposed to flooding. Similarly, over 278 km of railway tracks and 480 bridges were located in flooded areas, Azusa Kubota, UNDP Resident Representative in Sri Lanka, said.

Cyclone Ditwah struck regions already weakened by years of economic stress, he added. "After one of its worst economic crises and a slow but steady recovery underway, Sri Lanka cannot shoulder more debt to cover the costs of a rebuild from this massive disaster," he said.

International partners must step up with affordable financing and innovative instruments that enable a rapid recovery and rebuilding with greater resilience. without the country falling "Equipped for trauma care, on Monday met Nalinda where the impact of devas- off the debt cliff, he added

Emergency Response Fund to assist Sri Lanka in recovering from the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah. "Cyclone Ditwah has upended lives across the country, and many families are still struggling to meet their basic daily needs," said Marc-André Franche, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka.

He said that the UN is working closely with the Government, civil society partners and the humanitarian community in Sri Lanka to ensure a coordinated response guided by evidence and priority needs. "This emergency funding will help us reach those most severely affected with the support they urgently need," he added. Sri Lanka's Minister of Foreign Affairs Vijitha Herath thanked the UN for the contributions. "The impact of the disaster on all sectors, including daily livelihood, economy, and agriculture, requires continued international support for the rebuilding process," Herath posted on social media.

The funds will enable the UN to rapidly scale up emergency food assistance, shelter support, and water, sanitation and hygiene services for the severely affected. Communities across Sri Lanka are continuing to grapple with the widespread impacts of the cyclone, with thousands of families still displaced after extensive damage to housing and infrastructure. Even as response efforts are underway, latest assessments indicate that the effects of the cyclone are broader and more severe than initially understood, leaving many communities in urgent need of sustained support to fully recover from Cyclone Ditwah.

Over 1.7 million people from over 500,000 families were affected by the cyclone-triggered extreme weather, with 638 deaths and 191 missing.

Pakistan, Indonesia ink seven

MoUs to bolster cooperation control and cooperation in combating illicit drug trafficking, cooperation in Halal

> in the field of health. Addressing a joint press meet after talks, Prime Minister Shehbaz assured to work collectively with the Indonesian President to achieve the targets set for collaboration in different fields."What we have decided is to promote our bilateral trade, culture, and interact in the field of medical health, education, and vocational training,"

He further said that Pakistan will also send its doctors, dentists, medical professionals and other related experts to Indonesia to fulfil requirements in the field of medicine.

He said that bilateral collaboration between trade of \$4.5 billion between national archives, narcotics the two nations largely com-

prised palm oil imported by Pakistan and added that the two sides discussed trade and certification, and ways to take collective measures to balance the trade through exports of agricultural products and IT ser-

vices from Pakistan. "We have discussed how to take corrective measures to balance this balance of trade through agricultural exports from Pakistan, through exports of IT-led initiatives," he said.

He said that bilateral relations span over 75 years, and the visit of the Indonesian President coincided with the anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic ties. "Let us agree to celebrate these 75 years with great fanfare in Jakarta and in Islamabad simultaneously, that will convey a very loud and clear message to all and sundry," he said

Lithuania Govt declares national emergency TENSIONS BETWEEN from the Middle East and

Lithuania's Government on Tuesday declared a national emergency over security risks posed by meteorological balloons from Russia-allied Belarus that have violated its airspace in recent weeks. Tensions between Lithuania and Belarus have escalated after the balloons forced Lithuania to repeatedly shut down its main airport, leaving thousands of people stranded.

"In combating the Belarusian hybrid attack, we must take the strictest measures and defend the areas most affected by this attack," Prime Minister Inga Ruginiene said. The announcement followed a Cabinet meeting of the Baltic state, which is a NATO member and strong backer of Ukraine in its fight against the Russian forces who launched a full-scale invasion in February 2022.

TWO NATIONS ROSE AFTER BALLOONS FORCED LITHUANIA TO SHUT DOWN ITS AIRPORT

Interior Minister Vladislav Kondratovic said that the state of emergency means the army would be given the possibility to patrol in the border area, together with police and other uniformed services or alone, in order to detect the balloons.

He promised the impact on civilians would be limited. While the balloons are used to smuggle cigarettes into Lithuania, officials in Vilnius see their numbers and trajectories as deliberate acts of disruption orchestrated by Belarus. Kondratovic said Lithuanian prosecutors launched an investigation into the balloons and that the secret services would provide

information about the connection with the Minsk regime. "I have no information that the Belarusian side is trying to curb the senders of the balloons," the minister said. "And this is one of the proofs that this is a hybrid attack." In October, Lithuanian authorities closed two border crossings in response to the airspace violations by the balloons.

Belarus' authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko denounced Lithuania's move to close the border as a "mad scam" and part of a "hybrid war" against his country. He suggested that Vilnius itself needs to combat the smuggling of contraband.

Lithuania, Poland, and other European Union countries in the region have in recent years accused Belarus of other activities aimed at triggering instability, including with cyberattacks. They also accuse Minsk of direct-

Africa to their borders to create a migration crisis. "Belarus is signalling to Lithuania that it can raise the price at any moment," Linas Kojala, head of the Geopolitics and Security Studies Centre in Vilnius, told. "Yesterday with weaponised migration, today with balloons that are hardly separable from regime control." Europe overall has been on high alert since drone intrusions into NATO's airspace reached an unprecedented scale in September and the Russian invasion of Ukraine nears its fourth year.

However, smuggling balloons is a challenge unique to the Baltic states bordering Belarus. Representatives of the EU and NATO have expressed support but offered scarce concrete information about what could be done.



Mexican National Guardsman kills 3 fellow service members

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A Mexican National Guardsmen shot and killed three fellow service members at a barracks over the weekend in the western Mexican state of Michoacan, where the Government has surged security forces in the wake of recent high-profile killings. A federal official confirmed the shooting Monday to The Associated Press, requesting anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly. The shooting, which wounded a fourth service member, was under investigation, the official said. The suspect was in custody in Michoacan. The shooting occurred Saturday hours after a car bomb exploded in Coahuayana, Michoacan, killing five people outside a local police station. President Claudia Sheinbaum declined to give more details Monday.



ICC sentences Sudanese militia leader for Darfur crimes

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Judges at the International Criminal Court (ICC) sentenced a leader of the feared Sudanese Janjaweed militia to 20 years imprisonment Tuesday for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the catastrophic conflict in Darfur more than two decades ago. At a hearing last month, prosecutors sought a life sentence for Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman, who was convicted in October of 27 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity that included ordering mass executions and bludgeoning two prisoners to death with an axe in 2003-2004."He committed these crimes knowingly, willfully, and with, the evidence shows, enthusiasm and vigour," prosecutor Julian Nicholls told judges at the sentencing hearing in November.

