



AI 171 Black Box found; US, UK join crash probe

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

A day after Ahmedabad air crash, the Government on Friday ordered thorough inspection of all Boeing aircrafts. In another development, one of the two black boxes, the Digital Flight Data Recorder (DFDR), was found from the rooftop of a building near the crash site, which could answer questions about how the plane plummeted to Earth.

It will help the investigators to ascertain the cause of mishap. The search is still underway for the second black box, the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR), with no confirmation on its status yet. Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrashekhar said investigative teams from India, the US and the UK have arrived at the crash site in the last 24 hours.

“Trained investigators will help us understand why the routine flight turned into calamity,” he said. Meanwhile, a team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other central intelligence agencies arrived the site of the crash. The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), a division of the Ministry of Civil Aviation tasked with probing aircraft accidents in India, has also launched the probe.

In a letter to Air India, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday ordered enhanced safety inspection of Air India’s Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet



Remains of the crashed Air India plane lie on a building in Ahmedabad

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and listed out the checks the airliner will have to carry out on all of its Boeing 787-8/9 fleet, starting June 15, 2025.

“As a preventive measure DGCA hereby directs M/s Air India to carryout following additional maintenance actions on 8787-8/9 aircrafts equipped with Genx engines with immediate effect in coordination with the concerned regional DGCA offices,” the DGCA said. In its order, the DGCA has ordered for a one time check before departure of flight from India wef 15-6-2025, (00:00) hrs onwards. In its order, the airline regulator has mandated a check before departure of flight, effective from 00:00 hours on June 15, 2025. There are 26 Boeing 787-8s and 7 Boeing 787-9s in the fleet of Air India owned by Tata Group. This particular

Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner was built 12 years ago.

The DGCA has ordered various one-time checks of the Boeing 787 planes, including inspection of fuel parameter monitoring and associated system checks. Inspection of cabin air compressor and associated systems, electronic engine control system test, engine fuel driven actuator-operational test and oil system checks have also been ordered. Besides, DGCA has directed to carry out a serviceability check of the hydraulic system and review of take-off parameters.

According to an order, flight control inspection has to be introduced in transit inspection till further notice, apart from having power assurance checks within two

weeks. Additionally, DGCA has said there should be “closure of maintenance actions based upon the review of repetitive snags during the last 15 days on B787-8/9 aircraft at the earliest”. Reports of these checks have to be submitted to the regulator for review.

The London Gatwick-bound Boeing 787 aircraft that crashed on Thursday was powered by GENx engines. GENx engines are made by GE Aerospace. The GE Aerospace said it is prepared to support Air India and the investigation into the plane crash in Ahmedabad. “We have activated our emergency response team, and we are prepared to support our customer and the investigation,” a GE Aerospace spokesperson had said in a statement.

PM visits site, meets injured at hospital

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Ahmedabad/New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday visited the site of the Air India plane crash, in which 265 people lost their lives and met the injured at the civil hospital in Ahmedabad. PM later visited the city civil hospital, where he spoke to Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, the lone plane survivor of the tragedy and also met other persons injured in the accident.

The Prime Minister also met the family members of former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani and remembered him as a humble and hard-working leader.

Rupani, 68, was among the 241 passengers of the London-bound flight who died in the horrific crash on Thursday afternoon.

PM Modi arrived at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport on Friday morning and drove straight to the crash site, officials said. He spent around 20 minutes inspecting the site, where the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft (AI171) crashed into a complex of BJ Medical College in the Meghaninagar area shortly



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu visiting the site of the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad on Friday

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after taking off on Thursday afternoon. Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu and Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi informed the Prime Minister about how the plane crashed into the college hostel and mess.

The Prime Minister later visited the city civil hospital, where he spoke to Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, the lone plane

survivor of the tragedy and also met other persons injured in the accident.

The PM visited the C7 ward of the hospital, where 25 injured people are undergoing treatment and interacted with the doctors.

“Met the family of Shri Vijaybhai Rupani Ji. It is unimaginable that Vijaybhai is not in our midst. I’ve known him for decades. We

worked together, shoulder to shoulder, including during some of the most challenging times,” Modi said in his posts on X. “Vijaybhai was humble and hardworking, firmly committed to the Party’s ideology. Rising up the ranks, he held various responsibilities in the Organisation and went on to serve diligently as Gujarat’s Chief Minister,” he said.

Transparency our priority, says Tata Group

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Mumbai

Tata Group will not retreat from its responsibilities, from doing what is right even though it is a “difficult” time, Chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Friday while emphasising that the group, which owns Air India,

will be transparent in its communication on the plane crash.

In an internal communication to the employees, he also said that when Tata Sons took over Air India, ensuring the safety of its passengers was it’s first and foremost priority and “there was no compromising on it.” The communication came a day after Air India’s London-

bound Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed soon after takeoff from the Ahmedabad airport, killing 241 of the 242 people onboard in one of the country’s worst air disasters.

This is a very difficult moment. What occurred on Thursday was inexplicable, and we are in shock and mourning. To lose a single person we know

is a tragedy, but for so many deaths to occur at once is incomprehensible. “This is one of the darkest days in Tata Group’s history. Words are no consolation right now, but my thoughts are with the families and loved ones of the people who died and were injured in the crash. We are here for them,” Chandrasekaran said.

Fortune meets quick decision

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Ahmedabad

Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, a 40-year-old British businessman from Leicester and the sole survivor of the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad, says his astonishing escape was a combination of fortune and quick decision in identifying a crucial space amidst the wreckage and acting fast. Talking to DD News a day after the air disaster, Ramesh, originally a native of coastal town of Diu adjoining Gujarat, said his seat, 11A, was close to an emergency door on the left side of the ill-fated plane, a Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

The London-bound aircraft smashed into a hostel building, part of BJ Medical College complex, soon after taking off from Ahmedabad’s Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on Thursday afternoon. “Luckily, the portion of the plane where I was seated fell on the ground floor of the hostel premises after the plane crash landed. When I saw that the door of the plane was broken, I told myself ‘I can try and get out’. Eventually, I got out of



Prime Minister meeting Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, the lone survivor of Air India plane crash at a Civil hospital on Friday

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the plane” Ramesh, a British citizen, maintained.

He is currently being treated at the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi met him on Friday morning during his visit to the city. “I believe that others could not escape because there was a wall on that side (of the hostel) while there was a small gap where I was sitting. I still can’t believe how I survived the crash because I saw people dying in front of my eyes,” he said.

Ramesh escaped with injuries for which he is undergoing treatment. “Though I managed to escape, my left

hand got burnt as the plane caught fire after the crash. I walked out of the aircraft and then an ambulance brought me to hospital. I am getting proper treatment here,” he said.

In a viral video shot by a local resident immediately after the crash, Ramesh can be seen walking towards the ambulance after getting hurt in the crash. “It all happened in front of my eyes. I cannot believe how I survived...For a brief moment, I felt I was about to die but when my eyes opened, I was alive. I unbuttoned myself from the seat and exited from an opening,” he recalled.

Israel launches strike on Iran’s nuclear sites

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

Israel attacked Iran early on Friday in strikes that took out top military officers and hit nuclear and missile sites, raising the potential for an all-out war between the two bitter Middle East adversaries. It appeared to be the most significant attack on Iran has faced since its 1980s war with Iraq.

Simmering tensions over Iran’s rapidly advancing nuclear program boiled over and Iran quickly retaliated, sending a swarm of drones at Israel as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned of “severe punishment”. Countries in the region condemned Israel’s attack, while leaders around the globe called for immediate de-escalation from both sides.

Israel’s military said about 200 aircraft were involved in the initial attack on about 100 targets. Two security officials said the country’s Mossad spy agency was also able to position explosive drones inside Iran ahead of time and then activate them to target missile launchers at an Iranian base near Tehran.

They said Israel had also smuggled precision weapons

RESOLVE DISPUTE WITHOUT MILITARY ACTION: TRUMP

Washington: Just hours before Israel launched strikes on Iran early on Friday, President Donald Trump was still holding onto tattered threads of hope that a long-simmering dispute over Tehran’s nuclear programme could be resolved without military action. But with the Israeli military operation called “Rising Lion” now underway - something Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says will go on for “as many days as it takes” - Trump will be tested anew on his ability to make good on a campaign promise to disentangle the US from foreign conflicts.

“I gave Iran chance after chance to make a deal,” Trump said in a Friday morning social media post. “I told them, in the strongest of words, to just do it, but no matter how hard they tried, no matter how close they got, they just couldn’t get it done.”

The administration’s first reaction to the Israeli assault came not from Trump, but from Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who is doubling as Trump’s national security adviser.

He sought to make clear the US was “not involved” and that the Republican administration’s central concern was protecting US forces in the region.

into central Iran as well as strike systems on vehicles, which were activated as the attack began to hit Iranian air defences.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the highly secretive missions and it was not possible to independently confirm their claims. There was no official comment.

The Israeli attack hit several sites, including Iran’s main nuclear enrichment facility at Natanz, where black smoke could be seen rising into the air.

Later in the morning, Israel said it had also destroyed dozens of radar installations and surface-to-air missile launchers in western Iran.

Among those killed were three of Iran’s top military leaders, one who oversaw the entire armed forces, General Mohammad Bagheri, one who led the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, General Hossein Salami, and another who ran the Guard’s ballistic missile programme, General Amir Ali Hajizadeh.

Iran confirmed all three

deaths, which were a significant blow to Tehran’s governing theocracy and will complicate efforts to retaliate against Israel.

Khamenei said other top military officials and scientists were also killed.

In its first response, Iran fired more than 100 drones at Israel, with both Iraq and Jordan confirming they had flown over their airspace. Israel said the drones were being intercepted outside its airspace, and it was not immediately clear whether any got through.

In his first public comment about the attacks, US President Donald Trump again urged Iran to reach a deal with Washington on its nuclear programme, warning on his Truth Social platform that Israel’s attacks “will only get worse”.

Without saying whether he was privy to specific Israeli plans, Trump said “there is still time to make this slaughter, with the next already planned attacks being even more brutal, come to an end”.

“Iran must make a deal, before there is nothing left, and save what was once known as the Iranian Empire,” he wrote. “No more death, no more destruction, JUST DO IT, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.”

Israeli PM speaks to Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday to brief on the evolving situation in west Asia as the Indian leader emphasised the need for early restoration of peace and stability.

“Received a phone call from PM @netanyahu of Israel. He briefed me on the evolving situation. I shared India’s concerns and emphasised the need for early restoration of peace and stability in the region,” Modi said on X.

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16 long-haul Air India flights diverted

At least 16 long- and ultra-long haul Air India flights were diverted after Iran closed its airspace following an Israeli strike in Tehran on Friday while another AI flight from Phuket headed to Delhi requested an emergency landing.

Cameras to nab traffic violators sans helmets & seat-belts, wrong direction

VAISHNAVI MISHRA ■ New Delhi

For the very first time, the Delhi Traffic Police is preparing to set up 328 new cameras equipped to simultaneously identify various traffic infractions such as riding without a helmet, carrying three passengers on two-wheelers, failing to wear seatbelts, driving against traffic, having defective number plates and even using mobile phones while driving, across 133 locations across the city, as said by the senior traffic officials on Friday.

These new cameras will connect to a system that automatically generates challans, assist in identifying vehicles travelling in the wrong direction and uniquely target two-wheeler violations that current cameras are unable to capture.

The addition of these devices

will almost double the total number of traffic cameras in the national Capital from 334 to 662, enabling the traffic police to reduce the number of personnel needed for manual checks.

Out of the 328 new cameras, 203 will be placed at 57 locations under the Red-Light Violation Detection (RLVD) initiative, while the other 125 will serve the Over-Speed Violation Detection (OSVD) program and will be set up at 76 locations. RLVD cameras are specifically positioned at crucial intersections, while OSVD cameras focus on open areas where speeding is frequently an issue.

“We have conducted surveys on the ground to identify areas with the highest incidence of speeding and other violations, finalising over 70 locations such as Civic Centre,



Shanti Path, Saket metro station, Vidhan Sabha, Pampas enclave on the outer ring road, Gokulpuri flyover, Jail Road and Hanuman Temple at Kashmere Gate,” the officer explained.

Most of these cameras will be deployed on both carriage-ways, allowing for detection of vehicles approaching from

either direction through dedicated cameras.

The survey for RLVD cameras is expected to take place soon. The completion of the project is anticipated by October of this year, the officer mentioned. “Existing cameras can only monitor a limited range of violations includ-

ing speeding, red-light infractions and zebra crossing breaches. We recognised the necessity for cameras capable of detecting a wider array of traffic violations. We convened meetings with multiple companies producing advanced technology cameras. Demonstrations of their

models assisted us in refining our needs,” the officer stated.

He also said that the cameras will also include capabilities for vehicle recognition, which can aid in tracking suspects involved in hit-and-run incidents. “If a suspect escapes in a vehicle with a known colour, the sophisticated cameras will identify vehicles of that same colour travelling along identical routes. Such filtering will facilitate the identification and capture of the offending vehicle. They can recognise multiple violations by a single vehicle and generate corresponding challans for each offence,” he added.

The new cameras will also provide evidence through photographs and short videos for situations involving speeding and wrong-way driving, according to the officer.

He indicated that these new cameras will also be able to

identify traffic rule infringements by two-wheelers, a feature that is not commonly available in most existing traffic cameras.

Moreover, the automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) feature in the cameras will assist officials in identifying diesel vehicles older than ten years and petrol vehicles over fifteen years, both of which are prohibited in the city.

“Our traffic personnel will evaluate the data on such older and banned vehicles captured by the cameras and will take appropriate action following the regulations,” Singh noted, adding that the installation of cameras for traffic violation detection is part of the Delhi Traffic Police’s initiative.

At present, Delhi has 209 red light cameras installed at 43 sites, along with 125 speed cameras located at 66 locations.

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More than 11 lakh Yoga Practitioners to Perform Yoga Together on Int'l Yoga Day in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday said that preparations are underway to make the upcoming 11th International Yoga Day, to be celebrated on June 21, a historic event. On this day, yoga programmes will be organized simultaneously across all 22 districts and 121 blocks of the state, with participation of over 11 lakh people.

This year's state-level programme will be held at the sacred Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra, the very site from where Lord Krishna delivered the message of karma to the world. Yoga guru Swami Ramdev will lead the yoga session at this venue, he said, adding the aim is to ensure participation of over one lakh people, not only to popularize yoga but also to set a new world record.

He was addressing a Yoga Protocol Training Camp orga-



nized jointly by the AYUSH Department, Haryana Yog Aayog, and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at the ITBP BTC, Bhanu, in Panchkula. During the event, the Chief Minister, along with other dignitaries and ITBP personnel, observed two minutes of silence to pay homage to those who lost their lives in the Ahmedabad plane crash.

He said that the celebrations of the 11th International Yoga Day in Haryana had already commenced on May 27, with yoga programmes being orga-

nized across the state. So far, over 15.60 lakh people have participated in these programmes. A Yoga Awareness campaign is also being carried out, which will reach 5,000 villages in the state by June 19. Institutions like Patanjali Yogpeeth, Bharatiya Yog Sansthan, Brahma Kumaris, and Art of Living are holding yoga camps at 2,500 locations across the state.

AYUSH and Health Minister Kumari Arti Singh Rao said that the theme for the 11th International Yoga Day is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health",

reminding us that human health is deeply connected to the health of the environment and all living beings. She said that Yoga is not just a physical activity but a global message of balance, holistic development, and wellness. Over 10 lakh citizens are participating in yoga-related activities across the state. At the district level, yoga marathons, awareness drives, and group yoga sessions are being conducted. Research activities are also being carried out at all government medical colleges, she said.

Chairman, Haryana Yog Aayog, Dr. Jaideep Arya, emphasized that yoga is not merely an exercise but a way of life that inspires individuals to maintain balance in every situation. He said that for soldiers posted in extreme climates like Siachen at -40°C, yoga becomes a crucial source of physical and mental strength. Troops stationed at the borders have incorporated yoga and asanas into their daily routines, setting inspiring examples, shared Dr. Jaideep Arya.

Prime roads of new Gurugram to be linked with Dwarka Expressway

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

In a significant step towards enhancing road connectivity in New Gurugram, the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) has initiated the process of linking three key roads to the Dwarka Expressway. The development aims to improve access for residents of the region and streamline traffic flow.

To facilitate this connection, HSVP has issued detailed guidelines for land acquisition. Local officials have already begun groundwork, following directives from the HSVP headquarters.

Initially, HSVP had acquired a 150-meter-wide stretch of land for the construction of the Dwarka Expressway, which included plans to develop 30-meter green belts on both sides. However, the land for these green areas was never acquired, causing delays in linking sever-

al roads to the expressway. During a recent survey, HSVP identified that approximately 4.33 acres of land are required to connect eight major roads to the Dwarka Expressway. Collaborative efforts by HSVP and the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), along with support from local landowners, have already enabled connectivity for roads dividing Sectors 110-110A, 112-113, 106-109, 102-102A, and 101-104.

However, roads connecting Sectors 99-99A and 102A-103 remain disconnected, leading to ongoing difficulties for residents in nearby housing societies.

To address these challenges, a high-level meeting was convened last week under the chairmanship of GMDA Chief Executive Officer Shyamal Mishra. HSVP Administrator Vaishali Singh informed attendees that a four-member committee has been constituted, following instructions from HSVP

Chief Administrator Dr. Chandrashekhar Khare.

This committee, led by the Land Acquisition Officer, also includes HSVP's Estate Officer One, the District Town Planner from the Town and Country Planning Department, and HSVP's Superintendent Engineer.

Landowners have been encouraged to offer land through the e-Bhoomi portal under schemes like the Land Pooling Policy or by opting for Transferable Development Rights (TDR). The committee will evaluate the proposals and submit recommendations for acquiring the required land.

"4.33 acres of land is essential to connect eight primary roads of New Gurugram to the Dwarka Expressway," said Arun Dhanekar, Chief Engineer of GMDA. "We have requested HSVP to expedite the land provision process." Once acquired, the road connections will be completed swiftly."

