



FERTILITY RATE DROPS IN INDIA

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

India's population is estimated to reach 1.46 billion in 2025, continuing to be the highest in the world. This comes from a new United Nations demographic report which also reveals that the country's total fertility rate has fallen to 1.9, below the replacement level of 2.1 signaling a significant demographic shift. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in India is currently 2.0 children per woman. This means that on average, a woman in India would be expected to have 2 children during her childbearing years (typically ages 15-49). This rate has remained constant since 2020, according to the Sample Registration System (SRS) report for 2021.

According to the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) 2025 State of World Population (SOWP) Report, one in three adult Indians (36 per cent) face unintended pregnancies, while 30 per cent experience unfulfilled desire for having either more or fewer children.

Notably, in 1960, when India's population was about 436 million, the average woman had nearly six children. In the 1970s, women on average had nearly five children. Now, they have close to two. This milestone reflects progress in health and education, but masks regional diversity in the Total Fertility Rate, which is the average number of children a woman will have in her lifetime.

The 2025 State of World Population (SOWP) report underscores that the real crisis

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lies not in population size, but in the widespread challenges to support individuals' right to decide freely and responsibly if, when, and how many children to have.

Despite the slowing birth rate, India's youth population remains significant, with 24 per cent in the age bracket of 0-14, 17 per cent in 10-19, and 26 per cent in 10-24. The country's 68 per cent of the population is of working age (15-64), providing a potential demographic dividend, if matched by adequate employment and policy support. The elderly population (65 and older) currently stands at seven per cent, a figure that is expected to rise in the coming decades as life expectancy improves. As of 2025, life expectancy at birth is projected to be 71 years for men and 74 years for women.

According to the report, India is now the world's most populous nation, with nearly 1.5 billion people - a number expected to grow to about 1.7 billion before it begins to fall, around 40 years from now. The elderly population currently stands at seven per cent, a figure that is expected to rise in the coming decades as life expectancy improves.

Behind these numbers are

the stories of millions of couples who decided to start or expand their families, as well as the stories of women who had few choices about whether, when or how often they became pregnant, the report said. The elderly population currently stands at seven per cent, a figure that is expected to rise in the coming decades as life expectancy improves.

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According to report, in 1960, when India's population was about 436 million, the average woman had nearly six children. Back then, women had less control over their bodies and lives than they do today. Fewer than 1 in 4 used some form of contraception, and fewer than 1 in 2 attended primary school, the report said. But in the coming decades, educational attainment increased, access to reproductive healthcare improved, and more women gained a voice in the decisions that affected their lives. The average woman in India now has about two children.

While women in India, and every other country, have more rights and choices today than their mothers or grandmothers did, they still have a long way to go before they are empowered to have the number of children they want, if any, when they want them.

The UN report placed India in a group of middle-income countries undergoing rapid demographic change, with population doubling time now estimated at 79 years.

Railway begins piloting 24hrs early charting

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ New Delhi

In a significant move, Indian Railways will now issue the final passenger chart 24 hours before the scheduled departure of trains - an improvement from the previous practice of releasing it just four hours prior.

Top level sources in the railways said the initiative is currently being implemented as a pilot project, which began on June 6 under the Bikaner Division of the Western Railway Zone. The Railways is expected to make an official announcement soon in this regards after studying the feasibility.

"The new system aims to help passengers plan their journeys more effectively. For instance, travelers coming from locations 100 km or more away will have better clarity and time to reach the



boarding station without last-minute uncertainty. This change is expected to enhance convenience and reduce travel-related stress for passengers. The said practice has been initiated to avoid confusion and unnecessary stress during their travel," sources in the Indian railways told The Pioneer.

The move has been taken also to facilitate the passengers to board premium trains

enroute, for instance if the New Delhi-Kolkatta Rajdhani which no stop between New Delhi and Kanpur and vice versa can be boarded by Aligarh or nearby passengers needing to travel in the train either from Delhi or Kanpur.

The initiative has also been kept in mind that passengers can re-plan their journey 24 hours in advance notice by the railways in case the tickets are

waitlisted. "It is only two days of full working of the operations in Bikaner. In a weeks time a report shall be submitted to the Headquarters which shall be discussed at the Railway Ministry level. If feasible then the 24 hours chart notice will be rolled in some select Divisions to further asses the passengers as well the railways' social and economic benefit," explained a another rail official working on the model currently. However the system of current booking as per availability and rules and regulation shall remain unchanged. Similarly the railways aims to work on curbing the menace of ticketing touts as well as the Tatkal Rail Reservations System.

Railways has already made a change in the rules of Tatkal ticket booking. Now to book Tatkal tickets, confirmation of identity through e-Aadhaar i.e. electronic Aadhaar will be mandatory.

This will stop fraud and it will be easy for real passengers to get confirmed tickets and it will benefit needy and genuine passengers.

Those whose IRCTC booking account is linked with Aadhaar will get priority in the first 10 minutes of Tatkal ticket booking. Even authorized agents will not be able to book tickets in these 10 minutes. That is, if your identity is not verified from the government database, then you will not have access to the most valuable first 10 minutes for Tatkal tickets.

In the existing model of Railways' Charting - is the process of allocating the vacant seats of other quota to General/Tatkal Quota. The first chart is usually prepared four hours before departure of train from originating station or remote location station. For early morning trains chart is prepared the night before.

Proud of multi-party delegations: PM Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he was proud of the manner in which the multi-party delegations presented India's views in various countries on the need to eradicate the menace of terrorism following the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor.

Modi hosted the members of the multi-party delegations, comprising parliamentarians and former diplomats, who travelled to 33 world capitals over the past few weeks.

"Met members of the various delegations who represented India in different countries and elaborated on India's commitment to peace and the need to eradicate the menace of terrorism. We are all proud of the manner in which they put forward India's voice," Modi said in a post on X. Members shared their experience with the prime minister, with the central government having already praised the work of the seven delegations comprising over 50 persons, mostly current MPs.

Former parliamentarians and ex-diplomats were also part of these delegations that visited 33 foreign capitals and the European Union. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has already met the delegations and lauded their efforts in conveying India's strong stand against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

"We apprised the Prime Minister of the overwhelming support extended by these friendly nations for India's resolute fight against terrorism and our unwavering commitment to global peace," Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde said in a post on X.

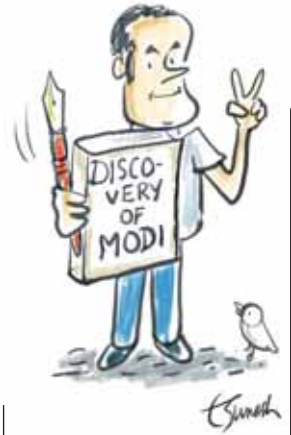
Shinde had led the delegation to the United Arab Emirates, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. "The Prime Minister lauded our efforts and shared his inspiring vision for enhancing India's stature on the world stage. His words have further motivated us to work tirelessly for the nation," Shinde said.

The government had sent the multi-party delegations to portray a message of national unity in the fight against terrorism, with the likes of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and

AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi joining the ruling alliance members in championing the Indian cause abroad.

Four delegations were led by MPs of the ruling alliance, including two from the BJP, one from JD(U) and one from Shiv Sena, while three were led by Opposition MPs, one each of the Congress, DMK and NCP(SP). BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad and Baijant Panda, Congress' Shashi Tharoor, JD(U)'s Sanjay Jha, Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde, DMK's Kanimozhi, and NCP (SP)'s Supriya Sule led their delegations to different parts of the world. Prominent former parliamentarians in the delegations included ex-Union ministers Ghulam Nabi Azad and Salman Khurshid.

The Bystander



Sonam, other accused to be taken to Meghalaya

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Bhopal

In the sensational Raja Raghuvanshi murder case, Meghalaya Police have successfully secured transit remands for all five accused, including the victim's wife, Sonam Raghuvanshi, paving the way for their transport to Shillong for further interrogation and investigation. Multiple police teams were involved in coordinated efforts across Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to bring the alleged conspirators into custody.

Sonam Raghuvanshi, accused of orchestrating her husband's murder, was located at a roadside eatery near the Varanasi-Ghazipur main road in Uttar Pradesh. After being initially held at a Sakhi One Stop Centre and undergoing a medical examination, Sonam was produced before a local magistrate in Ghazipur on Monday night. Meghalaya Police successfully secured a three-day transit remand from the court. Subsequently, she was taken to Phulwari Sharif police station in Patna, Bihar, on Tuesday and reached Shillong in the evening. Sonam has reportedly claimed to have no memory of how she reached Ghazipur, attributing it to being drugged by abductors.

Capital to regulate private school fees hikes

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

After uproar and protests over arbitrary fee hikes by private schools, the Delhi cabinet led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has approved an ordinance to regulate fees charged by schools and bring in greater transparency.

The cabinet cleared the Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Ordinance, 2025 in its eight meeting on Tuesday. The draft Ordinance have provisions of strict penalties for schools involved in hiking fees arbitrarily, including losing the right to propose fee revisions. The move is expected to benefit students and parents across 1,677 private schools in Delhi.

The ordinance proposes the formation of school-level fee regulation committees, district-level appellate bodies, and a state-level revision committee to manage disputes and appeals - a first-of-its-kind three-tier mechanism in Delhi. After the cabinet approval, the ordinance will be sent to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena. The ordinance, once enacted, will restrain private schools from arbitrarily increasing fees and offer much needed relief to parents.

The BJP-led government

had initially planned to introduce this reform in the second part of the Delhi Assembly's budget session, which was supposed to be held on May 13-14 but was deferred.

The draft ordinance states that if a school is found charging fees that exceed the permitted norms, it must roll back the excess amount and refund it within 20 working days. For a first offence, the school will be fined between ₹1 lakh and ₹5 lakh. For repeat offences, the penalty will increase to anywhere between ₹2 lakh and ₹10 lakh. The draft ordinance proposes that if the school fails to refund the amount within the stipulated time, the fine will double after 20 days, triple after 40 days, and continue to increase with every 20-day delay. It also has provisions for penalties on those who indulge in repeated violations.

Addressing a press conference, Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood said that in the eighth cabinet meeting, the BJP government approved the ordinance based on the proposed Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Bill, 2025. "The ordinance will be sent for presidential assent through the Lt Governor. This is a day of happiness for parents whose

children study in private schools. It will take the form of a law," Sood said. "This retrospective provision will especially benefit those parents who were pressured into paying exorbitant and unjustified fees," he said.

The ordinance prohibits schools from penalising students for non-payment of fees, including removing them from rolls, withholding exam results, or publicly humiliating them.

According to the Ordinance, those found repeatedly flouting norms may also be barred from holding official posts within the school management, according to the draft ordinance. Additionally, the school management could lose the right to propose fee revisions in the future.

The Ordinance will make the process of fee fixation in private schools transparent and accountable. Before increasing the fees, schools will have to take permission under the prescribed procedure and rules made by the government. Also, this will crack down on those schools which charge fees arbitrarily or discriminate against students.

The ordinance lays out a structured framework for overseeing how private schools fix their fees and

addresses long-standing complaints from parents about arbitrary hikes and lack of clarity in fee structures.

The draft ordinance says it aims to strike a balance between preserving the autonomy of private institutions and safeguarding the rights of parents, ensuring that quality education remains both accessible and fairly priced. The draft ordinance proposes the constitution of three committees to oversee the fee regulation process — one each at the school, district, and revision levels.

The highest authority, the 'Revision Committee', will have the final say on any disputes or decisions related to school fees. This committee will be headed by the Director of Education, an eminent educationist, a chartered accountant, the Controller of Accounts, representatives from schools and parents, and a former education official. Its decisions will be binding on all parties for a period of three years. The 'District Committee' will be chaired by the District Director of Education. Other members will include the Deputy Director of Education of the zone, two school principals nominated by the Directorate of Education (DoE) and two parents' representatives also nominated by the DoE.

Three, including two kids, killed in Delhi apartment fire

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Three members of a family, including two children, were killed when they jumped out of a balcony to escape a massive fire that broke out in their eighth and ninth-floor duplex flat in Delhi's Dwarka area on Tuesday morning, police said.

The fire started from a temple located on the eighth floor of the building and quickly spread through PVC panels, a senior police official said.

The deceased were identified as Yash Yadav (41), his daughter Ashima (12) and his nephew Shivam Yadav (11).

The family lives in a duplex on the top two floors of the building. Yadav, who along with his family shifted to Delhi 10 years ago, is a native of Uttar Pradesh's Etah.

The official said that Yadav's sister, her children and sister-in-law gathered at his flat in Dwarka's Shabad Apartment in Sector 13 after attending a religious event (Bhagwat Katha). There were 12 people in the house at the time of the incident. When the fire broke out around 9.30 am, all members of the family tried to escape by going to the ninth floor



Locals gather after a fire broke out in a residential building, at Dwarka, in New Delhi, PTI

through the stairs. However, Ashima and Shivam got trapped, and Yash returned to save them, police said. They took shelter on the eighth-floor balcony, believing it would be safer than staying

inside as the stairs were also engulfed in flames.

"When the fire spread, balcony window panes shattered and intense flames burnt Yadav's face and arms," his relative Yogesh Yadav said.

Farooq Abdullah tears up on train ride from Srinagar to Katra

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ Jammu

For 87-year-old Dr Farooq Abdullah, one of the tallest brand ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir, it was a perfect day out along with his grandchildren, Zamir and Zahir, as they embarked on a newly launched Vande Bharat Express from Srinagar to Katra on Tuesday.

The veteran leader celebrated the historic moment and was overwhelmed to see Kashmir finally getting connected to the country's rail network.

The train, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2025, was hailed by Abdullah as a monumental achievement for the region.

Dr Abdullah, sporting a round sun-visor hat, boarded

the Vande Bharat Express at Nowgam Railway Station in Srinagar and was warmly welcomed in Katra by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and Jammu NC President Rattan Lal Gupta.

Visibly moved, he told reporters upon arrival, "My heart is overwhelmed and my eyes filled with tears on seeing Kashmir finally getting connected with the country's rail network."

He praised the engineers and workers behind the 272-km USBRL project, which includes iconic structures like the Chenab Bridge and Anji Khad Bridge, calling it "the biggest victory for the people."

The journey, covering the distance in just three hours, was a special outing for Abdullah and



his grandchildren, joined by NC leaders including J&K Minister Satish Sharma, Chief Minister's advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, and

NC Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq.

Zahir and Zamir Abdullah, sons of Jammu and Kashmir

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, expressed their delight after experiencing a memorable journey. Zamir, in particular, praised

the onboard dining experience, describing the food as "delightful and well-curated," a nod to the Vande Bharat's modern

amenities tailored for passenger comfort.

Tanvir Sadiq shared his excitement on X, posting, "Took our first train ride from Srinagar to Katra, truly impressed! The journey crosses the iconic Anji bridge and weaves through stunning tunnels."

The train's launch is set to boost tourism, trade, and connectivity, particularly for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra starting July 3.

Abdullah highlighted the train's potential to ease travel woes, noting that road closures and high airfares often burden Kashmiris. "This train will save people from that," he said, emphasizing benefits for horticulture, tourism, and pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and Amarnath cave.

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LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my DMC of M-IV (Hons.) Zoology, Sem-IV, (Batch-2016) Registration No. 11605149, DAV University, Jalandhar has been lost. Priya, D/o Ram Lal, #643, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Hoshiarpur-146001.

BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Kiran W/o Sunil Kumar R/o Krishna Colony (Near Radha Krishan Mandir) Village Tipra, Tehsil Kalka, Distt. Panchkula (Haryana), my daughter Rohini out of my control. I disown her from my all moveable/ immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with her at his/ her own risk.

I, Manjeet Kaur W/o late Sh Shamsher Singh R/o House no 15 village Mauli Jagran Chandigarh inform that my son Balbir Singh is out of my control. I Disown him from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with him will do at their own risk

We, Shyam Singh S/O Darya Singh And Pupsa W/O Shyam Singh Both R/O #1541-B, Small Flats, Dhanas, U.T. Chandigarh Declare That My Son Sonu And His Wife Menka, And Their Son Abhi And Daughter Bhumi All Are Out Of Control. So We Disowned All Of Them From Our Moveable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Mejor Singh, S/O Shri Labh Singh, R/o House Number 228, Budhnapur (Part), 372 Panchkula, Haryana, declare that my son, Gurvinder Singh, is out of my control. So, I disown him from my all my movable / immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk and responsibility. Neither I nor my family will have any responsibility.

I, Suman Devi (Aadhar No 954338092425) w/o Sanjay Kumar r/o Vashishth Colony, Thanesar, Kurukshetra declared, my children Aashish, Payal, Vanshika and Jyoti Sharma (Umri) W/o Ashish are out of my control. I disown them all my movable /immoveable properties. In future if anyone deals with them are responsible for its own. Me and my family is not responsible for their further dealings and behavior.

I, Balwan Singh S/o Phool Singh Village Sarsa Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra my son Deepak Kumar and his wife Ekta is out of my control. I, disown them from my all moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him at his own risk.

I, Jaswinder Kaur W/o Ram Kumar Village Satora Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra My son Sangam Kumar and his wife Jyoti is Out Of My Control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immovable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Him That Will Be At His Own Risk.

I, Kamlesh Rani w/o Sh. Subhash Chand R/o ward no 10,Balmiki Basti PehowaTehsil Pehowa District Kurukshetra, my sons Surjeet Singh and Sarvjeet Singh and his Wife Usha Devi and Harpreet Kaur is out of my control. I, disown them from my all moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him at his and her own risk.

We, Krishan son of Shri Agan Lal and Laddi Devi wife of Shri Krishan residents of House No. 2151, New indira Colony, Manimajra, Chandigarh-160101 declare that our son Harish Chandra is out of our control. Today, on 10 june 2025, We Disown our son from all our movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will be responsible at his own risk and cost. We and our family will have nothing to do with it.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਮੈਂ, ਕੁਲਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗਿਆਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਤੌਰ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰ ਆਮ ਕੁਲਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗਿਆਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਚੁਰੜ ਡਾਕਖਾਨਾ ਰਾਜਪੁਰ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਜੁਲੰਧਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਬਿਆਨੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਦੇ ਮਹਿਕਮਾ ਮਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਭਾਵ ਫਰਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਨਾਮ ਕੁਲਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਕੁਲਜਿੰਦਰ ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਨਿਆ ਜਾਂਦੇ। ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ

I, Suman Devi (Aadhar No. 954338092425) w/o Sanjay Kumar r/o Vashishth Colony, Thanesar, Kurukshetra declared My husband does not behave well with me and he also beats me, I am breaking my relationship with him. In future if anyone deals with him are responsible for its own. I am not responsible for their further dealings and behavior.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Sham Lal R/o House No. 541-B, Sector 44A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Kumar Bhatti.

