



OPPOSITION JOINS CENTRE FOR INDIA



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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

India has initiated a major diplomatic offensive by deciding to send several all-party delegations to different countries to expose Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. The exercise likely to begin next week and comes in the wake of Operation Sindoor undertaken earlier after the Pahalgam terror incident last month claiming 26 innocent lives.

Senior leaders, including MPs, of various political parties, including those from the opposition, have been sounded out by the government and some parties have also given their go-ahead to the presence of their members for the diplomatic exercise, it was learnt here on Friday.

Sources said some former ministers will lead the delegations of MPs from different parties to a cluster of countries across the world. While there was no clarity on the exact number of delegations or their members, some leaders said more than 30 MPs could be included in the outreach exercise. The delegations will visit different countries for a period of 10 days. The MPs will visit different blocs of countries, as earmarked by the government. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) will brief the MPs before they depart.

Among the parties whose MPs will be part of the delegation are the BJP, Congress, TMC, DMK, NCP (SP), JDU, BJD, CPI(M), and some others, the sources said.

A leader of a party that has been sounded out for the exercise said they were told to be ready to leave by May 22-23 for a period of 10 days and that the MEA would be in touch with them to provide the necessary details, including the itinerary. Former Union minister Anurag Thakur and BJP MP from Odisha, Aparajita Sarangi, are among the ruling party members to be part of the delegations, the sources said. At least four MPs from the Congress, besides members of other parties, have been tapped by the government about the diplomatic exercise.

Congress MPs included in the government's list are Shashi Tharoor, Manish Tewari, Salman Khurshid and Amar Singh, and the party has confirmed it would be a part of the delegations, the sources said. The TMC's Sudip Bandyopadhyay, JDU's Sanjay Jha, BJD's Sasmit Patra, John Brittas of the CPI(M), Priyanka Chaturvedi of Shiv Sena (UBT), Supriya Sule of NCP (SP), the DMK's K Kanimozhi, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi and AAP's Vikramjit Sawhney are also being tapped to be part of the delegations, the sources said. While Khurshid, a former external affairs minister, has been asked to

lead a delegation of seven MPs to south and southeast Asia, covering countries such as South Korea, Japan and Singapore, Baramati MP Sule is likely to lead a delegation to the Middle East and Africa, including the likes of Oman, Egypt, Kenya and South Africa, the sources said. Congress leader Tewari is likely to lead a delegation to Europe or the Middle East and has been asked about his availability, the sources said. Tharoor is likely to lead another delegation, they added. While Thakur will be part of the delegation that will visit the Middle East and Africa, his colleague Sarangi will be part of the delegation to southeast Asia. Sawhney will also be a part of this delegation.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Chaturvedi will be part of a delegation to Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait and Bahrain. This delegation will also include the Congress' Amar Singh. While there was no official word on the delegations from the government, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said Union minister Kiren Rijiju had spoken to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in this regard.

Under Operation Sindoor, India carried out precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

Rajnath fires IMF salvo at Pakistan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Bhuj

India on Friday called on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to reconsider its \$1-billion assistance to Pakistan, suggesting that Islamabad could use it for terror funding.

Making this assertion, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also said Operation Sindoor is not over yet. "Whatever happened was just a trailer. We will show the entire picture to the world at the right time," he said.

India does not want that the funding it gives to the IMF should be used directly or indirectly to create terror infrastructure in Pakistan or any other country, the defence minister said while addressing military personnel at Bhuj airbase. "I believe that in today's time, any kind of financial assistance to Pakistan is nothing less than terror funding. India would like the IMF to reconsider its assistance of one billion dollars to Pakistan and refrain from giving any kind of assistance in future," he said.

Rajnath Singh, who arrived at the Bhuj Air Force station in the morning to review the overall security situation, lauded the Indian Air Force for spearheading the



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addresses armed forces personnel at the Bhuj air force station, in Kachchh district of Gujarat. PTI

campaign against terrorism effectively. He said during 'Operation Sindoor', India's armed forces not only dominated the enemy but also succeeded in decimating them. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the name 'Operation Sindoor', he

said. Lauding the Indian Air Force for spearheading the campaign against terrorism effectively, he said, "Our Air Force has touched new and greater heights with its valour, courage and glory."

Celebi moves HC over revoked clearance

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

A day after its security clearance was revoked by the Centre citing national security reasons, Turkey-based aviation firm Celebi Aviation Holding has approached the Delhi High Court challenging the decision. Soon after the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) revoked its security clearance to it in the "interest of national security", Celebi Aviation Holding has seen its shares plunge nearly 20 per cent since Thursday, effectively bringing its operations in the country to a sudden halt. The security clearance of the firm was revoked days after Turkey backed Pakistan and condemned India's strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country.

Celebi Aviation has argued that the action taken against it is sudden and not justified. "The national security reason for revocation is vague," the company has said. According to the petition, the government's move was not properly explained and has badly affected the company's work in India. It has asked the Court to set aside that decision, arguing it would impact

hundreds of jobs and investor confidence, and was issued without any warning to the company. The case is likely to be heard on Monday. Earlier, in a regulatory filing to the Turkish stock exchange on Friday, Celebi revealed that four key agreements between its Indian subsidiaries and airport authorities have been terminated without prior notice. Among these is a concession agreement valid until 2034 between Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India Pvt Ltd and Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL). Celebi holds a 74 per cent stake in this venture. Similarly, the licence agreement for ground handling services between Celebi GH India Pvt Ltd (CGHI)—61 per cent owned by Celebi-and Ahmedabad International Airport Ltd (AIAL), valid until 2032, has also been terminated.

Also, the licence agreement for ground handling services between Celebi GH India Pvt Ltd (CGHI), which is 61 per cent owned by Celebi, and Ahmedabad International Airport Ltd (AIAL) has been terminated. The pact was valid till 2032, it stated.

The Bystander



Lightning strikes CRPF troops, one killed, three injured

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Jamshedpur

A senior officer of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) lost his life, and three other personnel were injured, after a lightning strike struck a joint anti-Maoist task force in the dense, hilly terrain of Baliba, under the Chotanagara police station limits in West Singhbhum district.

The incident occurred on the evening of May 15, when sudden and intense thunderstorms swept across the region, catching the deployed task force off-guard during an ongoing operation in the Saranda forest—a long-time Maoist stronghold. The fallen officer, Second-in-Command M Probo Singh of the CRPF's 26 Battalion, was severely injured by the lightning strike. Despite immediate efforts to stabilise his condition, he succumbed to his injuries. Singh was a highly respected officer, known for his commitment and courage in leading several successful operations against left-wing extremism.

Three others—Assistant Commandant Subir Kumar Mandal, Sub-Inspector Suresh Bhagat, and Sub-Inspector Chandlal Hansda—sustained injuries in the same incident. All three were quickly evacuated and are currently reported to be in stable condition.

Following the lightning strike, an urgent rescue operation was initiated with the assistance of Jharkhand Police Headquarters and CRPF Jharkhand Sector. The injured were promptly airlifted by helicopter.

Verbal blunder blitz hits MP Cabinet

GIRISH SHARMA ■ Bhopal

Verbal misfires in Madhya Pradesh are on the rise. After Vijay Shah, now Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Devda has made a controversial statement about the Indian Army while addressing a civil defense volunteer training program in Jabalpur on Friday. Devda reportedly said, "The whole country, the country's army, and soldiers bow down at the feet of Prime Minister Narendra Modi." A clip of this video is doing rounds on social media.

The remarks, which were made in the context of India's retaliatory Operation Sindoor following the deadly Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, have sparked accusations of disrespect towards the armed forces. Devda's words quickly became controversial, with many questioning whether he was undermining the independence and valor of the Indian Army.

In his address, Devda praised the military's swift action

in retaliating against the attack, and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the armed forces for their resolve. He stated that the nation stood unanimous in its determination to avenge the terror attack, but his phrasing, which implied that the army bowed down to the Prime Minister, ignited a political firestorm.

The Opposition Congress party was quick to condemn Devda's remarks, accusing him of insulting the courage and dignity of the Indian Armed Forces. Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitu Patwari termed the statement of Devda as cheap and demanded an action against him.

In response to the criticism, Devda vehemently denied the allegations and accused the Congress and certain sections of the media of distorting his speech. He clarified that his comments were intended to highlight the unity of the country in the face of terrorism and the leadership of the PM.

Bureaucratic shuffle effected in Capital

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

In a massive bureaucratic reshuffle, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has transferred 66 officers of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) officers from Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and other Union Territories.

This is the first massive bureaucratic reshuffle in the BJP ruled-Delhi government which came to power after 27 years. Since the Rekha Gupta government assumed office on February 20, there has been widespread speculation about big changes among senior officers. Barring a few

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minor adjustments, no major reshuffling had been effected during the Rekha Gupta government.

The Delhi government is keen to appoint officers with proven track records. However, the ongoing delays in the transfer and posting of officials are increasingly affecting the routine functioning of the government. At present, many officers are holding additional charges of important

departments — a stopgap arrangement that may not be sustainable in the long run. The reshuffle aims to optimise governance and strengthen administrative presence across key Union Territories and northeastern states including the national capital. The reshuffle is seen as a routine yet strategically timed move to strengthen administrative delivery and law enforcement across diverse and often challenging terrains of the AGMUT cadre. The transfer orders take immediate effect.

Among the 66 bureaucrats, Delhi saw the highest number of transfers with 21 IAS and 23 IPS officers, who have been shifted from Delhi or transferred back to the Capital from other Union Territories.

Hope, anger rises from Dilli Haat ashes



Shopkeepers putting together their shops in Dilli Haat after the fire a fortnight ago PIONEER PHOTO

VAISHNAVI MISHRA ■ New Delhi

The vibrant and bustling market of Dilli Haat, famous for its kaleidoscope of handcrafted treasures and colorful stalls, now bear an unfamiliar silence.

On Friday, the INA Market-based handicraft hub, which remained closed for more than a fortnight, reopened to artisans and visitors. A tragic fire gutted over 30 shops two

weeks and has left behind a charred memory, smoldering hope, and a marketplace that is trying hard to return to life — albeit under new and stricter rules.

Now gone are the sights of lavishly decorated stalls, mannequins adorned with ethnic wear, and the warm glow of string lights. What remains is a skeletal version of the marketplace, marked by unease and uncertainty. Artisans, many of whom lost their life's work in the fire, are now trying to piece their lives — and shops — back together from scratch.

"I have lost all my art pieces and savings in the fire," says Ajay Kumar Sharma, a decorative items seller whose stall was reduced to ashes in the blaze. "But now, a new hope has risen as the market is open after 15 days. We are also trying to get our stall back in the market." His resilience is echoed by many others, yet the road ahead appears steep. The fire, reportedly caused by a short circuit due to electrical overload, not only scorched the physical space but has also left emotional and financial wounds that may take much longer to heal. Though the blaze consumed artwork worth several crores of rupees, no compensation has yet been provided to affected vendors.

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I, Karan Singh S/o Hosiyaar Singh R/o Vill Legha Bhanan , Teh & Distt Bhiwani, declare that I my daughter Shruti are out of my control. I evict her from my moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with her shall do their own risk in future.

I, Ajay Kumar s/o Chhajju Ram R/o H.No. 1020 Boh Ambala Cantt declare that my son Paryjathi, his wife Poonam Gupta are beyond my control. Due to which I evict them from all my properties. Anyone who deals with them will be responsible for it.

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We, Roshni Devi W/o Vijay Singh and Vijay Singh S/o Faqir Chand R/o Ward No.9,Pooja Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Our Son Pardeep Kumar and his wife Neeru Rani are out of our control. We, disown them from all moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him at his own risk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mrs. Sukhdev Kaur W/o Late J.C.-0039620 Sub Piara Singh, resident of 229 Ground Floor, Sector 51-A, Chandigarh (UT), declare that in EME Centre Secunderabad records my name and date of birth have been wrongly recorded as Sukhdeo Kaur, DOB 06.03.1940, whereas my correct name is Sukhdev Kaur and DOB is 21.03.1937

I, RAJESH KUMAR, Adhar No. 311767414717, S/o Dharam Singh, R/o Village Kasan, Tehsil and District Kaithal Informs that, my Son VIKRAM and his Wife VIJETA both are Out of my and my Family's Control. I disown them both from my moveable and immovable Property. We will not responsible for their any matter in future.

I, Zulfan Deen, S/o Mr. Rukam Deen, resident of Ward No.2, Village Salehter, P.O. Amb, Amb Pathiara, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh 17603, currently residing at Sun City, Phase 3, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh, have changed my religion Islam to Hinduism.

It Is For General Information That I, Mahika Kaushik D/O Ashok Kumar Kaushik Residing At H.No.30, Mc Colony, Rohtak Road, Bhiwani, Haryana-127021 Declare That The Name Of Mine And My Father Have Been Wrongly Written As Mahika And Ashok In My Cbse Class 10th & 12th Educational Documents And Aadhar Card No-543304361979. The Actual Name Of Mine And My Father Are Mahika Kaushik And Ashok Kumar Kaushik Respectively Which May Be Amended Accordingly. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I Jannat Bir Kaur Boparai D/O Rajveer Singh Passport No. R2612721 Dated 06 Jul 2017, Issued At Chandigarh, India & Expired On 05 Jul 2027, Resident Of H No. 394,Urban Estate Phase 1b,Patiala Pin: 147002, Punjab, India And Presently Residing At 764 Hillsboro Way San Marcos, Ca 92069 Do Hereby Change My Name Jannat Bir Kaur Boparai To Jannat Bir Kaur Takhar For All Purposes.

I, Army No. 16121681Y Rank NK Name Hemanth KR of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my Father name from Ramesha KK to K Ramesha & Date of birth 01.07.1969 to 02.02.1962.

I, JC-371193N Ex-Hony Sub Maj Harbans Singh resident of Vill: Ghatour Po. Allapur Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar (Punjab) hereby declare that name of my wife Smt. Gurwinder Kour and date of birth is service record 26 Jan 1966, E-PPO 15 May 1970 and now intimated by signals records vide letter dated 30 Apr 2025 is 20 Jan 1968. The correct name of wife is Gurwinder Kaur and date of birth is 26 Jan 1966, kindly note.

I, Sadhu Singh S/o Somnath Singh (Father of Kuldeep Singh of A/No. 4490352-H) Rank-Naik unit 12 Sikh LI) R/o Patti Sema Vpo. Qila Raipur Teh & Distt. Ludhiana declare that in my son Kuldeep Singh Military Record my date of birth mentioned wrongly 05-08-1960. But my true and correct Date of birth is 01-01-1961.

I, Gurjeet Kaur W/o Sadhu Singh (Mother of Kuldeep Singh of A/No. 4490352-H) Rank-Naik unit 12 Sikh LI) R/o Patti Sema Vpo. Qila Raipur Teh & Distt. Ludhiana declare that in my son Kuldeep Singh Military Record my date of birth mentioned wrongly 02-07-1970. But my true and correct Date of birth is 01-01-1963.

I Sandeep Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vpo. Munda Pind (Tarn Taran) I Have Changed My Name As Sandeep Singh Sandhu And Want To Mention That My All Residence Documents Has Made With My Name Sandeep Singh Sandhu But My Surname Has Been Not Mentioned On My Divorce Deed. Without My Surname, My Divorce Deed Consider As Sandeep Singh Sandhu.

I, Army No. 16121681Y Rank NK Name Hemanth KR of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my mother name from Nagaveni KR to K R Nagaveni & Date of birth 25.08.1971 to 13.07.1965.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ram Nath S/o Sh. Hari Shankar Mishra R/o House No. 227, Village Kumbra, Sector 68, Mohali have changed my name from Ram Nath to Ram Nath Mishra.

I, Pawan Kumar Sachdeva S/o Sh. Baldev Raj R/o House No. 3026, Sector 20D,Chandigarh have changed my name from Pawan Kumar Sachdeva to Pawan Sachdeva.

I, Krishan Pal S/o Mam Raj R/o H. No. 2112, Patri Mohalla, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor son's name from Aryan to Aryan Pal.

I, Shiv Kumar S/o Brij Lal Sharma R/o 238, Mahaveer Colony, Opposite Gadvali Mandir, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Shiv Kumar to Shiv Kumar Sharma.

I, Shiv Kumar Sharma S/o late Brij Lal Sharma R/o 238, Mahaveer Colony, Opposite Gadvali Mandir, Yamuna Nagar declare that in my Passport my father name is written as Brij Lal Sharma. The actual name of my father is Brij Lal Sharma, as per my Aadhar Card.