India-Russia Summit 2025: A quiet reset in a noisy world



BHASKAR **JYOTI** MAHANTA

When Vladimir Putin stepped down from his aircraft in New Delhi on the afternoon of December 4th, 2025, the moment felt almost symbolic. The world today is anything but settled -Europe still burns with conflict, the United States continues to tighten sanctions, Beijing expands its strategic ambitions, and global alliances are beginning to look like the chessboard of a new Cold War. Yet, there on Indian soil, two leaders greeted each other with familiarity, not caution. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to personally receive President Putin, and later accompany him in the same vehicle, was a message written not in language but in gesture: India and Russia still trust each other, despite the storm

We have watched the India-Russia relationship evolve for decades - from the days of Soviet

carry Cyrillic markings, to the more uncertain period after the Soviet collapse, and now into this new era where India is no longer a passive customer, but an assertive nation charting its own destiny. This summit, the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit, did not simply acknowledge that relationship - it renewed and reshaped it. The defence discussions were

among the most consequential Russia remains one of India's oldest and most dependable military partners. The MiGs and Sukhois that roar over our skies, the T-90 tanks that guard our borders, and even the S-400 systems now protecting our strategic installations - all of these are reminders of how deeply intertwined the two nations' security frameworks are. What made this summit different was a new tone: the shift from buver-seller to co-developer. I am told Russian officials privately reassured their Indian counterparts that Moscow is willing to open access to technologies that were once held back, and that Russia sees India as a long-term defence partner capable of building, not merely camaraderie when every defence purchasing. On energy, Putin's



calm but firm declaration that Russia will continue to supply India with oil "without interruption" stood out. It was a direct counter to the pressure India has faced from Washington and European capitals ever since the war in Ukraine escalated. The truth is simple: India cannot compromise energy security because another part of the world is at war. Cheap Russian crude stabilized India's energy market when global oil prices went wild - a fact ordinary citizens may not realize, but policymakers cannot forget. Equally significant were the discussions on building a diversified economic roadmap. In the closed-door interactions, Indian negotiators emphasised the imbalance in trade: India imports far more than it exports.

For the first time in years, both sides agreed that the economic basket must expand - into sectors such as heavy engineering, manufacturing, fertilizers, skilled labour mobility, ports, shipping lanes, and even digital payments. insulated from sanctions - using local currencies - was not just economics. It was strategy.

Another moment worth noting came during the leaders' joint statement at Hyderabad House. Modi did not explicitly mention Ukraine, yet his reminder that "peace and diplomacy remain the only viable path" was not lost on anyone in the room.

Putin, for his part, responded not with defensiveness, but with controlled pragmatism - signalling that Russia understands India's diplomatic balancing act and respects it.

For the United States, this summit will be read carefully. Washington has grown accustomed to India's partnership - be it in the Indo-Pacific, QUAD, defence cooperation, semiconductor supply chains, or intelligence sharing.

But India's relationship with Russia predates many of its modern partnerships. It is built on decades of reliability, shared technology, and geopolitical trust that did not disappear even when Moscow grew closer to Beijing. That continuity matters - especially for a nation like India, which seeks strategic autonomy and

Does this visit change the trajectory of the Russia-Ukraine war? Not directly. It does, however, weaken the Western attempt to make Russia a pariah state. For Moscow, having India publicly reaffirm the partnership at a time when many nations are cautious is not a minor achievement - it is geopolitical oxygen.

Looking ahead, what does this summit mean for India?

If both sides follow through, India could emerge not just as a military and economic partner of Russia, but as one of the pivotal powers shaping the emerging multipolar order. The infrastructure corridors discussed - from the Northern Sea Route to the Chennai-Vladivostok maritime link - could reshape India's access to the Arctic, East Asia, and Eurasia. Co-manufactured defence platforms could strengthen India's capabilities and reduce dependence on Western suppliers vulnerable to sanctions and political conditionality. Continued access to Russian energy, nuclear cooperation, and joint technical research could bolster India's long-term capacities - especially as its population and economy continue to expand.

Implementation - not headlines will define the true legacy of this visit. Agreements must become factories, production lines, shipping routes, training programs, and operational military assets.

India must also ensure it remains balanced: no one partnership - Russian, American, or otherwise - should become a strategic crutch. In many ways, this summit tells us something deeper about India's foreign policy evolution. India is no longer choosing sides — it is choosing itself. And nations that choose themselves are the ones that shape history. Years from now, when scholars and diplomats revisit this moment, they may conclude that this was not just another leader-to-leader visit. It was an inflection point - when India proved, not through rhetoric but through action, that it will steer its path based on sovereignty, national interest, and long-term vision.The world may be dividing into camps again. India, instead, is building corridors.

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Bangladesh EC to announce poll schedule in next 2 days



Bangladesh Election Commission (EC) has completed all preparations to hold the 13th general elections in February and will announce the schedule in the next two days, a top official said on Tuesday. "After a meeting with the President (Mohammad Shahabuddin), the schedule would be announced tomorrow evening or the day after," Election Commissioner Abdur Rahmanel Masud

told reporters. He said that the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at the Bangabhaban presidential palace.

Meanwhile, the EC officials said that Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin was expected to announce the schedule in a nationwide address.

The CEC met Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed on Tuesday at the Supreme Court ahead of the announcement of the date for elections and a referendum to seek public opinions on a series of reform proposals rolled out by the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government.

Former prime minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has emerged as the frontrunner, with its former ally Jamaate-Islami and its right-wing Islamic allies being the main

rival in the absence of deposed premier Sheikh Hasina's disbanded Awami League, Both parties have announced their nominees in the election for the 300seat parliament.

Masud said that special emphasis will be given to ensuring the cooperation of all, including political parties, in the announcement of the election schedule. He also said that the symbols of any banned or suspended parties will not appear in the final postal ballots, in a veiled reference to the Awami League. A special tribunal last month sentenced Hasina to death on charges of crimes against humanity. She is currently in India. Most of her senior colleagues and activists in the party and Government were in jail awaiting trial on identical charges, while many of home and abroad.

The scenario made it difficult for Awami League leaders to contest the polls as independent candidates despite having a large support base. Meanwhile, tension between Jamaat-e-Islami and the BNP over election campaigning in the Sirajganj-1 constituency erupted into violence Monday night, injuring around 15 Jamaat activists, party sources said.

The BNP has denied involvement, blaming locals

for the clash.

Zelenskyy refuses to cede land to Russia as he rallies European support

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President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has reaffirmed his firm refusal to cede any territory, resisting US pressure for a painful compromise with Russia as he continued to rally European support for Ukraine. "Undoubtedly, Russia insists that we give up territories. We, clearly, don't want to give up anything. That's what we are fighting for," Zelenskyy said in a WhatsApp chat late Monday in which he answered reporters' questions.

"Do we consider ceding any territories? According to the law, we don't have such a right. According to Ukraine's law, our constitution, international law, and, to be frank, we don't have a moral right either." In an interview with Politico released Tuesday, US





Government must "play ball." Zelenskyy met on Tuesday with Pope Leo XIV at Castel Gandolfo, a papal residence

Putin, arguing that Russia

retains the "upper hand"

and that Zelenskyy's

day. The Vatican said the pope "reiterated the need for the continuation of dialogue and expressed his urgent desire that the current diplomatic initiatives bring about a just and lasting peace." The Holy See has tried to

remain neutral in the war while offering solidarity and assistance to what it calls the "martyred" people of Ukraine. Leo, who has met three times with Zelenskyy and has spoken by telephone at least once with Russian President Vladimir Putin, has called for a ceasefire and urged Moscow in particular

to make gestures to promote peace. On Monday, Zelenskyy held talks in London with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz to strengthen Ukraine's hand amid mounting impatience from Trump.

US and Ukrainian negotiators completed three days of talks on Saturday aimed at trying to narrow differences on the US administration's peace proposal.

A major sticking point in the plan is the suggestion that Kyiv must cede control of the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine to Russia, which illegally occupies most but not all of the territory. Ukraine and its European allies have firmly resisted the idea of handing over "You know, a lot of people are dying," Trump told Politico, claiming that other unnamed

Ukrainian officials agree with the US administration. "His people loved the proposal. They really liked it. His lieutenants, his top people, they liked it, but they said he hadn't read it yet.

Russia, Trump reasoned, remains too powerful for Ukraine to continue fighting. "I give the people of Ukraine and the military of Ukraine tremendous credit for the, you know, bravery and for the fighting and all of that," he said. "But you know, at some point, size will win, generally." Trump also amplified his calls for Ukraine to hold national elections even though the martial law doesn't allow it. And Zelenskyy, elected in 2019 had his five-year term extended because of the war. "They're using war not to hold an election, but, uh, I would think the Ukrainian

people would. Should have

that choice," Trump said.