Punjab and Haryana reel under intense heatwave

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Intense heatwave persisted at several places in Haryana and Punjab on Friday as Sirsa again turned out to be the hottest place in the two states, recording a high of 47.6 degrees Celsius, the MeT office here said. According to the weather department, among other places in Haryana, Hisar sizzled at 44.6 degrees Celsius.

Gurugram recorded a high of 44 degrees, Rohtak 43.1 degrees, Narnaul 44.3 degrees while Bhiwani, too, braved the hot weather at 43.6 degrees Celsius. However, Ambala and Karnal got some respite, with maximum temperatures settling at 38.2 and 37.5 degrees Celsius, respectively. Chandigarh, the common capital of the two states, recorded a high of 39.6 degrees Celsius. Bathinda was the hottest place in Punjab recording a high of 46 degrees Celsius.

Faridkot recorded a high of 44 degrees, while Amritsar registered a maximum of 43.6, Ludhiana 43, Patiala 39.2, degrees Celsius.

730 advanced Mechanised sewer cleaning machines flagged off in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In an initiative to modernize urban sanitation, Punjab Local Government Minister Ravjot Singh on Friday flagged off a fleet of 730 advanced cleaning machines worth Rs. 39.56 crore for 150 Municipalities, marking a shift from manual to mechanized sewer cleaning across the state.

The comprehensive mechanization program features specialized equipment designed to address every sanitation challenge while eliminating the need for human entry into sewer lines. The fleet includes Jetting-combine Suction Machines that combine high-pressure water jets with powerful suction to clear stubborn block-

ages, along with Grab Bucket Machines that safely remove silt from manholes without endangering workers. For narrow lanes and congested urban areas, the administration has deployed compact Mouse Jetters and environmentally-friendly E-Rickshaw Mounted Desilting Machines that operate on battery power. The sanitation arsenal is further strengthened by durable Rodding Sets, Sewer Inspection Cameras for assessing hazardous locations, Pumping Sets to handle overflow emergencies and industrial-grade Super Suction Machines capable of thorough cleaning operations.

The minister said, "While these machines represent our

progress in urban infrastructure, our true achievement lies in safeguarding the dignity and lives of sanitation workers." The government has implemented a robust worker protection framework that includes mandatory provision of modern safety equipment, comprehensive health insurance coverage, regular medical check-ups and specialized training programs for machine operation with clear career progression pathways, he said.

With 218 machines already operational in Sangrur Clusture and the remaining 512 being deployed across other municipalities, the government will conduct quarterly performance reviews.



ther reduce this to 10 minutes, ensuring critical care reaches patients within the golden hour," he added.

Pertinently, the 108 Ambulance Service, Punjab's most trusted emergency response network, has served over 30 lakh citizens since its inception in 2011, providing critical care during accidents, cardiac emergencies, maternal health crises, and trauma cases. "The 108 service is the backbone of our emergency healthcare system. With these new ambulances, we are ensuring that no call for help goes unanswered," said Dr Balbir Singh.

The Health Minister emphasised that the first hour after an emergency is considered as the 'golden hour', where timely med-

ical intervention can save lives. The 108 ambulances, working in close coordination with the Sadak Surakhiya Force (SSF), have played a pivotal role in reducing fatalities by providing immediate on-site medical aid, he said.

The new ambulances will be deployed across various districts of Punjab to strengthen emergency services at the grassroots level. These include deployments in Barnala (1), Bathinda (1), Faridkot (1), Fatehgarh Sahib (3), Fazilka (1), Ferozepur (1), Gurdaspur (2), Hoshiarpur (1), Jalandhar (1), Kapurthala (2), Ludhiana (4), Mansa (2), Moga (2), Mohali (2), Muktsar Sahib (1), Malerkotla (2), SBS Nagar (2), Pathankot (2), Patiala (11), Rupnagar (1), Sangrur (2), and Tarn Taran (1).

2 arrested in social media influencer murder case in Bathinda

PNS ■ BATHINDA

Two men were arrested in connection with the murder of Punjab-based social media influencer Kanchan Kumari, who was found dead in an abandoned car in a parking lot here, the police said on Friday.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Amnreet Kondal, said two of the three people involved in the killing were arrested, while the main conspirator is absconding. Jaspreet Singh (32) of Moga and Nimarjit Singh (21) of Tarn Taran were arrested while Amritpal Singh Mehron is at large, the SSP said, adding that the search for the third accused, a self-styled Sikh radical leader, is on. Jaspreet and Nimarjit, both identified as 'Nihangs', were arrested early on Friday morning.

The 30-year-old influencer, known on Instagram as 'Kamal Kaur Bhabhi' with 384,000 followers, also operated a YouTube channel called 'Funny Bhabhi TV', which had 236,000 subscribers. Kanchan, a resident of Lachman colony in Ludhiana, was allegedly strangled to death, the SSP said. During the preliminary probe, the arrested men said they killed Kanchan for uploading "immoral and vulgar content that hurt the community's sentiments".

Mehron had allegedly approached Kanchan the previous week on the pretext of a business meeting and later, she was invited to Bathinda for a paid promotion, the SSP said. On June 9, she left her house with Jaspreet and Nimarjit after which she was later found dead. A murder case was registered following a complaint registered by her mother, Girja Devi, the SSP said. The police also confirmed that the car in which her body was found belonged to Kanchan.

On June 9, she informed her mother that she was going to a promotional event, but her family lost contact with her afterwards. Her body was discovered when locals informed the police about a foul smell emanating from a car in the parking area near a university. Kanchan's body was brought to the civil hospital mortuary, and her mother identified the body the next day.

The police reviewed CCTV footage from nearby areas and utilised intelligence and technical inputs to solve the case.

Meanwhile, a video has surfaced on social media allegedly showing Mehron stating that Kanchan was killed by two of his accomplices due to her "immoral and vulgar content" on social media, warning others creating "objectionable content" to refrain from such activities.

Punjab Police busts cross-border Narco-Smuggling racket

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

The Punjab Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Border Range Amritsar has busted a cross-border narco-smuggling racket with the arrest of two smugglers and recovered 4.5 kg heroin and 711 lakh drug money from their possession, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said on Friday.

Those arrested have been identified as Gurbhej Singh alias Bheja, a native of village Dhanoe Khurd and presently residing in village Rattan; and Abhijeet Singh alias Happy, a native of village Mahal and presently residing in Bhalla Colony in Chheharta, Amritsar. DGP Yadav said that the preliminary investigation has revealed that arrested accused Gurbhej was in direct contact with a Pak-based smuggler identified as Rana and had been coordinating the delivery of the consignment. Days before his arrest, the accused had arranged for this heroin consignment to be delivered via a drone, in collaboration with his associates, he said, while adding that accused Gurbhej had also involved Abhijeet Singh in this operation.

He said that based on reliable intelligence, teams of ANTF Border Range Amritsar conducted an intelligence operation and apprehended both the accused when they were attempting to further sell the heroin. Apart from recovering heroin and drug money from their possession, Police teams have also impounded their scooter without number plate. He said that further investigations are underway to dismantle the entire supply chain. More arrests and recoveries are likely in the coming days, he added.

Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar slams CM Mann

PNS ■ LUDHIANA

Launching a scathing attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar on Friday questioned Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's commitment to fighting corruption and drug abuse in the state.

Jakhar said while the chief minister repeatedly claims to eradicate corruption and drugs, nothing concrete is being done on the ground. "You claimed to have files of all the corrupt leaders and asked others to look you in the eye. Yet, no action has been taken against a single one. Why is only a select group like tehsildars being targeted? If you truly have evidence, take action, start from your own house," he said, referring to Mann's earlier statements. Jakhar, who was talking to reporters here, urged Ludhiana West voters to "vote wisely" in the bypoll. "The people are being fooled and Punjab is paying the price," he said.

Earlier, Jakhar had demanded a probe by the Income Tax (IT) department into the income of the state's political leaders to ascertain how much assets they possess now and how much they had before joining politics. The BJP leader was then replying to a query on a statement made by state Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, seeking a dope test of the Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders in the state. "Before conducting the dope test, I request that the Income Tax department be allowed to conduct an 'income trail test' of the state's political leaders," said Jakhar, adding that he never took any money from any drug seller.

AAP LEADER HITS BACK AT JAKHAR
AAP leader Baltej Pannu has hit back at BJP Punjab President Sunil Jakhar over his statements

LUDHIANA WEST BY-POLL

regarding drugs, stating that the drug problem is not new but a two-decade-old mess. However, the AAP government is determined to eliminate drugs from Punjab. Pannu said that during Captain Amarinder Singh's government, only false claims were made about eradicating drugs. At that time, only drug users were targeted, while the AAP government is taking strict action against drug traffickers and those associated with them.

Pannu challenged Jakhar, saying that during Captain's tenure as Chief Minister, Jakhar was the Punjab Congress President. During that time, Captain Amarinder took a file to Congress President Sonia Gandhi, which contained the names of corrupt Congress leaders and ministers. Today, all those individuals are in the BJP. If Jakhar has the courage and honesty, he should bring that file and hand it over to the ED for an impartial investigation.

Responding to Jakhar's statement on corruption, Pannu said that the AAP government has maintained a zero-tolerance policy against corruption since day one. In matters of corruption, the AAP government has never discriminated between its own or others. This is the first government to have taken action against its own MLAs and ministers. Pannu questioned Jakhar, asking how many corrupt leaders and officers faced action during the Akali-BJP and Congress governments?

WINDS OF CHANGE WILL START BLOWING FROM LUDHIANA WEST: WARRING

Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring on Friday said the winds of change in Punjab will start blow-

ing from Ludhiana West, adding that Congress will win the by-election with a record margin. Talking to reporters, when asked about the party's chances in the by-election, Warring remarked, "writing is on the wall and you can notice it yourself that there is no doubt about Congress winning the seat".

He said, wherever he goes and whoever he meets, tells him only one thing that the Congress was on the way back while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was on the way out. He noted that there was a reason for such pro-Congress sentiment as people were fed up with the massive failure of the AAP government. He said the law and order was at its worst in the state. He said, the media was not reporting the level of crime that has been taking place in Punjab.

The PCC president said that there was a strong undercurrent against the government in Punjab and this will be reflected in voting on June 19. He observed, people may be attending the AAP meetings for multiple reasons since the AAP is in power, but if anybody can read the faces of those attending such meetings, the result would be known right away.

The bypoll to the Ludhiana West Assembly seat in Punjab will take place on June 19 and the counting will be held on June 23. The Assembly seat fell vacant following the death of AAP MLA Gurpreet Bassi Gogi in January. The BJP has fielded Jivan Gupta for the bypoll, while Rajya Sabha member Sanjeev Arora is the AAP's candidate. The Congress has fielded former minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, who was an MLA twice from this seat in 2012 and 2017. Ashu was defeated by AAP's Gogi by a margin of 7,512 votes in the 2022 Punjab Assembly polls. The SAD has nominated Parupkar Singh Ghuman, a lawyer, for the bypoll.

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STRENGTHENING RURAL ECONOMY IS A KEY FOCUS OF HIMACHAL GOVT: CM SUKHU

Shimla: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while chairing a meeting with a delegation of the National Rural Livelihood Mission and the Himachal Pradesh 'Pashu Evam Krishi Sakhi Sangh on Friday said that the State Government was committed to strengthen the rural economy and special emphasis was being laid on promoting natural farming. For the first time, the State Government has fixed Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for milk, wheat, maize, and turmeric produced through natural farming. He said that the MSP for maize has been increased from Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 per kg, and for wheat from Rs. 40 to Rs. 60 per kg, benefitting lakhs of farmers. He informed that the State will soon start purchasing raw turmeric at Rs. 90 per kg to promote its cultivation under the brand name 'Himachali Haldi'. Over 1.58 lakh farmers engaged in natural farming have already been certified in the State so far. Sukhu added that an e-commerce portal 'Him-Ira' has been launched to facilitate the sale of products made by women self-help groups. Products like Him-Ira are gaining popularity even outside the State. He assured the delegation that their demands would be considered sympathetically and necessary action would be taken.

JUNIOR ENGINEER SUSPENDED FOR NOT REPLACING FAULTY TRANSFORMER IN HARYANA

Chandigarh: Haryana's Energy Minister Anil Vij suspended Sanjay Kumar, Junior Engineer (JE) of the Ambala Industrial Area Sub-Division, for failing to replace a faulty transformer in Chandpura village of Ambala Cantonment even after 15 days. Villagers from Chandpura had submitted a complaint to the Energy Minister regarding the issue, upon which he took swift action and directed the suspension of the JE. The villagers alleged that the power transformer in Chandpura had been non-functional for several days, and they had lodged a complaint about it with JE Sanjay Kumar of Industrial Area, Ambala Cantonment, nearly 15 days ago. However, neither the transformer was repaired or replaced during this time. Taking serious note of the matter, Vij issued directions for the suspension of the JE, which was implemented with immediate effect. The Energy Minister had earlier instructed Discom officials to repair or replace faulty transformers within one hour in urban areas and within two hours in rural areas to ensure uninterrupted power supply. The faulty transformer has now been replaced by the Discom following the villagers' complaint.

RS. 55.51 CRORE RELEASED FOR FINA SINGH IRRIGATION PROJECT IN HIMACHAL

Shimla: The long-awaited Fina Singh irrigation project in Kangra district has received an approval and release of Rs. 55.51 crore from the Central Government. This approval has been granted under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchay Yojana (PMKSY). Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri had held several discussions with Union Ministers and departments concerned in recent months. This project had been stalled for over a decade, but it has now emerged as a ray of hope for the farmers of Kangra district. Upon completion, the scheme will provide irrigation facilities to thousands of hectares of land, significantly boosting agricultural productivity. Agnihotri said: "This is a major step towards securing the future of our farmers. Our government is fully committed to provide adequate irrigation facilities to every farmer's field."

SUJANPUR ADMIN IN HIMACHAL BANS MINING ACTIVITIES IN BEAS RIVER

Hamirpur: The administration in Sujampur area of the Himachal's Hamirpur district has completely banned mining activities in Beas River with immediate effect, officials said on Friday. Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Vikas Shukla has taken this decision after visiting the area following complaints of illegal mining. He said that mining companies can submit their valid documents and permits in the subdivision office after which further action would be taken. The Dhaulasilidh power project of the district is also under construction on this river downstream Sujampur tira town towards Nadaun. Meanwhile, the administration has created a special WhatsApp group for monitoring. It will include departmental officers, panchayat representatives including head, deputy head, panchayat committee member, councilor and media representatives. Group members will be able to share information about illegal mining along with photos and authorised departmental officers will take prompt action. Apart from this, a plan has also been made to start rafting in the Beas River and trials of rafts available with various departments will be done in two days. Rafting will be used for patrolling in the river, emergency rescue and to promote tourism generating local employment, said the SDM.

PUNJAB VIGILANCE BUREAU NABS SDM'S STENO WITH BRIBERY CASH RS 24 LAKH

Chandigarh: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has arrested Jatinder Singh, Steno, posted in the office of SDM Raikot in Ludhiana district for taking Rs 24,06,000 bribe. An official spokesperson of the state VB said the arrest has been made following a complaint lodged by a resident of village Sukhana, tehsil Raikot, district Ludhiana. He further added that the complainant has alleged that SDM Raikot and his Steno Jatinder Singh, a resident of village Narpura, in tehsil Jagraon, were extorting huge money from the public in exchange for doing their official work. "Acting on this information, the VB team have questioned the accused Jatinder Singh Steno and the search conducted in his office led to the recovery of cash amounting to Rs 24 lakh 6 thousand from an almirah. The accused failed to reveal the details of this cash and the VB team has arrested him", he added. The spokesperson informed that in this regard a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered at VB Police Station, Ludhiana range. Further investigation into this case was underway.

116 DRUG SMUGGLERS HELD WITH 9.9KG HEROIN, RS 11.23L DRUG MONEY

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police on Thursday said it has arrested 116 drug smugglers and recovered 9.9 kg heroin, 1.5 kg opium and Rs 11.23 lakh drug money from their possession. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 17,282 in just 104 days. Special DGP Law and Order, Arpit Shukla informed that over 200 Police teams, comprising over 1300 police personnel, under the supervision of 90 gazetted officers, have conducted raids at as many as 469 locations across the state, leading to the registration of 80 first information reports (FIRs) across the state. Police teams have also checked as many as 499 suspicious persons during the day-long operation, he added. The officer said that with the state government has enforced a three-pronged strategy—Enforcement, Deaddiction and Prevention (EDP)—to eradicate drugs from the state, the Punjab Police as part of 'De-addiction' has convinced 56 persons to undergo de-addiction and rehabilitation treatment today.

DEPARTMENTS MUST SHOW CONCRETE PROGRESS ON CM'S BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS BY DEC: OFFICER

Chandigarh: Haryana additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Saket Kumar on Friday said that the announcements made by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in the budget speech of the year 2025-26 as Finance Minister are now being implemented at the administrative level. Chairing a high-level meeting, Kumar said that these announcements are not just promises, but resolutions for public welfare, which are a priority. He directed all the departments that concrete progress of all the announcements should be visible before December 2025. In the meeting, the status of 79 announcements related to the departments of Electricity, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Urban Local Bodies, Secondary, Higher and Technical Education, Tourism and Heritage, Social Justice and Empowerment, Town and Country Planning, Archives and Housing was thoroughly evaluated. He said each department should fix the responsibility of nodal officers for the implementation of its announcements so that there is clarity and accountability in the functioning. He also assured that there will be no shortage of funds required for the announcements.

Editor's TAKE

Digital revolution: A giant leap forward

The digital wave must carry every citizen forward, empowering them with tools, access and opportunities

Over the past 11 years, India has undergone a sweeping digital transformation that has redefined governance, empowered citizens, and reimagined the nation's developmental trajectory. Spearheaded by visionary leadership and powered by a blend of political will, technological innovation, and mass participation, India's digital revolution has moved beyond urban confines to touch the remotest corners of the country, bridging the once-formidable digital divide. Union Minister and BJP President JP Nadda recently remarked that this transformation has not only connected millions of people but also ensured that technology reaches every citizen.