I, Praveen Kumar S/O Ramphal Residing At Khanpur Kalan (16-N), Jhajjar, Haryana-124142 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Khwahish Jakhar Aged 13 Years And He Shall Thereafter Be Known As Suryansh Jakhar. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I, Akta is legal daughter of Narendra Kumar residing at House No. 1104, Street No. 5, Bala Ji Nagar, Sector 11, College Colony, Dera Bassi Distt SAS Nagar-140507, (Punjab) have changed my name from Akta to Ekta Kumari vide affidavit No. 5164 dated 16.05.2025 before Distt. Court Sirsa

I, Yogesh is legal daughter of Narendra Kumar residing at House No. 1104, Street No. 5, Bala Ji Nagar, Sector 11, College Colony, Dera Bassi Distt SAS Nagar-140507, (Punjab) have changed my name from Yogesh to Yogesh Kumari vide affidavit No. 5165 dated 16.05.2025 before Distt. Court Sirsa

I, Jashandeep Singh Sandhu S/o Sh. Bhupinder Singh,R/o H.No. 899, Phase-9, Sector 63, S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali),Punjab-160062 declare that I have changed my name from Jashandeep Singh Sandhu to Jashandeep Singh.

I, Daya Nand S/o Kamlesh Kumar Sharma R/o 2430/3, Rajesh Colony, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Daya Nand to Daya Nand Sharma.

I, Charan Jeet S/o Jasmer Singh R/o 1285, Ambala Road, Jagadhri Goshala Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Charan Jeet to Charanjeet Singh.

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Sahab Singh Sharma R/o H. No. 295/1, Public Health Tubewell, Labour Colony, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar-135001, Haryana, India have changed my name from Vijay Kumar to Vijay Kumar Sharma

I, Inderpal S/o Gurnam Singh R/o H.No. 192, Ward No. 9, Bhabat, P.O. Pabhat, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab 140603 have changed my name from Inderpal to Inderpal Singh.

I Sukhpreet Kaur Sohanpal W/o Sh. Amritpal Singh resident of H.No. 530, street no. 11, Krishna Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna-141401, Tehsil Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana, stated that I have changed my name from Sukhpreet Kaur Sohanpal to Sukhpreet Kaur.

I Rawel kaur w/o Varyiam Singh Vpo Nanakpura tehsil kaithal have changed my name from Rawel kaur to Mel kaur

I Jatin Kumar Son of Ved rakash, Resident of House No. HE-97, Phase-5, Mohali, Tehsil & District Mohali have changed my name from JATIN to JATIN KUMAR

I Virpal Kaur w/o Rajinder Singh R/o #232, Dabwali road, house fed colony, Bathinda have changed my name from Virpal Kaur Dhillon to virpal Kaur

I Rajinder singh s/o Ajit singh R/o #232, Dabwali road, house fed colony, Bathinda have changed my name from Rajinder Singh Dhillon to Rajinder Singh

I Kanwalpreet Kaur w/o Harjeet singh R/o #24368, A/5, Guru ki Nagri, Bathinda have changed my name from Kanwalpreet Kaur gill to Kanwalpreet Kaur

I Akash s/ o Pawan Kumar r/o opp. Central Bank of India, Abohar Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Akash Arora All concern note it

I, Neelam D/o Vijay Pal R/o 1452/93, Kali Mandir, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor daughter's name from Geetanjali to Gitanjali.

I Yash Sharma s/o Sh. Surender Sharma r/o House No.168 Ward No. 02 Noorwala Panipat. In my 10th class certificate my name is Yash whereas in all my documents my name is Yash Sharma. That is Yash & Yash Sharma both names are of the same person.

I Surender Sharma s/o Sh. Suraj Parkash Sharma r/o House No.168 Ward No. 02 Noorwala Panipat. In my son 10th class certificate my name is Surinder sharma whereas in all my documents my name is Surender Sharma. That is Surinder sharma & Surender Sharma both names are of the same person.

I, Girija Kumari legally mother of No.16113829X Rank HAV Name Rahul Chandran R Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Swathy Bhavan, Keezhavoor, VTC : Andoorkonam, Distt. Thiruvananthapuram, State-Kerala-695584 declare That I have changed my name from Girija Kumari to Girijakumari R and DOB from 01.07.1963 to 08.05.1963 vide affidavit dated 16.05.2025

I, Shree Devi legally mother of No.15708250P Rank HAV Name Rajendra Singh Tomar Unit 10 CSR(A) C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Devaragam, Keezhavoor, Andoorkonam, PO : Andoorkonam, Distt. Thiruvananthapuram, State-Kerala-695584 declare That I have changed my name from Shree Devi to Shri Devi Singh and DOB from 05.07.1967 to 05.07.1968 vide affidavit dated 16.05.2025

I, Revathy MS legally spouse of No.16113829X Rank HAV Name Rahul Chandran R Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Devaragam, Keezhavoor, Andoorkonam, PO : Andoorkonam, Distt. Thiruvananthapuram, State-Kerala-695584 declare That I have changed my name from Revathy MS to Revathy M S vide affidavit dated 16.05.2025

I Reena W/O Gurmest Singh R/O Village Jandli Khurd Tehsil And District Fatehabad State Haryana 125111 Have Changed My Name From Reena To Reena Devi.

I, Lalit Kumar Alias Lalit Kumar Gupta S/o Krishan Dutt R/o 111/4, Namdhari Gurudwara, Post Office Bhojpur Tehsil Sunder Nagar, Bhojpur, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh-175002 have changed my name to Lalit Kumar.

I, Jai Parkash Goel S/o Rajinder Kumar R/o H. No. 879, Sector-7, Urban Estate, Ambala City, Haryana, 134003 have changed my name to Jai Parkash.

I Narender Kumar alias Narender Kumar Bakshi S/o Shri Manmohan Lal R/o # 453, Pakki Gali, Vpo - Boh , Ambala Cantt declare that both above name are mine and of one same person.

I, Jagiro W/o Jai Kishan R/o Village Raipur, Raipur(145), Post Office Shadipur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar-135001, Haryana, India have changed my name from Jagiro to Jagindro.

I Balwinder Singh Hunjan S/o Sh. Bhagwan Singh R/o House no 38, Sector 70, S.A.S. Nagar Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Balwinder Singh Hunjan to Balwinder Singh.

I Shiv om nijhawan S/o Narsingh Dass R/o House No. D213 Jatto Wali Gali Kalandri Gate Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Shiv om nijhawan to shiv om

I Anju Nijhawan W/o Shiv om R/o House No. D213 Jatto Wali Gali Kalandri Gate Karnal Haryana have changed my name from Anju nijhawan to anju.

I Rajvinder Kaur Wife of Ram Chander R/o House No. 835A, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rajvinder Kaur to Rajvinder Kour.

I, Manju, daughter of Prakash and wife of Subhash, resident of House No. 28, Kishangarh, Manimajra, Chandigarh, hereby inform that in my PAN card, my father's name has been wrongly recorded as Subhash, which is actually my husband's name. The correct name of my father is Prakashes."

I Gyani Pndit S/o Dashrath Pandit R/o House No 6, Faidan Nizampur, Chandigarh have changed my name from Gyani Pndit to Gayani Pandit.

I Harish Gupta S/o Bishan Dass Gupta R/o House No 610 IAS/PCS Society Sector 49-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Harish Gupta to Harish Chand Gupta.

I, Ashima Goel W/o Naveen Goel R/o H. No. 1531, Sector 14, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Ashima Goel to Ashima Mittal for future purpose.

I, Rahul S/o Dariya Singh R/o H. No. 29, Barwala Road Agroha, Tehsil and District Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Rahul to Rahul Fageria for all future purpose.

I, Jasdeep Singh S/o Late H.D. Chauhan # 1542-A, Sector 45-C, Burali, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter from Rivanshi to Rivanshi Chauhan.

I, Bhupinder Singh S/o Late Sh. Hira Singh Saini # 1614-A, Sector 32-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Bhupinder Singh to Bhupinder Singh Saini.

I, Paramjit Singh S/o Sh Balwant Singh R/o 5069/1, MHC Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Paramjit Singh Thakur.

I, Viendra Kumar Ahuja S/o Sh. Gurdayal Ahuja R/o H. No. 5, Sanavar vila, Inderlok Street, opp Gaba Hospital Yamuna Nagar hereby certify that I have changed my name from Viendra Kumar Ahuja to Viendra Kumar Ahuja. All concerned please note.

I Akash s/o Pawan Kumar r/o opp. Central Bank of India, Abohar Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Akash Arora All concern note it

I, Manjeet Kaur Sidhu, wife of Harpreet Singh Sidhu, resident of Gardenia GBJ 00-002, Mohali Bypass Near Wave Estate, A Sector 85 One Rise Sector 99 Mohali, District Mohali, have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet Kaur Sidhu.

I Ex No-6302125-A, Rank-Nk, Name- Ranjit Singh. Residence Of - Vpo-Bhurare, Tehsil- Chamkaur Sahib, District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab, Declare That I Want To Amend My Wife's Name Balbir Kaur To Balvir Kaur And Date Of Birth 20-12-1956 To 06-02-1954

I, Ranjana W/o Surya Prakash R/o 2102 near Udham Singh Chowk, Urban Estate Sector 32, Karnal. I have changed my name from Unishal Ranjana Kumari Roshan Lal to Ranjana. I should be known as Ranjana in future.

I Amit Kumar S/o Shri Bilbir singh R/o VPO kunjpura distt Karnal Haryana. Have changed my name from Amit Kumar to Amit Verma. In future I should be known. All concerned please noted. As per affidavit 12 May 25.

I Shilpi Rani w/o Amit Verma R/o VPO kunjpura distt Karnal, Haryana. Have changed my name from Shilpi to Silpi Rani. In future I should be known. All concerned please noted. As per affidavit 2 May25

I Yogesh s/o Rajpal r/o Vill. Farmana Teh. Kharkhoda Distt. Sonepat declare that in my 10th marksheet & in Aadhar Card & in other documents my name is Yogesh. Now I have changed my name from Yogesh to Yogesh Gahlawat. In future known me as Yogesh Gahlawat for all purposes.

I, Army No 14811109X, Nk Sukhpal Singh (Retd) s/o Sh Sohan Singh (UIDAI No-800833691566), resident of VPO- Bhai Ka Khera, Teh-Malout & Distt- Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab- 152115, declared that, In my army service documents/records name of my wife is erroneously recorded as Harbinder Kure whereas her correct name is Harwinder Kaur as mentioned in his Aadhar Card & Pan Card. All concerned please note.

I Mubarak Masih S/o Laras Masih R/o Umarwala, P.O.: Akarpura, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab) declare that Mubarak is my given name and Masih is my surname. Concerned Note.

I, No. 3402760X Ex LNK Gurpreet Singh R/o Vill Talwara PO Sri Hargobindpur Tehsil Batala, Distt- Gurdaspur Punjab,-143515 declare that in my Army service record, my mother name and date of birth wrongly recorded as Surjit Kaur and 20.07.1960. My mother correct name and DOB are Surjeet Kaur and 01.01.1956. Concerned note.

I, No. 13999232P Ex Hav Kuldiv Singh R/o VPO Choudhary Wala Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur , Punjab-143505 declare that in my Army service record, name and date of birth of my mother wrongly written as Manjeet Kaur and 01.July 1956 . Her correct name and DOB are Manjit Kaur and 01.01.1955. Concerned note.

I, Harpinder Kaur W/o No: 13766747L Ex-L/NNK Sukhjinder Singh S/o Chanan Singh Resident of VPO- Gahlari Tehsil and Distt-Gurdaspur, Punjab That I declare change my name from Harpinder Kour to Harpinder Kaur and date of birth from 30/08/1985 to 15/04/1983 in my husband army record.

I, Tanisha D/o Davinder Kumar R/o H.No.1747, Sector-32, Urban Estate, Karnal have changed my name from Tanisha To Tanisha Choudhary.

I, Rekha Devi W/o Naurang R/o Village Raogarh, PO Jyotisar, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Rekha to Rekha Devi.

I Saroj Devi w/o Bakhshish Singh r/o VPO Ghogra Tehsil Dasuya district Hoshiarpur have changed my name Saroj Kumari to Saroj Devi. Please note.

I, Bintu S/o Nafe Singh R/o Village Matloda, Tehsil Barwala, District Hisar (Haryana) 125121 declare that I have changed my name from Bintu to Sarvesh Punia for all future purpose.

I, Anju Singla Wife of Shri Anil Kumar resident of H.No. 1482, Sector 25, Part 2, Huda Distt Panipat-132103, Haryana, India state that I have changed my name from Anju Singla to Anju.

I, Sanjay Singal S/o Sh. Ram Bilash R/o H.No. A44 Preet Vihar Rohtak declare That I have changed the name from Sanjay Singal to Sanjay Kumar Singal In future I will be called as Sanjay Kumar Singal for all purposes.

I, Sarabjit Kaur W/o Amarjit Singh R/o Village and Post Office Devi Dasspura, Amritsar have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarabjeet Kaur. All Concerned Please Note.

I Anil Gupta S/o Satpal Gupta R/o H.No.74 Basant Avenue Amritsar have changed my name from Anil Gupta to Anil Kumar Gupta.

I, Heena Mahajan W/o Munish Kumar R/o 254 Swiss City Near Holy City Gumlata Mahal Bye Pass Amritsar have changed my name after Marriage to Heena Mehta. Please Note It

I, Dewan Singh S/o Rola Singh R/o Vill Kaler Mangat District Amritsar have changed my name from Dewan Singh to Diwan Singh

I, No.JC705745K Pattle Priteechand Premial R/o Birsí Post Lakhegaon Tehsil Tirora Distt Gondia Maharashtra-441911 have changed my mother's name from Kamala Bai to Kamla Premial Pattle Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB35397445801409X Dt.16.05.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.JC709286N Nb/ Sub Varkad Sarjeraí Maruti R/o at Post Tulsan Tal Distt. Satara, Maharashtra-415111 have changed my wife's name from Vidya Varkad to Vidhya Sarjerao Varkad Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB35396725515338X Dt.16.05.2025 before notary Public Amritsar

I, Guraman Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o 117, Shivala Bhayian- Colony, Near Shivala Mandir, Amritsar have changed my name from Guraman Singh to Guraman Singh Madaan.

I, Kaveri spouse of Dfr Prabhakar Patil Tehsil Khanapur Kuppattagiri, Belgaum, Karnataka-591302 have changed my name from Kaveri to Kaveeri Patil Vide Affidavit No.35319893212129X Dt.16.05.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.15500984X Ld Sandeep Singh S/o Lalbahudar Singh R/o Village and Post office Bichharahata Distt Rewa Madhya Pradesh-486331 have changed my son's name from Pransu to Pranshu Singh Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB35399440717628X Dt.16.05.2025 before notary public Amritsar

I Lovepreet Singh S/O Hardev Singh R/O H.No.7 Akalsar Nagar Near Baba Darshan Singh Kulí Wale Ghanupur Chheharta Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Lovepreet Singh To Given Name Lovepreet Surname Singh

I, Simranjeet Kaur D/o Baldev Singh R/o Vill. Gadli, Tehsil & Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143149, India do have changed my name from Simranjeet Kaur to Sabranjit Kaur. Concerned Note.

I Surta Singh Hundal S/o Gurdial Singh R/o Village Thathian PO Bundala Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Surta Singh Hundal to Surta Singh

I Paramjit Kaur Hundal W/o Surta Singh R/o Village Thathian PO Bundala Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur Hundal to Paramjit Kaur

I Harinder pal Singh S/o Narinder pal Singh R/o Village Amarkot Rakhí Devi Dasspura Distt Amritsar have changed my name form Harinder Pal singh to Harinderpal Singh

I, hitherto known as Rabinder Singh son of Makhan Singh residing at Near Gurudwara Sahib, VPO Sukhanand, Tehsil Bagha Purana, District Moga-142049 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Rajwinder Singh

I, Vijay Sanan S/o Kaushal Dev Sanan R/o 36-D, Hukam Singh Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Vijay Sanan to Vijay Kumar Sanan.

I, Santosh Devi, wife of Subhash Chand, resident of Amravli Jamani Chowk, Jind, Haryana inform that in my son Jayant Passport my name is recorded as Santosh, which is incorrect. In all my documents my correct name is Santosh Devi.

