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Day 1 of Assembly Session Witnesses Uproar Over Farmers' Issue, Colonel Assault case

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During the Zero Hour, Bajwa again raised the issue of the March 13 incident in Patiala, where a serving Army Colonel and his son were allegedly assaulted by a group of police officers in plain clothes over a parking dispute. The Colonel, who displayed his identity card during the altercation, was reportedly manhandled, and his turban was forcibly removed. Bajwa highlighted that such an act was unacceptable in a Sikh-majority state and demanded a judicial probe by a sitting or retired judge. Drawing a parallel with a similar 1992 case, where action was taken against a senior police officer, Bajwa insisted that SSP Nanak Singh should be removed immediately. "Instead of ensuring justice, he

Punjab Mahila Congress on Friday staged a massive protest against the AAP government, accusing it of betraying women by failing to deliver the promised Rs 1,000 monthly assistance. Led by Punjab Mahila Congress president Gursharan Kaur Randhawa, the protest witnessed the participation of Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Rajwara, Warring, CLP leader Partap Singh Bajwa, and Congress general secretary Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa.

The Treasury Benches responded by thumping desks in support of the Governor's

nities. To support sports development, the government plans to establish 1,000 sports nurseries, while international athletes from Punjab have been awarded Rs 12.96 crore in financial incentives.

Residents of Punjab will no longer have to endure long delays in receiving their driving licenses and vehicle registration certificates (RCs). Transport Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar on Friday announced that the printing process has resumed and all pending cases will be cleared within a month. The issue was raised by Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa, who pointed out that

Addressing concerns regarding the establishment of a food processing plant in Khemkaran, Rural Development Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal clarified that no such proposal was in place. An MLA had suggested converting 50 acres of eucalyptus plantations in Kulla village into a site for a food processing unit, citing the deteriorating condition of the trees. However, Minister Dhaliwal stated that there was no vacant land available for such a project at the proposed location.

The Assembly will reconvene on March 24 (Monday) to discuss the Governor's address, followed by the presentation of the Punjab Budget for 2025-26 on March 26. The budget estimates discussion will take place on March 27, setting the stage for another politically charged session.

The boycott follows the March 19 police action, during which farmer leaders and protesters at the Shambhu and Khanauri borders were forcibly removed. Many were

Meanwhile, the Khanauri border, which had remained closed for 13 months due to protests, was reopened on March 22, restoring movement on the Delhi-Patiala highway. Earlier, the Shambhu border between Ambala and Patiala was also reopened, allowing traffic to resume on the Delhi-Amritsar-Jammu highway. The reopening follows the Punjab government's forceful eviction of protesters from both sites.

deficit has decreased in the last 10 years. Interest-free loan up to Rs one lakh will be made available to women farmers for setting up dairy, subsidy amount on purchase of desi cow has been increased to Rs 30,000, sale of urea and fertilizer will be linked to Meri Pasaal Meri Byora portal and the land limit for getting benefits under natural farming has been reduced to one acre" he said.

Punjab Cabinet approves amendments to boost parental, community role in school mngmt

He said it is also clear from the data given in the Economic Survey presented by the government itself that the government has

At a Cabinet meeting held at the Punjab Civil Secretariat I, Ministers unanimously agreed on expanding the role of parents and experts in the decision-making process of schools. A spokesperson from the Chief Minister's Office said that the amendment will increase the number of members in SMCs from 12 to 16. The revised structure will include 12 members from parents of stu-

dents to strengthen parental involvement, four additional members from allied fields such as Education, Sports, and Extra-curricular activities to bring specialized expertise into school governance. The decision is expected to improve school administration, enhance the quality of education, and ensure a well-rounded learning experience for students. Among other key decisions include amendment to the Transfer of Prisoners Act, 1950, allowing the transfer of under-trial prisoners between states with mutual consent and court approval. This move aims to reduce overcrowding in Punjab jails. The Cabinet also approved creation of new rules for Group A of the Social Security, Women, and Child Development Department aimed at streamlining operations and enhancing welfare programs for the underprivileged.

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Agnihotri assured that if any opposition leader provides documentary proof of closed institutions that had already been sanctioned with budgetary provisions and posts under the previous government, the administration would reconsider reopening them.

During the discussion, Agnihotri asserted

Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, however, accused the Congress Government of acting with political vendetta by shutting down institutions set up during the BJP rule. Sharma further alleged that as of January 15, 2024, only 35 institutions had been reopened.

Accusing the BJP Governments of neglecting the Act, Negi asserted that the Congress-led administration would ensure its proper implementation. Replying to a supplementary query from Lahaul-Spiti MLA Anuradha Rana, he confirmed that 52 cases under FRA had been approved.

The Himachal Pradesh government will constitute a committee to frame guidelines on inviting chief guests for state, district, and fair-related events, Deputy Chief Minister Agnihotri announced.

The committee's recommendations will be presented to the Cabinet for approval to avoid disputes over guest selection. The move follows a controversy raised by MLA

TOURISM BOOST: RS 2,400-CR PROJECT SANCTIONED BY ADB

The state government has secured a Rs 2,400 crore tourism development project from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which will help transform Kangra into the 'Tourism Capital' of Himachal Pradesh, said Agnihotri.

Additionally, a Rs 36 lakh fund had been sanctioned for the construction of bridal paths in the Shahpur Assembly constituency, though the funds had not yet been released. Agnihotri assured that the amount would be disbursed within the current financial year.

The alleged assault on Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath by uniformed personnel has sparked a major controversy, raising questions about police accountability and the misuse of power. The veteran's detailed testimony has paved the way for legal action, highlighting the need for systemic reforms in handling complaints against law enforcement officers.

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Editor's TAKE

Countdown to reciprocal tariffs

India braces for the impact of Trump's tariffs, set to take effect on April 2

As April 2 approaches, India braces for the implementation of US President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs, a move poised to reshape the economic landscape between the two nations. These tariffs aim to equalise the duties imposed by countries on US exports, targeting nations with higher tariffs on American goods.

President Trump has criticised countries like India for imposing substantial tariffs on US products. He made it clear recently when he said that he believed they (India and others) are probably going to be lowering those tariffs substantially, but on April 2, and that he would be charging them the same tariffs they charge US. The reciprocal tariffs are designed to pressure countries into reducing their tariffs to match those of the United States.

The introduction of these tariffs could have several implications for India. Firstly it is going to affect India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in a big way. Analysts predict a potential reduction in India's GDP growth by 5 to 10 basis points from the current estimate of 6.6 per cent. The key industries such as gems and jewelry, pharmaceuticals, and automobiles, which have significant export volumes to the US, may face increased duties, affecting their competitiveness and profitability. Moreover, the Indian steel sector is particularly vulnerable. With the US imposing a 25 per cent tariff on steel imports and if India lowers its steel import duties there are genuine concerns about cheaper Chinese steel flooding the Indian market and damaging the Indian steel industries.

Indian government is yet to figure out how to reciprocate as the Trump's deadline is just ten days away. The best bet is diplomatic negotiations but at the moment the US President is adamant on going ahead with his plans to wage the trade war on nations who do not comply with his dictums. Indian officials have been in talks with their US counterparts to negotiate and potentially mitigate the impact of the tariffs. India has proactively reduced tariffs on certain US goods, such as motorcycles and bourbon whiskey, to address US concerns and foster goodwill. However, lowering the import duties across the sectors would be disastrous for Indian industry.

The best bet in this scenario, as other countries are also exploring and experimenting is to find alternative markets and increase South South Cooperation (SSC). Efforts are underway to explore alternative markets for Indian exports to reduce dependence on the US and mitigate potential revenue losses. But the problem is far grave as the ripple effects of the tariffs extend beyond direct trade. Increased US tariffs could lead to uncertainty, affecting foreign direct investment inflows as investors may adopt a cautious approach.

Trade tensions can lead to volatility in currency markets, impacting the Indian rupee's value against major currencies. Higher tariffs on imported goods could lead to increased prices for consumers, affecting purchasing power and overall consumption. As the deadline approaches, India's preparedness and strategic responses will be crucial in navigating the challenges posed by the US reciprocal tariffs.

India has a strong economic foundation, and while the impact of these tariffs may be challenging, the country is well-positioned to weather this unprecedented situation.

Moreover, as other affected nations like China and Canada devise strategies to mitigate the impact, India can draw valuable lessons from their responses to navigate the evolving trade scenario.

Leaderspeak

The delimitation exercise, if carried out, will strike at the very foundation of federalism in India. It will erode the essence of democracy. Our voices in parliament will be silenced. Our rights will be compromised. This is nothing but a deliberate attempt to undermine certain states. States that have controlled their population growth, governed efficiently and contributed significantly to national progress must not be punished by the union government.

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AI is transforming healthcare

From AI-driven diagnostic software aiding rural healthcare centers to machine-learning models enhancing radiology and pathology, technology is automating tasks once solely performed by doctors

Medical practice is based on protocols that help doctors diagnose conditions. A protocol is an algorithm and it appears that machines might be gaining an advantage in diagnosing conditions efficiently and quickly. It is increasingly being recognised that a digitally connected healthcare ecosystem can improve treatment outcomes, especially in large parts of rural India where the lack of specialists often comes in the way of timely diagnosis and medication. Software, developed by doctors and technicians at AIIMS Delhi, is a significant initiative in this respect.