I, Surrender Kumar S/o Sh. Hukam Chand, R/o Village Sudkain Khurd, Tehsil Narwana, Distt. Jind-126116 (India), inform that the date of birth of my wife Anjubala has been recorded 03.04.1982 in my service record, which is incorrect. Her correct date of birth is 02.03.1982 according to her Adhar Card, PAN Card and Marksheet of 10th class, which is to be corrected.

I, ACH Kanwar mother of Chel Singh R/o #137-A, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from ACH Kanwar to Anach Kanwar vide Affidavit No - IN-CH56471090760669X Dated 04-06-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Rekha Singh Chauhan mother of Divyanshu Singh Chauhan R/o #203, Block-F, Panki, Kanpur (UP) have changed my name from Rekha Singh Chauhan to Rekha Singh vide Affidavit No - IN-CH55748481161882X Dated 21-04-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court Chandigarh.

I, Mahindra Yashawant Joshi son of Sh. Yashawant Pershuram Joshi R/o #P-2, Kayakalp, 3 BRD Airforce, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Aryan Joshi to Aryan Mahindra Joshi for all officials and unofficial purposes.

I, Yogini Joshi Wife of Sh. Mahindra Yashawant Joshi R/o #P-2, Kayakalp, 3 BRD Airforce, Chandigarh have changed my name from Yogini Joshi to Yogini Mahindra Joshi for all officials and unofficial purposes.

I, Anjana Gupta W/o Satish Gupta R/o #513, Sector 65, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-160062, have changed my name to Anjana Gupta W/o Satish Gupta for all future purposes.

I, Kendre Mahesh Sandipin (ARMY No. 15442037H NK (AMB ASST) R/O Qtr. No.85/384, 2nd Floor, Diz Area, Sector-1, Gole Market, New Delhi-110001, declare that the name of my wife has been wrongly written as KENDRE SUVARNA MAHESH in my service Record. The actual name of my wife is MUNDE SUVARNA KALYAN.

I, Jitender Ahlawat S/o Shiri Krishan Ahlawat R/o H. No. 81/E, Azad Nagar Saket Exten., Hisar (Haryana) have changed my name from Jitender Singh, Jitender Singh Ahlawat to Jitender Ahlawat for all purposes in the future.

I, Aryan Vinay Kaushik S/o Sh. Vinay Kumar R/o H. No 215, Sector 37A, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Master Aditya Kaushik to Aryan Vinay Kaushik.

I Zenia W/O Jitender House no 1213 sector 21 Panchkula 134112 have changed my name from Zenia To Zenia Garg.

I, Jitender Bansal s/o Suresh bansal house no. 1213 sector 21 Panchkula 134112 have changed my name from Jitender bansal to Jitender.

I, Atharva Son of Sh. Mahindra Yashawant Joshi R/o #P-2, Kayakalp, 3 BRD Airforce, Chandigarh have changed my name from Atharva to Atharva Mahindra Joshi for all officials and unofficial purposes.

I hitherto known as KOMAL W/O HOSHIYAR SINGH residing at VILLAGE-SANDHAY, PO-KAPAL MOCHAN, TEHSIL-BILASPUR, JAGADHRI, DISTT-YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA-135102 have changed my name and I shall hereafter be known as KUSUM LATA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Army No. 10467975Y Rank Hav Name Jagpal S/o Sant Ram of Unit 117 Inf Bn (TA) The Guards, C/o 56 APO, do hereby declare that correct name of my mother is Vimla instead of Vimla Devi vide affidavit GRN no. 133550357 dated 06-06-2025 at Vill. Nasirpur Cholkha Teh. Kharkhoda Distt Sonipat Haryana 131402.

I, Deepak, resident of H.No 327 VPO Khanda, Tehsil- Kharkhoda, Distt- Sonipat, Haryana-131402 have changed my Name from Deepak to Deepak Parashar vide Affidavit dated 10-06-2025 at Kharkhoda.

I, Virender Kumar S/o Bhoop Singh R/o Vill Jharwai, Teh & Distt Bhiwani, declare that my name is recorded as Virender in my driving license no. HR-6119980196719 which is wrong. My correct name is Virender Kumar which should be corrected in my driving license.

I Ashok S/o Shri Joginder Pal resident of 161, Guru Nanak Pura, near ESI Hospital, Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar declare that I have changed my name from Ashok to Ashok Kumar, in future my name may please be called as Ashok Kumar

I, Renu Kumari unmarried D/o Army No. 3183079-P, Late Nk Raj Singh, resident of VPO- Lath, tehsil Gohana, Distt, Sonapat (HR) want to change my name from Renu Kumari to Renu, vide Affidavit dated 10.6.2025 at Sonapat.

I, Seema Bansal W/o Sumit Bansal R/o 350/4A, Shiv Puri Colony, Cooperative House Building Society, Gate no 2, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Seema Rani to Seema Bansal.

I, Kiran Bala W/o Raj Kumar, R/o H. No. 99, Nawab Colony, Camp, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, India have changed my name from Kiran Bala to Kiran.

I, Paramjeet Singh Sandhu S/O Dyal Singh Sandhu R/O 432, Phase- 6, Mohali Has Changed My Name From Paramjeet Singh Sandhu To Paramjit Singh Sandhu.

I, Harpreet Kaur Sandhu W/O Paramjit Singh Sandhu R/O 432, Phase- 6, Mohali Has Changed My Name From Harpreet Kaur Sandhu To Harpreet Kaur.

I, Vikas S/o Sh. Mohinder Pal R/o House No.84, Ward No. 2, Rajendra Colony, Uchana Mandi, Jind, Haryana 126115 have changed my name to Vikas Bansal for all future purposes.

I, Sanya Bhagwan D/o Sh. Vikram Bhagwan, R/o # 246, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sanya Bhagwan to Audrielle Bhagwan.

I, Reena W/o Dharamveer R/o village Kalanpur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar declare that in the school certificate of my son Mohit Kumar, my name is written as Reena Kumari, which is incorrect, while my correct name is Reena.

I, Anju Devi W/o Suresh Kumar R/o # 2539, gali No. 11, Laxmi Nagar, Camp, Yamunanagar, declare that in my registration sale deed my name written as Anguri Devi and in other documents my name is Anju Devi w/o Suresh Kumar. Anju Devi alias Anguri Devi both are one & same person.

I, Paramjeet Kaur w/o Nirmal Singh R/o # 2808/2, Sector 47-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Paramjeet Kaur to Parminder jeet Kaur.

I, Prerna Godura Daughter of Shri Sandeep Godura Wife of Shri Raghav R. Bhardwaj R/o House no 2752, Phase VII, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my name from Prerna Godura to Prerna Bhardwaj.

I, Harjinder Saggu W/o Mohinder Singh R/o 3078, Pink Rose Society Sector 49D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Harjinder Saggu to Harjinder Kaur Saggu.

I Devender Sharma s/o Shiv kumar r/o h.no.57 gali no.2 new mukhija colony panipat declared in my son vishrut sharma documents my name is devender and in my documents my name is Devender Sharma please change my name in my son vishrut sharma documents from Devender to Devender Sharma.

I Goldi vohra w/o Mandeep kumar r/o h.no 50 new Shanti nagar model town panipat declared change my name from Goldi Chawla to Goldi vohra and in future my name is Goldi vohra.

I Gopal S/o Sh. Kumer Singh Rawat R/o House No 814/C, Dashmesh Nagar, Nayaogaon, District SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Gopal to Gopal Singh Rawat.

I Amandeep Thakur S/o Sh. Suraj Bhan R/o House No. 65, Singhawala, Ambala City state that I have changed my name from Amandeep Kukkad to Amandeep Thakur.

I Sanjay Kumar S/o Sh. Ishwer Dayal Gupta R/o Qtr 1, T/No. 20, Water Tank, Jundla Gate, Karnal have changed in my father's name from Ishwer Dayal to Ishwer Dayal Gupta in my documents for all future purposes.

I, Ritu W/O Sanjeev Kumar Birla R/O H.No 778, Dadu Majra Colony, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh have changed My Name to Ritu Birla.

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/O Sh. Omi Ram R/O H.No 778, Dadu Majra Colony, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh have changed My Name to Sanjeev Kumar Birla.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Ramkumar Father of Jasin (Son's Name) R/o Village Badon Brahmanan (6) Badya Brahmana, Hisar have changed my minor Son name from Jasin to Jayansh Anil Kumar.

I, Shweta Chawla W/o Narpendra R/o H. No. 176, Ward No. 02, Sunder Nagar, Hisar Distt. Hisar Haryana 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Shweta Chawla to Shweta Choudhary for all future purpose.

I Rani W/O Naib Singh R/O Village Shambhoo Kalan, Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name From Rani To Rani Kaur.

I, IC/Army No. 13920780 Rank Havildar Name Satya Pal Sharma, R/o Flat No. 202, 2nd Floor, T-13, Royale Estate, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (Pb.) 140603 declare That I want to change the name of my spouse from Gulshan Bala to Gulshan Sharma

I Raj Kumar Wadhva s/ o Mohan Lal r/o Vill. Rupana, Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Raj Kumar All concern note it.

I, Minu Jain W/o Sh. Dinesh Kumar Jain R/o House No-604, Tower-1, GLC Members Coop H/B Society, Tehsil Kharar. District S.A.S Nagar, Mohali, Punjab have change my name from MEENU JAIN to MINU JAIN.

I, Dilli Shiwakoti legally father of No.14930333N Rank HAV Name Nirmal Shiwakoti presently residing at Ujanu Shiv Nagar, Siliguri (M. Corp), Pradhan Nagar, Siliguri, Darjeeling, State-West Bengal-734003 declare That I have changed my name from Dilli Shiwakoti to Dilli Sharma Shiwakoti and corrected my date of birth from 28.02.1948 to 01.05.1954 as affirmed vide affidavit No IN-PB43136004943373X dated 09.06.2025 in the court of Bathinda.

I, M Rajammal legally mother of No.15333570F Rank HAV Name Parthiban M Unit 4 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of No.74, Pudupattinam Salai, Thirukkalkukundram, Kunnavakkam, Pattaraikalani Kancheepuram, State-Tamil Nadu-603102 declare That I have changed my name from M Rajammal to Rajammal M and DOB from 01.07.1957 to 30.06.1953 vide affidavit dated 10.06.2025

I, Neetu legally spouse of No.JC-391771Y Rank Nb/Sub Name Santosh Kumar Singh Unit 14(I) Armd Bde Sig Coy C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Rahul Nagar, Damodarpur, Distt. Mazafarpur, State-Bihar-843113 declare That I have changed my name from Neetu to Nitu Singh vide affidavit dated 10.06.2025

I, No.JC-391771Y Rank Nb/Sub Name Santosh Kumar Singh Unit 14(I) Armd Bde Sig Coy C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Dhar Fari, Distt. Muzaffarpur, State-Bihar-843120 declare That I have changed my minor son name from Krishna Kumar to Krishn Kumar Singh vide affidavit dated 10.06.2025

I Rajeev Sharma S/o Ashok Kumar, R/o House No 719, Preet Colony, Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab inform that in my educational Documents my mother name wrongly recorded Kamlesh Rani. My mother correct name is Kamlesh Kumar.

I, Kamlesh Devi mother of No 2497325P Hav Vikas presently residing at Vill. Surpur, PO, Surpur Teh. Indora, Distt. Kangra (HP) Pin-176403 have changed my name from Kamlesh Devi to Kamlesh vide affidavit dated 09- Jun-2025.

I, Saachi W/o Piyush Aggarwal R/o House No. 530, Priti Nagar, Near Malik Hospital, Hisar, Haryana, Pin Code: 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Saachi to Saachi Aggarwal for future.

I, Mohinder Singh S/o Gulab Singh R/o House No. 16-A, Gali No. 04, Tulsi Vihar Azad Nagar, Hisar, Haryana, Pin Code : 125001 declare that I have changes my minor daughter name from Vaanya to Aira Mehla for future.

I, Meenu W/o Joginder Pal R/o H No 6/857, New Prem Colony, Karnal, Haryana-132001 have changed my name to Veena Rani.

I, Raju Sharma S/o Bali Ram R/o 71, Ward No-8, Mohalla Kumhar Ghati, Sadhaaura (51), Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-133204 have changed my name to Narinder Kumar.

I, Kamal Jit Kaur W/o Angrej Singh R/o Patti Sant Nagar, Jiwan Nagari(124, 126, 127), Siri, Jiwan Nagar, Sirsa, Haryana-125075 have changed my name to Harjit Kaur.

I, Himanshi D/o Brijesh Verma R/o 12, Bank Colony, Ferozepur City, Ferozepur, Punjab-152002 have changed my name to Himanshi Verma.

I, Neetu Chowdhary D/o Om Prakash Chaudhry R/o Flat No. 1109 D, Trishla City High Ground Road, Nabha Sahib, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab-140603 have changed my name to Nikita Dias. I have changed only my name not my religion.

I, Manya Sehgal D/o Vivek Sehgal W/o Rohan Kumar Trehan R/o H. No.6, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001 have changed my name to Manya Trehan.

I Faqir Chand S/O Ram Chand, 531, I-B, Shivalik Avaneue, Naya Nangal (Ropar), Have Changed My Name To Faqir Chand Bansal S/O Ram Chand Bansal.

I, No. 4188217X NK Rajesh Kumar (Retd.) S/o Sh. Joginder Singh R/o V.P.O. Ajrana Kalan, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra declare that in my service record my daughters names are wrongly written as Priya and Kajal instead of Priya Rani and Kajal Rani.

I Kanta Sehgal W/o Jaspal Sehgal R/o House No 2648, Hari Palace Road Ambala City have changed my name from Kanta Devi to Kanta Sehgal.

I Aditi D/o Anurag Jindal R/o House No 573 Sector-8, Huda Ambala City have changed my name from Aditi to Aditi Jindal.

I, SACHITRA BAHADUR, mother of Army No 14937428W LHav Ramen Bahadur R/o Raghunathpur, Chandrakona, Raghunathpur, West Midnapore, West Bengal-721201, have changed my name from SACHITRA BAHADUR to SUCHITRA BAHADUR & date of birth from 01/07/1964 to 01/05/1960 vide affidavit dated 11.06.2025 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar

I Piar Kaur Alias Paramjit Kaur W/o Harkirpal Singh Sohal R/o Village Pir Di Sain (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur Sohal. Concerned note.

I Harmesh Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/O 656, New Janj Ghar, Mohalla Faizpura Batala Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Harmesh Singh to Rames. Concerned note.

I, Deepinder Singh S/o Harjinder Singh R/o village Moju Khera, Tehsil Ellenabad, District Sirsa state that I have changed my name from Deepinder Singh Khosa to Deepinder Singh. In future I should be known and Identified by the name Deepinder Singh.

I, Krishan Kumar S/o Maman Ram R/o House No. 109, Sector 9/11, Hisar, Haryana-125001 declare that I have changed my name from Krishan Kumar Saini to Krishan Kumar for all future purpose.

I, Pawan Aggarwal S/o Sh. Parkash Aggarwal R/o House No.- 1350-B, Ward No. 9, Near Nand Cinema, Shyam Lal Bagh Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Pawan Kumar to Pawan Aggarwal for all future purposes.

Angrejo wife of Sh.Bhoor Singh (Mother of No.10515921X, Rank Sep. Anup Singh) Unit 152 Inf Bn (TA) Sikh, resident of village & Post Office Khanpur, Tehsil Narwana, District Jind, have changed name from Angerajo to Angrejo vide Affidavit dated 10.06.2025 before Executive Magistrate Narwana (Jind).

I Shivi W/o Parvez Khan R/o H.no. 1515/2, Sector 30B, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Shivi to Sana Khan.

I Anupama W/o Sushil Kumar D/o Ram Chand Sethi R/o H.no. 1388, near NTC School Rajpura, Distt. Patiala, have changed my name to Anupama Rani.

I Sukhwant Singh Maan s/ o Narinderpal Singh r/o Vill. Chak Suhele Wala Teh. Jalalabad Distt. Fazilka have changed my name to Sukhwant Singh All concern note it.

I Rani W/O Karm chand R/O house no. 570 District Karnal declare that my both name Rani and Shanti are one and same person. All concerned note.

I, Sushma Marwaha W/O Anil Kumar Marwaha R/O House No 1131, Sector 7, UE, Thanesar, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name From Sushma To Sushma Marwaha.

I, Mool Chand S/o Teja Ram R/o Village Gobind Majra Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, declare that I am known by two names: Mool Chand and Bhoola.

I, Goginder Parsad S/o Baccha Lal # 106, Burail, Sector-45, Chandigarh have changed my name to Yogender Prasad.

I, Arashdeep Singh Son of Surinderpal Singh residing at H.No.153, Kabir Park, Opp Guru Nanak Dev University, District Amritsar-143002 Punjab have changed the name of my minor Son Jaskunwardeep Singh Aged 15 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Ikshaandeep Singh.

I, hitherto Known as Neelam Kanta Dhingra wife of Radhe Sham Dhingra residing at H.No.1390, Ward No.04, Lahorea Sweet House, New Civil Line, District Moga-142001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Anjana Dhingra.

I, hitherto Known as Shinda Singh Son of Kabal Singh residing at Village Pringri, Tehsil Patti District Tam Taran-143412 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Sukhwinder Singh

I, Harjit Kaur W/o Navjot Singh R/o Leel Kalan, Gurdaspur have declare that Harjit is my Given name and Kaur is my Surname

I, Navjot Singh S/o Gian Singh R/o VPO Leel Kalan, Teh Batala, Gurdaspur have declare that Navjot is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Mohinder Paul Singh Raina S/o Mohan Singh R/o 393/A, Kabir Colony, Talab Tillo, Near Peer Baba Jammu and Kashmir have changed my name from Mohinder Paul Singh Raina to Mohinder Pal Singh

I, Raina Mohan Singh S/o Lochan Singh R/o Tehsil Road Kanli Bagh Near Bawli Ditrict Baramulla have changed my name from Raina Mohan Singh to Mohan Singh

I, Gurvail Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o H.No. 3A, Khasa, PO Distrillery Khasa, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Gurvail Singh to Gurvel Singh

I, Harbeen Anand W/o Amrinder Singh R/o House No.D-17/518, Sandhu Avenue, B-Block Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Harbeen Anand to Harbeen Kaur

I, hitherto known as Nishan Singh Pannu son of Arjan Singh residing at H.No.13/656 Nikki Mandi, Patti, Tehsil Patti, Tarn Taran-143416 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nishan Singh.