22 people killed in office building fire in Indonesia

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A fire ripped through an office building in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, on Tuesday, killing at least 22 people, including a pregnant woman, police said.

Flames engulfed the building, seven-story sending thick black smoke billowing into the sky and causing panic among nearby residents and workers in a neighbourhood in central Jakarta. The fire, which broke out around midday, is believed to have started on the first floor of the building in the Kemayoran neighbourhood before spreading to other floors, Central lakarta police chief Susatyo Purnomo Condro said

Hundreds of personnel and 29 fire trucks were deployed to try to contain the blaze. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Many workers in the building, which was used as a sales and storage office for a drone company, were out for lunch when a battery started sparking in a storage and testing area, said Condro, citing several witnesses. The fire was extin-



guished after three hours of intense effort. At least 22 bodies — seven men and 15 women, including a pregnant woman - were recovered from the building and taken to the police hospital in East Jakarta for identification.

A resident, Intan Puspita, whose home is close to the building, told The Associated Press that the fire started with a loud bang and workers running outside. "When asked, they said that there was an alleged short circuit in one of the batteries during the charging process," Puspita said. The fire spread quickly, and she saw workers on the upper

floors trying to escape by moving to the rooftop.

'I saw about 20 victims in the body bags being evacuated from inside," Puspita said. "It was tragic."

Television reports showed the tense evacuation of more than a dozen trapped workers, including many women, from the sixth floor using an emergency ladder extended by firefighters. Each person had to be lowered one by one from the building, and several struggled to breathe because of the thick smoke while waiting for their turn. Authorities said most of the victims died from smoke inhalation. Firefighters managed to rescue at least 19 trapped workers, some of injuries, but were in a weak and traumatised condition. A police officer and a firefighter also experienced breathing difficulties.

"We will comb through the entire building again," Condro said when asked about the possible rise in the death toll. "Firefighters are cooling down the scene because the smoke is still thick, and it is not vet possible for us to enter the structure."

Jakarta Governor Pramono Anung called on company leaders to foster a workplace safety culture and to have emergency action plans for evacuation. "This case obviously shows the company does not provide emergency access' from fire in the direct physical sense," Anung told reporters when visiting the site. Families anxiously awaited news at hospitals or near the building occupied by PT Terra Drone Indonesia, a company that provides unmanned aerial vehicle technology for various industrial sectors such as construction, mining, oil and gas, energy, plantations and urban planning.

Macron faces backlash for using slur against feminist protesters

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Brigitte Macron was facing criticism on Tuesday after a video emerged of her using a slur to denounce feminist protesters. The scene filmed Sunday showed France's first lady in discussion backstage at the Folies Bergere theatre in Paris with Ary Abittan, a French actor and humorist previously accused of rape, before a performance he was about to give. The previous night, feminist campaigners had disrupted his show with

shouts of "Abittan, rapist!" Before Sunday's performance, Brigitte Macron asked him how he was feeling. When he said he was feeling scared, she made a derogatory and sexist reference to the women, adding: "We'll toss them out." Her office said in a statement that she'd been trying to calm his nerves: "As the video shows, Mrs Macron's only intention was to reassure an artist who, in his dressing room before going on stage, had just told her, I'm scared,' because his show had been disrupted the previous evening." "In no way is she attacking a cause. She does, however, disapprove of the radical methods used to prevent an artist from performing on stage, as was the

case on Saturday night." The feminist campaign group "Nous Toutes" ("All of Us") said its activists disrupted Abittan's show to protest what it described as "the culture of impunity" around sexual violence in France.

Magistrates terminated the investigation of the 2021 rape allegation against Abittan for lack of evidence in 2024, a decision then confirmed on appeal in January this year, according to French media. In a statement on Instagram, Nous Toutes said: "We denounce venues that roll out a red carpet for men accused of rape, normalising sexist and sexual violence. It is a public insult to the victims. Victims, we believe you. Rapists, we do not forgive you!"

Opponents of President Emmanuel Macron on the left wing of French politics criticised his wife's use of a sexist slur, and some said she should apologise.



Military transport aircraft crashes in Russia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Moscow

An Antonov An-22 military transport aircraft with seven people on board crashed in Russia's central Ivanovo Region on Tuesday during its first flight after repairs, the defence ministry said. "The aircraft crashed in an unpopulated area. A search and rescue crew has left for the accident site to determine the fate of the aircraft's crew," the ministry said. TASS reported that fragments of the An-22 were found on the shore and in the water. The An-22 is a heavy transport aircraft used by the Russian Aerospace Forces (VKS) to transport heavy weapons. The aircraft has a maximum takeoff weight of 225 tonnes and a payload capacity of 60 tonnes. With a total cargo weight of up to 40 tonnes, the An-22 can fly over 5,000 km, according to Russian TV channels.



Hamas wants pressure on Israel before next phase of ceasefire

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Jerusalem

A Hamas leader on Tuesday threatened to not move forward into the next phase of the Gaza ceasefire agreement until more pressure is placed on Israel to open up a key border crossing, cease deadly strikes and allow more aid into the Palestinian territory. The accusation came as Israel's Government says it's ready to move into the next, more complicated phase of the ceasefire deal – even as it has called on the militant group to return the remains of the last Israeli hostage held in Gaza. Husam Badran, a member of Hamas' political wing, called for the "full implementation of all the terms of the first phase" before moving forward, including an end to what he called the continuing demolition of Palestinian homes in the part of the territory still controlled by Israel.

▼ PROSPECT

Sudha Murty to grace Andhra University's 'WAVES-2025' alumni meet



The Andhra University annual alumni meet 'WAVES-2025' is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 13th December, under the auspices of AU Alumni Association (AAA) with the support and association of Andhra University. Sudha Murty, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and founder chairperson, Infosys Foundation and Chairperson, Murty Trust, will be the Chief Guest. Dr GM Rao, founder Chairman, AAA, an eminent industrialist and an illustrious alumnus of AU, will preside. The theme of WAVES-2025 is women's empowerment. This Meet aims to bring Alumni from various affiliated colleges, Alumni from various countries, campus colleges, academicians, researchers and members from the University community. The program will include reflections from the Alumni on the centennial journey of the Institutions and felicitations to

the distinguished Alumni. This year, alumni from overseas, Delhi, Hyderabad, Amaravathi and Godavari chapters are expected to participate. Andhra University Alumni are committed to supporting their Alma mater and fostering relationships with the Industry. Alumni bond with Alma mater, strengthening the AU journey of excellence and heritage. Alumni will extend their support to make AU a Global University of par excellence. The University shall be a place of learning for students across the Globe.

Sahaj gets corporate agency licence from IRDAI

Sahai Insurance Services Pvt Ltd, which recently received a corporate agency licence from IRDAI, aims to sell about 10 crore insurance policies designed to suit the rural population. Sahaj Insurance Services Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of Sahaj Retail Ltd, operates a network of about 4.5 lakh digitally enabled rural centres serving over 70 crore people. In a statement, the Kanoria Foundation company said the new vertical is designed to make insurance, long characterised by low awareness and limited access in rural regions, simple, affordable and accessible at the last mile. Sahaj Centres will offer a full suite of insurance products, with trained Sahaj Mitrs facilitating customer onboarding, support and claims assistance, it said. "Customers will be able to access assisted digital enrolment, paperless processes, multilingual support and help with filing claims. These features are essential for first-time insurance adopters in rural markets. The services will also integrate Government-backed insurance and social-security schemes to deepen financial inclusion," Sahaj Retail Ltd CEO Biswajit Chatterjee said.