The software can extend specialised diabetes consultation to primary healthcare centres (PHCs) in rural areas. Studies have suggested that India's diabetes burden, already the second highest in the world, is under-reported because half the patients, even in urban areas, are not even aware of their condition. The AIIMS software is one step towards addressing these deficits. It requires the local level healthcare professional to feed in patient data on risk factors like blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar. It then uses AI to process the information to suggest the treatment or further consultation, as the case may be. All this, however, does not attenuate the significance of the attending physician. The doctor will be required to adapt the software's advice. The digital intervention's potency, therefore, is dependent on the quality of analogue care.

The country's healthcare system requires accessible PHCs run by quality professionals, empowered by digital resources. With this statement, I will talk about the shape of jobs in the field of medicine in this era of AI and GenAI. The advent of AI is posing serious concerns about jobs in future. Some people will become more productive and some roles will be replaced. I have a different take on this.

I hypothesise that AI is automating tasks, not jobs. Let us take the example of a Radiologist—he reads X-rays, sees patients, maintains machines, and mentors younger doctors. Computers analyse X-rays and other medical diagnostics more efficiently and accurately than human experts. The task of reading x-rays can be done by AI, but not the other parts of a radiologist's job. So I suggest that while identifying areas that will be impacted by AI, we need to break down a job into tasks.

We have to accept that most jobs will likely have at least some of their tasks affected by LLMs. Pathologists are receiving scanned slides of biopsies accompanied by critical data. Then the pathologist only has to focus on the



more complex issues to generate a diagnosis. The positive side of this is that speed and accuracy will increase. The downside is that if pathologists are no longer required to evaluate the basic histology elements themselves, the skill to do so will gradually be lost and ultimately they will become dependent on machines, the output of which they will not be able to even corroborate. In this context, there is a need to redefine the job profiles, and we will have to give opportunity to health workers to develop new skill sets relevant to shifting economies and labour markets. Emerging market realities call for major changes to the medical college curriculum. The advent of AI threatens to alter not only how subjects are taught but also what is taught. A recent survey reveals that 60 per cent of medical students are already using AI. However, they need to appreciate that all information given by AI is not accurate; AI and GenAI also suffer from the GIGO rule (Garbage In Garbage Out). Doctors also need to be taught where and how they should use AI and GenAI tools and apps.

There is an urgent need to revamp the medical educational architecture of our country, integrating it with modern technologies and national priorities. Software like the one developed by AIIMS can become more potent if synced with the electronic repository of the National Health Programme for Diseases. Data portability is in line with the Digital Health Mission's objective of facilitating seamless interaction between medical experts.

A second caveat: Given the asymmetrical

relationship between patients and health service providers, the system should be insulated against data confidentiality breaches. Data is crucial for AI to evolve. Machine learning is the field that trains computers through analysis of large quantities of data. There is plenty of data available in our country. This data is being acquired by seducing the public to part with it voluntarily, people are tantalised with online carrots and free to use apps and their responses are monitored, tracked and recorded. Most people happily and voluntarily give up their private data, often without realising it. The digital capitalists use several pretexts and constantly reassure the public that data collection is for their good.

For instance, in the name of developing custom diets, lots of personal medical information is being captured. Genetic data from a country's immense biodiversity is being collected as part of studies and medical collaborations with foreign organisations.

Another interesting development, COVID-19 forced physicians and their patients to use telemedicine, and the response has been universally appreciated. It might trigger your thoughts when I say that telemedicine can capture new kinds of patient data such as facial

expressions, emotional states, etc. The pandemic also accelerated the commercial availability of health and fitness wearables which facilitated doctors—supervised health monitoring, remote diagnostics, and even certain treatments. With these new kinds of devices, there will be new kinds of data captured as well. A word of caution here—we need a techno-legal approach to unlocking data. We need to work out modalities of Confidential Data Clean Room—Sangam of data and model where secrecy is maintained. The cause of concern is that in this game one player is largely ignorant. The suppliers of digital services understand the game and play it skillfully, while most doctors are not even aware that the interests of patient may be at odds with those of the digital and pharma companies. AI has entered the medical field so rapidly and unknowingly that it seems that doctors have accepted interactions with it without due diligence or in depth consideration. They are giving away their knowledge, research and data to AI apps voluntarily. AI may be capable of outstanding performance in terms of speed and accuracy, but all of its operations are built on data, ie, knowledge derived from experts in the field ie the doctors. We should realise that while AI is essential for meaningful progress in diagnosis and understanding of disease mechanisms, keeping AI within boundaries is essential for the survival of ethics in medical profession.

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Starliner Mission redefines space exploration

SECOND Opinion



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The recent record-breaking mission by NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams has captured global attention, not only for its remarkable duration but also for its implications on the future of space exploration. The mission of NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft in July 2023 was intended to be an eight-day demonstration flight. Rather, their duration aboard the International Space Station (ISS) was extended by an extraordinary 286 days due to technical malfunctions. Even though this unanticipated mission demonstrates human resilience, it also emphasises the precarious equilibrium between ambition and preparedness in the field of space exploration.

The Starliner's propulsion system failures, including helium leaks and thruster malfunctions, exposed the dangers of deploying inadequately tested technology in the harsh space environment. While challenges are inherent in space exploration, this incident highlights a troubling trend: the rush to privatise and commercialise space travel may prioritise speed over reliability. Boeing's struggles with Starliner reflect broader concerns within the industry, where cutting corners to meet deadlines can jeopardise astronaut

safety. Future space colonisation efforts demand rigorous redundancy systems and fail-safes to ensure that no single malfunction can endanger lives millions of miles from Earth.

NASA has accumulated decades of data on long-duration missions, however, risks are exacerbated by unanticipated extensions. Over time, muscle atrophy, bone density loss, and radiation exposure accumulate, while mental health strains—such as isolation, confinement, and the stress of uncertainty—are exacerbated. Solving these issues at a large scale is necessary for the colonisation of Mars or the establishment of lunar bases. Is it possible to create artificial gravity? Protecting oneself from cosmic radiation? Psychological support systems that are reliable? The astronauts' ordeal is a living experiment, but it is one that we cannot afford to replicate indiscriminately.

The extended stay of Wilmore and Sunita Williams has yielded valuable insights into the long-term physical and psychological consequences of space travel. Although previous expeditions, such as Scott Kelly's year-long ISS stay, have provided critical data, this extended mission has significantly enhanced our comprehension. The effects of microgravity on muscles, bones, and cardiovascular systems, as well as the strains of protracted isolation, emphasise the necessity for improved medical protocols, exercise regimens, and mental health support systems for future astronauts. Colonising Mars or establishing lunar bases will require

innovative solutions—from developing artificial gravity systems to improved radiation shielding. The current ordeal has created an opportunity to refine these strategies, ensuring astronauts are better prepared for extended deep-space missions. The ISS served as a critical lifeline during the astronauts' extended mission, reinforcing the importance of private collaboration.

SpaceX's partnership with NASA has been pivotal in advancing spacecraft reliability. The Crew Dragon spacecraft's advanced life-support systems and automation capabilities played a key role in sustaining the crew. This highlights how public-private partnerships are essential for building resilient space infrastructure. As we expand our cosmic ambitions, maintaining cooperation in space exploration will be vital. Future colonies on Mars or the Moon will require shared resources, international rescue protocols, and diversified expertise. Yet rising geopolitical tensions threaten this cooperative spirit. For sustainable colonisation, global collaboration must become the foundation of our extraterrestrial endeavours. The prolonged mission of Wilmore and Sunita Williams exemplifies human creativity, adaptation, and perseverance. Their experience provides essential insights into spaceship design, astronaut welfare, and mission strategising. As mankind approaches interplanetary flight, these insights will ensure that future explorers are prepared to confront the challenges that await.

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Letters to the Editor

Saliva ban lifted, spinners get a boost

Madam—Apropos to “BCCI lifts saliva ban in IPL” published on March 21, here is my response. The saliva ban was enforced during Covid pandemic because of obvious reasons and it has been five years since this ban has been in existence in international cricket.

Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) latest decision to lift the saliva ban ahead of IPL 2025 is a welcome move because it will aid fast bowlers in reverse swinging the ball.

And it will also bring some sort of equality into the context which is otherwise heavily tilted towards the batsman. Hope it will also trigger discussion at ICC level to bring this change in international cricket as well.

BCCI has also made another change of introducing two balls in second innings in night matches which is also praiseworthy because it will counter dew.

As the dew sets in it becomes really difficult for spinners to turn the ball as seams gets wet and becomes a bit grassy hence comes nicely on the bat so this change in the rule will help spinners make better grip over the ball.

Both these measures will significantly help bowlers and it is good for the game of cricket to bring some balance and hopefully fans will get to see some evenly contested matches in this IPL.