I, Sanju, Wife Of Arny No.15704797A, Hav Navneet, H.No.C-53, Sector-36, Suncity, Rohtak, State Haryana Pin – 124001 Have Obtained My Name From Sanju Devi To Sanju Vide Affidavit No.50aa 170076 Dated 16 March, 2025

I, Manjeet son of Shri Kali Ram, Address- House No. 335, Nurpur Gujran, Tehsil Bapoli District Panipat, Haryana, declare that my former name was Manjeet and now I have changed my name from Manjeet to Manjeet Malik. Now I declare that in future I should be known and identified by the name of Manjeet Malik.

I, Shagufta Parveen W/o Imran R/o # 705 Charan Singh Colony Mauli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Shagufta

I, Soniya W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o # 1398-B Sector 41-B Chandigarh have changed my name to Sonia

I, Raj Kumar S/o Kashmira Singh R/o # 2327 Phase-2 Ramdarbar Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter's name from Harsika to Harshika

I, Praveen Kumar S/o Rampher R/o # 2273 Vikas Nagar Mauli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Parveen Kumar.

I, Balkrishan S/o Madan Lal, Om Gali, Ward No. 4, Nangal, Tehsil Nangal (Rupnagar) have changed my name from Balkrishan to Balkrishan Grover.

I, Balvinder Singh S/O. Sh. Hazura Singh R/O #184, Gianí Zail Singh Nagar, Rupnagar, Tehsil & District Rupnagar, Punjab. I Have Changed My Name From Balvinder Singh To Balwinder Singh

I, Simranjit Singh S/o Hardev Singh R/o VPO Dharar, PS Jandiala Guru, Tehsil & Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143115 have changed my name from Simranjit Singh to Samar Singh Josan.

I, Jagdish Singh S/o Manjit Singh R/o H.No. 4312, Kot Ghanaia Lal, Sultawnind Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Jagdish Singh to Singh is my surname and Jagdish is my given name.

I, Swati Attri W/o Naman Thakur R/o VPO Chawinda Devi, Tehsil Majitha, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Swati Attri to Swati Thakur.

I, Nasib Singh S/o Jai Parkash R/o Village Barodi Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Lakshay To Lakshy.

I, Babli Gill W/o Vijender Singh R/o Village Ahirka Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Babli Gill To Babli.

I, Vijender Gill S/o Mahabir R/o Village Ahirka Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Vijender GillTo Vijender Singh.

I, Ritu D/o Anil Singh Sindhu R/o H.No. 1242/25 Bhatnagar Colony Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Ritu To Ritu Sindhu.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that Original Sale Deed No. - 4536 dated 27.2018 registered in the Office of Sub-Register, Rohtak (R/O) Property/Plot No-A-143 measuring 316 20 Sq.mts situated at Sector-36-A, Suncity, Rohtak in the name of Smt. Krishna Malik w/o Rameshwar R/o HNo-934, Sector-2, Rohtak is reported to be lost vide lost property Report No. 132370802201190 with Haryana Police Citizen Services, Now State Bank of India, RACP, Rohtak (Branch Code-05281) intends to sanction loan to Mrs. Sarita w/o Hari Om R/o HNo-1100, Preet Nagar, Rohtak against said property, which she is purchasing from present owner of said property i.e. Smt. Parnia Devi W/o Ashok Kumar R/o HNo-594, Uttam Vihar, Rohtak vide Sale Deed No-8546 dated 4.12.2024 and said property will be mortgaged by her with the Bank as Security for loan. Public at large is given notice that any person having any interest or title in the above mentioned property or otherwise having any objection can make representative to the State Bank of

The subject-wise performance also reflected the same trend of academic excellence - Punjab History and Culture had a 100 percent pass rate, followed by Sanskrit (99.95 percent), Health and Physical Education (99.76 percent), Hindi (99.54 percent), and Social Studies (99.38 percent). While 25 students' results have been

Editor's TAKE

Threats to the idea of India

Vijay Shah's remarks on Col Sofiya Qureshi are a threat to India's unity and an affront to free Speech

In a nation where the armed forces stand as the ultimate symbol of unity, sacrifice, and national pride, any attempt to sully their dignity is an attack not just on individuals, but on the very fabric of the Republic. When that attack comes from a sitting minister of the state Government, it ceases to be a matter of political impropriety and crosses into the territory of constitutional disgrace.

This is precisely what unfolded when Madhya Pradesh cabinet minister Kunwar Vijay Shah made derogatory and inflammatory remarks directed at Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, a decorated officer of the Indian Army. His statement — laced with communal undertones and vile innuendos — implied that Colonel Qureshi was the “sister of terrorists” involved in the Pahalgam attack, a slander that the Madhya Pradesh High Court described as “nauseating,” “disparaging,” and “dangerous.” Taking suo motu cognisance of the statement, a division bench comprising Justices Atul Shreedharan and Anuradha Shukla ordered the Director General of Police to register an FIR within four hours, warning that failure to do so would invite contempt of court. The court invoked provisions under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, including — Section 152 — for acts endangering the sovereignty and integrity of India, Section 196(1)(B) — for statements prejudicial to religious harmony and Section 197 — for assertions that could harm national integration.

The Court did not mince words. By referring to Colonel Qureshi, a Muslim woman serving the nation with distinction, in the language of “gutters,” the minister not only undermined the integrity of the Armed Forces, but also fanned the flames of religious divisiveness.

This is not a political issue. This is a moral and constitutional failure. Colonel Sofiya Qureshi represents the finest values of India — duty, courage, and commitment. To question her loyalty based on her faith is not just intellectually bankrupt, it is constitutionally untenable.

To drag religion into the realm of military service is to strike at the root of national unity. It demoralises not just the officer in question, but every soldier in uniform who expects, and deserves, that their sacrifices will be recognised without prejudice.

Free speech is the cornerstone of democracy. But free speech is not a free pass for hate. It is not a license to defame, communalise, or incite. The Constitution of India allows freedom of expression with reasonable restrictions. Among these are the preservation of public order, decency, and national security.

Shah's comments fail on all these counts. This incident is not just about one minister's reprehensible conduct. It's about drawing a line — a line that demarcates democratic dissent from communal defamation, leadership from irresponsible demagoguery.

No one — regardless of political stature — has the right to degrade those who serve the country selflessly. When we fail to speak up against such verbal violence, we normalise it. And when that normalisation reaches the ranks of the armed forces, we risk tearing apart the very idea of India.

Why military operation names matter

As missiles fly and headlines fade, it is time we look beyond the spectacle and decode the deeper purpose behind these evocative titles — stories etched not just in military annals, but in the very soul of a sovereign India

In the grand narrative of India's post-independence journey, the names given to military and security operations are far more than functional labels — they are powerful emblems of national spirit, strategic vision, and unwavering determination. Each title echoes with purpose, carrying within it the soul of the mission and the will of the nation. From the fragile dawn of independence to the intricate security landscapes of today, these operational names have served as rallying cries, steeped in symbolism, shaped by historical context, and crafted to inspire conviction.

They not only reflect the tactical objectives of the Indian armed forces, paramilitary units, and police but also embody the collective aspirations and resilience of a nation determined to protect its sovereignty. Behind every such operation lies a story of immense sacrifice - of brave hearts in uniform and the silent endurance of their families, who uphold the spirit of service to keep India secure and moving forward.

It is time we move beyond making reels and taking videos of flying missiles and engage with the deeper motivations behind these evocative names. It is time we understand their role in shaping public memory and appreciate the sacrifice of thousands of young men in uniform — over the last 76 years — marked by both monumental challenges and hard-won victories.

These codenames of operations often serve as more than just operational identifiers. They are powerful linguistic tools — symbols of intent, strategy, and resolve of the Indian Armed Forces, Paramilitary Units, and State Police Forces who, from time to time, have launched several strategic operations to safeguard the country's sovereignty, unity, and integrity. These operations were not only pivotal in countering external aggression and internal insurgencies, but they also shaped public consciousness and national discourse.

From ‘Operation Blue Star’ (anti-terrorist actions) in 1984, which sent shockwaves across the country, to ‘Operation Meghdoot’, which established India's presence on the world's highest battlefield and strategic adaptability in high-altitude ongoing warfare in Siachen, and the very recent ‘Operation Sindoor’, launched in response to a brutal terrorist attack — each codename chosen by the Indian military establishment has carried layered meaning.

Some evoke elements of nature, others draw from Indian mythology, and many others reflect poetic or symbolic references tied to cultural identity, emotion, and national resolve. ‘Operation Sindoor’, for example, carries a deep emotional and symbolic resonance. Media reports pointed out that SINDOOR essentially stands for ‘Strategic Initiative for



Neutralising Destructive Opponents with Overwhelming Retaliation’.

‘Sindoor’ is the vermilion powder worn by married Hindu women, symbolising their marital status. Reports suggested the name was chosen by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a tribute to women widowed by a preceding terror attack at Pahalgam on April 22, 2025, thus linking the operation to delivering justice for them. It signifies the reason for the retaliatory action.

Naming a military operation is an act of strategic communication. It influences morale, affects public perception, and sometimes even conveys subtle political messaging. As a military historian and author Dr Shiv Kunal Verma writes in his book “1962: The War That Wasn't”, “Every operation is a story in itself, and the name is its headline — short, striking, and deliberately chosen” — ranging from conventional wars to counter-insurgency missions and international peacekeeping.

Early actions like ‘Operation Polo’ (1948), for Hyderabad's integration, were used as a seemingly innocuous name, possibly to downplay its scale. It was during the First Indo-Pak War of 1947-48, when Pakistan launched ‘Operation Gulmarg’ by infiltrating tribal forces into Kashmir, in response, India executed ‘Operation Rescue’ to airlift troops and save Srinagar. This set the stage for a long history of Indian military preparedness and swift

responses to aggression. Over time, operations like ‘Operation Vijay’ in 1961 for the liberation of Goa and the 1971 Indo-Pak War [‘Operation Cactus Lily’ (symbolising resilience and strategic reach)] not only expanded India's territory but also underlined India's support for democratic movements, such as in Bangladesh's liberation.

Subsequent operations highlighted India's strategic adaptability and overseas interventions, such as ‘Operation Cactus’ in the Maldives in 1988 and ‘Operation Pawan’ (wind) by the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka in 1987. The ‘Kargil War’ of 1999 saw a reuse of the name ‘Operation Vijay’, affirming victory against infiltrators, supported by the IAF's ‘Operation Safed Sagar’ (‘White Sea’ — a metaphor for snowy peaks where operations occurred). These counter-insurgency and internal security missions derived their names indicating their purpose. In recent decades, the military's focus shifted to counter-insurgency and surgical precision, evident in operations like ‘All Out’ in Kashmir and ‘Operation Bandar’ in 2019 after the Pulwama attack. These reflect a doctrine of swift and decisive strikes.

The naming of operations often reflects deep cultural resonance and psychological messaging. Many names are derived from Sanskrit or Indian mythology, like ‘Parakram’ (valour), ‘Meghdoot’ (cloud messenger), or ‘Bandar’ (a Monkey symbol akin to Lord Hanuman). Others carry symbolic weight, such as ‘Cactus’ (resilience), ‘Rakshak’ (protector), initiated in J&K in 1990), or ‘Sankalp’ (determination/commitment — Indian Navy's initiative at Gulf region aimed at ensuring the security of the regional maritime domain and curbing anti-piracy activities) — reinforcing

the moral justification and purpose behind the military action. Names also serve operational needs — either to deceive, inspire, or signal strategic intent — underscoring how India's military engagements are not only about tactics on the ground but also narratives that echo national identity, resolve, and sovereignty, like “Operation Trident” (December 4, 1971) by the Indian Navy on Karachi Harbour. ‘Trident’ also refers to the mythical weapon of Lord Shiva, symbolising power, precision, and destruction.

Similarly, “Operation Python” (December 8, 1971), symbolising a snake known for quietly stalking and suffocating its prey — used as a codename — reinforced the precision and strike of the Indian Naval forces.

Further, humanitarian and evacuation operations frequently employ names reflecting care and assistance. ‘Operation Maitri’ (Friendship) during the 2015 Nepal earthquake, ‘Operation Ganga’ (evoking the sacred river) for evacuating citizens from Ukraine in 2022, ‘Operation Dost’ (Friend) for aid to Turkey and Syria in 2023; or ‘Operation Kaveri’ (named after the river Kaveri, symbolising life and continuity) 2023, for evacuating Indians from Sudan during the crisis, communicate their compassionate objectives.

In a world where language shapes narratives and perceptions, the codenames assigned to military operations are not random. In the Indian context, they carry deep semantic weight. They are, in essence, history written in real-time — designed to inspire confidence, symbolise national identity, and preserve operational integrity.

(The writer is a Programme Executive Gandhi Smriti Sansthan. Views are personal)



ITBP jawans on the summit of Mount Makalu, the fifth highest peak in the world. PTI

AI: Rewriting patient-centric healthcare

SECOND Opinion

Healthcare communication is undergoing a seismic shift, and the stakes couldn't be higher. Misinformation is flooding the digital landscape-studies show 52 per cent of online health content contains inaccuracies, according to a 2023 Journal of Medical Internet Research report, while 19 per cent of AI-generated health content harbours errors, per a 2024 Nature Medicine analysis. Globally, the healthcare industry spends a staggering \$8.3 billion annually on content creation (Statista, 2024), yet patients still struggle to find reliable, timely, and personalised information.

Meanwhile, healthcare professionals are bogged down, dedicating 35 per cent of their time to drafting and reviewing content instead of caring for patients (American Medical Association, 2023). Enter Health Content Management (HCM) — a game-changing approach to streamline content creation and marketing in healthcare. Powered by AI, HCM promises to deliver accurate, engaging, and patient-centric communication that's transforming the industry.

AI-driven Health Content Management is flipping the script on how healthcare organisations produce and share information. With 70 per cent of patients now seeking health advice online (Pew Research, 2024), the demand for credible, tailored content is skyrocketing. AI steps in by

automating the creation of evidence-based content that's not just medically sound but also dynamic.

Unlike static articles that gather digital dust, AI can refresh content in real-time-think updated treatment guidelines or breaking health alerts — keeping patients in the loop with the latest insights. But it's not just about speed. AI personalises like never before.

By analysing patient data-symptoms, demographics, even browsing habits — AI crafts bespoke recommendations. Imagine a 45-year-old diabetic receiving a tailored video on carb counting, a text reminder for their metformin dose, and a podcast on stress management — all delivered via an AI-powered app.

This isn't sci-fi; it's happening now, with platforms reducing patient confusion and boosting adherence rates by 28 per cent, per a 2024 Health Affairs study. AI doesn't stop at creation — it's rewriting the rules of engagement. Intelligent systems tap into patient behaviour and medical histories to deliver hyper-relevant content at the perfect moment.

For instance, a heart patient might get a push notification about low-sodium recipes right before dinner, while a new mom receives a breastfeeding FAQ as she googles late-night feeding tips. Healthcare providers are also reaping the rewards.

AI-powered content marketing ditches the one-size-fits-all model for targeted campaigns that resonate. In India alone, where 1.5 million patients miss follow-ups annually due to poor

communication (Lancet India, 2024), AI could bridge the gap, ensuring no one slips through the cracks.

For doctors and nurses drowning in paperwork, AI is a lifeline. A 2024 World Health Organisation survey revealed that clinicians spend 17 hours a week on administrative tasks, including drafting patient letters and educational materials. AI slashes that burden by auto-summarising reports, generating discharge instructions, and even creating multilingual health guides — all in seconds. This frees up to 40 per cent more time for patient care (HealthTech Magazine, 2025).

AI isn't here to replace humans-it's here to amplify them. While 85 per cent of healthcare leaders see AI as a productivity booster (Accenture, 2025), experts stress the need for human oversight. Why? Emotional nuance and clinical judgment can't be coded. A 2024 BMJ Open study found that 23 per cent of AI health content lacked empathy, highlighting the need for doctors and editors to fine-tune the output.

Privacy, bias, and transparency remain hot-button issues; 68 per cent of patients worry about data misuse (PwC, 2024). The fix? AI systems are built on trust, with clear accountability and patient, first design. By 2030, AI-driven HCM could save the global healthcare system \$150 billion annually (McKinsey, 2025) while empowering patients with knowledge that sticks. It's not just about efficiency — it's about trust, engagement, and outcomes. The future isn't coming; it's here, and it's patient-centric to the core.

(The writer is Co-Founder, Healthpresso. Views are personal)

Letters to the Editor

Donald Trump the peacemaker!