RRB rejects question paper compromise claims

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) has categorically refuted claims circulated in a section of the media, particularly in the Dehradun region, suggesting that the Level-1 question paper for the ongoing recruitment process against . Centralised Employment Notice (CEN) 08/2024 has been compromised.

The RRB issued a statement following reports of a candidate malpractice incident detected on 2 December 2025 during the second shift of the Computer Based Test (CBT) at the iCreate Solutions Test Centre in Dehradun.During live CCTV surveillance, a candidate named Vivek was observed consulting a handwritten chit. Examination officials immediately intervened and recovered the slip. Upon questioning, the candidate confessed that the chit had been provided by external individuals who had misled him into believing it contained correct answers.

The RRB confirmed that the recovered chit merely listed numerals from 1 to 4 and hore no relevance to the examination, as the questions and answer options are uniquely and randomly shuffled for every candidate. The Board emphasised

that the slip could have provided no advantage, concluding that the candidate had been deceived by externalmiscreants.Follo wing established protocol, a First Information Report (FIR) has been registered at the Patel Nagar Police Station in Dehradun and the matter is currently under police investigation.

The RRB reiterated that its digital system for generating, storing and administering question papers is fully secure and encrypted, asserting that the incident was one of isolated individual misconduct and did not constitute a breach of the secure examination

Waqf Boards' 'Umeed' shows strong results

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

After the launch of the UMEED Portal on June 6, 2025, the Ministry of Minority Affairs worked tirelessly with States and Waqf Boards to train and prepare them for data upload. Seven zonal review-cum-training meetings were conducted with all States/UTs and capacity-building funds of nearly Rupees 10 crore were released in tranches to 30 States/UTs and 32 Waqf Boards.

Helpline support, VC-based training sessions and Master Trainer workshops were also organised. Yet, despite these extensive efforts, most Waqf Boards failed to utilise the first four months of the sixmonth upload window. They became active only in November, when over 2.42 lakh properties were initiated on the Portal. In contrast, June saw only 11 uploads, July

September a little over 4,000, showing how casually the Boards treated the process



initially. The following table is self explanatory to understand the seriousness of Waqf Boards in uploading existing properties on the UMEED Portal.

UMEED Act, 1995 came into effect on 8 April 2025 and the window for uploading existing Waqf properties on the Central Portal closed on 6 December 2025.

A total of 5,17,082 properties were initiated for upload, with the main surge occurring only in the final weeks, particularly in the last six 2,43582 properties were initiated on the Portal. This shows the robust nature of the UMEED Portal.

The data shows that almost all Waqf Boards, barring a few exceptions, remained inactive for the first five months and moved only when the deadline neared. Even then, the UMEED Portal handled the sudden spike smoothly, with many States ultimately completing uploads at exceptionally high level.

Those Mutawallis who could not upload their Waqf properties before the 6 December deadline are not without recourse. The UMEED Act provides a clear remedial mechanism: they may approach their respective Waqf Tribunals for resolution.

Recent media reports claiming that "only 27 per cent of Waqf properties have been uploaded" are based on

MONTH-WISE WAQF PROPERTY INITIATIONS ON UMEED PORTAL MONTH (2025) **PROPERTIES INITIATED** 11 June July 50 822 **August** September

4,327 25,827 October 2,42,463 November 2,43,582 December (till 6th)

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a fundamentally flawed and outdated premise. They rely entirely on old WAMSI figures, numbers that today

GRAND TOTAL

WAMSI had long been recognised as unreliable: thousands of entries contained errors such as zero-

land areas without proof and significant data-entry inconsistencies.

Several State Boards themselves acknowledged these defects. The Ministry repeatedly directed States to correct the data; the matter was placed before both the JPC and the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Ultimately, due to persistent inaccuracies, WAMSI was formally disabled on 8 May 2025 and stands closed for all official purposes.

Using this defunct dataset as the denominator for any percentage calculation is misleading and factually untenable.

Unlike WAMSI, UMEED is built on fresh, authenticated data captured through a maker-checker-approver workflow, with documentary evidence at every stage. Comparing this verified dataset with WAMSI's errorridden numbers is an apples-

Government's commitment

to welfare, he stated the

Himanta launches distribution of PMAY-G letters to 3.25 lakh beneficiaries

Guwahati

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday ceremonially launched the distribution of sanction letters to 3,25,234 beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G) at a significant state-level event held at Gandhi Maidan, Boko, in Kamrup district.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister affirmed that the Government aims to ensure that every family currently residing in a kutcha house is provided with a pucca home. He highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the PMAY-G scheme specifically to ensure housing for economically weaker families across the nation, a goal which Estate cluster in Naharkatia

Assam has been working continuously to fulfil.

Sarma recalled the State Government's sustained efforts, including the distribution of sanction letters to five lakh beneficiaries on May 19, 2022. This was followed by the

release of the first instalment to two lakh beneficiaries in May 2022 and another three lakh beneficiaries in February 2023. He further noted that the Government had facilitated the 'Griha Pravesh' (housewarming) ceremony for more than three lakh PMAY beneficiaries in the state on a single day in July 2023. The Chief Minister high-

lighted recent milestones, including the inauguration of a PMAY-G colony with 113 houses at Namchang Tea



in March 2024. He also referenced the historic dedication of 5,67,083 completed PMAY homes by Prime Minister Modi from Meleng-Meteli

Pathar in Jorhat on March 9, He stressed that today's approval of 3,25,234 new beneficiaries, following the distribution to Assam. Reiterating the

3,88,358 beneficiaries in March this year, marks yet another crucial achievement for PMAY in

goal is to create a system where poor families can easily access all welfare schemes without corruption. He cited the monthly Orunodoi assistance of ₹1,250 and subsidised ration supplies, which together provide benefits worth nearly ₹3,000 per month to every poor family in Assam. The event was attended by Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass, MLAs Hemanga Thakuria and Nandita Das, GMC Mayor Mrigen Sarania, Additional Chief Secretary B Kalyan Chakravarty, P and RD Commissioner Keerthi Jalli, Kamrup District Commissioner Deva Kumar Mishra and several other senior officials.

Darrang district distributes PMAY-G sanction letters to over 11,700



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Guwahati

In a major push towards the Assam Government's "Housing for All" mission, the Darrang district administration on Tuesday conducted the ceremonial distribution of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) sanction letters to 11,753 beneficiaries.

The district-level distribution was held concurrently with the Central Programme held at Boko in Kamrup district, which was attended by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The Chief Minister reaffirmed the Government's commitment to providing secure and permanent homes to all eligible rural families,

gramme being livestreamed across the three Legislative Assembly Constituencies Darrang.The distribution drive was executed simultaneously in Mangaldai, Sipajhar and Dalgaon to

ensure broad outreach.

At the Mangaldai Boys' HS Field, 1,487 beneficiaries received their letters in the presence of Mangaldai MLA Basanta Das and Gurujyoti Das, Chairman of the Assam Fisheries Development Corporation (AFDC) and former MLA. In Sipajhar, 2,592 beneficiaries were handed their sanction letters at the Sipaihar CDC Field by MLA Paramananda Rajbongshi.