BAL GOVIND | NOIDA

Respect, care for parents now legal necessity

Madam—A historic decision by the Tamil Nadu High Court has empowered the dignity and rights of the elderly. The court has made it clear that if children or heirs fail to properly care for and serve their elderly parents, the elderly have the full legal right to reclaim the property they had gifted. This decision gives a new direction to the sense of duty and sensitivity towards the elderly in society.

This case involved an elderly woman who, out of love and trust for her son, transferred her property to him through a gift deed. However, after her son's death, her daughter-in-law began mistreating her and showed a neglectful attitude. Unable to bear the situation, the elderly woman approached the court. The court ruled in her favour, stating that if the children or heirs fail to fulfil their duties, the elderly have the legal right to reclaim the gifted property.

This verdict has not only provided legal protection to the elderly but also sent a strong message to society that serving and respecting parents is not only a moral obligation but also a legal duty. If love and care from children are lacking, the existence of the gift deed can be nullified. This decision will serve as a milestone in protecting the dignity and self-respect of the elderly. It reminds every individual in society that respecting and caring for parents is not just a duty but a fundamental value of life.

RK JAIN | BARWANI

Devotees' trust at stake

Madam—Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent allegations against the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) are purely politically motivated. These accusations, based on false information, seem to be a deliberate attempt to mislead devotees and tarnish Hindu sentiments. The comments were made with the intention of disregarding the services provided by TTD and spreading misinformation.

TTD has always been committed to serving devotees without any regional discrimination. The institution ensures that devotees from all states receive equal treatment, and there is no scope for favoritism.

The ₹300 special entry darshan and VIP darshan tickets are made available transparently through an online booking system, ensuring that every devotee gets a fair opportunity to have darshan of Lord Venkateswara. Every day, thousands of devotees from Telangana successfully book their tickets online and visit the temple without any hindrance.

Recommendation letters from public representatives are considered only for the VIP break darshan.

However, due to limited slots, not all recommendations can be approved. The claim that TTD has rejected Telangana leaders' recommendation letters is entirely false.

APPANNA GONAPA | VISAKHAPATNAM

ECONOMIC GROWTH ALONE IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF HAPPINESS

The 'World Happiness Report 2025' has shown a slight improvement in India's ranking, yet it remains unsatisfactory. India stands at 118th position among 147 countries, while Pakistan, despite its economic instability, is ranked 109th. Finland has secured the top spot for the eighth consecutive year, followed by Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, and the Netherlands. This report highlights that economic prosperity alone does not ensure national happiness, rather, a combination of social, cultural, administrative, and psychological factors shapes a truly content society.

India is one of the fastest-growing economies, but the extent to which this growth benefits its citizens remains debatable. The wealth gap continues to widen, leading to dissatisfaction and despair. In contrast, smaller European nations with limited resources offer better social security and fair economic distribution, ensuring greater happiness. India must focus on redistributing its economic

resources to make prosperity accessible to all. Social cohesion and community support play a vital role in happiness. While India has traditionally had strong family and social ties, modernisation and digitalisation have weakened these bonds, increasing isolation, stress, and depression.

Western countries emphasise mental health services, providing free counselling, community interactions, and a supportive environment. India must prioritise mental well-being through robust policies that encourage social cooperation and emotional resilience.

Healthcare accessibility and life expectancy are also crucial determinants of happiness. Despite improvements, India's healthcare system remains inaccessible to the general public. Government hospitals require urgent reform, while private healthcare remains unaffordable.

SACHIN TRIPATHI | SATNA

Humanism and the world

The human race stands at a critical juncture, where its unchecked expansion and relentless exploitation of the natural world threaten its own survival. The pressing need to amend Protagoras’ aphorism “Man is the measure of all things” has never been more urgent

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Column

Is humanism as a philosophy leading to human extinction? The search for an answer must begin with the Greek sophist Protagoras’ frequently-quoted aphorism, “Man is the measure of all things.” It is generally considered to be the best encapsulation of the central message of humanism which asserts the centrality of humankind’s place in the cosmic order of things, including both the quotidian and historic flows of time. The value of everything, according to the Humanist weltanschauung has to be judged by its impact on the well-being of humans. It, however, does not refer to half of humankind-women. This was obviously because gender had not become an issue in public discourse in Protagoras’ time. He lived from 490 to 420 BCE. As things have changed vastly since then and the first amendment to his aphorism should make it read as. “Humankind is the measure of all things.”

The need for the second amendment arises from the nature of humankind’s relationship with other living beings-animals, birds, fish and plants-the essence of which is relentless exploitation of these by people, which is driving them to extinction. Significantly, the theme of Earth Day, 2019, observed, as in every year, on April 22, was “Protect our Species.” Elizabeth Kolbert writes in *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* (first published in 2014), “Very, very occasionally in the distant past, the planet has undergone change so wrenching that the diversity of life has plummeted. Five of these ancient events were catastrophic enough that they’re put in their own category: the so-called Big Five. In what seems like a fantastic coincidence, but is probably no coincidence at all, the history of these events is recovered just as people come to realise that they are causing another one.”

It has become increasingly clear since the book first came out in 2014 that the sixth extinction is around the corner. The causes are well-known. Seabed mining is destroying unique ecosystems besides taking pollution to the deep sea. Rivers bring toxic industrial waste from hinterlands and, as in the case of stretches of Yamuna close to Delhi, make it impossible for fish to survive in their waters. Oil spills pollute hundreds of square miles. Increasing carbon emission is making sea water acidic and hence inhospitable to marine life. The consumption of plastic bags, hunting, poaching, the arrival of invasive species, have disastrous effects.

Container ships are killing a growing number of whales through accidents. Japan’s murderous whaling expeditions are killing hundreds of whales. Global warming has worsened matters. All this is the result of human activity, which



has increased sharply as a result of growing human population, which, currently around 8.2 Billion, is, pace UN projections, set to peak at 10.3 Billion by the mid-1980s. According to another estimate, it is expected to exceed 10 Billion by 2060. It is not just their sustenance demands that are increasing with their numbers. Market capitalism, with advertising as its cutting edge, is manufacturing demands for ever new consumer goods and leisure activity.

The result is pressure on nature, resources and space. Animal habitats and forests, for example, are destroyed to make room for townships, factories and roads, and rail lines linking them. Trees are cut en masse to provide for lumber for construction, firewood and the furniture industry.

Not surprisingly, Ian Johnston’s report in *The Independent of the United Kingdom* of 31 May, 2017, cited scientists writing in a special edition of the magazine, *Nature*, that humans were causing the sixth mass extinction of life on earth. Chris Jasurek’s piece in *The Epoch Times* of October 31, 2018, cites a *World Wildlife Fund* report as stating that humans have killed about

60 per cent of animals on the planet since 1970. The future of humans themselves is at stake. Population increase is an important cause of accelerating human activity. Referring to the soaring increase in global population under way, Desmond Morris predicts in *The Naked Ape: A Zoologist’s Study of the Human Animal*, that time will come when “the densities we are now experiencing in our major cities would exist in every corner of the globe. The consequences of all this for all forms of wild animals is obvious. The effect it would have on our own species is equally depressing.” Morris adds shortly thereafter, “Long before our populations reach the levels envisaged above we shall have broken so many of the rules that govern our biological nature, that we shall have collapsed as a dominant species. Many exciting species have become extinct in the past and we are no exception.” Those dismissing Morris’ prediction as alarmist can argue that the human mind, which accounts not only for the survival of the species but its dominance over nature through technology, will find a way of preventing this. Nothing of the sort. Technology would remain a formulation on paper if the environment in which it has to be applied disappears.

More important, the devising and application of technologies would require continued and

serious application of the mind. Paul Shepard writes in *Thinking Animals: Animals and the Development of Human Intelligence*, “the mind and its organ, the brain, are in reality that part of us most dependent on the survival of animals. We are connected to animals by sinews that link speech to rationality, insight, intuition, and consciousness.” He states that people everywhere had “a profound, inescapable need for animals” which “are used in the growth and development of the human person, in those most priceless qualities which we lump together as ‘mind.’ Animal images and forms play a critical role in the shaping of personality, identity, and social consciousness. Animals are among the first inhabitants of the mind’s eye. They are “basic to the development of speech and thought.”

The progressive extinction of species will have a devastating effect on the human mind, and a progressive decline of the mind will have its own disastrous consequences. The mind is the home of reason and consciousness. As the basis of analytical thought, reason is the cutting edge of the mind.

Its possession has enabled humankind to create a civilisation tailored to cater to its needs, fancies and craving for luxuries, and based on the exploitation of all other species, who are considered inferior as they do not have the ability to reason. The argument will, of course, be that reason would enable people to recognise the deadly consequence of their way of life and retreat from the brink of the precipice.

Such optimism is unwarranted. Reason is an instrument, and not humankind’s defining attribute, and is often overpowered by passion and the urge for self-indulgence. The consequences of global warming and what is to be done to combat it are well known. Yet people are unable to overcome the growing desire for creature comforts, which is so overwhelming that they are incapable of jettisoning it. Many now join the Taliban or other groups whose obscurantist doctrines do not stand rational interrogation—as many in Nazi Germany joined the Sturm Abteilung (SA) and the Schultz Staffein (SS) steeped in Hitler’s racist doctrine. If the first instance reflects the failure of rationality, the second indicates the triumph of hatred over reason. Not many today realise that their human supremacist worldview and ruthless exploitation of non-human living beings is facilitating their own extinction. Instead of killing, they need to nurture and cherish all animals, birds, fish and plants. The second amendment to Protagoras’ aphorism should transform it to read, “Humankind is the preserver and protector of all beings.”