Today, governance is more transparent and efficient than ever before. Real-time dashboards, data integration, and digital infrastructure have brought a level of accountability and speed to welfare delivery that was previously unimaginable. Major Government schemes like DigiLocker, CoWIN, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, U-WIN, and e-Sanjeevani have become lifelines for millions, particularly in rural and underserved areas. These platforms are not merely digital tools — they represent access, empowerment, and dignity for the common citizen.

One of the most celebrated facets of this revolution is the rise of digital payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The Government is actively investing in future-ready domains like artificial intelligence (AI). Plans are underway to set up three AI Centres of Excellence in top educational institutions, and several indigenous AI models — such as BharatGen, Sarvam-1, Chitralekha, and Hanooman's Everest 1.0 — are being developed to place India at the forefront of the global AI race. The digital revolution has also brought connectivity to the grassroots. With more than 94 crore broadband connections, India is among the most connected nations on the planet. Under the BharatNet project, over 2.18 lakh Gram Panchayats have been linked with high-speed internet, and more than 6.9 lakh km of optical fibre has been laid across the country. India also offers the world's cheapest mobile data, further enabling digital inclusion at scale. However, the road to a truly digital India is not without its challenges.

Despite the vast spread of digital infrastructure, a significant portion of the population still struggles with digital literacy. Many people, especially in rural areas and among vulnerable groups, lack the skills to use digital platforms effectively. This gap in digital understanding threatens to limit the benefits of technological progress. Additionally, the rapid growth of digital activity raises serious concerns about cybersecurity and data privacy.

As digital transactions and data usage rise, there is a pressing need for strong legal frameworks, robust cyber defences, and widespread public awareness to ensure safety and trust in the digital ecosystem.

Infrastructure gaps also persist in certain remote and geographically difficult regions, where inconsistent power supply and connectivity remain major hurdles. The challenge now lies in making digital pushy more inclusive, secure, and equitable. As India marches toward its vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, the digital wave must carry every citizen forward, empowering them with tools, access, and opportunities.

From Nobel Laureate to National Liability

Muhammad Yunus, once hailed as a visionary economist and social reformer, now accused of steering Bangladesh into deeper division and decay through a caretaker regime defined more by personal retribution than national stewardship

This week's attack on Rabindranath Tagore's ancestral home in Sirajganj is no mere incident but a stark symptom of Bangladesh's deterioration. Once a cultural sanctuary, it now lies desecrated by mob violence over a trivial dispute — reflecting a nation fraying under extremism, institutional decay, and political chaos.

The state's feeble response exposes its waning control, while the turmoil mirrors the catastrophic misjudgements of Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus's fractured stewardship. Once revered worldwide as the architect of microfinance and a Nobel laureate whose work redefined social entrepreneurship, Muhammad Yunus's trajectory into Bangladesh's political arena has proved paradoxically corrosive. His appointment as the head of the caretaker Government, intended to ensure impartiality and a smooth transition, has instead become synonymous with deepening partisan rancour and administrative shortsightedness. Yunus's virulent antipathy towards the Awami League, and particularly its leader Sheikh Hasina — scion of the revered Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman — has become the defining characteristic of his Governance. It is widely known that Sheikh Hasina once sought to imprison Yunus on charges of financial irregularities, charges that Yunus has deftly manipulated to foment public dissent against her and to galvanise efforts not merely to dislodge her from power but to systematically excise her family's enduring imprint on Bangladesh's national consciousness. This vendetta is no more visible than in the excision of Bangabandhu's visage from the nation's currency notes.

Since 1971, the Father of the Nation's image has been etched onto the Taka, an emblematic tribute to the liberation struggle and a unifying symbol of identity. The Yunus administration's replacement of this enduring iconography with cultural landmarks, framed under the pretext of "depoliticising" currency, reveals itself as an act less of sober governance than of emotional retribution. To excise the very face that personifies Bangladesh's birth is to leave the country from its roots, a symbolic mutilation that threatens to fracture collective memory.

Yunus's rhetoric has further inflamed divisions. In a contentious address at London's Chatham House, he openly questioned the legitimacy of the Awami League. His inflammatory statements do not merely delegitimise a political party; they alienate millions of citizens who have invested their faith in the Awami League over decades. This polarising discourse deepens the fissures within an already fragile polity, fostering discord where unity is desperately needed. Compounding these political fissures is the dire economic



reality confronting Bangladesh under Yunus's leadership. At the same Chatham House forum, Yunus lamented that the economy had not simply stalled but regressed beneath zero, burdened by "immense debt pressure" and foreign reserves "at the bottom — because they're empty." The banking sector, he revealed, has "completely collapsed," the victim of "rampant corruption, bribery and money laundering" allegedly perpetrated during the previous Government's tenure.

The revelation that billions — estimated at \$234 billion — have been siphoned off via illicit channels paints a grim picture of systemic plunder, one that threatens to choke any prospects of recovery. However, the indictment of the past also illuminates the present conundrum: the interim Government itself inherited and perpetuated systemic rot. The wholesale replacement of bank boards with cronies issuing loans as "gifts" compounds institutional dysfunction. The challenge of rehabilitating a banking sector crippled by nepotism, impunity, and political interference looms large, a task made

all the more formidable by ongoing factional infighting and a deteriorating governance framework.

Globally, Yunus's stature has suffered a perceptible decline. Despite proclamations of "enormous support" from the IMF and foreign Governments, reality paints a more sobering tableau. Notably, the UK Prime Minister reportedly declined to meet Yunus during a

recent diplomatic mission, a pointed gesture of diplomatic coolness that exposes his precarious standing on the world stage. This tacit rebuff marks a sharp contrast to his previous global acclaim, highlighting how domestic political entanglements and perceived instability have diminished his credibility. The interim Government's revisionist approach to history and national symbolism has only served to alienate broad swathes of the population. The rewriting of textbooks, removal of Sheikh Mujib's statues from public spaces, and suspension of Awami League activities are widely perceived not as reforms but as punitive purges. This behaviour reeks of sectarianism disguised as statesmanship — a profound breach of the mature leadership Bangladesh urgently needs. Responses from emergent political entities, such as the National Citizen Party, articulate the widespread scepticism gripping the political milieu. While tentatively welcoming the prospect of elections in the first half of next year, the NCP conditions its support on the implementation of the July Charter and Declaration, alongside comprehensive institutional reforms.

Their insistence on restructuring the Election Commission and prioritising local elections signals a demand for foundational renewal before any credible national vote can transpire. This cautious posture encapsulates the broader anxieties of a civil society wary of being entrapped in another cycle of compromised democracy. The quest to recover stolen assets in countries riddled with entrenched patronage systems is widely acknowledged as Sisyphean. Extensive research by governance watchdogs like Transparency International and the World Bank elucidates that such endeavours demand not only domestic resolve but also robust inter-

national cooperation, forensic accounting expertise, and a judiciary capable of withstanding political pressure. Bangladesh's current fissures and institutional weaknesses severely constrain such ambitions, casting doubt on the feasibility of Yunus's promises to repatriate illicit capital without a concerted, unified national effort. Yunus's tenure illustrates the peril inherent when a fragile democracy is entrusted to a leadership that substitutes vindictiveness for statesmanship — rewriting history not to enlighten but to erase. The rise and precipitous fall of Muhammad Yunus as Bangladesh's political architect serve as a sobering admonition of the consequences wrought when personal animus supplants public duty.

His relentless pursuit of political objectives, seemingly intertwined with an abiding enmity towards the Awami League and its storied legacy, has not only imperilled his standing but threatens to thrust the nation further into fragmentation and despair. The symbolic purging of Bangabandhu from the currency and public memory is more than mere iconoclasm; it is an affront to the nation's very soul. Consequently, the future of a 'New Bangladesh' hangs precariously in the balance, burdened by economic stagnation, vindictive politics, and a rising tide of extremism. Without a fundamental shift towards inclusive governance, respect for historical legacy, and robust institutional reform, Bangladesh risks becoming a cautionary case study in the devastating aftermath of regime-change projects orchestrated by warmongering Western democracies — nations devoid of conscience in their interventions, willing to sacrifice anything for political expediency.

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Is Chirag Paswan emerging as the BJP's CM Face in Bihar?

Opinion

Young, dynamic, and often referred to as the "Hanuman of PM Modi," Chirag Paswan seems poised to emerge as the BJP's potential Chief Ministerial face for Bihar. The BJP currently lacks a compelling CM candidate from within its ranks to present to Bihar's electorate. After the demise of Sushil Modi, it has failed to fill the void. The Bihar Assembly elections, covering 245 constituencies with over 7.64 crore registered voters, are expected to be held by November 2025. As the political climate begins to shift, the BJP appears to be preparing to position Chirag Paswan as a serious contender to lead the state.

Nitish Kumar and BJP's Dilemma

The current Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, popularly known as "Sushasan Babu," has gained a reputation for frequent political realignments. Having shifted alliances between the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the BJP, Nitish's credibility has taken a hit. His past partnerships, especially with Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD and his son Tejashwi Yadav as Deputy CM, followed by a return to the BJP-led NDA, have created a trust deficit both within the electorate and among his allies. Although the BJP has stuck with Nitish Kumar for pragmatic reasons, the party is known to be uncomfortable with his unpredictable political manoeu-

vres. With Samrat Chaudhary, a senior BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister, lacking the mass appeal to rival Nitish, the BJP is in urgent need of a charismatic, youth-driven leader who can bridge this gap and Chirag Paswan fits the bill.

Why Chirag Paswan?

Chirag Paswan brings a unique mix of youthful energy, soft-spoken charisma, and a clean image. The son of the late Ram Vilas Paswan, he leads a splinter group of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) and has demonstrated unwavering loyalty to Prime Minister Modi. Despite being a Union Cabinet Minister, Chirag is reportedly discontent with his current portfolio — Food Processing Industries, a ministry often considered low in political weight. His preference is clear: to play a larger, more influential role in his home state. According to party insiders, two primary scenarios are under discussion between the BJP high command and Chirag Paswan:

Full Merger into BJP

Chirag merges his party, LJP (Ram Vilas), into the BJP and is officially declared the party's CM candidate for Bihar. This option would likely offer Chirag greater political stability and authority but requires his total integration into the BJP, which some of his party colleagues may resist.

CM face of the alliance

Chirag contests the elections as an NDA ally, projected as the

CM face. However, this route is fraught with challenges—primarily the seat-sharing dilemma. As the dominant partner, the BJP would demand a major share of constituencies and ministerial portfolios, potentially limiting Chirag's influence in a future coalition Government.

A Calculated Risk or Strategic Shift?

Chirag's potential elevation to the top post could serve multiple purposes for the BJP. It would allow the party to refresh its leadership in Bihar, address the vacuum created by Nitish Kumar's waning influence, and tap into the Dalit vote bank, a demographic traditionally loyal to his father, Ram Vilas Paswan. While Chirag Paswan has not publicly committed to either path, his growing restlessness within the Union Cabinet and increasing clout in Bihar politics indicate that a shift is imminent. A merger, though complex, might offer him a long-term political future with deeper roots in Bihar's governance. In the 2020 Bihar elections, LJP managed to win just one seat and its nine candidates were placed second. In the last General elections, Chirag Paswan's LJP got five seats. To sum it up, LJP merger with the BJP could mean a win-win situation for both parties as Chirag's candidates would get a fair share of upper caste votes in the name of the BJP and the BJP could benefit from Chirag's vote bank and the legacy of his father, late Ram Vilas Paswan. As the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections draw closer, the question looms large: Will Chirag Paswan become the face of BJP's new Bihar?

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PICTALK



White Tiger Bheem and Bengal Tiger Skandi play at the Nahargarh Biological Park, in Jaipur. PTI

Letters to the Editor

Air India plane crash

It is deeply shocking that Air India Flight-AI171, a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner en route from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, crashed shortly after take-off on June 12, 2025, into the BJ Medical College hostel in Meghani Nagar. Of the 242 people on board, only one British national, seated near the emergency exit, miraculously survived and is now in stable condition.

Tragically, 241 passengers and crew lost their lives, along with at least 28 individuals on the ground, bringing the total fatalities to approximately 269. Among the victims were 169 Indian nationals, 53 Britons, seven Portuguese, and one Canadian. The crash also claimed the lives of several medical students and staff; five medics were killed and over 60 others injured in the hostel. Rescue teams from NDRE, IAF, BSF, and NSG responded rapidly, and the aircraft's black boxes have been recovered.

Preliminary data indicates the plane reached just over 600 ft before descending and issuing a mayday call, with initial reports citing a possible mechanical issue, such as the landing gear not retracting. The nation mourns this rare but utterly devastating tragedy. With rescue operations completed, a thorough technical investigation is now critical to uncover the root cause and prevent future incidents. International condolences continue to pour in, underlining the global impact of this catastrophe.

DVG SANKARA RAO | VIZIANAGRAM

Mumbai local turning into death line

Apropos news item, "Mumbai's death line: four killed, nine injured"; published on June 10, this is my response. The accident that took place in Thane district, Maharashtra, when passengers fell off two overcrowded running local trains, resulting in four dead and several others injured, raises a serious question over the safety standards in Mumbai's suburban railway system, well known as the "lifeline" of the city. Reportedly, several passengers, clinging to the footboards due to lack of space inside, were seen brushing against each other as the trains passed closely. With over 80-lakh daily commuters, Mumbai's suburban train system is arguably the busiest in the world. Yet, overcrowding, outdated infrastructure, and lack of real-time monitoring make it a frequent site of accidents.

Railway experts point out that lack of platform screen doors, dedicated city rail governance, and insufficient rolling stock are core issues behind such recurring tragedies. The incident serves as a grim reminder of the urgent need to modernise Mumbai's railway system, not technologically alone, but structurally and administratively also. This tragic event underscores the critical need for immediate action. Without swift and comprehensive reforms, the "lifeline" risks becoming a constant threat to those who rely on it daily. Ensuring commuter safety must be the absolute top priority.

RANGANATHAN SIVAKUMAR | CHENNAI

Wife poisons husband: Eroding Values

A 33-year-old woman poisoned her husband, kids, and in-laws' food with sleeping pills to hide an extramarital affair. Husband-killing crimes are coming into existence rapidly in India. Women are becoming beasts in domestic life. It is affecting society badly. Society is required to be reformed from such heinous moves, or else it will be a social crisis for prospective generations. It marks a lack of nurturing. Parents must nurture their children in a proper order. They must be aware of domestic responsibilities, affection, and rights to the husband and other members to overcome such dreadful crimes. Life is very limited; it shouldn't be destroyed due to extramarital affairs after tying knots. Parents must ask their children what they want; until they understand their psychology, society will deteriorate in such a way.

A woman poisoning her family to conceal an affair is not just a crime but a reflection of deep societal decay. Such incidents underline the urgent need for emotional education, responsible parenting, and moral grounding. Without reform, unchecked impulses and broken values may lead future generations into a moral and social crisis. This alarming trend necessitates a collective introspection on familial values and marital sanctity. Only through fostering empathy and commitment can society hope to curb these devastating betrayals.

NADEEM AASIM | MUMBAI

RAFALE FUSELAGE DEAL: A BIG BOOST FOR MAKE-IN-INDIA

In a big boost to Make-in-India, Dassault Aviation of France and India's Tata Advanced Systems Limited will partner for Rafale aircraft fuselage manufacturing at a dedicated facility in Hyderabad. The key structural sections of the aircraft to be manufactured in India include the central fuselage, rear section, lateral rear shells, and the front section.

The first fuselage sections are expected to roll out by FY2028, with a production capacity of up to two complete fuselages per month. Investing in strategic and high-tech manufacture of fuselage parts for Rafale as an offset adjunct is admirable. Such foreign tech deals to build local jobs along with domestic capability need to be replicated across other sectors where advanced R&D is twinned with job creation. There are any number of emerging areas for similar initiatives. Aerospace & Defence Manufacturing, Biotech and Genomics, EVs and Battery Tech, Space Tech & Satellite Systems, AI,

Robotics & Quantum Tech, Agri-Tech and Food Engineering are sectors that carry exciting possibilities. In all these, we are equipped with the needed technical and engineering make-up and eager manpower. India can turn strategic spending into a jobs and innovation engine for not only local markets, but global exports.

Outlays on R&D-intensive, job-multiplying sectors like aerospace, biotech, and energy is an investment to future-proofing India's workforce. The Rafale fuselage project in Hyderabad signals India's ascent in high-tech manufacturing. By aligning foreign partnerships with domestic capabilities, India can transform strategic spending into engines of innovation, jobs, and exports. Scaling such initiatives across emerging tech sectors will help secure India's global competitiveness and future-proof its workforce.

R NARAYANAN | MUMBAI

Aung San Suu Kyi at 80: Forgotten Behind Bars

Once a global icon of democracy, her plight now draws diminishing international outrage. Yet even as the West looks away, resistance forces in Myanmar are gaining ground. The junta's grip is slipping, but Suu Kyi's life remains in peril as the battle for Myanmar's future intensifies

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Column

On June 19, 2025, Aung San Suu Kyi, will complete 80 years of her life and step into the 81st year. She remains in prison. The last one of her sham trials — all widely condemned the world over — which ended on December 30, 2022, sentenced her to seven years in prison. With this, the total number of years to which she was sentenced came to 33, which was subsequently reduced to 27 years. This suggests that Myanmar's ruling junta, which calls itself State Administration Council, wants her to die in prison.

What is striking in this context is the waning interest of the Western democracies in her incarceration and the struggle for democracy in Myanmar. They, doubtless, continue treat the junta as an outcast and retain the sanctions imposed on it and its leaders. Yet expressions of outrage over her continued imprisonment and the junta's savage military action against civilian populations in the areas controlled by the People's Defence Force (PDF), the armed force of the opposition National Unity Government (NUG), and the ethnic armed organisations (EAOs), which are waging war against it in cooperation with one another, are now fewer and less strident.

This, of course, is a result of the emergence of new issues like the Ukraine war and Israel's action in Gaza which now occupy centre stage in the general global discourse. Nevertheless, this diversion of global attention helps to reduce the pressure on the junta to restore democracy in the country and conduces to making sure that it will be ousted only if, and when, it is defeated in the civil war now raging in Myanmar.