The largest contingent scheme.

of 7,674 beneficiaries received their letters at the Dalgaon Town Field. The distribution here was overseen by MLA Mazibur Rahman and Krishna Saha, Chairperson of the Kharupetia Municipal Board.

coordinated execution across all venues was ensured by District Commissioner Parag Kumar Kakaty, CEO Zilla Parishad Karabi Saikia Karan, Darrang Zilla Parishad President Sewali Goswami Kalita, Darrang Municipal Board Chairperson Nirmali Devi Sharma and other dignitaries. The initiative marks a significant step in the district's implementation of the flagship housing

ICICI Prudential settles death claims worth ₹893 crore in H1-FY2026

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Bintin media announces revolutionary documentary Bharat Ek Vishwaguru



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Bintin Media, a youth-driven Indian production house on Tuesday announced the release of its groundbreaking documentary "Bharat Ek Vishwaguru", a powerful investigation into the gradual decline of India's ancient education system and a clarion call to revive the Gurukul model and introduce the Bhagavad Gita as a mentary, Director Nitin compulsory subject in the Vashisth said "India has the

modern curriculum. Directed and produced by Nitin Vashisth, the documentary traces India's journey from the era of world-renowned Gurukuls and universities such as Nalanda and Takshashila, to the cultural destruction under foreign invasions and finally to the impact of modern Westernized education on today's Indian youth. Speaking about the docuworld's largest youth population. If our youth loses its cultural foundation, India loses its future. This film is not just a project - it is a national movement to bring back values, identity and purpose into Indian education.' "Bharat Ek Vishwaguru" will soon be screened for policymakers, cultural leaders, educational institutions and youth organisations across the country. Public release details will be announced

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ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has reported an industry-leading

claim settlement ratio of 99.33 per cent for the first half of FY2026 the highest among the top life insurance companies in the country. The company's average claim

settlement turnaround time during this period was just 1.1 days for non-investigated claims. It settled death claims worth ₹893.38 crore in total during the

same period. Amish Banker, Chief Operations Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Our claim settlement process is designed to deliver an enhanced customer experience and we handle every claim with utmost sensitivity. "In H1-FY2026, we achieved a claim settlement ratio of 99.33per cent and our average turnaround time for non-investigated claims was only 1.1 days. We also settled death claims amounting to over ₹893.38 crore during the period," he said. "Our customer-first approach

empower us to deliver quick claim settlements, providing timely financial relief when families need it most. With convenient digital platforms such as our mobile app, WhatsApp, chatbot and website, claimants can easily

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DEMBELE, CHEVALIER TO MISS MATCH AGAINST ATHLETIC



Ballon d'Or winner Ousmane Dembele and goalkeeper Lucas Chevalier will both miss Paris Saint-Germain's trip to Athletic Bilbao in the Champions League on Wednesday. PSG said Dembele is sick while Chevalier is still recovering from a right ankle injury. It's another setback for Dembélé, who returned from a left calf injury against Tottenham at the end of November and only made two more appearances in the French league. Before that, Dembele had been sidelined several weeks by a right hamstring injury sustained while playing for France in September. PSG will also still be without Morocco right back Achraf Hakimi, who has a sprained left ankle and faces a race against time to recover before the Africa Cup of Nations in his home country from December 21. Matvei Safonov is expected to start in goal in the absence of Chevalier, who was injured in a loss against Monaco after a violent tackle from Lamine Camara on November 29.

J&K: HUNDREDS PARTICIPATE IN ARMY-SPONSORED MARATHON



Hundreds of enthusiastic youth on Tuesday took part in an Army-sponsored marathon near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said. Commander of Bhimber Gali Brigade, Brigadier Rahul Kumar, flagged off the marathon and encouraged the youth to adopt fitness as a way of life and consider a future in the armed forces. An Army official said the marathon was part of the second edition of Mendhar festival, which commenced on November 23 and is scheduled to end on December 11. Despite the challenging terrain and sensitive location, the event witnessed participation of more than 1,500 runners from across the region, the official said.

India eye podium finish in FIH junior WC

SAUMOJYOTI S CHOUDHURY

The dream of reclaiming the FIH Men's Junior World Cup title might have been over, but hosts India will hope to at least finish on the podium and give the home fans something to cheer when they take on Argentina in the bronze medal match on Wednesday.

India, who won their last title nine years back in 2016 in Lucknow, lost 1-5 to seventime champions and title holders Germany in the semifinals on Sunday.

Heartbroken at missing out the title yet again, India would look to regroup, make amends of their mistakes and at least finish with a medal in the home tournament. Two-time champions

Argentina will, however, be a tough customer for India and they have already showed their prowess in the tournament. Argentina, who won the title in 2005 and 2021, lost 1-2 in a closely contested semifinal against Spain and



ate to finish the tournament

The Indians were simply hammered by the ruthless Germans in the semifinals. The home team simply buckled under pressure and conceded soft goals, which

can't afford on Wednesday against Argentina if they want to stand on the podium.

The Indian backline was guilty of giving away possession easily, resulting in goals, while the forwards cut a sorry figure in front of the Germans pool stages against lowly opponents.

The likes of Dilraj Singh, Arshdeep Singh, Sourabh Anand Kushwaha, Gurjot Singh and Ajeet Yadav created a lot of chances but simply failed to convert them into

India's chief coach PR Sreejesh too admitted that his side failed to execute their plans and committed silly mistakes that ultimately put paid to their tile hopes.

"We committed silly mistakes, conceded goals and it is quite hard for these guys after conceding easy goals in a Junior World Cup semifinal. If you fail to execute your plans then that definitely is going to hurt yo," Sreejesh had said after the loss against Germany.

"Winning and losing matters a lot, it doesn't matter if you lose 1-0 or 10-0, it's the same but the problem is how we concede the goals. We need to focus on that first.

"It's all about collective effort. You need to defend well first and then you need to attack and create opportunities. We are not converting

our opportunities," he added. The Indian defence, led by skipper Rohit, will have to raise their game by leaps and bounds to control the Argentines.

cohesion against Germany the other day and the likes of Rosan Khujur, Ankit Pal, Manmeet Singh, Adrohit Ekka and Thounaoiam Ingalemba Luwang will have to be more proactive and cohesive to create chances for the strikers.

Penalty corner is another area which continues to be

India's perennial problem. Anmol Ekka scored India's lone goal against Germany through a penalty corner, but skipper Rohit, India's best bet from drag-flicks, simply couldn't make his mark in the tournament from set pieces.

There is no question about his solid defensive skills but India expected more from Rohit from penalty corners.

Princedeep Singh has been the stand-out performer at the Indian goal and the hosts will expect the young Punjab goalkeeper to continue his fine showing.

Meanwhile, Germany will be looking for their eighth title when they take on Spain in the summit clash, also on Wednesday.

Goalkeeping stints in football shaped Princedeep's hockey career

SAUMOJYOTI S CHOUDHURY

What began as a stint at fullback eventually turned into a career between the posts for Princedeep Singh, whose early goalkeeping experiences during football training sessions played a pivotal role in shaping his journey in hockey. The 21-year-old custodian

from Batala in Punjab, who has been one of India's standout performers at the ongoing FIH Junior World Cup, idolises twotime Olympic medallist and current junior men's team captain PR Sreejeesh. 'I started my career with the

Cheema Academy in Batala,

Punjab, as a full back. That time I used to be a goalkeeper in football during training sessions but used to play hockey as full back," Princedeep said. "I used to make good saves

then and from there it started. The coaches told me to



become a goalkeeper in hockey." Princedeep credited Sreejesh for shaping his

"I started my hockey career in 2015 and in 2016 I saw Sreejesh bhai playing in the Olympics. I idolise coach sir only, got to learn a lot of things from him. He was himself a goalkeeper and he knew how to handle pressure," he said.

Princedeep made crucial

saves against Belgium in the quarterfinal, including two in the shoot-out, to take India into the semifinal, where they fell short against Germany, losing 1-5.

Princedeep admitted that playing in front of a packed stadium can test nerves but stressed the importance of internal communication. "We get so support from the crowd and it increases your confidence," he said.

La Liga: Osasuna beat Levante 2-0

Rubén García made one goal and scored another as Osasuna beat Levante 2-0 to ease the club's relegation worries and condemn its rival to a fifth consecutive Spanish La Liga defeat.