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Himachal factors in growth aspirations amid fiscal challenges

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who also oversees the finance portfolio, recently presented the 2025-26 state budget, aiming to balance fiscal prudence with developmental aspirations. The budget emphasises tourism expansion, green energy, and rural upliftment as key growth drivers. However, persistent financial challenges-including declining central grants, rising debt, and increasing revenue expenditure-continue to pose significant hurdles to fiscal management.

Plummeting central grants

Himachal Pradesh’s fiscal distress stems from policy shifts and structural financial limitations. A major setback has been the sharp reduction in central grants, particularly the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG), which dropped from ₹10,949 Crore in 2021-22 to ₹3,257 Crore in 2025-26. Additionally, the withdrawal of GST compensation has led to a cumulative revenue shortfall of ₹9,478 Crore, further exacerbating the fiscal deficit.

The state’s debt burden has surged to ₹1,04,729 Crore, including ₹29,046 Crore in liabilities inherited from the previous BJP-led administration. Capital expenditure has also taken a significant hit, declining by 46.58 per cent from ₹8,485.83 Crore in 2024-25 to ₹3,941.85 Crore in 2025-26. This substantial reduction restricts long-term infrastructure investments, raising concerns about future economic expansion.

The revenue deficit stands at ₹361 Crore (0.83 per cent of GSDP), while the overall fiscal deficit remains high at ₹10,338 Crore (4.04 per cent of GSDP), reflecting ongoing financial strain despite expenditure control efforts. The slight reduction in the overall revenue deficit—from ₹6,486 Crore to ₹6,390 Crore-offers little relief, as fiscal imbalances continue to hinder development prospects.

In contrast, the Union Budget 2025-26 has allocated ₹11.21 Lakh Crore for capital expenditure, constituting 3.1 per cent of the national GDP, a 10.1 per cent increase over the previous year’s revised estimate. This disparity in resource allocation leaves states like Himachal Pradesh struggling to secure adequate fiscal support.

Pathways to financial stability

Himachal Pradesh’s fiscal crisis calls for a multi-pronged approach to revenue generation, ensuring financial stability while maintaining developmental momentum. Given the state’s heavy reliance on central grants and borrowings, the government must diversify its revenue streams through effective taxation policies, asset monetisation, tourism expansion, and private sector participation. Below are key areas requiring focused action:

Enhancing tax compliance

Improving tax compliance and minimising revenue leakages are crucial for fiscal recovery. The

state must focus on:

Expanding the tax base: Increasing the number of taxpayers through effective registration drives and stricter enforcement of tax laws.

Digital tax governance: Implementing advanced digital tracking systems to monitor tax collections, curb evasion, and streamline compliance.

Rationalising tax incentives: Reviewing and eliminating unnecessary tax exemptions that lead to revenue losses.

Strengthening enforcement: Enhancing audit mechanisms to detect tax evasion while promoting voluntary compliance.

Rationalising subsidies

Himachal Pradesh bears a high subsidy burden, which, while essential for social welfare, often leads to fiscal strain when not managed effectively. A targeted subsidy framework is necessary to balance welfare with financial sustainability. Key measures include:

Identifying non-essential subsidies: Phasing out benefits that primarily aid economically well-off sections while protecting critical subsidies for healthcare, education, and agriculture.

1. Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT): Ensuring subsidies reach intended beneficiaries directly, reducing middlemen and leakages.

2. Performance-based subsidies: Linking benefits to efficiency and sustainability, particularly in the power sector, where leakages are common.

3. Encouraging alternative funding models: Exploring Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnerships to support social welfare initiatives.

By curbing wasteful subsidies, the government can reallocate resources to productive investments, fostering long-term economic stability.

Monetising state assets

Himachal Pradesh possesses vast underutilised assets in land, tourism, hydroelectricity, and public infrastructure. Monetising these resources can generate substantial revenue.

a) Land monetisation: Leasing state-owned land for commercial and industrial use while ensuring sustainable development.

b) Maximising hydroelectric revenue: Enhancing revenue-sharing agreements with power producers and improving efficiency in the hydropower sector.

c) Revamping state properties: Converting unused government buildings into revenue-generating assets like hotels, business centers, or cultural hubs.

d) Auctioning mineral resources: Regulating and monetising mineral deposits through transparent and competitive bidding processes.

Effectively utilising state assets can reduce fiscal dependence on external sources and create sustainable revenue streams.

Seeking ecological compensation

As a major ecological contributor, Himachal Pradesh provides critical environmental services, including carbon sequestration and water conservation. However, these contributions often go uncompensated in national financial allocations. The state must aggressively advocate for ecological compensation, estimated at ₹90,000 Crore annually, through:

Financial incentives for forest conservation: Seeking compensatory grants from the central government.

i) Monetising carbon credits: Participating in national and international carbon trading markets.

ii) Eco-taxation: Imposing green taxes on businesses impacting the environment, with revenues directed toward conservation efforts.

iii) Securing environmental compensation will provide much-needed fiscal support while reinforcing Himachal’s commitment to sustainability.

Boosting tourism revenue

Tourism is a cornerstone of Himachal Pradesh’s economy, yet its revenue potential remains underutilised. The government must focus on:

i) Eco-tourism and adventure tourism: Developing sustainable resorts, trekking trails, and adventure sports facilities.

ii) Religious tourism infrastructure: Enhancing connectivity and amenities around pilgrimage sites.

iii) Cultural and heritage tourism: Restoring historical sites and promoting Himachal’s unique culture and handicrafts.

iv) Better taxation and regulation: Ensuring proper taxation of tourism-related businesses to minimise revenue leakages.

v) With strategic investments and promotional efforts, tourism-driven revenue can significantly reduce dependence on external grants.

vi) Himachal Pradesh stands at a critical economic juncture where strategic action is essential to overcome fiscal distress.

By diversifying revenue streams, strengthening tax governance, optimising state resources, and fostering private sector collaboration, the state can navigate financial challenges while sustaining economic growth.

A well-implemented, multi-sectoral strategy will not only bridge fiscal deficits but also position Himachal Pradesh as a model of financial resilience.

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Phishing scams: Protect yourself from cyber threats!

Imagine waking up to an urgent email with the subject line “immediate action required: your bank account has been suspended!” or “your streaming subscription has been terminated—update your payment details now!” The message no doubt looks official, with the bank’s or the streaming service’s logo and a professional tone, warning that your account has been compromised or your payment details need to be updated immediately.

Panic sets in. You don’t want to lose access to your hard-earned money or favourite shows. Without thinking twice, you click the link in the email, which takes you to what appears to be the official website. It prompts you to enter your login credentials, bank details, or social security number. The urgency of the message makes you act fast until you realise, too late, that you have just handed over your sensitive information to cybercriminals.

This is a classic phishing scam, a deceptive tactic that is used by hackers to trick people into revealing personal and financial information by pretending to be a trusted entity. With a single click, all your accounts, confidentiality and finances could be at risk. Phishing is a cyber-attack technique where malicious actors or hackers attempt to trick people into sharing sensitive information, such as usernames, passwords, and financial details by using fake websites, emails, or messages to steal data such as credit or debit card details and login credentials. This form of social engineering exploits human psychology rather than technical vulnerabilities, making it a persistent and evolving threat in the digital age. There are numerous types of Phishing Attacks, such as:

1. Whaling: A specialised type of spear phishing aimed at high-profile individuals like CEOs or government officials, often involving sophisticated social engineering tactics.

2. E-mail phishing: The most common form, where attackers send fraudulent emails pretending to be reputable entities, such as banks or online services, urging recipients to click on malicious links or download harmful attachments.

3. Spear phishing: A targeted attack where hackers gather personal information about their victims to create personalised, convincing messages that appear legitimate.

4. Smishing and vishing: Smishing (SMS phishing) uses fraudulent text messages to lure victims, while vishing (voice phishing) involves phone calls from attackers impersonating trustworthy organisations.

5. Clone Phishing: Attackers replicate legitimate emails, replacing attachments or links with malicious versions to deceive recipients.

6. Website Spoofing: Fraudsters create fake websites that closely resemble legitimate ones to trick users into entering sensitive credentials.

The first and foremost way to prevent yourself from being a victim is to enable multi-factor authentication (MFA), even if credentials are compromised for it adds an extra layer of security. Organisations should conduct regular cybersecurity training to raise awareness about phishing tactics for their employees. Even, the Indian government has taken several initiatives such as the Cyber Surakshit Bharat Initiative, Digital India Campaign and many more to raise awareness about phishing and enhance cybersecurity among citizens, businesses and government institutions. The Indian Government regularly posts cybersecurity tips and scam alerts through platforms like Twitter (@Cyberdost) and Facebook and the Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 allows victims to report phishing attacks quickly are a few initiatives that aim to guide how to detect and avoid phishing attacks and educates users about common phishing tactics used especially in digital payments, banking frauds and fake emails.