The opposition forces include, besides the PDF, the Three Brotherhood Alliance (henceforth the Alliance) comprising the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA), active in the Kokang Special Region of northern Shan State, the Taang National Liberation Army (TNLA), also active in the Shan State and the Arakan Army (AA), based in the Rakhine State in the country's western part, acting in close cooperation with the PDF and other ethnic armies. They are increasingly gaining the upper hand.

The Sit-Tat (as Myanmar's army is called), has suffered a series of reverses since the Alliance launched its offensive, codenamed Operation 1027, on October 27, 2023. The AA had brought almost the entire Rakhine State under its control by April, 2024. The MNDAA claimed on July 31, 2024, that it had captured Sit-Tat's military base in Lashio, a city in Shan State close to the border with China, and its



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airport. This was a major loss for the junta. As Vivek Shankar has pointed out in a piece in The New York Times datelined August 5, 2024, the "city of Lashio and its airport lie on a crucial trade corridor to Yunnan Province in China, which is spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a high-speed rail link and other infrastructure projects on both sides of the border."

The opposition forces now control large swathes of territory along Myanmar's borders and mountainous regions; the military retains control over the major cities and lowlands in the central Irrawaddy Valley.

It is losing even the cities and towns. A report (datelined August 13, 2024) by-lined The Irrawaddy, in the website The Irrawaddy, and carried under the headline "Junta Controls Fewer Than 100 of Myanmar's 350 Towns: NUG," cited the latter's defence minister, U Yee Mon, as saying that only 98 of Myanmar's 350 townships remained under the junta's control. According to the report, the NUG's Defence Ministry divided Myanmar's towns into four categories — 75 completely captured by anti-regime groups, 105 surrounded by anti-regime groups; 75 being fought over, and 98 towns remaining under the regime's control.

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According to an article (datelined June 4, 2025) by Banyar Aung, carried in The Irrawaddy, the ethnic Arakan Army (AA) has notched up major gains since launching its Rakhine offensive in November 2023, seizing control of 14 out of 17 townships in the western state. Of the three townships still under junta control, battles are raging in Sittwe and Kyaukphyu, while Manaung is the only township from where clashes have not been reported.

The AA has also secured the entire stretch bordering India and Bangladesh following its capture of territory along the Naf River including Maungdaw, Buthidaung, and Chin State's Paletwa Township. This has led to Bangladesh establishing direct contact with it and India maintaining ties through the Government of Mizoram.

The junta, doubtless, has sought to hit back. In an article (datelined March 19, 2025), appearing under the headline "Mapping the Myanmar Junta's Gains, Losses and Stalemates Since 1027", in The Irrawaddy, Moe Sett Nyen Chan, a military analyst, writes that in 2024, the Sit-Tat, as the junta's army is called, switched to a more dynamic strategy, employing mobile and pro-active defensive tactics and launching counter-offensives across the country, relying heavily on war planes

and drones. These tactics, however, have yet to produce meaningful or decisive victories. As stated in the article, the areas reclaimed by the junta collectively account for less than one per cent of the territory, towns, and camps previously seized by resistance forces. Besides, the regained areas remain under constant threat, encircled by resistance forces.

The article further states that the opposition forces have responded by intensifying guerrilla-style operations involving ambushes, the laying of mines, and repeated attacks on the Sit-Tat's positions. They doubtless have to battle numerous odds. The junta, for example, recaptured most of Loikaw Township in 2024 after Karenni resistance forces withdrew, apparently because of ammunition shortage.

The Sit-Tat, however, is facing serious problems of its own, and is staring at almost certain defeat in the long run. Its morale is very low. Internal discord is growing. Several three-star generals have been removed. Many younger officers are unhappy as they recognise that almost the entire country is against them. According to a piece by Ye Myo Hein (datelined May 4, 2023) featured by the United States Institute of Peace, it was found that the Sit-Tat, whose "headcount," showed a "strength of a total 300,000-400,000 before the coup," currently "had a strength of about 150,000 personnel."

Roughly 70,000 are combat soldiers. At least 21,000 service members have been lost through casualties, desertion and defection since the coup. The advantage the Sit-Tat has in its possessions of tanks and armoured vehicles, is, to a great extent, neutralised by the fact that these are very difficult to deploy in the densely-forested mountainous areas, marked by deep gorges and steep climbs, which are the strongholds of the opposition.

It has artillery and air-support. These, however, do not win wars even when supported by heavily-armed trained troops. Otherwise, the United States would have romped to a victory in Vietnam.

It is a matter of time before the junta is ousted. When that happens, it will be a great vindication of the prolonged struggle Aung San Suu Kyi has waged, at great cost to herself, for freedom and democracy in Myanmar. There is, however, a very serious danger that needs to be talked about. It is of the junta getting her murdered in prison and trying to pass it off as death caused by old age-related natural causes.

If this happens, one of the causes will be the junta's belief that the West has lost interest in Myanmar and will do no more than expressing routine condemnation before passing on to subjects considered more pressing.

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From Eden to Eternity: A Fan's Fifty-Year Journey with Indian Cricket

I still vividly remember the first day of the third Test at Eden Gardens, Calcutta — the moment my lifelong romance with cricket began. It was the winter of 1974, during the India-West Indies Test series. I was just eight years old, a curious boy drawn by the electric buzz of the crowd and the anticipation of something big. The chill in the December air did nothing to dampen the excitement. That morning, unknowingly, I stepped into a world that would accompany me through the next five decades. That game, that series — it wasn't just cricket. It was the spark that lit an eternal flame.

India, under the regal leadership of Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, was down 0-2 in the five-match series. The team had lost in Bangalore and Delhi, and the third Test at Eden Gardens was a must-win. The West Indies, led by the charismatic Clive Lloyd, were a powerhouse brimming with pace and power. India won the toss and batted. What followed was a spirited fightback, and India clinched a memorable win. The stadium was packed — 80,000 fans roared with every stroke and wicket. I can still hear those cheers echoing in my ears.

The series then moved to Chepauk, Madras — a ground that favours the artistry of spin. There, Gundappa Viswanath played an elegant 97, full of delicate wristwork and clever placements, helping India level the series 2-2. And then came the decider at Bombay's Brabourne Stadium, a historic venue that predates the Wankhede. That was my initiation into the magic of radio commentary, listening to the crackle of Sunil Gavaskar's blade as he took guard.

Though India lost the final Test, and the series 3-2, something even more lasting had been born — my love for cricket. It wasn't just about scores or wins. It became a part of who I was, something woven into the fabric of my being. From that day on, I've followed every Test match, every Indian series — first as a wide-eyed child, then a college student, a public servant, and now a senior officer nearing the end of a long career. Cricket has been my constant. Through this fifty-year journey, five cricketers have symbolised different stages of my life — five icons who inspired, moved, and accompanied me as time unfurled.

Sunil Gavaskar: The Pathbreaker

During my school and college years, Sunil Gavaskar was my north star. Calm, precise, and courageous, he stood up to the might of the West Indies pace battery with nothing but a cap and unshakable technique. No helmets, no flamboyance — just resolve. His debut series in 1971, with 774 runs, announced that India had

arrived. When he retired with over 10,000 Test runs and 34 centuries, he left behind not just records, but a legacy.

Gavaskar gave Indian cricket an identity. We called him the "Little Master," but his influence was monumental. His final Test innings — a poetic 96 on a difficult pitch against Pakistan in 1987 — was a masterclass. I was in college, captivated by every stroke. He taught us that we could be world-class, that Indian batsmen could dominate with skill and patience.

Kapil Dev: The Gamechanger

As I entered Jawaharlal Nehru University for my postgraduate studies, Kapil Dev exploded onto the scene. Fast-bowling, hard-hitting, and fiercely proud, he was the antidote to all the clichés about Indian cricketers. Hailing from Haryana, Kapil broke barriers with his athleticism and charisma.

He took 434 Test wickets and scored over 5,000 runs. But what sealed his place in the hearts of millions was that magical summer of 1983 — leading India to their first World Cup win at Lord's. His unbeaten 175 against Zimbabwe remains etched in legend. He was raw courage. Kapil didn't just change matches — he changed mindsets. He told us, through every action, that India could win, anywhere, against anyone.

The God of Cricket

By the time Sachin Tendulkar made his debut in 1989, I had joined the police force. It was a demanding life, but no matter where I was — in a distant district, on night duty, or in a high-pressure post — I found a way to follow Tendulkar. At 16, he took on Pakistan's fearsome bowlers. From then on, he carried our hopes with unmatched consistency.

Tendulkar's career — 100 centuries, 34,000 runs — is astonishing. But even more inspiring was how he carried himself. His Sharjah heroics, his double century in Gwalior, his resilience after the Mumbai attacks — they were more than just cricket. They were moments of collective healing and pride. For me, Sachin was not just a cricketer. He was a life lesson. His poise, discipline, and humility were as instructive as his batting. I remember watching his farewell at Wankhede with moist eyes. It felt like the end of a personal era.

MS Dhoni: The Calm Conqueror

Then came MS Dhoni, just as I had reached the peak of my career. Hailing from Ranchi, he showed that dreams didn't require big cities. With his lightning glove work and icy nerves, he revolutionised Indian cricket.

His leadership was fearless. Under him, India won the inaugural 2007 T20 World Cup, the 2011 ODI World Cup, and the 2013 Champions Trophy — a trifecta never achieved before. That last six at Wankhede in 2011 is a memory etched in national consciousness.

Dhoni was my modern hero — understated, tactical, and unfailingly composed. Even amidst my busiest days, I made time for his matches. His helicopter shot, his late flourishes, his cool behind the stumps — they were moments of joy in an otherwise hectic life. He taught us that silence could be strength, and success could be simple.

Virat Kohli: The Modern Warrior

Virat Kohli came into my life as I took on challenging leadership roles and even represented India in UN missions. In the fast-paced, digital world, cricket became more accessible — but no less meaningful.

Kohli, with his aggression and ambition, brought a new edge to Indian cricket. He led from the front — fit, fierce, and unrelenting. His centuries overseas, especially in England and Australia, were not just personal triumphs but national milestones. Under his captaincy, India became the world's No. 1 Test side and won a historic series in Australia.

His recent retirement, alongside Rohit Sharma, marks the end of another golden chapter. But his legacy will endure — one of passion, purpose, and pride. Kohli redefined belief. He made us expect victory — not just hope for it.

A Constant Companion

As I now stand at the threshold of retirement, I find myself reflecting on this extraordinary fifty-year bond with cricket. From transistor radios to mobile apps, from whites to coloured kits, from five-day Tests to T20 thrillers — cricket has evolved, and so have I. But the emotion remains unchanged. Every boundary still brings a smile. Every wicket still raises my heartbeat. I've seen stadiums change, formats shift, players come and go — but the love has never dimmed. Cricket has mirrored my life — full of struggle, grace, intensity, and occasional triumphs. Today, as I complete five decades of being a fan, I feel only gratitude. Cricket has been my joy, my escape, my teacher. It taught me patience, resilience, teamwork, and above all, hope.

For many, cricket may just be a sport. But for me, it is memory, meaning, and music — a rhythm that continues to play in the background of my life, beautifully uninterrupted.

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How India's Rural Revolution Redefined Global Development

Some statistics stop you in your tracks. They don't just tell you a story — they change the very narrative of a nation. One such number is this: India's extreme poverty rate has fallen from 27.1 per cent in 2011-12 to just 5.3 per cent in 2022-23. That means 269 million Indians — nearly the population of an entire continent — have broken free from the clutches of extreme poverty in just over a decade. Behind this staggering statistic lies not just good luck or economic growth, but a quiet revolution led by Prime Minister Modi. Eleven years of determined, ground-level governance, hard-nosed reforms, and the revival of India's most ignored strength — its cooperative economic framework.

This isn't just a policy shift; it's a transformation of mindset, of machinery, and of the meaning of development itself. For too long, poverty alleviation was viewed as charity or top-down welfare. But under PM Modi's leadership, poverty reduction has become an outcome of empowerment, not entitlement. And the beating heart of this transformation?

The recent World Bank report gives global recognition to this shift, but Indians have been living it daily. It acknowledges what we on the ground already knew: that this isn't mere statistical luck. It is the result of deliberate structural reforms, institutional innovations, and a relentless push to bring prosperity to the last mile. For the first time, the World Bank is forced to rethink the way poverty is measured and tackled — not with foreign aid or fiscal sops, but through farmer-centric systems, rural institutions, and localised wealth creation.

Let's not forget: this isn't about cities. The most significant poverty reduction has taken place in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh — states that are as rural and agrarian as they are populous. That's no coincidence. These are also the very states where cooperative movements have taken deep root over the past decade, where PACS are being digitised, where FPOs are thriving, and where rural women lead dairy and seed cooperatives with pride. Over the past eleven years, PM Modi has not just created schemes — he's reformed governance itself. Ministries have become mission-oriented. The Ministry of Cooperation was established not as an afterthought, but as a declaration that India's villages matter. Cooperative societies are no longer marginalised — they are central to our economic planning. With the creation of three new national-level multistate cooperative institutions for export, seed, and organic produce, the message is loud and clear: Bharat will rise from its grassroots.

And this is no longer an emotional or cultural belief — it is an economic reality. Procurement planning is now integrated with production. Farmers are no longer growing in the dark. They know in advance who will buy their produce, at what price, and when.

This pre-season certainty has changed the game. Add to this the rural warehousing revolution, where PACS are being upgraded into service and storage hubs, and you have a system where value doesn't leak — it stays with the farmer.

This transformation is not just an Indian success story — it is a model that challenges the very foundations of global development thinking. For years, institutions like the World Bank, IBRD, and various climate finance bodies have equated development with billion-dollar urban projects, often disconnected from rural realities. However, India has shown that structural poverty reduction, economic dignity, and climate resilience can go hand in hand when rooted in cooperative — led governance.

Investment in agriculture — especially in procurement infrastructure — has reoriented India's supply chain around the farmer. This is no longer a system of distressed sales and middlemen. It is a model of forward-planned procurement, storage, and distribution anchored by local institutions. This subtle but powerful disruption in the supply chain has already begun reshaping how development

is financed, measured, and delivered. Warehousing reduces post-harvest losses — that's climate action. Local procurement cuts down on emissions and transport costs — that's mitigation. Community irrigation saves water — that's adaptation. But most importantly, these are models of development that are owned, run, and sustained by the people themselves. This is why the upcoming High-Level Political Forum at the United Nations, beginning July 5, must pause and reflect. The SDG playbook can no longer ignore India's cooperative-led success. Suppose the world is serious about achieving SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). In that case, it must look beyond outdated aid paradigms. It must look towards India. India has proven that poverty isn't defeated by dependency — it is crushed by dignity. When farmers are seen not as beneficiaries but as entrepreneurs, when supply chains revolve around producers, and when communities build their resilience, transformation becomes inevitable. The World Bank report isn't the end of the story — it's the beginning of a new chapter. A chapter where the world rethinks its assumptions, where financial institutions align with grassroots wisdom, and where rural India shows the way forward. Let us send a message from Bharat to the world: Poverty is not destiny. Prosperity is not a privilege. With the right structure, spirit, and support, any nation can rise. But for that to happen, the world must finally listen to Bharat's voice — from its villages, its cooperatives, and its people.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Kewal Krishan R/o H. No 362 W. No 15 Pipli Petrol Pump Malerkotla Distt Malerkotla, have changed minor son Pushp to Pushp Angrish.

I, Ashwani Kumar son of Jatinder Nath, House No. E-3879, Street No. 2, Near Hanuman Mandir, Shakti Nagar Fazilka, solemnise and declare that I have changed my name from Ashwani Kumar to Ashwani Kumar Jhamb. Please note the relevant information.

I, Surender Tyagi S/o Ramkumar R/o #891, Sector-6, Urban Estate, Karnal (Haryana) declare that earlier my name was Surender Kumar Tyagi Now I have changed my name Surrender Tyagi. In future I should be known as Surrender Tyagi.

I, Gurwinder s/o Sukhdev r/o VPO Barna, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra have changed my name from Gurvinder Singh to Gurwinder.

I, Service No. 16114115W Rank: Hav. Name: Seelam Venkata Sudhakar Reddy Unit: 1 AER C/o 56 APO, Residing at Village Seelam Vari Palem, Post Perali, Taluk Karla Palem, Distt. Bapatla (State) Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 522111 have changed my Name from Venkatasudhakareddy S to Seelam Venkata Sudhakar Reddy.

I, Manjula is legally Mother of Service No. 16119923X Rank: SPR Name: Pradeepa M G Unit: 1 AER C/o 56 APO Residing at Village Mirle, Post Mirle, Taluk K.r.nagar, Distt. Mysore (State) Karnataka, Pin- 571603 have changed my name from Manjulamma to Manjula.

I, Service No. 16119923X Rank: SPR Name: Pradeepa M G Unit: 1 AER C/o 56 APO Residing at Village Mirle, Post Mirle, Taluk K.r.nagar, Distt. Mysore (State) Karnataka, Pin- 571603 have changed my name from Pradeepa MG to Pradeepa M G.

I, Priyanka Kumari Wife of No.15679666L Rank:Hav Name Abhinandan Kumar Unit: 1 Horse C/o 56 APO declare that in my husband's service record my name wrongly mentioned Priyanka Kumari but my correct name is Priyanka.

I, Phool Wati W/O Ganga Prasad R/O 112/C, Small Flat Dhanas Chandigarh Have changed my name from Gita to Phool Wati all future purposes.

I, Sharista Devi W/o No: 3956155 Late-SEP- Prem Singh Resident of Village-Rasulpur PO- Chounta Tehsil and District- Gurdaspur Punjab That I declare change my name from Surista Rani to Sharista Devi and date of birth from 11/03/1952 to 06/02/1958 in my husband army record.

I, Nirmal Masih S/o Tarsem Masih R/o H.No. 39, Village Qila Darshan Singh, PO. Batala, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab have changed the name of my son from Tajmeet to Tajmeet Masih. All concerned please note.