The game on Monday pitted fourth-bottom Osasuna against last-place Levante. The home side controlled the game from the kick off, with García in commanding form against the club where he played much of his career. It was his cross from the right that brought Osasuna the lead after 13 minutes, Victor Muñoz expertly heading down and into the net.

García was fortunate 23 minutes later when he got his name on the scoresheet. His shot from just outside the box was cruelly deflected past the Levante keeper Mathew Ryan.

Garcia refused to cele-



was a vital win for his side.

"I'd have preferred it not to be against Levante, but I have to be happy because of what we were playing drop zone.

brate but acknowledged it for," said Garcia. "(These three points) feel necessary." Osasuna is up to 15th in the 20-team table, three points clear of the

AC Milan win 3-2 over Torino in Serie A

A second-half double from substitute Christian Pulišic gave AC Milan a come-frombehind 3-2 win over Torino and swept it back to the top of Italy's Serie A.

Weekend wins for title rivals Napoli Internazionale left Milan in third and it knew three points were required to return to the summit.

However, it was 2-0 down after 17 minutes on Monday.

Nikola Vlašic gave the home side the lead with a penalty after nine minutes, and then made the second goal eight minutes later when he powered forward to feed Duvan Zapata, whose powerful angled drive beat Mike Maignan from 12 meters.

Milan got back into the game seven minutes later, Adrien Rabiot lashing in a shot from 35 meters that will feature in many goal of the season competitions



forward Pulišic to turn the game around with two second-half goals.

After 67 minutes, one minute after replacing Davide Bartesaghi, he found himself unmarked in the box and made no mistake from close range.

Ten minutes later Pulišic put Milan ahead for the first time in the match when he swept home a low cross from the right.

Milan avoided what would

The 83rd-minute decider was the England under-21 international's first goal for the club since signing from Arsenal last year.

It followed a 34th-minute penalty from Ruslan Malinovskyi that put Genoa ahead, and a 65th minute egualizer bу Jakub Piotrowski.

The result maintained Genoa's revival under new coach Daniele De Rossi. It is unbeaten in its last four, with eight points from 12 since the former Roma midfielder took the helm.The win lifted Genoa into 14th place, one of the four teams on 14 points. Udinese is three places above it with 18.

Parma sinks Pisa

At the bottom of the table, a penalty from Adrian Benedyczak gave Parma a 1-0 win at Pisa.

The Polish forward struck after 40 minutes to move Parma four points clear of the relegation zone.

Messi, Suarez to reunite on Mumbai ramp for a cause

TAPAN MOHANTA

Argentine football icon Lione Messi will walk the ramp in Mumbai "for a cause" during his India tour, the organisers of which have requested him to bring select memorabilia from their 2022 World Cup triumph for an auction.

The sole promoter of the 'GOAT India Tour 2025', Satadru Dutta, said on Tuesday that Messi, along with long-time strike partner Luis Suarez and Argentina midfielder Rodrigo De Paul, will feature in a 45-minute fashion segment on the night of December 14. It will be a "philanthropic fashion show for a cause", Dutta said.

"It's a fully reserved night. There will be celebrity models, celebrity cricketers, Bollywood celebrities, millionaires, founders. Tiger and Jackie Shroff, John Abraham among others," he said.

Suarez will also be part of a Spanish music show, while unveiling of Messi's "biggest firmed Messi will land in the



the organisers have "made a formal request" for Messi to bring "some memorabilia of the 2022 World Cup which will be auctioned" during the Mumbai leg of the tour.

The Mumbai event starts at 5pm at Wankhede Stadium, preceded by a Padel Cup at 3.30pm at Cricket Club of India.

ing switched to virtual mode In the Kolkata leg, the

ever statue" — a 70-feet structure — will be done virtually from his team hotel owing to security concerns.

"Police has not given permission so he will do it from the hotel. It will be done virtually in the morning," a Kolkata Police source said. Earlier, the eight-time

Ballon d'Or winner was scheduled to visit Sreebhumi in person for the inauguration. Kolkata Police sources con-

hours of Saturday and will stay at a five-star hotel on the EM Bypass.

A sponsor-exclusive meet and-greet programme will run from 9.30am to 10.30am.

A special Argentine-Indian fusion food festival will be held on the sidelines, keeping in mind Messi's love for 'mate'

(Argentine herbal tea). It will showcase Argentine herbal tea infused with Assam flavours, along with a spread of Bengali fish delicacies — including hilsa — and an assortment of local sweets. A 25ft x 20ft Messi mural, planned for the

upcoming Durga Puja season, will also be unveiled. "Not only will he unveil his biggest-ever statue, we will have a huge mural, which will be kept at strategic Durga Puja pandal-hopping locations so that all his fans will have an opportunity to paint

and post messages in a nearby message box, Dutta said.

Manchester United beat Wolverhampton 4-1 in premier league

defeat of the season and

extended its unbeaten

The result leaves Torino, a

club with the worst defence

in the league, in 16th place,

one of four teams on 14

Genoa beats Udinese

In Udine, Genoa won a

second consecutive league

match for the first time in

almost two years when a late

goal from Brooke Norton-

Cuffy secured a 2-1 victory

league run to 13 games.

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Wolverhampton

Bruno Fernandes scored two goals and made another as Manchester United beat Wolverhampton 4-1 to move into the top six of the English

Premier League. Fernandes' first-half goal was cancelled out on the stroke of half time by Jean-Ricner Bellegarde but Bryan Mbeumo restored United's lead early in the second half on Monday. Mason Mount added a third in the 62nd minute before Fernandes rounded off a comprehensive victory with an 82ndminute penalty.

It was the eighth defeat in a row for Wolves and saw sixth-place United move on to 25 points, level with Chelsea, which is fifth. Wolves remains bottom of

the table with two points, eight adrift of the team above it, Burnley.

"We got ourselves back in the game but, with the goals we conceded, you're never going to get anything out of a game of football," Wolves coach Rob Edwards said.

"There's a nervousness and I can understand it but, in the big moments in the game, we insisted on giving the ball back to them. We're getting punished and we've got to try and improve and be consistent – but it's not going to be a quick turn-

Although United has been consistently inconsistent all season, it came into the game as heavy favourites against a team that has one of the worst starting records of any Premier League side at this stage of the campaign.



boycotted the first 15 minutes in a coordinated protest at the ownership of the club by Chinese conglomerate Fosun International. They had barely sat down when

United took the lead with a

goal that typified Wolves'

season. The Brazilian player

Andre lost the ball in midfield

Fernandes racing inside the Wolves box. He fought off the atten-

tions of Emmanuel Agbadou and, even though he lost his footing, he still managed to get in a shot that the goalkeeper Sam Johnstone got a hand to but couldn't stop from rolling into the net. United failed to capitalize

on its pressure and it paid a price seconds before half David Moller Wolfe

crossed from the byline and Wolves' standout performer Bellegarde whipped his volley past Senne Lammens into the United net. It was Wolves' first league

goal since a 3-2 loss at home to Burnley on Oct. 26, and the 13th league game in succession United has failed to keep a clean sheet. Nevertheless, United out-

classed Wolves in a secondhalf blitz. Ruben Amorim's men

were 2-1 up after 51 minutes, Mbeumo tapping in Diogo Dalot's neat pass to complete a fine counter attack.

Mount converted Fernandes' lovely chipped assist 11 minutes later before Fernandes added the fourth.

league kicks off in Jamshedpur PRESS TRUST OF INDIA League, which also has other

First transgenders' football

Jamshedpur

In a landmark development in Indian football, seven transgender teams made debut in an exclusive tournament under the umbrella of Jamshedpur Super League (JSL). The Transgenders' League, which began here on Sunday, features seven teams -Jamshedpur FT, Chaibasa FC, Chakradharpur FC, Jamshedpur Indranagar FC, Naomundi FC, Saraikela FC and Kolhan Tiger FC -- in a fivea-side format.