I, Rajeev Kumar S/o Bishambar Dass R/o H.No.30, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, St. no.1, Surta Singh Road, Chheharta, Amritsar- 143105 (Pb) have changed my name from Rajeev Kumar to Rajeev Kumar Malhotra, Plz note.

I, Savita W/o Rajeev Kumar Malhotra R/o H.no.30, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, St. no.1, Surta Singh Road, Chheharta, Amritsar- 143105 (Pb) have changed my name from Savita to Savita Malhotra, plz note

I, Karanbir Singh S/o Bachittar Singh R/O Village Dhing Nangal, PO Jalalpura, Tehsil Majitha District Tarn Taran have declare that Karanbir is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Kiranjot Kaur D/o Lakhwinder Singh R/o VPO Tarsikka Patti Bhinder Amritsar have declare that Kiranjot is my Given name and Kaur is my Surname

I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/o Sukhjital Singh R/o VPO Dhardeo Tehsil Baba Bakala District Gurdaspur have declare that Sarbjeet is my Given name and Kaur is my Surname

I, Rajbir Singh Aulakh S/o Sarwan Singh R/o Village Koharka Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name form Rajbir Singh Aulakh to Rajbir Singh

I, Charanjeet Singh S/o Jaswant Singh R/o House No.531, Gali No.4, Hargobind Pura, Wadali Road, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Charanjeet Singh to Charanjit Singh

I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o H.No.179-A, Sandhu Colony Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Parmjit Kaur

I, Sunita W/o Sajjan Kumar, 3434 Urban Estate, Jind, have changed name to Sunita Kumari.

I, Rajpreet W/o Kashmir Singh R/o H.No. 10, St. No. 8, Ekta Vihar, Jhill Road, Patiala (Punjab), have changed my name from Rajpreet Kaur to Rajpreet.

I, Jasvir Kaur W/o Suresh Kumar R/o Village Sandhala, Tehsil Radaur, District Yamunanagar, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Ritika to Ritika Rani.

I, Yadwinder Singh S/o Sarup Chand R/o H.No. 47, Vidya Nagar, PO. Punjabi University, Kerheri, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Yadwinder Singh Duggal to Yadwinder Singh.

I, Ravinder Kaur W/o Yadwinder Singh R/o H.No. 47, Vidya Nagar, PO. Punjabi University, Kerheri, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Ravinder Kaur Duggal to Ravinder Kaur.

I, Prikshit S/o Rajesh R/o H. No. 75,Vill- Janti Kalan(52), Rai, Sonipat Declare that Prikshit & Prikshit Tushir both names are the same and one person. In future I'll be known as Prikshit Tushir.

Punjab CM Mann, AAP chief Kejriwal launch portal for industrialists

PNS ■ MOHALI

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday launched 'FastTrack Punjab Portal', which is aimed at ensuring all required approvals to investors within 45 days of filling applications. He said that a set of 12 initiatives will revolutionize how industry in Punjab operates, how industry interacts with the Government and how industry can unlock value of its land and become more competitive nationally as well as globally.

Addressing a gathering during the launch of the portal in Mohali, Kejriwal called it a "historic" move of the AAP government in Punjab. He said all approvals for an industrial project will be given within 45 days. If one does not get approvals within 45 days, then an investor will get deemed approval for their project automatically.

"If you want to set up a new project, start a new business, expand your business or diversify your business and you apply on the 'Invest portal', you will get all approvals within 45 days," said Kejriwal after announcing the launch of the portal.

The AAP national convener said all the concerned departments will inform within seven days of filling an application for a project about any shortcomings in the proposal. Thereafter, no fresh objection can be raised in connection with the proposal, he added. "If you are not given an approval within 45 days, then automatically you will get deemed approval," Kejriwal said while explaining the initiative of



the state government.

He said thereafter the state government would take action against an officer who did not approve the application. "This will be personally monitored by the chief secretary. An officer has to give an explanation if he does not take action within 45 days. Everyone will be on their toes," he said.

Kejriwal said if an industrial project involves an investment of up to Rs 200 crore, then the required approvals will be given within three days. In another succor to the industrialists, he also announced to simplify the norms for issuing fire safety NOC in Punjab, making Punjab the most progressive state in this regard across India. He said that a Self-certification system is being introduced and the fire drawings/ schemes made by empanelled architects shall be accepted by the Government.

AAP GOVT GIVES INCENTIVES WORTH RS 180 CRORE IN FIRST TWO MONTHS OF FY 2025-26: CHEEMA

Punjab government has released an incentive of Rs 180 crore within the first two months of the financial year 2025-26, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said on Tuesday. In a statement, he said a total of Rs 250 crore has been meticulously arranged for the industry under various progressive policies in the budget for the financial year 2025-26, with 72 percent of this allocation already disbursed. "This substantial investment demonstrates the AAP government's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for industrial growth and development", he added.

Beyond these immediate incentives, the Finance Minister also assured that ample funds will also be dedicated to the crucial establishment of industrial focal points across various districts of the state, laying a strong foundation for future growth and equitable development. He said that the launch of the Fastrack Punjab portal is set to become a historic milestone in the state's developmental trajectory.

PM Modi's leadership steered nation to dynamic governance: Hry CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH PANCHKULA

On the completion of 11 years of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) -led Government at the Centre, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for steering the nation from a time of indecision and inefficiency to an era of dynamic governance, national pride, and global recognition. He described the last 11 years as the most transformative phase of independent India, where each citizen has felt the presence of a decisive, sensitive, and effective government. Today's India is led by Vision, Not Vote-Bank Politics, Saini added.

Saini said, "When Prime Minister Modi assumed office in 2014, our economy ranked 11th worldwide. Now, India's economy rose from the 11th to the 4th largest global economy."

He outlined how Digital India has reshaped service delivery through platforms like UPI, BHIM. During the COVID-19 crisis, India led the world as a pharma hub and also ensured free vaccination for over 220 crore doses within the country. India now leads from the



front on the global stage, be it G20, climate leadership or technological diplomacy. Thanks to India's initiative at the United Nations, June 21 is now celebrated worldwide as International Yoga Day, an enduring symbol of India's cultural resurgence, said Saini.

Saini pointed out how Haryana has been a direct beneficiary of the Modi Government's vision. In the past 11 years, PM Modi visited Haryana 14 times, inaugurating key projects like AIIMS Jhajjar, Bima Sakhi, Hisar Airport, and Yamunanagar Thermal Plant. He said that the state now has 21 approved National Highways, 12 of which are already operational. Solar rooftops under the PM Suryaghar Yojana are powering 17,000 homes in Haryana, with a target of 2 lakh in the coming year, shared Saini.

Punjab meets all time high power demand of 16,192 MW

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a new milestone in Punjab's power sector, the state met an all-time high peak power demand of 16,192 MW on Tuesday (June 10), surpassing the previous record of 16,058 MW set on June 29 last year. "The milestone was achieved without imposing any power cuts across various sectors for the first time since India's independence," a statement said.

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) played a pivotal role in achieving this feat. The state's record-breaking energy demand came just a day after the final phase of advanced paddy sowing commenced on June 9, in line with the government's decision to prepone the sowing to June 1st this year. PSPCL's swift and strategic response enabled the

state to break its previous demand record the very next day.

Minister Harbhajan Singh lauded the effective integration of in-state and out-of-state power generation resources, interstate power banking, and optimal use of the transmission network. He emphasized that the coordinated efforts ensured uninterrupted power to agriculture, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, even at peak demand.

Agricultural consumers were receiving more than eight hours of continuous power supply daily, without any curtailment to other sectors. "This is a landmark moment. For the first time after independence, Punjab has managed its peak power demand season without resorting to power cuts," said the Minister.

He extended his gratitude to PSPCL CMD Ajoy Kumar Sinha, the board of directors, and all

employees for their dedication and efficient handling of the power supply system. "Their hard work and preparedness ensured that every sector, especially farmers during the paddy season, received reliable power," he noted.

"This achievement reflects the government's commitment to strengthening power infrastructure and improving service delivery. Under CM Bhagwant Singh Mann's governance, Punjab is striving towards energy self-sufficiency while ensuring citizen-centric outcomes," he said.

The Minister said such milestones boost investor's confidence in the most suitable industrial climate of Punjab and enhance the quality of life for its residents—demonstrating that with visionary leadership and effective execution, power challenges can be turned into achievements.

Narco-Hawala Cartel busted in Amritsar, 6 held

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR

The Commissionerate Police Amritsar on Tuesday dismantled a well-organized Narco-Hawala cartel being operated by Arshdeep Singh, currently incarcerated at Goindwal Jail, with the arrest of its six operatives and recovering 4.526 kg of heroin and ₹8.7 lakh drug money from their possession, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said.

Those arrested have been identified as Karandeep Singh alias Karan (25), a resident of Algon Khurd in Tarn Taran, Jaspreet Singh (20), a resident of Salodi in Ludhiana, Arshdeep Singh alias Ars (22), a resident of Mehndipur in Tarn Taran, Gurmeet Singh alias Geetu (24), a resident of Sukhera Bodla in Fazilka, Rajinderpal Singh alias Nikka (24), a resident of Kolowal in Amritsar and Malkeet Singh (28), a resident of Hawelian in Tarn Taran.

DGP Yadav said that a preliminary investigation has revealed that Arshdeep, in connivance with his associates Jaspreet and Karan, has been orchestrating the drug trade and hawala transactions. Karan, along with Gurmeet and Rajinderpal, were retrieving cross-border consignments and distributing them across various districts of Punjab, he said. He said that the probe has further revealed that the proceeds from the narcotics trade were laundered via hawala channels by Jaspreet, which were routed to Dubai, UAE and subsequently to Pakistan. The mobile phone used by Arshdeep within the jail has been recovered, providing crucial evidence of their cross-border operations, he said.

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PUNJAB SIGNS MOU WITH CMC LUDHIANA TO ESTABLISH BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT FACILITY

Chandigarh: The Government of Punjab on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Christian Medical College (CMC), Ludhiana, for establishing Punjab's first Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) facility in the public sector. The aim is to launch a life-saving initiative for children suffering from thalassemia and find a permanent solution. The MoU was signed in the presence of Health Minister, Dr. Balbir Singh, who applauded the collaborative spirit of this initiative and reaffirmed the government's commitment to making advanced healthcare accessible and affordable for all. Under this programme, eligible patients, particularly children under 12 years, will be provided free HLA typing and subsidized allogeneic stem cell (bone marrow) transplantation, currently the only curative treatment for thalassemia. Once successfully treated, these children no longer require lifelong blood transfusions.

MC CHANDIGARH RESTART OF ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAM FOR STRAY DOGS

Chandigarh: The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has resumed the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Program for the sterilization of stray dogs with immediate effect at the ABC Centre, Raipur Kalan. MC Commissioner Amit Kumar stated that the program had been temporarily put on hold since 25th February this year due to administrative reasons. The program will now be carried out directly by the Municipal Corporation, ensuring a more efficient, humane, and systematic control of the stray dog population in the city. He said that the ABC Program is a crucial step toward managing the stray dog population in a scientific and compassionate manner.

HEATWAVE PERSISTS IN PUNJAB AND HARYANA

Chandigarh: Haryana and Punjab continued to reel under intense heatwave on Tuesday with Bathinda recording the highest maximum temperature in the two states at 47.6 degrees Celsius, according to the weather department here. Blistering heat also swept Haryana's Sirsa as it recorded a high of 46.2 degrees Celsius. The mercury also continued to soar in Chandigarh, the common capital of the two states, which recorded the season's highest maximum so far at 43.9 degrees Celsius, against Monday's 43.8 degrees Celsius. Above normal maximum temperatures were recorded at other places in the two states as sizzling heat continued unabated. After Sirsa in Haryana, Rohtak also experienced equally hot weather with maximum temperature of 46.1 degrees Celsius. Severe heat swept Narnaul, Hisar, Ambala, Karnal and Bhiwani too with maximum temperatures settling at 45.2, 44.5, 44.3, 44.5 and 44.3 degrees Celsius, respectively. In Punjab, blistering heat also swept Amritsar, Ludhiana and Patiala which recorded respective highs of 44.8, 44 and 44.5 degrees Celsius. Ferozepur registered a high of 43.5 degrees, Pathankot 43.2 degrees while Faridkot and Gurdaspur recorded respective maximums of 44.4 and 44 degrees Celsius.

PUNJAB POLICE SIGNS MOU TO EMPOWER YOUTH

Chandigarh: In a step toward youth empowerment and community-centric policing, Punjab Police's Community Affairs Division (CAD) and the Hartek Foundation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to engage vulnerable and disoriented youth across Punjab through skill development, counselling, awareness, capacity-building and community engagement programs. This MoU was signed by Special DGP Community Affairs, Gurpreet Kaur Deo and CEO Hartek Foundation Harkirat Kaur on Tuesday. The strategic partnership was launched with a collaborative effort for the ongoing Yuva Saanjh Initiative, a youth engagement programme. The Special DGP said that Hartek Foundation will support the Community Affairs Division to standardise the process for implementing the programme by conducting regular training and capacity-building programs for the police officials and Yuva Saanjh committees through this collaboration. These steps will serve as a comprehensive roadmap for the effective and uniform rollout of the initiative across the state, ensuring a structured and impactful approach, she said.

ISRAELI TREKKER IN HIMACHAL GOES MISSING IN TRIUND, SEARCH UNDERWAY

Dharamshala: An Israeli national, who went for a trek to Triund in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra, has gone missing, police said on Tuesday. Samuel Vengrinovich, in his mid-30s, set out for a trek on June 6 with a group. When he did not return by nightfall, an intensive search was carried out. However, after failing to locate him, his friend Ediblam, alerted the McLeodganj police on Monday, the police said. A group of five tourists had come to Himachal Pradesh for a trip, but Samuel got separated during the trek in the hills of Triund and they have not heard from him since then, they said.

1130 cases registered under NDPS Act in Hry from Jan-Apr this year; 1081 held

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

As part of the Haryana government's crack-down on the drug menace, State Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Sumita Misra on Tuesday said that a total of 1,130 cases were registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act between January and April, and 143 of these involved commercial quantities of narcotics.

During this period, 1,801 offenders were arrested, including 332 for possession or trafficking of commercial quantities of drugs under NDPS Act. Additionally, 34 offenders were detained under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act, she said.

Misra said that the Government has significantly intensified its fight against drug abuse and called upon every citizen to become an active partner in achieving the vision of a Drug-Free Haryana. In the first four months of 2025, the Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) carried out major operations, seizing 22.40 kg of heroin, 57.78 kg of Charas, 1,520.71 kg of Ganja, 87.09 kg of Opium, and 6,766.33 kg of Poppy Straw. Authorities also confiscated 1,609 bottles, 48,982 capsules, 3,152 injectable narcotics, over 95,000 tablets, and 128.35 kg of opium poppy. During this same period, 1,130 cases were registered under the NDPS Act, out of which 143 involved commercial quantities.

She stated that the government launched the ambitious Drug-Free Haryana Cyclothon 2.0 to build mass public participation in the anti-drug movement. Flagged off from Sirsa, the Cyclothon pass through all 90 assembly constituencies between April 5 and April 27, 2025, transforming into a state-wide people's movement. With over 4.5 lakh cyclists actively participating and more than 7.2 lakh citizens attending events, the campaign mobilized communities like never before. From elected representatives to women, youth, and rural residents every section of society echoed a united voice against the menace of drugs, the officer added.

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Editor's TAKE

Impactful eleven years of Modi Government

From bold reforms to welfare breakthroughs, the Modi era has redefined the narrative of governance

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi completes 11 years in office, the occasion marks a significant chapter in India's political and developmental journey. Over the past decade, the Modi Government has overseen a broad transformation — economically, socially, and ideologically — ushering in what can be termed as a new era of governance focused on performance, accountability, and national pride. BJP President JP Nadda has also emphasised key achievements of the Government ranging from social-economic to political achievements of the Modi Government.

Under Modi's leadership, India has risen from the 10th to the 4th largest economy globally. Welfare schemes targeting the poor, such as Jan Dhan, Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana and housing initiatives, have lifted an estimated 25 crore people out of poverty, reflecting what the Government calls its "gareeb kalyan" model of development.

A strong push for women-led development has seen the expansion of maternity leave, the rise of self-help groups like 'Lakhpati Didis,' and women making major strides in sectors ranging from grassroots entrepreneurship to space exploration. The Government also claims credit for shifting Indian politics from identity-based appeasement to a results-oriented model, where report cards, not rhetoric, define public leadership. One of the most testing periods of Modi's tenure was the COVID-19 pandemic, during which India conducted the world's largest free vaccination drive, delivering over 220 crore doses. This was accompanied by swift emergency operations like Vaccine Maitri and Operation Ganga, enhancing India's stature as a responsible global actor. In Jammu and Kashmir, the Government's decision to abrogate Article 370 marked a turning point in India's internal integration efforts. The move, followed by record voter turnout in local elections, is presented as proof of deeper democratic normalisation in the region.

Infrastructure too has been a defining pillar, with the long-pending Chenab Bridge project finally completed and inaugurated this year. Other headline reforms over the years include the abolition of Triple Talaq, the Citizenship Amendment Act, and changes to Waqf laws, all aimed, according to the Government, at correcting long-standing social imbalances.

The Modi Government continues to project the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047, guided by the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas." While critics point to concerns over democratic freedoms and centralisation of power, even detractors acknowledge the sweeping nature of the changes witnessed under Modi's leadership.

At the end of 11 years, Narendra Modi's tenure has not only redefined governance in India but has also reshaped the expectations citizens have from their leaders. Whether viewed as transformational or polarising, the Modi era has left an unmistakable imprint on the nation's political and developmental psyche.

Debate on India's defence doctrine

The larger question looms: Can India afford costly engagements with transient outcomes, without a comprehensive reimagining of its military doctrine, defence spending and national security policy?

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan has made the startling comment that costs don't matter, outcomes do. He was answering questions from Bloomberg in Singapore about the number of Indian jets downed in Op Sindoor. Some previous combat losses: World War II — Allies 91,105 aircraft; Axis Powers 70,900 aircraft. In 1965, IAF 59 aircraft, and Pakistan Air Force (PAF) 43 aircraft in 22 days.

At Balakot both sides incurred the loss of one aircraft each while India also lost a helicopter due to friendly fire, all within 48 hours. There are other examples of air assets lost. But all these engagements were contact wars, some spread over years. Op Sindoor was an 88-hour non-contact, Beyond Visual Range (BVR) conflict.