I, Neelam is mother of Army No 10481431P Rank Hav Name Raman Kumar 113 INF BN (TA) Rajput Dimapur Nagaland resident of Village Ranipur Jhikla PO Ranipur Teh & Distt Pathankot Punjab 145023 have changed my name from Neelam to Neelam Rani vide affidavit No. PB40899483082204X dated 02.96.2025 and date of birth from 12 May 1965 to 12 May 1966 vide affidavit No PB40900572447046X dated 02 June 2025 before Notary Public Pathankot.

I, Arjinder Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill. Dadiala Nazara, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, at present Near Community Hall, Khajuri Gate, Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab declare that in my Aadhaar Card my Date of Birth is 05-01-1986. That my correct Date of Birth is 05-01-1986. That I have changed my Date of Birth from 05-01-1985 to 05-01-1986. All concerned please note.

I, Neha W/O Rajesh Bhatt R/O Mohalla Kalian Nurmahal, Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Neha To Neha Bhatt After My Marriage. All concerned please note.

I, Rajbir Singh S/O Joginder Singh R/O H.No.07 Sunny Prime Enclave, Dhillwan PO. Dakoha Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Rajbir Singh Virk Please Note.

I, Baljit Kumar W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o H.No. 14, Gali No. 1, Tarn Taran Road, Sher Singh Colony, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Baljit Kaur to Baljeet Kaur.

I, Priyanka kumari Wife of No.14679666L Rank:Hav Name Abhinandan Kumar Unit: 1 Horse C/o 56 APO declare that in my husband's service record my name wrongly mentioned Priyanka Kumari but my correct name is Priyanka.

I, Karan Singh S/o Bhal Singh Vill.Chhawlan, Kurukshetra have changed my given name Karan Surname Singh

I, Beer mati W/o Mehar Singh Village: Jandheri, P.O. Kathgarh, Tehsil Ambala Distt: Ambala, Haryana have changed my name Veermati Devi.

I, Raj Kumar S/o Bihari Ram R/O Near Gurdwara Mandir, VPO. Dhanowli, Phillaur, PO. Dhanowli, Jalandhar, Punjab-144010 have changed the name of my minor son Pankaj Kumar aged 15 years and he shall hereafter be known as Sahil.

I, hitherto known as Ashok Kumar S/o Hem Raj Sharma R/o H.No. 99, Ekta Nagar, Phase-2, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar Cantt, Jalandhar, Punjab-144005 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ashok Kumar Sharma.

I, Ritika Sharma D/o Ashwani Sharma R/o H.No.206/4, New Shaheed Babu Labh Singh Nagar, Jalandhar have changed my name from Ritika Sharma to Ritika.

I, Kulwinder Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh R/o H.No. 373-A, Mithapur, Jalandhar have changed my name from Kulwinder Singh to Kulwinder Singh Chumber.

I, Jaspreet Singh Sandhu S/o Bhola Singh R/o Baba Jivan Singh Nagar, Ward No.14, Bagha Purana, Moga, Punjab-142038 have changed my name from Jaspreet Singh Sandhu to Jaspreet Singh.

I Hardial Singh Dhillon S/O Ratan Singh R/O Vpo. Chimna Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Hardial Singh.

I Harwinder Singh Gill S/O Shingara Singh R/O Vpo. Roomi Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harwinder Singh.

I Sukhbir Kaur & Sukhveer Kaur W/O Gurnam Singh R/O Vill. Dhaktana Distt. SAS Nagar Am One And The Same Person Of Above Both Names.

I, Ritu Bala D/O Sukhdev Singh W/O Gagandeep Singh R/O Village Dhura Tehsil Dhuri District Sangrur Have Changed My Name From Ritu Bala To Ritu Saini.

I Navdeep Singh S/O Sulinder Singh R/O Vill. Ramgarh Kullian Tehsil & P.O. Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declared That My Given Name As Navdeep And Surname As Singh.

I Geeta Devi D/O Balvir Singh R/O House No.1022/4, Bahadurpur Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Geeta To Geeta Devi And Devi Is My Surname.

I, Shakuntla Devi Alias Harmeet Sethi W/O Raj Kumar Sethi R/O Ekta Nagri Behind Bishnoi Mandir Nai Bahwali Distt Sirsa Haryana 125104 Have Changed My Name To Harmeet Rani.

I, Harvinder Singh S/O Charan Singh R/O Vill. Rurki Po Devi Nagar, Distt. Patiala, Punjab Have Changed My Name Harvinder Singh Dhukhlu.

I, Jagdeep Singh S/O Balwinder Singh R/O Mohalla Nawar Katra, Vpo- Kalanaur, Tehsil- Kalanaur, District- Gurdaspur, State- Punjab, India Pin Code- 143512. Have Changed My Name From Jagdeep Singh To Singh Jagdeep Surname As Singh And Given Name As Jagdeep.

I, Kabul Singh S/O Varkha Singh R/O Vill- Alawalpur, Po- Bhumblil, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, Pin-143529. Have Changed My Name From Kabul Singh To Kabal Singh.

I, Prabh Sharan Kaur W/O Sushant Sahni Address-- H.No.453/20, Parkas Tent House Wali Gali, Gurdaspur, Tehsil & Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India (143521). Have Changed My Name From Prabh Sharan Kaur To Prabhsharan Kaur.

I, Army No 4494125A Nk Karamjit Singh R/o Kalyan Sukha (Bathinda) Declare That In My Service Record My Daughter's Name Has Been Written Gurshirat Kaur Instead Of Gursirat Kaur. Rectify Please.

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Jarmal Singh R/o Vill: Behak Gujran Teh-Zira Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur.

I, Savita Sharma W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O 2306/1, Mohalla Sath Ghar, Arna Barna Bazar, Patiala Declare That I, Known By Savita Sharma And Savita Devi Both Names.

I, Jugal Kishore Lal S/o JC-62336 Late Sub Karam Chand Vill. Depur, PO Datarpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Jugal Kishore Lal to Yugal Kishore.

I, Reena Devi Widowed daughter of No 3944765A Late NK Parmeshwari Dass VPO Janauri Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Reena Devi to Rama Devi.

I, Daljit Singh C/o Satwant Singh R/o H.No. 3322 New Sunny Enclave Sector-125 KharaS SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name from Daljit Kaur to Sukhwinder Kaur.

I, Omar S/o Swaran Singh R/o Eid Gah Road, Malerkotla (Punjab) have changed my name to Umar.

I, Nazma Parveen W/o Umar R/o Mohalla Pun Di Haweli, Malerkotla (Punjab) have changed my name to Najma Parveen.

I, Naib Singh (USA Passport No.434184340) S/o Bachan Singh Village Mehandipur, now at 7 Spruce Dr Brookfield, Ct 06804-3943 have changed my name to Surinder Singh Bhagania.

I, Rajesh Kumar Jindal S/o Jatinder Parkash R/o#58 Country Home Colony Khanna Teh- Khanna Distt. Ludhiana have known by both names Rajesh Kumar Jindal and Rajesh Jindal one and the same person.

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Sawaran Dass Resident of Nai Abadi, Near Sikh Kanya School, Kasuri Gate, Ferozepur City have changed my minor daughter name from Vanshka Rani to VANSEKA RANI.

I Shavani Yadav is legally daughter of Name Manjesh Singh Yadav residing at Ward No. 26, M.J.S College Ke Pass, Ramrati Bhawan, Bhind Distt Bhind Post Office Bhind Tehsil Bhind Distt Bhind State MP Pin 477001 have change my Name from Shavani Yadav to Shivani Yadav Vide Affidavit Dated 13 June 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, RAJENDER KUMAR is Father of No.14939837H RANK NK NAME SATENDER SINGH OF UNIT 23 MECH REGT Residing at 34, KANWALI, REWARI, DAHINA HARYANA PIN 123411 have changed my name from RAJENDER KUMAR to RAJENDER SINGH Vide Affidavit Dated 13 June 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, ANJALI GAUDU is Mother of No.22058118N RANK SEP/NA NAME SANGRAM KUMAR GAUDU OF UNIT 307 FIELD HOSPITAL C/O 56 APO Residing AT BUDHIBAR, P.O. MALUD, PS. KRUSHNAPRASAD, DISTRICT PURI STATE ODISHA PIN 752030 have changed my name from ANJALI GAUDU to ANJALI GOUDU Vide Affidavit Dated 13 June 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, DURYODHANA GAUDU is Father of No.22058118N RANK SEP/NA NAME SANGRAM KUMAR GAUDU OF UNIT 307 FIELD HOSPITAL C/O 56 APO Residing AT BUDHIBAR, P.O. MALUD, PS. KRUSHNAPRASAD, DISTRICT PURI STATE ODISHA PIN 752030 have changed my name from DURYODHAN GAUDU to DURYODHAN GOUDU Vide Affidavit Dated 13 June 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Savitri Sitharam Karamathod wife of 15748160W Rank Sigmn Name Nitin Wayaphale, residing at Vill & PO- Sambargi, TO Athni, Teh Athni, Distt Belgaum, State Karnataka PIN 591232 have change my name from Savitri Sitharam Karamathod to Savitri Nitin Wayaphale Vide Affidavit No. IN-KA47904854846540855X Dated 03JUNE 2025 before at Executive Magistrate Athanim.

I Lakhvinder Singh (GS 167930H Rank DVRMT) s/o Shri Santokh Singh resident House No. 102, Near Panjlasa chaunk Ward No. 11 Naraingarh Tehsil Naraingarh, district Ambala Haryana, I have changed my name from Mihan Singh to Miha Singh, in future I should be known as Miha Singh.

I, Chauvan Amulakh Bhai Is Father of Army No: 14943263Y Rank: NK Name- Chauhan Mukesh Kumar Amulakh Bhai Presently Posted At Unit: 24 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo Jaisalmer, Rajasthan Permanent Address: Near Old Dena Bank, Lathidad, Botad, Gujarat -364710 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Chauvan Amulakh Bhai To Chauhan Amulakhbbhai Lakhmanbhai And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 05/07/1962 to 19/07/1972. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901834, Dated: 13/06/2025

I, Chavuan Amulakh Bhai Is Father of Army No: 14943263Y Rank: NK Name- Chauhan Mukesh Kumar Amulakh Bhai Presently Posted At Unit: 24 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo Jaisalmer, Rajasthan Permanent Address: Near Old Dena Bank, Lathidad, Botad, Gujarat -364710 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Chauvan Amulakh Bhai To Chauhan Amulakhbbhai Lakhmanbhai And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 05/07/1962 to 19/07/1972. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901834, Dated: 13/06/2025

I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Kulwant Singh R/o Plot No. 12, Ram Nagar, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur. In future I should be known as Paramjeet Kaur.

I, CHAUHAN GAURIBEN A is Mother of Army No: 14943263Y Rank: NK Name-Chauhan Mukesh Kumar Amulakh Bhai Presently Posted at Unit: 24 mech inf C/o 56 Apo Jaisalmer, Rajasthan Permanent Address: Near old dena bank, Lathidad, Botad, Gujarat -364710 declare that I have changed my name from CHAUHAN GAURIBEN A to CHAUHAN GAURIBEN AMULAKHBHAI And Also Correct my Date of birth from 09/08/1968 to 01/01/1973. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901835,dated: 13/06/2025

I, SANCHITA SAMANTA am legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 15433484L Rank: Hav Name- Sushanta Samanta Presently residing at Command Hospital Chandimandir Cantt Panchkula, Haryana Permanent Address: Uttar Changrachak, Uttar Changrachak, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal, 721644 declare that I have changed My Name from SANCHITA SAMANTA to SANCHITA KAR SAMANTA. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901836 Dated: 13/06/2025 before Dist Court Panchkula Haryana

I, No. JC-NYA 14647530N NB/Sub Ashok Kumar Yadav resident of Village- Dhani Sirsawali, Post- Dalpatpura, Tehsil- Patan, District- Sikar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-332718, have changed my Son name from Saurav Kumar Yadav to Sourav Kumar Yadav Vide affidavit No. IN-PB445594159652150X dated 12 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.17006524W NK Sreelesh Kumar S resident of Village- Kadampanad, Post- mannady, Tehsil- Adoor, District-, Pathanamthitta, State- Kerala, Pin- 691530, have changed my Father's name from Sreekumar to Sreekumar K P Vide affidavit No.IN-PB4422768321104X dated 12 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot.

I, No.17006524W NK Sreelesh Kumar S resident of Village- Kadampanad, Post- mannady, Tehsil- Adoor, District-, Pathanamthitta, State- Kerala, Pin-691530, have changed my Mother's name from Leelamany to Suseela Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44228306055583X dated 12 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.17006524W NK Sreelesh Kumar S resident of Village- Kadampanad, Post- mannady, Tehsil- Adoor, District-, Pathanamthitta, State- Kerala, Pin-691530, have changed my Daughter's name from Ishani Gowri Thanviya S Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44223043505245X dated 12 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Guddu Kumar resident of Village- Bara Telpa Mathiya, Post- Chapra, Tehsil- Chapra, District- Saran, State- Bihar, Pin-841301, have changed my Son name from Aarpan to Aryan Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44230147824114X dated 12 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I Nirmala Devi spouse of No.3202825W Hav Sudhir Tomar resident of Village- Shahpur Bariuli, Post- Shahpur Barouli, Tehsil- Baraut, District- Baghpat, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin- 250611, have Changed my name Nirmala Devi to Nirmala Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44228479087098X dated 12 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.3201549M Hav Wabale Rajendra Bhausaheb resident of 941A, Plot No - 79, Chetana Colony, Navnagapur, Nagar, District- Ahmadnagar, State- Maharashtra, Pin- 414001, have changed my Son Name from Mayank to Wabale Mayank Rajendra Vide affidavit No.44594561649546 dated 13 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.14845016P NK/MT Kempanna Todal resident of Village- Avaragol, Post- Avaragol, Tehsil- Hukkeri, District- Belgaum, State- Karnataka, Pin-591309, have changed my Son name from Raghavendra to Raghavendra Kempanna Todal Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44606957282451X dated 13 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Deepa Kempanna Todal spouse of No.14845016P NK/MT Kempanna Todal resident of Village- Avaragol, Post- Avaragol, Tehsil- Hukkeri, District- Belgaum, State- Karnataka, Pin-591309, have changed my name from Deepa to Deepa Kempanna Todal Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44608205494592X dated 13 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.14845016P NK/MT Kempanna Todal resident of Village- Avaragol, Post- Avaragol, Tehsil- Hukkeri, District- Belgaum, State- Karnataka, Pin-591309, have changed my Daughter name from Spandhana to Spandana Kempanna Todal Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44606430997067X dated 13 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.JC-857016L Sub Ashok Kumar resident of Village- Badauli, Post- Majhiwan, Tehsil- Baberu District- Banda, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-211021, have changed my Daughter name from Hema to Hema Kumari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44234217632655X

I, K Ranjitha spouse of Raghu C resident of Village- Narasipura, Post- Honnur, Tehsil- Davangere, District- Davangere, State- Karnataka, Pin-577556, have changed my name from K Ranjitha to Ranjitha K Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44594902357364X dated 13 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Rosamma Mathew Mother of No. 15799710W L/Hav (OFC) Melbin Mathew P resident of Village- Padiyoor, Post- Kalluvayal, Tehsil- Taliparamba, District- Kannur, State- Kerala, Pin- 670703, have changed my name from Rossamma, Rosamma Mathew Vide affidavit No.IN-PB44232800488486X dated 12 June 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I Jaswinder Dhindsa wife of Shri Sukhpal singh resident of # 319 Gillico Valley, Rupnagar, Tehsil and District Rupnagar (Punjab) have changed my name from Jaswinder Dhindsa to Jaswinder Kaur

I Shindu Devi wife of Shri Sudarshan Pal resident of Prem Nagar (Rail) Tehsil Balachaur District SBS Nagar (Punjab) have changed my name from Shindu Devi to Sindhu Devi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Tej Singh S/o Indraj Singh R/o Main Bazar near Shiv Mandir Gharauda District Karnal state that my father Indraj Singh S/o Dhanpat Singh has a house situated in Main Bazar Gharauda District Karnal Whose property ID number is 60QMTNM4. My father Indraj Singh died on 30.04.2003. After his death the heirs of the said house are Tej Singh and Partap Singh S/o & Shakuntala Devi D/o Indraj Singh. Pratap Singh died on 28.02.2024 & his wife Harbati Devi had died on 09.12.2018. After his death his heirs are as follows:- 1. Yashpal Singh, 2. Anoop Singh, 3. Manish Kumar and 4. Sandeep Kumar (sons). Apart from these there is no other heir. All these heirs have given no objection certificate regarding me. If anyone has any objection regarding the name transfer in the above property ID, then contact Nagarpalika Gharauda within 30 days.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

कार्यालय नगर निगम सोनीपत नगर निगम सोनीपत को सौंपितकरा शाखा के निहाई अनुसार प्रोपर्टी आइड नंबर 60QMTNM4 UCJ7T733 जोकि मकान नम्बर 104/43, 11/43, दिल्ली कैम में स्थित है, संबंधित सर्वे अनुसार संबंधित विरास में करदान का नाम ईश्वर देवी है, किसी भी संबंधित दावा का नाम दर्ज न होनेना गलत दर्ज होनेनुसार दिनांक 07.01.1991 व नगर अवेकस द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई प्रोपर्टी आइडों में नाम बदोला व नाम दर्ज करनेकेबेखतरा दुस्तरा के लिए दिनांक 33 दिनांक प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं, जिसके अनुसार यदि किसी भी व्यक्ति को इस जायदाद में सम्बंधित कोई भी अपील हो तो खाली श्राव देनांक राश्ट्रीय समाचार पत्र में विज्ञापन देने को दिनांक के 30 दिन के अंदर- अर्ब लिखित रूप में नगर निगम के संबंधित शाखा में अपील दर्ज करानी। अन्यथा संबंधित शाखा में प्रस्तुत किए गए रस्तावेजों के अनुसार कुलपति, कमिश्नर, सेक्रेटरी, जहाज, अतिथिका पुत्र/पुत्री/दोहा/दोहाई स्वामी ईश्वर देवी नाम दर्ज कर दिया जाएगा। जिसके लिए नगर निगम कायोंवर जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा। क्षेत्रीय कार्यावर अधिकारी नगर निगम, सोनीपत

कार्यालय नगरपरिषद, सिरसा

पब्लिक नोटिस
कार्यालय के प्रोपर्टी टेक्स रिकॉर्ड अनुसार नया हाउस टेक्स नंबर 3RFDMDAY7 व पुर्णनी प्रोपर्टी आइड डी नंबर SRS/B20/0774 जो कि अपाके रिकॉर्ड में श्री गुर्प्रीत सिंह पुत्र श्री सुखदेव सिंह निवासी सिरसा के नाम पर दर्ज है। यह है कि श्री गुर्प्रीत सिंह पुत्र श्री सुखदेव सिंह को बलबीर कौर पत्नी सुखदेव सिंह का स्वर्णवास पत्ने हो हो चुका है। यह है कि इनके स्वर्णवास के उपरान्त वास्तान रिपोर्ट एस आर के अनुसार 1-श्रीमती जसवंत कौर विधवा 2-जगजीत सिंह पुत्र 3-इरजीत कौर पुत्री 4- बसरांत कौर पुत्री 5- श्री गुर्प्रीत सिंह निवासीसिरसा हर चार सम्पन्न मौलिक व काबिज बने है। इनके इलावा मुत्सक का कोई अन्य वारिस नहीं है, ने नाम प्रोपर्टी टेक्स रिकॉर्ड में तब्दील करने हेतु अनुरोध किया है।
सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि नया हाउस टेक्स नंबर 3RFDMDAY7 व पुर्णनी प्रोपर्टी आइड डी नंबर SRS/B20/0774 में इस नाम तब्दीली पर किसी आम व खाल को कोई एपारख हो तो वह नोटिस प्रकाशन के 30 दिन के अंदर अंदर इस कार्यालय में होजर असलतान व कबालतन अपना एख पैरा करें। अन्यथा बाद गुजरने मिमिद उपरोक्त यूनिट मुसालिक प्रस्तुत दस्तावेजों के आधार मुसालिक व वास्तान के नाम केवल प्रोपर्टी टेक्स वसुली हेतु तब्दील कर दिया जाएगा। इसमें नगर परिषद सिरसा को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी। विदित हो।
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ELECTION PROGRAMME

The Managing Committee of The Yamuna Nagar District Cooperative Labour and Construction Federation Ltd., Yamuna Nagar, Distt. Yamunanagar.
Election to be held on 13.07.2025 (except zone no. 3) .