As a safety concern, it would be beneficial to install and update antivirus and anti-phishing tools to detect malicious content. Before entering any personal information, one must ensure the website’s URL begins with “https://” and is authentic, as attackers often use slight variations of legitimate domains. It is crucial to look for red flags such as poor grammar, urgent requests and generic greetings that indicate phishing attempts.

If you fall victim to a phishing scam, act quickly to minimise damage and protect your personal and financial information. You may:

i) Immediately turn off your Wi-Fi or unplug your internet connection to prevent malware from spreading or further data theft. Report the attack to the relevant authorities or IT departments.

ii) If you entered your login credentials on a phishing site, then change the password of the compromised account immediately, followed by updating other accounts that use the same or similar passwords.

iii) If you entered banking details or made a payment, then call your bank or credit card provider immediately explain the situation, and Request to block or freeze your account if necessary.

There is no denying that phishing remains a prevalent cybersecurity threat, but with vigilance and proactive measures, individuals and organisations can mitigate risks. As cybercriminals refine their techniques, staying informed and implementing robust security practices is essential to safeguard personal and professional data from phishing attacks. Taking the mentioned steps immediately after falling victim to a phishing scam can help minimise financial and data loss while preventing further damage.

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I Am Manjinder Singh @ Baljinder Singh S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Village Kamalwala Tehsil And District Fazilka. I Am The Same Person And I Am Known By Both Names.

I, **Aashish Kumar** S/O Surender Kumar R/O Balbehra Road Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana Have Changed My Name From Ashish Kumar To Aashish Kumar.

I **Kevin Knight** Alias Kamal Kumar S/O Dilbagh Singh, House No. 160, Guru Teg Bahdar Nagar, Sector 14, Kharar Sas Nagar (Mohali) Punjab Have Change My Name From Kevin Knight Alias Kamal Kumar To Kevin Knight.

I **Nishtha** W/O Atul Khindria R/O H.No. 6519, Block G Aero City, Distt. Mohali, Have Changed My Name From Nishtha To Nishtha Khindria

I **Rakesh Gupta** S/O Khet Pal R/O House No. 574, Sector 4 Panchkula, Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Rakesh Gupta To Rakesh Kumar.

I, **Army No- 13765588m**, Hav Gurprit Singh (Retd) (Udai No- 870570499368) Resident Of Vpo- Khokhar, Teh- Sri Muktsar Sahib, Distt- Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab- 152025, Declared That, In My Army Service Documents/ Records Name Of My Mother Is Erroneously Recorded As Surjeet Kaur Whereas Her Correct Name Is Sukhjeet Kaur As Mentioned In Her Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Voter Card & Passport. All Concerned Please Note.

I **Rekha** W/O Vishavnath R/O Guru Teg Bahadur Colony Vpo Tanda Ram Sahai. Mukerian Hoshiarpur Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Rekha To Rekha Mehra.

I **Shaila Awasthi** W/O Yogesh Awasthi R/O Flat No. 8 2nd Floor 4br, Block-A1, Gulmohar City Dera Bassi Distt Mohali Have Changed My Name From Sayala To Shaila Awasthi

I **Sushil Kumar** S/O Ramesh Chand Sharma R/O 197 A First Floor Block A-4 Mubarikpur Road, Silver City Themes, Dera Bassi Sas Nagar Mohali, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Sushil Kumar To Sushil Kumar Sharma.

I **Alka Dabra** Wife Of Shivalp Singh R/O H. No. 9856 St. No. 01 Bawa Colony Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Alka Kalra.

I, **H.S. Saini** S/O Sh. Bara Singh R/O House No. 121, Sector-78, Tehsil & District S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Have Change My Name From H.S. Saini To Harpal Singh

I, **Kasturi Devi**, Wife Of Sukhwinder Singh, Resident Of House No. 1355, Sector 22, Dera Colony, Derabassi, District Mohali, Have Changed My Name To Kamaljeet Kaur.

I **Navjot Kaur** Minhas W/O Harpal Singh R/O House No. 4070, Sector 68, Sas Nagar Mohali (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Navjot Kaur Minhas To Navjot Kaur

I, **Ravinder Kaur** W/O Amneet Singh, R/O Vill Malakpur, Po Lalru, Distt- Sas Nagar Mohali, Punjab 140501, That I Have To Change My Name Ravinder To Ravinder Kaur For All Purposes, For All Future Purposes.

I, **Jai Shiri**, Widowed D/O Ex Hav Bhup Singh, Resident Of Vpo-Farmana,, Tehsil And Distt, Sonapat, Want To Change My Name And Date Of Birth From Jai Shiri & Dob 17.7.1962 As Recorded In The Service Documents Of My Late Father To Jaishri And Dob 4.7.1962 As Recorded In My Civil Documents Vide Affidavit Dated 21.3.2025 At Sonapat,

I, **No. 13624845p** Hav Amit Kumar Son Of Ramchander Singh Unit 19 Mahar Presently Residence Of Vill-Tigrana, Po-Tigrana, Teh & Distt Bhiwani, Haryana 127031 The Name Of My Father Been Wrongly Recorded As Ramchander Singh Instead Of Ram Chander In My Service Record Hence, Name My Father Changed To Ram Chander For All Future Purpose

I, **Jagdeep Singh** S/O Surjit Singh R/O Doda, Tehsil Gidderbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Jagdeep Singh Brar To Jagdeep Singh.

I **Vijai Kumar** S/O Sh. Mangat Ram Sharma R/O Flat No. 266, D-2, Penta Home, Vip Road, Zirakpur, Po: Zirakpur, Sas Nagar, Mohali (Punjab)-140603 I Have Changed My Name From Vijai Kumar To Vijay Kumar.

I, **Parveen Kumar** S/o Nasib Chand Bansal R/o H. No. 141, Sector-13, Hisar, Haryana-125001 declare that I have changed my name from Parveen Kumar Bansal to Parveen Kumar for all future purpose.

I, **Parvinder Kaur** W/o Balraj Singh R/O Near Sabji Mandi, Gali Amritsaria Wali, Ward No 12, Rania, Tehsil Rania, Distt. Sirsa have changed my name to Parvinder Kaur.

I, **Amandeep Kaur** Bajwa Wife of Gurdeep Singh R/O H. No. 216, Mohan Vihar, Po Ladhewali, Jalandhar have changed my name from Amandeep Kaur Bajwa to Amandeep

I, **Krishana Devi** W/o Shri Pritam Singh R/o Vill. Syari, PO. Khararhatti, Teh. Arki, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my minor daughter's name from Luckshita Pal to Lakshita Pal..

I, **Ravi Dutt** S/o Leela Dutt R/O Vill. Dhab, PO. Patta, Teh. Krishangarh, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my minor Son's name from Surmander Singh to Lavish.

I, **Ravi Dutt** S/o Leela Dutt R/O Vill. Dhab, PO. Patta, Teh. Krishangarh, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my minor Son's name from Khimander Singh to Sujal.

I, **Rinky** W/o Harsh Mukhija R/o Guru Nanak Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Rinky Chhabra

I, **Shiv Om** Sharma S/o Amar Nath Sharma R/o vill Bakhli, Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My Name Shiv Om S/o Amar Nath

I, **Sarbjeet kaur** w/o malkeet Singh Vill. Ajrana khurd Tehsil Thanser Kurukshetra have Changed my name Sarbjeet kaur.

I **Puja Lodh** W/o Des Raj R/o #994 Teli Mandi Ambala GPO that I have changed my name from Puja Lodh to Pooja. Concerned note

I **Guddi Devi** Lodh W/o Ram Chander R/o H.no. 1038/1 Bengali Mohalla that I have changed my name from Guddi Devi Lodh to Guddi Devi . Concerned note.

I, **Ramandeep Kaur** W/o Jitender Singh Virk R/O H.No. 1029-P, Sector-8, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Ramandeep Kaur to (Given Name (Ramandeep) & Surname (Kaur). In future I should be known as Given Name (Ramandeep) & Surname (Kaur).

I hitherto known as Dinesh Kumar Son of Shri Nawas resident of H.No. 80 Shakti Nagar Jalandhar, Punjab India-144001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dinesh Katyal.

I, **Kulwinder Pal** Attrri S/o Fauji Ram R/O H.No. 31-A, Nijatam Nagar, Basti Nau, Opp Park, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my daughter's name from Kavya to Kavya Attrri.

I, **Daljit** S/o Thakar Ram R/O Village Arjanwal, District Jalandhar declare that I have changed my name from Daljit to Daljit Kumar, Please note the relevant.

I, **Avinash Singh** S/o Jarnail Singh VPO Jaura Chhatran, Tehsil/ Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Abnash Singh to Avinash Singh.Concerned Note.