For India, a developing economy and aspiring to be a developed nation by 2047, the cost of conflict and resultant homeland-instability impinge negatively on development, especially when the outcome is non-decisive and deterrence only transitory. Pakistan will not cease to wage war, skirmishes and proxy wars as it has for the last 80 years.

Delhi failed to terminate wars decisively because of not appreciating the strength of military power and the use of force. Hard power is built over time with costs and investments. The muscular counter-terrorism policy the BJP Government has adopted for over a decade was built on rhetoric, spending less than 2 per cent of GDP on defence. The absence of credible deterrence, erratic use of force and the unresolved issue of Kashmir led to the Pahalgaam carnage and other terrorist incidents in Kashmir. Had a more serious view been taken of comprehensive national power, Pakistan would not have dared to bait India periodically. Op Sindoor, its tactical successes and strategic flaws necessitate an immediate defence review encompassing the entire span of the current BJP rule.

Since the appointment of CDS and Department of Military Affairs and the centrality of National Security Adviser and the Defence Planning Committee he leads, strategic thinking ought to have led to the enunciation of defence and security doctrines which in turn could have facilitated the formation of Integrated Theatre Commands, still waiting to happen. The domination of air power will rejuvenate the debate on the indivisibility of air assets and put a spoke in the wheel of the early fruition of Theatre Commands.

First salvos in this regard have already been fired by IAF veterans. No longer is the IAF a support arm as late CDS Gen Bipin Rawat had forcefully averred. After Op



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Sindoor, it emerged as the sword arm, persuading Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi to skip the CII Military Partnership Summit, Delhi for blessings from the Rajguru of Chitrakoot temple who sought from Army Chief PoK as Guru Dakshina. While Air Chief Marshal AP Singh modestly stole the limelight at the summit following the stand-off

campaign of attrition of Pakistan Air Force air and land assets, Gen Dwivedi kept alive the relevance of land forces in the territorial conquest of PoK and in capturing and holding ground.

Returning to reforms, the Government must immediately commit to higher defence spending, which is the manifest trend the world over following the Ukraine war entering its fourth year, the Gaza outrage in its third year, compound instabilities in West Asia and turbulence in the Indo-Pacific, especially the South China Sea. President Trump is telling NATO and Indo-Pacific allies to spend more on defence — 5 per cent for NATO and substantial but unspecified increases for Japan and South Korea. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Keir Starmer

announced his Government's first Strategic Defence Review and an increase from 2 to 2.5 per cent of GDP by 2027 and ultimately, targeting 3 per cent by 2034. He said these are not aspirational but achievable targets. He announced an immediate increase in defence spending of GBP 15 bn, saying additional capabilities will deter conflict, naming Russia (and China) as the main threat.

As India is afraid to name China as a threat, it does not have a written national security policy. Imagine Prime Minister Modi making similar announcements in his Mann ki Baat or an interview with ANI like Starmer did on BBC. He outlined the key ingredients of defence preparedness — the type of equipment the UK would build for its strategic and conventional deterrence and its focus on NATO First. NATO and Europe have three nuclear-armed nations to deter Russia and China.

The other two original nuclear-armed powers all together constitute the P5 in the UN Security Council. India's defence forces, on the other hand, have been hollowed out over time due to inadequate funding and lethargic procurement procedures. While Aatm-nirbharta is an undeniable great virtue, Delhi's dependence on Russia, France, the US, Israel, the UK and Germany for niche technologies makes self-reliance somewhat suspect.

Immediate injection of resources, especially in R&D, is imperative if the new normal

of enhanced thresholds of non-contact and hot war under the nuclear overhang is to be sustained. Business Standard's AK Bhattacharya, a long-term advocate of higher defence spending, recently suggested that there were two ways to do this: first, to break the limit on fiscal deficit; and the other to reduce capex to transfer funds to defence.

As this will affect growth, he said, accepting a higher fiscal deficit was the better option. There is a third way too. Past Finance Commissions have tossed ideas but the Government has not shown political courage to make the right choices as those will hurt its welfare schemes and impose a fresh burden on the taxpayer.

Periodic clashes with Pakistan have created uncertainties and instabilities that will deter FDI and discourage shifting supply chains to India. Delhi's import reliance on China is increasing phenomenally; in 2023-24 to USD 110 bn, which is almost twice India's defence budget. China remains the primary challenge, rival and competitor. Enhanced defence allocation will have meaning if defence acquisition processes are streamlined to ensure full utilisation of funds by the end of the fiscal. For too long, modernisation funds have had to be surrendered. Costs matter as much as outcomes.

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India needs a smarter approach to crowd management

Opinion

In India, large gatherings are not rare disruptions. They are the norm. Cricket victories, political rallies, religious festivals, celebrity appearances, airport inaugurations — each can summon thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands, into open public spaces, often with little formal planning. These crowds reflect India's energy and scale.

But they also present a persistent challenge: how to manage such gatherings safely, predictably, and without incident. Recent tragedies have highlighted the cost of poor crowd management. But the solution lies not in stricter enforcement or post-incident inquiry. It lies in something India's governance structures too often overlook: systemic planning. Crowds in India are changing. They no longer assemble only for annual religious rituals or pre-scheduled political events. Instead, many now form spontaneously — mobilised in minutes via social media, often in semi-urban spaces not designed to handle them.

They are less hierarchical, more mobile, and more complex to anticipate. Policing such crowds with traditional methods — barricades, loudhailers, baton units — is both inefficient and increasingly inadequate. Frontline officers are experienced but often under-resourced. What is needed is not better policing, but better governance. India would benefit from codifying its

approach to mass gatherings into a National Framework for Crowd Management. This would not be a one-size-fits-all mandate but a flexible, tiered system of planning protocols — classified by crowd size, event type, and infrastructure profile.

Such a framework could formalise practices that are currently ad hoc. Risk assessments, exit planning, inter-agency co-ordination, and deployment checklists should be standard procedures, not left to individual discretion. Crowd safety should be integrated into disaster management plans and urban planning policies, rather than remaining solely the responsibility of district police officers. At the district level, the introduction of Joint Operations Centres (JOCs) — multi-agency units that co-ordinate planning and response during significant events — could vastly improve efficiency. Police, health services, fire departments, transportation authorities, and municipal bodies should work from a shared playbook with clear lines of authority and command. Technology can also do more of the heavy lifting. Many Indian cities are now equipped with CCTV networks and drone units.

These assets, combined with crowd-modelling software and AI-based density tracking, can provide real-time alerts and enable pre-emptive responses. In high-risk events, AI heatmaps can help guide crowd dispersal, monitor entry flows, and identify potential pressure points before they escalate into dangerous situations. However, few police units have access to this technology in a usable, integrated form.



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PICTALK



A young boy plays Rabaabon a Shikara in Dal Lake as weather remains pleasant in Kashmir Valley. PTI

Letters to the Editor

PM Modi to attend G7 summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to the upcoming G7 outreach meeting in Canada next week is seen as a precondition for Modi's participation in the day-long meeting, which follows the G7 Summit, amid ongoing tensions over the Hardeep Singh Nijjar killing. Carney had placed "conditions" on the invitation to the Indian Prime Minister, and Modi asked for time to decide on whether to accept the conditions or not.

Carney, facing domestic criticism for inviting Modi so soon after the RCMP accused Indian agents of involvement in Nijjar's murder. The G7 summit, scheduled for June 15-17 in Kananaskis, Alberta, will focus on "strengthening peace and security, countering foreign interference as well as transnational crime and improving joint responses to wild-fires," according to Carney.

It is the first of the three priorities that Carney has outlined for the summit, and directly addresses the concerns Canada has expressed about the Modi Government in the wake of the Nijjar assassination. Relations between the two countries had sharply deteriorated after Canada's public allegations of the Modi Government's involvement in Nijjar's murder. The resumption of law enforcement dialogue can be seen as a step toward rebuilding bad ties, but Canadian officials stress that justice and ongoing investigations remain central to their agenda.

BHAGWAN THADANI | MUMBAI

A Call for Balanced Governance

On the occasion of completing the first year of his third term the Prime Minister has appreciated himself for achieving the country's economy to grow to be the fourth largest in the world. His colleagues are also falling in line. No doubt, it deserves appreciation. India is also producing more billionaires than any other countries. But it is one part of the story. But equally important other part also needs to be considered. India is holding 105th place in Global Hunger Index in the list of 127 countries.

India is put on 'serious' category in the hunger list. In the Corruption Perception Index India is placed in 96th place with 38 points in the list of 180 countries. The country's place in World Happiness Report is 118 in the list of 147. Education policy and standard of education stand exposed for producing unemployable youth. Unemployment, especially among the educated youth, is growing to a staggering level. Above all 81 crore people are still depending on free ration. Manipur and Kashmir are yet to see peace and normal life. States are crying foul against the fading federal spirit and discriminatory treatments. The judiciary is forced to intervene to maintain the supremacy of the constitution. Attending these woes is also the duty of this Government, which the leaders are reminded of to attend to them with equal concern to ensure comprehensive development that benefits all.

AG RAJMOHAN | ANANTAPUR

Vande Bhart reaches Kashmir valley

The Vande Bharat Express, being put into service on the Jammu-Srinagar route, is specifically engineered to withstand severe winter conditions in the Himalayan region. It can improve connectivity and trade and commerce. Firstly, it reduces the travel time between the Jammu region, the Kashmir Valley, and the rest of the country.

The Vande Bharat train comes into play especially when inclement weather plays spoilsport, making roads and air travel congested or delayed. This special train, being put into service on the Jammu-Srinagar route, is specifically engineered to withstand severe winter conditions in the Himalayan region. It can improve connectivity and trade and commerce. It should boost the tourism sector, a key contributor to Jammu and Kashmir's economy, especially when we consider that horticulture is the breadwinner for a significant portion of the populace. It can greatly reduce travel time for products such as apples, plums, or cherries, thereby generating extra income for the natives. It can be said to a certain extent that railways have had a transformative effect on the cultural landscape of India. So, the recently launched Vande Bharat train can be seen as a harbinger of goodwill that should bridge cultural divides, especially in sensitive zones. This initiative holds immense potential to not only enhance economic prosperity but also foster greater national integration in the region.

VIAJY SINGH ADHIKARI | NAINITAL

INDUS WATER TREATY SUSPENSION IS IRREVERSIBLE

Proposed of the front-page news (June 9) on India's snub on the Indus Water Treaty 1960, post-Pahalgaam massacre and Operation Sindoor, the reversal of the suspension of the treaty looks politically improbable fearing an outrage in India. The infrastructure plans for diverting Indus river tributaries to water-deficient regions of Jammu-Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan are under implementation. The intervention by any country or the World Bank is ruled out as they have no stakes, and the pressure tactics of the 1960s will not work. But Pakistan is itself responsible for this suspension. Until now, its leaders and Ministers had been threatening India on the Indus and its tributaries in a violent tone, but in vain. Pakistan has discriminated on water against certain states and on budgeting against Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa besides oppressive rules. Its allies in the past and present had only empowered it

with arms and ammunition, and army bases for their strategic gains, eyeing India. But Pakistan chose to play their tunes instead of strengthening itself with its most friendly neighbour, India, whose support for its sustenance economically and geographically was not just immensely invaluable but indispensable. Most significantly, the partition itself was unviable, as it proves now beyond doubt, and the calls from PoJK across the border resonate it. Such disruptive and secessionist political scenarios also look irreversible till their army supersedes the elected Governments. Pakistan still fails to see its future and seeks compensation in the name of grants and aids from the IMF, World Bank, and other countries, which comes at a heavy cost. The IWT is a more potential factor for Pakistan than any supplies of arms and ammunition. The friends and allies of Pakistan are in fact its worst enemies.

VINOD JOHRI | DELHI

Free food scheme is inherently prone to misuse

As the Government continues to provide free foodgrain to over 800 million people, a closer look reveals troubling patterns of misuse, policy distortion, and an urgent need for reform. The question now is not whether food should reach the poor — but how best to do it without enriching the corrupt

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Column

Last year, the Indian Council For Research On International Economic Relations (ICRIER) released a Study titled 'Rationalising Public Distribution System in India' saying there was grain leakage under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) of 20 million tons entailing an estimated annual fiscal cost of around ₹70,000 crore to the central exchequer.

Under the PMGKAY, the Union Government asks the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other state agencies to procure food from the farmers at MSP (minimum support price) and organise its distribution to around 820 million people for free. This is done through a network of fair-price shops under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The entire cost i.e. MSP paid to farmers plus handling and distribution cost (HDC) is reimbursed to the FCI/other state agencies as a subsidy.

While the PMGKAY has been in force since January 1, 2023, before that, the Centre was giving food to 820 million persons at a heavily subsidised price of ₹2/3/1 per kg for wheat/rice/coarse cereals under the National Food Security Act or NFSA. In addition, since April 2020, it has given 5 kg of food per person per month for "free" to all 820 million beneficiaries under PMGKAY to mitigate the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

From January 1, 2023, they have been getting free food under the PMGKAY. Umpteen ground reports corroborate the substantial leakage of cereals from the PDS. The most recent revelation is from Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly, Agra and Meerut divisions where between 2015 and 2018, the heavily subsidised food at ₹2/3/1 per kg for wheat/rice/coarse cereals under the NFSA was given to 'ineligible persons' thereby depriving the real beneficiaries of their due.

Last year, there were reports of a massive scam in West Bengal where rice meant for distribution through the PDS made its way to privately owned rice mills who after re-milling (polishing) sold in the open market raking in a moolah. The scale of diversion can be gauged from the fact that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) — currently investigating — estimates the proceeds of crime to be ₹9,000-10,000 crore. The leakage has continued for more than a decade.

In 2016, there were reports of the disappearance of a significant amount of food grain stocks from godowns in Punjab raising concerns about potential losses and the financial implications for banks involved in the state's food borrowing program.



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Under directions from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks were forced to make provisions for such losses estimated to be around ₹12,000 crore. This was even as the Central Government didn't allow this loss to be absorbed under the 'food subsidy' budget.

There could be other numerous instances of leaks hidden from public glare. All put together, these could be denting the state exchequer by colossal amounts. So, when we talk of the ever-increasing food subsidy bill of the Centre (over ₹200,000 crore during FY 2024-25), it includes a sizeable portion towards the leak.

Its root cause has to do with how food subsidy is administered. Under the extant system, the subsidy is built into the price which under this Scheme is Zero; even under regular NFSA from 2013 till December 2022, the price was close to zero at ₹2/3/1 per kg.

Compare this with the cost of supply (MSP plus HDC) which is currently around ₹27 per kg for wheat and ₹39 per kg for rice. The availability of a mammoth of around 55 million tons (the quantity distributed through the PDS) in the supply chain with zero price tag is an open invitation to

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dubious stakeholders to derive unintended gains.

Fundamentally, subsidised food is meant for the poor. The number of poor isn't more than 15-20 per cent of India's population. Yet, the current number of beneficiaries is 59 per cent of the population. Even as per the Shanta Kumar Committee (2015), the beneficiary number under the then NFSA shouldn't be more than 40 per cent. Furthermore, according to Niti Aayog, since 2015, 250 million persons have come out of poverty. This should have led to a corresponding reduction in the number of beneficiaries. But, this was not to be.

Even as millions of 'undeserving' people refuse to exit, the Supreme Court (SC) has directed the Central Government to update the list of beneficiaries to take into account the population during 2021 (the existing list is based on 2011 Census estimates). On this basis, the latter will need to give free food to an additional 100 million. With no deletion, the Scheme will have to cater to 920 million.

The NFSA legislation enacted in 2013 required beneficiaries to pay ₹2/3/1 per kg for wheat/rice/coarse cereals. It froze these rates for

Indian Rail Reaches Kashmir Heights: A Marvel of Indian Engineering

On a clear June day, draped in marigold flowers and national pride, the Vande Bharat Express began its maiden journey from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to Srinagar. Flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the moment marked more than the launch of a high-speed train. It was the culmination of a century-old dream — one forged in steel, vision, and unyielding resolve. The rail unification of Kashmir with the rest of India is that resolve. It is evident on the happy faces of the people travelling on the train. Train to Kashmir with an ultra-modern travel experience runs on the solid foundation of our engineers. Cutting short the travel time, high-speed Vande Bharat trains are running twice a day, six times a week from both sides. They are not only bringing much-needed push for the local economic development in the valley but are also proving to be a boon for the tourists from across the country. The picturesque journey with ultra-modern comforts in such a short time of three hours vis-à-vis road journey of six to seven hours has truly unified hilly Kashmir with the rest of India in all weathers for us. For decades, Kashmir's story has been told through the lens of conflict and remoteness. It's heartening to see it being rewritten in the language of infrastructure — bridges, tunnels, and rail lines threading their way through the mountains. Coming on the eve of 11 years of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's governance at the centre, the special trains and the connecting link are all set to change the destiny of locals in Kashmir.

In its 172-year history of service to the nation, Indian Railways has proudly crossed many important milestones. Generations of dedicated railway men and women have toiled to make connectivity and carriage a daily reality. But to paraphrase a line from an iconic Indian advertisement: Indian Railways doesn't just build tracks-it also knits the fabric of national unity!

From Isolation to Integration Historically, Kashmir's isolation was more than metaphorical — it was geographic and punishingly real. Tucked high in the Himalayas and routinely cut off by snow for days, the region remained distant not just in reach but even in experience. Roads were often treacherous, air travel limited, and full rail connectivity a mirage long promised.

A British-era proposal for a Kashmir rail link remained on the drawing board for decades, hindered by complex geopolitical challenges. After countless rounds of deliberations, feasibility studies, technical evaluations, and consultations with both domestic and international experts, the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) was officially sanctioned in 1994. While the northern and southern sections progressed



steadily and were effectively completed within a decade, the central stretch — from Katra to Banihal — posed an engineering and security challenge of Himalayan proportions. For years, the rail line lingered as two disconnected segments — like outstretched hands reaching across a chasm of mountains. But that chasm symbolised more than just physical terrain. The final push to complete the USBRL project came when the Government declared it a national priority. With firm resolve and cutting-edge technology working in tandem, the project finally saw light at the end of the tunnel — quite literally. As Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw aptly remarked, this was far more than a transportation initiative; it was a nation-building effort.