Donald Trump is bent upon implementing cease-fire between India and Pakistan, rather in the whole world! This reminds one of the Charlie Chaplin film 'The Kid'. Almost all the wars and disturbances are being fought by weapons provided Trump's America or prominent countries who want to establish peace on earth and save mankind! Charlie Chaplin's accomplice.

Jackie Coogan, the kid, breaks windows and then conveniently Chaplin, the window repairer arrives to carry out his trade!

He has tried to broker end of hostilities between Ukraine and Russia. This is still work in progress, but he has already confirmed the receipt of rare metals from Ukraine in the bargain. Israel is just a proxy fighting America's war.

He has urged Israel to clear Palestine of its inhabitants, either by bombing them or forcing a modern day exodus! He is eyeing to build a French type Riviera there! Even in case of India and Pakistan He has threatened to withhold trade with them! We all know that Donald Trump is not all there, but equating India with Pakistan takes the cake even for his addled brains!

What kind of leadership we have in the world today; meglo-maniacs, machevillian politicians, traders and upstarts? You will hardly find a single statesman among them.

ANIL BAGARKA | MUMBAI

Irresponsible remarks

Our politicians are past masters in resorting to every trick of the trade when it comes to owning up for their mistakes. Rarely, if ever, has an Indian politician tendered an apology for his omissions and commissions. Vijay Shah's vituperative remarks against a senior Army officer offers proof of this. He did apologise, but only under intense public pressure.

The Chief Justice of India, BR Gavai, described the minister's comments as unacceptable and insensitive, and has asked him to apologise in the High Court of MP. It is distressing to note that the BJP national President JP Nadda, has asked for a report instead of acting swiftly on the matter (Shah's remarks were made in public, and there is fool proof evidence of his mala fide remarks).

India's armed forces are perhaps the nation's last bastions of integrity, probity, honesty and patriotism. Nobody should feel free to take potshots at our defence forces. The episode reflects a troubling pattern: political accountability remains elusive in India. When even blatant disrespect towards the armed forces elicits only delayed, pressured apologies, it signals a dangerous erosion of values.

Our leaders must act decisively — not defensively, to uphold the dignity of institutions that safeguard the nation's honour.

ANINASH GODBOLEY | DEWAS

Trump claims credit for ceasefire

It is height of ludicrousness that US president Donald Trump has repeatedly claimed that his administration had successfully brokered the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, averting a potential nuclear conflict.

His statement has drawn angry reactions back home and has raised an important and obvious question that why a top leader of a third country should intervene in the Indo-Pak bilateral issues and make such intolerable claims. As the international community watches the fragile peace between India and Pakistan, Trump's claim adds a complex layer to the narrative of how the ceasefire was achieved, and it clearly underscores the intricate dance of international relations in a region fraught with historical tensions. Meanwhile, it is surprising why Prime Minister Narendra Modi is keeping a hushed silence on Trump's bizarre claim.

He must show his hardness in such a manner that the US establishment is told in no uncertain terms that India cannot allow any intervention or any conciliatory act by America in the hostile relations between the two neighbouring Asian nations. If such assertions are left unchecked, they risk distorting the global perception of India's sovereignty. Silence at this juncture may be mistaken for consent.

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A LANDMARK MOMENT FOR JUSTICE



It was indeed a historic moment when the country's first tribal and second female President administered the oath of office to India's second Dalit and first-ever Buddhist Chief Justice of India, BR Gavai. As the 52nd Chief Justice of India assumes office, it marks not only a personal milestone but also highlights the arduous journey of the nation's highest judicial authority in recognising and striving for the rights, equality, justice, diversity, and representation of its citizens. Chief Justice Gavai's elevation to this apex constitutional post comes with the immense responsibility of maintaining the credibility and integrity of the judiciary. Though his tenure may be short, it can be made exemplary if he builds upon the legacy of his predecessors and strengthens the foundation

of judicial independence and fairness. However, it is also a sobering reflection of our judicial system that, to date, only a handful of Supreme Court judges have come from marginalised communities.

There have been only 11 women judges, two Chief Justices from the OBC community, none from Scheduled Tribes, and only 27 judges in total from SC, ST, or OBC backgrounds. Although the judiciary has made significant progress, the pool of candidates from which top court judges are selected must become more inclusive. The collegium system must embrace reform. It must build systems that reward and ensure equal representation of India's diverse social fabric.

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Klaus Schwab: The Oracle of Davos falls

World Economic Forum, once seen as a summit of global solutions is turning out to be curated illusion — where altruism was performance, and power wore the mask of benevolence

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Each year, the anointed elite flew to Davos to witness Klaus Schwab's pagantry — where lofty proclamations drowned out the unresolved crises of poverty, health emergencies, and food insecurity. They gathered in alpine luxury, more suited to honeymoons than humanitarian reckoning, to moralise about catastrophes unfolding continents away. The spectacle revealed not merely paradox, but a deliberate choreography of geopolitical theatre — where privilege cloaked itself in altruism and global suffering was repurposed as elite currency.

Klaus Schwab, the architect of this icy Olympus, the World Economic Forum's omnipresent paterfamilias, has long styled himself as the cerebral messiah of stakeholder capitalism. With almost oracular cadence, he declared: "The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world." It was the kind of proclamation that sounded benevolent to some and Machiavellian to others. To his admirers, he was a prophet of multilateralism and sustainable development; to his critics, a grandiose technocrat cloaked in the language of humanism, who sought not to dismantle the system of inequity but to rebrand it.

Schwab's legacy, now embroiled in scandal and precipitous retreat, was always a palimpsest: the elegant prose of visionary change obscuring darker subtexts of elitism, opacity, and manipulation. The recent whistleblower allegations — detailing misuse of institutional funds, methodological tampering in flagship reports, and attempts to solicit a Nobel Peace Prize, have only validated the long-held suspicions of those who viewed Davos as a vaudeville of virtue signalling. The Financial Times called it a "downfall in Davos," yet it is not merely the toppling of a man, but the implosion of a grand narrative that spanned five decades.

One cannot ignore the irony that the very man who exhorted the world to "build back better" is accused of bending institutional mechanisms to bolster personal prestige. That Schwab allegedly altered the methodology of the Global Competitiveness Report to curry favour with petulant governments speaks volumes—not only about his imperialism within the WEF but about the pliability of 'truth' within the elite consensus. "Over the years I continued to engage with the methodology to improve and maintain the credibility of the report," Schwab protested. But in the realm of epistemic governance, "engagement" too often becomes a euphemism for expedient distortion.

That Schwab's decline coincides with his octogenarian twilight lends the entire episode a tragic Shakespearean air—Lear exiled from his castle not by storm or sword, but by memo. A figure who once dined with monarchs and ministers now pens rebuttals to anonymous emails and threatens defamation lawsuits. His supporters insist he is the target of "character assassination"; others call it a karmic re-



elation. In his April 1st, email to the trustees, Schwab remarked with characteristically self-assured solemnity, "It is evident that I do not have to strive any more to create a legacy." And yet now, with his departure expedited and ignominy encroaching, that legacy appears less a monument and more a mausoleum. Few remember that Schwab's intellectual lineage was forged not merely in the groves of academia but in the grey spaces between policy, industry, and ideological hegemony.

His 1971 book *Modern Enterprise Management in Mechanical Engineering* proposed the then-novel idea that corporations ought to serve all stakeholders, not just shareholders.

On the surface, this was prescient. But the WEF he built around that idea became a quasi-aristocracy of corporate nobles, where virtue was worn as adornment and seldom



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as a burden. He mastered the theatre of global benevolence, wrapping laissez-faire capitalism in the warm hues of inclusivity and green ambition.

In Davos, climate activists mingled with oil executives, AI ethicists with surveillance capitalists. To attend was to be consecrated among the responsible elite — a spectacle of noblesse oblige, where the powerful confessed the sins of others while affirming their salvific role.

Behind the curtains of this alpine symposium, Schwab reportedly centralised control, maintaining a grip so unrelenting that one senior WEF member remarked: "He should have left years ago, but he obviously couldn't. I am sure he'll fight tooth and nail." That insight now reads as prophecy, as Schwab's once — invulnerable façade disintegrates under the weight of new probes, internal dissent, and boardroom tremors.

To speak of Schwab without addressing the WEF's governance is to narrate Hamlet without Denmark. The 2015 Swiss designation of WEF as an "international organisation for public-private cooperation" — complete with tax privileges and special legal status—revealed not neutrality, but institutional sanctification of elite opacity. The requirement that a

Schwab family member remain on the board perpetuates not merely nepotism, but a dynastic arrogance that belies the Forum's democratic posturing. What began as an initiative for transnational dialogue became, over time, an ecclesiastic council for technocratic orthodoxy. And still, despite these revelations, Schwab clings to the mythos of personal sacrifice: he waived bonuses, accepted below — market salaries, and saw his spouse offer unpaid labour. One is reminded of Talleyrand's dictum: "They have learned nothing and forgotten nothing." That Schwab, in the end, saw his predicament through the lens of personal martyrdom rather than institutional accountability is less surprising than it is depressingly emblematic.

Uncommonly recounted is Schwab's fierce control over the Forum's narrative architecture. Staff have long whispered of ghostwritten books produced under WEF auspices, generating royalties attributed to Schwab, marketing funded by the Forum, and arguments constructed by its analysts. While commonplace in think tanks, the scale and lack of disclosure here were part of a broader pattern: an empire of ideas with a singular sovereign. Even his aspirational bid for a Nobel Peace Prize—allegedly encouraged by staff at his behest—reveals a man intoxicated not only by influence but by immortality.

What remains of Klaus Schwab's WEF is uncertain. Borge Brende and Peter Brabeck-Letmathe may attempt to re-legitimise its mission, dust off its public trust and reaffirm its relevance. But among the Forum's financiers and acolytes, there is growing apprehension: does Davos remain magnetic without its high priest? One insider put it plainly: "That is the biggest worry at the moment. Does it die with him or stick to WEF?"

As Klaus Schwab recedes into the footnotes of history, his final chapter remains unwritten—perhaps he will pen memoirs to catalogue his intentions and proclaim his innocence. Yet, even if he evades formal censure, the myth he so carefully constructed is unravelling. He may be remembered less for the ideals he championed than for the grand illusion he perpetuated: that Davos was a fortress of solutions rather than a gilded stage of detached spectacle. Men like Schwab are often seen as the disease itself, but in truth, they are the symptoms—the parasites—deeply versed in the art of manipulation, thriving within societies long afflicted by such endemic corruption.

Like all ideologues who outlive their eras, Schwab is not merely fading; he is being unmasked, his carefully woven illusions stripped away by the very crises he sought to orchestrate. The page turns, and the Forum endures, but the man who made it immortal now stands conspicuously mortal, and the mountain echoes differently when its oracle falls silent.

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Invisible wars and organised crime: India's battle beyond the battlefield

I have consistently maintained that organised terrorism is a complex low-cost war and not a crime of rage or passion. Terrorists kill unarmed civilians by stealth and deception. They abuse wider trust among communities. They seek to degrade the identity of victims and destroy the faith of people in the ability of their state to protect them. Terrorism seeks to paralyse and cripple the all-round potentials and capacities of a state and society. But a deeper examination suggests that it is also a potent weapon of geopolitics.

Hence, neither the conventional military means nor the routine criminal justice system is in a position to eradicate the threat of terrorism in a definitive time frame and that too at sustainable material-human costs. The Pakistani military has built an elaborate transnational support structure for Islamic terrorism to attack India. It seeks to fracture our national cohesion and destroy the security of our public spaces to cripple our optimal rise as a nation. Terrorism may have generated a degree of boomerang impact for Pakistan, where some of its proxies have turned against it, but it has consistently and consciously nurtured terrorism to deploy it against India.

A terror attack on the soil of any nation indicates the failure or incapacity of at least some of its institutions. Under these circumstances, a military response is the only option. Successful military attacks on terrorists and their infrastructure help prevent further attacks at least temporarily. But given the symbiotic linkages of terrorism with organised crime and radicalism at one end and geopolitics at the other, I doubt that military strikes are sufficient to eliminate the threat of terrorism. Besides, over-reliance on conventional military means against irregular war of any shade drains national energies, impacting long-term capacities.

A total military victory against terrorism may be possible only at exorbitant material, human and developmental costs. A developing nation that depends largely upon imported hardware for its military security has to be particularly careful. Terrorists are low-cost dispensable proxies of terror perpetrators. A large pool of radicalised youth, alongside easy access to weapons and dirty cash, shall ensure an abundant supply of terrorists willing to kill and die in the name of Islam.

Hence, the Indian state has to explore effective, innovative and sustainable strategies to win this war within a definite time frame. Prime Minister has been consistently highlighting the twin threat of organised crime and radicalism alongside terrorism. It is assessed that organised crime may be generating hundreds of billions of dollars of dirty money in India itself to feed local and regional infrastructure of terrorism. Organised criminals are suspected of subverting the integrity of state institutions not



only in the developing world but to some extent even in the developed world. The entire phenomenon is so clandestine and fluid that the real global masterminds of organised crime can never be pinned down.

As per the Cost War project of Brown University, the United States has spent nearly 8 trillion dollars in the war against terror, which also involved human casualties of around 5 million. Yet the war remained inconclusive. The resultant hit to the US economy depleted its capacity to dominate the world the way it had done in the previous century. It conceded an edge to China in many of the cutting-edge advanced

technologies. The hidden complexities of Pak-linked Islamic terrorism may also be formidable. Despite the detection of Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan, there was no serious consequence for the Pakistani military. This generates an apprehension that powerful global forces consider Pakistan's terror capacity as an effective weapon to pursue their geopolitical agenda. We have a very professional military. Pakistan is no match for us. Even impartial global media, including the anti-India New York Times, has confirmed precision strikes of targets deep inside Pakistan territory by Indian defence forces. They have also exposed the bluff and falsehood of Pakistani counter-claims of hitting Indian targets.

Yet Pakistan's unfettered access to advanced Chinese weapons may potentially dilute our advantage. Besides, the Pak military is least committed to its people. Its senior functionaries continue to enrich themselves through dirty and deniable means. They con their masses and serve the agenda of other powerful global forces. Pakistan shall continue to retain its utility for certain global powers who will never let it sink completely. Hence, despite the discontinuation of military supplies to Pakistan by the West, it is assessed that sections of powerful incumbents within their establishments may be hav-

ing an illicit nexus with the Pak deep state.

On the other hand, India is indeed being bled through thousands of invisible cuts. Apart from external enemies, many influential locals may — knowingly or unknowingly — be doing the same. This is what explains our relatively deficient output on most parameters of governance and national power compared to China. This is even though we are an open and competitive society and they are an opaque and authoritarian state. The primary culprit in this direction is bound to be a higher degree of subversion, backed by global organised crime networks. Clandestine global organised crime networks derive their strength from subverted criminal-justice systems in the developing world. It allows them to run parallel regimes in selected pockets and sectors through their proxies. They do not merely infiltrate key institutions but succeed in even hijacking them. It helps neuter the overall capacities of the concerned state to optimally empower and protect itself.

This phenomenon is particularly glaring in most of South America and parts of Africa. But our challenges may be formidable given the sheer geopolitics of the region and the extent of radicalisation amongst Muslim youth amidst Pakistani capacity to aggregate and coordinate terror and organised crime networks.

Hence pursuit of our Prime Minister's aspiration for zero tolerance for terrorism calls for a larger transformation of our systems and psyche. We need a model of governance that optimises our economic and technological strength at a faster pace to bolster our capacities in the sphere of national security. Simultaneously we must focus on innovative strategies to deter and win all shades of irregular, hybrid, covert or even conventional warfare at sustainable costs to protect our growth and developmental goals and potentials.

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Beyond report card: Rethinking parenting

In the age of cut-throat competition and an ever-changing global landscape, education has become the cornerstone of every child's future. Across India, and indeed the world, academic performance is often seen as the most reliable yardstick of a child's success. Parents leave no stone unturned be it through extra tuition, enrolling them in competitive exams, or monitoring every grade they receive to ensure their children excel in school. While this focus is understandable, it is also shortsighted.

As the old proverb goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." A child is not just a vessel to be filled with information but a personality to be nurtured. A parent's responsibility stretches far beyond report cards and test scores; it is a lifelong commitment that includes emotional support, moral grounding, and preparation for real-life challenges.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic laid bare many of the gaps in our educational and parenting systems. With schools closed and children confined to their homes, parents found themselves donning multiple hats not just as caregivers, but also as teachers, counsellors and companions.