Sr. No.	Particulars	Date & Time	Place
1.	Exhibition of the list of voters as required under Sub rule (2) of Rule 35	14.06.2025 to 17.06.2025 / 09 am to 5 pm	1. Office of Assistant Registrar, Coop. Societies Yamuna Nagar 2. Regd. Office of the Society
2.	Hearing of objections on the list of voters as required Under Sub rule (4) of Rule 35	18.06.2025 10:00 am to 1:30 pm	Office of Assistant Registrar, Coop. Societies YamunaNagar
3.	Filling of Nomination Papers	20.06.2025 10 am to 2 pm	-do-
4.	Scrutiny of Nomination Papers.	23.06.2025 10 am to 1:30 pm	-do-
5.	Display of List of Validly nominated papers	23.06.2025 2:30 pm	-do-
6.	Withdrawals of Nomination Papers	27.06.2025 10 am to 2 pm	-do-
7.	Allocation of symbols to the candidates and display the list of contesting Candidates.	27.06.2025 3 PM to Completion of work	-do-
8.	Taking of Poll (if necessary)	13.07.2025 08 am to 04 pm	As per detail given below

Number and Name of Zone	Place of Polling
1. Zone No. 1 (Reserved for SC)	In the office of LC Federation Yamuna Nagar
2. Zone No. 2 (General)	In the office of LC Federation Yamuna Nagar
3. Zone No. 4 (Reserved for Ladies)	In the office of LC Federation Yamuna Nagar
4. Zone No. 5 (General)	In the office of Inspector Cooperative Societies Jagadhri
5. Zone No. 6 (Reserved for Ladies)	In the office of Inspector Cooperative Societies Jagadhri
6. Zone No. 7 (General)	In the office of Inspector Cooperative Societies Bilsapur
7. Zone No. 8 (General)	In the office of Inspector Cooperative Societies Radour

Note : 1. It is compulsory for all voters to bring their pass Book/ any other I.D. at the time of polling

Sd/- Returning Officer
Cum Assistant Registrar Coop. Societies, Yamuna Nagar.

Name of NPA Account / Borrower / Branch		Description of the Immoveable Properties	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
(1) (I) Sh. Bhoop Ram S/o Sh. Ram Rakh, R/o V.P.O. Dutaran Wali, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka (ii) Sh. Tarlochan Singh S/o Sh. Harnek Singh, R/o Village Kala Tibba, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka. Branch : Grain Market, Abohar		Equitable / Registered Mortgaged of the Residential / Commercial Immoveable Property House measuring 25' x 50' i.e. 1250 sq.ft. (0-4) Marla bearing Khasra no. 1687 (0-4), 1846 (0-4) entered in Khewat no. 2388, Khatoni no. 3204 vide Jamabandi for the Year 2005-2006, situated at Street no. 16, Sunder Nagri, with in the Revenue Estate of Abohar II, Distt. Fazilka, owned by Sh. Bhoop Ram S/o Sh. Ram Rakh, Registered with the Office of Sub Registrar Abohar, Distt. Fazilka vide Documents no. 1609 on dated 03-07-1997 & bounded as East : Gurcharan Singh, West : Road, North : Lal Singh, South : Street	09-10-2024	09-06-2025	Rs. 10,79,070/- as on 31-08-2024 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(2) (i) Sh. Inderjit Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh, R/o Street no. 3, Suraj Nagri, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (ii) Sh. Simranjit Singh S/o Sh. Surinder Singh, R/o Street no. 2, Suraj Nagri, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (iii) Sh. Raj Kumar Chhabra S/o Sh. Lekh Raj, R/o Street no. 5, Suraj Nagri, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka. Branch : Grain Market, Abohar		Equitable / Registered Mortgaged of the Residential / Commercial Immoveable Property measuring 3 Marla i.e. 2/5 Share of total Land 8 Marla bearing Khasra no. 1845 (0-4), 1846 (0-4) entered in Khewat no. 3004, Khatoni no. 4026, 4034 vide Jamabandi for the Year 2005-2006, situated at Street no. 3, Sunder Nagri with in the Revenue Estate Azimgarh, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka, owned by Sh. Inderjit Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh S/o Sh. Jawala Parshad, Registered with the Office of Sub Registrar Abohar, Distt. Fazilka vide Documents no. 593 on dated 02-05-2013 and surrounding as East : Atul Sidana, West : Avtar Singh, North : Manjeet Singh, South : Street	09-10-2024	09-06-2025	Rs. 11,74,561/36 as on 31-08-2024 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(3) (I) Sh. Baljeet Singh S/o Sh. Nazar Singh, R/o House no. 2, Basant Nagar, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka. Also at : Sh. Baljeet Singh S/o Sh. Nazar Singh, R/o Seed Faram Road, Abohar 2, Distt. Fazilka (ii) Sh. Ankush Kumar S/o Sh. Mohan Chand, R/o Parkash Street, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (iii) Sh. Gurdeep Singh S/o Sh. Makhan Singh, R/o V.P.O Bhangala, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (iv) Sh. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sh. Sarwan Singh, R/o V.P.O Bhangala, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka. Branch : Grain Market, Abohar		Equitable / Registered Mortgaged of the Residential / Commercial Immovable Property House measuring 4.75 Marlas being 17/512 share of total Land 7 Kanal 2 Marla, Murba bearing Khasra no. 276, Killa no. 12 (7-2) share entered in Khewat no. 1035/3291, Khatoni no. 1415 vide Jamabandi for the Year 2015-2016, situated at Seed Faram Road, Abohar 2, District Fazilka, owned by Sh. Baljit Singh S/o Sh. Nazar Singh, Registered with the Office of Sub Registrar Abohar, District Fazilka dated 24-12-2019 and surrounding as East : Street, West : Self Property, North : Vacant Plot, South : Other Property	09-10-2024	09-06-2025	Rs. 10,32,403/- as on 31.08.2024 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
(4) (I) Smt. Jasvir Kaur Widow of S. Partap Singh, R/o House no. 1739, Ward no. 17, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka (ii) S. Rana Partap Singh S/o S. Dewar Singh (now deceased) through Legal heir Smt. Jasvir Kaur W/o S. Rana Partap Singh, R/o House no. 1739, Ward no. 17, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (iii) Sh. Rajwinder Singh S/o Sh. Baljeet Singh, R/o Village Daulat Pura, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka. (iv) Sh. Hari Chand S/o Sh. Jhandu Ram, R/o Village Patti Billa, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka. Branch : Grain Market, Abohar		Equitable / Registered Mortgaged of the Residential / Commercial, Immoveable Property House measuring 8 Marla being 08/525 Share of total Land 26 Kansl 5 Marla vide Muraba no. 382 (26-5) entered in Khewat no. 243, Khatoni no. 466, vide Jamabandi for the Year 2006-2007, situated at with in Revenue Estate of Azimgarh, Distt. Fazilka, Backside Kundan Cinema, Abohar, Registered with the Office of Sub Registrar Abohar, Distt. Fazilka vide Document no. 5095 on dated 16-03-2010, owned by Smt. Jasvir Kaur Widow of Sh. Rana Partap Singh and bounded as East : Link Road, West : Banwari Lal, North : Street, South: Sukh Ram	09-10-2024	09-06-2025	Rs. 8,71,603/47 as on 31-08-2024 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any, till date affected
Date : 13-06-2025		Place : Fazilka	Sd/- Authorised Officer		

IMEEC to have impact on world connectivity: Jaishankar

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Terming connectivity as an important part of diplomacy, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said the IMEEC once completed will offer a significant land-and sea-based connectivity to Europe all the way up to the Pacific.

The India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) will comprise two separate corridors, the east corridor connecting India to the Gulf and the northern corridor connecting the Gulf to Europe. Highlighting the need for land, sea, and air connectivity "in as many options and as many variants as possible," Jaishankar told a panel discussion at the inaugural Raisina Mediterranean 2025 here, "The connectivity initiatives, I think, have become a very important part of diplomacy today."

Even when the IMEEC is not in place as yet, Europe has a 'fairly ready and efficient access' to India's western coast, despite the threats by Houthis to shipping, he said. "We are making very major investments in railways, and then trying to connect eastern India all the way to Vietnam."

Reminding the audience how the Suez Canal took ages to make, he said, "But once it was done, you see what a profound impact it's had on the world. So actually, if we can

pull that (IMEEC) off, you will get from Europe a route all the way to the Pacific, which will be significantly land based, but partly sea based."

"And in some ways, it would be a counter to the reliance on the Arctic, whenever the Arctic opens up. The connectivity game is a long game," he said.

On the sidelines of the G20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi in 2023, India, European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia, UAE and the US announced an MoU committing to work together to develop the IMEEC.

The two corridors intend to enhance connectivity, increase efficiency, reduce costs, secure regional supply chains, increase trade accessibility and generate jobs, resulting in a transformative integration of Asia, Europe and Middle East, according to the Ministry of External Affairs. The panel discussion was themed "The Next Special Relationship: Deepening the Strategic Partnership between the Indo-Pacific and Europe."

Jaishankar was joined by Ararat Mirzoyan, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia; Abigail Vasselier, Director Policy & European Affairs; Head of Programmes, Foreign Relations, Mercator Institute for China Studies, Germany, and Francesco Parisi, President and Managing Director of the Parisi Group of Companies, Italy.



While answering a question by the moderator and without taking names, Jaishankar indicated trust-based equations with countries such as who stands by in times of difficulty will have consequences on choices for trade too.

"Trust means, intuitively, we are comfortable with each

other. By having similar values, similar approaches, sometimes by saying, okay, in my difficulty, who supported me, or in my security needs, who was willing to go the extra mile? It makes a difference."

"So, let us say we're just come out of some security episodes right now. When I look at

who stood by us, who would I trust, with whom am I comfortable, it will surely have consequences on my choices and on my decisions," Jaishankar said, apparently referring to the recent India-Pakistan conflict post the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

He had also pointed out how there's a realisation in Europe that a lot of its problems and solutions will have to be analysed and thought through by Europe itself and said, "A Europe which is today more self aware, which is more self reliant, which is more strategically autonomous, will obviously want to look for partners who think similarly and can work with Europe in that respect."

"And I think that gives a kind of an additional impetus to India-Europe relations which were evolutionary, but I predict a very sharp accel-

eration in that," the EAM added. Later, in the Ministerial session with France's Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot on the theme, "France, India & Europe: A Multi-dimensional Strategic Partnership," Jaishankar said the relationship with trans-Atlantic in June 2025 is 'significantly different' from what it was in June 2024.

"There is a much sharper awareness in Europe about Europe's interests, about Europe's capabilities, or the need to develop more capabilities and along with that sharper sense of realism

in dealing with not just the Transatlantic Alliance but also with the world," he said.

"So, there is a kind of a collective shift in Europe and in France that was already there. Maybe it's become sharper. For us, it gives an even

stronger reason to invest more time and energy and attention to developing the India-Europe relationship, because it is strategically more autonomous," he added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client **Shri PHOOL SINGH S/o- Sohan Lal, R/o- RZ- 313, Pankha Road, Brahm Puri, South West Delhi, Delhi-110046**, has severed all his relations and have disowned his son **Sh. ASHISH**, from all his movable and immovable properties due to his quarrelsome and disobedient nature. So my client shall not be responsible for any act of his Son **Sh. ASHISH & his wife Smt. UMA KUMARI**, if anyone do so then he/she will do so at his/her own risk.

Gaurav Sadana (Advocate)
Enrl No. D/6524/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of **Rakesh General Store** to inform to the public at large that **Mrs. Kiran Devi W/o Mr. Rakesh** is purchasing the Residential Vacant Plot of Land area measuring **89 Sq. Yds., Nos. 135, Situated at Village Chahala Khadar, Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, District Gurgaon, Haryana**, U.P. from **Mrs. Sushila** who became owner vide Sale Deed dated **19.12.2024** (Doc. No.10373) and same financed & mortgaged by **M/s. Pruthi Finance Ltd., Noida**. That, Original Sale Deed dated **25.07.2016** executed by **Mr. Pardeep Singh** in favour of **Mr. Dushyant** in respect of said property, vide document no.7569, book no.1, vol no.8021, pages 259-294, dated 25.07.2016, SR-II, Noida has been lost/misplaced. If any Person having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property, may inform in writing at the address mentioned below, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. **Lucem Legal LLP B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2 Noida, UP-201301 Contact#9120-4269379**

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all, **I Parveen Kohli (Karta of Parveen Kohli & Sons HUF) R/o- D-49, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad-201011 and Mona Sachdeva (w/o Ajay Sachdeva) R/o- 61, Tagore Park, Model Town, Delhi** are going to purchase Properties **H 12/16, FF & Shop No.2&Shop No.6 &30% Roof right Malviya Nagar, Delhi**, from its owner **Neha Mahajan (W/o Sunel Mahajan) R/o Gali Nain Sukh Hathi Gate Amritsar, Pub & Divya Gupta (D/o Late Naresh Kumar) R/o H-12/16, FF, Malviya Nagar, Delhi-17** by virtue of the sale deed. Further anybody having any sort of objection on said property can file his objection. Contact Mob. 9810609374 within 10 days publication of this notice.


PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all, **MANISH THAKUR S/O SH. KHUSHAL SINGH & MRS. RASHI THAKUR W/O MR. MANISH THAKUR Allottee/Owner of FLAT NO-A-304, MANISHA CGHS LTD., PLOT No.78, SECTOR-23, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110077** have applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold in DDA. The original document i.e. LETTER OF ALLOTMENT & CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY issued by society of the above said flat has been lost. An I.R.No.2513525/2025 dated 12/06/2025 to this effect has been lodged in P.S.Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 9810191243 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to **President/Secretary, Manisha CGHS Ltd. Or Deputy Director (Group Housing) or Director (Group Housing), Delhi Development Authority, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023**.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMCL/Line, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites **Open E- tender under One Packet System** for the order noted work:

Name of work & location	"Providing and fixing of crimped fitted Hydraulic Hose Assemblies on Track Machines during Major Repair at TMMD/TKD, LKO, KKDE, BTI & MB and during break down at site under the jurisdiction of Dy. Chief Engineer/TMCL/Line, State Entry Road, New Delhi."
Similar Nature of work	Supply & Fixing of crimped fitted Hydraulic Hoses for Track Machines or IOH/POH/Major Repair of Track Machine.
Completion period of the work	02 Years
Approx. cost of work	₹ 83.63,538.61
Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	₹ 1,67,300/-
Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online)	Nil
Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tender document remain available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 13.06.2025 upto 15.00 Hrs. on 07.07.2025 Bidding Bids may be uploaded from 23.06.2025 & upto 15:00 hrs on 07.07.2025 on IREPS website. The tender will be opened soon after 15:00 hrs on 07.07.2025 .
Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in . Above tender document will be available for online submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 13.06.2025 to 07.07.2025 . All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.
Tender Notice No: 1-W-DyCETMCL-HH-04-25-26 Date: 13.06.2025	
SERVING CUSTOMER WITH A SMILE 1763/2025	

**उपग्रह राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण**
प्रासॉनिक बवन, सेक्टर-६३, टुलर विलेज निवेशक सिटी, जेएनए, चण्डीगढ़, E-Mail-enr@upsida.co.in

सूचना
सूचनाएं प्रेषित किया जाता है कि निम्नलिखित औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के विकास कार्य हेतु निम्नलिखित आसक्ति की गयी है, जिसका विवरण निम्नलिखित है:-

S.No.	Name of Work	Tender Id.	Closing Date
1.	Providing LED street light network along with 03 years AMC at IA, Loni Ghaziabad.	2025_SIDC_1042081_1	13.06.2025 upto 6:00 PM
2.	Supply and Installation of decorative pole 120 watt along with 01 years AMC at IA, Sita Sahibabad Ghaziabad.	2025_SIDC_1042002_1	13.06.2025 upto 6:00 PM
3.	Shifting of 11 KV at 33/11 KV Sub Station No. 1 Bulandshahr Road Ghaziabad.	2025_SIDC_1042056_1	13.06.2025 upto 6:00 PM
4.	Providing LED street light network along with 03 years AMC at IA, Ujda Kunj Ghaziabad.	2025_SIDC_1042022_1	13.06.2025 upto 6:00 PM

सूचनाएं निम्नलिखित दिनांक 18.06.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे को जारी की जायें। आवेदन पत्रों को उक्त उक्त आवेदन पत्रों में निर्दिष्ट दिनांक 21.06.2025 को प्रातः 6:00 बजे तक निम्नलिखित पता पर भेजना है। सूचनाएं प्रेषित किया जाता है, जिन्हें दिनांक 23.06.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे जारी किया जायें। सेवा निम्न वक्त व्यवहार करें। **सर्व सचिव (सि.डी.) अखिल भारतीय विकास प्राधिकरण**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Rajiv Kumar S/o D. Ram Samujh Dubey R/o Groom Loham Post Varpaar Thaana Barhalganj District Gorakhpur, U.P.** has debarred & disowned his both sons **Priy Pravaash Dubey & Priy Brut Dubey** from his movable & immovable Properties, due to misbehavior with my client. If anybody deals with them they all do so at their own risk. **Ramesh Chander (Adv) Ch. 88, Western Wing, Tis Hazari**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that My Client **Kamlesh W/o Late Rajender R/o H.No.-102, East Friends Enclave Sultampur, Delhi-110086**, has disowned his son **Rohit Kumar**, his daughter in law **Komal Rani**, Grand son **Mohak & Grand daughter Pakshalika** from all his movable/immovable properties and severed all their relations both legal & social with them due to disrespectful behavior. Any person dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk, and my clients shall not be responsible for the same.