Initially, only four teams were to compete in the transgenders' league but later three more sides were added. The tournament forms a part of the Jamshedpur Super competitions such as agegroup leagues. In the inaugural match of

the Transgenders' League on Sunday, Jamshedpur FT trounced Chaibasa FC 7-0, while Kolhan Tiger FC notched 3-0 win over Chakradharpur FC, and Jamshedpur Indranagar FC and Noamundi FC played out a goal-less draw.

For Jamshedpur FT's Puja Soy, scoring four goals in the opening match of the Transgenders' League was the beginning of a new identity, not as a transgender, but as a footballer finally recognised on the stage she had long dreamt of.

"Football is such a beautiful sport, and for the first time, I felt like I wasn't being

seen for my gender, but for my game," she said. "This is the first time we are

the league. "The support from the club and the fans makes us feel like we truly belong to the football family." For many of these

players, participation itself is

playing in a proper profes-

sional environment," said

Aliya, another participant in

a liberation. "We are thrilled to be part of this ground-breaking initiative, India's first Transgender League," said Pyari Hessa,

captain of Jamshedpur FT.

"It gives us a platform we never had before and will hopefully inspire other states to create similar spaces. We're very grateful to Jamshedpur

FC for making this possible.'

Pandya's blazing fifty, ruthless bowlers earn India 101-run win over SA

Hardik Pandya made a memorable comeback to national colours, striking a moodlifting unbeaten fifty and then took a key wicket as India etched a dominant 101-run win over South Africa in the opening match of the fivematch series here on Tuesday.

 Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Varun Chakravarthy and Axar Patel grabbed two wickets each, while Pandya fittingly chipped in with the prized scalp of David Miller.

It was also South Africa's first defeat in three T20Is in Cuttack, and if India had started shakily, South Africa began disastrously.

Arshdeep set the tone with a superb away-swinger that kissed past Quinton de Kock's tentative prod for a two-ball

In his next over, Arshdeep produced another beauty -- a length ball that jagged back into the in-form Tristan Stubbs (14).

India went upstairs for the

review, and UltraEdge confirmed a thick inside edge onto the elbow before Jitesh Sharma completed a sharp take as South Africa were 18/2 inside four overs.

Axar was introduced in the final over of the powerplay and struck immediately.

Aiden Markram, shuffling back to work a skiddy, straight delivery, was beaten on the inside edge to get bowled. At 28/3 in six overs, South Africa were already in a hole.

Pandya then added to their misery, dismissing Miller.

Chakravarthy, operating with sharp drift and deceptive pace, got into action after the powerplay. Donovan Ferreira was late to react to a delivery that held back, and could only nick behind to Jitesh.

Marco Jansen, who had fielded brilliantly earlier, was undone by Chakravarthy's googly as South Africa slid to 68/6. The end arrived quickly thereafter with Bumrah cleaning up Dewald Brevis and Keshav Maharaj in the space of four deliveries.



Earlier, coming back after 74 days following a left quadricep injury that forced him out of the Asia Cup, Pandya walked in at No. 6 and immediately changed the tempo of the match.

India had slipped in both the power play and middle overs losing six wickets, but Pandya, who had proved his fitness at the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy for Baroda with a 42-ball 77 not out, counterattacked with clean, fearless hitting to finish en route his sixth T201 fifty.

He began with two towering sixes against Maharaj just after a well-set Tilak Varma (26) fell. Pandya then ripped into Anrich Nortje with a 17run over, even stepping out to a 149kph thunderbolt to punch it for four. Jansen tried to rush him

with short balls, but Pandya pulled one with vengeance before racing towards fifty that lifted the mood in the

He struck a six and four off Lutho Sipamla (2/38) in the 19th over, and reached his half-century in 25 balls with a ramped six over third man off Nortje in the final over, celebrating it with a muted raise of the bat.

Pandya's late fireworks helped India add 71 runs in

surface offering two-paced

the last six overs. But on a fresh red-soil

bounce, India struggled early. Abhishek Sharma (17), Shubman Gill (4) and Suryakumar Yadav (12) all fell inside seven overs as Lungi Ngidi (3/31) exploited the conditions superbly with clever

variations.

He removed Gill early as the batter chipped to Jansen at mid-off, and later had skipper Suryakumar holding out to Markram to have India 17/2. Abhishek tried to force the pace after the field restrictions lifted, but fell to Sipamla, thanks to a stunning sliding catch by the 2.06m Jansen sprinting across from long leg to fine leg.

His brief stay of 17 off 12 balls ended just as he began to find rhythm with back-toback boundaries as India soon slipped to 48/3 in 6.3

Desert Vipers beat Gulf Giants in Super Over thriller

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Desert Vipers held their nerves to prevail over Gulf Giants in the first-ever Super Over finish of the ILT20 after Sam Curran and Dan Lawrence heroics here.

After the scores were tied at 179, the Vipers went on to score 13 in the Super Over with Lawrence finding the boundary once, before Thushara got his wicket. But, Naseem Shah clinched the game for the Vipers after restricting the Giants to just nine runs on Monday.

The Vipers have beaten the Giants in each of their previous five matches. Curran (44 off 36) and Dan Lawrence's (56 off 31) partnership ensured the Vipers tied the scores despite a challenging target of 180.

Azmatullah Omarzai bagged four wickets for the Giants, but it was not enough to stop the Vipers from their third straight win of the season. The lower-order batters of the Vipers also scored crucial runs in a team effort. The Gulf Giants started on the front foot, with Pathum Nissanka (56 off 29) and Rahmanullah Gurbaz (41 off 31) taking 14 runs off Naseem in the opening exchanges. The opening pair raced to a 50-run stand inside five overs and powered the Giants to 58 in the powerplay.

Nissanka continued his rich vein of form, bringing up his 115 runs for victory.

third half-century in as many games, off just 27 balls. He struck Noor Ahmad for his fourth six of the innings, but the Afghan spinner had the final say, dismissing him off the very next delivery to end the 73-run opening stand.

Gurbaz then took charge, with James Vince providing solid support with 25 runs off 22 balls. Their 54-run partnership was broken by Khuzaima Tanveer, who removed Vince before sending Gurbaz back two balls later. The Giants were 129/3 at the end of the 14th over. The Giants' bowlers fought

their way back into the contest thereafter. Noor picked up his second wicket by dismissing Azmatullah Omarzai (20 off 13), while David Payne removed Moeen Ali (11 off 11). With only 38 runs coming from the final five overs, the Giants finished on 179/5.

Omarzai made early inroads for the Giants by dismissing Fakhar Zaman (1 off 9). Mark Adair struck soon after. removing Andries Gous (11 off 9), leaving the Vipers struggling at 14/2 early in the chase.

Curran and Impact Player Max Holden (15 off 15) attempted to steady the innings, but Haider Razzaq provided the third breakthrough by sending Holden back. At the halfway mark, the Vipers were 65/3, still needing

IPL 2026 auction to feature 350 players including 240 Indians

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A total of 350 cricketers - 240 Indians and 110 overseas players will go under the hammer in the Indian Premier League auction to take place in Abu Dhabi on December 16, with South Africa's wicketkeeper-batter Quinton de Kock, who recently came out of his ODI retirement, featuring in the

De Kock is a late addition to the list at a base price of ₹1 crore. The list also includes Australia batter Steve Smith at a base price of ₹2 crore. Smith last played in the IPL



in 2021. A total of 1390 players registered for the Player Auction. The number was pruned to 1005

players before 350 were finally shortlisted to battle for 77 slots available across the 10 teams for the 19th edition of the world's biggest T20 league. The first set of players in the

auction includes India and Mumbai batters Prithvi Shaw and Sarfaraz Khan, who both have kept their base price at ₹75 lakh each.