In India, the digital divide further highlighted inequalities in access to education. For many parents, especially in rural or economically weaker sections, the burden was twofold: ensuring their children could keep up academically while also coping with the mental health implications of isolation and uncertainty. This scenario was not unique to India; across the globe, families faced similar trials, reminding everyone that it takes a village to raise a child, and that village starts at home.

While academics remain important, the world no longer rewards only rote learning. The global job market increasingly values creativity, adaptability, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence.

India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recognises this shift, advocating for holistic education. One thing that everyone should take note of is that the policies alone cannot shape a child's future; it is the parents who must walk hand-in-hand with schools to implement these ideals. Supporting a child's talents, whether in music, sports, art, or even entrepreneurship, goes a long way in building self-esteem and identity.

Mental health, once a taboo subject, is now rightly gaining attention in parenting discussions. According to recent studies, India has one of the highest rates of depression and anxiety among adolescents. Many of these issues stem from pressure to perform academically, lack of communication at home, and the absence of emotional validation.

In today's digital world, children are bombarded with unrealistic comparisons on social media, heightening insecurities and stress. Here, the parent's role becomes that of a steady anchor. Lending a lis-

tening ear, encouraging open dialogue, and teaching children that failure is not the end but a stepping stone to growth can make all the difference.

Furthermore, values and ethics are areas that schools can teach only to a limited extent. Parents are the first and most consistent role models for children. Children observe, imitate, and internalise behaviours they witness at home.

Lessons in honesty, kindness, respect, tolerance and humility are best taught through lived examples. In an increasingly polarised and fast-paced world, these qualities are not just admirable but are necessary. As the adage goes, charity begins at home and instilling strong morals in children creates not just good students but responsible citizens of the world.

The role of parents also extends into the digital realm, which has become inseparable from modern education and lifestyle. With children spending more time online for both learning and leisure, guiding them on safe and responsible digital behaviour is crucial.

Parents must teach children how to distinguish credible information from fake news, how to interact respectfully online, and how to set boundaries for screen time. In India, where digital literacy is still catching up with digital access, this role is even more critical.

Encouraging empathy, teamwork and good manners at home prepares children for real-world interactions. Moreover, in today's uncertain world with climate change, political unrest, and economic instability, resilience and adaptability are the new survival skills. These cannot be taught through textbooks alone. Parents must encourage children to think independently, solve problems creatively, and face failures with courage.

Life rarely goes according to plan, and children must learn that setbacks are not signs of inadequacy but invitations to try again. When the going gets tough, the tough get going, and parents must help instil that inner toughness.

In the Indian context, especially among middle-class families, academic achievement is often viewed as the golden ticket to a secure future. While this belief has roots in reality, it has sometimes led to tunnel vision, with creativity, curiosity, and emotional well-being sacrificed at the altar of grades. When observed globally, there is a growing understanding that success is multidimensional. Parenting styles are evolving from Scandinavian models of child-centred learning to American approaches that integrate mental health and diversity education. Indian parents, too, must broaden their horizons, blending traditional values with modern understanding to raise children ready for the world stage.

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Man arrested for setting fire to UK prime minister’s properties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

A Ukrainian man charged with setting fire to the personal home of British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, along with another property and car linked to him, was held in custody Friday after facing three counts of arson in court.

Roman Lavrynovych, 21, is accused of setting fire to Starmer’s house, a building where the prime minister once lived and a small SUV he had owned. He is charged with three counts of arson with intent to endanger life.

Prosecutor Sarah Przybylska said Lavrynovych denied setting the fires and, at this point, there is no explanation for the crimes. No injuries were reported from the three fires that occurred over five days in north London in the past two weeks.

Starmer had moved out of his person-



al home after being elected in July and lives with his family at the prime minister’s official Downing Street residence.

With the help of an interpreter, Lavrynovych confirmed his name, address

and date of birth in Westminster Magistrates’ Court, but didn’t speak otherwise.

He was ordered to appear at the Central Criminal Court on June 6 for a plea hear-

ing. A Toyota RAV4 that Starmer once owned was set fire on May 8 - just down the street from Starmer’s home. On Sunday, an apartment building where Starmer once lived was set fire. On Monday the doorway of Starmer’s home was charred after being set ablaze.

Counterterrorism detectives led the investigation because as it involves the prime minister. The charges were authorised by the Crown Prosecution Service’s Counter Terrorism Division, which is responsible for prosecuting offences relating to state threats, among other crimes.

Earlier this week, Starmer condemned the fires as “an attack on all of us, on democracy and the values that we stand for”. The fires were condemned by leaders across the House of Commons, including by the Conservative Party’s Kemi Badenoch, who described them as “completely unacceptable”.

Opulence, business deals, \$400M plane from Qatar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Abu Dhabi

President Donald Trump used the first major foreign trip of his second term to outline a vision for restoring global stability that is grounded in pragmatism and self-interest rather than values, holding out US ties to wealthy Gulf countries as a model for America’s longtime foes.

His four-day swing through Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, which ends Friday, put a spotlight on Trump’s transactional approach to foreign affairs as he was feted by autocratic rulers with a trio of lavish state visits where there was heavy emphasis on economic and security partnerships.

His trip played out against the backdrop of stubborn global conflicts, including Gaza and Ukraine, that showed the limits of his influence.

But Trump insisted he was turning the page on American “interventionalism” in the region as he moved to recognise the new government in Syria for the first time and prodded Iran to engage on nuclear talks before it’s too late.

Some takeaways from Trump’s travels:

Trump marvelled at Gulf state opulence but held his tongue on human rights

Presidential trips to the Middle East usually feature at least some public calls for authoritarian governments to improve their human rights efforts.

Not this one, as Trump celebrated his business deals with Gulf royals and admired their wealth. Trump toured the marble and gilded palaces of Gulf rulers and deemed them “perfecto” and “very hard to buy.” He praised the “gleaming marvels” of the skyline in Saudi Arabia. And he groused about the “much less impressive” Air Force One.

In Trump’s remarks at a VIP business conference in Riyadh, he went out of his way to distance himself from the actions of past administrations, the days when he said American officials would fly in “in beautiful planes, giving you lectures on how to live and how to govern your own affairs.”

Rights advocates took that as a pledge of nonintervention, swearing off some of the pressure past US presidents have brought to bear on partners to varying degrees to ease up on detentions, suppression of critics and other issues. “It’s

absolute support for absolute monarchy,” said Saudi exile Abdullah Alaoudh.

His father, a Saudi cleric with a wide following there, is imprisoned in the kingdom. Some rights advocates said Trump officials gave them private assurances the administration was working on behalf of detained Americans and rights advocates. Tommy Pigott, a deputy spokesman at the State Department, declined to say whether Trump raised those or other rights issues in discussions with Gulf royals.

While Trump was in the Mideast, Vladimir Putin opted to skip direct peace talks with Ukraine’s Volodymyr Zelenskyy despite the US president’s strong calls for them to meet face to face.

Trump has been pushing Putin and Zelenskyy to move with greater haste to end Russia’s grinding war in Ukraine.

But after it became clear Putin wouldn’t be attending talks in Turkey this week and would instead be sending underlings to Istanbul, an annoyed Trump insisted he knew all along that it was highly likely Putin would be a no-show.

“I don’t believe anything’s going to happen whether you like it or not, until he and I get together,” Trump said.

“But we’re going to have to get it solved because too many people are dying.”

As he wrapped up his visit on Friday, Trump said the face-to-face would happen “as soon as we can set it up”.

Trump was scheduled to fly back to Washington on Friday, but tried to keep people guessing until the end.

He teased late Thursday that he would be heading to a “destination unknown” - “probably” Washington, he added.

His opaque language stoked speculation that he might make a drop-by to Turkey.

But on Friday morning, he told reporters he needed to get back to Washington.

His daughter Tiffany had her first child while the president has been away.

“I would actually leave here and go,” Trump said.

“I do want to see my beautiful grandson.”

Just two months ago, the Trump administration wasn’t sold on Syria’s interim government led by Ahmad al-Sharaa, the onetime al-Qaida-affiliated insurgent. They worried the Syrian president didn’t have the legitimacy to govern the country’s ethnically diverse population.

Texas mother accused of terrorism for allegedly arming 13-year-old

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Houston

A Texas mother has been charged with a terrorism-related crime after being accused of buying her 13-year-old son ammunition and tactical gear as he allegedly planned mass violence at his middle school, authorities said Thursday.

The boy, who was also charged with terrorism, had shown up to the school this week wearing a mask and tactical gear but left shortly after, according to San Antonio police.

He was later detained off campus.

In recent years, parents of children who committed school shootings around the US have been taken to court, though in this case no attack happened.

The gun control group Everytown for Gun Safety said it had not found a similar case in which a parent was charged when violence did not occur.

Authorities in San Antonio said the boy’s mother had previously been contacted by police, her son’s school and Child Protective Services with concerns about her son.

“She appeared to be dismissive and unconcerned with her son’s behaviour,”

San Antonio police Chief William P McManus said at a news conference. “Her behaviour is not only dangerous, it’s abhorrent, especially as a parent.”

The mother has been charged with aiding in the commission of terrorism. She is free on a \$75,000 bond.

Joseph Appelt, the mother’s attorney, said he was unable to comment as he had just been appointed to the case Thursday and was still learning about it.

Michael Wynne, a Houston-based criminal defense attorney not connected to the case, said he believes laws and prosecutions of parents over allegations they played some sort of role in a school shooting or plans for one “are headed in this direction because of the tragic consequences that can ensue if a parent continues to neglect their responsibilities.”

“What we’ve had in place so far clearly has not worked,” Wynne said. “We have to do something else because the consequences are so tragic and so dire.”

Around October, Child Protective Services reported its concerns about the boy’s family to police.

In January, he was found in his school drawing violent pictures and in

April he was suspended after researching mass shootings on a school computer, McManus said.

He was allowed to return to campus earlier this month.

On Sunday, a family member saw the boy with a bullet, McManus said.

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“He claimed his mother bought him the bullet and tactical gear,” McManus said.

“The next day, the family member found loaded magazines and an improvised explosive device and immediately contacted police.”

Police say the mother provided her son with gun magazines and ammunition for them.

McManus said “some very disturbing

things” were found inside the mother’s home, including “Nazi swastikas and things like that.”

The mother was charged under a law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2023 that detailed a specific criminal charge of terrorism and a state registry for anyone convicted of a crime conducted for the purpose of terrorising the public.

Republican state Sen Phil King, who authored the bill, had said it was aimed at helping law enforcement identify suspects when investigating threats.

Nick Suplina, senior vice president of law and policy at Everytown for Gun Safety, said parents and gun owners have the responsibility to prevent kids from accessing deadly weapons without supervision.

“Parental culpability cases are not one-size-fits-all, but this one stands out for such utter disregard for warning signs that it begs for criminal charges to be brought, even if, thankfully, a major tragedy was avoided here,” he said in a statement.

In Michigan last year, Jennifer and James Crumbley were the first US parents held criminally responsible for a mass school shooting committed by a child.

Pope Leo XIV: A Pontiff Formed by Peru’s Soil and Soul



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When white smoke rose from the Sistine Chapel on 8 May, few outside ecclesiastical circles recognized the name Robert Francis Prevost. However joy erupted in Trujillo, Chiclayo, and among the dusty Andean towns of northern Peru. The man now known as Pope Leo XIV had walked their streets, celebrated Mass in their parks, comforted their sick, and built their churches - sometimes literally with his own hands.

Born in Chicago and ordained as an Augustinian priest, Robert Prevost’s life took a decisive turn in 1985 when he arrived in Peru at the age of 30. This was no brief missionary tour. Over the next four decades, Peru would shape his theology, pastoral style, and spiritual vision. In the words of Leo XIV himself, “I was formed by Peru.”

His journey began in the Vicariate of San Juan de Sahagún de Chulucanas, tucked into the Andean foothills east of Piura. Later, he moved to Trujillo in 1988, where he became prior of an Augustinian formation community. There, he taught in the seminary, served as judicial vicar for the archdiocese, and led parish work. The parish of Our Lady of Montserrat was little more than a concrete shell when he arrived. With no pews, no electricity, and no running water, it was more construction site than church. Undeterred, Prevost coordinated permits, sourced cement, and even chose the paint for the altar - a celestial blue, to honor Our Lady, though not without some debate from parishioners.

A Pastor Among the People

To speak of Leo XIV’s Peruvian heritage is to speak of a man who embraced the language, customs, and culture of the people. He learned Quechua, the ancient language of the Incas, and urged young seminarians to never forget their roots. “Don’t lose your culture,” he would say. “Don’t forget where you come from.”

His pastoral work was grounded in presence - not just symbolic but tangible. He was seen at wakes, feasts, baptisms, and in flood-logged villages, where he waded



Pope Leo XIV in his first appearance in St Peter’s balcony

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through water in wellington boots to deliver food. He celebrated Mass in parks when churches were not yet built. He preached simply, advised catechists to “keep homilies short,” and often signed off conversations with a typically Peruvian phrase: lo justo - “just enough.”

As Bishop of Chiclayo from 2015, Prevost was not content with administrative duties. He engaged directly with crises, from COVID-19 to mass migration. When the pandemic hit, he persuaded wealthy donors to fund oxygen plants for the region. When Venezuelan migrants began streaming into northern Peru - fleeing economic collapse and political repression - Prevost mobilized diocesan resources to shelter, feed, and assist them.

Helping them was his priority,” said Yolanda Díaz, who worked closely with him on the pastoral commission for migrants.

He recruited laypeople and religious orders alike, including the Daughters of the Blood of Christ and the Society of St Vincent de Paul, to welcome over 1.4 million Venezuelans who had made Peru their home. Prevost even brokered cooperation with hospitals that had previously denied medical care to non-Peruvians and lobbied state agencies to respect migrants’ rights. He urged his team to listen first: “Ask them what they need,” he said. “Most wanted to legalize their status and enroll their children in school.”

A Church Rooted in Justice

Prevost’s Peru was not only shaped by natural beauty or cultural richness; it was also marked by injustice. He aligned himself with this mission, founding pastoral ministries for health care, prisoners, and the environment. He understood that evangelization required social engagement - that

preaching the Gospel meant building shelters, organizing legal aid, and planting trees. One of his projects involved engaging Venezuelan migrants in reforesting parts of Chiclayo, the “city of friendship,” thereby giving dignity through work and healing to scarred land.

His work was in line with the Church’s “preferential option for the poor,” a phrase popularized in Latin America’s theological discourse and lived out by missionaries like Fr Peter Hughes, a longtime friend of Prevost. Hughes, like Prevost, emphasized the need to learn from the poor. “The poor evangelize us,” he said. “We cannot be the only ones who proclaim the Word. We must walk with the people and learn what it means to hope in the midst of suffering.”

From Bishop to Pope

Despite his deep-rooted love for Peru, Prevost was called to the Vatican in 2023

by Pope Francis to serve as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. It was a reluctant departure. Friends and colleagues recall his sadness at leaving his adopted country. But even in Rome, his identity as a “Latino Yankee” remained intact — a phrase that reflects both his US-Peruvian heritage and his cross-cultural heart. On the loggia of St Peter’s, following his election as Pope Leo XIV, he began his first words in Italian, then immediately shifted to Spanish. “I would like to greet my beloved Diocese of Chiclayo,” he said, acknowledging the faithful who had walked with him, challenged him, and, in many ways, made him.

His old friend, parishioner, and catechist, Yvonne Leyva, recalled her disbelief when her daughter told her about the white smoke. “I wasn’t watching TV,” she laughed. “Then I saw him on the screen

and said, ‘That’s Judith’s godfather!’” She had once argued with him about the color of an altar. Now, he was Pope.

A Papacy Shaped by the Andes

As he begins his pontificate, Leo XIV carries with him not just theological formation or canonical expertise, but the lived wisdom of Latin America - catechesis in Quechua, and sacramental grace in impoverished barrios.

In him, the Church finds not only a leader but a listener, a builder, and a man who has broken bread with the forgotten. The altars he raised in Peru may have been painted in blue, but they rest on foundations of justice, compassion, and solidarity. In the words of one of his collaborators, “He is what the Church needs.”

(The writer is Peru Ambassador to India Javier Paulinich is based in New Delhi, India.)