Sanjeev Dwivedi (Advocate)
48 Gajananand Road, Tis Hazari Courts, ND 94

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Tender Notice
Invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Reference No.	Item	Quantity	Closing Date & Time
1	GNDU/Gen/15/2025	Food Court Unit -1 (Indian Cuisine Out let)	01	04-07-2025
2	GNDU/Gen/16/2025	Food Court Unit -2 (Indian Cuisine Outlet)	01	04-07-2025
3	GNDU/Gen/17/2025	Food Court Unit -3 (Fast Indian Cuisine Outlet)	01	04-07-2025
4	GNDU/Gen/18/2025	Food Court Unit -4 (Fast Indian Cuisine Outlet)	01	04-07-2025

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 (General)
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

2426/12/2025-26/144 Dated CHD - 13/06/2025

छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल

पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर (छ.ग.)

// सर्व संबंधित को सूचना //

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत सर्व संबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है कि M/s HD India Iron and Coal Power Private Limited द्वारा Village-Ameriakbari, Tehsil-Bilha, District- Bilaspur (C.G.) में प्रस्तावित Greenfield Steel Plant for production of Sponge Iron (1x350 TPD & 1x200 TPD) - 1,81,500 TPA, MS Billets (I.F. 4x20 Ton, LRF 1x20 Ton & CCM 2x6/12m) - 2,32,850 TPA, Re-rolled Steel Products (Hot Charging 700 TPD & Reheating Furnace 10 TPH) - 2,25,860 TPA (Coal Gasifier 3500 Nm3/hr.), Ferro Alloys (Submerged Arc Furnace 1x9 MVA) - Si Mn-17,000 TPA or Fe Mn-22,000 TPA or Fe Si-10,000 TPA or Pig Iron-34,000 TPA), Captive Power Plant (WHRB (1x40 TPH + 1x20 TPH)- 12 MW), & AFBC (60 TPH)-12 MW), Coal Washery- 12,00,000 TPA & Fly Ash Bricks / Blocks Plant - 37,500 TPA के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई बाबत छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त प्रस्तावित परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति/सुझाव/टीका-टिप्पणी इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिनों के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, कार्यालय के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परियोजना के लिए लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 16/07/2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे स्थान ग्राम-उटगन, प.ह.नं.-20, तहसील- बिल्हा, जिला- बिलासपुर स्थित भूमि खसरा नं. 1283/1, छ.ग. शासन, मद घांस शासकीय भूमि में नियत की गई है। सूचित हो कि लोक सुनवाई के दौरान भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के ऑफिस मेमोरेण्डम F.No. 22-25/2000-IA-III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशों का अक्षरशः पालन किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथासंशोधित) के प्रावधानों के अनुसार ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यपालकसारी की प्रति (हिन्दी व अंग्रेजी में) एवं इसकी सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) वन सामान्य के अवलोकन/ पठन हेतु कलेक्टर, कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला- बिलासपुर, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, कार्यालय, जिला पंचायत-बिलासपुर, जिला-बिलासपुर, अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.), कार्यालय, अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.), बिल्हा, जिला-बिलासपुर, कार्यालय मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र, बिलासपुर, जिला- बिलासपुर, मुख्य नगर पालिका अधिकारी, कार्यालय नगर पंचायत बिल्हा, जिला- बिलासपुर, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, व्यापार विहार पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय पार्क के पास, बिलासपुर, सरचर्च/ सचिव कार्यालय ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम - अमेरी-अकबरी, उटगन, गोडडी, धौरी, केवनाडी, डोडकी, निपनिया, पुण्डरार, बैसबोर्ड, हवडी, हिर्री, अटरी, चोरहामैना, मुस्कट, मोहतरा, सिलयारी, अमनोदही, कुनवापाली, खपरी, बरतौरी, गुमा, तहसील- बिल्हा, जिला- बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) डायरेक्टर, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन, भारत सरकार, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, वायु विंग, जोरबाग रोड, नई दिल्ली, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी गई है।

सदस्य सचिव
छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल,
नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the public at large that my client **Smt. Sunita devi w/o sh. Krishan Pal r/o-C-90 Kharsa No. 53/17 Pradhan Endave Gali No.6, Baprola Nazalaganj Delhi**, disowned/debarred his son namely **Kapil Dev** from his life and properties (moveable and immovable) at Delhi and outside of Delhi due to his bad habit, disobedience and misbehavior towards his client. My client shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds and things whatever done by them.

Anil Dutt (Advocate) D/2457/2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Vishwanathan Ramakrishna S/o Late Shri Ramakrishnan Vishwanathan R/o SFS & FLAT No 648, Sector-A, Pocket-C, Vasant Kunj, CAT-II, Third Floor, Located at Kishenghar, NEW DELHI-110070, the Original 5th and Final Demand Letter/Allotment Cum Demand Letter, Mutation Letter, NOC for Water and Electricity, Handing Possession Letter and Site Possession Slip of the said premises has been Lost/misplaced. An F.I.R. to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch Delhi vide FIR/LR No. 2906512/2025 Dated 10/06/2025. Any person(s) found in possession of original documents vide FILE NO: 907/17/1986/SFS/KGII, may please contact at above address/Address No.9717576074 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person(s) claiming any right/interest can personally inform or write to Dy. Director SFS Housing Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BHOPAL Water Work Department

Municipal Corporation Rest House, Shyamla Hills, Bhopal
Ph. No. 0755-2701669

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Online tenders are being invited for the following works. The bidder can obtained detailed information and tender documents on website <http://mptenders.gov.in>.
Corrigendum for this NIT shall not be issued separately in newspapers. Corrigendum regarding correction can be seen on the website <http://mptenders.gov.in>

S. No.	NIT No.	Tender ID.	Details of Work	Estimated Cost (INR)	Earnest Money (EMD)	Bid Submission End Date
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
1.	05/EE/NWSP/ WWD/20 25-26	2025_UAD_417367_3 Third call	Manning for Operation and Maintenance of 185 MLD Narmada Water supply project comprising Hirani pumping station, Khatpura pumping station, Ahmadpur 132 KV pumping station, 6.6KV line from Khatpura to Hirani, 6.6KV line from Khatpura to BPT, 33kv Substation.	1,66,58,520.00	83,293.00	25.06.2025
2.	06/EE/NWSP/ WWD/20 25-26	2025_UAD_417370_3 Third call	Manning for Operation and Maintenance of 185 MLD Narmada Water supply project comprising intake well at Hirani, Water Treatment Plant at Khatpura, BPT, Ahmadpur pump house, MBSR and Pipe Line from Hirani to MBSR.	1,78,67,760.00	89,338.00	25.06.2025
3.	29/T.Sec./EE/ W.W.D./2025-26	2025_UAD_394914_4 Fourth call	Engagement of agencies for GIS based Asset Survey for Water Supply System including Water Consumers and its mapping for Bhopal Municipal Corporation area.	1,27,11,760.00	63,558.00	27.06.2025
Executive Engineer (WWD) Municipal Corporation, Bhopal						
T.N. 1826/025/026						

Office of the Superintending Engineer 1st Circle, Public Works Department, Almora

Phone/Fax: 05962-230295 Email: sepwdalm@rediffmail.com

Letter No : 2595/Nivida-01/2025-26

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering) E-TENDER NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, PWD Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 16/06/2025 & onwards on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	Improvement of Rikhadi Vacham Motor Road Under One time maintenance in Kapkot Constituency of District Bageshwar.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 4.37 Lakh	120 Days	12 Months (including Raining/ Winter season)	Class "B" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.
2	Improvement of Kapkot Motor road from Km 18 to Lili motor Road Under One time maintenance in Kapkot Constituency of District Bageshwar.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 3.31 Lakh	120 Days	12 Months (including Raining/ Winter season)	Class "B" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.
3	Improvement of Bhani Rithabagar Harsingiyabagar - Shama - Nokodi motor Road Under One time maintenance in Kapkot Constituency Of District Bageshwar.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 4.66 Lakh	120 Days	12 Months (including Raining/ Winter season)	Class "B" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.
4	Improvement of Harshila to Pudkuni Motor Road Under One time maintenance in Kapkot Constituency of District Bageshwar.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 5.20 Lakh	120 Days	12 Months (including Raining/ Winter season)	Class "B" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIED

CHANGE OF NAME

The general public is informed that in my service record my name has been written as Satyapal Singh, which is wrong. My correct name is Satyapal Singh Tomar, which is recorded in my Aadhaar card and PAN card. Therefore, Satyapal Singh Tomar should be recorded in place of Satyapal Singh in my service record. Deponent : Army No. 14672328L Rank - Hav Satyapal Singh Tomar S/O Veerendra Singh Post Porsa Teh Porsa Dist Morena (M.P.).

PD(2243)C

I, JC-41478P Sub Son Prakash Singh, R/O - Vill-Nagla Poda, PO- Kajrouthi, Teh- Sadabad, Dist- Hathras, U.P.- 281306, have changed my daughter's name from Kajal Kumari to Kajal, vide affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2239)C

I, Sandeep Kaur W/o- No.15429684K Hav Harpreet Singh, R/o- Vill- Kaler Mangat, PO- Ludhar, Teh & Dist- Amritsar, Punjab- 143502, have changed my name from Smt Sandeep Kaur to Sandeep Kaur, vide affidavit dated 09/04/2025 before Notary Public Amritsar.

PD(2240)C

I, No.16011868H Hav Gajendra Singh Raghava, R/o- Vill- Nagar, PO- Arniya Khurd, Teh- Khurja, Dist- Bulandshahr, U.P.- 203131, have changed my son's name from Vishal Raghava to Vishal Raghav vide affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2241)C

I, Shivam Raghava S/o No.16011868H Hav Gajendra Singh Raghava, R/o- Vill- Nagar, PO- Arniya Khurd, Teh- Khurja, Dist- Bulandshahr, U.P.- 203131, have changed my name from Shivam Raghava to Shivam Raghav vide affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2242)C

I, Ramesh, Father of- No.15748018M Sigm Vijay Ramesh Kodli, R/o- A/P Madihalli TQ- Hukkeri, Dist- Belagavi, Karnataka- 591309, have changed my name from Ramesh to Ramesh Mahadev Kodli vide affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2243)C

I, Nanda, Mother of- No.15748018M Sigm Vijay Ramesh Kodli, R/o- A/P Madihalli TQ- Hukkeri, Dist- Belagavi, Karnataka- 591309, have changed my name from Nanda to Nanda Ramesh Kodli vide affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2244)C

I, Umakant, Father of- No.14879566K SEP/MT Puneet Kumar, R/o- Vill- Sadariyapur, Post- Bilgram, Dist- Hardoi, U.P.- 241301, have changed my name from Uma Kant Dixit to Umakant, vide affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(2245)C

I, Meena Devi, Mother of- No.14879566K SEP/MT Puneet Kumar, R/o- Vill- Sadariyapur, Post- Bilgram, Dist- Hardoi, U.P.- 241301, have changed my name from Mina Dixit to Meena Devi, vide affidavit dated 13/06/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

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Between the Hand and Heart

Each handmade piece carries care, patience and a deep connection to the maker's world, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

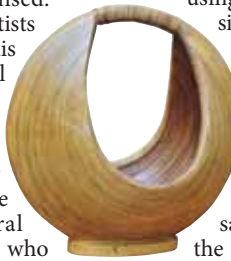
The future has often been imagined through the lens of machines fast, exact, endless. In the rush to automate and accelerate, the human hand stepped aside. Yet today, something quiet and deliberate is taking its place again. Across India, in both city studios and village courtyards, hands are shaping objects of meaning. Clay, thread, wood, pigment materials are being touched, turned, pressed, and dyed in ways that feel deeply alive.

A handwoven textile carries the mark of each movement, each decision. A carved wooden toy, slightly uneven, carries personality. A kantha quilt, stitched over months, feels like a conversation. These objects speak. They hold time. They connect people to people. Digital platforms have entered this space, but they are not erasing the handmade. Many young creators are choosing to celebrate the hand while using technology to amplify it. In Kutch, weavers share their looms with the world through short videos. In Jaipur, block printers open their studios for online workshops. A new energy flows through these traditions, bringing them into

today without making them feel ornamental or nostalgic.

The crafts person is no longer hidden behind a brand name. Viewers can now watch the entire process, see the hand dip into dye, press a block onto fabric, stitch slowly and steadily. The surface of the product now carries the presence of the maker, and that presence is being recognised. Young designers and artists are also leaning in this direction. Some travel to remote villages, not to extract designs, but to learn. They sit with women who embroider Phulkari, watch the preparation of natural dyes, speak to families who have passed knowledge across generations. Others are working side-by-side with artisans in cities, helping with quality control, digital access and logistics. The idea is to honour craft in its own language.

During Diwali, people continue to bring home 'gharonda' made by potters in villages. Because they belong. There's



comfort in their familiar curves, in the way the paint may be a little smudged, in how they carry a feeling of home. This includes traditional forms and newer explorations.

Many artists blend materials and approaches working with both hand tools and digital pens, using natural pigments alongside new media. Their work respects the hand while speaking in contemporary idioms. Embroidery, once considered domestic work is being reimaged. It's being framed as art. The same stitch that once lined

the hem of a dupatta is now displayed on gallery walls. There is care in the time taken to

make something, in the decision to continue a tradition, in the willingness to share it with others. Many families still light diyas made of earth, place rangoli made by hand. These gestures, small as they are, keep something alive. The hands that create these pieces are part of modern life. They answer phone calls, open parcels, post photos online. They return to thread, to cloth, to clay. In markets and fairs, more people now ask who made a product, where the material comes from, how long it took. These questions mark a shift. They speak of interest, of intention.

At the same time, the label "handmade" has found a new currency. People are selling their work by highlighting its handmade nature even when the touch of the hand is minimal. The term has become a selling point, a mark of value.

This growing interest must be met with honesty, ensuring that the essence of the hand its

time, effort, and presence, is truly honoured. India, with its range of materials, languages, and visual cultures, carries endless forms of handcraft. From mirror work in Gujarat to alpina art in Bengal, from woodwork in Kashmir to blue pottery in Rajasthan, each form carries a different touch, a different pace. As people seek meaning beyond speed and screens, the handmade offers presence. A hand-painted pot, a scarf dyed with marigold, a scroll painted with folk tales, all feel real in a way that standardised objects do not. Art and craft have always spoken of their times. Today, they speak of return of slowing down, of looking again, of choosing something that feels made with care. In doing so, they remind us that progress does not always mean replacing the old. Sometimes, it means looking at it again with open eyes.



"When I work with clay, I don't rush. My hands follow what they remember from my grandmother's kitchen pots," says Savita Kumari, a 32-year-old home-based potter from Bihar. "I sell online now, but each piece still starts in my courtyard, with my fingers pressing the shape slowly into being," shares Manoj, a ceramic artist in Rajasthan.



Revisiting a Forgotten Visionary



BY SAKSHI PRIYA

Some canvases speak quietly, in gentle lines and layered textures, with no need for spectacle. **The Silent Canvas Speaks Again**, currently showing at the India International Centre, revives the legacy of Professor Sukhvīr Sanghal with an emotional gravity that lingers long after one leaves the gallery. This retrospective, curated by Sanghal's granddaughter Priyam Chandra, reflects deep care, insight, and reverence.

It moves across mediums and decades, revealing the many facets of a man who remained committed to Indian thought, aesthetics, and spirituality throughout his artistic journey. The exhibition opens with a suite of wash paintings rooted in the Bengal School tradition. Sanghal's mastery of this delicate technique is immediately evident. Muted tones and precise lines create a quiet intensity. Works like *Departure of Rama* and *Marriage Procession* carry mythological grandeur but retain a deeply personal essence. These compositions appear still, yet pulse with an inner movement dreamlike yet exacting. His silk and khadi-based works offer textural contrast. One piece on a dusty khadi cloth stands out for its



THE SILENT CANVAS SPEAKS AGAIN RE-ESTABLISHES PROFESSOR SUKHVIR SANGHAL AS A PIVOTAL FIGURE IN INDIAN MODERN ART. ON VIEW UNTIL JUNE 17 2025

spiritual cadence, minimal in execution but layered in meaning. Equally compelling are his lacis artworks on wood and his rare sculptures. The wood pieces reveal craftsmanship anchored in tradition, while the sculptures carry an unfiltered, grounded energy.