The list shared by the IPL features two Australians in Cameron Green and Jake Fraser-McGurk, along with New Zealand and

former Chennai Super Kings opener Devon Conway and South Africa's David Miller, with each of them keeping a base price of ₹2

Venkatesh Iyer, who was released by Kolkata Knight Riders, has listed himself at a base price of ₹2 crore.

Three-time winners KKR will go into the auction with the biggest purse of ₹64.3 crores, followed by five-time champions CSK with ₹43.4 crores. Sunrisers Hyderabad, who have won the IPL once, have the third highest purse of ₹25.5 crores.

Hazlewood out of Ashes series; **Cummins set to return for Australia**



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Australian pace bowler Josh Hazlewood has been ruled out of the Ashes series with hamstring and Achilles

Hazlewood missed Australia's two eight-wickets wins over England in Perth and Brisbane but had been expected to return later in the five-match series.

McDonald on Tuesday said the veteran paceman would now be targeting a return for the Twenty20 World Cup early next year.

"He'll be out of the series and his preparation will then shift toward the World Cup, which is an incredibly important campaign for us," McDonald said.

"It's really flat for him. A couple of setbacks we didn't see coming — we thought Australia coach Andrew he'd play a huge part in the

series." Hazlewood has been a key member of Australia's regular bowling attack for a decade.

There was better news for skipper Pat Cummins, who expected to return for the third test in Adelaide starting December 17 after missing the first two tests while he recovers from a back problem.

The 32-year-old paceman increased his training workload at Allan Border Field in the 2010-11 series.

Brisbane while the Australians were playing the second test against England at the Gabba.

He is set to be recalled as captain when the match squad is announced Wednesday. Steve Smith has been leading the Australia XI in the absence of Cummins.

"We feel as though he'll be as best prepared as can be," McDonald said. "Us seeing him further advanced, we feel he'll be really well placed for the challenges of Adelaide.

"We feel as though the simulation in the nets has got him skill ready. His body's ready to go. Barring anything else happening in the next week, I'd be expecting Pat to be tossing the coin and putting the blazer on."

The under-fire England squad, which needs a win in Adelaide to have any chance of reclaiming the Ashes, is taking a few days out this week to rest and relax at one of Australia's iconic beach towns. The fourth test starts Boxing Day at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Sydney will host the fifth test from January 4. England hasn't won an Ashes test in Australia since



England's Mark Wood ruled out of Ashes series with knee injury

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Injured fast bowler Mark Wood has been ruled out of the Ashes in a major setback for an England lineup trailing 2-0 in the five-match series.

Wood had limited impact in the first test, bowling 11 overs without taking a wicket in the eight-wicket loss in Perth. He then missed the second cricket test in Brisbane because of his troublesome left knee.

The 35-year-old Wood's fitness had been an issue ahead of the Ashes tour after he only recently returned following knee surgery in March.

Matt Fisher, who made his only test appearance in the Caribbean in 2022, was drafted into the test home team.

squad as cover.

In an Instagram post, Wood said he was "gutted to be out the remainder of the Ashes. After extensive surgery and seven long, hard months of work and rehab to get back into the test arena, my knee just hasn't held

Wood said he traveled to Australia "with high expectations about making a big impact. I'm desperately disappointed that despite yet more injections and intensive medical treatment it has become clear that the flare up in my knee is worse

than feared.' Wood was England's leading wicket-taker in the 2023 Ashes series, when his return from injury coincided with a big comeback by the

Hardik Pandya unique in Indian T20 side: Bangar

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Former India batting coach Sanjay Bangar believes there is no other player like Hardik Pandya in the national T20 set-up because the star allrounder is capable of commanding a spot in the team merely as a specialist batter or bowler too. Out for more than two months due a quadricep injury during the Asia Cup, Pandya will return to the Indian squad for the home five-match ODI series against South Africa beginning in Cuttack on Tuesday.

"Look at all the all-rounders in world cricket now. Does England have a back-up for Ben Stokes? No. In one-day or even Test cricket, there is no back-up for Ravindra Jadeja. It is the same with Hardik Pandya," JioStar expert Bangar said. "He (Pandya) can command a spot in the top five on his batting alone.



top three seamers in any team if he was just a bowler.

The point is, to be that kind of all-rounder, you must earn your place with your batting and also with your bowling. There is no other player like Hardik Pandya in the Indian team." On Pandya's workload management, Bangar said he should at least play the first three matches against South Africa. "We need to see how he copes," he said, insisting that it is too early to say if he should play six or seven T20Is before the World Cup.

"Playing in the SMAT (Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy) is different from the intensity of an international game. The team management must manage the workload of important players like him. So, if needed, we must do that for Hardik too. A fit Hardik Pandya allows the team to play its desired combination, especially with the spin options we have. That's why his presence is critically very vital."

Before the India return, Pandya made a 42-ball 77 not out for Baroda in SMAT before bowling four overs at full tilt for 1/52. Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill is also making a return after missing almost a month of cricket owing to a neck spasm suffered while attempting a slog

sweep during the opening

Test against the Proteas.

Bangar said Gill's growth as Test captain will benefit him in other formats.

"The confidence Shubman Gill has now after doing so well in Test cricket over the last year will certainly help him. More than his skill, his mindset has grown. Taking extra responsibility as a Test Captain makes him a far more rounded player. He now understands the game situation and what is needed from him. "At the top of the order, Shubman Gill could do the job for the team in T20I cricket. And if needed, Hardik Pandya could do a similar job in the middle order."

Bangar felt Sanju Samson may find it difficult to get a slot in the Indiam T20 side.

...His best spot in T20 cricket is still at the top. With players like Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, or Hardik Pandya available, there may not be a place for him at number four, five, or six.

Tendulkar recalls Gursharan's gesture in scoring Irani Cup ton in 1989-90

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai

Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday recalled former India player Gursharan Singh's gesture to walk out at No 10 with a broken hand only to help him score a valiant 103 for the Rest of India in their Irani Cup match against Delhi in 1989-90.

A rampant Delhi crushed the Rest of India by 309 runs in the contest played here at the Wankhede Stadium in which Tendulkar waged a lone battle scoring 103, with former India opener WV Raman's 41 being the other noticeable performance.

Struggling at 209 for nine in pursuit of a mammoth target of 554, the former India, Delhi and Punjab player Gursharan walked out at No 10 with a broken hand to support Tendulkar as the two put on another 36 runs for the final wicket. ROI were bowled out for 245

"As they say, promises are meant to be kept. I feel I'll go a step further and say that promises are meant to be



And that is what is our DNA," Tendulkar recalled at an Ageas Federal Life Insurance event here.

"I can recall an incident... Long way back in 1989 when I was playing Irani Trophy. This was a trial match before one got selected for India. I was batting in the 90s, and my partner, Gursharan Singh, had an injury - a

broken hand - and he wasn't supposed to bat. But he was asked by the chairman

of the selection committee, Raj Singh Dungarpur, to go out and bat and support his teammate. Gursharan came and helped me reach my hundred and I got selected to play for India after that. Afterward, Gursharan also became part of the Indian cricket team," he added.

Tendulkar said the gesture from Gursharan, who made a solitary appearance each in Tests and ODIs for India, was something that touched his heart.

"I thanked him profusely on the ground and in the dressing room because it was a big thing for him to come out with a broken hand," Tendulkar said.

"Just stepping out with a broken hand was significant. Whether I scored a hundred or not was secondary. His intent and attitude mattered most to me (and) that truly touched my heart," he added.