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India, US to start ministerial-level meetings to assess BTA’s progress

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

India and the US will commence ministerial-level meetings in Washington from May 17 to assess the progress of negotiations for the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), provide political guidance to chief negotiators and push forward efforts to deepen economic ties, an official said.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will hold deliberations on the agreement first with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and later with US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer during his four-day visit, the official said.

“The minister will be holding political-level discussions to give negotiations a political steer. They will assess the progress made in the negotiations in the past two months,” the official said. This will be the Goyal’s second visit to the US.

The minister-level meeting will be followed by the deliberations between chief negotiators of the two countries from May 19 to May 22. The meetings come against the backdrop of both countries exploring

the possibility of an interim trade arrangement in goods to secure “early mutual wins” ahead of finalising the first phase of the trade agreement by fall (September-October) this year. The main issues that will figure in the negotiations include market access, rules of origin, and non-tariff barriers. India’s proposal to impose a retaliatory duty under the WTO norms on certain US products over American tariffs on steel and aluminium would also figure in the BTA deliberations. Officials from New Delhi and Washington aim to take advantage of the 90-day tariff pause window to advance the talks. The US has suspended the additional 26 per cent tariffs on India till July 9. It was announced on April 2 to bridge the widening trade deficit.

However, the 10 per cent baseline tariff imposed on the countries will continue to remain in place. To give impetus to the talks, India’s Chief Negotiator for BTA Rajesh Agrawal, special secretary in the Department of Commerce, and Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch last month held three-day deliberations in Washington. In March this year, Goyal

held bilateral meetings with Greer and Lutnick. India and the US have already initiated sectoral-level talks for the pact.

To boost bilateral trade, India is seeking duty concessions for labour-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, garments, plastics, chemicals, shrimp, oil seeds, chemicals, grapes, and bananas in the proposed pact with America. On the other hand, the US wants duty concessions in sectors like certain industrial goods, automobiles (electric vehicles in particular), wines, petrochemical products, dairy, agriculture items such as apples, and tree nuts.

The terms of reference (ToRs) for the BTA have been finalised by India and the US, which include around 19 chapters covering issues like tariffs, goods, services, rules of origin, non-tariff barriers, and customs facilitation. The US has on multiple occasions raised concerns over certain non-tariff barriers being faced by American goods in the Indian markets.

The US remained India’s largest trading partner for the fourth consecutive year in 2024-25, with bilateral trade valued at \$131.84 billion.

Singtel sells 1.2 per cent stake in Bharti Airtel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Singtel on Friday said it has sold about 1.2 per cent of its direct stake in Bharti Airtel for SGD two billion (roughly \$1.5 billion) in sync with its active capital management approach to optimise its asset portfolio and drive shareholder returns. Following the sale of 1.2 per cent equity, Singtel will hold a 28.3 per cent stake in India’s second-largest telecom operator Airtel. The transaction was executed on a private placement basis to international and Indian institutional investors, including existing shareholders of Airtel, according to Singtel.

“Singtel has sold approximately 1.2 per cent of its direct stake in regional associate Airtel today for SGD 2.0 billion as part of its active capital management approach to optimise its asset portfolio and drive shareholder returns sustainably,” Singtel — Southeast Asia’s largest telecoms provider — said in a statement.

It said the private placement drew strong interest from existing shareholders and new investors and was well over-subscribed, resulting in an increase in transaction size and tighter final pricing than initial guidance. A large majority of the transactions were sold to domestic mutual funds and international long-only funds. A long-term strategic investor in Airtel for over two decades, Singtel said

it has been working with Bharti Enterprises to equalise its effective stake in Airtel in the medium term.

Post the sale of 1.2 per cent holding, Singtel will have a 28.3 per cent stake in Airtel, valued at an estimated SGD eight billion, and generate an estimated gain of SGD 1.4 billion. In 2022 and 2024, Singtel raised a total of about SGD 3.5 billion from the progressive sale of Airtel shares — a 3.3 per cent stake to Bharti Telecom and 0.8 per cent direct stake to GQG Partners. This has helped to support the Group’s 5G deployment, digital infrastructure expansion and sustainable shareholder distributions, Singtel said.

“This transaction allows us to crystallise value at an attractive valuation while remaining a significant shareholder of Airtel. “We are pleased to welcome new like-minded investors who share our conviction in Airtel’s strong growth potential as India pursues its vision of achieving a \$1 trillion digital economy,” Arthur Lang, Singtel’s Group Chief Financial Officer, said. This, the Singtel CFO said, will further strengthen Airtel’s shareholder base, so that long-term growth can be collectively supported.

“The divestment underscores Singtel’s commitment to disciplined capital allocation and sustained value realisation for shareholders,” Lang pointed out.

This is a key tenet of ‘Singtel28’ growth

plan that has identified active capital management and the financial flexibility it brings as integral to funding growth initiatives while supporting capital returns.

Bharti Airtel shares closed at ₹814.35 per share on BSE on Friday, 2.8 per cent lower than the previous close.

Other details of the transaction would be available once the stock exchange uploads the related data.

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel posted about a five-fold jump in consolidated net profit to ₹11,022 crore in the March 2025 quarter, mainly due to the tariff hike impact and one-time gain on tax benefits.

During the reported quarter, Bharti Airtel received favourable orders in certain tax-related matters, which helped it with a one-time tax benefit of around ₹ 5,913 crore. The company’s revenue from operations grew 27 per cent to ₹47,876.2 crore during the quarter under review from ₹37,599.1 crore in the March 2024 quarter.

For the year ended March 31, 2025, Airtel posted about a four-fold increase in consolidated net profit to ₹33,556 crore from ₹7,467 crore in FY24.

The annual revenue from the operations of Bharti Airtel grew 15.33 per cent to ₹1,72,985.2 crore in FY25.

Its net debt increased to ₹2.03 lakh crore at the end of the reported quarter from ₹1.94 lakh crore a year ago.

EaseMyTrip founder turns up heat on rival MakeMyTrip over Chinese ownership

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

EaseMyTrip Founder and Chairman Nishant Pitti on Friday turned up the heat on rival MakeMyTrip over the alleged Chinese ownership of the latter, saying 5 out of its 10 board of directors have direct ties to China. In a post on X, he said three of the four most strategic board committees in MakeMyTrip “are either led or significantly influenced by directors with clear Chinese affiliations.”

While MakeMyTrip declined to comment on Pitti’s latest allegations, it maintained its earlier stance of being an Indian company, fully complying with all applicable laws of the country and data privacy frameworks.

Pitti in a fresh post on X, formerly Twitter, alleged “half of MakeMyTrip’s board - 5 out of 10 directors have direct ties to China, including pivotal appointments by Trip.Com, a company with Chinese ownership”.

UP Government set to increase GI-tagged products

VN BHATT ■ Lucknow

The Uttar Pradesh Government is set to significantly expand the number of Geographical Indication (GI) tagged products.

Already leading the nation with 77 GI-tagged items, Uttar Pradesh is poised to take this achievement to new heights. The Government has formulated a comprehensive action plan to reach the milestone of 152 GI-tagged products.

According to the plan, the government aims to secure GI tags for 75 products in the financial year 2025–26. Applications for 25 products are already being submitted to the GI Registry in Chennai and are expected to be completed soon.

In addition to increasing the number of GI tags, the State Government is taking robust measures to promote GI products, raise public awareness, and expand the base of authorised users.

The MSME Department is developing a detailed framework to enhance the recognition and reach of GI-tagged products across the state.

A key component of this initiative is identifying and onboarding more entrepre-

neurs as authorized users of GI products. These users will be officially recognised and play a vital role in promoting GI goods and encouraging wider participation among local producers. The production and marketing of GI-tagged products will catalyse entrepreneurship and awareness at the grassroots level.

It is noteworthy that Uttar Pradesh currently holds the highest number of GI-tagged products in India. Other leading states in this domain include Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra.

The MSME Department is signing a Mou with the Human Welfare Association, a renowned GI expert organisation, to strengthen this initiative further. This partnership will be instrumental in expanding the network of authorised GI users and supporting the addition of new GI tags. The move will help safeguard the unique identity of traditional and indigenous products, protecting them from unauthorised use and imitation.

Overall, this initiative will contribute to rural development, preservation of traditional knowledge, and increased marketing and export potential for Uttar Pradesh’s distinctive products.

it FPIs from issuing ODI with derivatives as the underlying or using derivatives to hedge their ODIs in India. This was aimed at addressing regulatory arbitrage for ODIs and FPIs with segregated portfolios.

Further, FPIs cannot hedge ODIs with derivatives on Indian stock exchanges.

ODIs must only reference securities (non-derivatives) and must be fully hedged one-to-one with the same securities. On separate registration for ODIs, Sebi had stated that FPIs issuing ODIs must have a separate, dedicated registration.

This registration will have the suffix “ODI” under the same PAN.

For existing FPIs, adding the suffix would not be treated as a name change and a separate registration would not be required for ODIs with government

securities as the underlying.

SEBI mandated that ODI subscribers disclose detailed ownership information, up to the level of natural persons, if they meet either of the following criteria: their equity ODI positions account for 50 per cent or more of securities linked to a single Indian corporate group, or their total equity positions in Indian markets exceed ₹25,000 crore.

This includes ODI positions taken through one or multiple FPIs, holdings of entities with common ownership or control, and equity holdings as a registered FPI. Certain entities such as government and government-related investors registered under FPI regulations, Public Retail Funds (PRFs), subject to validation and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) with less than 50 per cent exposure to Indian equity markets are exempt from these disclosure.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rina Rani W/o Anil Singh Sindhu R/o H.No. 1242/25 Bhatnagar Colony Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Naitik To Naitik Sindhu.

I, Rina W/o Anil Singh Sindhu R/o H.No. 1242/25 Bhatnagar Colony Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Rina To Rina Rani.

I, Anil S/o Puran Singh R/o H.No. 1242/25 Bhatnagar Colony Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Anil To Anil Singh Sindhu.

I, Bala Devi W/o Chandi Ram R/o H.No. 3651 Urban Estate Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Bala Devi To Raj Bala.

I, Tannu D/o Naresh Kumar R/o H.No. 573/2 Patiala Chowk Savitri Nagar Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Tannu To Tannu Dhillon.

I, Sahil S/o Naresh Kumar R/o H.No. 573/6 Patiala Chowk Savitri Nagar Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Sahil To Sahil Dhillon.

I, Naresh S/o Partap Singh R/o H.No. 573/6 Patiala Chowk Savitri Nagar Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Naresh To Naresh Kumar.

I, Pola Ram S/o Jagira Ram R/o Village Ram Nagar, Tehsil Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Pola Ram to Gurmel.

I, No. 3408696 F Rank Hav. Name Sukhwinder Singh S/o Bakhshinder Singh presently residing at Village - Saidowal, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed my father's name from Bakhshindir Singh to Bakhshinder Singh, DOB from 27 July 1962 to 12 June 1960 Vide Affidavit Date 16 May 2025 Before Dasuya (Hoshiarpur).

I, Sunitha Wife of Shri Parshad Resident of Village Semi, PO. Khajurla, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144024, India have changed my name from Sunitha to Sunita Kumari. All concerned please note.

I, Neha Mittal W/o Raman Kumar Garg Village Ismailabad Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my Name Neha.

I, Mamta Sethi W/O Manoj Kumar R/O H.no.697/13, Keshav vihar, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Haryana Changed name Mamta Rani.

I, Krishan Kumar S/O Ram Lal R/O H.no.697/13, Keshav vihar, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Haryana Changed name Krishan Lal.

I, Mamta W/O Manoj Kumar R/O H.no.697/13, Keshav vihar, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Haryana Changed name Mamta Rani.

I, Kuldeep Arya S/o Sh. Jai Parkash R/o Barauli (24) Sonipat my marksheet my name is wrongly mentioned as Kuldip Arya. And all other documents My name is Kuldeep Arya. Kuldeep Arya and Kuldip Arya both are the same person.

I, Rozy W/o Rakesh Khosla R/o B-15/204, Doula Nangal, Near Nehru Gate, Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143505 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rozi Khosla.

I, Manoj Kumar Mom S/o Sardara Ram R/o VPO. Karimpur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab have delete my surname from Manoj Kumar Mom to Manoj Kumar.

I, Kulwinder Kaur Mom W/o Manoj Kumar R/o VPO. Karimpur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab have delete my surname from Kulwinder Kaur Mom to Kulwinder Kaur.

I, Sukhwinder Devi W/o Kuldip R/o H.No. 15, Surjeet Nagar, Basti Danishmanda, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Sukhwinder Devi to Sukhvinder Kaur.

I, hitherto known as Rahul s/o Mahinder Pal resident of V. Darapur, Po. Mehampur, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144035, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rahul Kumar.

I, Surjit Singh S/O Puran Singh R/O Ward No.28 H.No.492 Dhillon Patti Moga Have Changed My Name To Surjit Singh Dhillon.

I Sukhdev S/O Piara Ram R/O Vpo. Jagatpur Jattan Tehsil Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Known By Two Name i.e Sukhdev & Tota (Same Person).

I Sunil Dutt S/O Manohar Lal R/O 23 Khalwara Road Guru Nanak Enclave Baba Gadhia Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Sunil Dutt Kanda.

I Ashok Kumar Alias Ashok Gogna S/O Tarsem Lal Gogna R/O 21-A Maharana Partap Nagar, Palahi Road, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Ashok Gogna.

I Ramandeep Kaur W/O Mandeep Singh R/O Vill. Nangal Kanugo P.O. Hariana Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Ramandeep And My Surname As Kaur.

I Gurvinder Singh S/O Balwant Singh R/O House No.197 D.C. Road Scheme No.10 Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name Gurvinder Singh To Gurvinder Singh Walia.

I, Narinder Kaur W/o Santokh Singh R/o Vill: Khokhar Po. Jhingar Kalan Teh-Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur declare that Narinder Kaur and Narinderjit Kaur both names relates to one & the same person.

I, Lakhwinder Kaur Cheema W/o Balwinder Singh R/o H.No. 301 P/o. Rayya Teh-Baba Bakala Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Lakhwinder Kaur Cheema to Lakhwinder Kaur.

I, Balwinder Singh Cheema S/o Anant Singh R/o H.No. 301 P/o. Rayya Teh-Baba Bakala Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Balwinder Singh Cheema to Balwinder Singh.

I Gurwinderjeet Singh Hehar S/o Karamjeet Singh R/o Vpo. Pherurain Tehsil Raikot, Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurwinderjeet Singh.

I Balwinder Singh W/O Amrik Singh R/O Bhallapind, Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Balwinder Kaur To Narinder Kaur.

I Rajbir Kaur Sandhu W/O Late Balwinder Singh Sandhu R/O Vpo. Munda Pind (Tarn Taran) I Have Changed My Name As Rajbir Kaur.

I, Jaswinder Singh Gill S/o Amar Singh R/o H.No. 3558 Sector-71 Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Jaswinder Singh to Jaswinder Singh Gill.

I, Kumari Simran Tiwari D/o Savrabh Tiwari R/o Balrampur (U.P) have changed my name to Simran Tiwari.

I, Beerdavinder Singh S/o Manjeet Singh R/o Near New Grain Market, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Beerdavinder Singh Sidhu.

I Rajdeep Kaur Buttar W/o Rajinder Singh Rai R/o Chak Bhai Ka (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Rajdeep Kaur.

I, Junmoni Thengal W/o Atul Borah r/o Vpo. Chawdangpathar PS Merapani Distt. Golaghat, Assam have changed my name to Junmoni Borah.

I Paramjit Kaur W/O Rajpreet Singh R/O Vill Koharka Teh & Distt Tarn Taran Punjab Declare That I Have Changed My Name To Parmjeet Kaur.

I, Manjit Singh Gautam S/o Gurjit Singh R/o Village Gobindpura, Po. Raisal, Tehsil Nabha (Patiala) have changed my name to Manjit Singh.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Charnjeet Singh R/o VPO Rajewal, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my minor daughter's name from Parneet Kaur Sandhu to Parnheet Kaur.

I hitherto known as Kamaljit Kaur W/o Munish Singh Dutta R/O Flat No. 10A, Yuvraj Homes, Swaraj Enclave, Chajui Majra Road, Kharar, PO Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140301 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kamal Dutta.

I Jagvir Singh S/o Sucha Singh R/o Village Jalalpur Bir Bahadurgarh Distt Patiala have changed my name to Jagveer Singh.

I, Kamaljit Kaur W/o Tarsem Singh R/o Vpo. Chicha Teh and Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Kamaljit Kaur to Kawaljit Kaur.