I, **No. 15776050X** Rank HAV (DMT) Name Kamlesh Tiwari presently residing at Vill – Ijari Pipra, PO – Salempur, Teh – Ara, Dist – Bhojpur, State – Bihar, have changed the name of my daughter from Pragya to Pragya Tiwari vide Affidavit No IN-PB18783842036954X Dated 21-03-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, **Valabhai** father of No. 15798894N Rank SEP (Gunner) Name Miyatra Bharatkumar Valabhai presently residing at VPO – Mota Dahisara Tehsil – Maliya, Dist – Rajkot, State – Gujarat, have changed my name from Valabhai to Miyatra Valjibhai Lakhabbhai vide Affidavit No IN-PB18762689425742X Dated 21-03-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, **Kumuben** mother of No. 15798894N Rank SEP (Gunner) Name Miyatra Bharatkumar Valabhai presently residing at VPO – Mota Dahisara Tehsil – Maliya, Dist – Rajkot, State – Gujarat, have changed my name from Kumuben to Kamuben Valaji Miyatra vide Affidavit No IN-PB18760431427744X Dated 21-03-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, **Tilak Raj** S/o Ram Partap R/O H. No.744, Sector-14 Teh. & Distt. Sonipat, Haryana 131001 declare that Tilak Raj and Tilak Raj Saggi both name are same and one person.

I, **Surender Pal** S/o Sh. Diwan Chand R/O H.No. 207, C-Block, Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Surender Pal to Surinder Pal, in future my name is to be called as Surinder Pal.

I, **Mohinder Kaur** W/o Gurcharan Singh R/O Village Hajipur, Jalkan, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Manjinder Kaur.

I, **Mahinder Kaur** W/o Late Jagdis Singh R/o H.No. 1339, St. No. 13, Guru Nanak Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) declare that both names Mahinder Kaur and Mohinder Kaur are mine and of one same person and Jagdis Singh and Jagdish Singh, both names are of my husband and of one same person.

I, **Vidithotma Devi**, Mother of Army No. 14950953L Rank: Sep Name: Gaurav Singh, Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO, R/o Gosil, Tehri Garhwal, Hindolakhali, State Uttarkhand, Pin-249122, have changed my name from Vidithotma Devi to Vidhotama Devi.

I, **Subdei Devi**, Mother of Army No. 14937658K Rank: Hav Name: Bhagwan Singh Negi, Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO, R/o Arkhund, Rudraprayag, Arkhund, State Uttarkhand, Pin- 246425, have changed my name from Subdei Devi to Shubh Dei and Date of Birth from 01/07/1963 to 01/07/1960.

I, **Prem Singh** Negi, Father of Army No. 14937658K Rank: Hav Name: Bhagwan Singh Negi, Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO, R/o Arkhund, Rudraprayag, Arkhund, State Uttarkhand, Pin- 246425, have changed my name from Prem Singh Negi to Prem Singh and Date of Birth from 01/07/1960 to 08/07/1944.

I, **Priyanka** Legally Wedded Wife of Army No. 14932849P Rank: Hav Name Subhash V Unit: 6 Mech Inf (1 Garh Rif) C/o 56 APO, Resident of Aswathi, South West Thazhava, Thazhava, Po Thazhava, Kollam, State Kerala. Pin 690523, have changed my name from Priyanka to Priyanka A.

I, **Army No. 14940994F** Rank: NK Sheikh Ameer Sheikh Khalil Unit: 6 Mech Inf (1 Grah Rif) C/o 56 APO, Permanent Resident of Station Area Telephone Colony, Near Majid, Hatgaon, PO. Murtizapur, District Akola, Maharashtra -444107, have changed my son's name from Sheikh Arshmaan to Sheikh Arshmaan Sheikh Ameer.

I, **Namita Khunger** alias Namita Mehta W/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar R/o #128 Part-1, Near Shri Luxmi Narayan Mandir, Sector-20, HUDA, Sirsa (Haryana), That I have changed my name from Namita Khunger alias Namita Mehta to Namita after Marriage, in future my name is to be called as Namita.

I, **Harbhagwan Mehta** S/o Sh. Amra Ram R/o H.No. 97, E-Block, Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Harbhagwan Mehta to Har Bhagwan, in future my name is to be called as Har Bhagwan.

I, **Saroj Bala** W/o No. 3168340Y, Ex Naik (Late) Rajbir Singh R/o VPO - Ahulana, Teh. - Gohana, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Saroj to Saroj Balai vide affidavit dated 20 Mar 2025 before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Saroj Bala.

I, **Balram** S/o No. 2896364N, Ex Naik (Late) Sajjan Kumar R/o VPO - Baroda, Teh. - Gohana, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Balram Singh to Balram vide affidavit dated 20 Mar 2025 before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Balram.

I, **Kusum Lata** D/o Sh. Jaswant Singh R/o H.No. 10/346, Ther Mohalla, Shahid Udharn Singh Nagar, Sirsa-125055 (Haryana) have declare that Lata is my surname and Kusum is my given name.

I **Navjot Kaur** Gill W/O Joginder Singh Gill R/O Near Bus Stand Patti Jagga Vpo. Dala Moga (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Navjot Kaur.

I **Joginder Singh** Gill S/O Bhag Singh R/O Near Bus Stand Vpo. Dala Moga (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Joginder Singh.

I **Jinder Ram** S/O Mamu Ram R/O Village Jamalpur Tehsil Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Jinder Ram To Jinder Pal.

I **Kamaljit** S/O Balvir Chand R/O Village Begampur Tehsil Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Kamaljit Kumar.

I **Suneha** D/O Rakesh Kumar R/O Ward No.11 Mudki (Ferozepur) Have Changed My Name From Suneha To Suneha Jabalia.

I **Shinderpal Kaur** W/O Hari Singh R/O Maluka Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Surinder Kaur.

I **Jaspreet Singh** Manchanda S/O Jatinder Pal Singh R/O H.No.471-G Near City Center S.B.S. Nagar Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet Singh.

I **Monu Kumar** S/O Gurmali Singh R/O Vpo. Nandachaur, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Monu And My Surname As Kumar.

I **Jaspal Singh** S/O Atma Singh Saini R/O H.No.221 Railway Mandi, Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Jaspal And My Surname As Singh.

I **Manoj Kumar** S/O Som Dutt R/O H.No.B-2.MCH-92/12-B Street No.3 Shalimar Nagar Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Manoj Kumar Gaur.

I **Gaurav** S/O Dhani Ram R/O Vpo. Nangal Shahidan District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name Gaurav To Gaurav Prajapati.

I **Nivedita Gupta** W/O Parshotam Kumar Gupta R/O H.No B-1.MCH 478/2 Sukh Nagar Bahadurpur Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Navedita Gupta.

I **Anurag** S/O Daulat Ram R/O Vill. Bassi Maroof Hussainpur P.O. Baghpur Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Anurag Guggi.

I **Sarabjit Kaur** W/O Darbara Singh R/O Vill. Pota P.O. Tangralian Tehsil Mukerian District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Sarvjeet Kaur.

I **Rupinder Kaur** Tatla W/O Manjit Singh R/O Vpo. Jalalabad East Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Rupinder Kaur.

मैं नरेश कुमार पुत्र श्री ईश्वर सिंह निवासी वॉर्ड नं. 13 नारायणगढ़ तहसील नारायणगढ़ जिला अबोला हरियाणा मैंने अपने बेटों के नाम बदलकर अंजु से गर्व रंगा तथा ईशान से ईशान रंगा रख लिया है, भविष्य में मेरे लड़कों को गर्व रंगा व ईशान रंगा के नाम से जाना जाय।

मैं कात्ता देवी पत्नी स्वर्गीय श्री फूलचंद निवासी गाँव काला अम्ब, तहसील नारायणगढ़, जिला अबोला, हरियाणा, मैंने अपनी बेटों मूजु बाला का नाम बदलकर अंजु सेनी रख लिया है, भविष्य में मेरी बेटों को अंजु सेनी (Anju Saini) के नाम से जाना जाय।

I, **Digambar Singh** Am Father Of No.4211045h L/Nk Mahipal Singh Presently Residing At Village- Falsauan, Post- Ghatti, Tehsil-Bhikiyasan, District- Almora, Uttarakhand, Pin-263646, Have Changed My Name From Digembeer Singh To Digambar Singh Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb18820532810365x Dated 21 March 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, **Kumari Munni** Spouse Of No.3204123w Hav Vikram Singh Resident Of Village- Kasan, Post- Kasan, Tehsil-Kaithal, District- Kaithal, State- Haryana, Pin-136027, Have Changed My Name From Kumari Munni To Munni Devi Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb1142398547836x Dated 27 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, **Renu Kumari** Wife Of No Jc-613162f Rank Sub (Cik Sd) Name Bhagmal Singh Residing Of Village & Post - Marot(206), Tehsil - Matanhail, Distt – Jhajjar, State – Haryana, Pin – 124106, Have Changed My Name And Dob From Renu Kumari, Dob 01/01/1978 To Reenu Kumari, Dob 01/01/1973 Vide Affidavit Dated 21 Mar 2025 Sworn Before Notary Public Satpal, Pathankot. Please Correct It.