Where Steel Defies the Sky The USBRL project may well be the most ambitious rail initiative since Independence. The 272-km stretch between Udhampur and Baramulla snakes through 40 tunnels and over 900 bridges. And at the centre of it all is the record-breaking Chenab Bridge — the tallest railway bridge in the world, standing 359 metres above the riverbed. This marvel of engineering is capable of withstanding wind speeds up to 260 kmph and tremors of seismic zone V. Beside it stands the Anji Khad Bridge, India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, stretching asymmetrically across a valley, anchored by a single pylon and supported by 96 cables.

Tunnels, including the 11-kilometre-long T-80 (Banihal-Qazigund) tunnel through the Pir Panjal range, have been carved through fragile rock with a mix of dynamite and human grit.

Physical surveys were done on horseback, while drones and satellite imaging provided aerial support. Workers laboured through harsh winters, sudden landslides, and the looming threat of Pakistan-sponsored terrorist attacks.

Today, more than 190 km of tunnels and thousands of tonnes of steel later, the line stands com-

plete — a feat that combines precision engineering with a certain audacity of vision, linking the Valley to the rest of the nation in a way that is profoundly symbolic.

A Train Called Hope In many ways, the Vande Bharat Express is not just a train — it is a metaphor. It glides quietly through meadows and valleys, bridging distances both physical and psychological, proclaiming that Kashmir is no longer distant!

It has reduced travel time between Srinagar and Katra to just over three hours, down from nearly six. What was once a treacherous road journey through landslide-prone hairpin bends and unpredictable weather, is now a smooth ride through tunnels and bridges that defy belief. It connects not only cities, but lives. Children in far-off villages are now talking about universities in Jammu and Delhi. Local artisans, apple growers, and carpet weavers now see their goods reaching markets beyond the valley — fresher, faster, further. "Where there were once checkpoints and delays," said a young shopkeeper in Srinagar, "there is now the sound of a train. It feels like we're no longer waiting for the rest of the country to arrive — we are moving with it."

A New Journey, Still Unfolding This is not to suggest that one train will solve Kashmir's complex problems. Infrastructure cannot erase history or immediately heal wounds — security concerns will need addressing yet. But it can open doors — both literal and symbolic. And it can lay the groundwork for integration that is economic, social, and, ultimately, emotional.

What began as a dream on drawing boards in colonial offices has become a reality on steel rails blending with Himalayan rock. The rail line to Kashmir is the story of a country that refused to be daunted by terrain, terror, or time. From mountain shadows to sunlit stations, a new journey has begun!

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COVID-19 cases rise again: What's driving the surge and how to stay safe

After months of relative calm, COVID-19 cases are once again climbing in India and many parts of the world. As of early June 2025, several states have reported a noticeable uptick in daily infections, with urban clusters seeing a higher positivity rate. While the numbers are not yet alarming compared to previous waves, the increase has reignited public concern and drawn the attention of health authorities. So what is driving this latest rise, how is it different from earlier waves, and what should people do now?

What's Causing the Spike? Experts attribute the current surge to a mix of factors. One of the key drivers is the emergence of new variants, particularly FLiRT variants such as KP2 and KP3, sub-lineages of Omicron that have evolved with mutations helping them partially evade immunity from previous infections or vaccinations. These variants are not necessarily more severe, but they are more transmissible.

Another contributor is seasonal behaviour. Just like flu tends to peak during certain times of the year, COVID-19 now appears to show a seasonal trend, especially with the monsoon approaching in India. People are spending more time indoors, increasing the likelihood of airborne transmission in poorly ventilated spaces.

Increased travel, public gatherings, and a general sense of pandemic fatigue — where people have relaxed masking and distancing norms — also play a role. Many no longer adhere to precautions like wearing masks in crowded spaces or staying home when symptomatic, which adds fuel to the spread.

Are the Symptoms Any Different This Time?

According to doctors, the symptoms seen in the current wave are broadly similar to those in previous Omicron-driven surges. Patients typically report mild to moderate symptoms such as fever, sore throat, nasal congestion, fatigue, and cough. Some also experience body aches, headaches, and gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea or diarrhoea.

What's different, however, is that most cases are milder, especially among vaccinated individuals. Hospitalisations and ICU admissions remain low, with a majority of patients recovering at home. Those most at risk continue to be the elderly, people with weakened immunity, and those with underlying conditions such as diabetes or lung disease.

Despite the lower severity, public health experts caution that a mild virus can still pose a threat at the population level if it spreads unchecked. Even a small percentage of severe cases from a large infected population can strain healthcare resources.

Mortality Rate and Serious Illness As of now, the mortality rate remains low, though isolated deaths have been reported, often in individuals with comorbidities or advanced age. It's impor-

three years. Since 2016, there has been no legal bar on increasing the price. Yet, far from increasing, the Modi-Government has reduced the price to zero.

The nexus of corrupt politicians/officials and local ration dealers/millers stares at the 'huge differential' between the zero-priced PDS stuff and the high market price with hawkish eyes.

They can circumvent even the best of technology interventions made by the Modi-Government; those include installing PoS (point of sale machines) at ration shops; digitisation of the supply chain from procurement to distribution; authentication of beneficiaries with their Aadhaar numbers and so on.

On the procurement front, cases have come to light where small/poor farmers are unable to sell their produce to the State agencies — despite registering at the latter's portal. This deprives them of the MSP benefit and guaranteed purchase even as dubious traders acting in collusion with the officials manipulate the system to their advantage.

Leakage can be curbed in fact, eliminated if only the Government gives subsidy directly to the beneficiaries using DBT mode. For instance, taking the cost of supplying wheat ₹27 per kg, it can transfer ₹135 a month (₹1620 per annum) to a beneficiary's account being the eligible subsidy amount for 5 kg of monthly food entitlement under the Scheme.

With this money, she can purchase her needs from the market. The ration shops — currently catering to PDS — will have to recalibrate and work like any normal retailer.

The state agencies need not procure food for distribution to the beneficiaries which under the proposed DBT mechanism, won't be required. The farmers will sell their produce in the same manner as happens for any other commodity in a market-driven framework. The three central farm laws should be revived as that will give them more options to them sell their farm output and fetching a good price.

With no zero-priced food available in the system, there won't be any temptation to divert. Also, there won't be any clamour to corner food (albeit free) in the name of fake beneficiaries.

The Government will be able to better target subsidies by excluding the undeserving persons. It will also be spared the 'guaranteed' purchase from farmers and associated high cost and subsidy outgo which it can't avoid under the existing dispensation.

In short, by restructuring the Scheme, the Government has much to gain by way of eliminating misuse and leakages, bringing about huge savings in subsidy, putting in place competitive/efficiently driven markets and ensuring remunerative prices to farmers.

(The writer is a policy analyst. Views expressed are personal)



JAYA VARMA SINHA



TUSHAR TAYAL

tant to note that COVID-19, while less deadly now than in the early pandemic years, still carries a risk of serious complications, including long-term COVID-19 — an umbrella term for persistent symptoms that can affect the lungs, brain, heart, and more.

India reported a few recent deaths in individuals who tested positive for COVID-19, but health officials are cautious about linking the deaths directly to the virus without deeper investigation. COVID likely acted as an aggravating factor in people already unwell from other causes.

Vaccination: Is There a Need for a Booster Now? India had seen impressive uptake for the first two vaccine doses, but booster coverage remains low, particularly among younger adults. Many took their last dose more than a year ago. While vaccine — induced immunity does wane over time, it still offers substantial protection against severe disease.

Globally, updated vaccines targeting newer variants are being developed, but in India, the availability of such formulations is still limited. Current vaccines — primarily Covishield and Covaxin — do still offer partial protection. At this point, experts are not recommending universal re-vaccination, but those who are elderly, immunocompromised, or have underlying illnesses may benefit from a booster in consultation with their doctors and in accordance with Government guidelines. The concept of herd immunity also needs to be revisited. With the virus evolving and immunity waning, the population's collective defence is not as robust as once assumed. Hence, periodic vaccination or updated boosters may become a seasonal norm much like the flu shot in the future.

Should We Be Worried? This is not a situation that calls for panic, but complacency is also dangerous. The rise in cases is a reminder that COVID-19 has not disappeared. Instead, it's transitioning into an endemic pattern — present in the population at lower, fluctuating levels. So far, no alarming red flags have been raised. However, given India's large and dense population, authorities remain cautious and are urging people to report symptoms and get tested if necessary.

What Precautions Should People Take? The tools to stay safe remain the same, and they are simple but effective: Wear a mask in crowded indoor spaces or when visiting healthcare settings.

Wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your face unnecessarily. Do not ignore symptoms like persistent fever, chest discomfort, or shortness of breath — seek medical help early. Community awareness campaigns must be revived to prevent the false sense of safety that can lead to sudden spikes.

(The writer is consultant at CK Birla Hospital and is a seasoned internal medicine specialist. Views expressed are personal)

Five Qatar-based Indian nationals die in Kenya accident

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Doha

At least five Indian nationals residing in Qatar, who were visiting Kenya, have died after their bus met with an accident.

The Indian Embassy in Qatar said a group of 28 Indians was visiting Kenya where their bus met with an accident on Monday.

"As per available information, 5 Indian nationals have lost their lives in the accident. Officials from HCI Nairobi are on the ground and extending all help," the embassy posted on X.

The Gulf Times newspaper reported that the bus they were travelling in got out of control and fell into a gorge in the north eastern county of Nyandarua.

The identity of the deceased is yet to be verified, the newspaper said.

The Indian mission in another post said it is also in touch with the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Indian Community Benevolent Forum (ICBF) and other community groups in Doha.

"We extend sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who have unfortunately passed away," it added. The mission also provided a helpline number for any queries or assistance.

Indian student in handcuffs: ‘Crying, treated like criminal’ in US

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
New York

International Airport.

In a series of posts on X, Jain said that the Indian Embassy in the US needs to help the man.

"I witnessed a young Indian student being deported from Newark Airport last night — handcuffed, crying, treated like a criminal. He came chasing dreams, not causing harm. As an NRI, I felt helpless and heartbroken" over what he described as a "human tragedy."

The video, posted on social media by Kunal Jain, showed the Indian man handcuffed and pinned to the ground by 2-3 Port Authority Police officers at Newark Liberty International Airport.

He also tagged the Embassy of India in the post.

"This poor guy was speaking in Haryanvi language. I could



recognise his accent where he was saying 'Main pagal nahi hun, ye log mujhe pagal sabit karne me lage huye hain' (I'm not insane. These people are

@IndianEmbassyUS @DrSJaishankar he was to be boarded last night in the same flight with me but he never got boarded. Someone needs to find out what's going on with him at New Jersey authorities. I found him disoriented."

His posts went viral, with hundreds of people re-posting and commenting on them.

The Consulate General of India here said it is in touch with local authorities after the video surfaced online.

"We have come across social media posts claiming that an Indian national is facing difficulties at Newark Liberty International Airport. We are in touch with local authorities in this regard," the Indian Consulate said in a post on X.

"The Consulate remains ever committed to the welfare of Indian Nationals," it said.

Jain said in a post that these young people arrive in the US and for some reason, they are unable to explain the purpose of their visit to the immigration authorities and are sent back on the same day tied up like criminals. Jain claimed that every day there are 3-4 such cases that are coming to light.

SUPERFAST SUMMER SPECIAL EXPRESS TRAIN

For the convenience of Rail Passengers, Railways have decided to run the following Superfast Summer Special Express Train (Reserved) as per schedule given below:-

04092/04091 New Delhi - Howrah Jn. - New Delhi					24
Superfast Special Express Train (Reserved)					Trips
Train No. 04092		STATIONS	Train No. 04091		
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--	19:30	New Delhi	01:00	--	
21:40	--	Howrah Jn.	--	23:50	

Days of Run: 04092 Ex New Delhi on 11.06.2025 to 19.07.2025 (Wednesday & Saturday) and **04091 Ex Howrah Jn.** on 12.06.2025 to 20.07.2025 (Thursday & Sunday).

Accommodation: 1st AC, AC 2 Tire, AC 3 Tire, 3 Tire Economy, Sleeper & General.

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Tender Notice

The Department of G.N.D.U. Amritsar invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Reference No.	Item	Quantity	Closing Date & Time
1	GNDU/Gen/13/2025	Computer Server	10	24-06-2025 at 5:00 P.M.
2	GNDU/Gen/14/2025	Heavy duty Printer / Digital Duplicator Machine	01	19-06-2025 at 5:00 P.M.

For details log onto www.eproc.Punjab.gov.in
Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Assistant Registrar
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

2426/12/2025-26/41 Dated CHD :- 10/06/2025

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nandita Pal Rudra Paul W/o No.14869034W Sep Rakesh Rudra Paul, R/o- Vill-Devinagar, PO & PS- Ranir Bazar, Dist- West Tripura, Tripura- 799035, have changed my name from Nandita Pal Rudra Paul to Nandita Pal, vide affidavit dated 10/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2201)C I, A Dalaiya, Father of IC-74895Y Lt Col A Nagesh Rao, R/o- Kirtipur, Lohadigam, Ladigam, Golanthara, Ganjam, Odisha- 760003, have changed my name from A Dalaiya to A Daleya, vide affidavit dated 10/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2202)C I, No.14840931K Hav Vitkar Satish Shivaji, R/o- B Wing F-104, Sr. No. 495, Rahee Kasturi, PO- Charoli BK, Pune, Maharashtra- 412105, have changed my name from Sunita Satish Vitkar to Sunita Satish Vitkar, vide affidavit dated 10/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2206)C I, Saipatri Kumari, W/o- No.15704686H Nk Ram Jee Prasad, R/o- Gram/PO- Moap Kala, Dist- Bhojpur, Bihar- 802222, have changed my name from Saipatri Kumari to Saipatri Devi, vide affidavit dated 10/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2207)C I, Bhoomi D/o Ajay Kumar R/o BK-56, West Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name from Bhoomi to Bhoomi Khandelwal for all purposes.

PD(2208)C I, Aruna W/o Ajay Kumar R/o BK-59, West Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name from Aruna to Aruna Khandelwal for all purposes.

PD(2209)C I, Sona Mati Davi, Mother of No.15704686H Nk Ram Jee Prasad, R/o- Gram/PO- Moap Kala, Dist- Bhojpur, Bihar- 802222, have changed my name from Sona Mati Davi to Sonamati Devi, vide affidavit dated 10/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2205)C

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of MR. RAMESH CHANDRA with respect to the Flat No. 1, 2 On Upper Ground Floor, Flat No. 8, 9 on Second Floor, Flat No. 10, 11, 12 On Third Floor, Having Carpet area measuring 520.8 Sq. Mtrs., Part of Property Bearing No. A-3/5, Situated in Kharsa No. 16002, Village-Aya Nagar, Phase-V, Adarsh Enclave, Aya Nagar Extn., New Delhi-110047; which is presently owned by Mrs. Pratima Ghildiyal had purchased the subject property from Mrs. Ananama Jose and Mrs. Thresiamma Thomas vide two General Power of Attorney Agreement to sell and Will dated 08.11.2013. Further, Mrs. Pratima Ghildiyal got registered two Conveyance deed dated 03.10.2024 (Doc. No. 2024/11/10030 and Doc. No. 2024/11/10031) in her favour in respect of subject property. Now, Mr. Ramesh Chandra & Mrs. Pratima Ghildiyal intend to mortgage against the financial assistance from SMFG INDIA CREDIT CO. LTD. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/rights/interests/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucern Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049 Contact# 011-40046316

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mamta to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Mamta Matta C/o Mr. Sunny Matta is the owner of the Built-up Shop on Ground Floor without roof rights, out of Property/Plot Bearing No.E-2/76, area measuring 39.66 sq.yds, out of Kharsa No.20/11, situated in the area of Village Asalatpur Khadar, Delhi Estate Delhi, colony known as Chanakya Place Part-1, New Delhi-110059 vide Sale deed dated 17-02-2025 (Document No.2025/25/15322) executed by Mr. Dhamraj Bir and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birha Housing Finance Ltd., Noida. So, to comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/rights/interests/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 15 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucern Legal LLP B-8/19, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2 Noida UP-201301 Contact# 0120-2469370

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public on behalf of my client HDFC Bank Ltd. who had disbursed a Loan to Mrs. Mamta Sharma and Mr. Assem Sharma (under Loan Account No. 643631282) against the mortgage of FLAT-GGN-18-0101, FLOOR-I, EMAAR MGF GURGAON GREENS 18, S NO VILLAGE DHANKOT, SECTOR 102, VILLAGE DHANKOT DWARKA EXPRESSWAY-122001. It has come to the notice of my client HDFC Bank Ltd. that the original Conveyance Deed dated 28.05.2020 in favour of Mrs. Mamta Sharma and Mr. Assem Sharma have been misplaced. It is hereby appealed to the general public that whoever finds the same may kindly return the same to the Branch Manager, HDFC Bank Ltd., The Capital Court, Munirka, Outer Ring Road, Plot Palme Marg, New Delhi-57 or the undersigned. If anybody found missing the documents mentioned herein, the same shall be at his/ her/ their own risk and cost.

Karnal Singh, (Advocate)

K-8, LGF Jangpura Extn, New Delhi-110014

PUBLIC NOTICE

The property situated at 248-251, Kucha Mir Ashiq, Chawri Bazar, Delhi-110006 is a Wakf-Al-Auqaf property under the aegis of Waqf Hafiz Nooruddin. It cannot be sold, transferred, or alienated without due approval of the concerned Court of Law.

Public and prospective buyers are cautioned not to deal in any manner with respect to the said property. Any such transaction shall be illegal and void, and done at one's own risk.

Sd/-

Dr. R.Z. Qureshi

Coordinator, Waqf Hafiz Nooruddin

243, Kucha Mir Ashiq,

Chawri Bazar, Delhi-110006

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

Ph: 01639-256232, 256236

Advt. No. BFU-25/16

VACANCIES

Online applications are invited w.e.f. 13-06-2025 to 03-07-2025 from eligible candidates for the recruitment to the posts of **Sub Fire Officer (01) & Hostel Warden Gr. II(02)** on regular basis under Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

For Application form, fee, specialty wise detail of posts, Category wise distribution and other terms & conditions, visit University website: www.bfuh.s.ac.in.

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1576/12/2025-26/54 Dated CHD :- 10/06/2025

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

N.I.T. No.	GSU_DLI_SNT_16 dated 10.06.2025
Name of work with its location	Supply and installation of CCTV system and audio conference system in Administrative building i.c.w Development of Infrastructural facilities for maintenance of electric locomotives in Diesel Loco Shed, Tughlakabad
Approx. Cost of work	₹48,51,662.70/-
Bid Security deposit	₹97,000.00/-
Completion period of work	06 Months
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 11:30 hrs on 03.07.2025. Opening of tender at 11:30 hrs on 03.07.2025.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
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NOTE:

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2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only.