I Balwinder singh Gehlot R/O Sohan Singh R/o Giddarbaha Distt Sri Muktsar 908471, Have Changed My Sahib have changed my name To Balwinder Singh.

I, Ishwarappa, Father Of Army No. 2617196Y Rank L/Nk Name Parashuram Ishwarappa Talakall Of Unit 71 Inf Div Hq (Def & Emp Coy) C/O 99 Apo, Pincode 908471, Have Changed My Name From Ishwarappa To Ishwarappa Basappa Talakal Vide Affidavit Dated 16 May 2025 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

I, Ravi Kumar S/o Kamal Kishor R/o Village Taunsa, PO. Rail Majra, Tehsil Balachaur, District S.B.S.Nagar (Pb) have declare that my given name as Ravi & my Sumame as Kumar.

I, Nand Kunwar Spouse Of No. Jc-776663L Sub Laxman Singh Chandawat Resident Of House No.331-A, Arihant Nagar Extension, Village- Jamburdi Hapsi, Post- Gandhi Nagar, Tehsil-Hatod, District- Indore, State-Madhya Pradesh, Pin-453112, Have Changed My Name From Nand Kunwar To Nand Kunwar Chandawat Vide Affidavit No.Br. 049967 Dated 12 Dec 2024 Before Notary Public Indore (Mp)

I, Renuka Mother Of No.2801981p Hav Shankar Arvind Saynekar Resident Of Village- Devanvadi, Post-Shinoli, Tehsil- Chandgad, District- Kolhapur, State-Maharashtra, Pin-416507, Have Changed My Name & Dob From Renuka To Renuka Arvind Saynekar And Date Of Birth From 19 Jan 1957 To 01 June 1956 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35047521586203x Dated 15 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Sureshbabu D Resident Of Village- Kuppam, Post- Ariyur, Tehsil- Anicut, District- Vellore, State-Tamilnadu, Pin-632055, Have Changed My Son Name From S Sudharsan To Sudharsan S Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35088333535881x Dated 15 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, T Appalaswemy Father Of No.15673535A Hav Teppala Shanmukha Rao Resident Of House No. 2/23, Village- Chinna Makannapalli, Post- Neelavathi, Tehsil- Palasa, District- Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532243, Have Changed My Name & Dob From T Appalaswemy To Teppala Appalaswamy And Date Of Birth From 01 July 1952 To 01 Jan 1955 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35086642627945x Dated 15 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Kamucamma Mother Of No.15673535A Hav Teppala Shanmukha Rao Resident Of House No. 2/23, Village- Chinna Makannapalli, Post- Neelavathi, Tehsil- Palasa, District- Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532243, Have Changed My Name & Dob From Kamucamma To Teppala Chamanthi And Date Of Birth From 10 June 1962 To 01 Jan 1960 Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35248380542072x Dated 15 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.15673535A Hav Teppala Shanmukha Rao Resident Of House No. 2/23, Village- Chinna Makannapalli, Post- Neelavathi, Tehsil- Palasa, District- Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532243, Have Changed My Son Name From Abishek To Teppala Abhishek Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35085074335109x Dated 15 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.15673535A Hav Teppala Shanmukha Rao Resident Of House No. 2/23, Village- Chinna Makannapalli, Post- Neelavathi, Tehsil- Palasa, District- Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532243, Have Changed My Name From Shanmukha Rao T To Teppala Shanmukha Rao Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35087686816368x Dated 15 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot.

I, Kiran W/O Avinash Kumar Residing At Chichri Buzurg Rajnagar Madhubani Bihar 847235 I Have Correct My Name From Kiran To Kiran Kumari. Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901670 Dated 16.05.2025 Before Notary Naveen Kumar Panchkula Haryana

I, Jayasudha Teppala Spouse Of No.15673535A Hav Teppala Shanmukha Rao Resident Of House No. 2/23, Village- Chinna Makannapalli, Post- Neelavathi, Tehsil- Palasa, District- Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532243, Have Changed My Name From Jayasudha Teppala To Teppala Jayasudha Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35085838387094x Dated 15 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.17007899F Sep Govardhana T Resident Of Village- Somaguddu, Post-Somaguddu, Tehsil-Challakere, District-Chitradurga, State-Karnataka, Pin-577522, Have Changed My Son Name From Chetan Gs To Chethan Gs Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb31604502766022x Dated 03 May 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Geeta W/O Shri Shyam Sunder Resident Of House No. 549-J Kanshi Nagar, Model Town Ambala City District Ambala Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Geeta Rani To Geeta, Henceforth I Should Be Known As Geeta.

I, Kasamir Kaur Am Mother Of Army No-18007881F Rank-Nk Name-Yadwinder Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 70 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Dilawalpur, Dilawalpur, Po: Phulke, Dist:Tarn Taran, Punjab-143411 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kasamir Kaur To Kashmiri Kaur. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901721, Dated:16.05.2025

I, Prasanthi Am Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: 15422617W Rank: Hav/Lab Assistant Name-Kumar Palla Presently Residing At Command Hospital Chandimandir Cantt Panchkula, Haryana Permanent Address:9-4-118, Krishna Nagar, Gajuwaka, High School Road, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530026 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Prasanthi To Prasanthi Palla. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901720,Dated:16/05/2025

I, Molly Joseph Am Mother Of Army No: 18005128K Rank-Spr Name-Jaison Joseph Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Puthankandathil, Po:Valavoor, Vtc: Vallichira, Po:Valavoor, Distt:Kottayam, State: Kerala, Pin:686635 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Molly Joseph To Moly Joseph. Vide Affidavit No:48aa901672,Dated:16/05/2025

I, C Subbalaxmi Is Mother Of Army No: 16118127H Rank: L/Hav Name- C Ravi Kumar Presently Residing At 164 Br Coy, 16 Engr Br Regt (Pms), Chandimandir Cantt Panchkula, Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From C Subbalaxmi To Chakali Subbalakshamma And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 18/06/1965 To 02/05/1964

I, Sushil Devi Am Mother Of Army No: 14937118L Rank-Nk Name-Ankuj Kumar Permanent Address: RZ-106a/159, Gali No:7, Nasir Pur Road, Durga Park, Nasirpur, South West Delhi, Delhi-110045 Declare That In My Son Service Record My Name Wrongly Mentioned As Sushil Devi And Date Of Birth 01/10/1954 But As Per My Civil/Govt Documents My Correct Name Is Sushila Devi And Correct Date Of Birth Is 01/01/1950. Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901718, Dated:16.05.2025

I, Krishan Kumar Am Father Of Army No: 14937118L Rank-Nk Name-Ankuj Kumar Permanent Address: RZ-106a/159, Gali No:7, Nasir Pur Road, Durga Park, Nasirpur, South West Delhi, Delhi-110045 Declare That In My Son Service Record My Date Of Birth Wrongly Written As 01/10/1949 But As Per Civil/ Govt Document My Correct Date Of Birth Is 01/01/1953. Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901719, Dated:16.05.2025

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Movement That Moved Us

Tagore's warrior princess Chitrangada dazzles in powerful musical dance-drama of self-discovery, says SAKSHI PRIYA

Can a 19th-century tale of a warrior princess still speak to modern women? The performers of Chitrangada answered with conviction. The auditorium settled into silence as the performance began. The dancers, draped in silks and fabrics, moved with precision, their bodies narrating a story both ancient and immediate. This was Chitrangada — Stree Ki Sarvach Dhvani, the Atorium Foundation's powerful rendition of Rabindranath Tagore's classic dance drama, leaving an indelible mark from the first moment. Isn't that what great art should do?

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A WARRIOR'S SOUL, A WOMAN'S VOICE

Tagore's Chitrangada (1892) reimagines the legend of the Manipuri princess—a warrior raised as a man, who later confronts love, identity, and societal constraints. Directed by Rahul Ray and choreographed by Nisha Ray, this production did not merely present the story, it breathed new life into it. Chitrangada became more than a character; she embodied the struggle of women who refuse to be confined by expectations.

AS I LEFT THE THEATRE, I NOTICED MANY IN THE CROWD STANDING A LITTLE TALLER, AS IF CHITRANGADA'S JOURNEY HAD, FOR AN EVENING, LIGHTENED THE WEIGHT OF THEIR OWN.

LIGHT, SOUND, AND THE UNSPOKEN

The production stood out through its bold use of lighting and symbolism. Milind Srivastava's design shaped the mood-red palette for battle, cool blues for reflection and golden light as Chitrangada embraced her truth. The stage, minimal yet evocative, allowed shadows to amplify the protagonist's inner conflict.

Dibendhu Ghosh's original score elevated the experience. Avoiding predictable ragas, the music incorporated unconventional rhythms, mirroring Chitrangada's turmoil. A poignant moment came during a sequence where she lamented her perceived lack of femininity, the singer's voice faltering on "Ami nari, nahe shur" (I am not a woman, but a hero/warrior), a detail that left the audience moved.

WATCHING THIS FELT LIKE WITNESSING TAGORE'S WORDS BLOOM AGAIN, PETALS UNFURLING IN OUR MODERN SUNLIGHT

ART AS REFLECTION

The Atorium Foundation's Chitrangada was a statement. It challenged assumptions: Must a woman choose between strength and love? Must she conform to be accepted? The final image, Chitrangada standing alone, resolute, left no room for doubt. As the performance concluded, the response was admiration for the artistry, but for the message: identity is not a compromise.

In a time when women's rights remain contested, Chitrangada was a reminder of enduring battles. A tighter first act would have heightened the impact. Still, this is classical art with contemporary relevance.

WHY THIS CHITRANGADA MATTERS NOW

Director Rahul Ray noted, "Tagore wrote this when women's autonomy was radical. Today, we speak of empowerment, yet how many women still bend to expectations?" The question stayed. The climax, where Chitrangada rejects Arjuna's conditional love and asserts her self-worth, drew strong reactions, especially from young women. One attendee, a student, shared, "I've never seen a classical piece where the heroine owns her strength without apology."

Nisha Ray's choreography balanced tradition and innovation. A Kathak tukratransitioned into contemporary movement, symbolising Chitrangada's defiance. The ensemble's precision in battle scenes mirrored the rigidity of societal norms.



Pandit Sajjan Mishra performing with grace, depth and classical finesse

BY TEAM VIVA

The hall settled into silence, as though preparing itself for something deeply personal. Could a concert, through sound alone, make you feel the presence of someone who is no longer there? As Mangalotsav began, in honour of Padma Vibhushan Dr Vidushi Girija Devi, it felt as though the audience was stepping into a space shaped by memory and music rather than ceremony.

Girija-Darshan Trust organised, a musical tribute concert celebrating the 96th Birth Anniversary of the legendary Padma Vibhushan Dr Vidushi Girija Devi (lovingly called Appa ji). It was a festival of music and memory, aiming to raise awareness of her immense contributions to Indian classical music and to ensure her legacy lives on, as it continues to inspire with dedication. Vidushi Sunanda Sharma and Pandit Rupak Kulkarni opened the evening with a jugalbandi between voice and flute that felt like a conversation between kindred spirits. Sharma's vocals carried the clarity and control of someone trained in a style where detail matters. Kulkarni's flute provided a subtle contrast, each note rising and falling like breath. The dialogue between them was intimate without being inward.

Could the memory of an artist live on in the pauses between notes? That question hung in the air as Padma Bhusan Pandit Sajjan Mishra and Shri Swaransh Mishra took the stage. Their performance

THIS WAS MUSIC THAT ASKED THE AUDIENCE TO LEAN IN. IT ASKED: ARE YOU LISTENING CLOSELY ENOUGH? DO YOU HEAR HER IN THIS NOTE, IN THAT PHRASE? THE ARTISTS DID NOT TRY TO RECREATE GIRIJA DEVI JI, THEY LET HER PRESENCE EMERGE THROUGH SILENCE, AND SUBTLETY

unhurried, searching and grounded-offered no grand gestures. Instead, they sang with a calm depth that seemed to draw everyone inward.

The connection between the two was unmistakable: one led, the other followed, then reversed, as though the raga itself were guiding them both. In a time when tributes can feel staged or hurried, Mangalotsav offered something different. No overstatement. No display. Just music, shaped by love and memory. Isn't that where true tribute lies—in giving space for someone's spirit to be felt, rather than spoken?



Contours of a Changing Self

In a world where clarity is prized, this body of work embraces ambiguity, offering an invitation to dwell in uncertainty, says SAKSHI PRIYA



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Art, at its most powerful, does not imitate life, it interrogates it. It holds a mirror to our contradictions, our fragility, and our ceaseless transformations. Metamorphosis, an exhibition by Phaneendra Nath Chaturvedi and curated by Sanya Malik, centres itself around this very idea—the ever-shifting nature of being.

This is a display of artistic mastery and a philosophical inquiry into what it means to live, change, and be human. Chaturvedi's practice is rooted in precision. With pen-and-ink drawings of astonishing intricacy, vivid brushwork, and sculptural forms that almost breathe, he creates a visual language that questions rather than declares. His works are intense—technically, emotionally, intellectually. The pieces compel the viewer to stop, to look closer, and to think deeper.

The show begins with figural compositions—detailed drawings that present human forms caught in private moments of awareness, as though engaged in internal monologues. They are states of mind. As one moves further, the artworks shift towards abstraction. Figures distort and disperse into fluid spaces, where body parts become landscape, and landscape becomes metaphor. It



is not a transition guided by chronology, but by thought-by the artist's growing urge to dismantle form and loosen fixed identities. The artist's works often place softness beside steel, delicacy beside density. His recurring use of fragile symbols—butterflies, petals, wings, are poignant rather than ornamental.

They serve as meditations on impermanence, on how the delicate and the transient are the very things that define us. His sculptural interventions, in metal and fibreglass, shimmer with an almost ethereal quality. These are not fixed objects; they react to light, to movement, to mood. In doing so, they mirror the unstable terrain of our emotional lives. There is a compelling contrast in how he pits architectural rigidity against organic drift. Sharp edges dissolve into curving, flowering forms. These tensions are deliberate—they refuse easy resolution. Chaturvedi's art does not comfort; it provokes, yet with a quiet restraint that respects the viewer's intellect and emotion. This exhibition left me not with answers but with questions, the kind that stir and stay. It offers no neat conclusions. Instead, he opens a space for contemplation, where beauty coexists with discomfort, and change is not a narrative arc but a state of existence.



Lambani Art: Stitching a Heritage and Craft

BY GYANESHWAR DAYAL

Traditional arts and crafts have long been the soul of cultural heritage, carrying stories, skills, and traditions passed down through generations. However, in today's fast-paced world, many of these age-old art forms are on the brink of extinction due to industrialisation, changing consumer preferences, and a lack of sustainable opportunities for artisans.

Lambani embroidery, a rich and intricate art form practised by the nomadic Lambani community, has long been a symbol of India's vibrant handicraft heritage. Characterised by elaborate stitch work, mirror embellishments, and vibrant colours, this craft carries stories of culture and tradition. The history of Lambani embroidery is a captivating one, rooted in centuries of tradition and craftsmanship. Originating from the nomadic Lambani tribe in India, also known as the Banjaras, this intricate art form has evolved over time while preserving its cultural essence.

As they began settling in the 16th century, embroidery became an integral part of their daily lives, adorning clothing, tents, and household items. Primarily practised by women, this craft played a significant role in shaping Lambani identity and heritage. Characterised by rich symbolism, Lambani embroidery features motifs inspired by nature, including animals, birds, flowers, and geometric patterns. Over time, Lambani embroidery has adapted to new influences and techniques. Despite these changes, the essence of Lambani embroidery remains deeply tied to its historical roots, continuing to be a testament to the tribe's artistic legacy. To preserve and propel this exquisite craft onto a larger stage, Jaypore, a leading advocate for India's artisanal heritage, has embarked on a meaningful collaboration with Lambani artisans. Among them is Uma Devi, a skilled craftswoman whose life has been transformed through this initiative. Uma Devi, once struggling to make ends



JAYPORE'S VISION ENSURES THAT THESE RICH TRADITIONS THRIVE IN A MODERN, GLOBALISED WORLD. THE LEGACY OF LAMBANI EMBROIDERY CONTINUES TO INSPIRE GENERATIONS.

meet, has now found a sustainable source of income, allowing her to educate her children and improve her family's standard of living. She shares her journey, recalling the financial hardships she faced and how her craft, once undervalued, has now become a means of empowerment. "As we take our first steps in collaborating with the Lambani artisan community, we see immense potential in bringing their intricate embroidery and unique artistry to the forefront," says Manu Gupta, Vice-President and Brand Head of Jaypore.