His themes remain consistent: identity, devotion, transcendence, and the sacred. Every medium Sanghal explored felt

intentional and aligned with his artistic philosophy. He preferred silence over spectacle, control over chaos. His brush seemed less concerned with depicting reality and more attuned to evoking emotion.

Archival photographs, handwritten notes and rare documents trace his role as an educator, thinker, and cultural leader. In an era where art often chases novelty, Sanghal's work remains rooted and relevant. It calls for a slowing down, a return to introspection, a closer look at the soul of Indian tradition through art. This show does not seek to impress, it invites reflection. It reminds us that quietude can carry weight, and that legacy is not just remembered, it is reawakened.

Sita's Journey in Madhubani Brushstrokes

BY RAJDEEP PATHAK

Driving down the tranquil Vinay Marg in New Delhi, one is greeted by the golden bloom of Amaltas trees — their radiant canopies shimmering like sunlight in the summer air. Amid this quiet charm stands the Civil Services Officers' Institute (CSOI) that recently hosted the **Vaidehi Utsav** — a soulful exhibition celebrating the spirit of Indian womanhood through Sita.

The road, the trees, the soft rustle of petals underfoot, all echo the quiet strength and grace embodied in the display ahead. At the entrance, a smiling security guard gestures toward the first floor, where a series of exquisite Madhubani paintings narrate Sita's timeless journey. The spirit of the place lies not in indulgence, but in the quiet dignity it radiates, now through Sita's vibrancy.

We are welcomed by warm, smiling faces. I have accompanied my family on this trip. Among them stands Bharti Dayal, a celebrated National Award-winning Madhubani artist, who is joined by Dr Savita Jha, the visionary and driving force behind this remarkable exhibition.

The gallery comes alive with vibrant Madhubani paintings, each narrating the profound and timeless journey of Vaidehi (Sita). From her birth to her graceful youth, from her sacred marriage to her silent sacrifices, the artwork captures every nuance of her womanhood.

It portrays her awakening, her self-awareness, her spiritual strength in invoking divine forces to vanquish Ravana, and her unwavering faith, even in a single blade of grass in the desolate Ashok Vatika where she was held captive. Through every intricate and delicate brushstroke, the indomitable spirit of Sita shines forth. Savita Jha speaks with the same passion that made her bring Madhubani artists from the villages of Bihar to a city still indifferent to their art. "Mithila, historically renowned for its rich intellectual and spiritual heritage, has long cultivated a worldview where aesthetic inquiry and philosophical depth are intertwined and the Mithila



THIS IS A TIMELESS TALE — WOVEN WITH LOVE, ROMANCE, SACRIFICE AND HEROISM. RAM AND SITA DWELL IN THE HUMBLE HUT THAT HOLDS THE ARTIST'S HEART AND SOUL, A LEGACY CARRIED FORWARD THROUGH GENERATIONS

tradition holds space for transcendence through harmony", says Savita, adding, "It is with this context that Sita, Vaidehi emerges as a unique cultural and intellectual presence".

She continues, "Born ayonia (without a womb), Sita defies conventional narratives of origin and embodiment. She is at once a divine figure, and a symbol of high philosophical possibility, embodying the region's spiritual depth, linguistic richness and artistic vitality", emphasising, "Sita, as a cultural and spiritual figure, continues to offer a rare form of unity. In her, conflicting values — obedience and defiance, love and renunciation, suffering and strength — they converge into a coherent ethical vision; she embodies dharma, not as a blind submission, but as a lived clarity".

Savita draws our attention to Bharti Dayal's evocative artwork — rich in vibrancy and emotion — that beauti-



fully sets the tone for Sita's journey. Her painting captures a pivotal moment in the forest during the 14 years' exile, the enchanting, shimmering golden deer. Entranced, Sita urges her husband Ram to catch it, unknowingly triggering a chain of fate.

The deer, a disguised demon Marich, lures Ram away, enabling Raavan to abduct Sita in vengeance for his sister Surpanakha, as the Ramayan narrates. Dayal's art poignantly portrays this fleeting yet fateful encounter, one that unravels a saga of Sita's courage, devotion, and spiritual transcendence, echoing through time and legend. Equally captivating is Juli Jha's portrait of Sita as a Bhoomija sitting in fire during her 'Agni Pariksha'. Even in burning flames, her serene strength stands out. Amidst the flames, Sita remains calm, her heart anchored in love and reverence for



Shri Ram. Shades of blue reflect her inner peace. Juli begins with a soulful song — "Sita's closed eyes, tranquil mind, and a soft moonlit glow behind her, while a peacock gazes in awe, witnessing the fire outside but divine serenity within, born of unwavering faith and devotion".

Bharti Dayal explains, "Every ritualistic drawing is accompanied by a song. During the festival of Devotthan, for instance, the deity is awakened and symbolically steps out of the sanctum. On this occasion, a special song is sung, and an elaborate drawing is created on the courtyard floor." This is a timeless tale woven with love, romance, sacrifice, and heroism — delicately pure and profoundly subtle. Ram and Sita dwell in the humble hut that holds the artist's heart and soul, a legacy carried forward through generations of Madhubani painters.

India women’s hockey aim for strong start against Australia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
London

Having worked extensively to iron out the chinks in their armour, India will aim for a strong showing in the European leg of the Women's Hockey Pro League, beginning with their clash against Australia here on Saturday.

Currently ranked sixth with nine points, India will face Australia on June 14 and 15, followed by back-to-back matches against Argentina on June 17 and 18.

The team will then travel to Antwerp on June 19 for two games against Belgium, scheduled for June 21 and 22, before concluding the European leg with matches against China on June 28 and 29 in Berlin.

“We have worked in every department. But the two departments I am focussing on because it is result oriented are



—goalkeeping and drag flicking,” chief coach Harendra Singh told reporters on the eve

of the match. Singh also revealed that drag flickers Deepika and Manisha under-

went a 10-day specialised camp with renowned Dutch drag-flick expert Toon Siepman

ahead of the tour. “For drag flicking, Deepika and Manisha trained under Toon Siepman,

who has years of experience coaching some of the world's top players,” Singh said.

“We also worked on improving our injectors and stoppers. Earlier, five girls were rotating in those roles, but now we’ve narrowed it down to three.”

India will look to build on the momentum gained during the India leg of the Pro League in February, where they held world number one Netherlands to a 2-2 draw in Bhubaneswar and earned a bonus point via shootout.

The team experimented with new combinations during a five-match friendly tour in Perth against Australia A and the Hockeyroos last month. While results were mixed, Singh said the tour provided valuable learning for Salima Tete's side.

“Australia played full press and we learnt how to stretch them with counter-control. We

also learnt that we should play stick-to-stick hockey.

“Second learning was to be more resilient on the pitch specially 1v1. I took a squad of 24 to give more players experience but this Pro League we need to be more alert, scan with peripheral vision, play fast hockey.

“I’m confident that the team will get a good result in the four (Pro League) matches.”

The coach has opted for a balanced squad that blends experience with young talent.

Singh wants the team to peak during September's Asia Championship as winning the continental championship would mean automatic qualification for next year's World Cup.

“I would say the team is 70 percent fit because we want to peak at the right time which is during the Asian Championship later this year.”

With Belgium and

Netherlands already qualifying as co-hosts of the World Cup and Germany by virtue of winning the Pro League last year, a good showing in the Pro League could also potentially secure a World Cup berth for India.

“Two teams have automatically qualified as hosts. Germany won the last Pro League and has also qualified. So we have to manage to finish above England and Spain.

“So if we finish fifth, and presuming, for example, Australia qualifies from Oceania, Argentina qualifies (from South America), and one of us or China qualifies from the Asia Cup then there is an opportunity for us to qualify in this Pro League itself,” Singh said.

England are languishing at the bottom of the points table with five points while Spain is fifth with 14 points from 12 outings.

World Team chess: Tayade shines as Team MGD1 in joint lead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
London

India's Atharvaa Tayade emerged as the top performer for Team MGD1 as the side continued its strong showing by sharing the top spot with Hexamid on 13 match points on day 2 of the World Rapid and Blitz Team Championship here.

Tayade has so far won all his eight games in the tournament. With six victories, one draw and one loss each, Hexamid and Team MGD1 are leading the table. They are being closely followed on 12 points by the Viswanathan Anand-led Freedom, Uzbekistan and Germany and Friends.

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Tournament favourites WR Chess, who have some of the biggest names, including American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura, Alireza Firouzja and Wesley So, are in sixth spot, but their title hopes suffered a setback following back-to-back losses. Following a draw with the Anand-led Freedom in round five, the Arjun Erigaisi-led Team MGD1 overcame top seeds WR Chess 4-2 in round six. In round seven, MGD1 scored a narrow 3.5-2.5 win over Germany and Friends.

However, in the eighth and final round of the day, Hexamid delivered a crushing 4-2 blow to MGD1, thus tying for first place.

The biggest upset on day 2 was Freedom's 2.5-3.5 loss to Germany and Friends.

Germany's top player Vincent Keymer led his black pieces to victory against Freedom's Rauf Mamedov on board one for the crucial win.

Bhatia, Rai struggle along with Scheffler in US Open

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Oakmot (USA)

World number one Scottie Scheffler, shot 3-over 73, his highest ever score in the US Open, as he trailed surprise leader, JJ Spaun (66) by seven shots while Indian-origin golfers struggled in the US Open at the Oakmont Country Club.

As Spaun, runner-up to Rory McIlroy at the Players, played bogey free, the Masters champion, McIlroy, had to hack out three times on the

fourth hole to get it back to the fairway, and then he holed a 30-foot putt for a most unlikely bogey in his 4-over 74 and was T-62. Scheffler was T-49, as was Bryson DeChambeau, who called the round as “a brutal test of golf” after his first round 73.

Indian-American Sahith Theegala, who has had a very disappointing season, pulled out before the event because of a ‘neck injury’ that is taking more time than expected to heal. Another Indian-American, Akshay Bhatia, had a rough time with his 76 with



seven bogeys and one solitary birdie. Indo-British Aaron Rai (72) was T-33 with three birdies against five bogeys.

Brooks Koepka, who has not



competed in a major since winning the PGA Championship in 2023, he missed the cut in the Masters and PGA Championship this

year - looked solid as he used to. He kept mistakes to a minimum and closed with two birdies for a 68 that put him in a group with the South Korea duo of Si Woo Kim and Sungjae Im.

Another shot back at 69 was a group that included two-time major champion Jon Rahm, who went 11 holes before making a birdie, and followed that with an eagle.

McIlroy was bogey-free on his opening nine. Then he three-putted for bogey on No. 1 and wound up with a 41 on the front nine for a 74.

Consistency will be crucial in England, says Morkel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Beckenham (Kent)

Consistency will be key in English conditions, according to India bowling coach Morne Morkel, who admitted to being “a little bit nervous” about the squad's lack of red-ball time ahead of the Test series against England, starting June 20.

India kick off their new World Test Championship cycle with the five-match away series, under the leadership of newly-appointed captain Shubman Gill. “I think consistency is crucial in England and there is consistency when

we practice, there's consistency off the field, finding your process, what's going to work for you as an individual,” Morkel said on the sidelines of India's training session here.

“We've got a great variation, variety in our attack, guys with different skill sets so they can do that and still execute the basics well,” he added.

India last played red-ball cricket in early January, during the Sydney Test against Australia. Additionally, several players in the current squad, including Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sai Sudharsan, will be featuring in their maiden Test series on English soil.

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some quality energy and that's what you need. You need to go into a Test series confident and have that team spirit.”

India will play a four-day intra-squad warm-up game against India A starting here, starting Friday.

Reflecting on the team's practice sessions, the former South African pace great noted that the conditions have largely favoured the fast bowlers so far.

“In the two-day practice so far, the conditions suited the fast bowlers. It was testing for the batters which also in a way helps them to prepare for what's to come,” Morkel said.

Hulencourt Women’s Open: Rookie Avani placed second in Belgium

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Hulencourt (Belgium)

Indian rookie Avani Prashanth equalled her best start of the season with a 4-under 68l that gave her a solid tied second position after the first round of the Hulencourt Women's Open here.

Playing in one of the late groups in the afternoon, Avani had seven birdies against three bogeys in an action-packed round. Australia's Kelsey Bennett topped the leaderboard after day one with an opening round of 67 (-5).

Avani shared the second place with Germany's Helen Briem as they carded 68 each. Avani is one of the seven Indians in action this week on

the Ladies European Tour.

The seasoned Diksha Dagar began with a modest even par 72 in the first round of the event and was T-22 when the round ended.

Amandeep Drall, who recently picked a win on her home Tour, the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour, is playing her first LET event this season, and Sneha Singh is featuring in her second event. The duo shot 2-over 74 each and were T-58th.

Tvesa Malik carded 76 as did Vani Kapoor, a four-time winner at home on WPGT, and both were T-89 while Hitaashee Bakshi struggled to 79 and was T-125th.

Avani began on the first and picked two early birdies on the second and the third. Then she



had two bogeys on the fifth and the seventh with one birdie in between. A birdie on the ninth meant she turned in 2-under 34. A par on the tenth was followed by three birdies in a row from the 11th to the

13th and a bogey on the 14th. Four pars over the last four holes meant she finished at 4-under for the day. “I think it was a very good day from start to finish,” said Avani.

“The putter was really hot all

day. I love quick greens so this is definitely one of my favourite golf courses so far. I was reading putts perfectly and I've been working quite a bit on my putting the last two days, so I'm glad it all came together.”

At just 18-years-old, Prashanth is feeling good about her opening round.

“I'm feeling pretty good about it and I'm just glad that I finally got the good first day that I wanted. Things are off to a good start and let's see how the week goes.

“I think the game plan was pretty much the same as last week, despite being very different courses. I just had to work on getting my speed in control, but besides that, it's been the same,” continued the teenager.

She is enjoying spending time with some fellow Indian players on Tour. They had some home cooked food Wednesday night which she described as “a kind of home away from home.”

Diksha, who has been in fine form this season and has been in the Top-10 of the Ladies European Tour's Order of Merit, had three birdies and as many bogeys in her round.

She started on the back nine and bogeyed the 14th, but turned in one-under with birdies on the 16th and the 18th. A bogey on the second followed by a birdie on the third meant she was still under par. A bogey on the seventh, which was her 16th hole, saw her finish at even par.

Australia's Kelsey Bennett shot 68 as she started on the 10th tee. Bennett had a strong round of birdies. Despite two bogeys and a double bogey, the Australian still managed an impressive five-under-par round, thanks to a remarkable nine birdies in the round.

The 25-year-old has had a solid start of the season, recording three top-10 finishes. The 2024 Rookie of the Year, Helen Briem, building on her impressive runner-up finish in Tenerife, Spain last week, was very happy with her performance. One shot back are four players on three-under par including Scotland's Kylie Henry, England's Cara Gainer, France's Nastasia Nadaud, and Wales' Lydia Hall.

Fans do not appear to be snatching up tickets to Club World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■
Miami

If slashed ticket prices, closed stadium sections and moved seats are any indication, fans aren't exactly clamoring to attend the Club World Cup.

The tournament opens Saturday with Lionel Messi's Inter Miami facing Al Ahly at Florida's Hard Rock Stadium.

Thirty-two teams are taking part in the newly expanded tournament that will be played across 11 US Cities. The final is set for July 13 at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

On Ticketmaster, FIFA's official ticketing partner for the Club World Cup, the least expensive tickets to the opener were \$349 in December. As of Thursday, there were tickets available for just under \$80.

Upper deck seats for certain games at Seattle's Lumen Field and Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field were no longer available. Links to a smattering of resale tickets in those sections did not work.

A person with knowledge of the situation confirmed to The Associated Press that some sections of Lumen Field in Seattle had been closed, but did not offer details.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to speak on the record.

In Philadelphia, some ticket-holders received messages that said they were moved.

“As we continue preparations to deliver a world-class event, we are making a few enhancements inside the stadium to optimise operations and ensure the best possible matchday experience for fans, players and the global broadcast audience,” the message said. “As a result of these stadium optimisations, some seats, including yours, will be relocated. We want to ensure you that your new seat will be in the same or better value zone than your original one.”

Ticketmaster used dynamic pricing for ticket sales, which is based on demand and other factors. They referred all ques-



tions about sales to FIFA.

FIFA did not respond to questions about whether sections were closed due to slow ticket sales, or whether fans who originally bought tickets in those sections were moved or offered refunds. But soccer's international governing body did offer a general statement.

“We anticipate great attendances and electric atmospheres at its inaugural edition, with excitement growing with every round of matches and the tournament ultimately standing as the undisputed pinnacle of club world football,” the statement said in part.

“The appetite speaks for itself: fans from over 130 countries have already purchased tickets. The top 10 markets are led by the United States, followed by Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Canada, France, Japan, Switzerland, Germany and Portugal - a clear sign of global anticipation and reach.”

With 32 international teams, there are undoubtedly some clubs that are unfamiliar to American audiences. There are

also 63 total matches, meaning not all can occur in prime hours for fans.

Argentine club River Plate is playing Japan's Urawa Red Diamonds at Lumen Field on Tuesday at noon local time (\$24 tickets), while a noon game between Brazil's Fluminense and Germany's Borussia Dortmund had tickets available via Ticketmaster for \$23. However, some matches were drawing fans, including Paris Saint-Germain's opener against Atletico Madrid on Sunday at the Rose Bowl, where the least expensive seats were \$100.

The least expensive ticket for July's tournament final available through Ticketmaster was \$769. FIFA President Gianni Infantino urged fans to buy tickets at a hype event in the leadup to the tournament this week. “Be part of history,” he said. “Football is such an important sport all over the world. We have billions of people watching this Club World Cup from home who would love to club and to attend.