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Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

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Admission Notice 2025

M.Sc. (Healthcare Informatics and AI) Course

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1. M.Sc. (Healthcare Informatics and AI) (-15 Seats)

2. Diploma in (Health Care Information and AI) (-15 Seats)

For session 2025 to Department of Healthcare Information and AI, University Institute of Allied Health & Paramedical Sciences (UIAH/PMIS), BFUHS, Faridkot from 10-06-2025 to 08-07-2025, along with requisite fee of **Rs.5000/+18% GST (Rs.5900)** and SC candidates **Rs. 2500/+18% GST (Rs.2950)** through University Payment Gateway. The prospectus for admission will be available on the University website w.e.f. **05-06-2025.**

Note: For Eligibility/Detail/Fee/Prospectus visit University website i.e. www.bfuh.s.ac.in

For details/updates kindly visit University website (www.bfuh.s.ac.in) regularly.

No separate communication will be made. Any corrigendum/amendments will be followed.

Registrar

1576/12/2025-26/29 Dated CHD :- 09/06/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client, Smt. Anjana Yadav W/o Sh. Devender Yadav @ Devender Singh Yadav, R/o G-307, Government Residential Complex, Mohammad Puri, Near Church Road, Opposite Kendriya Vidyalaya, R.K. Puram, Sector-2, Delhi - 110066, has cancelled two Agreements to Sell executed with **Sh. Mukesh Kumar Aggarwal**, S/o Late Sh. Khem Chand Aggarwal, R/o 1-130, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi -110052, in respect of her leasehold DDA Built-up LIG Category Flat bearing No. 11, 2nd Floor, Block-B Pocket-9, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089. It is further notified that **Sh. Mukesh Kumar Aggarwal** has no legal right, title, interest, or claim whatsoever over the said property. Our client shall not be held responsible for any sale transaction or dealing of any kind made by him in respect of the said property. Any person who deals with him does so entirely at his/her own risk, and our client shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever.

ROHIT YADAV (Advocate)

Ch. no. 402, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-52

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, NOIDA-201301 (U.P.)

Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc.

(A)

1. **10/GM(E/M)/SM (E/M)-I/E.T./2025-26**, Annual Maintenance of Park Light in Sector-82, 91, 92, 93, 93A, 93B, 104, 105, 108, 110 & Village Gejha Pitlabad & Hazipur, Noida. **Cost - Rs. 85.49 Lacs**

Which can be uploaded by date 24.06.2025 upto 5.00 PM.

Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 25.06.2025 at 11.00 AM.

(B)

1. **06/GM(E/M)/SM (E/M)-I/E.T./2025-26**, D/o Park (SITC of Fountain in Nakshatra Park), Sector-108, Noida. **Cost - Rs. 90.51 Lacs.**

2. **06/GM/AO/Sr.M.(E&M)-II/2025-26/ET**, Providing 630 KVA CSS & HT Line at Sector-14A, Noida. **Cost- Rs. 53.49 Lacs.**

Which can be uploaded by date 17.06.2025 upto 5.00 PM.

Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 18.06.2025 at 11.00 AM.

General Manager (E&M)
NOIDA

Office : Sector - 5, Noida

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all concerned that my grandfather Late Sh. Charan Singh S/o Late Indraj Singh, R/o Village-Sadapur, Tehsil Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar-U.P., had executed a WILL on dt.19.12.2011 in respect of Residential Plot No.SD-8 & Plot No. SD-12, Sector-43, NOIDA, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar-U.P. in my favour which is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-II, Noida, as Document No.3398dt.19.12.2011.

Whereas Sh. Charan Singh died on 13.12.2017 and after his death I, Vivek Chauhan alias Manish S/o Late Harshwardhan Chauhan S/o Late Charan Singh, R/o Sadarpur Colony, Sector-45, Noida, want to get mutation of the said property on the basis of WILL in my favour. If anyone has any objection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the Residential(Plot), Deptt. of Noida Authority within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

VIVEK CHAUHAN

AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

Under the Affordable Housing Policy 2013 of Haryana Government

List of successful applicants in the 1st E-Draw of De mortgaged Units in Affordable Group Housing Project 'Srflex City' held on 10.06.2025 at 'Emaar Club Beryl', Emaar Emerald Hills, Golf Course Extension Road, Sector 65, Gurugram.

License No./Year :133 of 2023 dated 26.06.2023 | HRERA Registration No. RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/814/546/2024/41 dated 15.04.2024.

Type-1 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 644.65 sq.ft.)

236254	236716	236335	235454	236598	236012	235593	235695	236420	235751	236570	236801	235909	235483	236882	235356	236631
237005	236754	236500	235612	235492	236002	236791	236528	236487	236359	236405	236788	236563	236377	236076	235368	236168
236895	235197	236115	236018	235850	236141	235496	236338	235674	236059	235701	235148	235917	235142	235917	236098	236421
236906	236886	236165	236176	236517	236398	236478	235566	236472	236729	236644	237034	236923	236278	236119	236937	235702
236540	236435	236452	235629	236382	236493	236384	235344	236422	236711	236112	236200	236630	236678	236661	235547	236074
236232	236782	235833	235278	236778	235816	237008	235530	236397	235231	236003	235448	236107	235535	236208	235460	235519
235771	236167	236505	236079	236858	236047											

Waitlist Type-1 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 644.65 sq.ft.)

236271	236643	235412	237001	236281	236780	236670	236677	235760	236447	236101	235739	235919	236555	236169	235931	235595
235603	236068	235973	236040	235796	236045	235173	236022	235875	235575							

Type-2 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 644.65 sq.ft.)

235797	236574	235533	235224	237019	236605	237045	236762	235557	235570	236408	235343	235358	237069	236930	236144	236263
236514	236398	237059	236546	236790	236329	235456	236330	236081	236618	235448	236892	236211	235768	235525	236016	236874
235506	236328	236570	235652	235848	236362	235300	236719	236233	236135	236104	235975	236041	236201	237079	235691	235942
236491	235626	236537	236364	235972	236034	236436	236000	235601	236240	236616	236753	235853	235555	235217	235556	235313
235254	235889	237028	236341	235859	235813	237053	236239	236049	235825	235881	235870	236987	236494	236316	236403	236934
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235876																

Type-2 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 644.65 sq.ft.) Under M.Q.

235502	236197	236331	237058	236689	236161	235810	235651	235950	237042	236059	235852	235392	236832	236311	238200	236438
235192	236238	235743	236188	235428	236545	236721	236566	237062	2365074							

Type-3 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 637.00 sq.ft.)

235156	235331	237014	235612	236114	235369	236668	235310	236536	236393	236430	235407	236105	235545	236185	235911	
235981	235946	236228	237086	235264	236121	236685	236042	235475	236468	237006	235614	236084	235440	235867	235484	235679
235783	236026	236224	235549	236297	236088	236662	235615	235711	236127	235504	236760	236875	236938	235847	236794	236710
235746	236757	235676														

Waitlist Type-3 (2 B.H.K.) (Area 637.00 sq.ft.)

235798	235164	236050	235414	236332	237065	235684	236123	235276	235558	236520	235494	236978				
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SRIFLEX PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED - T.F.03

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Balbir Singh S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh R/o Village Marauli Khurd, Morinda, Rupnagar, Punjab-140101, (UID No. 6993 6716 7232) Declare that in my son's 10th mark sheet, my name is wrongly mentioned as Balvir Singh. My correct name is Balbir Singh as per Documents. Please be noted to all.

I, hitherto Known as Raju S/o Gurdial Singh R/o VPO. Hazara, Distt. Jalandhar-144025, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ram Singh.

I, hitherto known as Aarti W/o Manpreet Singh Lahori R/o Khaira Majha, PO. Khaira Majha, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab 144601 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aarti Lahori.

I, hitherto known as Chander Rakha D/o Karam Chand W/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vill. Malakpur, Po. Cholta Khurd, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab 140301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rekha Sharma.

I, Jasvinder Singh S/o Bhaajan Singh R/o Mohalla Missra Nurmahal, Distt.Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Jasvinder Singh to Singh Jasvinder (Singh as surname).

I, Sonam Jalal w/o L/NK Sandeep Singh Jalal serving in unit 52 Engineer Regiment c/o 56 APO have changed my name from Sonam Gaira to Sonam Jalal.

I, Amandeep W/o Harwinder Singh R/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Jalandhar have changed my name from Amandeep to Given name as Amandeep and Surname as Kaur.

I, Jeevan Jyoti w/o Surjit Singh R/o Vill Khadawar, PO Sujianpur, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot 145023 Punjab declare that Jeevan Jyoti and Jevan Jyoti is one and same person.

I, Umesh S/o Shyam Sunder Bansal R/o H. No. 131, Ward No. 2, City Thana Road, Hisar (Haryana) have changed my name from Umesh Kumar to Umesh for all purposes in the future.

I, Anil Pundir S/o Shri Vijay Singh R/o Vill. Devamanal, Teh. Nohradhar, Distt. Sirmour (HP) have changed my name from Anil Pundir to Anil Kumar.

I, Yashpaul Sultanpuri S/o Mansa Ram Sultanpuri R/o Ward no. 7, Vill. & PO. Sultanpur, Teh. & Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my name from Yashpaul Sultanpuri to Yash Pal.

I, Brahm Ram S/o Late Grib Dass R/o Vill. Rachhoh, Teh. Bangana, P.O.Kheri, Chamiani, Distt. Una (HP) declare that I have known by two names Shri Brahamu Ram and Brahm Ram, both names are one & same person.

I, Surender Singh Hans S/o Surjit Singh Village Ajrawar Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my Name Surinder Singh.

I, Surjeet Singh Hans S/o Amir Singh Village Ajrawar Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my Name Surjit Singh.

I, Satya Devi W/o Surjit Singh Village Ajrawar Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my Name Satya Vanti.

I Gurjant Singh Kalyan S/O Charat Singh R/O Wara Bhai Ka (Ferozepur) Have Changed My Name Gurjant Singh Kalyan To Gurjant Singh.

I Rabia W/O Mohit Sharma R/O Kishanpura Kalan Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Rabia Sharma.

I Mehak D/O Jawala Singh R/O Baba Gadhia Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Mehak Thakur.

I Love Kuamr Singla S/O Harbans Lal Singla R/O Barnala Punjab Have Changed My Name To Love Kumar.

I Naveen Kumar S/O Rajinder Paul R/O 1717/39A St.No.1 Purani Gas Wali Gali Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Naveen Kumar Gupta.

I Kulvir Singh S/O Gurmit Singh R/O Vill. Lehli Khurd P.O. Bassi Kalan District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declared That My Given Name As Kulvir And Surname As Singh.

I Jatan Kumar S/O Kishan Chand R/O Vpo. Bajwara Kalan District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Jatin Kumar.

I Dalbir Singh of Service No. JC778747X Rank - SUB presently residing at 7004 EME BN Solmara Cantt P.O. Solmara P.S. Tezpur District Sonitpur Assam Permanent resident of Karili P.O. Nadbai District Bharatpur State Rajasthan 321602 that in my service records my son's name is wrongly mentioned as Saurav Singh but his actual name is Saurabh. Concerned note.

I, Sadhna Rana W/o Ranbir Singh Rana R/O 345/9C, Naatan Pana, Mungesh Pur Qutabagarh Distt. North West Delhi, have changed my name from Sadhana Rana to Sadhna Rana.

I, Rajni Bala W/o Ram Krishan Joshi, House No. 2677, Sector 22-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rajni Bala to Rajni Joshi.

I, No.2496669F Hav Jaswinder Singh R/O Village- House No.355, Gali No.3, Vill- Kaimbwala, Po-New Sectriate, Teh-Chandigarh, Distt-Chandigarh, U.T. Chandigarh, Pin-160001. Declare That In My Service Documents My Daughter Name Bhawana Is Wrong. But My Daughter Name Bhawna Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB43344349152627X Dated 10-06-2025 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

I, No. 13750087P Ex Hav Jatinder Singh resident of Village - Lanjera, PO - Dunaera, Tehsil Dhar Kalan, Distt - Pathankot, State - Punjab, have changed name of my daughter from MANISHA KUMARI to MANISHA DEVI vide Affidavit No. IN-PB43257352279172X dated 10-06-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Jatinder Kaur Hanjira W/o Navtej Pal Singh R/O Quater No. 20, Police Colony, Zira, District Ferozepur, Punjab have changed my name to Jatinder Kaur.

I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Balbinder Singh R/o H.No.84, W.No. 3, Mohalla Mallian, Zira, District Ferozepur, Punjab have changed my name to Parmjeet Kaur.

I, Sukhdial Singh S/o Basant Singh R/o Vpo. Jhakra Teh-Zira Distt Ferozepur, Punjab have changed my name to Sukhdial Singh Sandhu.

I Lakhwinder Kaur W/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Village Budho Barkat, PO Chhangla, Tehsil Dasuya,Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Lakhwinder Kaur To Lakhwinder Kaur.

I, Ishvar S/o Anil Kumar R/o H.No. 361 W.No. 23 St.No. 11 Lal Singh Road Vishkarma Nagar Moga Distt. Moga have changed my name Ishvar to Ishvar Kumar.

I, Maitreyi D/o Sharad Bhatt R/o H.No. D-602 Rishi Apartment Sector-70 SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Maitreyi to Maitreyi Bhatt.

I, Gurdeep Singh S/o Natha Singh R/o Monga Colony Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Gurdip Singh.

I, Amar Jit Kaur W/o Gurdip Singh R/o Monga Colony Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Amarjit Kaur.

I, Sarabjeet Kaur W/o Lakhwinder Signh R/o Awan (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Sarbjeet Kaur.

I, Jugraj Singh S/o Santokh Singh R/o Vill: Behak Fattu Teh-Zira Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Jugraj Singh Jossan.

I, hitherto known as Satish Chand @ Satish Chand Dadwal S/o Sain Dass R/o Vill: Dohar Po. Talwara Township Teh- Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Pb-144216 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Satish Chand.

I, Tasabber Ali S/o Mussabbir Ali R/o H.No.612, Azad Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Tasvar Ali.

I, Raveena Kumari W/o Jagtar Singh Sedha R/o Roop Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Raveena Verma.

I, Baljinder Singh Sandhu S/o Bakshish Singh R/o Vpo. Hathur (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Baljinder Singh.

I, Karmjit Kaur W/o Baljinder Singh Grewal R/o W.No.1 Talwandi Road Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Karamjit Kaur Grewal.

I, Baljinder Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/o W.No.1 Talwandi Road Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Baljinder Singh Grewal.

I, Santosh Rania W/o Sita Ram R/o Khetrow Patti Teh-Sunam, Khetla Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Santosh Garg.

I, Sita Ram C/o Ruldu Ram R/o Khetla Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Sita Ram Garg.

I, Kirpal Singh S/o Jiwan Lal R/o H.No. 475KH Ajad Nagar Khanna Teh-Khanna Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Krpal Singh S/o Jiyan Lal to Kirpal Singh S/o Jiwan Lal.

I, Sarabjit Singh S/O Udharn Singh R/O Gali Munare Wali, Adda Bazar, Tarn Taran, Have Changed My Name From Sarabjit Singh To Sarbjeet Singh.

I, Sukhdev Lovely S/o Jaswant Singh R/O Fauji Colony Model Town Urmur Teh-Tanda (Hoshiarpur) Pb, have changed my name to Sukhdev Singh.

I hitherto known as Adarsh Kumar D/o Raj Kumar, W/o Yashvir Puri R/o Ward Number 2, Friends Colony, Nabha, District Patiala, Punjab-147201 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nisha Puri.

I Vikram Jit Singh Kohli S/o Harbans Singh Kohli R/o H.No.194 Urban Estate, Phase-4, P.O University (Patiala) Distt. Patiala 147002 Punjab have changed my name to Vikramjit Singh Kohli.

I Inder Jit Kaur W/o Vikramjit Singh Kohli R/o H.No.194 Urban Estate, Phase-4, P.O University (Patiala) Distt. Patiala 147002 Punjab have changed my name to Inderjit Kaur Kohli.

I Chat Singh alias Chet Dass S/o Sangu Ram R/o Vill. Chanarthal Khurd Tehsil and Distt Fatehgarh Sahib 147104 Punjab have changed my name to Chet Singh.

I, Laveena Dhawan, W/o Abhinandan Goyal R/o House No. 7 - B, Malwa Colony, Patiala have changed my name from Laveena Dhawan to Laveena Goyal.

I hitherto known as Shaloo Chopra D/o Hira Lal Mehra W/o Anil Chopra R/o # 24, Grewal Avenue, Bhadson Road, Patiala, Punjab-147001, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shaloo Mehra.

I Anu Goyal W/o Sh Amit Goyal R/o H.No 432 E Setor 8 Part 2 Urban Estate Karnal I declare that I have changed my name from Anu to Anu Goyal.

I Saya Kadyan D/o Balkar Singh R/o House No-489, Phase-1, Huda Sector-11, Panipat, Haryana-132103, have changed my name to Saya.

I Rajesh Kumar Alias Rajesh Kumar Sharma S/o Kamleshwar Nath Sharma R/o 389, Sector-7, panchkula, Haryana-134109, have changed my name to Rajesh Sharma.

I Sanjna Alias Sarita Mogla W/o Manit Mogla R/o Geeta Bhawan Chowk, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sanjna Mogla.

I Rekha Santra Manna is Legally Wife of Army No. 15702627X Rank NK Name Kartick Manna of Unit 7 IDSR Residing at VTC. Manikjor P.o Manikjore Sub District Baghwanpur-II, District East Midnapore Dist West Bengal Pin-721456 Declare That my Name Rekha Manna Wrongly Mentioned in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct Name is Rekha Santra Manna.

I, Devendra Singh Rajput presently residing at Village: Sambahalpur, PO: Sakri, Teh-Takathpur, Distt: Bilaspur, State: Chhattisgarh have changed my minor son name from Jatin Singh Sailoni to Jatin Singh Selauani Vide Affidavit Dated 09 June 2025 before at Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

I B J Sundara, Father of Army No.14852896Y, Rank NK/SHT, Name Vinod B S, presently Resident at Village Made, Post Made, Tehsil Madikeri, and District Kodagu, Karnataka-571201, have changed my Name from Sundara B J to B J Sundara vide affidavit no.IN-PB43165411482539X, Dated 09 June 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I Yatin S/o Bhisham Gulati R/o H. No. 82 Moti Bagh Ambala Cantt distt. Ambala that I have changed my name from Yatin to Yatin Gulati. Concerned note.