A crucial part of this initiative is Jaypore's partnership with Sandur Kushala Kala Kendra, a prominent organisation dedicated to supporting traditional crafts. "As we embark on this collaboration, our focus is on learning from these master artisans and working towards reviving their traditional techniques while exploring ways to give them a modern expression," says Radhika Chhabra, Creative Head of Jaypore. This partnership is not just about reviving an ancient art form—it's about creating sustainable livelihoods, fostering gender empowerment, and ensuring that the legacy of Lambani embroidery continues to inspire generations.



THE LAMBANI PEOPLE, TRADITIONALLY SEMI-NOMADIC TRADERS AND TRANSPORTERS, DEVELOPED A DISTINCT EMBROIDERY STYLE INFLUENCED BY THE DIVERSE REGIONS



IPL resumes with RCB vs Kolkata Knight Riders face-off

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Bengaluru

Brought to a halt by the recent India-Pakistan border tensions, the IPL will resume on Saturday with Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) taking on Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in a high-stakes contest where the spotlight will firmly be on Virat Kohli following his recent Test retirement. The unexpected 10-day break has left both the RCB and the KKR with different goals to achieve and common challenges to hurdle over.

The RCB are second on the table with 16 points from 11 matches and a win here can propel them to the playoffs.

KKR are sixth on the table with 11 points from 12 games and a slip-up will evaporate the defending champions' hopes of making the knockouts.

They are also faced with the challenging task of hitting the



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Virat Kohli during a practice session ahead of an Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 T20 cricket match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Kolkata Knight Riders at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, in Bengaluru, Karnataka

pre-break intensity straight-away at the Chinnaswamy stadium. The hosts are coming off a four-match winning streak while the tourists have managed to stitch two victories in

three matches before the league came to a grinding halt. Questions remain on

Whether they can regain that competitive edge after a passage of uncertainty. But

RCB are better-placed to surmount these difficulties, and the sight of skipper Rajat Patidar batting rather fluently at nets might have soothed a lot of nerves. Patidar had injured his finger during the home match against Chennai Super Kings, forcing him to wear a splint. The hosts also have most of their foreign recruits back in the hut after returning home in the wake of the Indo-Pak military face-off. The likes of Phil Salt, Lungi Ngidi, Tim David, Liam Livingstone and Romario Shepherd are available for this match and beyond.

The jarring notes will be the injury-enforced absence of Devdutt Padikkal and pacer Josh Hazlewood.

RCB will also hope that Mayank Agarwal, who has replaced Padikkal in the line-up, will rise to the occasion.

Hazlewood has a shoulder injury and the franchise has not yet given clarity on his availability.

The Kohli factor

However, the loudest cheers will be reserved for Kohli, who announced his retirement from Test cricket earlier this week. If social media calls are anything to go by, the faithfuls are planning to don the white jersey to honour a batter who lorded over the traditional format. However, Kohli does not require such external motivation to stoke his inner fire and, rest assured, the 36-year-old will be eager to churn out some impactful knocks, perhaps a silent riposte after a rather abruptly ending his Test career.

The Knight Riders, riddled with their own issues, might just be the opponents that Kohli needs to vent a few strands of frustration, if indeed there is any.

Worries for KKR

Batting has been KKR's Achilles Heel this season as apart from captain Ajinkya

Rahane and young Angkrish Raghuvanshi, none of their batters have managed to contribute consistently.

They would like a few more runs from the bats of Venkatesh Iyer, Andre Russell and Rinku Singh.

However, the KKR bowling line-up of Varun Chakravarthy, Sunil Narine, Vaibhav Arora and Harshit Rana has held its own despite being on the expensive side on occasions.

But they will be deprived of the presence of experienced England all-rounder Moeen Ali, who has been ruled out of the IPL with viral fever, if the pitch here has retained its grip seen during the previous matches.

The pitch factor

The Chinnaswamy track so far has shown an affinity towards the bowlers with pacers and, at times, spinners getting rather unanticipated help in the form of bounce and bite.

Mitchell Starc, Ferreira skip IPL return; Will Jacks returns to MI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Delhi Capitals' (DC) Mitchell Starc and Donovan Ferreira have opted not to return for the remainder of the IPL, while England all-rounder Will Jacks will rejoin Mumbai Indians (MI) for their final two league fixtures.

Australian pacer Starc and South African batter Ferreira have communicated their decision to the Delhi Capitals management.

Starc has been a pivotal figure in DC's campaign, emerging as their leading wicket-taker with 14 scalps in 11 matches at an average of 26.14. His absence is a significant setback to Delhi's already slim play-off hopes. Ferreira, meanwhile, has played only once this season.

Fellow South African Tristan Stubbs has joined the DC squad for the remaining three league matches. The World Test Championship Final-bound Stubbs will be unavailable for the playoffs should DC qualify.

However, there is still no clarity on the

availability of DC vice-captain Faf du Plessis.

For Punjab Kings, Marcus Stonis and Josh Inglis have agreed to join the team but will be missing its first game post IPL resumption on May 18.

MI batter Jacks confirmed his return by posting a photo of his flight ticket to Mumbai on Instagram on Friday.

But like compatriot Jos Buttler, Jacks will leave for national duty after completing Mumbai Indians' last two league engagements as the IPL play-offs are clashing with England's white ball series against the West Indies starting May 29.

Mumbai Indians currently sit fourth on the points table and must win both their remaining matches to confirm a playoff berth.

The IPL was stopped for a week due to military tension between India and Pakistan. It resumes on Saturday with the final pushed back to June 3 from May 25, clashing with international commitments of players from South Africa, England, Australia and the West Indies.

It was chaotic: Bobat remembers time before IPL suspension

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Bengaluru

It was an evening marked by confusion, chaos, rumours and lack of clarity for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) players and staff when the IPL game in Dharamsala was called off, team's Director of Cricket Mo Babat said on Friday, adding that they didn't expect the conflict to resolve so soon. The RCB players were returning to their hotel by the team bus after a practice session when they saw images of Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals cricketers leaving the Dharamsala stadium in darkness on May 8. RCB were scheduled to play Lucknow Super Giants on May 9, the day when IPL was suspended for a week due to India-Pakistan military conflict.

"Yes, quite chaotic. Tried to stay quite calm and tried to get as much information from the BCCI as possible and try to communicate with clarity," Bobat, the former England men's team performance director, told RCB Bold Diaries.

"It was a pretty eventful evening. We practiced the day before the Lucknow game. And, then, actually on the bus on the way back, a lot of the guys were watching the game on their phones, the Punjab

vs Delhi Capitals game.

"And then we saw the floodlights had gone out and the players had come off the field. We were not too sure what was going on, and only when we got back to the hotel we kind of got a proper sense of what was happening," he added.

Bobat said the team only came to know about the IPL suspension only the next day. His initial thought was that the tournament would be called off.

"So that evening a lot of rumours, a lot of chat and the next morning we found out that our game wasn't taking place and the competition had been suspended for a period.

"Our initial impression was that the competition would be called off for a period of time. You don't expect a conflict like that to resolve itself, as it did."

He said RCB was mindful of the fact that the players, both Indian and overseas, would want to return to the safety of their homes, given the deteriorating situation.

"We were quite keen to send the players home because actually (it was) a good chance for them to have a break. So for the indian players, that's relatively straightforward.

Johnson urges overseas players to skip remainder of IPL due to safety concerns

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Perth

Former Australian speed merchant Mitchell Johnson said it is not wise for overseas players to return for the remainder of the IPL and urged them to prioritise safety over pay cheques in the prevailing circumstances arising out of India-Pakistan military hostilities. The world's biggest T20 league was suspended on May 9 due to the tensions on the border triggered by the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalagam. A day after its suspension, a ceasefire between the two countries was announced, paving the way for IPL's resumption from Saturday.

Johnson, however, believes it would be prudent for the foreign players to skip the remaining matches.

Was sad, angry when I was not picked, then called up as injury replacement: RCB Patidar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Bengaluru

Rajat Patidar, who is leading Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) this IPL, revisited the 2022 season when he was left "sad" and "angry" after being ignored by the franchise despite assurances, only to be called up later as an injury replacement.

Patidar also admitted that being handed over the captaincy by the inimitable Virat Kohli ahead of IPL 2025 did put him under pressure, but supportive words from the legend calmed him.

Patidar has been one of RCB's middle-order mainstays this season, scoring 239 runs in 11 games as the southern franchise aims for a maiden men's IPL title.

"I had got a message (ahead of the mega auction for IPL 2022) that you be ready... That we will pick you. I had a little hope that I will get another chance (to play for RCB). But I wasn't picked in the mega auction. I was a little sad," said Patidar on an RCB Podcast.

However, the 31-year-old Madhya

Pradesh cricketer didn't have to wait long to again wear the RCB colours as one of his state-mates got injured. But Patidar was not really keen on coming back to Bengaluru, knowing that he would hardly get an opportunity to play in a star-studded lineup.

I (had) started playing local matches in Indore (after not getting picked in the auction). Then, I got a call that 'we are picking you as a replacement for Luvnith Sisodia'

— RAJAT PATIDAR, CRICKETER

"I (had) started playing in my local matches in Indore (after not getting picked in the auction). Then, I got a call that 'we are picking you as a replacement for Luvnith Sisodia', who was injured. To tell you frankly, I didn't want to come as a replacement because I knew that I won't get a chance to play there and I always feel that I do not want to sit there (in dugout).

"I wasn't angry. It was like, if they didn't pick me (during the auction), then I won't get it (get to play). I was angry for a while but then I was normal," said Patidar, who led Madhya Pradesh to the 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final.

Being handed over the reins of a side that has the iconic Kohli in its ranks did put pressure on Patidar, but the star batter's backing gave him confidence.

"I had a lot of questions like, there are so many (big players) in the team. Virat Kohli is such a big player, how will you do it under him. I know how supportive he is about this (captaincy change).

"I knew I have his full support. Like I said, this is a learning for me, it's an opportunity for me. So, I will learn as much as I can from him. Because no one has the experience and ideas that he has in every role — be it batting, as an individual and as a captain," said Patidar.

The day he was unveiled as the RCB skipper was one of the most memorable days for Patidar and he says he went "completely blank" while receiving the plaque from Kohli.

Lamine Yamal scores decisive goal to clinch Barcelona's 28th Spanish league title

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Barcelona

This was Lamine Yamal's season. So it just had to be the teenage phenom who scored the decisive goal to clinch Barcelona's 28th Spanish league title.

And what a goal it was for the player who still wears dental braces and sports a new dyed-blond hairdo. The 17-year-old struck the winner in Barcelona's 2-0 victory at crosstown rival Espanyol on Thursday when he slid past two defenders outside the area and whipped one his now trademark left-footed curlers into the corner of the net. It was a perfect culmination to Yamal's last 10 months. After helping Spain win the European Championship last summer, Yamal excelled for Barcelona this campaign with his goals, dribbling and playmaking as he confirmed his status as the next big star of global soccer. Along with Raphinha, Pedri and company, and Barcelona was unstoppable.

"I always try my best and today I was lucky it went in," Yamal said. "I am very happy I could help the team and celebrate it."

Fermin López ensured the win in stoppage time after Espanyol was reduced to 10 men in the 80th when Leandro Cabrera received a direct red for hitting Yamal in the stomach while disputing a ball.

Barcelona won the title with two rounds remaining. It completed a domestic double with the Copa del Rey title — treble if you add the Spanish Super Cup — and reached the Champions League semifinals in a fantastic first season for coach Hansi Flick. Flick's team virtually ended Madrid's title defense

when it beat its top rival 4-3 on Sunday, making it four of four clasico victories across all competitions this season.

Madrid's victory over Mallorca on Wednesday prevented Barcelona from winning the title without playing. But the Catalan club needed just two points from its final three games of the season. Barcelona's players danced briefly on the field to celebrate while sprinklers doused them with water.

"You don't win a league every day and we have to enjoy this and give it the value it has," said Barcelona midfielder Pedri after completing his 200th game for his club at age 22. Lionel Messi posted a message on Instagram sending his "Congratulations" for his old team. Real Madrid also congratulated its fierce rival on X, while thousands of Barcelona fans gathered to celebrate in downtown Barcelona.

Flick leads the way

Barcelona dominated the domestic competitions, winning 15 and drawing two of its league games in 2025. Toss in the cups, and the only tiny blemish was coming oh-so-close to reaching the Champions League final before it fell in gut-wrenching fashion at Inter Milan.

Yamal credited his coach for inspiring a core of players who had won nothing last season under Xavi Hernández. "We are

thankful for what Xavi have us, but it is true that coach (Flick) has given us a new life," Yamal said.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Scholarship Section

National Overseas Scholarship Scheme (NOS) for ST candidates for the Selection year 2025-26.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, invites online applications for the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme (NOS) from ST candidates for the selection year 2025-26. The scholarship is awarded to students selected for pursuing higher studies abroad at the Masters level, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Research programmes.

Number of slots for Scholarship: 20

Interested Candidates may apply online through the NOS Portal <https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/> The portal will remain open from **15th May 2025 to 30th June 2025 (5:30PM)** for submission of applications.

For more details candidates may visit Ministry's portal: <https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/>

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HSIIDC Signs MoU with Central Bank of India for Financing Industrial Units

Panchkula: In a significant move towards strengthening the industrial ecosystem in Haryana, the Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC) and Central Bank of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate financing of industrial plots purchased by entrepreneurs and businesspersons.

The MoU was signed by Shri Sushil Sarwan, IAS, Managing Director, HSIIDC, and Shri Arvind Kumar, Zonal Head, Central Bank of India. This collaboration aims to provide a strong foundation for the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in Haryana by ensuring easier access to finance for HSIIDC plot allottees and expediting the establishment of their enterprises. The broader objective is to offer comprehensive financing solutions to support the setting up of manufacturing and service sector units by MSMEs.



Bhakra Beas Management Board

Chandigarh: Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) commenced 15-day Swachhta Pakhwada from 16 May to 31 May, 2025, reinforcing its commitment to a cleaner India. On Friday, Sh. Manoj Tripathi, Chairman, BBMB along with Officers/Officials of Board Secretariate & other Offices, pledged to contribute towards making India cleaner and greener, following the vision of Mahatma Gandhi. The ceremony highlighted the importance of cleanliness and personal responsibility in achieving a cleaner nation. The Chairman reviewed the planned activities and initiatives to be undertaken during the fortnight and encouraged all officers, employees, and their families to actively participate in the drive, emphasizing the impact of collective efforts in promoting cleanliness.



SJVN commences Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 across all projects and offices

Shimla: SJVN has marked the commencement of Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 across all its projects and offices by administering the Swachhta Pledge to its employees. The Pakhwada will be observed from 16th to 31st May 2025, with a series of cleanliness and awareness activities planned throughout the fortnight. The Swachhta Pledge was administered by Sh. Bhupender Gupta, CMD, SJVN (Addl Charge) at SJVN Office, New Delhi reaffirming the organization's unwavering commitment to a clean and green environment. On this occasion, Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), Sh. Pawan Varma, ED (HR) along with other senior officials, were also present to support the initiative.



Business outreach program and customer meeting held at the Hissar Centre

Hissar: Hissar Centre Strengthens Local Ties with Successful Business Outreach and Customer Engagement. BOI Hissar Centre buzzed with collaborative energy this week as it successfully hosted a comprehensive business outreach program followed by an engaging customer meeting. Field General Manager (FGM) North India Sh. Anil Kumar Verma & his team visited the Hissar center for two days & these customer centric initiatives underscores the vision for BOI's Team for commitment to fostering strong relationships within the local business ecosystem and directly addressing the needs of its valued customers. The business outreach program saw enthusiastic participation from a diverse range of local enterprises, including agricultural suppliers, small-scale manufacturers, hospitals and schools and various entrepreneurs in multiple business verticals.



'Swachhta Pakhwada 2025' begins at NHPC

NHPC, a Navratna enterprise of Govt. of India's is observing 'Swachhta Pakhwada 2025' at its Corporate Office and all its Regional Offices, Projects and Power Stations across the country from 16th May to 31st May 2025 as per guidelines issued by the Government of India. Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 commenced on May 16th, 2025, with a pledge ceremony at the Corporate Office, wherein Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC administered the 'Swachhta Pledge' to all employees. Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director (Projects), Shri Suprakash Adhikari, Director (Technical), Shri Santosh Kumar, CVO and other senior NHPC officers were also present on the occasion.