I, **Yohendra Singh** Father Of Army No Jc-673891n Rank Sub/Cik (Sd) Name Anand Kumar Resident Of Vill – Jhurkusiya, Post – Narayanpur, Teshil – Pirpainti, District - Bhagalpur, State – Bihar, Pin – 813209, Have Changed My Name And Date Of Birth From Yohendra Singh, Dob – 45 Y To Yogendra Prasad Singh, Dob 19/02/1956 Vide Affidavit Dated 21 Mar 2025 Sworn Before Notary Public Satpal, Pathankot. Please Correct It.

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I, **Harpreet Kaur** W/O S. Nirmaljit Singh R/O H.No. 652, Model Town, Jalandhar City, Punjab, India Declare That My Actual Name Is Harpreet Kaur.In Some Documents My Name Is Mentioned Harpreet Kaur And In Some Documents My Name Is Mentioned As Harpreet.Harpreet Kaur And Harpreet One And The Same Person.

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I **Ekta Kochhar** W/o Late Rajnik Bhalla R/o #5710 Mahajani Street Lahori Gate Patiala have changed my name to Ekta Bhalla.

I **Sukhjeet Kaur** W/o Jaswant Singh R/o #75 Air Avenue Kheri Gujran P.O Patiala Distt Patiala have changed my name to Sukhjit Kaur.

I **Anurag Jindal** S/o Sham Lal Jindal R/o 13 New Lal Bagh Colony Patiala have changed my name to Anuraag Jindal.

I **Neelam Rani** W/o Sh. Rohtash Kumar R/O Village Sultanian, Teh. Guhla, Distt. Kaithal have changed my name to Neelam Devi.

I, **Saroj Bala** Wife of Army No. JC-493201W, Rank Nb Sub, Name Ajit Singh, Presently Residence at Achchhapur, Tehsil and District Churu, State Rajasthan PIN 331305, have changed my Name from Saroj Devi to Saroj Bala vide affidavit No.PB1857978415978X,Dat ed 21 March 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, **Army No.JC-492715F**, Rank Nb Sub, Name Nemi Chand, Presently Residence at Village Dholakhera, Tehsil Udaipurwati, District Jhunjhunun, State Rajasthan PIN 333307, have changed my minor Son Name from Priyanshu to Priyanshu Kumar, vide affidavit No.PB18591048189953X, Dated 21 March 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

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I, **Mukesh Devi** Wife of Army No.JC-492715F, Rank Nb Sub, Name Nemi Chand, Presently Residence at Village Dholakhera, Tehsil Udaipurwati, District Jhunjhunun, State Rajasthan PIN 333307, have changed my Name from Mukesh to Mukesh Devi vide affidavit No.PB18593454428322X,D ated 21 March 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, **P Niroshaviolet Mary** is Legally Wife of Army No. 15323144A Rank Hav Name F Amala Dass of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 Apo resident Vadakaraitalanur, Village. Vadagaraitalanur Distirct Villupuram P.o. Vadakaraitaynur State Tamil Nadu Pin-605752 Declare that My Name A Niroshaviolet mary Wrongly Mentioned in my Husband Army Service Record but my correct Name is P Niroshaviolet Mary.

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Bank of Baroda launches the Baroda mDigiNext Mobile App transformingCash Management Services for Corporate Clients

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India’s leading public sector banks, today announced the launch of the Baroda mDigiNext mobile app, a dedicated cash management services app for the Bank’s corporate customers usingBaroda Cash Management Services (BCMS). This makes Bank of Baroda amongst the few banks in Indiato introduce an app exclusively to service corporates’ cash management needs. Offering a range of critical payment functionalities, the Baroda mDigiNext mobile appaims to transform how businesses manage their working capital and cash flows, bringing in greater efficiencies and facilitating faster execution and ease of operations.



An annual prize distribution ceremony was organized on Friday, 21 March 2025 at Sanskrit College Phagli, in which MLA Shimla Urban Harish Janartha ji participated as the chief guest. Retired Principal Sanskrit College Phagli Dr. Ramdutt Sharma ji was present in the program president Kerup. Along with this, Mr. Anurag Parashar ji was the Additional Director Electricity Department as special guests.



SUEZ Organizing a Water Conservation Quiz on World Water Day in Shimla

Shimla: Under the joint initiative of SJPNL and SUEZ India, a quiz competition on water conservation will be organized in various schools of the capital, Shimla, on the occasion of World Water Day on Saturday. Around 1,000 students from different schools in the city will participate in this quiz competition. Students who perform exceptionally well in the competition will be awarded to further motivate them. Providing more information, a spokesperson from SUEZ stated that the objective of this initiative is to raise awareness among students about water conservation and familiarize them with the Shimla Water Project. He further mentioned that students participating in the competition will be asked important questions related to water conservation, giving them an opportunity to understand the significance of saving water.



Delhi Public School Jhakri Alumnus Commissioned as Lieutenant in Indian Army

Shivam Minhas, son of Mrs. Raman Minhas and Mr. Devinder Kumar Minhas, and a distinguished alumnus of Delhi Public School Jhakri (Session 2015-16), has been commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Indian Army. This exceptional achievement is a testament to Shivam's hard work, dedication, and perseverance. He has brought honor not only to himself but also to his family, school, and community. The pinnacle of Shivam's achievement is the coveted Sword of Honour, awarded to him for being the Overall Best All Round Officer Cadet. This prestigious award is a recognition of his outstanding performance and leadership qualities.

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SHADOWS OF A DISTANT HOME

An artistic journey through home, migration, and identity, where cinema and visual arts converge, writes **SAKSHI PRIYA**

Kabir Khan, Imtiaz Ali, Mithu Bhowmick (Producer of My Melbourne) and artist Ajaysingh Bhadoriya exploring the art exhibition

Art and cinema are powerful forms of expression that capture human emotion, identity, and the stories we tell ourselves to make sense of the world. Walking into the 'I View World Film Festival' at Travancore Palace, curated by Myna Mukherjee, felt like entering a living canvas, where each frame, each brushstroke of storytelling, attempted to grasp the elusive, shifting meaning of home, migration, and belonging. This was part of something much larger: **Desh Pardesh**, a multidisciplinary art exposition exploring history, displacement, and identity. Art exposition that explores notions of home, migration, gender, race, and memory across mediums and aesthetics. Bringing together several projects from micro solos by artists, designers, and architects to group shows, film festivals, and performances, in a range of mediums and scales, that respond to the complex notion of 'home' that occupies the central place in the imagination of both the local, global, and Diasporic deliberations in the global south today. This series of parallel exhibitions allows a creative articulation of Diasporic self and space, desire, dilemmas, discontent, and delight. It uses the genre of creative representation and productions of Diaspora to ascertain the extent to which these representations and productions collapse the distinction of home and abroad and create a new global-local South Asia, highlighting that the history of modern art is a history of global turmoil, migration, and transnational exchange.

AT HOME IN THE WORLD

While the festival showcased cinematic brilliance, with auteurs like Imtiaz Ali, Kabir Khan, Onir, and



Rima Das telling stories of the marginalised and misunderstood, it was the accompanying art exhibitions that gave the event its depth. Future-Past Continuous, a group show, featured paintings, installations, and visual provocations that whispered stories of migration and memory.

The connection between cinema and art was undeniable. Take The Shameless, the festival's centerpiece, which unfolded like a haunting painting - dark, visceral, and poetic. Anasuya Sengupta's award-winning performance pulled audiences into the story of Renuka, a woman navigating the violence of survival and the longing for freedom. It was a moving portrait of resilience, much like the evocative works displayed at Desh Pardesh, where the idea

of 'home' was not just a place, but an aching question. The city premiere of Puratwan - The Ancient added another layer to this exploration of time and memory. With the legendary Sharmila Tagore marking her return to Bengali cinema, the film became an introspective mirror, reflecting how history, family, and unspoken truths shape us.

Desh Pardesh extended beyond paintings and film. Dance and performance became another medium of storytelling, none more powerful than, performed by Nrityagram. The piece captured the feeling of Hiraeth, a Welsh word for a deep, unfulfilled longing for something lost. It was a wordless narrative, told through movement, of memories fading and reappearing like ghosts.

FINDING ART THROUGH HOME

As the festival drew to a close with Five Films for Freedom, an online celebration of LGBTQIA+ narratives, it was clear that this was an invitation to engage, challenge, and rethink the spaces we inhabit, both physically and emotionally.

Standing amid these artistic expressions, whether in the dark of the screening hall or the luminous glow of an art installation, there was a shift. This Festival served as reminders that in the chaos of borders, histories, and identities, storytelling remains our most powerful way of finding home.



At Bikaner House and Stir Gallery, micro solos and queer art shows expanded this dialogue. The exhibition questioned not just where we belong, but how identity is constructed in an ever-changing world. Do we carry home with us, or does it remain a distant echo?

The visual arts segment featured over 55 artists from across the country, each responding to the themes of migration and belonging through diverse artistic mediums. From painting and sculpture to new media art and interactive installations, the exhibition showcased how contemporary artists engage with the evolving landscapes of home and identity.

The selection of artworks highlighted both personal narratives and broader socio-political concerns, reflecting the fluidity and fragmentation of cultural memory in a rapidly changing world.