I B S Janaki, Mother of Army No.14852896Y, Rank NK/SHT, Name Vinod B S, presently Resident at Village Made, Post Made, Tehsil Madikeri, and District Kodagu, Karnataka-571201, have changed my Name from Janaki B S to B S Janaki vide affidavit no.IN-PB43164955317452X, Dated 09 June 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, No.15186429X NK (OpR) Barge Vijay Ramdas resident of Village-Koregaon, Post- Koregaon, Tehsil- Koregaon, District-Satara, State- Maharashtra, Pin-415501, have changed my Mother name from Usha to Barge Usha Ramdas vide affidavit No.IN-PB43553616178644X 10 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Tara Chhetri spouse of No.17011585X NK Bhupendra Chhetri resident of Village- Debpara T. E, Post- Banarhat, Tehsil-Siliguri, District- Jalpaiguri, State- West Bengal, Pin-735202, have changed my name from Tara Chhetri to Tara Chhetri Sharma Vide affidavit No.IN-PB43524812125407X dated 10 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No. JC-707573Y Sub/AO Dibyend Bera resident of Itna Nutan Colony, Post- Baripur, Tehsil- Barasat, District- North 24 Parganas, State- West Bengal, Pin-743233, have changed my Mother name from Gori to Gouri Bera Vide affidavit No.IN-PB43510597887372X dated 10 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, MOHD KUMAL am Son of Army No: JC589286P Rank-NB/SUB Name- Mohd Raza Presently Posted at Unit: 5 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village: Sharbudgont Yourvaltak, Post: Yourvaltak, Dist: Kargil, UT Ladakh-194103 Declare That I have changed My Name from MOHD KUMAL to MOHD KUMAIL.

I, MOHD KUMAIL am Son of Army No: JC589286P Rank-NB/SUB Name- Mohd Raza Presently Posted at Unit: 5 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village: Sharbudgont Yourvaltak, Post: Yourvaltak, Dist: Kargil, UT Ladakh-194103 declare that I have changed My Name from KHRUN NISSA to KHAYRUN NISSA.

I, KHRUN NISSA am Daughter of Army No: JC589286P Rank-NB/SUB Name- Mohd Raza Presently Posted at Unit: 5 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village: Sharbudgont Yourvaltak, Post: Yourvaltak, Dist: Kargil, UT Ladakh-194103 declare that I have changed My Name from KHRUN NISSA to KHAYRUN NISSA.

I, KHAYRUN NISSA am Daughter of Army No: JC589286P Rank-NB/SUB Name- Mohd Raza Presently Posted at Unit: 5 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village: Sharbudgont Yourvaltak, Post: Yourvaltak, Dist: Kargil, UT Ladakh-194103 declare that I have Correct My Date of Birth from 05/01/2003 to 04/01/2003.

I, MEHROOM NISSA am Daughter of Army No: JC589286P Rank-NB/SUB Name- Mohd Raza Presently Posted at Unit: 5 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village: Sharbudgont Yourvaltak, Post: Yourvaltak, Dist: Kargil, UT Ladakh-194103 declare that I have changed My Name from MEHROOM NISSA to MEHRUM NISSA.

I, Parveen S/o Suraj Bhan R/o House No. 21, Meerut Road, D.C. Colony, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Parveen to Parveen Saini. In future I should be known as Parveen Saini.

I KAMLESH KUMARI (existing name) Wife of No. 1482054P Ex Hav Pardeep Kumar resident of VPO Garhi Ballab. Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that I have changed/amend my name in my husband Army Records /PPO from KAMLESH KUMARI (existing name) to KAMLESH (CORRECT name) my correct DOB is 15.09.1972 instead of 05.11.1971 as per my Aadhaar CARD / Pan Card. In future I shall may be known/ written/called as KAMLESH (DOB : 15.09.1972) for all work purposes, All concerned note. Vide Affidavit dated 09 JUNE 2025 before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak).

I KAMLESH (existing name) Wife of No. 631639H Ex SGT. Sat Bhagwan Singh Tahlan resident of H. No. 1098, Sector 2, Rohtak (Haryana) declare that I have changed/amend my name in my husband Defence Records PPO from KAMLESH (existing name) to KAMLESH KUMARI (CORRECT name) my correct DOB is 09.09.1955 as per my Aadhaar CARD / Pan Card. In future I shall may be known/ written/called as KAMLESH KUMARI (DOB : 09.09.1955) for all work purposes, All concerned note. Vide Affidavit dated 09 JUNE 2025 before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak).

I Deepak son of Subhash Chand resident of VPO Shahpur, Distt. Hissar (Haryana) declare that I have changed/amend my minor son name from AKSHIT (existing name) to AKSHIT DEEPAK GARG (CORRECT name) In future My minor SON shall may be known/ written/called as AKSHIT DEEPAK GARG for all work purposes, All concerned note. Vide Affidavit dated 10 JUNE 2025 before Ist Class Magistrate (Rohtak).

I, Surjeet Kaur W/o Darshan Singh R/o Village Chhoti Jhakhian Tehsil and District Rupnagar, Punjab have changed my name from Surjeet Kaur To Surjit Kaur.

I, Saranjit Kaur W/o Jaswant Singh R/o H.No.306 Sunder Nagar Dhangu Road Pathankot, Punjab (145001) declare that my name Bimla, my DOB is 16/06/1972 and my address H.No. 297 Gali No 05 Nathu Nagar Model Town Pathankot as per my Policy Number 47140915 of LIC. My name Saranjit Kaur, my DOB 01/01/1976 and my address H.No.306 Sunder Nagar Dhangu Road Pathankot, Punjab (145001) is one and the same person that belongs to my me. My true and correct name is Saranjit Kaur, my DOB 01/01/1976 and my address H.No.306 Sunder Nagar Dhangu Road Pathankot, Punjab (145001).

कार्यालय नगर निगम सोनीपत
नगर निगम सोनीपत के संपत्तिक शाखा के रिजिस्टर्ड अनुसार प्रॉपर्टी आई वी नं 1JYAEWG2 जो कि Model Town H. No. 257,Sonipat में स्थित है। संपत्तिक सर्वे अनुसार संपत्तिक बिल में कटौत का नाम अयोग्यकता है। किसी भी संपत्तिक दस्ता का नाम दर्ज न होने/नाम गलत दर्ज होने/गलत दिनांक 19.11.2007 उपरान्त अलेक्जेंडर ड्राफ्ट प्रस्तुत की गई प्रॉपर्टी आई.वी. में नाम तबदील व नाम दर्ज करने/हेनरल डुबली के लिए, एडिजिट्री दिनांक 03.12.1996 अनुसार प्रस्तुत किया गए है। जिसके अनुसार यदि किसी भी व्यक्ति को इस जायदद से सम्बंधित कोई भी अपॉलि हो तो ख्याति प्राप्त दैनिक राष्ट्रिय समाचार पत्र में विज्ञापन देने को दिवि के 30 दिन के अंदर अंदर लिखित रूप में नगर निगम के संपत्तिक शाखा में अपॉलि दर्ज करवाए अन्यथा संपत्तिक कर शाखा में प्रस्तुत किए गए दस्तावेजों के अनुसार दिनांक प्रमाण, मूजिल, मनीष पुत्र/पति स्व बाला रस्तेगी नाम दर्ज कर दिया जाएगा। जिसके लिए नगर निगम कार्यालय विमोचन नही होगा।
क्षेत्रीय काराधान अधिकारी नगर निगम, सोनीपत

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, KARNAL The Karnal Central Cooperative Consumer Store Building, Minar Road, Karnal Telephone No 0184-2268464, E-Mail-arcsknl@yahoo.com, website: rcsharyana.gov.in				
Election Program:-				
Election Programme of Members of the Managing Committee of The Shahpur (M-PACS) Multipurpose Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society Ltd. Shahpur Tehsil Karnal District. Karnal to be held on 20.07.2025				
S.No.	Program	Date	Time	Place
1	Exhibition of list of voters as required under sub para 2 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	23.06.2025 to 25.06.2025	9 AM to 5 PM	1. O/ ARCS Karnal 2. Inspector C.S Chirao, 3. Concerned Branch C.B.4. Common place of the area of operation C/S
2	Filling of objection if any of voters list as per Sub Para 3 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	27.06.2025	9 AM to 12 PM	O/ ARCS Karnal, Place The Karnal Central Consumer Store Building, Minar Road, Karnal
3	Hearing of objection voters list as required u/s 35(4) (APPENDIX A PART-III)	27.06.2025	2 AM to 4 PM	-----do-----
4	Filling of Nomination Papers	07.07.2025	10AM to 2.00PM	-----do-----
5	Display of list of recieved nominations papers.	07.07.2025	4.00 PM	-----do-----
6	Scrutiny of nomination papers	08.07.2025	10AM to 2.00PM	-----do-----
7	Display of list of valid nominations papers	08.07.2025	4.00 PM	-----do-----
8	Withdrawal of nomination papers	10.07.2025	10AM to 2.00PM	-----do-----
9	Allocation of Symbols	10.07.2025	4.00PM	-----do-----
10	Taking of poll if necessary	20.07.2025	8AM to 4.00PM	
(Addit) Returning Officer-Cum-				
(i) It is compulsory of all voters to bring their Society pass book/other photo ID. Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Karnal				
(ii) Total no of 10 Managing Committee will be Elected out of Them 07 Members of Agri. And 03 Members of Non-Agri.				
(iii) Out of 07 Elected Committee Members, at least 2 Women, 1 S.C. Member and if B.C. Voters more than 10% One B.C. Member will Elected.				



Media Workshop on Heatwaves and Agriculture
Chandigarh: A focused Media Workshop on Heatwaves and Agriculture was held on Tuesday, convening over 50 journalists, agricultural scientists, and climate experts to deepen understanding of the growing impact of extreme heat and uneven rainfall on Punjab's agriculture. The initiative, supported by Punjab State Council for Science & Technology and Clean Air Punjab, aimed to equip journalists with scientific knowledge, climate data tools, and reporting strategies to cover the state's emerging climate challenges with accuracy and responsibility. While welcoming the speakers at the workshop, Saurabh Duggal, President, Chandigarh Press Club, said, "Today's discussion on the impact of heatwaves and uneven rainfall on agriculture is both timely and crucial. As climate extremes grow, so do the challenges faced by our farmers. For journalists, this issue isn't just about weather — it's about food security, livelihoods, and policy. Let us use this platform to spotlight these urgent realities with responsibility and depth." . Pritpal Singh, Executive Director, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology, said: "As Punjab confronts climate disruptions, it is essential that our media partners are equipped to report these issues with clarity and depth. Science-based journalism can help the public and policymakers make informed decisions in this time for inclusive climate action".



Thomas Cook Opens its first Gold Circle Partner outlet in Mohali
Mohali: Thomas Cook (India) Limited has strengthened its presence in Punjab with the launch of its first franchise outlet in Mohali. The outlet was inaugurated by Anita Patni, Associate Vice President - Leisure Travel, Thomas Cook India Limited in the presence of Sutantra Patika and Manish Patika, Gold Circle Partners for the Mohali outlet. Rajeev Kale, President & Country Head said, "Mohali is an important source market for us, and we've seen strong demand coming from the region. Hence, we are delighted to announce the opening of our first Gold Circle Partner franchise outlet in Mohali. Strategically chosen for its central location, this new outlet will enhance our ability to serve the growing and diverse needs of customers in the region, offering easy access and seamless services to our customers – right at their doorstep! On behalf of my Team, I extend a warm welcome to our customers from Mohali and the Tricity. My Team and I look forward to co-curating memorable holidays for each of our customers – for destinations within India and internationally." Mohali outlet offers end-to-end travel services: International & Domestic Holidays (Group Tours, Personalised Holidays, Cruises, etc.), Value Added Services like Travel Insurance etc. Additionally, Thomas Cook's AI booking platform assists customers in planning their personalized vacations in real time by checking availability, and making reservations in a matter of minutes. This is coupled with the expertise of the Company's in-store holiday experts to help customers' curate memorable vacations.

Patented Natural Cure for Chronic Fungal Infections Launched
Chandigarh: As India enters peak season for fungal infections, Skin Revive, a patented, steroid-free cure for chronic fungal skin infections, developed by Ethniq has been launched. "This is the first time a truly patented natural cure for fungal skin infections has been brought to market," said Tajinder Virk, Co-founder of Ethniq. "We built Ethniq to deliver solutions where conventional medicine were not fully effective — by combining the wisdom of food-based remedies with rigorous clinical science. Skin Revive is our first proof point — and only the beginning." At its core, Ethniq was founded to bridge India's ancient food-based healing traditions with modern clinical science, creating natural remedies that are both effective and transparent. The brand is committed to pioneering wellness solutions rooted in nature, backed by rigorous research, and designed for today's health challenges.

Bank of Baroda reduces Repo Linked Lending Rate by 50 basis points
Mumbai: Pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India reducing the policy repo rate, Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, announces the reduction in its Repo Linked Lending Rate by 50 basis points with immediate effect (from 07.06.2025). The Bank's Repo Linked Lending Rate now stands at 8.15%. With this, Bank of Baroda has fully effected on the RBI rate cut in its Repo Linked Lending Rate. Founded on 20th July, 1908 by Sir Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III, Bank of Baroda is one of the leading commercial banks in India. At 63.97% stake, it is majority owned by the Government of India. The Bank serves its global customer base of over ~165 million through around 60,000 touch points spread across 17 countries in five continents and through its various digital banking platforms, which provide all banking products and services in a seamless and hassle-free manner. The Bank's vision matches the aspirations of its diverse clientele base and seeks to instil a sense of trust and security in all their dealings with the Bank.

PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Gangotri Yadav Spouse of No: 4202588N Rank: Hav Name.Pankaj kumar yadav R/O vill. Mahori (Bagwani) Po.Rewli Teh. Ekauna Distt. Shravasti (U.P.) have changed my name from Gangotri yadav to Gangotri Devi vide affidavit Dt.09-02-2025 before advocate and notary Bahraich	I, Hridai Ram Yadav father of No.4202588N Rank. Hav Name Pankaj Kumar yadav R/O vill.Mahori (Bagwani) Post Rewli Teh. Ekauna Distt. Shravasti (U.P.) have changed my name from Hridai Ram Yadav to Hriday Ram Yadav vide affidavit Dt.09-02-2025 before advocate and notary Bahraich

Carlos Alcaraz, Jannik Sinner take rivalry to Wimbledon

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Paris

The takeaways from Carlos Alcaraz's fifth-set tiebreaker victory over Jannik Sinner in the riveting and record-breaking French Open men's final were multiple and significant. Let's start with this: Anyone worried about how men's tennis would survive in the post-Big Three era can rest easy. Alcaraz and Sinner produced 5 1/2 hours of evidence Sunday that the game is in good hands - and that their rivalry will be, and perhaps already is, a transcendent one.

The retired owner of 20 Grand Slam titles, and rival of Rafael Nadal (22 majors) and Novak Djokovic (24), began a post on social media by declaring, "3 winners in Paris today," then listed Alcaraz, Sinner and "the beautiful game of tennis. What a match!" No. 1 Sinner and No. 2 Alcaraz could renew their rivalry at Wimbledon. This was the 12th Alcaraz-Sinner meeting, the first in a major final. "Hopefully not the last time," Alcaraz said. "Every time that we face ... Each other, we raise our level to the top." It would be shocking if there weren't many more of these to come - perhaps as soon as at



Wimbledon, where play begins on June 30 and No. 2-ranked Alcaraz is the two-time defending champion. His comeback against No. 1 Sinner from two sets down, then three championship points down, to win 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (10-2) was unprecedented at Roland-Garros. It was unforgettable. Alcaraz's coach, Juan Carlos Ferrero, described his guy's best trait this way: "His strength is (to) keep believing all the time, until the last ball is gone."

Alcaraz has five Grand Slam titles at age 22
Alcaraz's five Grand Slam titles at 22 - that's the age at which

Nadal, Bjorn Borg and Pete Sampras also got to five; no one's done it younger - show how special he is. So does the Spaniard's 5-0 record in major finals, a career start surpassed among men only by Federer's 7-0. Sinner is pretty good, too. Tuesday marks a full year that he has been ranked number one. He has reached the finals of his last eight tournaments, a run last accomplished by Djokovic a decade ago. He has won three majors. He has won 47 of his last 50 matches. Notably, all three of those losses came against - yes, you guessed it - Alcaraz. That hearkens back to the days when Federer would beat everyone

other than Nadal. Sinner had claimed 31 Slam sets in a row right up until the moment he was up 2-0 against Alcaraz. What was unmistakable to anyone watching in-person at Court Philippe-Chatrier or following along from afar on TV is that Alcaraz vs. Sinner is a must-see. "The level," Alcaraz said, "was insane." Alcaraz and Sinner have won the last 6 Grand Slam titles Sinner's take? "I'm happy to be part of this," the 23-year-old Italian said. "Would be even more happy if I would have, the big trophy."

Nadal, no first names needed - Alcaraz vs Sinner provides a clash of excellence and a study in contrasts. Alcaraz displays emotion, pumping his fists, pointing to an ear to ask for more noise, yelling "Vamos!" Sinner is rather contained. Sinner's long limbs get him to nearly every ball. Alcaraz's motor reaches speeds no one can equal. Sinner's ball-striking is pure. Alcaraz's drop shots are legendary. Both hammer groundstrokes that leave opponents exasperated and spectators gasping. Both can improve. Sinner has never won a match that lasted four hours.

Sumit Nagal's ranking nosedives to 233

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

A string of early exits on the ATP circuit has taken a toll on Sumit Nagal's singles ranking as he is now placed 233rd, his lowest in almost two years after a massive loss of 63 places while 45-year-old Rohan Bopanna, who is still playing solid tennis, lost his place in the top-50 for the first time in 15 years. The last time the 27-year-old Nagal was ranked outside the top-200 was in July 2023 when he was placed 231. Since then he made a steady progress on the Tour and climbed to a career-best 68 in July 2024. However, he has struggled to win since the start of the season. He was placed inside the top-100 in January this year but in the last five months has lost 142 places on the ranking ladder. On the back of his top-100 rank, he competed in five straight Grand Slam main draws from 2024 Australian Open but could not qualify for the recently-concluded French Open in Paris.

The gulf between number one and two players is also huge as the next best is Sasikumar Mukund at number 430 followed by Karan Singh (445), Aryan Shah (483) and Dev Javia (621).

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In doubles, Yuki Bhambri is now the country's No.1 player at number 35 with a jump of six places, while veteran Bopanna has dropped out of the top-50 in 15 years. The 45-year-old is now placed 53 after losing 20 places following his French Open campaign. On June 21, 2015, Bopanna was ranked 52nd. Last year in January, he became the oldest world number one in the doubles format. He is still playing solid tennis, with his booming serve still considered one of the best on the Tour.

Brazil could secure World Cup spot with victory in Sao Paulo

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Sao Paulo

More South American teams could qualify for the 2026 World Cup on Tuesday. Second-place Ecuador can do it by winning in Peru. Fourth-place Brazil or third-place Paraguay could secure a spot at next year's global tournament with a win in Sao Paulo as long as Venezuela loses at Uruguay. If Venezuela draws, either team could also qualify with a win if defending champion Argentina, which has already qualified, beats Colombia. The most anticipated match of the round is in Sao Paulo, where Carlo Ancelotti will make his home debut as Brazil coach. Brazil, which had a 0-0 draw with Ecuador last week, is two points behind Paraguay in the standings. Lionel Messi's Argentina takes on Colombia in Buenos Aires in a match where coach Lionel Scaloni will continue adding depth to his squad. South America's last two qualifying game days are in September. The top six teams earn direct spots for the World



Cup next year in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The seventh-place team goes into an international playoff. **Ancelotti's home debut** Ancelotti's changes to shore up the defense at Ecuador worked. Defender Alessandro had an impressive game on debut and veteran midfielder Casemiro helped block the hosts.

More changes are expected on Tuesday, the day Ancelotti turns 66. Striker Richarlison lost his place in the starting lineup to Matheus Cunha during training, and teenager Estêvão is expected to make way on the left wing for Raphinha, who was suspended last week. Ancelotti is also expected to replace midfielder Gerson with winger Gabriel Martinelli.

"We had the necessary time on those days to prepare both matches, a little less against Ecuador. The team is fresh, we will have every tool to do well tomorrow," Ancelotti said Monday. "Raphinha gives us very important mobility. That could be key to unblock tomorrow's match." Casemiro enjoyed success with Ancelotti at Real Madrid, but has said his return to the

national team after more than a year's absence is due to his performances at Manchester United. "I'm glad to be back and back playing well, I want to stress that," Casemiro said. "I am not here because I know the coach, but because I deserve it. This was undoubtedly one of the most important years of my career." Paraguay will be a tough challenge for Brazil. Since coach Gustavo Alfaro took over, the Paraguayans have been unbeaten for nine matches. Alfaro has already equaled Paraguay's record for qualifying points set by coach Paulo César Carpegiani in the campaign for the 1998 World Cup in France.

Bolivia a chance to bid for the international playoff position. "We have three finals in which we can't overlook, we can't fail. We are ready for that," Batista said. "We are focused on getting the most possible points." Uruguay has endured a shaky patch with no wins in its last four qualifiers. A home victory against Venezuela is key for the team to regain confidence. Head coach Marcelo Bielsa, who has been clashing with Uruguay players since the Copa America last year, took some blame for the poor performance in the 2-0 loss at Paraguay. "I truly feel responsible for the situation of the team because the problem is the lack of creation of scoring opportunities, and my position before this problem is to propose solutions," Bielsa said. "I have players who are special in their clubs, but can't do it in the squad I have ... I have no option (but) to recognize my lack of efficiency." Uruguay remains without key midfielder Federico Valverde, who is injured, and striker Darwin Núñez, who is suspended.

Hundal to lead Indian junior men's hockey team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Experienced drag-flicker Arajjeet Singh Hundal will lead a 24-member Indian junior men's hockey team in the 4-Nation Tournament in Berlin beginning June 21, which will also serve as a preparation for the Junior World Cup scheduled in Chennai and Madurai later this year. Besides India, the 4-Nation tournament, scheduled from June 21 to 25, will feature Spain, Australia and hosts Germany.



international opponents in a competitive setting, which is crucial for the development of these young players," said former India goalkeeper and

junior men's coach PR Sreejesh. The two-time Olympic bronze-medallist added that more than the results, the focus would be on giving the youngsters experience against top-notch sides. "This tour is less about results and more about preparing these young athletes for the bigger picture. Competing against quality international sides like Germany, Australia, and Spain will challenge our boys in different ways - tactically, physically, and mentally. These are the kind of experiences that shape world-class players," added the former goalkeeping stalwart. Hundal, who was a part of the team that won the 2023 Junior Asia Cup gold and also played in the 2023-24 Pro

League, will have defender Amir Ali as his deputy. Each team will play against each other side in a single round-robin pool stage with the top two squaring off in the final. The third and fourth-placed teams will play a classification match. Sreejesh added that the tournament will give him the opportunity to try out different combinations. "We have picked a squad that brings a healthy balance of energy and potential. This tour will allow us to sharpen our strategies, experiment with combinations, and give players the opportunity to take ownership in critical match situations. These learnings will be invaluable for players as we build towards the Junior World Cup at home," he said.

Madrid's new street circuit to debut in 2026, replacing Imola on F1 schedule

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

A new street circuit in Madrid will make its debut on the Formula 1 schedule in September of next year, replacing the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix at Imola. F1 announced its 2026 calendar on Tuesday, setting the first grand prix at the new Madring track in the Spanish capital for Sept. 13. Spain gets two races in 2026 as Barcelona stays on the calendar for the final year of its con-

tract. It faces an uncertain future after that. F1 has previously said Madrid's race will be known as the Spanish Grand Prix. The new schedule doesn't specify a new name for Barcelona's race, which has been known as the Spanish Grand Prix since 1991. Spain's second race means Italy drops back to having one grand prix as Imola leaves the schedule. The historic track, a favorite with drivers, returned to the schedule in 2020 as a late addition amid the COVID-19 pandemic and has hosted five

races since. Its contract was up this year. The Australian Grand Prix on March 8 starts the season for the second year running because the races in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia again move to April to avoid clashing with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The season stays at 24 races and concludes with the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix from December 4-6. As part of a push to limit intercontinental travel, the Canadian Grand Prix moves forward from June to May 24 so that it follows the Miami Grand Prix.

Matt Vogt once chose dentistry over golf, back home at US Open

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Pittsburgh (US)

Matt Vogt was always going to be at the US Open this week. The man who likes to plan had it all planned out. He and his wife, Hilary and their 15-month-old daughter, Charlotte, and their dogs would make the nearly six-hour drive from the Indianapolis suburbs and then crash at his mom's house in Cranberry, about 20 minutes from Oakmont. At some point, the 34-year-old knew he'd make it out to the course where he spent five-ish years caddying, a job whose perks included the opportunity to put a tee in the ground on Monday nights, something he admits now he didn't do nearly often enough.

And the day after this year's Open ended, Vogt would find himself back in the main office of the dental practice he opened in 2018. That last part is still part of the plan, by the way. It's everything else about this trip that's changed. Three rounds of exquisitely steady golf - the kind Vogt found so elusive as a "hot-headed" 20-year-old that he left his college team to focus on his other passion instead - will do that. So yes, Vogt will be at Oakmont this week after qualifying for the 125th edition of the national championship. In essentially his hometown, on a course that certainly feels like home on Father's Day weekend, just two months after losing his father and biggest supporter, Jim, to colon cancer. "This is pretty wild," Vogt said on Monday while walking in for a news



conference that carried on for more than 20 minutes, unheard of at a major tournament for an amateur with a respectable but hardly historic

resume. When "pipe dreams" become reality, it usually is. Trading one passion for another Vogt is a dreamer sure. Just a prag-

matic one. Even though he's 6-foot-6. Even though he's always been able to hit the ball a long, long way. Even though he's long felt drawn to a game that requires discipline, focus and a touch of math, he never considered trying to make a living doing it. By the time he graduated from Seneca Valley High School, an hour north of Pittsburgh in 2009, he was pretty sure he didn't have "it." A couple of years playing at Butler University reinforced what he held to be true: that he wasn't prepared - physically or mentally - for the toll the game can take if you dedicate your life to chasing it. So he took a break, a long one. He graduated with a degree in biology, then enrolled in dental school at the University of Indiana.

Maybe I am just sick, enjoy challenge, says Schauffele

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Oakmont (US)

Xander Schauffele wrapped up nine holes of the most punishing U.S. Open course and was smiling. This was on a Monday, only a practice round at Oakmont. But the image illustrates why Schauffele rarely seems to suffer at the major reputed to be the toughest test in golf. He has finished out of the top 10 only once in his eight previous US Open appearances. His highest score is a 75 in the third round at Brookline in 2022. He tied for 14th that week. "Maybe I'm just sick and enjoy the challenge," Schauffele said with another smile. "Something about it playing really hard. I think a good attitude goes a long way. It's obviously easier said than done, hard to keep a good attitude through the entire stretch of 72 holes, practice rounds as well. I don't know. I think they're a lot of fun." The attitude will be tested at Oakmont, the course with rough that looks like a cabbage and greens so fast it can feel like putting in a bathtub. The Stimpmeter was developed after the inventor read about Gene Sarazen hitting a putt into a bunker at Oakmont. Schauffele still hasn't figured out the winning part of it, at least not at the US Open. Despite his top 10s, he has yet to seriously challenge in the final hour.

This year presents a different test for the 31-year-old Californian, who broke through last year in the biggest events by winning the PGA Championship and the British Open. He is still trying to find his groove after missing two months with a rib injury that significantly slowed the start of his season. That was a serious challenge - sitting at home, resting, doing next to nothing. "I felt like I was playing at a pretty high level. Then I got hurt," he said. "My expectations of what I knew I could do to where I was were different. And accepting that was tough. I think that was sort of the biggest wake-up call for me coming back." So a US Open at Oakmont - fun, he calls it - might be a good measure of where he is. Most of the 156 players and even a few alternates, made their way out to the course on a relatively dry day that should stay that way at least until the weekend. Justin Thomas was among those who came to Oakmont a few weeks ago to get in some serious study, knowing practice rounds can be the biggest grind because they take so long. Everyone is trying to figure out what to do from the rough, where to miss, how to avoid mistakes. Dustin Johnson played nine holes, his first time back at Oakmont since he won his first major nine years ago.

Immigration crackdown may impact next year's World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New York

Philadelphia's host city executive for the 2026 World Cup says organizers accept that an immigration crackdown by President Donald Trump's administration may be among the outside events that impact next year's tournament. "There are certainly things that are happening at the national level, the international level, there are going to be geopolitical issues that we don't even know right now that are going to affect the tournament next year, so we recognize that we're planning with-

in uncertainty," Meg Kane said Monday at a gathering of the 11 U.S. Host city leaders, one year and two days ahead of the tournament opener. The World Cup will be played at 16 stadiums in the U.S., Mexico and Canada from June 11 to July 19 next year, a tournament expanded to 48 nations and 104 games. All matches from the quarterfinals on will be in the U.S., with the final at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. "Whether it's the Olympics, whether it's a World Cup, whether it's a Super Bowl, you name it, anytime you've got a major international sporting event, geopolitics is going to



have a role," said Alex Vasry, CEO of the New York/New Jersey host committee. Kane said the host committees must adapt to decisions made by others. "One of the

things that I think we all recognize is that we have to be really good at operating with that uncertainty," Kane said. "I think for each of our cities, we want to be prepared

to make any person that is coming and makes the decision to come to the United States or come to this World Cup feel that they are welcome. We do not play a role necessarily in what is happening in terms of the decisions that are made." Trump's travel ban on citizens from 12 countries exempted athletes, coaches, staff and relatives while not mentioning fans. "We allow for FIFA to continue having constructive conversations with the administrations around visas, around workforce, around tourism," Kane said. FIFA is running the World

Cup for the first time without a local organizing committee in the host nation. Asked in late April whether FIFA president Gianni Infantino was available to discuss the tournament, FIFA director of media relations Bryan Swanson forwarded the request to a member of the media relations staff, who did not make Infantino available. Legislation approved by the House of Representatives and awaiting action in the Senate would appropriate \$625 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency "for security, planning, and other costs related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup."

Ruturaj Gaikwad to join Yorkshire for County Championship

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Leeds (England)

Indian batter Ruturaj Gaikwad will join Yorkshire for five matches of the County Championship's Division One as well as the One-Day Cup.

Gaikwad will link up with the Yorkshire squad ahead of their County match against Surrey at Scarborough in July and will remain with the team until the end of the season, the club said on its website.

The 28-year-old is currently a part of the India A squad on the tour of England where they have played two four-day unofficial Tests against England Lions and their last assignment will be an intra-squad four-day match in Beckenham against the senior side from June 13-16.

"Captain of Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League and Maharashtra in the Ranji Trophy, the Pune-native is a highly accomplished batter with six international ODI caps alongside his 23 appear-



ances in IT20's," Yorkshire said on their website.

"The right-hander can bat

anywhere in the top four and has shown versatility when required to step up and open

the batting for India."

"It has always been a goal of mine to experience cricket in

this country and there is no bigger Club in England than Yorkshire," Gaikwad stated.

"I know how important it is that I hit the ground running at what will be a crucial part of the season. We have some vital games in the County Championship and the One-Day Cup is a great opportunity to win some silverware."

Yorkshire head coach Anthony McGrath hoped Gaikwad's addition would bring "extra solidity" to the team.

"He is a very accomplished cricketer with a natural all-round game that is well suited to the cricket we want to play. Ruturaj will give us some extra solidity in our batting lineup whilst having that ability to score quick runs when required. He's an exciting talent and one I know is highly rated across the game," he said.

Yorkshire are currently placed second last in the 10-team Division One points table with one win, four defeats and two drawn games so far.

West Indies batter Nicholas Pooran announces retirement

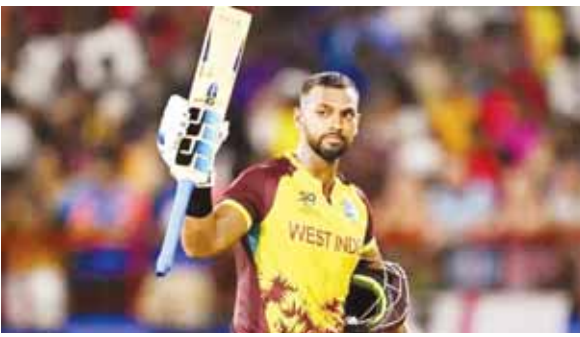
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Port of Spain

Star West Indies batter Nicholas Pooran on Tuesday stunningly announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 29 without specifying any reasons but insisted that "much thought and reflection" had gone into taking the call.

His decision came days after he opted out of selection for the T20I series against England. The swashbuckling left-handed batter finished as West Indies' most capped T20I player with 106 matches and also its highest run-getter, with a tally of 2275 at an average of 26.14 and strike rate of 136.39. In 61 ODI appearances, he scored 1983 runs at an average of 39.66 and strike rate of 99.15.

"After much thought and reflection, I've decided to announce my retirement from international cricket," Pooran, a former West Indies white-ball captain, wrote on his social media pages.

"This game we love has given and will continue to



give so much - joy, purpose, unforgettable memories, and a chance to represent the people of the West Indies," said the Trinidadian who made his international debut in 2016 in a T20 International match.

He never played Test cricket for his country.

"Wearing that maroon, standing for the anthem, and giving everything I had each time I stepped on the field. It's hard to put into words what that truly means to me. To have led the team as captain is a privilege I will always hold close to my heart," he said.

Pooran had recently opted out of selection for West Indies' T20I series against

England after playing the full Indian Premier League (IPL) season for Lucknow Super Giants (LSG).

He hasn't featured in ODIs since West Indies' exit in the 2023 World Cup Qualifiers. His last match for West Indies was against Bangladesh at Kingstown in December 2024.

"To the fans - thank you for your unwavering love. You lifted me in the tough moments and celebrated the good ones with unmatched passion. To my family, friends and teammates — thank you for walking the journey with me. Your belief and support carried me through it all," he wrote.

WE ARE ON JOURNEY TO BECOME A GREAT AUSTRALIAN TEAM: LYON

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

Winning the ICC World Test Championship title for the second consecutive time here will be an important step in establishing the current side as one of the greatest Australian teams of all times, feels star off-spinner Nathan Lyon. The 37-year-old Nathan Lyon is part of Andrew McDonald's squad that will take on South Africa at Lord's in the final of the ICC World Test Championship 2023-25 cycle.

Australia will be looking to defend the title they clinched

in 2023 with a 209-run victory over India at the Oval and Lyon is keen to build on the progress made since that triumph.

"It is important that we look at this week as a celebration piece. We've done incredibly well over the last couple of years, at home and away, and that is something that as a team, we should be really proud of," he was quoted as saying by the ICC.

"In my eyes, we're on a journey to becoming a great Australian team. We're not there yet, I'm well aware of that, but that's our goal too.

"This game is another step up that ladder," said the spin

ace who took the match-winning wicket of Mohammed Siraj in Australia's win against India in 2023.

Australia finished second in the league table during the 2023-25 WTC cycle, behind South Africa, having claimed 67.54 per cent of the points on offer to them.

Australia were also the only side that did not lose a series in the 2023-25 cycle, winning four of the six series they played. Their percentage was only bettered by the table-topping Proteas' 69.44 per cent.

Lyon has taken 56 wickets against South Africa in 18 matches and expects a fierce



contest with the side captained by Temba Bavuma. "Yes, we've been here before, but South Africa qualified first during this World Test

Championship," said Lyon who has taken 553 wickets from 136 matches since making his Test debut in 2011.

"Throughout these two

years, they've done something really well to finish top, and so they deserve that home changing room leading into this game. "It's international cricket. We're expecting an extremely hard challenge and there's going to be a lot of problems out there, but we're going to have to be good enough to solve those problems ASAP"

The presence of multiple experienced and skilled bowlers in the Australian camp like captain Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Starc and Scott Boland only adds to the Australian fire-power, said Lyon.

"As a bowling squad, we are very proud of where we are

currently at," he said. "But we're not leaving any stone unturned and we're still trying to get better as a bowling group. I feel that spurs each and every one of us on to get better."

Australia last featured in a Test series in England during the 2023 Ashes — the opening assignment of the 2023-25 World Test Championship cycle — but several members of the squad have since returned to play their trade in county cricket. Lyon turned out for Lancashire in 2024, while Marnus Labuschagne, Cameron Green and Beau Webster represented Glamorgan, Gloucestershire

and Warwickshire, respectively, during the ongoing season.

"I feel like you get a lot of understanding of how the game is played over here in these conditions, how the Dukes ball moves around and how the overhead conditions play a role," he said.

"It's been amazing to have Greeny over here. I think he's played four or five games for Gloucestershire and done really well. So, hopefully, that gives him the confidence to pick things up from where he left off.

"It's important, especially for the younger players, like Greeny, to come over here and play county cricket"

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