Lost in Ragas, found in Ruhaniyan's Soul

PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR



Experiencing the magic of Sufi music and poetry, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

Some evenings stay with you long after they are over. **Jahan-e-Khusrau's** 25th edition was one such evening and curated by Muzaffar Ali, has completed 25 years, yet it remains as timeless as the poetry it celebrates. The festival, brought together voices, rhythms, and poetry that felt like something ancient yet deeply relevant. On the opening evening, **Naara-e-Mastana** by Kanwar Grewal set the tone. His voice, raw and unfiltered, carried the weight of longing that defines Sufi music. There was no hurry, just a quiet surrender to the music. The second evening belonged to the mesmerising **Saiyaan Sajilay, Torey Naina**

Rasiley, where Manjari Chaturvedi's Kathak met the qawwali of Danish Husain Badayuni and Gufran Aslami Khairabadi. There was something hypnotic about the way dance and music intertwined, each responding to the other, neither overpowering nor retreating. **Yaad-e-Kanhaiya** by Malini Awasthi followed, her voice bringing a thumri-inspired touch to the intensity of the night. On the final day, **Raqs-e-Junoon** saw Shivani Varma's dance meet the melodies of Sina Fakhroddin and the Tehran-Delhi Music Ensemble. Their performance felt less like an act and more like a prayer. Later, **Ruh**, a poetry and storytelling session by Murad Ali, wove together words and whirling dervishes in a way that made time slow down, just for that moment.

The night ended with a qawwali, voices rising, claps growing louder, the energy filling every corner of the venue. No one was in a hurry to leave. Music had done what it always does, brought people closer, made everything else fade away for a while.

"Ishq likhne baithe toh har lafz mehka mile..."
"Jahan-e-Khusrau sirf mehfil nahi, ek manzar mile."
The festival may have drawn to a close, but its presence remains, much like the verses of a Sufi poet, growing louder in memory, until they become a part of you.



PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR

BY **SAKSHI PRIYA**

Delicate Sanjhi papercuts cast intricate shadows, Kalamkari paintings unfold mythological tales in rich detail, and the textured patterns of Lippan art shimmer under the lights, each piece at **Art for Hope** — Season 4 carried a story waiting to be discovered. Organised by Hyundai Motor India Foundation. This exhibition was a platform where creativity intersected with tradition, innovation, and social change. The event brought together 50 talented artists and collectives from across India, each presenting work that reflected personal and cultural narratives. The visual experience was enriched by performances that embodied movement and expression — Lavani, Ottan Thullal, Theyyam, and Yakshagana dancers brought age-old traditions to life, their vibrant costumes and rhythmic gestures captivating the audience. A special musical performance by differently-abled artists demonstrated the transformative power of art, proving that creativity knows no boundaries. Accessibility and inclusivity were at the heart of the exhibition. Tactile artworks, braille descriptions, and sign language tours ensured that visitors of all abilities could fully engage with the displays. This thoughtful curation extended to discussions and workshops that explored themes of sustainability and representation in art. Sessions on 'Art from Waste' and 'Inclusivity in Design and the Arts' provided insight into how artistic practices can address contemporary issues while preserving heritage. Every artwork, every performance and every discussion at exhibition reinforced the idea that art is a living, breathing entity, it carries memories, challenges norms and shape the cultural landscape.



New rules, saliva ban reversal as IPL kicks off

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New rules and new captains will be in focus but the razzmatazz will be pretty much the same when the 18th Indian Premier League kicks off here on Saturday with defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders taking on perennial underachievers Royal Challengers Bengaluru amid a looming threat of rain.

There is plenty to look forward in the league. Among the most prominent rule changes is the lifting of saliva ban. For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, bowlers will be allowed to use it to shine the ball.

The BCCI lifted the ban after receiving a majority consensus from IPL captains in a landmark decision taken at the captains' meeting in Mumbai.

The International Cricket Council had made the saliva ban permanent in 2022, but the IPL operates under its own regulations and the latest move could set a precedent for the global game. The 18th season will also witness tactical innovations, including a major change to counter dew's impact.

The second innings of evening matches will see a fresh ball introduced from the 11th over, provided the on-field umpires deem the dew factor significant as the trend of high-scoring games is likely to continue.

However, this rule will not apply to afternoon games.

Additionally, the Decision Review System has been expanded to include height wides and off-side wides, ensuring a fairer adjudication of deliveries. Despite debates about its influence on the game, the Impact Player rule remains in place.

Captain's corner

As many as seven teams will start IPL 2025 under new leadership, although some of them will be a stop-gap arrangement due to varied reasons.

The most surprising of them all is Rajat Patidar, who is yet to play a T20I for India, leading the RCB team that features mega-star Virat Kohli.

Axar Patel takes charge of Delhi Capitals to lead, among others, his Team India senior KL Rahul, who would be aiming to shake off the disappointment of a turbulent stint with Lucknow Super Giants in 2024.

Shreyas Iyer, fresh off leading KKR to glory in 2024, will don the captain's armband for Punjab Kings with Ajinkya Rahane replacing him in the Kolkata team.

Rajasthan Royals will start the season with Riyan Parag as interim captain for the first three matches due to Sanju Samson's recovery from a finger injury taking longer than expected.

Mumbai Indians will be led by Suryakumar Yadav in their away opener against Chennai Super Kings on Sunday, as Hardik Pandya serves a suspension for an over-rate violation from last season.

Pant's redemption arc

Rishabh Pant is set to begin a crucial new chapter in his career after his resolute comeback from a life-threatening accident became part of cricketing lore.

The IPL's most expensive player in history — acquired by Lucknow Super Giants for a record INR 27 crore — will be eager to silence his critics.

Despite making the squads for the Champions Trophy and the T20I series against England, he was not given a single match.

Now, he has a point to prove, particularly in the T20 format, where he has struggled to cement his place in the Indian team.

Pant's explosive batting style and leadership skills have long been debated, and this season presents an opportunity for him to not only justify his hefty price tag but also send a strong message to the selectors ahead of future international assignments.

There are changes in the support staff line-ups too. Ricky



Ponting has moved from Delhi Capitals to Punjab Kings as head coach. Hemang Badani has replaced Ponting as Delhi Capitals' head coach. Kevin Pietersen has joined Delhi Capitals as mentor, while Rahul Dravid returns to Rajasthan Royals as head coach, his first IPL coaching stint after leading India to the T20 World Cup title last year.

CSK veteran Dwayne Bravo will be KKR mentor, replacing Gautam Gambhir, who is now India's head coach.

Bumrah's fitness

A major question mark hangs over Jasprit Bumrah's fitness.

The pacer, back at the National Cricket

Academy in Bengaluru, is undergoing assessments to determine his readiness for the IPL. Mumbai Indians coach Mahela Jayawardene remains optimistic but cautious, given that Bumrah's availability crucial not only for MI but also for India's upcoming tour of England.

The Dhoni question

As the IPL returns, so does the never-ending speculation: Is this Mahendra Singh Dhoni's last season?

The 43-year-old, who retired from international cricket in 2020, remains an enigma, gracing the field only during the IPL.

While he may not be the consistent match-

winner of old, his presence alone bolsters Chennai Super Kings. His sharp cricketing brain, field placements, and ability to finish games with quick cameos make him an invaluable asset.

Exactly 30 years his junior is Vaibhav Suryavanshi, a prodigal batting talent acquired by Rajasthan Royals but it remains to be seen how many games he manages to get.

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/// AUCTION NOTICE ///

A public auction for disposal of Condemned / Un-serviceable stores including Motor Transport, clothing tentage & Training/ sports, welfare, Communication, Wet Canteen, Unit Hospital, Engg, Officer mess held on charge of 9 BN BSF will be conducted on 24th March 2025 at 1000 Hrs at 9 Bn BSF, Sirsa Road, Hisar, Haryana (125011).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS :-

- All interested and eligible bidders may attend the Auction on the given scheduled date & time.
- In case of bundh/ strike in Hisar state on the scheduled date, the auction will be conducted the next day.
- The auction will be held as per departmental rules and regulations.
- All interested bidders/ parties attending the auction must deposit Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) only as security money, which will be refunded after the Auction except for the successful bidder.
- The stores will be auctioned on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".
- The stores will be sold to the highest bidder on a cash payment basis including all applicable taxes such as GST, which will be charged extra. The successful bidder must lift the stores at their own expense from the location immediately after the auction.
- If the successful bidder fails to lift/ collect the auctioned stores immediately from the campus, their security/ earnest money will be forfeited and deposited in the Govt. Treasury.
- The Commandant, 9 BN BSF, reserves the right to accept/ reject any bid without assigning any reason. The decision the Commandant 9 Bn BSF in all matters shall be final.
- Any additional terms and conditions will be announced by the board of officers appointed for the auction.
- All bidders must carry their original and photocopy of PAN card, Aadhar Card and GST Number, which will be scrutinized by board of officers. Failure to provide these documents will result in disqualification from the auction. No transport will be provided by the 9 BN BSF for shifting of the auctioned stores.
- Any doubt / queries or clarification required by the bidder will be addressed on the spot by the Presiding Officer / Commandant 9 Bn BSF and their decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

(Ajai Singh) DC/QM
For Commandant 9 BN BSF

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